

Announcement

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION

On **Monday June 5, 2017**, the Arab Educational Institute will organize day-long events along the Wall in Bethlehem to commemorate 50 years of occupation.

The venue will be near the Sumud Story House in north-Bethlehem, close to the French and Chinese restaurants there.

PROGRAM

(in Arabic and English)

14:30 – 16:00

BIRDS OF PALESTINE – Children program, with arts, singing, clown and drama in front of the Wall – Children showing their playfulness and life in front of the wall. With 'Inad Theatre (Beit Jala): "What after 50 years of occupation?"

16:00 – 18:00

OCCUPATION, ARTS AND SUMUD - Opening of 50 new Wall posters which communicate 50 aspects of occupation as well as people's *sumud* or steadfastness. The posters in the area will tell stories of *sumud* and expose the occupation. Participants will take a walk along the Wall.

IMAGINE TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM - Palestinian women will project photos on the Wall about their daily life under occupation (Agentur Schwimmer photo project).

OCCUPATION AND FREEDOM – 18 international artists submit arts works on the themes of occupation and freedom. A Dutch artist will give an explanation of her work. The works will be shown throughout the day near the Wall.

BETHLEHEM SUMUD CHOIR - Choir performances and drama presentations to commemorate 50 years of occupation and express Palestinian unity.

PALESTINIAN SINGER/MUSICIAN – George Thalgieh (not yet confirmed)

SAWA, a Palestinian youth music group, performs songs on *sumud* and youth rights.

MOSLEM-CHRISTIAN LIVING TOGETHER - Drama performance and presentations given by Palestinian youth bring out the strength of Palestinian Moslem-Christian living together in the face of occupation and restrictions on the freedom of movement.

18:00 -20:00

MOSLEM-CHRISTIAN LIVING TOGETHER – A Ramadan Iftar with performances and choir singing. (needs reservation)

Ramadan

Please keep in mind that due to Ramadan no food or drinks will be served at the venue. For those who do not fast there will be a nearby opportunity to buy inexpensive sandwiches and drinks.

During 18:00

For more information: 02-2744030 (AEI's Youth Media House), 02-2746595 (Sumud Story House), or info@aeicenter.org

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