



ACT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER March 2025



Mediation and Arbitration Forum

ACT organized a Ramadan evening on March 5, 2025, through its Mediation and Arbitration Forum, themed "Q & A on Arbitration." The event aimed to promote alternative dispute resolution methods and raise awareness about mediation and arbitration. Featured speakers included Dr. Mohamed Al-Tayeb, a legal consultant and arbitrator, and Dr. Mariam Al-Awa, a certified arbitrator and lawyer specializing in construction disputes. Moderated by Mohammad Hadieh and Hiba Thouqan, the session attracted over 45 participants from various Arab countries. The discussion highlighted the book "Q&A on Arbitration Agreements," co-authored by Al-Tayeb and Al-Awa, exploring key arbitration-related questions. The event facilitated insightful exchanges, enhancing participants' knowledge in arbitration.



JERUSALEM DIALOGUE WITH YOUTH

As part of the *Jerusalem Dialogue* series, ACT held its third session on March 10, 2025, bringing together over 35 young participants from diverse backgrounds across Jerusalem. The discussion focused on a public opinion survey and a policy paper, highlighting youth perspectives on key city issues. The session fostered meaningful exchanges, reflecting a strong sense of awareness and responsibility among participants.



RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE "JERUSALEM DIALOGUE"

As part of its commitment to inclusive engagement with all relevant stakeholders, ACT convened a distinguished gathering of Christian and Muslim religious leaders on Saturday, March 15, as part of the ongoing "Jerusalem Dialogue" series. The session featured in-depth discussions on the future of Jerusalem and its religious sites, fostering a dynamic and high-level interactive exchange.



PUBLIC FIGURES AND ACTIVISTS ENGAGEMENT

As part of the "Jerusalem Dialogue" series, ACT held the fifth session of this initiative on Sunday, March 16, bringing together a distinguished group of public figures and Jerusalemite activists. This gathering was part of ongoing efforts to foster community dialogue on critical issues facing Jerusalem, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities for preserving its identity and shaping its future.

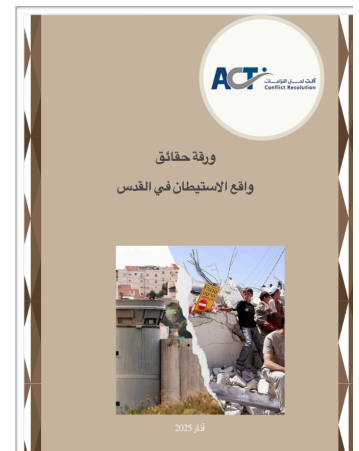
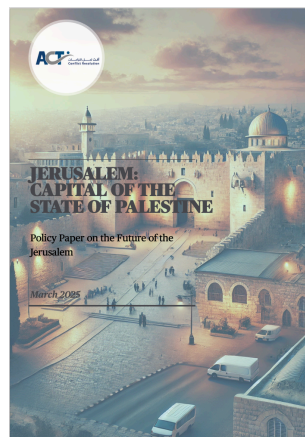
CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD

1. Factsheet - Jerusalem Services (Education, Health and Economy): This fact sheet outlined the disparities in public services available to Jerusalemites, covering education, healthcare, infrastructure, and resources. It highlights the challenges posed by underfunding, restrictions, and legal barriers that limit access to essential services. The fact sheet also examines the impact of these challenges on daily life and social well-being, offering insights into ongoing efforts to address these disparities.

2. Factsheet - Settlements : This factsheet focused on Israeli settlement expansion in and around Jerusalem, this fact sheet provides an overview of settlement policies, their illegal status under international law, and their socio-political impact on Palestinian communities. It details the mechanisms of land appropriation, demographic shifts, and the broader implications for the city's political future. The fact sheet also discusses how settlement expansion affects Palestinian rights and freedom of movement.

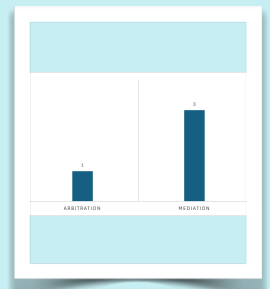
3. Factsheet - Religious Sites:” This fact sheet explores the historical and political dynamics surrounding religious sites in Jerusalem. It explains the status quo governing these sites, ongoing challenges to these arrangements, and the broader implications of changes to access, administration, and religious freedoms. The fact sheet also addresses tensions arising from attempts to alter the existing status quo and their impact on interfaith and political relations.

Policy Paper - Future of Jerusalem: As part of its efforts to provide informed policy recommendations, ACT has developed a policy paper outlining potential future scenarios for Jerusalem. This paper is grounded in the findings of a public perception survey and three fact sheets covering key aspects of the city. The policy paper analyzes the challenges facing Jerusalem's Palestinian residents, addressing socio-economic disparities, settlement expansion, and the evolving status of religious sites. It presents evidence-based recommendations aimed at promoting equitable policies, safeguarding Palestinian rights, and ensuring sustainable urban development. By integrating public opinion with factual research, the paper offers a forward-looking perspective on Jerusalem's future, serving as a valuable resource for decision-makers, civil society organizations, and international stakeholders invested in the city's stability and inclusivity.



ACT'S SUCCESS IN RESOLVING DISPUTES: FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

ACT for Studies and Conflict Resolution has been actively involved in resolving various individual disputes, including family and real estate matters. In March 2025, the results were highly satisfactory, with **1 arbitration case** and **3 mediation cases** successfully resolved, thanks to the dedication of our skilled mediators and arbitrators. Other cases are still ongoing, and we remain committed to supporting further peacebuilding efforts and fostering positive outcomes.



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