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Narratives and Realities: Inside the Israeli Palestinian Conflict

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Sun, Thu: 8:00hrs - 18:00hrs | Tue 13:30 - 16:30*

45 Academic Hours, 3 Academic Credits

This course can be taken as a single course or as a component of the 9-credit program Coexistence in the Middle East (CME), which is comprised of the following three courses:

- Narratives and Realities: Inside the Israeli Palestinian Conflict
- Israel and the New Middle East: An Interactive View of the Post-Arab Spring
- Religion in the Holy Land: Faith's Role in Peace and Conflict

Since these courses are designed to complement each other we strongly recommend participants to enroll in the three courses.

* Class hours will vary according to field trips and course activities. A two-day field trip is scheduled from Thursday 9:00hrs to Friday 17:00hrs for each CME course.

Course Description

This course offers a unique insight to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through exposure to a wide range of narratives, realities, and initiatives in the homeland shared and claimed by both sides. By visiting key sites and engaging with different actors, participants will acquire a broader understanding about the conflict, its complexity and its possible evolutions or solutions.

During the course, the conflict will be personalized through first-hand contact and interaction with a wide variety of places, people and senior representatives of different positions, ideas and disciplines, highlighting the human dimension of the conflict. With the insight gained, participants will not only be able understand the differences, but above all, to appreciate the many similarities that all parts share as human beings.

Site Visits and Meetings

Through multiple field trips and encounters, this program offers the opportunity to gain first-hand access to key places and regional actors. Subject to the availability of guest speakers participants will have the opportunity to meet with:

- Arab & Jewish government officials
- Israeli and Palestinian NGO activists
- Members of the spectrum of political parties
- Military staff and residents of disputed areas
- Academics and professional figures

Field trips and encounters will be finalized at a later date. As a reference only, participants may refer to the <u>tentative itinerary</u> for the Coexistence in the Middle East program. Please note that field trips in the itinerary are split among all <u>three CME Summer Courses</u>.

List of Topics to be explored

The following list of topics might be updated due to the dynamic character of the Middle East and our intention to focus on the current issues in the region:

- 1. Introduction: Context and Perspectives
- 2. The Israeli and Palestinian Narratives
- 3. Core Issues: borders and settlements, Jerusalem, refugees and security
- 4. Realities from the West Bank between Settlers and Palestinians
- 5. Diversity, Democracy and Politics
- 6. Peace Process and Conflict Resolution
- 7. Hamas and Gaza
- 8. Examples of Coexistence

Grading & Course Requirements

Participants who do not require academic credits will be exempt from these requirements and will be able to obtain an active participation certificate.

- 25% Reading and class participation
- 25% Peace and coexistence organization research
- 50% **Term Paper** The essay will not exceed 3000 words. Students will be encouraged to work in small teams and engage in field related work. Paper outlines will be presented in the last two weeks of classes.

Papers must be submitted no later than two weeks after the last class.

It is mandatory for students to attend all classes, guest lectures, field trips, etc. Failure to attend classes will result in a student being denied the right to partake in the final assignment and receive a final grade in the course. Students who have a justified reason to miss class (illness, mourning, etc.) must contact their instructors and the Department of Summer Courses and Special Programs, and complete the material that they have missed. Students who have missed class due to illness must obtain a signed and stamped sick note from a physician and submit it to the Dept. of Summer Courses and Special Programs immediately following their return to class. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. The Department reserves the right to refer the issue to an Academic Committee. In some cases, the Academic Committee may decide, in light of the requirements of the course, that it is not possible to make up the missing course work.

Earning Graduate Credits for this course

- o Graduate students are expected to inform the Rothberg International School rissummer@savion.huji.ac.il of their interest in earning graduate credit for their summer course(s).
- O Graduate students must complete a 15-page, double-spaced seminar paper with bibliography for the course in place of the course's standard final assessment (in most cases, an exam). The topic and bibliography for these papers must be chosen in conjunction and agreement with each course instructor. Students must approach course instructors by the end of the first week of the course and arrange a time to meet and define their paper topic and bibliography.
- O The seminar paper must make use of at least five scholarly sources (books or academic articles), in addition to internet resources.
- O The graduate seminar papers **must be submitted within 2 months following** course completion in order for the graduate student to fulfill requirements for this course.

Course Outline and Readings

The Most Important Readings (from the list below, the following are the most important for this course):

- Groiss, Arnon (2008), Palestinian Textbooks: From Arafat to Abbas and Hamas, Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace
 (http://www.ajc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=7oJILSPwFfJSG&b=8449859&ct=12479997)
- Abbas, Mahmoud (Abu Mazen), (2011), "Full Transcript of Abbas Speech at UN General Assembly: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Addresses UN General Assembly after submitting application for recognition to UN Chief Ban Ki-moon", in *HaAretz*, September 23, 2011 (http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/1.386385)
- Hirschfeld, Yair (2005), "The Failure of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, 1993-2000," in *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 42 (6), pp. 719-736. **E-JOURNAL**
- Khalidi, Rashid (2006), *The Iron Cage: The Story of the Palestinian Struggle For Statehood*, Boston: Beacon Press. **Overseas Library E329.4 K45**, **E-BOOK** <u>001924282</u>
- Wittes, Tamara Cofman (2005), *How Israelis And Palestinians Negotiate: A Cross-Cultural Analysis of the Oslo Peace Process* (Cross-Cultural Negotiation Books), Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. **Overseas Library E327.172 W829**
- Nusseibeh, Sari & David, Anthony (2008), *Once Upon a Country: a Palestinian Life*, New York: Picador. **Overseas Library 956.96(092) N975**
- Miller, Aaron David (2008), *The Much Too Promised Land*, New York: Bantam Books,. **Overseas** Library E327.56 M647
- Swisher, Clayton E. (2004), *The Truth About Camp David*, New York: Nation Books. **Main Library DS 119.76 S95 2004**
- Israeli Declaration of Independence (Internet). (via Library GDrive)
- Palestinian Declaration of Independence. (via Library GDrive)
- Declaration of Principles (Oslo Accord, September 1993). (via Library GDrive)
- Prime Minister Netanyahu's Speech, Bar Ilan University 2009. (via Library GDrive)
- File of Gershon Baskin Jerusalem Post Articles (PDF). (via Library GDrive)
- Yizthak rabin Speech Oslo Signing September 1993. (via Library GDrive)
- Interim Israeli Palestinian Agreement (September 1995). (via Library GDrive)

Due to the dynamic character of the Middle East and the intention to focus on the current issues in the region, the topics and readings are subject to change. Content and dates may also vary according to the availability of guest speakers.

1. Introduction: Context and Perspectives

We will begin our discussion by asking some of the basic questions surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: What is this conflict about? Who are the parties at odds? What type of a conflict is it? When did

the conflict begin? We will review a number of approaches to use for exploring the Israeli-Palestinian conflict throughout the course.

- Bronner, Ethan (2009), "The Bullets in My In-Box," New York Times Week in Review, January 25, 2009.
 (<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/25/weekinreview/25bronner.html?_r=2&ref=weekinreview)http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/25/weekinreview/25bronner.html?_r=2&ref=weekinreview
- Khalidi, Rashid, "Elements of identity I: peasant resistance to Zionist" *Palestinian Identity: The Construction of Modern National Consciousness* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997), pp. 89-117. Overseas Library E320.9(A) K45; ERESERVE 001907278 (via Library GDrive)
- Avineri, Shlomo (1981), "Zionism as a revolution" in *The Making of Modern Zionism: Intellectual Origins of the Jewish State*, New York: Basic Books, pp. 3-13. Overseas Library 933.609 A958, ERESERVE 001529929 (via Library GDrive)
- Smith, Charles (2009), "The Arab-Israeli conflict" in Fawcett, Louise (ed.), *International Relations of the Middle East*, Oxford University Press, p. 217-239. Main Library DS 63.18 F38 2005; ERESERVE 001907447 (via Library GDrive)

2. The Israeli and Palestinian - Between Narratives and History

Narrative is defined as "a story or account of events, experiences, or the like, whether true or fictitious." The Israeli and Palestinian narratives follow this definition and are characterized by significant disagreements on historical facts, interpretations and the perceived intentions of each party. Narratives stand at the core of the conflict and serve as an elusive obstacle to its resolution. Understanding the two narratives is a key to understanding the dynamics of this conflict. However, understanding narratives is not a substitute to understanding history itself. This section will attempt to push you toward both reading narratives and deciphering history.

Morris, Benny (2001), "Revisiting the Palestinian Exodus of 1948," in L. Rogan, Eugene L. and Shlaim, Avi (eds.), *The War for Palestine: Rewriting the History of 1948*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 37–59. Overseas Library E990.12 R730; ERESERVE 001948050 (via Library GDrive)

- Karsh, Efraim (2005) "Benny Morris's Reign of Error, Revisited: The Post-Zionist Critique" in *Middle East Quarterly*, Spring 2005, pp. 31–42. E-JOURNAL
- Moughrabi, Fouad (2001) "The Politics of Palestinian Textbooks" in Journal of Palestine Studies, Vol. 31 (1), Autumn 2001, pp. 5-19. E-JOURNAL
- Groiss, Arnon (2008) "Palestinian Textbooks: From Arafat to Abbas and Hamas" in Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace (http://www.ajc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=7oJILSPwFfJSG&b=8449859&ct=12479997)
- Baroud, Ramzy (2013), "When Falsehoods Triumph: Why a Winning Palestinian Narrative Is Hard To Find" in *The Palestinian Chronicle*, December 11th 2013 (http://www.palestinechronicle.com/when-falsehoods-triumph-why-a-winning-palestinian-narrative-is-hard-to-find/
- Yaalon, Moshe (Bogi) (2011), "The false Palestinian narrative" in *Israel Hayom*, September 23, 2011 (http://www.israelhayom.com/site/newsletter_opinion.php?id=532)
- Hillal Jamil, "Reclaiming the Palestinian Narrative" in *Al-Shabaka*, January 6, 2013 (https://al-shabaka.org/commentaries/reclaiming-the-palestinian-narrative/)
- Laqueur and Rubin, eds. (2008), *The Israel-Arab Reader*, Penguin Books, [Read the following documents]: MacMahon Letter (1915), pp. 11-12; Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916), pp. 13-16; Balfour Declaration (1917), p. 16; Feisal-Weizmann Agreement (1919), pp. 17-18; United Nations Plan of Partition (1947), pp. 69-77; UN Security Council Resolution 242 (November 22, 1967), p. 116; State of Israel: Proclamation of Independence (May 14,1048), pp 81-82; Palestinian National Charter (July 1968), pp. 117-121; UN Security Council Resolution 338 (October 22, 1973), p. 152. Overseas Library E327.56(08) L317 (various editions avaliable)

3. Core Issues: borders and settlements, Jerusalem, refugees, and security

We will discuss the core issues of the conflict including borders, settlements, refugees, security, water and Jerusalem. We will seek to understand the positions of each side and find possible bridging formulas that may lead to a future agreement.

Yaalon Moshe (2013) "Israel's Security Policy in a Changing Middle East" in *Policy Forum*, The Washington Institute, June 14, 2013. (http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/israels-security-policy-in-a-changing-middle-east
http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/israels-security-policy-in-a-changing-middle-east

Abbas, Mahmoud (Abu Mazen), (2011), "Full Transcript of Abbas Speech at UN General Assembly:
 Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Addresses UN General Assembly after submitting application for recognition to UN Chief Ban Ki-moon", in *HaAretz*, September 23, 2011
 (http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/1.386385)http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/full-transcript-of-abbas-speech-at-un-general-assembly-1.386385

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4. Realities from the West Bank: Between Settlers and Palestinians

This section will be dedicated to understanding the realities of daily life in the West Bank in the relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. We will visit the security barrier/fence and analyze the dilemmas of balancing security with freedom of movement. We will also meet Israeli and Palestinian residents of the West Bank and understand the realities of living in a disputed territory.

- The Joint Israeli-Palestinian polls, *Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Israel Office*, Jerusalem <a href="http://www.kas.de/israel/en/pages/11244/http://www.kas.de/israel/en/pages/nttp://www.kas.de/israel/e
- Abu Toameh, Khaled (2010), "Are Settlements Really the Major Obstacle to Peace?" in *Gatestone Institute*, Octrober 22, 2010 (http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/1622/settlements-obstacle-to-peace)
- Yoffee, Eric H. (2012), "Right evades main issue: Settlements are major obstacle to peace," in *HaAretz*, June 28, 2012 (http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/1.444589)
- Khimi, Israel (2006) The Security Fence around Jerusalem: Implications for the City and its Residents,
 The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, JUS Studies Series (no. 111)
 (http://jiis.org/.upload/the%20security%20fence%20around%20jerusalem.pdf)

5. Diversity, Democracy and Politics

Aside from the meta-narratives (i.e. the "Israeli" and "Palestinian" narratives), different communities and political camps reflect different ideas and priorities regarding the issues of the day and how they should be managed. Both Israeli and Palestinian societies contain political as well as communal diversity based on their variety of ethnic, religious and ideological groups. We will attempt to explore these competing visions and to better understand possible scenarios for the future.

6. Between Peace Process and Conflict Resolution

Two decades of the "peace process" created a de-facto reality of increased friction. Despite a number of attempts to solve the conflict via negotiations, track II engagement and civic society initiatives, it appears that the two sides are still "stuck" in a conflict that may not dissipate soon. In this section, we will explore both the political efforts for peace-making as well as the role and perspective of civil society groups in the attempt for reconciliation. We will ask why that process has failed and what, if anything, can be done to revive it.

On the Peace Process:

- Hirschfeld, Yair (2005), "The Failure of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, 1993-2000," in *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 42 (6), pp. 719-736. E-JOURNAL
- Sara, Roy (2007), "Why Peace Failed: An Oslo Autopsy" in *Failing Peace: Gaza and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*, Pluto Press, pp. 233-259. **E-BOOK** 001810263
- Beilin, Yossi, Haass, Richard N., Kuttab, Daoud and Landau, Uzi (2011), "The Debate on a Palestinian State," *Time*, Vol. 178 (13), October 3, 2011, pp. 30-33. **E-JOURNAL** (via EBSCO)
- Ron, James (2011), "Palestine, the UN, and the One-State Solution," in *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 18 (4), winter 2011, pp. 59-67. **E-JOURNAL**
- Laqueur and Rubin, eds. (2008), *The Israel-Arab Reader*, Penguin Books, "Declaration of Principles, Israel and PLO" (September 13, 1993), pp. 413-422; "Israel and PLO: Cairo Agreement" (March 4, 1994), pp. 442-455; "Israel and Palestinian Authority: Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip" (September 28, 1995), pp. 502-521; "Israel and Palestinian Authority: Hebron Accords" (January 15, 1997), pp. 522-523; "Israel and Palestinian Authority: The Wye River Memorandum" (October 23, 1998), pp. 529-534, "the Camp David Summit of 2000 and the Clinton Plan" (December 23, 2000), pp. 549-580.

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On Civil Society and the Role of NGOs

- Steinberg Gerald (2012), "From Durban to the Goldstone Report: the centrality of human rights NGOs in the political dimension of the Arab–Israeli conflict" in *Israel Affairs*, Volume 18 (3), 2012, p. 372-388. **E-JOURNAL**
- Hanafi, Sari (2004) "The Role of the NGOs: Scream if You Want to be Heard" in *Palestine-Israel Journal of Politics, Economics and Culture*, vol. 11 (2), pp. 25–31. **E-JOURNAL**
- Rafi Nets-Zehngut (2013), "Palestinians and Israelis collaborate in addressing the historical narratives of their conflict" in *Quest: Issues in Contemporary Jewish History*, vol. 5, p. 232-255.
 http://works.bepress.com/rafi nets-zehngut/2/http://works.bepress.com/rafi nets-zehngut/2/

7. Hamas and Gaza's Disengagement

We will travel south and visit the communities surrounding Gaza. We will explore the post-disengagement realities and the current status-quo between Israel and the Hamas-led government in Gaza. We will attempt to explore life in the shadow of conflict in both Sderot and Gaza, and engage with residents and officials. We will end the day in Kfar Hanokdim, overlooking the Dead Sea (overnight in a Bedouin tent).

- The Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas Covenant 1988), in The Avalon Project, Yale Law School,
 <a href="http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asphttp://avalon.aspht
- Herzog, Michael (2010), "The Hamas Conundrum" Foreign Affairs, February 8, 2010.
 http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65952/michael-herzog/the-hamas-conundrum
- Mandour, Maged (2013), "The Egyptian Coup and Hamas" in *Open Democracy*, September 30, 2013.
 https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/maged-mandour/egyptian-coup-and-hamas
- Peters Joel (2010), "The Gaza Disengagement: Five Years Late" in *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, vol. 4 (3), p. 33-44. **E-JOURNAL**
- Laqueur and Rubin, eds. (2008), *The Israel-Arab Reader*, Penguin Books, "U.S President George W. Bush: Letter to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Israel Withdrawal (April 14, 2004), pp. 589-591; "Disengagement Plan" (May 28, 2004), pp. 591; "Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon: UN General Assembly (September 15, 2005), pp.594-596; "Fathi Hamad, Palestinian Legislative Council Member (Hamas): Speech" (August 10, 2007), pp. 625. **Overseas Library E327.56(08) L317 (various editions avaliable)**

8. Examples of Coexistence

In this section we will explore life beyond the conflict and ask whether co-existence can actually exist. We will meet civil society activists who work to build a bridge in a reality of conflict and attempt to understand whether their path can help change and challenge the political reality.

- Mozgovaya, Natasha (2011), "Would East Jerusalem Arabs Rather be Citizens of Israel or Palestine?", in Harretz, January 13, 2011 (http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/1.336758)
- "Israel and Palestine: Still campaigning for co-existence", *The Economist*, August 30, 2007, http://www.economist.com/node/9725474http://www.economist.com/node/9725474

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 Overseas Library E327.56 G321
- Smith, C.D. (2007), *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A History with Documents*, Boston: St. Martin's Press **Overseas Library E327.56 S644**
- Tamari, S. (2009), *Mountain against the sea: essays on Palestinian society and culture*, University of California Press. **Main Library DS 113.6 T35 2009**
- Shindler, C. (2008). *A history of modern Israel*, 1st ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. **Overseas**Library E9 S556
- Pappe, I. (1999). The Israel/Palestine question, London: Routledge. Overseas Library E327.56 P218
- Kimmerling, B. & Migdal, J.S. (2003), *The Palestinian People: A History*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press. **Overseas Library E320.9(A) K49**
- Sachar, H.M. (1996), A History of Israel: From the Rise of Zionism to Our Time, 2nd ed., Knopf. Overseas Library E9 S121
- Morris, B. (1999), Righteous victims: a history of the Zionist-Arab conflict, 1881-1999, 1st ed., New York:
 Knopf. Overseas Library E327.56 M875; E-BOOK 001944577
- Khalidi, R. (2006). *The Iron Cage: The Story of the Palestinian Struggle Forstatehood*, Boston: Beacon Press. **Overseas Library E329.4 K45**, **E-BOOK** 001924282
- United Nations, *The origins and evolution of the Palestine problem 1917-1988*, New York, 1990, starting
 p. 147, (https://unispal.un.org/DPA/DPR/unispal.nsf/0/57C45A3DD0D46B09802564740045CC0A)
- Segal, Jerome M. (1989), Creating the Palestinian State, Lawrence Hill Books. National Library
- Tamimi, Azzam (2007), Hamas: A History from Within, Olive Branch Press, Main Library JQ 1830 A98
 H3778 2007
- Wittes, Tamara Cofman (2005), How Israelis And Palestinians Negotiate: A Cross-Cultural Analysis of the
 Oslo Peace Process, Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press. Overseas Library
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- Rotberg, Robert I. (2006), *Israeli And Palestinian Narratives of Conflict: History's Double Helix* (Indiana Series in Middle East Studies), Bloomington: Indiana University Press. **Overseas Library E327.56 R842**
- Eliav, Arie L. (1974), Land of the Hart: Israelis, Arabs, the territories and a vision of the future, Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society of America. **Overseas Library E990.2 E42**
- Zertal, Idith (2007), Lords of the Land: The War for Israel's Settlements in the Occupied Territories, 1967-2007, New York: Nation books. Overseas Library E982.2 Z58,

- Nusseibeh, Sari & David, Anthony (2008), Once Upon a Country: a Palestinian Life, New York: Picador.
 Overseas Library 956.96(092) N975
- Carter, Jimmy (2006), Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid, Simon & Schuster. Truman Library
 DS119.7.C2864 [KIMCHE]
- Ben-Ami, Shlomo (2006), Scars of War, Wounds of Peace: The Israeli-Arab Tragedy, Oxford University
 Press. Overseas Library E327.56 B456; E-BOOK 001858665
- Oren, Michael B. (2002), Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East, New York: Oxford University Press. Overseas Library E990.21 O66
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- Swisher, Clayton E. (2004), *The Truth About Camp David*, New York: Nation Books. **Main Library DS**119.76 S95 2004
- Flapan, Simha (1979), Zionism and the Palestinians, Harper & Row, Overseas Library E327.56 F585
- The Geneva Accord FREE BY GOOGLE
- The Ayalon-Nussiebeh Agreement http://reut-institute.org/PublicationId=2304http://reut-institute.org/PublicationId=2304

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- BBC, www.bbc.co.ukhttp://www.bbc.co.uk/
- Financial Times, www.ft.com/ttp://www.ft.com/
- The Times, www.timesonline.co.uk/
- The Economist, <u>www.economist.com/ttp://www.economist.com/</u>
- Haaretz (Israel, newspaper), www.haaretzdaily.com/ttp://www.haaretzdaily.com/
- Y-Net Yediot Ahranot (Israel, newspaper), http://www.ynetnews.com/home/0,7340,L-3083,00.html
- The Jerusalem Post (Israel, newspaper), www.jpost.com/ttp://www.jpost.com/
- The Forward (Jewish daily newspaper), www.forward.com/

- Electronic Intifada (U.S.-based) https://electronicintifada.net/ http://www.electronicintifada.net/
- The Israel Policy Forum (U.S.-based), www.israelpolicyforum.org/ttp://www.israelpolicyforum.org/
- The Alternative Information Center (Israeli-Palestinian news site)

 www.alternativenews.org/ttp://www.alternativenews.org/
- Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre (Palestinian research institute),
 www.jmcc.org/
- Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (Palestinian research institute),
 www.pcpsr.orghttp://www.pcpsr.org/
- +972 Independent reporting and commentary from Israel and Palestine (ezine), http://972mag.com/http://972mag.com/
- Middle East Research and Information Project, http://www.merip.org/
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- Daily Star (Lebanon, newspaper), <u>www.dailystar.com.lb</u>
- Now Lebanon (Lebanon, news site), http://www.nowlebanon.com/
- Middle East Times (Egypt, newspaper), www.metimes.com/ttp://www.metimes.com/
- Dissidents Network, http://www.cyberdissidents.org/