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### ABOUT US

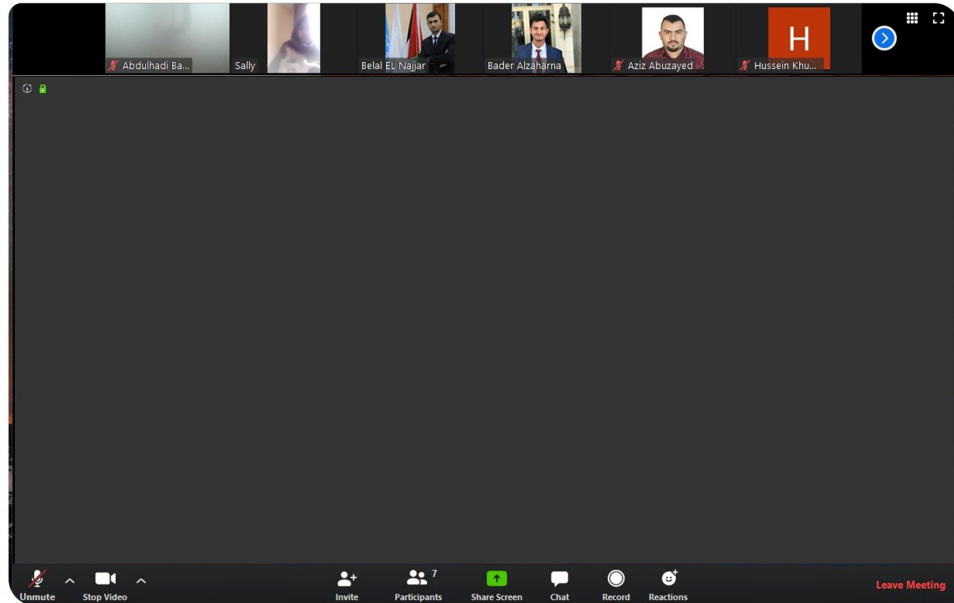
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## Preventive Measures during the COVID19- Crisis



Pal-Think for Strategic Studies provisions new plans and strategies to ensure the continuity of its activities during the current state of emergency. We plan to transition some events and initiatives to be conducted virtually by organizing discussion sessions and initiatives through video conference. Our team consistently follows and assesses developments to devise protective measures against the spread of the coronavirus and transition to post-COVID- 19.



### Omar Shaban

Leading Economists and the Founder and  
Director of Pal-Think for Strategic Studies.

## Gaza's New Conflict: COVID-19

At a time when everyone was celebrating the arrival of a new decade, a rare once-in-a-100-year event took the world by surprise: a major global pandemic named COVID19-. Governments around the world struggled to fight the virus, taking extreme measures to contain it with nearly one billion people now living in confinement. At first, Palestinians followed up on the pandemic with sighs of relief thinking that the virus will never reach them, especially in Gaza, where two million people have been living under a suffocating siege for more than a decade. Alas, their worst fears have been realized: the discovery of dozens of Coronavirus cases in both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. ...[see more](#)



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## COVID-19 in the Gaza Strip

The Gaza Strip did not need a new challenge that deepens its tragic and catastrophic reality. Gaza is a small area encompassing 200 square miles and a population of 2 million people, who have lived under siege for the last 14 years, suffering three bloody wars in 2012 ,2009-2008 and 2014, in addition to dozens of short clashes. The Gaza Strip faces the corona challenge with poor capabilities and very limited resources.

The Covid19- epidemic is killing thousands of people every day around the world, including the highly developed and wealthy countries, such as the United States and Europe, which have health systems that are the strongest in the world, so how does the Gaza Strip face this epidemic? ...[see more](#)





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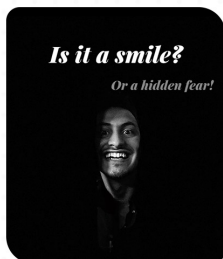
Research Assistant of Pal-Think

## **GAZA NERVOUSLY WAITS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF CORONA VIRUS**

Since December 2019, COVID19- has been causing mayhem around the world, exhausting health professional and taking the lives of hundreds of people every week.

Although Gaza has been spared so far, its population is preparing itself for a new public health struggle on top of already existing ones such as getting essential medical supplies like bandages and clean oxygen tanks for hospitals.

In 2017, the UN predicted that Gaza would be uninhabitable by 2020. With unemployment rates peaking at %69 among the youth, and poverty rates skyrocketing due to the siege enforced by Israel and Egypt since 2007, Gaza has long been uninhabitable for many. Gaza's understaffed and under-supplied hospitals can barely keep up with the demand of a growing population of two million Palestinians....[see more](#)



**Bader S. Alzaharna**

Project Coordinator of Pal-Think

## **Different Reasons, Same Situation Lived in Gaza: Nothing Changes Voice From Gaza Youth**

### **2020 To 2017**

It has been three years since I last cried. Never have I figured out the reason why this state has been partial to me. I believe that crying is a blessing through which oneself can emancipate its pressure to a sky of freedom.

The last three years were a nightmare to me. I admit that I failed both to let my tears kiss my cheeks and to stop contemplating at the ceiling of my room. That ceiling could bring a hundred reason to make me cry; however, my tears were never shed.

Surely affected by the overall situation of the place I dwell in, I have been in anhedonia and I have thus lost interest in even drawing a clear vision for my future. What pulls me back is the unstoppable blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip that has deluded me to a dead end whenever I think about my future. ...[see more](#)



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## Final discussion session on “Community Issues from the Perspective of Palestinian Youth”

In a speech, Ms. Robin emphasized Canada’s support for the Palestinian people in their rights and the support for a two-state solution, noting Canada’s interest to see peace achieved, and that Canada will continue to support the Palestinian people and to strengthen the role of Palestinian women and their participation in all spheres of life...more



## The American administration expected that the Palestinians would reject the deal of the century

Trump’s plan has strong opposition from the Democratic and Republican parties in the United States, and from many American think tanks, as well as by prominent political figures such as: former peace envoy Martin Endk who believes that this plan is not applicable.” In Mr. Hadi Amr, a researcher at the Brookings Institution, said...more



## “ My Right to Vote ”

Youth Political Club concludes its first imitative

The initiative aimed to develop personal skills in the methods of civilized dialogue and debate, using the Palestinian elections as the topic of discussion to encourage the rejection of political intolerance, further promote a culture of nonviolence...more





## **Pal-Think closes the series of Youth Participate” radio program”**

Mr. Qaoud stated that, among the many youth projects conducted by Pal-Think, this project had the strongest explicit focus on the youth demographic. He discussed the project’s goal of enhancing the youth’s confidence in their ability to present, write and organize their political ideas in a professional manner...more



## **Youth Participate : Scientific Research in Palestine**

Safi added that the reality of scientific research in Palestine is unfortunate due to the poor funding, lack of governmental endowments from the Palestinian Authority to research, local universities’ suffering financial challenges, and the political division...more



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الإنجازات تلو لهذا العام .. بالإمسا قدمت ورقتي البحثية الأولى في قطاع غزة حول مشاركة الشباب في لجان الأحياء بين الواقع والمأمول .. شكرا لـ Yehya Qaoud على مجهودك الجبار معنا .. وايضا شكرا لأخي الثانية الغالية علي قلبي هبة الهدف .. شكرا Pal-Think for Strategic Studies

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**Community Issues from the Perspective of Palestinian Youth**  
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## Pal-Think work and interests focus on:

- ✓ Nationalizing scientific policy and social research to achieve political and economic prosperity.
- ✓ Fostering the role played by the Palestinian youth to plan and implement new policies.
- ✓ Brokering Palestinian national political unity.
- ✓ Promoting values of democracy, transparency, accountability and good governance within the Palestinian context.



## AMBITIONS

Pal-Think for Strategic Studies is ambitious to be:

- An attractive partner for the international civil society aiming to support the Palestinian cause
- Explorative of new and innovative ideas relevant to the Palestinian cause



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