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# STATE of the UNION

## PRESIDENT OBAMA OUTLINES PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

[In his State of the Union Address tonight, the President laid out an agenda attempting to attack one problem from every conceivable angle: the terrible squeeze felt by America's middle class. Fundamentally, that means prying government away from special interests and dedicating it to measures that put Americans to work and lay the foundation for a stronger economy for our country – lowering health care and tuition costs, spurring creation of the next generation of clean energy jobs. It also means putting a cop on the beat on Wall Street, so major banks can no longer take advantage of families and taxpayers.] [Read all and Watch Speech](#)



## خطاب الرئيس باراك أوباما عن حالة الاتحاد

ألقى الرئيس أوباما مساء الأربعاء 27 كانون الثاني/يناير 2010 خطابا في جلسة مشتركة للكونغرس بحضور كبار مسؤولي الفرع التنفيذي من الحكومة وأعضاء المحكمة العليا الأميركية وكبار القادة العسكريين وتحدث فيه عن شؤون الولايات المتحدة الراهنة وعرض رؤياه لمستقبلها.

في ما يلي مقتطفات من الخطاب المتعلقة بالسياسة الخارجية للولايات المتحدة:

السيدة رئيس مجلس النواب، نائب الرئيس بايدن، أعضاء الكونغرس، الضيوف المحترمين، مواطني الأميركيين:

ينص دستورنا على أن يقدم الرئيس من وقت إلى آخر معلومات للكونغرس عن حالة الاتحاد . وقد دأب قادتنا على أداء هذا الواجب طيلة مئتين وعشرين سنة . وقد أدوا ذلك في أوقات الرخاء وأزمة الهدوء والصفاء . وفعلوا ذلك أيضا في غمرة الحروب وإبان الكساد وفي أوقات النزاعات الكبيرة والنضال الشديد. [اقرأ المزيد](#)



## 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**

#### For Inquiries:

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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](#)

## U.S. Consul General's Visit Highlights U.S. Support to the Nablus Private Sector

U.S. Consul General Daniel Rubinstein visited Nablus today to meet with local officials and entrepreneurs and discuss with them the situation in the Governorate. The Consul General met with Nablus Governor Jibril al-Bakri, key business leaders, and security officials. [Read more...](#)

زيارة القنصل الأمريكي العام لمحافظة نابلس تعكس دعم الحكومة الأمريكية للقطاع الخاص في المحافظة

قام القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين بزيارة لمحافظة نابلس ولقاء مجموعة من ريادةي قطاع الأعمال وعدد من المسؤولين الحكوميين في المحافظة حيث تم مناقشة أهمية ودور القطاع الخاص في بناء الإقتصاد الفلسطيني. [اقرأ المزيد...](#)



## U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem Honors 97 Graduates of the English ACCESS Micro-scholarship Program

The English Access Micro-scholarship Program (ACCESS) is celebrating the graduation of its fourth class of students since the program's inception with a series of ceremonies in Ramallah and Gaza. Public Affairs Officer Frank Finver delivered congratulatory remarks at the graduation ceremony for 97 students from Bethlehem, Jericho and Hebron on January 22, 2010. [Read more...](#)



## U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem Hosts American Musician Peter Yarrow and Members of "Operation Respect" in Ramallah

U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem hosted American Musician Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary) and three members of his team at "Operation Respect". Mr. Yarrow, joined by Mark Weiss, Charlotte Frank, and Kevin Salem from Operation Respect, undertook a one-day visit to Ramallah that included a teacher-training workshop with twenty Palestinian teachers from private schools and Ministry of Education schools throughout the West Bank, and a performance for 140 elementary school students at the Friends School in Ramallah. [Read more...](#)





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## ***Selected E-Docs:***

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- ✓ **2009: SECOND WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD: END OF WARMEST DECADE.** Goddard Institute for Space Studies. January 21, 2010.
- ✓ **2010 INDEX OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM.** The Heritage Foundation and Wall Street Journal. January 2010.
- ✓ **EARTHQUAKE PROPENSITY AND THE POLITICS OF MORTALITY PREVENTION.** The World Bank. Philip Keefer et al. January 19, 2010.
- ✓ **THE EMERGING MIDDLE CLASS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Homi Kharas. January 21, 2010.
- ✓ **EATERN WIND INTEGRATION AND TRANSMISSION STUDY.** National Renewable Energy Laboratory. David Corbus. January 2010.
- ✓ **2010 BLACK HISTORY THEME: THE HISTORY OF BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.** Association for the Study of African American Life and History. 2010.
- ✓ **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.** Law Library, Library of Congress. May 27, 2009.
- ✓ **BLACK (AFRICAN-AMERICAN) HISTORY MONTH: FEBRUARY 2010.** Facts for Features, U.S. Census Bureau. December 2, 2009.
- ✓ **THE ECONOMICS OF ADAPTATION TO EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.** Center for Global Development. Brian Blankespoor et al. January 11, 2010.