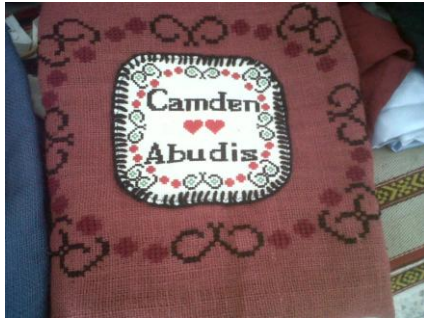


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COMING UP

Next week: Tuesday 19th October - CADFA Open Meeting will include a report-back with photographs from the recent summer volunteers in Abu Dis and a discussion on VOLUNTEERING for CADFA in Palestine or in Britain.
730 Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue NW5.

Pic: recent embroidery from the Dar Assadaqa Women's

CHILD PRISONERS

The shocking spate of child imprisonment by the Israel army is continuing in Abu Dis, and there are currently 2 13-year olds and several of 14 and 15 who have been taken from their houses in the night and have ended up in prisons with no proper care for young people, and getting there via the most horrendous experiences to make them sign confessions.

One very brave young child stood up in a military court a week or so ago and held up his squashed hands to show what had been done to him.

I was told by the upset mother of 13-year old Khalid Qreia that she went to court where she was not allowed to speak to her son - whom she has not met since soldiers came in through a window and took him in the night on 15th September - and when she wanted to approach him, soldiers got in her way.

Cadfa's campaign on child prisoners is stepping up a gear and do come along to the open meeting for a discussion about what we'll be doing.



PIC: 13-year old Khalid with his school teacher (before he was arrested)

TWINNING CONFERENCE and DR HUDA'S VISIT

Dr Huda Dahbour from Abu Dis will be visiting Camden at the end of November. The Health Links group will be arranging a number of special events during her visit. She will

also be speaking at the Britain Palestine Twinning Conference on SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER in Bristol. CADFA reps will be there, showing our film and contributing our strong experience to the debates. We'd love YOU to come along too... Let us know if you'd like to travel together.

REVISITING BALFOUR

We will be having an education day looking at Britain's role in Palestine, to mark the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration in 1917. Details are being finalised but we so far have offers to attend from Sahar Huneidi who is a scholar of that period and Ghada Karmi (author of In Search of Fatima) who remembers life under the British Mandate.

Pls pencil eve of 2nd Nov / afternoon of 6th Nov into your diary, and we'll send details ASAP.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CONCERT

10th December
Rosslyn Hill Chapel
Early warning! Details to follow

VISIT PALESTINE

Another chance to visit Palestine with CADFA; February half term. Contact us for details.

Pic: Inside Dar Assadaqa, Abu Dis – the notice board shows pictures of our activities in Camden.



LINKS GROUPS

The following links groups are busy with various projects; they'd welcome your help
Women, Youth, Students, Health, Education



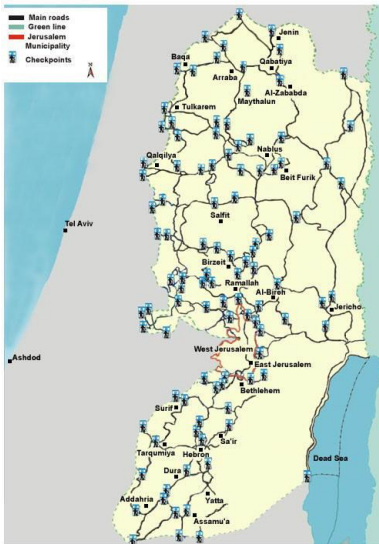
STORIES BOOK

Our new book Stories from our Mothers (Palestinian women's stories) and film (useful for twinning group discussions) are now truly on their way, having been launched in England and Palestine. We are really happy at the strong feedback so far at both ends, and want as many people as possible to make use of the book.

Pic – Booklaunch at the Al Quds University in Abu Dis (followed our booklaunch here in Camden)

Please consider
(1) Ordering from your library so they buy it

- (2) Ordering via a bookshop so they notice it
 - (3) Suggesting to your college/ women's group etc
 - (4) Reviewing it on Amazon
 - (5) Buying for your twinning group
- + arranging a showing of the film and readings from the book, maybe*.



They are available at £10 (book) / £8 (film) plus p and p.

*A special offer in Oct and Nov only: 10 books plus a copy of the DVD: £70 pounds only (useful for presents/ community groups)

If you took advantage of the pre-publication offer, you should have heard from us + got the books - pls let us know if not.

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS on the website, monthly, in English and Arabic. They give a grim picture and lots of reasons for us to keep working hard.

CADFA STALLS, SPEAKERS etc - Let us know of local opportunities

FUNDRAISING - Situation still serious, help needed

Pic: West Bank checkpoint map

JOIN CADFA (or rejoin) PLEASE (if you are not a member)

It makes us stronger!