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“Let's Reclaim the Post-9/11 Unity”



Op-Ed By President Obama

“Ten Septembers have come and gone since that awful morning. But on this 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we are summoned once more to honor those we lost by keeping our country strong and true to their memory.”

“Over the coming days, we will remember nearly 3,000 innocent victims — fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, sons and daughters who were simply going about their daily lives on a beautiful Tuesday morning. And we'll talk to our children about what happened on that day, and what's happened since.”

“Like every American, I'll never forget how I heard the terrible news, on the car radio on my way to work in Chicago. Yet like a lot of younger Americans, our daughters have no memory of that day. Malia was just 3; Sasha was an infant. As they've grown, Michelle and I faced the same challenge as other parents in deciding how to talk with our children about 9/11.”

أوباما يهنئ المسلمين في الولايات المتحدة والعالم بحلول عيد الفطر المبارك



نود، مشال وأنا، أن نبعث بمناسبة العيد بتحياتنا للجاليات الإسلامية في الولايات المتحدة والعالم. فقد كان رمضان وقتاً تشاطرت فيه الأسر والمجتمعات مسرة التلاقي معاً على التقوى والتأمل والبر. وقد استمدت الملايين حول العالم الإلهام من تلبية إيمانها بالتواصل مع أولئك الذين هم أقل حظاً منهم. وفي هذا العام شهد الكثيرون الشهر الكريم فيما كانوا يثابرون ويواصلون جهودهم من أجل تأمين الضرورات الأساسية والحريات الأساسية. وستستمر الولايات المتحدة في مساندتهم والوقوف معهم، ومساندة كرامة وحقوق كل الناس سواء أكان طفلاً جائعاً في القرن الأفريقي أو شاباً يطالب بالحرية في الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا.

وإننا إذ يأتي رمضان إلى ختامه، نبعث بأطيب تمنياتنا بعيد مبارك للمجتمعات في العالم كله. عيد مبارك.

كلمة الوزيرة كلينتون في حفل استقبال للرياضيين المسلمين بمناسبة عيد الفطر



" إن بوسعكم أن تشاهدوا في الردهة وقاعات الاستقبال الدبلوماسي بعضاً من تاريخنا الذي يشدد فيه رؤساؤنا على احترام المسلمين والإسلام والذي يعود إلى (الرؤساء) واشنطن وأدمز وجيفرسون. ونحن نحتمي بهذا التاريخ، وأردنا اليوم بشكل خاص أن نحتفل بالرياضة والمباريات الرياضية. وسواء أكان ذلك في الألعاب الأولمبية أو كأس العالم، فإن حماسة الإنسان واندفاعه كي يكون عداءً سريعاً ومتسلفاً بارعا هما ميزتان يُحتفى بهما عالمياً. وهما سبيل أيضاً لترتقي به الموهبة إلى القمة، فالقدرة هي ما يهم والناس يعاملون سواسية."

Consul General Rubinstein's Eid al-Fitr Greetings



“On behalf of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and my family, I would like to wish Palestinians everywhere a happy Eid al-Fitr marking the end of Ramadan.

This holy month of fasting has reminded us all of the common values held by different peoples, religions and nations, including core ideals like charity, community, cooperation and compassion.

As the region we live in experiences a period of change, I hope that this month of Ramadan can inspire each of us to tirelessly work for peace and prosperity for all. The United States is committed to doing its part to support the efforts of Palestinians and Israelis to secure a sustainable peace.

Ramadan Kareem and Eid Mubarak.”

Photo Gallery: [Eid al-Fitr in America](#)

تهنئة بعيد الفطر السعيد من القنصل العام روبنستين

"بالنيابة عن القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس ونيابة عن عائلتي، أود أن أتمنى لكافة الفلسطينيين في كل مكان عيد فطر سعيد، بمناسبة إنتهاء شهر رمضان المبارك.

إن هذا الشهر الفضيل من الصوم يذكرنا بالقيم المشتركة التي تؤمن بها الشعوب والأمم والديانات على إختلافها، بما يتضمن ذلك من مثل عليا كالأعمال الخيرية والإجتماعية والتعاون والشعور مع الآخرين

وبما أن المنطقة التي نعيش بها تمر بمرحلة من التغيير، فأنا أمل ان يلهمنا شهر رمضان هذا العام على العمل دون كلل من أجل السلام والإزدهار للجميع. إن الولايات المتحدة ملتزمة بعمل واجبها لدعم الجهود من قبل الفلسطينيين والإسرائيليين لضمان التوصل لسلام طويل الأمد. رمضان مبارك

[عيد الفطر في أميركا](#)

U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Concludes Ramadan Events, Wishes Palestinians an Eid Mubarak



During the holy month of Ramadan, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem joined hundreds of Palestinians to celebrate the spirit of community and generosity that is particularly important during this time of year. As a part of its wide-ranging Ramadan outreach, the Consulate sponsored more than a dozen activities and events, undertaken in partnership with various community organizations. The outreach program included community service activities, environmental awareness campaigns, arts education, and cultural performances in Jerusalem and the West Bank. These community-based activities highlighted the core universal values of compassion and service shared by Americans, Palestinians, and all people.

القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس تختتم فعالياتها خلال شهر رمضان وتتمنى للفلسطينيين عيداً مباركاً

خلال شهر رمضان الكريم انضمت القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس لمئات الفلسطينيين للاحتفال بروح المجتمع و الكرم ، الأمان اللذان يعتبران من الأهمية على وجه الخصوص في هذا الوقت من العام. ومن ضمن فعالياتها العديدة للتواصل خلال شهر رمضان، قامت القنصلية برعاية مجموعة من الفعاليات والمناسبات التي تم تنظيمها بالتعاون مع المؤسسات المجتمعية. وقد تضمن برنامج التواصل فعاليات العمل التطوعي، حملات للتوعية البيئية ، فعاليات فنية وعروض ثقافية في القدس والضفة الغربية. وقد اكدت هذه النشاطات المجتمعية على القيم الاساسية الخاصة بالتعاطف مع الاخرين وخدمة المجتمع وذلك بالاشتراك بين الفلسطينيين والامريكيين وكافة المواطنين.

Building a Business for Palestinian Exports



This is one in a series of articles on Middle Eastern and North African firms that attended the Summer Fancy Food Show in Washington July 10–12.

Adnan Jaber might be speaking for all Palestinian food companies when he gestures to a table displaying some of his firm's products and says, "I have a supermarket here." Buyers from the United States and much of the West are beginning to discover the array of Palestinian products, but exporters say they have some obstacles to overcome to reach potential customers.

Jaber is chief operations officer of Ramallah-based Sinokrot Global Group as well as foreign trade manager of four of its food subsidiaries. Those responsibilities put him behind a table in the vast Washington Convention Center, where he set out plump medjool dates and colorful trays of pickles, peppers, sweets and spices at the Summer Fancy Food Show. Among the people who stopped to try his samples were buyers for grocery chains and specialty food shops throughout the United States. Jaber said all of his international business comes through shows like this one.

Jaber said he does "good business" already in the U.S. market, particularly with pickles, dates, herbs and confections, and the reason is simple: "The quality is high." His goods meet all of the international certification standards. But he said Palestinian businesses have to win customers with high quality because they can't do it with low prices.

"Our costs normally are higher than in other Arab countries, like Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and others, because workers and all other imports cost us much more," he said.

بناء شركة أعمال للصادرات الفلسطينية

هذه المقالة واحدة من سلسلة من المقالات عن قصص عن شركات من الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا شاركت في المعرض الصيفي للمأكولات الفاخرة الذي أقيم في واشنطن من 10 إلى 12 تموز/يوليو.

ربما كان عدنان جابر يتحدث باسم جميع شركات الأغذية الفلسطينية عندما أشار إلى طاولة يعرض عليها بعض منتجات شركته ويقول، "أنا أملك سوبر ماركت هنا." بدأ مشترون من الولايات المتحدة والعديد من الدول الغربية اكتشاف طائفة واسعة من المنتجات الفلسطينية، ولكن المصدرين يقولون إنهم يواجهون بعض العوائق التي يجب التغلب عليها من أجل الوصول إلى الزبائن المحتملين.

وجابر هو المسؤول الرئيسي عن العمليات لدى المجموعة العالمية سنقرط (Sinokrot Global Group) في رام الله، كما إنه مدير التجارة الخارجية لأربع شركات مواد غذائية متفرعة عن المجموعة. هذه المسؤوليات هي التي جعلت جابر يجلس خلف طاولة في مركز المؤتمرات الشاسع في واشنطن، حيث يعرض تمور مدجول المكتنزة وأطباقاً متعددة الألوان من المخللات، والفلفل، والحلويات، والتوابل في المعرض الصيفي للمأكولات الفاخرة. وكان من بين الناس الذين توقفوا لتذوق عينات من المواد الغذائية التي يعرضها، مسؤولو مشتريات كبرى سلاسل متاجر البقالة ومتاجر المواد الغذائية المتخصصة في مختلف أنحاء الولايات المتحدة. وقال جابر إن جميع أعماله الدولية تأتي من خلال معارض كهذا. أنظر لمواضيع ذات علاقة:

معرض كنعان التجاري يبيع أكثر من مجرد زيت الزيتون من كروم فلسطينية



- **NEW!** Calling all organizations interested in funding from the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), including MEPI. Read this [PDF instruction booklet](#) then take the questionnaire to see if your organization is a good fit for future NEA funding in the areas of political and economic development, democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, and much more! NEA will notify you if your organization might be considered for future funding through this opportunity.

Don't wait to tell us about your work... This opportunity closes on **SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

- [MEPI has launched its first ever Information Technology \(IT\) Partnership Program](#) to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov

- **The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the 2012 - 2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the 2012-2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship. This program provides mid-career Palestinians residing in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza with an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in a specialized year of graduate level, non-degree academic coursework and professional development activities at selected U.S. universities. To learn more, please visit www.humphreyfellowship.org.

In addition to the pre-academic language training, the Humphrey program also offers a Long Term English Language Training (LTE) for an intensive English course of 20 to 25 weeks for candidates with a range of 440 – 500 TOEFL score. The LTE candidates begin their study program in the United States between January and March 2012 in preparation for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Required Qualifications:

- Applicants must be Palestinian residents of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, or Gaza Strip;
- Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or Green Card holders;
- Applicants must have a university degree of full-time study with a minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience prior to August 2011;
- Applicants must take the official TOEFL exam as soon as they can. The score takes a minimum of six to eight weeks to be issued. For the non-LTE program, the score should be at least 525 for the Paper-Based Test or 195 for the Computer-Based Test. (please contact Amideast for information on taking the TOEFL).

Deadline: September 25, 2011. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Applications should be submitted online at: <http://apply.embark.com/student/humphrey/fellowship/>

- **The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** is pleased to announce the opening of its 2012-2013 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. The Center accepts non-advocacy, policy-relevant, fellowship proposals that address key challenges of past, present, and future issues confronting the United States and the world. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. The Center also supports projects that intersect with contemporary policy issues and provide the historical and/or cultural context for some of today's significant public policy issues. Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, Windows based personal computers, loan privileges with the Library of Congress, and part-time research assistants.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at:

Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: fellowships@wilsoncenter.org.

You can apply online or download the application from the Center's website at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowshipapplication/>

Deadline: October 1, 2011

- **CRDF Global announces first Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) competition:** Innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in GIST's multinational technology idea competition. From July 1 through October 31, CRDF Global will accept two-minute video entries that present technological solutions to economic problems. Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected by popular vote on the GIST website and will receive coaching and training. In late 2011 an expert panel will award \$20,000 to the grand prize winner. The top 11 concepts will receive a total of \$60,000. Judges will look for individuals or teams who embrace risk from the GIST-eligible countries, which include the Middle East and North Africa. The idea should have market traction. The applicant must not have raised capital for the idea before, cannot be incorporated, and be willing to form a new company. Here is more information: <http://gist.crdfglobal.org/gist-programs/regional-competitions>

Message to U.S. Citizens

TRAVEL ALERT: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs

As we mark the 10th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Department of State informs U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad of the continued threat posed by al-Qa'ida and its affiliates. While we have not identified any specific threats from al-Qa'ida affiliates and allies to attack the United States or our interests on the 9/11 anniversary, U.S. citizens should be aware that al-Qa'ida affiliates and allies have demonstrated the intent and capability to carry out attacks against the United States and our interests around the world. In the past, terrorist organizations have on occasion planned their attacks to coincide with significant dates on the calendar. This Worldwide Travel Alert supplements the July 26, 2011, Worldwide Caution, and expires on January 2, 2012.

Regional and International News

[Commemorating Eid al-Fitr through Athletic Competition](#)

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Genesis at the Crossroads'

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"Genesis" by Leonard Lehrer

Guest Artist - Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul & Mary)

FOUR CONCERTS

Beer Sheva – AHD Math-Science Academy
September 15th at 7 - 9 PM

Al Quds University's Centre for Jerusalem Studies
September 17th at 8 - 10 PM

Jerusalem International YMCA
September 18th at 7 - 9 PM

Arab-Jewish Community Center, Tel Aviv-Yafo
September 21st at 7 - 9 PM

The Junior Saffron Caravan Ensemble World Premiere (Diverse Youth)



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