

REPORT

**THE UNION OF NGOs OF THE ISLAMIC
WORLD (UNIW)**

**INTERNATIONAL PALESTINE
SYMPOSIUM**


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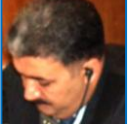





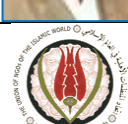


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SYMPOSIUM PROTOCOL SPEECHES












No	NAME	COUNTRY	TITLE
1.		<i>Turkey</i>	Secretary General of UNIW
2.		<i>Turkey</i>	Chairman of Palestinian Solidarity Platform
3.		<i>Turkey</i>	Ambassador of Palestine to Turkey
4.		<i>Palestine - 1948</i>	Islamic Movement Leader
5.		<i>Turkey</i>	President of TGTV
6.		<i>Iraq</i>	Secretary General of the Association of Muslim Scholars in Iraq (HEYET)
7.		<i>Turkey</i>	Palestinian-Turkish Friendship Chairman
8.		<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Palestine Desk Officer

SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

1.		Ömer Faruk Korkmaz	<i>Turkey</i>	Session Chair
2.		Prof. Dr. Mehmet İpşirli	<i>Turkey</i>	Session Chair
3.		Prof. Dr. Zekeriya Kurşun	<i>Turkey</i>	Session Chair
4.		Mustafa Özcan	<i>Turkey</i>	Session Chair
5.		Ahmet Şişman	<i>Turkey</i>	Session Chair
6.		Mubarak Mutawwa	<i>Kuwait</i>	Session Chair
7.		Adnan Ismaili	<i>Macedonia</i>	Session Chair
8.		Dr. Abdulhamid Y. Mazrui	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	Session Chair
9.		Dr. Salah Abdulmutaal	<i>Egypt</i>	Session Chair
10.		Prof. Dr. Hala Hassani	<i>Algeria</i>	The Role of official and popular Leaders in the Service of the Palestinian Issue

11.		Dr. Azzam Tamimi	<i>Britain</i>	Hamas from Resistance to Governance
12.		Prof. Dr. Ali Gettit	<i>Egypt</i>	Legal Resistance
13.		Prof. Dr. Abdel Kader Hegazi	<i>Egypt</i>	Humanitarian Relief Mechanisms between the Occupation and War and Civilization
14.		Dr. Haytham Manna	<i>France</i>	Legal Status of War Crimes and War Criminals in International Law - Gaza Case as example
15.		Muhammad F. Abdul Aziz	<i>Indonesia</i>	Resettlement of Palestinian Refugees Project”
16.		Amb. Hasan Abu Nimah	<i>Jordan</i>	The Colossal Failure of the So-Called Peace Process
17.		Marwan Shehadeh	<i>Jordan</i>	The Palestinian Issue in the Perspective of Contemporary Islamic Movements
18.		Hasan Mahmoud Abu Haniya	<i>Jordan</i>	Terrorism and Resistance: Denomination Strategies between Edges
19.		Mahmoud Khaled Hanafi	<i>Lebanon</i>	Human Rights Situation of the Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon
20.		Yasser Ali	<i>Lebanon</i>	Israeli Media regarding Gaza War

21.		Ali Hweidi	<i>Lebanon</i>	Refugee Camps and General Frame Work
22.		Ahmad Azam Abdulrahman	<i>Malaysia</i>	Palestinian Crises - Strengthening Multipolarism, the Role of Civil Society
23.		Kazi Mahmood	<i>Malaysia</i>	Occupied Palestine: A Remnant of the 'Cold War' Anachronism
24.		Dr. Abdulfettah Fehdi	<i>Morocco</i>	Al Maghariba Gate and Maghariba Area in al Quds al Shareef
25.	 <i>Prevented to go out of Gaza</i>	Essam Jouda	<i>Palestine</i>	Disastrous Situations In Gaza After The Last Aggressive War
26.		Ass. Prof. Dr. Farhan Chak	<i>Qatar</i>	Planting the Seeds of Liberating Palestine
27.		Loai Deeb	<i>Norway</i>	The International Coalition against Israeli War Crimes
28.		Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sharkawe	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	Continuous Embargo and Its Effects: Boycott in terms of Islamic Jurisprudence
29.		Prof. Dr. Samer Kantakji	<i>Norway</i>	The boycott weapon importance, especially in the current world economic crisis.
30.		Ahmad Al Bash	<i>Syria</i>	The Effects of Palestinian refugees on the political structure of the region
31.		Dr. Anwar Abu Taha	<i>Syria</i>	Intellectual Foundations of A Culture of Resistance

32.		Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai	<i>USA</i>	The Applicability of The Right of Self-Determination: The Issue of Palestine
33.		Ali Abu Nimah	<i>USA</i>	After the failure of the two-state solution: a movement for equal rights in Palestine
34.		Rashad Yaqoob	<i>Jordan</i>	The Palestine Legal Aid Fund
35.		Prof. Dr. Tufan Buzpinar	<i>Turkey</i>	The Emergence of Palestine Question: The Ottoman Period
36.	 <i>Prevented to go out of Gaza</i>	Prof. Dr. Jamila Shanty	<i>Palestine</i>	The Effects of latest Israeli Aggression on Women in Gaza
37.		Imad A. Issa	<i>Lebanon</i>	Positive Relations of Ottoman Empire and Palestine
38.		Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ağırakça	<i>Turkey</i>	Important milestones of the Palestinian history before the occupation
39.		Ali Öner	<i>Turkey</i>	Peace Processes between Israel and Palestine
40.		Ass. Prof. Dr. Berdal Aral	<i>Turkey</i>	The Solution of Israeli Problem at the midst of International Distortions and Academic Manipulations
41.		Av. Bilal Koldaş	<i>Turkey</i>	The Issue of Hearing Israeli War Criminals in National Courts and International Criminal Courts
42.		Hüsnü Mahalli	<i>Turkey</i>	The Understanding of the Issue of Palestine at the International Media

43.		Prof. Dr. M. Lütfullah Karaman	<i>Turkey</i>	Jewish Immigration and its Effect on the Issue of Palestine
44.		Aytunç Altındal	<i>Turkey</i>	The Effect of Christian Culture on the approaches of Westerners to the Issue of Palestine
45.		Abdulmajed Aghbariyah	<i>Jerusalem</i>	Ottoman Works in al Quds
46.		Ahmad Jabbarin	<i>Jerusalem</i>	Threatening Subjects to Historical Heritage in al Quds
47.		Tawfeek Jabbarin	<i>Jerusalem</i>	Test of Media during Gaza War
48.		Omar Khamayisi	<i>Jerusalem</i>	Human Rights violation of Palestinians
49.		Ali Kurt	<i>Turkey</i>	Reading of Symposium Final Statementt

SHORT HISTORY ABOUT UNIW

The Conference with the topic of “The International Conference of Non-governmental Organizations of the Islamic World : Searching for a New Vision in a Changing World “ was organized with the participation of more than three hundred non-governmental organizations from 40 countries, on the date of May 1,2005 in Istanbul.

On the first day of the Conference, the Chairman of Turkish Parliament Mr.Bulent ARINÇ made a speech. It was the Foreign Minister Abdullah GUL gave a speech as well, on the second day. In the last session of the Conference, a debate was initiated over the draft regulation of the Association, and the establishment of The Union of Non-Governmental Organizations of Islamic World was agreed upon with the votes of the representatives who participated to the Conference.

For the first three-year period, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Turkish Voluntary Organizations Foundation (TGTV) Necmi SADIKOGLU was elected as Secretary General of the Union. Istanbul was chosen as the headquarters of the Union. Ali KURT was elected as the Turkish representative of the Union.

The Union of NGOs of The Islamic World has completed its foundation process with the Cabinet Decree dated December 31, 2005, under the provisions of the Act No. 3335 regarding the Foundation of the Organizations Having International Characteristic. At the present, the Union have 130 members. Mr. A.Cihangir Isbilir is the General Coordinator of the Union.

ACTING PARTS OF THE UNION:

- 1- General Assembly
- 2- The Council
- 3- The Secretariat
- 4- The Commissions
- 5-The Consultancies
- 6- The Board of Auditing
- 7-The Committee of Consultation
- 8- Branches and Representatives

OUR VISION:

Ensuring sustainable development, consolidation and coordination between non-governmental organizations of the Islamic world;

Contributing to establishing just, peaceful and stable environments all around the world;

Protecting the individuals' and societies' principle rights and freedoms;

Performing technical and social studies based on participant and pluralist principles for developing the civil society cooperatively;

Performing activities introducing Islamic culture and values.

OUR MISSION:

Ensuring cooperation and coordination between non-governmental organizations of the Islamic world by considering their constitutional systems; developing common reflexes and

obtaining advantages by ensuring knowledge, experience and views between the organizations based on the objective of the Union;

Making the efforts for a better world in cooperation with all non-governmental organizations, which aim a more safe and restful world;

Making the required structural arrangements for these purposes, opening the required branches, subunits and representatives;

Ensuring participation to international mechanisms effectively together with the member organizations;

Generalizing the programs, which are deemed as proper relating to the voluntary organizations, and participating to all organizations relevant to them and supporting them; setting up collective working teams; establishing research institutions; arranging training programs;

Contributing to the solutions of the problems relating to the Islamic world collectively; following developments and crisis regions relevant to the areas in which the union interested, determining a common attitude to the developed events and the changes by ensuring participation of the member organizations; developing projects; obtaining the required initiative, setting up monitoring committees when required,

Making activities for introducing the Islamic culture and civilization and for preventing all types of discriminations;

Supporting all local, regional and international attempts targeting establishing cooperation and solidarity in the Islamic world;

Helping those, who are in difficulties and have experienced damages and troubles from wars and disasters when required in cooperation with local or international charitable institutions.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP ?

Having been adopted the Islamic Culture and purposes of The Union,

Have not been interfered to violent acts,

Having the characteristics of a non-profit organization,

Not taking orders from any other authority,

Having Legal Entity under the law of their own country,

Having been established at least 1 year before the recourse for the membership,
Having no connection with any political parties and any kind of sister organizations,
Having taken references of two currently member organizations of the Union.

HOW CAN THE APPLICATION PROCESS BE CARRIED OUT?

All and every NGOs on the condition of having application qualities of membership may apply for becoming a member in writing by the agency of its representative to The Union after rendering such decision through competent organs thereof. In the decision regarding the application for membership full name of the representative to The Union shall be expressly mentioned.

Application for the membership shall be submitted to the Council through a fully filled UNIW Application Form having the organization's application decision and references of two currently member organizations of The Union appended.

Procedures regarding the application for membership will be followed by the secretariat for submitting it at the next first the Council's Ordinary Meeting.

Council shall examine the membership application of NGOs in terms of eligibility qualities of membership.

The application after being found eligible by the Council, all members shall be informed of this status along with the agenda of the meeting at least 15 days prior to the General Assembly meeting in which the membership is scheduled to be put to vote.

FINAL STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PALESTINE SYMPOSIUM

The Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW) organized International Palestine Symposium with the attendance of academicians, intellectuals, representatives and delegations of NGOs, experts, journalists, writers and guests.

The First World War and disintegration of the Ottoman Empire led the Middle East especially Palestine to become the most problematic area of the current world.



Besides the establishment of the State of Israel; geo-strategical, geo-political, geo-cultural and geo-economical features of the region played an important role to make this issue global. Israeli occupation brought forth an international problem with political, social, cultural and economical dimensions beyond military results. Consequently the issue of Palestine became the issue of intervention of all countries of the region, other countries having cultural and historical relations as well as other nations.

Especially after the latest Israeli aggression on Gaza, the attention of the world community focused on the Palestinian lands. Following serious infrastructural damages and humanitarian losses, analysis of the issue of Palestine which is at the centre of social and political agenda of regional countries like Turkey has emerged to be taken into consideration with the latest developments.

In this respect, the Union of Non-governmental Organizations of the Islamic World (UNIW) has successfully carried out International Palestine Symposium with participation of more than two thousand people where the political history of Palestine, social and political structure of Palestine, approaches to the Palestinian problem, legal status in Palestine at the latest situation, the perception of the issue of Palestine at the media, the status of al Quds and protection of historical heritage, refugee problems and approaches of international organizations to the Palestinian problem, the issue of boycott have been discussed.

The following decisions have been taken in the International Symposium on Palestine:

1. The International Symposium on Palestine stresses the fact that the solution of Palestine problem could only be possible if the Palestinian cause is taken to heart, and that the attitude of NGOs and the masses of people they represent towards this issue should be adopted by governments and this attitude should be maintained.
2. The Symposium, held by the participation of representatives of NGOs from various parts of the world, has shown that the NGOs have a very active role in the Palestinian cause.
3. The Symposium, as agreed by all the participants, emphasizes that the Palestinian cause is a right and fair one, and that it is a human obligation to defend this cause.
4. The Symposium stresses that Israel has been an occupant state ever since it was founded, and the existence of this state is against the historical, social and cultural facts and international law.
5. The Symposium stresses that the most important project of the recently founded extremely racist Netanyahu Government is to eliminate the Palestinian Muslims and Christians, and thus make the region Jewish, and it is necessary to strictly oppose to this.

6. The Symposium emphasizes that the Israel occupation in Palestinian land should be terminated at once and that the resistance of Palestinian people against this unfair occupation is legitimate.
7. The Symposium stresses that the right of return of the Palestinian refugees is fundamental and this enduring right should be supported until the last refugee returns.
8. The Symposium stresses that the warfare crimes of Israel on Palestinian land, particularly Gaza, and the ethnic elimination assaults should not be unanswered in terms of international law.
9. The Symposium calls to action the international organizations, bodies, think tank formations, lobby bodies and all the relevant international parties to take concrete steps towards establishing a fair, objective and permanent peace on the issue of Palestine.
10. The representatives of NGOs who participated in the symposium stress that the Palestinian people, who are facing serious crisis in humanitarian, social, economic, educational, legal etc. issues, should be supported.
11. The Symposium considers it necessary that the international powers follow a more sensitive and fair policy on the issue of Palestine.
12. The Symposium requests that the United Nations Security Council adopt a more effective role about Palestinian refugees and the occupation of Palestine.
13. In order for the decisions taken by the UN Security Council to deter Israel from its occupant and aggressive attitude to be applied, the Symposium stresses that certain deterrent sanctions should be put into action.
14. The Symposium stresses that a strategic, independent and professional Palestinian Legal Support Fund, which will adopt legal responsibilities, should be established for the Palestinian victims in the presence of national and international courts and that this Fund should be supported in every way.
15. The Symposium calls the leaders of the Islamic World and the Islamic international mechanisms, particularly the Organization of the Islamic World, to be more effective on the Palestinian cause.
16. The Symposium recommends that the products of the organizations and bodies that support this unfair occupation be boycotted and alternative products be preferred instead of them.

17. The Symposium requests that the demolishing activities in Quds and the excavations under al- Masjid al- Aqsa be terminated at once and that the international organizations take action in order to preserve the historical heritage in this city.
18. The Symposium stresses that the global, regional and local actors should respect the free will of Palestinian people and the conflicts which harm the unity of our Palestinian brothers should be stopped at once.
19. The Symposium congratulates the voluntary organizations and bodies which support the Palestinian cause for their service.
20. The Symposium organizers and speakers give their thanks to the President of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Abdullah Gül, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Turkish Government and Turkish citizens for their kindness towards the Palestinian people and the support they gave to them.

Best Regards

For more information and pictures please visit www.palestinesymposium.org