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Internet Freedom Essential to Human Rights, Economic Prosperity

Secretary Clinton defines U.S. policy on upholding Internet freedom

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Washington — Internet freedom is essential to upholding human rights and encouraging economic prosperity, and the United States plans to aggressively promote Internet access for all peoples, says Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"We stand for a single Internet where all of humanity has equal access to knowledge and ideas," Clinton said in a groundbreaking foreign policy speech delivered January 21 at Washington's [Newseum](#).

She linked the freedom to use the Internet without government obstruction to basic human rights such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. Having the freedom to connect to the Internet, she said, "is like the freedom of assembly, only in cyberspace." [Read full article](#)

[Read Secretary's Remarks on Internet Freedom](#)
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Secretary Clinton: "We stand for a single internet Where all of humanity has equal access to knowledge"

Relief Efforts in Haiti



Update on Developments in Haiti

Secretary Clinton (Jan. 20): "In better news, we saw the arrival of the USNS Comfort, a hospital ship with more than 600 medical personnel, that adds important capacity to our relief efforts." [Full Text» Haiti Earthquake page»](#)

الظروف الاقتصادية الصعبة لم تؤثر على كرم
الأميركيين تجاه هايتي

رغم الأزمة الاقتصادية الراهق في الولايات المتحدة
فإن ذلك لم يشكل عائقاً أمام المواطنين الأميركيين العاديين
للتبرع بملايين الدولارات لجهود الإغاثة في هايتي، حيث سبب
المعاناة لمعظم سكان هذا البلد أسوأ زلزال شهدته البلاد خلال
قرن، الذي حدث يوم 12 كانون الثاني/يناير. [المزيد عن
المساعدات الأمريكية لهايتي](#)





President Obama in Remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[THE PRESIDENT: ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1956. AND BEFORE DR. KING HAD POINTED US TO THE MOUNTAINTOP, BEFORE HE TOLD US ABOUT HIS DREAM IN FRONT OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, KING CAME HERE, AS A 27-YEAR-OLD PREACHER, TO SPEAK ON WHAT HE CALLED "THE CHALLENGE OF A NEW AGE." "THE CHALLENGE OF A NEW AGE." IT WAS A PERIOD OF TRIUMPH, BUT ALSO UNCERTAINTY, FOR DR. KING AND HIS FOLLOWERS -- BECAUSE JUST WEEKS EARLIER, THE SUPREME COURT HAD ORDERED THE DESEGREGATION OF MONTGOMERY'S BUSES, A HARD-WROUGHT, HARD-FOUGHT VICTORY THAT WOULD PUT AN END TO THE 381-DAY HISTORIC BOYCOTT DOWN IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

AND YET, AS DR. KING ROSE TO TAKE THAT PULPIT, THE FUTURE STILL SEEMED DAUNTING. IT WASN'T CLEAR WHAT WOULD COME NEXT FOR THE MOVEMENT THAT DR. KING LED. IT WASN'T CLEAR HOW WE WERE GOING TO REACH THE PROMISED LAND. BECAUSE SEGREGATION WAS STILL RIFE; LYNCHINGS STILL A FACT. YES, THE SUPREME COURT HAD RULED NOT ONLY ON THE MONTGOMERY BUSES, BUT ALSO ON BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION. AND YET THAT RULING WAS DEFIED THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH -- BY SCHOOLS AND BY STATES; THEY IGNORED IT WITH IMPUNITY. AND HERE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD YET TO FULLY ALIGN ITSELF WITH THE LAWS ON ITS BOOKS AND THE IDEALS OF ITS FOUNDING.] [READ FULL](#)

President Obama: Year One Highlights

Since assuming office in January 2009, President Obama has tackled issues from war and peace to improving nutrition and health around the world. He visited more countries and met with more world leaders early in his presidency than any other U.S. president. [Take a look at some highlights of Obama's first year in office.](#)



الرئيس أوباما : المعالم الرئيسية لسنته الأولى

منذ توليه مهام منصبه في كانون الثاني/يناير 2009، عكف الرئيس أوباما على معالجة قضايا عديدة من الحرب والسلام إلى تحسين التغذية والصحة في شتى أنحاء العالم. وقد زار عددا من البلدان واجتمع بعدد من قادة العالم في بداية فترة رئاسته أشهر من أي رئيس أميركي آخر. اطلعوا على أبرز المنجزات التي تحققت خلال السنة الأولى من فترة تولي أوباما منصبه رئيسا للبلاد. [النوم الصور](#)



Youth Summer Leadership Institute (Student Leaders)

What is the MEPI Youth Summer Leadership Institute?

- It is a fully-funded five-week intensive leadership training program in the U.S. for undergraduate students. The program is held in the summer starting June 29, 2010.
- Participants develop leadership and collective problem-solving skills, while exploring U.S. history and culture.
- The Institute consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions, site visits, community service projects, optional home stays and other opportunities for interaction with Americans peers.

Can I apply for the MEPI Youth Summer Leadership Institute?

Yes you can, if...

- You are a Palestinian citizen, living and attending school in the West Bank, East Jerusalem or Gaza.
- You are a current university student, age 20 to 24 years old.
- You are proficient in English.
- You are mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, and thoughtful.
- You have a strong interest in learning about the United States.

Deadline is on February 1, 2010

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The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the AY 2011 - 2012 Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship PhD Student Program

The Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship is a highly selective program for PhD study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. Approximately 45 awards will be competed worldwide for candidates who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a commitment to improving cross-cultural relations through international exchange.

The fellowship will provide the following benefits: Activities, tuition and fees; a monthly stipend for up to 36 months; books and equipment, research and professional conference allowances; J-1 visa sponsorship; round-trip airfare from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States; health and accident coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines; and specially tailored enrichment activities. After three years, the host U.S. university will be expected to cover the remaining expenses toward completion of the Ph.D.

For more information on Application and Requirements [click here](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Ministry of Culture hosted an exhibit entitled "I Value All These Voices" at the International Academy of Arts in Ramallah on January 21, 2010. The exhibit brings together work by American artist Peter Bruun and over 60 Palestinian artists who participated in workshops led by Mr. Bruun as a part of a U.S. Department of State-sponsored Cultural Envoy program.

[Read more](#)

استضافت اليوم القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس ووزارة الثقافة معرضاً للوحات الفنية تحت عنوان "أقدر جميع هذه الأصوات" وذلك في الأكاديمية الدولية للفنون في رام الله حيث جمع المعرض بين خبرات الفنان الأمريكي بيتر برون و60 فناناً فلسطينياً في ورشات عمل نظمها برون كجزء من برنامج المبعوث الثقافي الممول من وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية. اقرأ المزيد...



A Grant to Help Develop Alternative Energy Sources

Consul General Daniel Rubinstein and Khaled Sabawi, President of MENA Geothermal Ground Energy and Investment Company Ltd. (MENA), signed a grant agreement today from the U.S. Trade and Development Agency in support of a district geothermal heating and cooling system for a planned 500-unit affordable housing complex. [Read more](#)

وقع القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين والسيد خالد السباعوي رئيس شركة مينيا جيوتيرمال للطاقة الجوفية الحرارية والاستثمار اتفاقية منحة اليوم من الوكالة الأمريكية للتجارة والتنمية لدعم دراسة جدوى لنظام تدفئة وتبريد حراري جوفي ل 500 وحدة سكنية بجانب رام الله بقيمة 438,612 دولار وذلك لتطبيق نظام التقنيات الحرارية الجوفية على نطاق واسع، الأمر الذي سيقلل الإستهلاك الإجمالي للطاقة بحوالي 70% و بالتالي يقلل انبعاثات ثاني أكسيد الكربون. و قد حضر حفل التوقيع معالي وزير التخطيط الدكتور علي الجرباوي. المزيد...



New Web-Based Non-Immigrant Visa Application Required After February 15

With demand for U.S. visas continuing to increase world-wide, the U.S. Department of State is committed to using new technologies to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the visa application process. As such, the Department of State developed a new web-based nonimmigrant visa (NIV) application called the DS-160 to incorporate all existing NIV applications into one, interactive form. The DS-160 replaces the three forms that made up the Electronic Visa Application Form (EVAF). The DS-160 must be used for appointments after February 15, 2010. [Read more...](#)

نموذج الكتروني جديد للحصول على تأشيرات الزيارات المؤقتة للولايات المتحدة ابتداء من 15 شباط، 2010

مع استمرار تزايد الطلب على تأشيرات الدخول للولايات المتحدة في جميع أنحاء العالم، تلتزم وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية باستعمال التقنيات الحديثة لتطوير فعالية ودقة عملية الحصول على التأشيرات. وفي هذا السياق، طورت وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية نموذج طلب إلكتروني جديد لتأشيرات الزيارة المؤقتة (سياحة، دراسة) للولايات المتحدة (DS-160) ليحل محل نماذج DS-160 التي شملت نموذج طلب التأشيرة الإلكترونية (EVAF) و هذا النموذج يجب ان يستخدم للمقابلات لما بعد تاريخ 15 شباط، 2010. [المزيد](#)

INTERNET FREEDOM SPECIAL SELECTION:

- **FREEDOM ON THE NET: A GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF INTERNET AND DIGITAL MEDIA.** Freedom House. April 1, 2009.
- **FOURTH MEETING OF THE INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM (IGF) SHARM, EL SHEIKH, EGYPT, 15-18 NOVEMBER 2009.** Internet Governance Forum. November 2009.
- **WHAT'S NEW AT THE OPENNET INITIATIVE?** OpenNet Initiative. January 2010.
- **INTERNET FREE SPEECH.** Public Citizen. January 2010.
- **IN THE MATTERS OF PRESERVING THE OPEN INTERNET BROADBAND INDUSTRY PRACTICES: COMMENTS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ("ACLU") AND THE TECHNOLOGY AND LIBERTY PROJECT OF THE ACLU.** American Civil Liberties Union. Michael Macleod-Ball et al. January 14, 2010.

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- ✓ **COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY: USING OUTCOMES DATA TO HOLD HIGH SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABLE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS.** Education Sector. Chad Aldeman. January 12, 2010.
- ✓ **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: ACTIONS NEEDED TO DEVELOP HIGH-QUALITY COST ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROJECTS.** U.S. Government Accountability Office. January 2010.
- ✓ **RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE: A JOINT STATEMENT OF CURRENT LAW.** Anti-Defamation League and Center for Religion and Public Affairs, Wake Forest University School of Divinity. January 2010.
- ✓ **ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE FOR POVERTY REDUCTION.** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Dalila Cervantes-Godoy and Joe Dewbre. January 18, 2010.
- ✓ **GLOBAL RISKS 2010: A GLOBAL RISK NETWORK REPORT.** World Economic Forum. January 2010.
- ✓ **STATE OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.** U.N. Economic & Social Affairs. January 15, 2010.
- ✓ **THE 2009 JOINT COMMITTEE ECONOMIC REPORT.** Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States. Web posted January 11, 2010.
- ✓ **SOCIAL NETWORKING IN GOVERNMENT: OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES.** Human Capital Institute. January 2010.

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