

Press release

## Exhibition and book publication shed new light on Palestinian displacement

**A new book, to be published on August 13, gives voice to six Palestinians who experienced the displacement of 1948. On the same day, a new 11-day interactive exhibition on the same topic opens at the Mahmoud Darwish Museum in Ramallah.**

A book publication, in Arabic and English, provides new insight into Palestinian displacement since 1948, when more than 700,000 Palestinians fled or were expelled from their homes.

The book, *Living Memories – Testimonies of Palestinians' displacement in 1948*, includes first-hand accounts of Palestinians who experienced the displacement of 1948, also known as Al-Nakba or the Catastrophe. The publication date is August 13, 2017.

On the same day, at 7:00pm, a new 11-day exhibition on the same topic, *Speak Oh Bird*, opens at the Mahmoud Darwish Museum in Ramallah.

Both the exhibition and the book publication are projects by Palestinian research institution Al-Rowat, implemented in partnership with The Danish House in Palestine.

Since 2012, Al-Rowat has collected more than a hundred oral testimonies from Palestinians who experienced the displacement of 1948. Six of these testimonies are in the new book. They include men and women from different parts of Palestine as well as abroad.

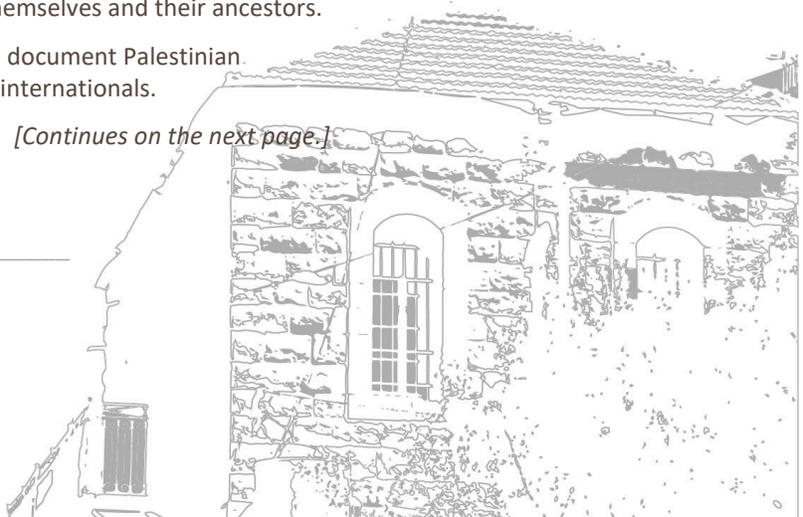
The interviewees also shared old photos of themselves and their families and belongings. These photos are included in the exhibition along with recordings of the interviews. The exhibition also has an interactive map where visitors can follow the journeys of the interviewees – and add the journeys of themselves and their ancestors.

The aim of the exhibition and the book is to preserve and document Palestinian displacement and make it accessible for Palestinians and internationals.

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"The book on displacement will help to make marginalized displaced Palestinian women and men visible. It will enable them to actively participate in rebuilding the Palestinian archives and reproduce knowledge," says Palestinian writer Dr. Faiha Abdulhadi who has compiled and edited the book.

Lone Bildsøe Lassen, director of The Danish House in Palestine, says:

"It's a great privilege for us to be part of this project. The testimonies of displaced Palestinians in the book provide a unique glimpse of the human stories behind displacement. Thanks to the work of Al-Rowat, this is now preserved for posterity."

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**Book publication:**

**"Living Memories – Testimonies of Palestinians' displacement in 1948"**

Publication date: August 13, 2017.

Languages: Arabic and English.

Compiled and edited by Dr. Faiha Abdulhadi.

Published by Al Rowat for Studies & Research and The Danish House in Palestine.

For sale at the Mahmoud Darwish Museum in Ramallah from August 13 to 23.

**Exhibition: "Speak Oh Bird"**

Opens Sunday, August 13, at 7:00pm.

Runs daily from 9:00am to 7:00pm until August 23. Admission is free.

Venue: Mahmoud Darwish Museum, Tokyo Street, Al-Masyoun, Ramallah.

Organized by Al Rowat for Studies & Research with the support of Al Nasher, Mahmoud Darwish Foundation and Museum, PLO Department of Culture and Information and The Danish House in Palestine.

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