

January 2026 Activities Report

Since the first day of this year, the staff, trainees, and facilitators of the Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy PCPD have been implementing activities with strong determination, committed to providing the best service to the widest possible audience. Our work focuses on issues related to political and democratic education and strengthening civil society, with the following objectives:

First: To contribute to fostering Palestinian public support for the political program of the Palestine Liberation Organization PLO, which calls for the implementation of all resolutions of international legitimacy and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on all territories occupied in 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Second: To contribute to building Palestinian public support for the establishment of a democratic, civil, and secular Palestinian state committed to equality for all its citizens, regardless of gender, religion, opinion, colour, ideology, or creed.

Third: To initiate capacity-building for 30 Community-Based Organizations CBOs and dozens of new graduate trainees. This aims to develop their knowledge and skills, leading to their partial employment with the Centre during 2026.

Within these three program areas, the Centre's team completed the following activities:

First: Concluded a "Training of Trainers" ToT course on monitoring the stages of the local government electoral process. The trainees were members of the Board of Directors of our Civil Peace and Social Cohesion Network. They will, in turn, train 400 local monitors across the West Bank governorates.

Second: Conducted a total of 12 listening sessions with 14 political leaders and decision-makers across all governorates. These sessions were held in light of the current political situation and addressed the position, status, and future of the PLO's political program and relevant international legitimacy resolutions.

Third: Launched a digital advocacy campaign in a formal ceremony, following the completion of digital training for 40 female trainees. The trainees presented three films they produced, which highlight women's capacity to occupy advanced decision-making positions.

Fourth: Held 7 film screenings in seven locations across the West Bank. The films, produced by project members, address the challenges facing Palestinian women and showcase exceptional solutions and models of success achieved by a number of Palestinian women.

Fifth: Concluded 5 training sessions with grassroots institutions on the importance of implementing gender-sensitive policies within their work.

Sixth: Successfully advocated, alongside our partners in the Elections Coalition, for several amendments and conditions regarding candidates. We will continue to press for key demands, including a 30% women's quota and amending the Local Elections Law to remove any ideological requirements that undermine the fundamental right to political participation.

Seventh: Together with our partners in the "Our Right... The 24-Hour Bridge" lobby coalition, we partially improved travel conditions at various crossings. Efforts are ongoing with all relevant parties to achieve the lobby's primary goal, which is "enabling 24-hour travel".

Statements from political leaders we met during January 2026

- **Alaa' Obeid / member of political bureau of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front:** "Reforming the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is a priority to restore its credibility."
- **Murad Harfoush / Political Analyst (Popular Struggle Front):** "The challenges facing the Palestinians cannot be confronted except through Palestinian national unity first, and agreement on a single national program as a fundamental entry point for enhancing steadfastness."
- **Iyad Jarrad / Secretary of Fatah Movement in Tulkarm:** "Strengthening national unity by reaching a consensus on a political and struggle program that suits reality and circumstances."
- **Naim Harb / Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front:** "National unity, conviction in the justice of our cause, and steadfastness upon it, with the necessity of turning to international institutions to pursue the occupation and defend Palestinian rights."
- **Ali Al-Qaq / Deputy Head of the Fatah Movement Region in Salfit Governorate:** "Emphasizing that there is currently no realistic program other than the program of the Palestine Liberation Organization."
- **Taysir Nasrallah / Member of the Revolutionary Council of Fatah:** "The importance of embodying Palestinian national unity and reactivating and democratizing the institutions of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

- **Salah Samhouri / Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front:** "Adherence to the political program of the Palestine Liberation Organization, pointing to the difficulty of the balance of power in light of the war and genocide to which the Palestinian people are being subjected."
- **Issa Jalayta / Member of the Central Committee of the Popular Struggle Front:** "What is required is a unified political position that brings together the factions and the Palestinian people, as it is the fundamental pillar of steadfastness."
- **Osama Darraj / Law Professor at Al-Istiqlal University:** "The importance of raising political awareness among the youth and promoting constructive dialogue as an essential tool for facing challenges, praising the project's role in creating a safe space for discussion and critical thinking."
- **Sami Daghlas / Community and Political Activist:** "Reactivating the role of youth, particularly young women and Palestinian women, in achieving the unity of the Palestinian people."
- **Ahlam Al-Wahsh / President of the General Union of Palestinian Women (Democratic Front):** "You are the hope of the future."
- **Mohammad Al-Aloush / Member of the Central Committee of the Popular Struggle Front:** "What is required today is to restore the status of the Declaration of Independence document, and to continue within a comprehensive national vision to reform the political system and strengthen the standing of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of our people."
- **Abdul Karim Saeed / Member of the Fatah Movement Region:** "The only national way out of the current Palestinian crisis is Palestinian national consensus and agreement on a political program within the framework of the Palestine Liberation Organization."
- **Adnan Hammad / Member of the Central Committee of the Fida Movement:** "They will not erase the trace of the Palestinians."