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October Highlights

We review the key milestones of October and share some of the efforts and initiatives through which ACT continues to work toward communities that are better equipped to manage their differences and build peace.

ACT continued its efforts to promote a culture of dialogue, mediation, and peaceful solutions through activities and programs focused on capacity building, supporting inclusive participation, and amplifying the voices of diverse communities.

From the Gaza Strip to Jerusalem and Ramallah, ACT's activities combined fieldwork, training, research, and awareness-raising. This approach places dialogue at the center of conflict engagement and emphasizes that achieving more sustainable solutions begins with listening, understanding, and creating safe spaces for participation.



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THIRD MEDIATION CONFERENCE

Conclusion of the Third Mediation Conference in Palestine



The Third Mediation Conference in Palestine concluded its activities. The conference was organized by the Palestinian Center for Conflict Resolution (ACT), with support from the Swiss Representation Office, and brought together 133 participants, including judges, lawyers, academics, mediators, institutional representatives, and youth.

The conference provided a platform for dialogue on the current state of mediation, prospects for its development, and its role in addressing violence, strengthening civil peace, and promoting community peacebuilding in Palestine.

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THIRD MEDIATION CONFERENCE

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First Session of the Third Mediation Conference:

Violence, crime, and mental health at the center of discussions on protecting civil peace in Palestine.

- Developing an integrated national framework for civil peace and violence prevention.
- Strengthening psychological and social protection and supporting victims of violence.





02

Second Session

The session recommended strengthening integration with the judiciary, developing education and training, and promoting a culture of dialogue in Palestine.

- Enhancing coordination between mediation and the judiciary and improving mechanisms for referring and resolving disputes.
- Developing education and training systems, promoting a culture of dialogue, qualifying mediators, and strengthening community partnerships.





03

Third Session

Youth as mediators and builders of community peace.

- Empowering young people and strengthening their role in mediation, community peacebuilding, and spreading a culture of dialogue within schools and local communities.
- Utilizing artificial intelligence to develop the skills of young mediators and enhance opportunities for learning, training, and digital innovation.





The Palestinian Mediation Experience Featured in International Discussions in Switzerland







Mr. Mohammed Hadiya, founder and president of the Palestinian Center for Conflict Resolution (ACT), participated in the Going Global Master Class organized by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of Pepperdine University in Switzerland.

The event brought together experts, mediators, and practitioners from diverse backgrounds to discuss ways of addressing complex conflicts, developing mediation tools, and strengthening trust and dialogue across social and political divides.

Launch of the Second Level of the “FIDIC” Training Program in Gaza



The training focused on risk allocation, contract and change management, claims analysis, and mechanisms for resolving engineering disputes.

It aims to develop participants’ legal and technical skills and strengthen integration between engineering and legal expertise in Gaza, contributing to the protection of rights, reduction of disputes, and enhanced preparedness for the reconstruction phase.

The Palestinian Center for Conflict Resolution (ACT)

Supports the Seventh International Arbitration Conference in Libya.



High Judicial Council: Partnership to Strengthen the Justice System



In cooperation with ACT and with support from the Sawasya III Programme, a training program was launched titled:

> **The Legal Framework for Judicial Mediation According to Law No. 32 of 2021.**

Training Topics:

1. Principles and ethics of mediation.
2. Skills of the judge-mediator and stages of mediation management.
3. Mechanisms for dealing with disputes and identifying parties' interests.
4. Developing consensual settlement options.



Objective:

To enhance judges' skills in judicial mediation, improve civil dispute resolution, and reduce the burden on courts.

Jerusalem Youth Toward Empowerment and Leadership: Specialized Capacity-Building Trainings



Training topics implemented by ACT:

- Leadership, communication, and teamwork.
- Problem-solving and time management.
- Résumé writing and job interview skills.
- Career awareness and exploration of professional opportunities and pathways.
- Alternative and Online Dispute Resolution (ADR & ODR).
- Commercial mediation and cross-border arbitration.
- Electronic dispute resolution and virtual mediation.

Training Objective:

To equip young people with the skills and knowledge needed to enhance their readiness for the labor market and meet future requirements.



A Collective Voice Calling for the Protection of Palestinians and an End to Forced Displacement

Based on humanitarian and human rights responsibilities, the Palestinian Center for Conflict Resolution (ACT) joined a group of civil society organizations in issuing an urgent appeal to the international community regarding the humanitarian deterioration and escalating violations in Hebron, Masafer Yatta, and Bedouin communities in the southern West Bank.

The appeal stressed the need for practical measures to halt home demolitions, forced displacement, and settler attacks, while ensuring civilian protection, access to humanitarian services and aid, and accountability for those responsible for violations.

There can be no peace without protecting people, and no justice amid displacement and impunity.

Urgent Appeal **Human Rights Statement**

Urgent appeal to stop the humanitarian deterioration and the risk of forced displacement in Hebron, Masafer Yatta, and the rest of the West Bank

We, the undersigned civil society organizations, follow with utmost anger and condemnation the dangerous escalation taking place in the city of Hebron and its surroundings, as well as throughout the rest of the occupied West Bank, due to ongoing Israeli military operations and continuous settler attacks, along with the accompanying raids, displacement, demolition of buildings and homes, closures, blockades, restrictions on freedom of movement, attacks on civilians and their property, and threats to their security and presence on their land.

We emphasize the gravity of the rapid deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Palestinian communities—particularly in Hebron, Masafer Yatta, and the Bedouin communities in the southern West Bank—where road closures and movement restrictions on residents coincide with growing difficulties in accessing water, health and educational services, and agricultural land, resulting in the displacement of more than three thousand residents who are now left without shelter.

Signatory Organizations:

- Jerusalem Center for Women (JCW)
- ACT - Palestinian Center for Conflict Resolution
- Parents Circle-Families Forum (PCFF)
- Reconciliation
- Combatants for Peace (CfP)
- Democratic Federal Forum (DFHP)
- PalAid
- Palestinian House of Experts Association (HPS)
- Satyam Homeland
- Two States, One Homeland (ALFA - A Land For All)

Watch

Bishop Munib Younan Calls for Promoting a Culture of Tolerance, Understanding, and Reconciliation: A Message for Peace

Scan the QR code below to watch the video.



The Palestinian Center for Conflict Resolution (ACT) and Ru'ya Center for Political and Strategic Studies Organized:

A Roundtable Discussion on the Israeli Elections: Possible Scenarios and Their Implications for Palestinians

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"At the Table" Podcast

When a woman is a party to a conflict, who has the right to make the decision?

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Mediation as a Tool: Key Milestones of the "Community Peacebuilding" Project

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The Journey After an Agreement: From Signing to Implementation and Achieving Change

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Testimonials

Tomorrow's Mediators Project: Combating Violence Through Peer Mediation

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