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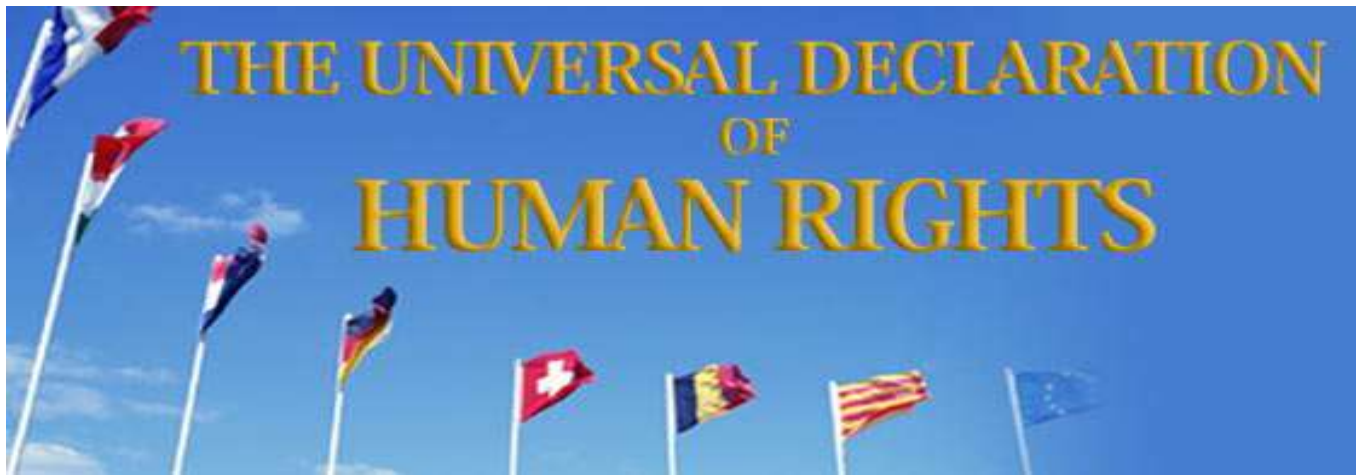
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## **Presidential Proclamation--Human Rights Day, Bill of Rights Day, and Human Rights Week**

More than 60 years ago, the United Nations General Assembly approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, declaring the "inherent dignity" and "equal and inalienable rights" of all human beings as the "foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." This self-evident truth guides us today. Although every country and culture is unique, certain rights are universal: the freedom of people -- including women and ethnic and religious minorities -- to live as they choose, speak their minds, organize peacefully and have a say in how they are governed, with confidence in the rule of law. History shows that countries that protect these rights are ultimately more stable, secure, and successful.

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## **Secretary Clinton Honors Champions of Human Rights: Marks International Human Rights Day**

In commemoration of International Human Rights Day on December 10, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton honored two exceptional human rights champions and released the following statement: "As people across the globe mark International Human Rights Day, let me reaffirm the deep commitment of the United States to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration are the birthright of every human being. They are the basis of human dignity, and they underpin international peace and progress. The Obama Administration is dedicated to upholding the tenets of the Universal Declaration at home and championing them abroad through a policy of principled engagement. [Read more...](#)

## Obama's Acceptance of Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo



**THE PRESIDENT:** Your Majesties, Your Royal Highnesses, distinguished members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, citizens of America, and citizens of the world:

I receive this honor with deep gratitude and great humility. It is an award that speaks to our highest aspirations -- that for all the cruelty and hardship of our world, we are not mere prisoners of fate. Our actions matter, and can bend history in the direction of justice.

And yet I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the considerable controversy that your generous decision has generated. (Laughter.) In part, this is because I am at the beginning, and not the end, of my labors on the world stage. Compared to some of the giants of history who've received this prize -- Schweitzer and King; Marshall and Mandela -- my accomplishments are slight. And then there are the men and women around the world who have been jailed and beaten in the pursuit of justice; those who toil in humanitarian organizations to relieve suffering; the unrecognized millions whose quiet acts of courage and compassion inspire even the most hardened cynics. I cannot argue with those who find these men and women -- some known, some obscure to all but those they help -- to be far more deserving of this honor than I. [Read more...](#)



### كلمة الرئيس عند قبوله جائزة نوبل للسلام

**الرئيس:** أصحاب الجلالة، أصحاب السمو الملكي، الموقعين أعضاء لجنة نوبل النرويجية، مواطني أميركا ومواطني العالم:

إنني أتسلم هذا الشرف بامتنان عميق وتواضع جم. هذه جائزة تدل على أسمى تطلعاتنا- وهي أننا، مع كل قساوة العالم ومشاقه، لسنا مجرد أسرى المصير. فأعمالنا ذات أهمية، وتستطيع أن توجه التاريخ في اتجاه العدالة.

ومع ذلك فإنني سأكون مقصرا إن لم أقر بالجدل الكبير الذي ولده قراركم السخي (ضحكات). ومرد ذلك جزئيا هو أنني في البداية، ولست عند نهاية نشاطي على المسرح العالمي. وبالمقارنة مع بعض من عمالقة التاريخ الذين تلقوا هذه الجائزة-

شوايتزر وكنغ؛ مارشال ومانديلا- فإن منجزاتي طفيفة. ثم هناك الرجال والنساء حول العالم الذين تعرضوا للسجن والضرب في سعيهم من أجل العدالة؛ أولئك الذين يعملون جاهدين في المنظمات الإنسانية للتخفيف من المعاناة؛ أولئك الملايين الذين لا يقدرهم حق قدرهم ولكن أعمالهم الشجاعة الهادئة وحنوهم وتراحمهم تلهم أسمى المتشائمين الساحرين. وليس بوسعي أن أجادل الذين يرون أن هؤلاء الرجال والنساء- بعضهم معروف، والبعض الآخر لا يعرفه إلا من يتلقى العون منه- يستحقون هذا الشرف أكثر بكثير مني. [اقرأ المزيد...](#)



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### **Secretary Clinton Marks International Anti-Corruption Day with Video Address to OECD Conference**

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton marked International Anti-Corruption Day with a video address to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). She praised global efforts to curb corruption, including the 10-year old OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, and called for new measures to help governments provide effective enforcement mechanisms and help businesses develop robust internal controls and compliance provisions. Anti-corruption is a tenet of U.S. foreign policy because

corrupt practices sabotage development efforts, lead to misuse of public resources, erode confidence in democratic institutions, and ease the way for transnational criminal and illicit networks and terrorists.

To watch Secretary Clinton's video remarks, click [here](#). To read a transcript of her remarks, click [here](#).



## U.S. New Beginning Scholarships Increase Educational Opportunities for Palestinian University Students

December 9, 2009  
Jerusalem

Al Quds University Vice President Hasan Dweik and U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Officer Frank Finver participated in an official ceremony at Al Quds University on Wednesday, December 9, honoring 14 recipients of the U.S. Government-supported "New Beginning" scholarships. These scholarships are part of the new outreach strategy to the Muslim and Arab worlds launched by U.S. President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Ten of the students study at the Al Quds/Bard Honors College, a unique partnership which allows students to earn Palestinian and U.S. college degrees simultaneously, and four are from the Al Quds Masters in American Studies Program, which was established in 2003 with the support of the Consulate.

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### بعثات أمريكية دراسية جديدة تزيد فرص التعليم لطلاب الجامعات الفلسطينية

9 كانون الأول، 2009

القدس

شارك نائب رئيس جامعة القدس الدكتور حسن دويك والقنصل الإعلامي والثقافي في القنصلية الأمريكية فرانك فنفر في الإحتفال الرسمي الذي عقد في جامعة القدس الأربعاء لتكريم اربعة عشر طالبا حصلوا على بعثات دراسية بدعم من الحكومة الأمريكية "بعثات البداية الجديدة". وتأتي هذه البعثات كجزء من الاستراتيجية الجديدة التي أعلنها الرئيس الأمريكي باراك أوباما ووزيرة الخارجية هيلاري كلينتون للتواصل مع العالمين العربي والإسلامي. عشرة من الطلاب المرشحين يدرسون في كلية القدس /بارد الشرفية والتي تمثل شراكة متميزة بين مؤسسة تعليمية فلسطينية وأمريكية تمكن الطلاب من الحصول على شهادات جامعية فلسطينية وأمريكية في آن واحد. كما يدرس أربعة آخرون في برنامج الدراسات الأمريكية والذي بدأ عام 2003 بدعم من القنصلية الأمريكية. [اقرأ المزيد...](#)

## Video Contest

### U.S. Department of State Launches Second Annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest to Amplify U.S. Public Diplomacy: "Change Your Climate, Change Our World"



## Change Your Climate, Change Our World.

**What do you do to make your community a better place?**

Office of the Spokesman  
Washington, DC  
November 17, 2009

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Department of State's second annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest, "Change Your Climate, Change Our World," with a video message on the ExchangesConnect social network at <http://connect.state.gov>.

The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State launched ExchangesConnect social network in October 2008 and it has attracted over 14,000 members.

People all over the world, ages 14 and older, are invited to submit their 2-minute videos to ExchangesConnect at <http://connect.state.gov>. Two international and two American winners (one in each of the two age categories: 14-17 and 18 and older) will receive one of four Grand Prizes: an all-expense-paid two-week international exchange program. Last year's contest drew over 8,400 new ExchangesConnect members from 170 countries and the winners were featured at <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/ovc.html>.

Video submissions will be accepted November 17, 2009 through January 12, 2010. The ExchangesConnect community will vote on video entries and an expert panel of judges, all ECA exchange program alumni, will rank the "top 40" videos based on originality, creativity, effectiveness and production quality.

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## Explore America

Episode1: Springville, Utah











## Educational Exchanges

### Deadlines:

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institutes Summer Programs | **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**
-  The AY 2010 NESAs Non-Degree Undergraduate Exchange Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**
-  The AY 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**

## Selected E-Docs

-  **THE BINATIONAL OPTION: MEETING THE INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS.** Migration Policy Institute. Aaron Terrazas and Michael Fix. November 2009.
-  **HIV AND INFANT FEEDING: REVISED PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.** World Health Organization. November 30, 2009.
-  **COUNTRY ANALYSIS BRIEFS: QATAR.** Energy Information Administration. December 2009
-  **COUNTRY ANALYSIS BRIEFS: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.** Energy Information Administration. November 2009
-  **CHANGES IN POSTSECONDARY AWARDS BELOW THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE: 1997 TO 2007.** National Center for Education Statistics. Laura Horn and Xiaojie Li. Web posted December 2, 2009
-  **MEETING TOTAL FAT REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHESES: INFLUENCE OF SCHOOL POLICIES AND CHARACTERISTICS.** U.S. Department of Agriculture. Constance Newman et al. December 2, 2009.
-  **TAXES AROUND THE WORLD: A BRIEF HISTORY OF WORLD TAX POLICY, 1981-2007.** American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. Kevin A. Hassett and Aparna Mathur. December 3, 2009.
-  **ONLINE DISCOURSE IN THE ARAB WORLD: DISPELLING THE MYTHS.** U.S. Institute of Peace. Joel Whitaker and Anand Varghese. December 2009.