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About HRC

Vision: "Preserving Old Hebron as an Arab Islamic Town"

Mission: "The HRC seeks to rehabilitate and renovate the historic buildings in the Old Town of Hebron in order to circumvent the settlement outposts, limit their expansion, preserve the ancient historical buildings, ensure the social and economic revival and connect the Old Town with the rest of the city's fabric, and encourage residents to come back and live in it. It also seeks to improve the standard of living of marginalized groups by planning and implementing vital programs to ensure the economic, social and cultural revival of it's residents."

Values: "Equal and just access to public services, originality, excellence, respect for human rights, transparency and professionalism as well as building domestic and international partnerships and enhancing sincerity".

Strategic Objectives of HRC

- Reviving the Old Town by renovating its buildings, re-using the abandoned ones, rehabilitating its infrastructure, preserving its cultural heritage and elements of the structural unity of the buildings, preserving the urban fabric and its historical and civilization identity.

- Improving the living conditions of the population through the renovation of residential houses and linking the Old Town with the new, and providing various social services that contribute to the development of housing and work conditions, and improve the environment to become attractive to the population.

- Revitalizing the trade and economic movement, increasing the local and external tourism activity, and providing vital projects for fighting unemployment and poverty.

HRC Awards:

World Housing Award 2013:

It is an international award periodically given by London - Based Building and Social Housing Foundation in support of housing sustainable and creative development projects. HRC was awarded this award in culmination of its building project in the Old Town. It was considered as the best housing project among 238 projects submitted by different countries around the world to combat unemployment and poverty.

Yasser Arafat Achievement Award

In 2008, the HRC won the Yasser Arafat Achievement Award, a prize awarded to individuals or institutions that carried out innovative creative works that had positive effects on the development and advancement of society.

The Aga Khan Award

In 1998, the HRC won the Aga Khan Award for International Architecture, in recognition of its achievements in the reconstruction of the Old Town. The award is one of the highest international awards awarded to the best architecture in the Islamic world every three years.

A message from HRC Chairman

Year after year, the Israeli occupation greed to control the Old Town in Hebron and its Palestinian heritage is increasing. While the urban fabric in the Old Town is still suffering as a result of the occupation outposts growing in different parts of it, Israelis continue to announce more of these occupational outposts, the latest is a new outpost in the Hisbeh Historical Market. This has a negative impact on the Old Town and its urban fabric. It has also led to more suffering and pain within the Palestinian community who have many memories in this old market.

We believe that our struggle against the Israeli greed is evident in our presence and persistence on this holy land. Our ancestors left us this great heritage to be a real witness on our history and deep roots in this land. It's a legacy that we will protect with all our power. HRC continues to resist this occupation with its achievements on ground. These include: bringing residents back to their abandoned houses, and maintaining a development plan for the Old Town. This is all done to have a Palestinian presence which is a way to resist occupation that is trying to evict its citizens.

With pride, I would like to thank the general director of HRC and all our employees for their continuous efforts on all levels to achieve the goal of preserving this historic city. I would also like to thank the people of the Old Town for their persistence.

Mr. Tayseer Abu Snaineh
Chairman of HRC

A Message from HRC General Director

Another year has passed while our plan to preserve the Old Town and its outstanding heritage continues. This year has seen many achievements that aim at reviving the Old Town, and bringing it back to its real glory, as well as preserving its cultural legacy. With the beginning of this year, and after becoming part of the World Heritage List, HRC started working on developing a plan to manage and conserve the Old Town as a World Heritage site. This plan will focus on preserving and developing the Old Town with all the international outstanding values it holds. These values qualify the Town to become a big player on the world map of tourism as many other international sites.

Maintenance and rehabilitation works of residential buildings are still considered an integral pillar in the process of preserving and reviving the Old Town. They also continue to play a big role in encouraging people to reside in the Old Town, and encourage residents to stay, as well as work on enhancing their living conditions. HRC has also worked on rehabilitating public buildings and offering service facilities to residents.

This year has witnessed a number of activities and cultural events organized by HRC to support residents in the Old Town. Some of these events are aimed at encouraging people to visit the Old Town, and support its cultural products. This helped in bringing back the original image of the Town, in which these events helped in increasing the number of visitors to the Old Town from all the other Palestinian cities.

With all this success and continuous progress in order to revive the Old Town, I would like to thank all the HRC teams; administrators, skilled workers, contractors, and all employees, who worked hand in hand to achieve all those great results. I would like also to thank all donors and supporters who helped us in achieving our goals and preserve this human heritage.

Mr. Emad Hamdan
General Director of HRC

Inscription of Hebron as A World Heritage Site

The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization has inscribed the Old Town of Hebron and the Holy Ibrahimi Mosque as endangered sites on the World heritage list on 7th of July, 2017 in the city of Krakow in Poland. This announcement is considered an international recognition of the outstanding value the urban heritage in Hebron possesses. It›s also an international recognition of the danger that surrounds this urban heritage because of the Israeli occupation and all its continuous violations.

The importance of this inscription lies in the fact that it guarantees protection for the historic Town, with all its human and heritage values, which has always been a top priority. HRC has always spent extraordinary efforts to rehabilitate the Old Town, and bring back its residents to protect it against the Israeli greed that is its trying to control the Old Town and efface its Islamic features. The Israeli occupation efforts to steal the Old Town has always targeted the old and historic buildings. It deconstructed a number of these buildings, and developed occupational outposts to dismantle the urban fabric of the Town, and deface its beauty and authenticity. With this recognition, the protection of this site becomes an international responsibility. Occupational forces will be subject to legal accountability in case any of its historic elements have been affected. This decision puts us all in front of a big responsibility to try and focus efforts to protect the cultural heritage of the Old Town.

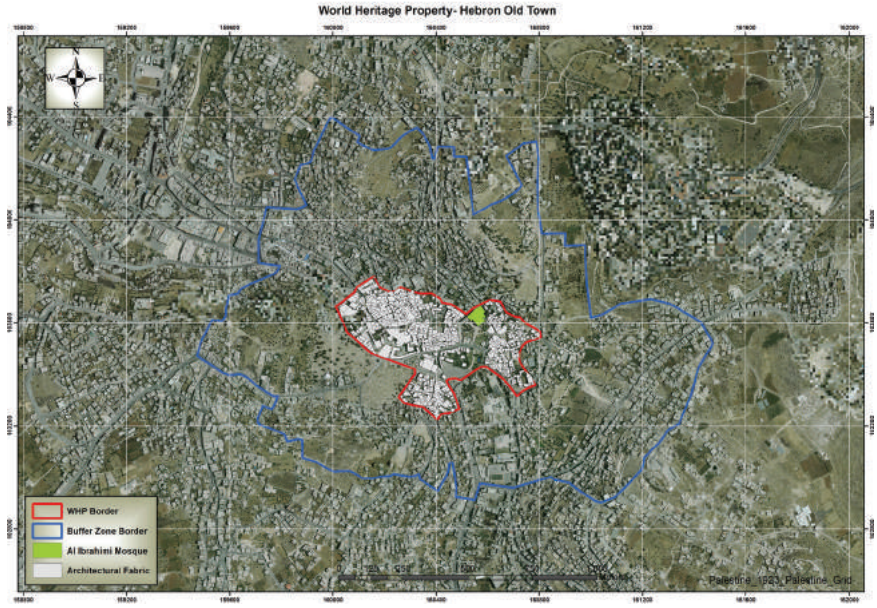
On another level, this declaration is an opportunity to encourage tourism in the Old Town, to qualify it to play a bigger role that fits with its touristic characteristics and all the historic and architectural landmarks it has. This will help in enhancing the economic situation, and avoid recession caused by procedures taken by Israeli forces to impact the economy. Israeli forces had closed streets and all roads leading to the Old Town, and it hindered passage to the markets in the Old Town.

This decision comes as a result of many years of hard work to prepare the Hebron Old Town and Holy Ibrahimi mosque application. HRC has worked hand in hand with the Hebron Municipality and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in Palestine to prepare this application.

Conservation and Management Plan for the World Heritage Property/ Hebron Old Town

Based on the Convention to Protect World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972, all countries with registered sites on the World Heritage List are responsible for preparing a plan to manage and conserve this site. Through this plan, it should present its mechanism to manage this site and conserve its outstanding values. With that in mind, HRC has started from the beginning of this year working on a plan to manage and preserve the Old Town of Hebron as a World Heritage Site in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Hebron Municipality, and a number of local organizations and individuals.

The importance of this plan lies in it being a powerful tool in achieving the management and sustainable development of the Old Town. This guarantees preserving its outstanding universal value. The management plan consists of 4 different phases: phase 1 consists of preparing the work plan and establishing a committee made up of local organizations and individuals. Phase 2 involves assessment of the site inscribed on the World Heritage List. This involves understanding and evaluating the heritage values of the site, in addition to evaluating the current situation of the Old Town on all levels; architectural, social, economic, touristic, and legal. Phase 3 includes laying out the vision and the goals in addition to setting the development strategies. The last phase involves putting in place the execution plan and understanding the monitoring and assessment measures.



A map that shows the borders of the inscribed site on the World Heritage List

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Our Wonderful Team ... Thank you

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Holy Ibrahimi Mosque

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Restoration of the Holy Ibrahimi Mosque

When we talk about the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, we are not talking about a regular place. It›s rather an outstanding place that holds many extraordinary values, which qualified it to be an important human heritage place.

The work on restoration and rehabilitation of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque from 1998 until today played an integral role in preserving the heritage values it possesses. The process to preserve this site works within a clear methodology that aims at sustaining its values and passing it over to the next generations who will take the turn in protecting it. This process is based on international standards in restoration that takes into consideration making no interventions in the buildings and its architectural elements. These works are done in the Holy Ibrahimi mosque by a team of local architects and skilled technicians, which guarantees a sustainable protection of this site.

This year has seen a number of achievements, which include:

Marble Plates in Al Ishaqiyah Hall

1. A number of Mamlouki ornamental frames have been restored. Shell and marble small missing pieces have been added in shell ornamental frames as well. Outer frames of all plates have been gold plated using 24K gold paper in Al Ishaqiyah Hall.
2. All ornaments and ornamental frames in Al Mihrab have been gold plated.
3. Restoration, coloring, and gold plating work on all ornamental marble frames.
4. Cleaning and restoration work on all ornaments and Quranic verses around the Al Ghar Entrance Dome.

Shell ornaments before restoration

Shell ornaments after restoration, coloring and gold plating work

Al Mihrab before restoration

Al Mihrab after gold plating ornaments on its sides, and during the process of gold plating ornaments on its walls.

Ornamental marble frames before and after works of restoration, coloring and gold plating

Western Entrance

1. Cleaning work has been done on the entrance and stairs, in addition to replacing lost and old pieces on the steps, and coloring them again.
2. Restoring the old colors on the outer western wall next to the entrance,

Western entrance and the stairs during and after restoration work

Outer western wall after restoration

Walls and indoor arches in Al Ishaqiyah

Work continued to remove cement colored in green from part of these walls and arches. Later on, stones were cleaned from cement, after which they were processed and colored.

Al Ishaqiyah before and after removing the cement layer.

Roofs

Roofs have been completely cleaned, gutters have been opened to discharge rainwater. Lead plates have been fixed after they witnessed damage by settlers and occupation forces.

Mosque's roofs before and during restoration works

Mosque's roofs after restoration works

Al Jawelyah Roof

1. Al Jawelyah Roof, its passage and surrounding rooms have been completely cleaned. The roof has been covered with stone blocks, which has been restored and preserved by painting it with insulating material. It was washed and some damaged parts of it have been restored. At the end the whole area was isolated to prevent water leakage.

2. Coloring on all surrounding walls have been checked from the inside, and coloring work has been done on big parts of it.

Al Jawelyiah Roof and its passage before restoration work

Al Jaweliyah passage after restoration work

Part of Al Jaweliyah Roof after restoration

Restoration of Al Jaweliyah walls

Other works

1. Maintenance work on ablution floors which also included painting work.
2. Maintenance work in the Prophet Ibrahim hospice
3. Maintenance work in the front yard of the compound
4. Painting work in some parts of Al Jaweliyah

Extinguishers Project

Given HRC keenness to preserve the Holy Ibrahimi mosque from any possible risks or disasters, the committee launched a plan to develop the Extinguishers project. It began preparing tender plans and documents, after obtaining the approval of the Islamic Development Bank. The tender was published in the local newspapers, and a date was set for the contractors to tour the site. Unfortunately, on the day of the tour, Israeli Occupation Forces refused to allow the contractors to enter the usurped part of the compound, which prevents the contractors from submitting their bids.

The Ablution Street Infrastructure Project

HRC has prepared the tender plans and documents for this project. Coordination with the relevant authorities is currently underway to start implementation.

Work Obstacles

Maintenance and restoration work on the Holy Ibrahimi mosque is carried out under exceptional and extremely difficult conditions. There is direct and continuous monitoring by the Israeli occupation army. The project faces many obstacles, the most important of which are:

First: The occupation forces control all aspects of work. It prevents, stops and interrupts the work at any time. It only allows the entry of materials after a careful security examination that takes days sometimes.

Second: It is strictly forbidden to work by bidding, and it is forbidden to increase the number of technicians. Whoever works is subject to a comprehensive security check periodically.

Third: The arrest of technicians who are working in several areas due to security pretexts, thus delaying the work that was not duly completed, and thus returning it until the occupation permits it.

Fourth: Deliberate sabotage by the occupation and settlers of several sites, such as what happened in the lead roof, which led to water leakage, damage to part of the roof decorations and their gypsum window decoration in the Ibrahamic area. They also destroyed the decorations in the Jacobite area and many others.

Rehabilitation and Restoration

Rehabilitation of the Infrastructure

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During the past years, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee made great efforts to rehabilitate the infrastructure of the Old Town. That is mainly based on our belief that rehabilitation of the infrastructure is the basic step towards reviving the Old Town, because of its great impact on the stabilization of its population, encouraging the arrival of new residents, stimulating economic movement in its markets and encouraging tourism to it. Perhaps the most important of these efforts is the rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the Kasabah neighborhood (the central market in the Old Town), which left an effective impact not only within the Old Town, but within the city of Hebron in general.

After completing the rehabilitation of most of the streets and roads of the O Town, the HRC began implementing a maintenance project of its infrastructure in order to maintain its sustainability and effectiveness, so the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee implemented the following projects:

1. Old Town arches maintenance project

Funded by Sweden through UNESCO
Project started: 2019/6/9
Project concluded: 2019/12/1

This project aims at preserving the sustainability of the restoration work and rehabilitation of the infrastructure carried out by HRC during previous years. The mission was to maintain an appropriate environment for the residents of the Old Town and its visitors, as well as an effort of HRC to achieve tourism development in the Old Town.

The project included the implementation of cementing, coloring and painting of the arches in the center of the Old Town; the area through which the tourism path passes. The project had a clear impact on the lives of the residents and was evident through the increase in the number of tourists alike.

Photos of the Old town's archways before maintenance

Photos of an archway before and after maintenance

Photos of the archways after maintenance

2. Maintenance of the Stone tiles and Infrastructure Manholes in the Old Town Project

Funded by Sweden through UNESCO
Project started: 2019/7/29
Project concluded: 2019/12/1

This project is a continuation of the previous project, and aims to maintain the stone tiles and drainage systems in the Old Town center area. The project includes the rehabilitation of the old center yards, floor treatment and the reinstallation of damaged manholes. This project has had an effective impact on showing the aesthetics of the roads and alleys of the Old Town, and in facilitating the movement of citizens freely and safely.

The status of stone tiles before maintenance

During the maintenance work

One of the manholes before and after maintenance

A side of the guiding signs that have been installed

3. Al Emar Park Project - Haret Jaber in the Old Town

Funded by the Polish Government
Project started: 2019/10/29
Project concluded: 2019/12/14

Within this project, HRC wanted to do something for children, aiming to create a safe space for them to play. A deserted piece of land has been reclaimed to achieve this goal and prepare a suitable design for it to contain a set of playing areas and entertainment for children of the Jaber neighborhood. The project aims to improve the living conditions of the residents of this area and reduce the psychological pressure on the children of this neighborhood, which is located near the settlement of Kiryat Arba, one of the largest outposts in the Old Town.

The status of the site before rehabilitation

Photos shows the implementation process

Photos of the playground before and after rehabilitation

4. The Mural Project

To add a beautiful touch to the entrances of the Old Town, HRC installed a mural on one of the entrances to the Old Town, to remain a witness to the identity and culture of the town and the people who resist abandoning their history and rights, and at the same time looking for freedom and independence. Sculpting rocks extracted from the Hebron Mountains have had a charming artistic touch that captures the eyes of passers-by. It took the artist Yusif Katlo, 6 months to complete. The mural is 10 meters in length and 3 meters in height.

The Mural during installation

The Moral after installation

Maintaining and Restoring Houses

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Maintenance and restoration projects:

Maintenance and restoration work is the basic pillar for reviving and maintaining the Old Town of Hebron, which makes these buildings usable and qualifies them to be occupied by residents. Maintenance and restoration work in general aims to improve the living conditions inside these buildings, whether they are residential buildings or public service buildings. This helps to stabilize the population and its survival. Maintenance and restoration work constitutes the largest part of the achievements by HRC, and this year included many maintenance projects in different areas of the Old Town, with a focus on targeting areas that are directly exposed to pressures by the occupation army. These projects share similar goals and are also subject to the same obstacles and challenges that impede their maintenance.

Here is a look at some of these projects done this year:

First: The rehabilitation and maintenance of homes and buildings in the old town of Hebron Governorate

Funded by the Arab Monetary Fund, and it was reported to the Islamic Development Bank

Project components: The project consists of the following:

Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the East Sanctuary - Phase I.
Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the East Sanctuary - Phase II.
Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the West Sanctuary - Phase I.
Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the city center area - Phase I.
Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the West Sanctuary - Phase II.
Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the East Sanctuary - Phase III.

Background, Goals and Objectives of the Project

- Providing residential buildings suitable for living by performing some necessary repair and maintenance work for homes, and improving the living conditions of the residents living in the area.
- Protecting the residents and passers-by in the project area from the risk of parts of these homes collapsing as a result of damage and abandonment.
- Rehabilitation of abandoned buildings in the project area, bringing back its residents, protecting them from Judaization, limiting settlement expansion and providing new housing units.
- Improving the living conditions of the current residents in the project area by carrying out some house maintenance work.

• Returning the indigenous people to their abandoned houses.

• Providing job opportunities for the residents of the Old Town by employing them in restoration projects.

• Completion of the restoration projects surrounding the outposts, as the targeted buildings in this project are surrounded by and close to the outposts.

• Standing in the face of the Israeli settlement project by preventing the continuation of Israeli settlements in the Old Town and its surroundings.

• Helping to increase and revitalize the movement of Palestinians in the area, and enable them to communicate and reach all parts of the Old Town.

Project Description

1. Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the East Sanctuary - Phase I.

- The project consists of carrying out the necessary restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance work for the buildings located in the East area of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque - the first stage of the Old Town of Hebron, and the work includes the following:

- Carrying out plaster, coloring, tiling works, in addition to initiating services such as «kitchens and bathrooms», surface treatment works, insulation works, structural reinforcement work for dangerous areas, and rehabilitation works for electrical and sewerage networks.

- Partial restoration and maintenance work was carried out for 48 buildings spreading over several areas in the Old Town.

Photos of the units before and after maintenance and restoration

A photo of one of the buildings before and after restoration

2. Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the East Sanctuary - Phase II.

Project Started: 2018/11/22

Project Concluded: 2019/12/22

The project targets the seam areas located to the east of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, and includes the maintenance and restoration of 48 old houses in order to consolidate the will of the people in the Old Town, and fight settlements. This will also secure a safe and dignified life for the residents of this region, and improve their living conditions. All of this within the framework of preserving the cultural heritage of the Old Town.

The project included the following works:

- Maintenance or restoration of construction works, such as coloring, cementing, and painting.
- Maintenance and rehabilitation of the electricity network and grounding of all buildings with the aim of providing safety for the residents.
- Maintenance of the sewage network in order to secure a safe and healthy environment for the residents
- Maintenance and treatment of leakage problems to which historical buildings are exposed.
- Renovation of abandoned rooms, and rehabilitating them to become re-occupied again. It is worth noting that some of the repair and maintenance work for homes was done through a participatory maintenance program.

The project faced some obstacles, including:

- Difficulty moving materials to work sites and thus, using primitive methods
- Continuous stopping of work by the occupation army.

During the work on restoration of the project

Photos of the project before and after the restoration

3. Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the West Sanctuary - Phase I

Project Started: 2019/2/6
Project Concluded: 2020/12/12

The project included a number of buildings in the West area of the Holy Ibrahimi Compound , the Sahleh area, and the Wadi Al Husain area, where residential buildings were serviced and repaired.

The project included the restoration and maintenance of buildings in the Old Town and the areas targeted by the Israeli occupation to keep residents in their houses, and preserve the cultural heritage of the Old Town.

During the project, some citizens were provided with work materials through a participatory maintenance project. It is worth noting that the project included the rehabilitation of a health clinic in the Wadi Al Husain area, which has ambulance and emergency services.

The project faced some difficulties. The most important are related to the process of entering materials to different locations, due to the occupation forces preventing entry of these materials or obstructing the process of their entry.

Photos of the project before and after the restoration

Photos of the project before and after the restoration

4. Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the town center area - Phase I

- The project consists of carrying out the necessary restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance work for the buildings located in the city center - the first stage of the Old Town of Hebron, and the work includes the following:

- Carrying out plaster, coloring, tiling works, in addition to initiating services such as «kitchens and bathrooms», surface treatment works, insulation works, structural reinforcement work for dangerous areas, and rehabilitation works for electrical and sewerage networks.

The work was started on 2019/02/13, where partial restoration and maintenance work was carried out for 80 buildings spreading over several areas in the Old Town.

Before and after restoration

Before and after restoration

Before and after restoration

5. Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the West Sanctuary - Phase II (Tel Rumeida)

Project Started: 2019/7/15

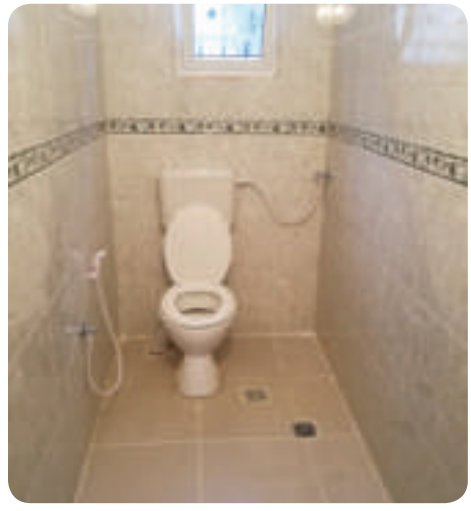
Project Concluded: beginning of 2020

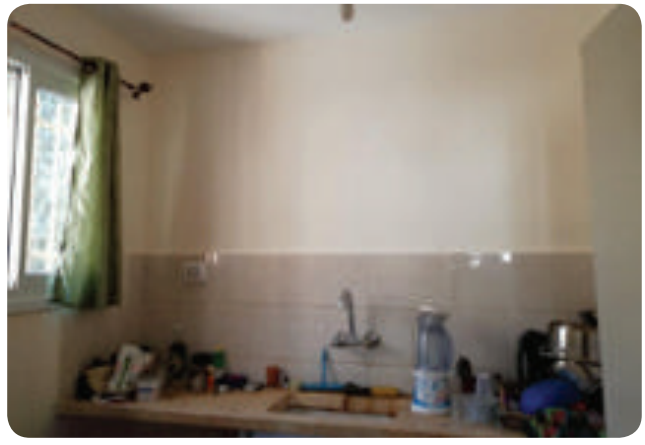
The project included the restoration and maintenance of buildings in the Old Town and the areas targeted by the Israeli occupation. Work was carried out in 56 houses varying between partial maintenance and complete restoration, including construction, sanitary and electrical works.

Some citizens were also provided with work materials through a participatory maintenance project. The project has faced some difficulties related to the process of entering materials to different locations, due to the occupation forces, preventing the entry of these materials or hindering the process of entering them.

Photos of the project before and after the restoration

Photos of the project before and after restoration





Photos of the project before and after the restoration

6. Restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of houses and buildings in the East Sanctuary - Phase III.

Project Started: 2019/12/1

Project Concluded: 2020/6/8

The project is the maintenance and restoration of old buildings in the East Sanctuary of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, and it is a continuation of the East Sanctuary / Phase II project.

Photos of the project before and after the restoration

7. Rehabilitation project for health units used by people with special needs in the Old Town.

This project is part of the restoration of a number of houses in the Old Town and its surroundings, where the focus is on helping people with special needs to provide the necessary services that suit their health status. HRC coordinated with the Ministry of Social Affairs to determine the homes where there are individuals with special needs, and appropriate health units were provided to them inside their homes. The number of beneficiaries was 11. It is worth noting that this project was funded by the Action Against Hunger Organization.

Photos

Photos of the project before and after the restoration

Second: Maintenance of Al-khadameh Homes Project

A Turkish Cooperation Finance (TIKA)
Project Started: 2019/9/5
Project Concluded: 2020/3/5

The project is a preparatory project for the re-maintenance and housing of the buildings, whose construction condition deteriorated due to the destruction of the area infrastructure by the Israeli occupation. The project consists of 11 apartments.

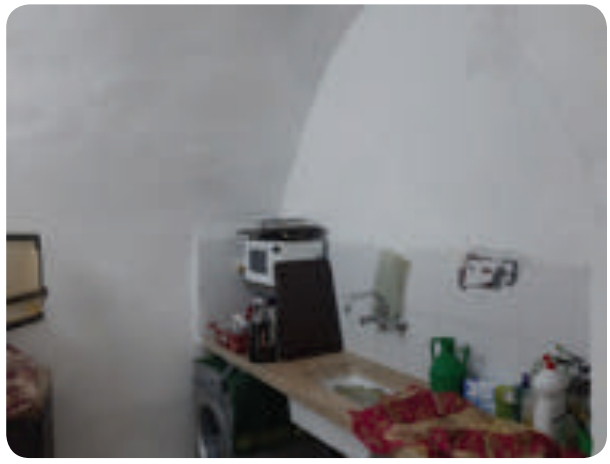
The project aims to offer emergency maintenance to the most affected buildings, which are 11 apartments out of 40 apartments in the area near the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, which have been targeted by the Israeli occupation. Maintenance work was carried out to keep the residents in their homes and prevent them from leaving. It also aims to improve the living conditions of the residents in the area.

The project includes the following stages:

- Cleaning the area from the remains of the destroyed buildings
- supporting the buildings and preserving the remaining parts.
- Lifting and providing a strong support to the buildings
- Carrying out maintenance work

The project impact on the Old Town

The project has a clear impact on the Old Town and its residents alike. It helped protect historical buildings from deterioration, achieve their sustainability, preserve their originality and keep them in good condition for the future generations. The project also works to improve the living conditions of residents by maintaining their homes and improving their infrastructure.



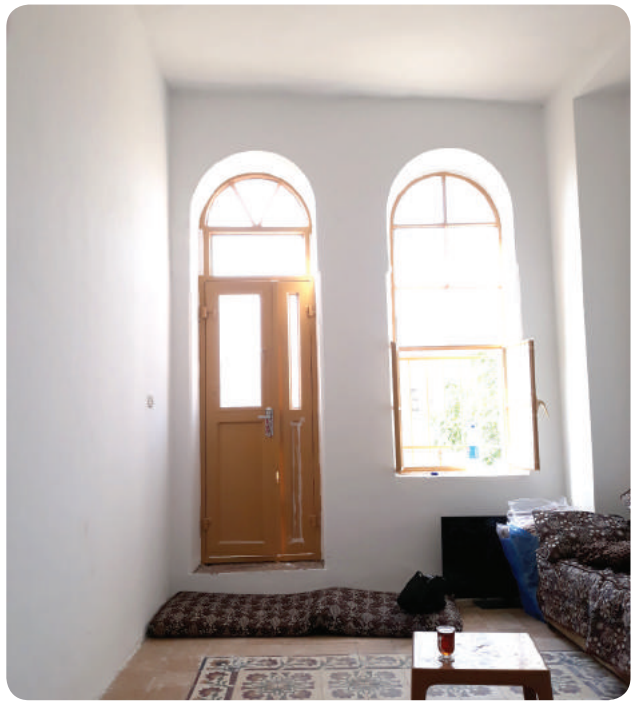
Photos of the project before and after the restoration

Photos of the project before and after the maintenance

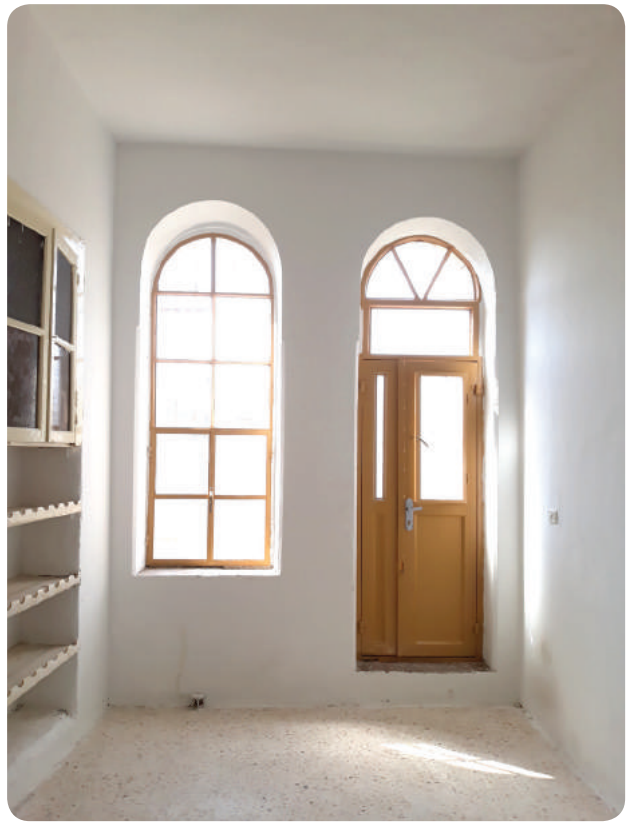
Third: Maintenance of buildings in seam areas project

Funded by the Arab Monetary Fund, and it was reported to the Islamic Development Bank
Project Started: 2018/6/17
Project Concluded: 2019/10/9

The project is located in the center of the Old Town and has so far targeted more than 75 apartments, which included offices of operating institutions in the Old Town. The project aims at restoring and sustaining the preservation of the buildings in the Old Town, and enhancing the resilience of its residents. It is worth mentioning that work materials were provided to citizens through the collaboration maintenance program in order to enhance their participation in preserving their cultural heritage.



Photos of the project before and after the restoration



Photos of the project before and after the restoration

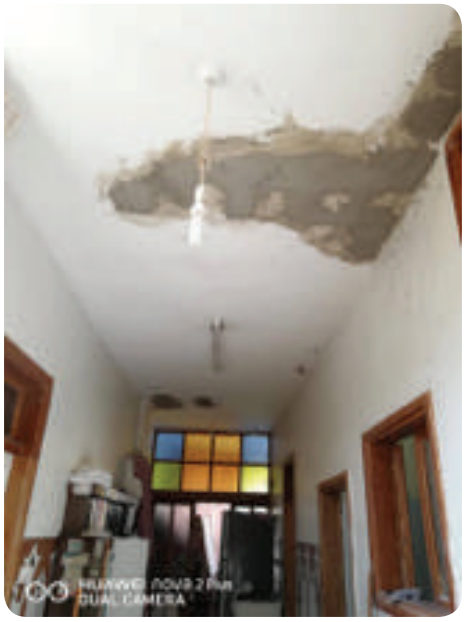
Fourth: House Restoration in the old city - Phase III
Funded by the Ministry of Local Government
Project Started: 2018/11/29
Project Concluded: 2019/4/29

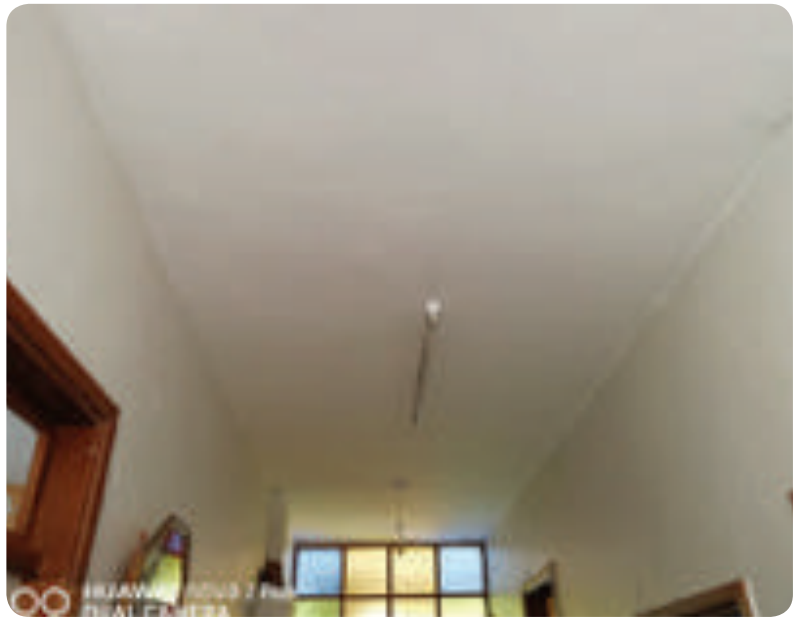
The project includes the maintenance and restoration of buildings located in the areas subject to Judaization, which are located in Al-Shuhada Street and Tel Rumeida, which are closed by the Israeli occupation. Residents in these areas are subject to harassment and are prevented from carrying out the maintenance of their homes, which increases the hardships of their lives, thus abandoning these houses and causing their damage.

The project aims to preserve and revive the Old Town and its architectural heritage, and to support the resilience of its residents and resist its Judaization.

The project faced many obstacles, including the difficulty to enter the workplace and the difficulty of entering materials, in addition to the settlers› constant attacks and provocations and the suspension of work by the Israeli occupation forces.

The work was carried out in 28 houses ranging between partial maintenance and complete restoration, which included construction, sanitary and electrical works.





Photos of the project before and after the restoration

Fifth: Houses Restoration in Area H2

Funded by We are the World Foundation GVC
Project Started: 2019/7/15
Project Concluded: beginning of 2020

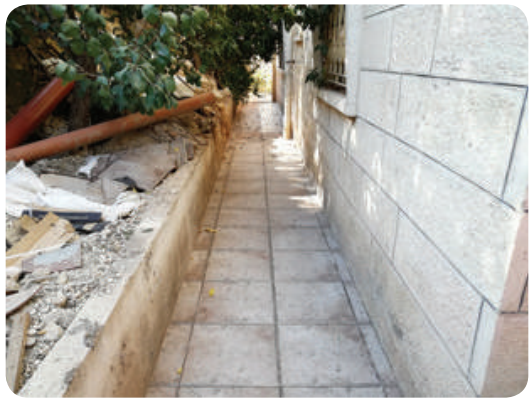
The project includes the maintenance and restoration of buildings located in the areas subject to Judaization, which are located in Al Shuhada Street and Tel Rumeida, Those areas are closed by the Israeli occupation. The residents of the buildings here are subject to harassment and are prevented from carrying out the maintenance of their homes, which increases the hardships of life, and leads to the abandonment of these houses causing their damage.

The project aims to preserve and revive the Old Town and its architectural heritage, and to support the resilience of its residents and resist its Judaization.

The project faced many obstacles, including the difficulty of entering workers to workplaces and the difficulty of entering materials into workplaces, in addition to the settlers› constant attacks and provocations and the suspension of work by the Israeli occupation forces.

The work was carried out in 28 houses varying between partial maintenance and complete restoration, which included construction, sanitary and electrical works.

Photos of the project before and after the restoration



Photos of the project before, during and after the restoration

Seventh: Houses Protection in Area H2

Funded by We are the World Foundation GVC
Project Started: 2018/9/20
Project Concluded: 2019/12/25

The project aims at protecting the residents of the seam areas by installing a protection net for the windows of open homes, patios and roofs in order to provide protection for the residents from the attacks of the occupation army and settlers.

The work was carried out in 28 houses, including partial maintenance and total restoration, which included construction, sanitary and electrical works.

Barriers and Challenges to work:

- Difficulties in transferring building materials to the project sites due to multiple closures in the Old Town.
- The Israeli occupation forces stop work on projects for intermittent periods.
- The closure of the Old Town entrances using metal gates and roadblocks for several days on the occasion of Jewish holidays.
- Delaying workers for several hours and preventing another group of technicians from entering the work areas of these projects.
- Difficulty working during the holy days of Ramadan.
- Difficulty to work in winter.
- Workers were prevented from working on Saturdays due to Jewish holidays, and materials were allowed to the site.
- Arresting contractors, workers, and engineers while working on projects.
- Preventing maintenance and repair work in some homes and buildings, especially in the seam areas.

Different barriers by Israeli forces and settlers

Pictures showing methods of transporting building materials for projects within the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee work areas

Community Participation in Maintenance Projects

The idea of participatory restoration, which was created by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, is to enhance the work through the participation of the local community in the process of preservation and restoration. It has started to spread through many of the projects implemented by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. This method has proven the ability of the citizen to provide what he can to preserve his historic home and heritage, when he finds someone to help and encourage him. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was able to provide the necessary materials for the restoration, so that they themselves can restore and maintain their houses, and under the supervision of engineering staff from the Technical Office of HRC.

This mode of participation ensures the sustainability of restoration projects. It is natural for the residents to take more care of what they made with their own hands, and thus increase their ability to follow-up and maintain it after they have acquired the skill in carrying out the restoration work. This pattern enhances cooperation between the residents and the HRC. This also reflects the positive impact on the implementation of restoration work in particular, and on heritage preservation in general.

With regards to participatory restoration, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is working to provide the materials and requirements for the maintenance of some inhabited houses so that the occupants can use them and solve the problem in their homes, and the committee was able to provide materials for 129 families in the Old Town during the year 2019.

Restoration and Rehabilitation of Public Buildings

As much as HRC works to restore and rehabilitate residential buildings, it is also keen to provide basic public services that target the various sectors of life; education, health, economic, etc. The process of providing these services happens through the restoration of some historical buildings and their employment for specific purposes based on the building's characteristics and specifications in terms of design and location. It is worth noting that these services are determined based on the comprehensive plan prepared by the HRC, which tries to determine the needs of the Old Town in the long term. The most important projects for the rehabilitation of public buildings for this year were as follows:

First: The Health Unit

part of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee's plan to rehabilitate and care for mosques and provide services to worshipers, the HRC rehabilitated the health units of the Ebin Othman Mosque and provided them with the necessary equipment.

Pictures of the health unit before rehabilitation

Pictures of the health unit after rehabilitation

Second: Restoring a Historic Building and Using it as a Building for the Chamber of Commerce

As part of the efforts of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee to provide headquarters for institutions within the Old Town in order to facilitate the provision of its services to citizens and increase movement to the Old Town, HRC has renovated an apartment building and employed it as the headquarters of the Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

A photo of the Chamber of Commerce headquarters

Third: Preparing plans and statistics for the rehabilitation of the ablution areas in the Holy Ibrahimi Compound

HRC is making exceptional efforts in improving the facilities of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, by rehabilitating its infrastructure, and maintaining its facilities. During this year, plans and statistics were prepared for the project to rehabilitate the facilities of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

Economic Development Projects

The development and recovery of the economic situation of the Old Town in Hebron is considered one of the priorities that the HRC seeks to achieve. This is vital especially after the committee achieved tangible success in reviving the central Old Town market (the Kasabah district) and increasing the number of shoppers and tourists and the pioneers of this market in specific, and in the Old Town in general. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is still continuing its efforts to restore more closed stores and encourage its residents to reopen them.

Photos of shop before and after the restoration

As part of the efforts of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee seeking to complete its plan to revive the economic movement in the Old Town, the Committee worked during 2019 to prepare for a project aimed at the restoration and operation of closed commercial stores in the Old Town, by listing closed stores in this area and asking these owners if they want to re open or offer for rent after it has been completely restored and equipped.

Tourism Development projects

Within the plan to revitalize the Old Town, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is looking to achieve tourism development in the Old Town in order to increase the number of arrivals to it, and improve the economic situation of its residents. To develop the path, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is still adding important sites to it, which ensure that tourists spend as much time as possible in the Old Town. Some of the most important projects of the tourism sector for this year are:

Tourism Promotion Center

Funded by Sweden through UNESCO
Project Started: 2019/7/17
Project Concluded: 2019/9/29

This project seeks to find a center that works on promoting tourism in the city of Hebron in general and in the Old Town in particular. The main responsibility of this center would be receiving visitors and expatriates and providing them with publications and information on tourist places in Hebron. In addition to running activities and events aimed at achieving the link between the Old Town and Hebron. The building was restored by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and was operated by the Hebron Municipality.

The building after restoration

Before and after restoration

Before and after restoration

Before and after restoration

Interpretative Museum Project

Funded by Sweden through UNESCO
Project Started: 2019/12/10
Project Concluded: 2020/5/17

The building after restoration

The aim of this project is to preserve the Palestinian cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible. It also works developing the tourism sector. The project is based on investing in one of the most distinguished buildings in the Old Town; the Palestine Hotel, which carries a set of heritage values, including historical, artistic, architectural and social, in addition to its economic value. It is considered to be one of the first hotels that were established in the old city in Hebron. It is clear that the artistic architectural value dominates the other values it has, as the building is distinguished by its unique design and distinctive architectural style. It also has a set of architectural elements and components that qualify it to be a museum for visitors to the old town.

The project uses this building to serve the purposes of internal and external tourism. The building will act as an interpretative museum that tells the history of this town, its civilization and authenticity. The location of this museum, at the entrance of the Old Town, helps in achieving this goal. It will be the first step to introduce visitors to this town, its history, the archaeological sites and its surrounding social and political conditions. The project targets all groups of the local and international community in different age groups.

The restoration process takes great care in dealing with the building,s outstanding components and architectural elements. It also takes care of preserving its authenticity and ensuring that the building is transferred to future generations without making any changes to its architecture. The restoration mechanism includes the following stages:

- Consolidation the building: architectural plans prepared to assess the existing status of the building, including projections, sectors, facades, and other architectural details.
- Dissolution of the property ownership and contracting with the owners for the restoration and occupancy of the building
- Developing architectural solutions for the reuse of the building, and preparing the architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical plans and details necessary to facilitate the implementation works.
- Implementing the restoration works based on the proposed architectural plans.

Pictures of the project before restoration

Interior photos of the project before restoration

Before and after restoration

Holy Ibrahimi Compound visitors Parking

Funded by Sweden through UNESCO
Project Started: 2019/3/21
Project Concluded: 2019/5/2

HRC seeks to develop the tourism infrastructure and provide the necessary services to tourists. After inscribing Hebron on the World Heritage List, and the number of arrivals to the Holy Ibrahimi mosque increased, which led to more need for car parkings. An empty land near the campus was reclaimed, and used as a car parking for the visitors of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

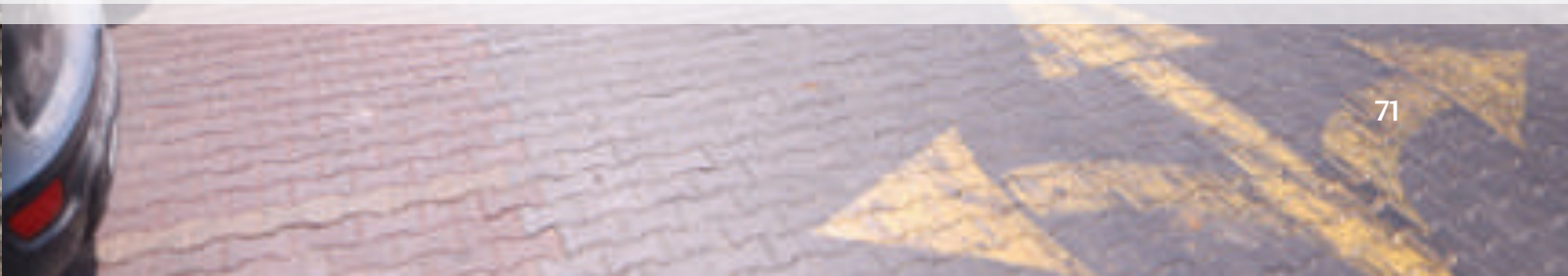
Pictures of the project

Pictures of the parking before rehabilitation

Pictures of the parking before rehabilitation

Pictures of the parking during rehabilitation

Pictures of the parking after rehabilitation



Houses and Inhabitation

2019

Houses and Inhabitation

Maintaining the social fabric of the Old Town through Palestinians living in their houses is one of the main goals of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. Restoring life in the Old Town would only happen if life is restored in its buildings, and thus its alleys, streets, and markets. On the other hand, the population presence in the Old Town is a way to protect residential buildings from the danger of Israeli settlement expansion in the Old Town.

The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee encourages living in the Old Town and its historical buildings, using all means of restoring and rehabilitating these buildings in a way that is compatible with the requirements of modern life. HRC provides free housing services to citizens, in addition to providing public services for the residents, such as free health insurance, subscriptions to water and electricity services, and issuing proof of residence certificates for those living in the Old Town to facilitate their dealings with the academic and official authorities. The housing department also receives citizens requests related to housing.

The Residence and Housing Department works within a special and unique mechanism. It is compatible with the uniqueness of the urban and social reality within the Old Town on the one hand, and the political reality imposed on it on the other hand. Work takes place within clear and specific steps, which have contributed greatly to preserving the buildings of the Old Town, and returning life to it after its residents abandoned it as a result of the bitter reality imposed by the Israeli occupation on them.

The Housing Department, in cooperation with other departments in the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, works to ensure the integrity of the work. It coordinates with the technical department by providing it with information on the ownership of the building. This is done to ensure the implementation of technical work in a manner consistent with the properties and ensures that they do not overlap. It also cooperates with the legal committee at HRC to provide it with information on the property, in addition to coordinating with the owners and facilitating their communication with the legal unit, which in turn follows up the procedures for the subject of properties.

The relationship between the residents and HRC does not end with the receipt of the building, but rather this is the beginning of the follow-up. HRC provides the services that residents need. This is done in the first visit by the housing department to the residence to ensure that the house is occupied and does not face any problems that might hinder the continuation of its residence. HRC also provides assistance in case of any obstacles. This year, 27 new families will be settled in the Old Town.

Thanks to the excellent condition of the restored homes and services enjoyed by the residents of the Old Town, demand for housing in the Old Town has increased. The number of requests submitted for housing for this year reached 61.

Services provided by the Residence and Housing department

Through its Residence and Housing Department, HRC provides many services that help residents survive in their homes and work to improve their living, health and economic conditions, and contribute to lifting poverty as well as reducing the problem of unemployment. Among the most important of these services are:

First: Electricity and Water Subscriptions

The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee cooperates with the Hebron Municipality in order to provide electricity and water services. It also works to ensure that its technicians have access to every home. Electricity to homes is provided free of charge up to 100 kW, and water is free up to 3 cubic meters. During this year, the water and electricity network has been extended and changed for approximately 22 new houses, in addition to other subscriptions that are transferred and activated for those who occupied the apartments, bringing the total number of water and electricity subscriptions to 447.

Second: Free health insurance

Health Insurance is considered one of the most important services provided by the Residence and housing department. Free health insurance is provided for every resident of the Old Town, in coordination with the Ministry of Health. This guarantees free treatment for all residents of the Old Town, and achieves comprehensive health development in it., This year, 85 free health insurances were issued to residents of the old city, bringing the total number of health insurances issued until the end of this year to 1772 health insurances.

Third: proof of residency

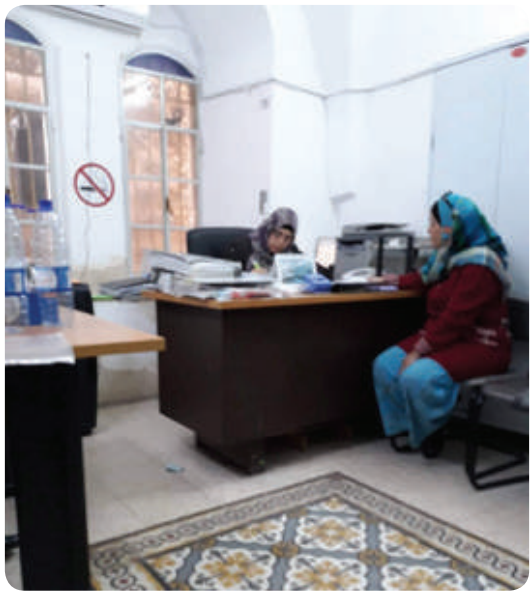
334 proofs of residency were granted to residents in the Old Town to facilitate their treatment and assistance by institutions such as health clinics, the Red Cross, governorate, tax, municipal, and social affairs, Educational institutions. These proofs of residency were also granted to university students from the Hebron, Al-Quds Open University, Hebron University and Palestine Polytechnic University .. ..Etc.

The Department of Housing also assumes the following responsibilities:

- Following-up and permanent visits to buildings and people to identify the problems and work to solve them in cooperation with other sections.
- Following-up apartments that are evacuated and re-maintenance.
- Following up several cases of infringement of buildings by some citizens in violation of

the law and regulations of housing. The aim of this pattern of follow-up is to preserve the property of the citizens in cooperation with the police.

- The Social Research Section helps all job-seekers of the Old Town prove their place of residence to increase their opportunity for an employment.
- The Social Research Section helps the students of the third general secondary class of the Old Town and those whose grade is less than %65 to get university acceptance to complete their study.
- 18 Families of the Old Town were housed during 2018.



Residences and Housing Section during the follow up of the matters of residents

Residences and Housing Section during the follow up with houses owners

Residences and Housing Section during the follow up of the matters of residents on their houses

Residences and Housing Section during the follow up of the matters of shopowners

Residences and Housing Section during participation of a social event in the old town

Training and Capacity Building

Hebron Rehabilitation Committee believes that knowledge is the basis for heritage preservation, and for this it works continuously to build the capabilities of its employees, especially those working in the field of cultural heritage preservation. This is done through continuous training programs, and participation in study visits that help exchanging experiences with local, Arab and international visitors. Following are some the highlighted training programs in the year 2019:

Training of engineers and technicians on the architectural documentation mechanism using a laser scanner

The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is always keen to keep abreast of modern methods in the field of architectural documentation. During this year, training programs were held for engineers and technicians working in the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee to document historical buildings using a laser scanner. This method has great capabilities in documenting and showing historical buildings, in addition to saving time and effort in this area. Two workshops took place in this regard. The first was held under the supervision of an international expert. The second was held in cooperation with Access Company and the Palestine Polytechnic University.

Pictures of the two workshops

Participation in a Study Trip

As part of the «My Heritage .. My Identity» project funded by the European Union, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in a study trip held between 17 and 23 June 2019 in Jordan. A group of participants represented the Palestinian cultural and heritage sectors, and got to know success stories of heritage management in Jordan promoted through training sessions and field visits organized and supervised by Jordanian experts. During the training, the participants had an opportunity to meet with other organizations and individuals working in the field of heritage

in order to create networks and exchange experiences on common topics. They also gained knowledge on the diversity of heritage and practices for preserving and promoting it. Moreover, they had opportunities to integrate into dialogue groups and create links to heritage work. The rich training program included the following: Field visits to the most important Jordanian heritage sites (Petra, Al-Basira, Ajloun Forest), meetings with the main tourism actors in Jordan (Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature, Salt Development Cooperation, other national and local authorities). Participants were also able to discover innovative ways to manage heritage through community participation, integrated management plans, and procedures for touristic promotion).

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A photo of the study trip

Participate in a training course on restoration

As part of its continuous endeavor to develop the experience of workers in the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, and keep up with the progress made in the restoration work, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee sent a group of engineers and technicians to participate in a training course on restoration work in the areas of stone, wood, mosaic and cementing, where training was provided by a group of Italian experts .

A picture of the training course

Legal Unit

2019

Overview of the Legal Unit:

HRC established its Legal Unit to monitor and document the violations, crimes and attacks committed by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian citizens in the Old Town of Hebron and their private and public property, defend their rights and raise awareness among them about these rights. It is tasks include representing Palestinian victims in Israeli military courts, exposing the practices of the Israeli occupation government and the settlers against the Palestinians through mass media, addressing human rights organizations and unveiling and pursuing the zionistcolonial plans by using all possible legal means.

Key Legal Unit's Achievements in 2019:

1. Obtaining a decision to evict settlers from the Al-Bakri building in Tel Rumeida

The legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee succeeded in obtaining a definitive decision to evict settlers from the Al-Bakri building located in the Tel Rumeida area in the Old Town of Hebron. This was based on its legal follow-up and submitting several cases, objections and petitions to the Israeli courts of various kinds.

A photo of AL Bakri building that was evicted from the settlers

2. Stopping the construction of a settlement road in the Wadi Al-Husayn area

Based on its legal follow-up, the legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee managed to stop the construction of a settlement road in the land of Munther Jaber in Wadi Al-Husayn, by building stone stairs in the land of the aforementioned with the aim of creating a link between the settlement center of Al-Rajabi building and the Kiryat Arba Gate from the homes of Palestinians.

3. Removal of tents by Israeli settlers in Barakat Al Sultan Street, opposite the Al-Qudsi and Al-Kurd buildings.

Based on its legal follow-up with the judicial authorities, the legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee succeeded in removing the caravans (tents) that the settlers put in the land located opposite the Qudsi and the Kurds building near the Birakat al-Sultan in the Old Town of Hebron. HRC was able to protect the building from being seized by settlers.

A photo of the tents and the caravans

A photo that shows the area after removing the caravans

4. The evacuation of Israeli settlers from the house and stores of Al-Qaisi on Al-Shuhada Street.

The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee succeeded in the eviction of settlers from a building owned by Al-Qaisi family located in Al-Shuhada Street area in the Old Town of Hebron.

5. **Evacuation of settlers from the Tawfiq Arafa building**

The legal unit through its legal follow-up with the judicial authorities, managed to evict settlers from the Abd al-Hayi building, which was adjacent to the outpost “Abraham Aveno” (al-Hisbah). The settlement expansion has been stopped towards the Kazazin market from the northern side.

6. Helping to release some of the detainees in the Old Town

The legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was able to document 50 cases of detention among Palestinian citizens. It also succeeded in following up with 22 cases until the detainees were released. The remaining cases were referred to the official and civil Palestinian authorities. The rest were released after investigation.

Activities and events held by the legal unit

On February 2019 ,27, the legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee invited all consuls and diplomatic representatives in Palestine to inform them of the latest developments in the region and to discuss the implications of stopping the mission of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH).

The Legal Unit held a workshop in cooperation with the Al-Dameer Association titled «Know your rights when arrested». This workshop targets the local community, during which discussion was made about the detention mechanism and military courts as well as the methods expected to be used by the Israeli side, how the detainee must act during this period and what rights can they claim.

The Legal Unit held a workshop titled “Crimes that Occupation did during the year” to highlight such crimes and discuss ways to address them.

Participating in a workshop in cooperation with the Tunisian Journalists Syndicate in the Arab Republic of Tunisia

HRC participated in a workshop entitled “Twenty years since the closure of the Old Town” in the Tunisian Journalists Syndicate in the Arab Republic of Tunisia, where the crimes carried out by the Israeli occupation were exposed. The workshops also discussed the occupation practices against the residents of the old town and their properties, which were documented through the legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee.

A lecture to students from the legal department of the University of Hebron

The legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee received graduate students from the legal department of the University of Hebron, after which a lecture was given.

The legal unit of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee organized monthly meetings with human rights institutions, during which the most prominent issues related to the Old Town of Hebron were discussed. Participants also discussed ways and means to address the attacks and crimes by the Israeli occupation against the people of the Old Town and its properties.

Organizing and participating in solidarity protests

Organizing visits to victims of violations to provide them with legal and moral support.

Receiving citizens requesting help at the legal unit

Submission of complaints to the UN Special Rapporteurs

The legal unit in the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee submitted several urgent complaints to the UN Special Rapporteurs. One of them was a complaint regarding changing the names of barriers to crossing points, as well as a complaint regarding the attack on the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, and causing damage to archaeological and historical monuments

Results of monitoring and documenting human rights violations carried out by the legal unit:

The total number of violation incidents committed by the Israeli occupation army and settlers against Palestinian citizens and their property in the old city during the year 2019 was 511 incidents.

«Hands building using stone ... and with stone we protect history»

A slogan that the HRC took as a vision, and it was soon translated into real actions on the ground. It did not stop here. From building the Old Ttown, its work extended to building the human being, becoming a beacon of hope and giving.

The Old Town witnessed many festivals to revive life into its markets, attract visitors and shoppers, and develop the economy. The “Taste and Shop” Festival, the first of its kind, was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture.

The committee is working to diversify activities to attract all groups of society to participate. The program to support the community in area «C» and East Jerusalem was funded by UNDP. It is a window for achieving the ultimate goal of restoring life to the Old Town of Hebron, through the implementation of 25 activities over the course of a full year, targeting all sectors of society.

The HRC devoted days to Palestinian grapes, which Hebron is famous for, in cooperation with the Hebron Festival and the Ministry of Agriculture.

HRC organized the first national festival for the Palestinian olives in partnership with the Hebron Municipality, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hebron Governorate, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Palestinian Olive Council.

In addition to setting aside a day for group breakfast and free shaving in cooperation with the Hebron Festival, and a festival for heritage and folk food, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture.

The committee inaugurated the «Originality and Culture» mural, designed by Palestinian artist Youssef Kattlo.

As media is known as the fourth authority, and has a major role in conveying the Palestinian narrative to the international community, the HRC organized an open media day in cooperation with the Ministry of Information and the Press Syndicate.

To encourage the tourist movement and contribute to attracting tourists to visit the Old Town, the committee held a tourism promotion conference in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

Sports activities was an important part of the activities, so the HRC launched a chess championship in cooperation with the Palestinian Chess Federation.

Being also interested in scientific and academic achievement, it honored the sons and daughters of distinguished engineers in high school in cooperation with the Engineers Union - Hebron Branch, and students from Al-Quds Open University, and the Organizing Committee of the Fatah movement in the Old Town to continue education and upgrade it.

The HRC also organized tours of students of architecture in Birzeit University, Al-Najah University, and Al-Quds University in Abu Dis.

The committee prepared a competition to prepare cakes for Eid Al-Adha, and an exhibition of school stationery in cooperation with the Modern Stationary.

The HRC also organized Ramadan evenings in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the Fatah movement in the Old Town, including the streets, alleys and lanes, followed by three days of fun activities throughout the days of Eid Al-Fitr in cooperation with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the HRC of the Fatah Movement in the Old Town and Ibrahim Al-Khalil Association, all with the goal of drawing a smile on the faces of children.

To develop children›s skills and refine their personalities, the HRC worked in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the Fatah Movement in the Old Town and the Ibrahim Al-Khalil Association to set up summer camps entitled «Our town is more beautiful» and «Resilience», to instill the values of national belonging in future generations.

Entertainment shows continued for children. In this context, an entertainment show for children was organized by the «Fawzi, Mozy and Totti» group, in which hundreds of children and their families attended.

The HRC organized these various events, believing in the importance of preserving the Palestinian identity of the Old Town of Hebron. The committee succeeded in attracting more than 40,000 visitors to the town.

Year after year .. The HRC proves that its true compass towards the homeland is its primary concern, helping it to face the challenges of the future and turn it into an opportunity to build the homeland, restore its glories and engrave the name of Palestine and Hebron.

Workshops

1. A workshop in which several institutions and residents of the Wadi Al-Husayn area east of the Holy Ibrahimi Compound participated. The workshop focused on the issue of building a new settlement road linking the Kiryat Arba settlement to the Rugby settlement.

2. Organizing a meeting with the Political and National Orientation Commission for Hebron Rehabilitation Committee employees to talk about the latest political developments in Palestine.

3. Organizing workshops on «violations of the crimes of the Israeli occupation in the Old Town of Hebron during 2018», with the aim of shedding light on Israeli violations and attacks.

4. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in a workshop titled «Law of Cultural and Physical Heritage», organized by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the Hebron Governorate.

5. The committee organized, in cooperation with the Hebron Municipality, a meeting with consuls and representatives of foreign missions in Palestine, in order to assess the consequences of ending the work of the TIPH.

6. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee held a meeting with tourist guides about to graduate, in order to advance the tourism reality in the Old Town.

7. Organizing a workshop with international organizations to discuss the most important matters related to the issues of the Old Town in Hebron, and get the most important suggestions and achievements in order to serve and protect the Old Town and its residents.

8. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee held the first workshop within the conservation and management plan of the Old Town of Hebron as a World Heritage Site based on the requirements of UNESCO. This was done in partnership with the Hebron Municipality and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in the presence of representatives from the Hebron Governorate and several ministries, national institutions and the local community.

Pictures from the workshop

9. A lecture was organized for students from various universities of Palestine, entitled Violations of the Occupying Power in the Old Town and the effects of the Hebron Political and Legal Agreement.

10. A lecture was organized at the Hebron University legal department on the means of legal protection against Israeli violations in the Old Town.

11. The Legal Unit organized a workshop entitled «Violations of the Israeli occupation state in the Old Town and ways to address it.»

12. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee met with journalists in order to shed light on the latest Israeli attacks and violations on the Old Town and the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

Meetings

1. Meeting with the International Relief Organization, the International Voluntary Group, and the Wall and Settlement Resistance Authority to discuss the means of providing protection for the residents of Wadi Al-Husayn by providing a fence for lands and properties.

2. Meeting with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and representatives from the Temporary International Presence Mission in Hebron to launch plans for the rehabilitation of an emergency ambulance center with an ambulance in the besieged area of Hebron.

3. Meeting with the Palestinian National Committee for Education, Culture and Science to launch the project «A Virtual Visit in the Old Town of Hebron» with the aim of highlighting the Palestinian cultural heritage, introducing historical sites in the old town and encouraging tourism to it.

4. Meeting with the Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, accompanied by the Office of the High Commissioner in Hebron, in order to learn about the latest developments and major events in the Old Town of Hebron.

5. Meeting with the International Committee of the Red Cross to update them on the latest developments in the Old Town and to follow up on issues related to documenting Israeli violations and attacks against the residents and their properties.

6. Meeting with the Negotiations Affairs Department in order to inform them on the political situation in the Old Town. The Israeli authorities are causing problems to the people of the Old Town and their properties, as well as damages they are causing to the religious, historical and tourist sites in the Old Town.

7. Meeting with the Director of the Religious Endowments of Hebron to discuss general matters related to the Holy Ibrahimi mosque and joint work between the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and the Directorate of Endowments, as this is the first meeting after he assumed the position of Endowment Department Director.

8. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee hosted and organized a meeting with the Fatah movement. The aim of this meeting is to arrange a program of activities to commemorate the massacre of the Ibrahimi Mosque.

9. Meeting with the Palestine Technical University - Al Khadouri for a joint cooperation to serve the Old Town and revitalize the movement there.

10. Meeting with the Secretary of the Organizing Committee of the Fatah Movement in the Old city to follow up on the needs of the its residents. This meeting included the honoring of the Fatah Movement by the Director General of the Committee.

11. Meeting with the Director General of Museums and the Director General of Museum Development to discuss the mechanism for using the museum as an interpreting center.

12. Meeting with the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission regarding the implementation of the project to install a protection net in the seam areas of Wadi Al-Husain and Tel Rumeida.

13. Meeting with the team responsible for Ibrahim Al-Khalil Path to follow up the management of Al-Emaar Tourist Hotel.

14. Participation of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in a meeting organized by the Hebron Governorate regarding the follow-up on the issue of the Al-Ashhab House and Building east of the Ibrahimi Mosque, in the presence of the General Intelligence and Security.

15. Meeting with the Palestinian leaders forum to agree on a set of future activities and projects aimed at promoting tourism and economic activity in the Old Town.

16. Meeting with UNICEF representatives in order to talk about improving the educational environment in the Ibrahimiyya School in the Old Town. Views were exchanged on proposing the best possible areas to use Birkat Al Sultan.

17. Meeting with the Center for the Rehabilitation and Treatment of Torture Victims in order to cooperate in the implementation of summer camps after the holy month of Ramadan. These camps target children of the families of martyrs and prisoners and those affected by the Israeli occupation in both Tel Rumeida, the center of the Old Town, and areas east of the Noble Ibrahim Sanctuary.

18. Meeting with journalist Jamal Al-Arouri to talk about tourism promotion of sites in the Old Town.

19. Meeting with the UNDP regarding the implementation of tourism and economic activities and events that will help in developing tourism in the Old Town and encourage visitors to come to it, and develop its markets and alleys.

20. Meeting with the Palestinian Working Women Society for Development and the Ministry of Local Government regarding the implementation of economic projects to empower women in the Old Town.

21. Meeting with the Director General of Tourism and Antiquities to discuss ways to activate the management of tourism sites and stimulate movement in the Old Town.

22. Meeting with Professor Wendy Polen from the University of Cambridge to inform her about the current situation in the Old Town and the most important work carried out by the committee. The possibility of exchanging experiences was also discussed.

23. Meeting with the National Liberation Movement - Fatah in Hebron. The meeting included a photo presentation on the latest developments in the Old Town and the achievements of the Committee in protecting the Palestinian and historical identity of it.

24. Meeting with the Palestinian civil liaison in order to follow up on the buildings that are prohibited from operating by the Israeli occupation

25. Meeting with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and international experts in order to learn about modern methods of documentation using laser scanners, This will be the basis of the process of building documentation within the the conservation and management plan of the Old Town .

26. Meeting with the head of the political section of the Polish consulate to inform them about the political situation in the Old Town. She was taken on a field tour, during which she praised the work of the Reconstruction Committee in preserving old buildings and historical sites.

27. Meeting with the Action Against Hunger Organization to discuss future projects that will be implemented in various regions of the Old Town.

28. Meeting with the Norwegian Refugee Council to discuss the negative economic effects of the closures imposed by the Israeli occupation.

29. Meeting with the CHF Foundation to discuss the issues of the Old Town and to inform them of the latest developments.

30. Meeting with the United Nations to update them on the latest developments and events in the Old Town, especially after the absence of the work of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron. During the meeting, they talked about the role of the legal unit in documenting and prosecuting Israeli violations.

31. Meeting with the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission to follow up on the project to install protection nets in the seam areas.

32. Meeting with international and legal organizations, with the aim of informing them of the latest developments, events, violations, and attacks of the occupation forces and settlers on the residents of the Old Town and their properties. These attacks rose notably after the decision of the Israeli occupation state to unilaterally end the work of the international presence mission.

33. Meeting with the Director of the Palestinian Islamic Bank in order to consolidate the relationship between the two institutions and to emphasize the implementation of joint activities in the coming days.

34. Meeting with the local government to discuss the building restoration project in the Old Town, with funding from the Ministry of Local Government.

35. Participation of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in the periodic meetings with the ICOMOS Council.

36. Meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Hebron to discuss infrastructure projects in Tel Rumeida and closed areas.

37. Meeting with the Deputy Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to inform them of the latest political developments in the Old Town.

38. Meeting with the director of the Community Resilience and Development Program in Area C and East Jerusalem at the United Nations Development Program to discuss the implementation of activities that would revive the economic and commercial activity in the Old Town.

39. Meeting with the Action Against Hunger Organization and a group of contractors regarding the implementation of a project to restore buildings in the Old Town.

40. Meeting with the Palestinian civil liaison to discuss coordination between the two parties about closed areas in the Old Town.

41. Participation at the ICOMOS meeting held in the Palestinian Heritage Preservation Center.

42. Meeting with the Radio and Television Authority in order to inform them about the most important work of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in the Old Town and the most important places that can be highlighted in the region, as the Old Town of Hebron is one of the sites listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

43. Meeting with UNESCO to discuss the architectural evaluation of proposed projects and the Swedish grant.

44. Meeting with the Hebron Municipality, the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the Palestinian Civil Liaison and the Hebron Endowment Directorate regarding the agreement on how to develop the firefighting system in the Ibrahimi Mosque.

45. Meeting with the Hebron Agricultural Directorate on coordination for future events that can be implemented in cooperation between the two parties.

46. Meeting with the International Relief Group in the presence of the Fatah Organizing Committee, to discuss a project to protect the seam areas in the Old Town of Hebron.

47. Meeting with OCHA and Action Against Hunger Organization in order to evaluate the projects that have been implemented in the old town in terms of restoration and rehabilitation.

48. Meeting with the international organizations present in the city of Hebron to discuss and review the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the residents of the Old Town and closed areas.

49. Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Organizing Committee of the Fatah Movement to agree on the progress of the work plan to revitalize the commercial activity in the Old Town of Hebron.

50. Meeting with the Ministry of Awqaf, the Hebron Municipality, Civil Defense, and the Office of Tourism and Antiquities to discuss the issue of the fire system in the Holy Ibrahimi Compound.

51. Meeting with the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports in the presence of the Governor's office to work on establishing a headquarters for the Council in the Old Town due to the importance of its location.

52. Meeting with the Palestinian Civil Liaison and the International Committee of the Red Cross to discuss violations directed against the residents of the various areas of the Old Town.

53. Meeting with the Polish government to work on a plan of a children,s park east of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

54. A regular meeting was held with international organizations to discuss the latest violations by the Israeli side in all areas of the Old Town and to find the best alternative solutions to the problems faced by the residents of those areas.

55. Meeting with the GVC Foundation to follow up the progress of the work project on the restoration and rehabilitation of buildings in the Old Town of Hebron.

56. Meeting with the Action Against Hunger Organization to ensure the success of the project, which aims to restore and preserve the old Hebron buildings.

57. Meeting with the Bab Al-Zawiya and old city merchants committee to talk about the future plan to revitalize the economic movement in the Old Town.

58. Meeting with the director of the Norwegian programs to discuss the living conditions of the residents of the Old Town especially in terms of human rights. The discussions focused on women in the various areas of the Old Town of Hebron.

59. Meeting with GVC Organization and OCHA to follow up on the progress of projects in the Old Town and discuss possible ways to solve the challenges faced by the Reconstruction Committee workers, especially with the Israeli occupation.

60. Meeting with a delegation from the community police to introduce the new system and discuss future horizons of awareness-raising activities.

61. Meeting with the Fatah movement representatives in central Hebron and Palestine Polytechnic University to discuss cooperation and providing a permanent branch headquarters for Palestine Polytechnic University in the Old Town in order to serve the architectural engineering work in the town and contribute to its revival.

62. Meeting with the Palestinian Chess Federation to discuss the latest developments in the «Chess Reconstruction Championship» event, within the program of supporting communities in the areas C and East Jerusalem.

63. Meeting with the WColonization and Wall Resistance Commission to discuss legal measures that can be taken against Israeli occupation attacks on Palestinian property in the Old Town.

64. Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to complete the discussion regarding the revival of commercial traffic in the Old Town.

65. Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Directorate of Agriculture to discuss the best ways to make the grape festival in Hebron a success, which is held in the Old Town.

66. Meeting with artist Youssef Katlo in order to arrange the creation of an art mural in the Old Town.

67. Meeting with the Traffic Department to discuss the possibility of opening a branch for the department in the old town to facilitate the residents access to it and to encourage more visits to the town.

68. Meeting with local associations to agree on mechanisms for implementing a food festival.

69. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee met a visiting delegation from the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in which the two parties discussed the political and economic conditions in the Old Town of Hebron and presented the most important developments in order to prepare a documentary film.

70. Meeting with the associations and institutions of heritage and crafts in order to prepare for the Palestinian Heritage Festival.

71. Meeting with the Hebron Cultural Association - France to agree on an event for children of the Old Town to motivate them to express their thoughts.

72. Meeting with the preparatory committee for the Hebron Festival regarding the implementation of a group breakfast event in the Old Town.

73. Meeting with the director of the Information Office in Hebron to discuss the implementation of a media activity in the old city, with the aim of supporting the Old Town and enhancing activity in it.

74. Meeting with the Hebron Municipality, the Hebron Endowment Directorate, the Office of Tourism, Antiquities and Civil Defense to discuss working on developing the fire system in the Holy Ibrahimi Compound.

75. Meeting with engineers from the Ministry of Communications regarding the possibility of providing some services to the residents of the Old Town.

76. Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Office of Tourism and Antiquities to discuss possible ways to develop the tourist and commercial activities in the Old Town of Hebron.

77. Meeting with the UNRWA to discuss the living conditions of refugees inside the Old Town area and the closed areas.

78. Meeting with the Organizing Committee in the Old Town and the United Palestinian Movement group in order to receive visitors from the cities of Nablus and Ramallah to attract the largest possible number of Fajr prayers on Friday at the Holy Ibrahimi Compound.

79. Meeting with the Director of the Office of Tourism and Antiquities to discuss the best strategies to be followed to enhance the tourism activity in the Old Town and the appropriate legal procedures.

80. Meeting with agricultural relief to discuss the possibility of providing agricultural services and environmental protection in the Old Town and adjacent areas.

81. Meeting with representatives of the Action Against Hunger Organization to discuss the action plan for the bathrooms rehabilitation project for the use of people with special needs in a number of homes in the Old Town.

82. Meeting with the Director General of Tourism and the Director of Marketing at the Ministry of Tourism to discuss the preparations for the tourism conference in the Old Town and ways to boost the tourism activity in the area.

83. Meeting with the Hebron Municipality, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hebron Governorate, and the Olive Council to prepare for the first national festival of Palestinian olives.

84. Meeting with the Palestine Children›s Relief Fund to discuss a mechanism to help children with disabilities or diseases in the Old Town.

85. Meeting with the Palestinian post office to discucc ways to expand the services that can be provided to the Old Town at the post office.

86. Meeting with the YMCA to discuss the possibility of following up on Israeli violations targeting children in different areas of the Old Town to help them.

87. Meeting with representatives from the Miftah Foundation to discuss the possibility of joint cooperation in documenting Israeli violations and attacks.

88. Meeting with His Excellency Minister of Local Government Majdi Al-Saleh. During the meeting, his excellency praised the great effort made by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee staff and its recent success in issuing a decision to evacuate the settlers from the Al-Bakri building located in Tel Rumeida area in the Old Town of Hebron.

89. Meeting with the Palestinian Table Tennis Federation to discuss the possibility of providing a headquarters for the federation in the Old Town.

90. Meeting with the United Nations Development Office, the KFW Credit Bank of the German government and the Chamber of Commerce to follow up on the developments of work on the shops project in the Old Town. The delegations were accompanied on a tour to know the shops included in the project.

Receiving Local and International Delegations

1. HRC received an Australian Parliamentary delegation and informed them of the current situation in the Old Town.

2. HRC received the representative of UNICEF in Palestine, accompanied by the Action Against Hunger Organization, in order to learn about the current situation in the Old Town, especially with regard to the education, protection and water sectors in the areas sponsored by UNICEF.

3. HRC hosted a delegation representing Save the Children Organization in nine European countries to inform them about the political situation in the Old Town.

4. HRC received and welcomed a group of Security officers and informed them of the political situation in the Old Town.

5. HRC hosted a delegation of the new employees of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque and briefed them on the challenges and the reality of work in the Old Town and the Holy Ibrahimi mosque. The Director General welcomed them and thanked the Director of the Endowments of Hebron for his interest in increasing the number of workers at HRC. He also provided a graphic presentation on the committee's role in preserving the religious and historical sites, the most important of them is Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

6. HRC received the leader of the Hebron area, the person responsible for the Old Town file, the director of the military liaison, the director of endowments and the director of the governorate unit in the Old Town, where they were briefed on the status quo in it.

7. HRC received the new president and members of the Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the presence of the deputy mayor of Hebron, in order to discuss a mechanism to stimulate the economic and commercial activity in the Old Town.

8. HRC received the Director of the Turkish Cooperation Foundation «TIKA», and he was accompanied on a tour of the Al Masharqa Al Fawqa area in the Old tTown and the surrounding area of the Holy Ibrahimi Compound.

9. A delegation from Switzerland was received in coordination with the Ministry of Culture, and a video presentation was presented on the political situation in the Old Town, especially after the absence of the Temporary International Presence Mission in Hebron.

10. HRC received a group of consuls and representatives of the European Union to Palestine and accompanied them on a field tour in the Old Town of Hebron and the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

11. HRC hosted a delegation from the Federal Republic of Germany Representative Office, in order to see the archaeological and historical sites in the Old Town.

12. HRC hosted the Vice President of the World Bank and an accompanying delegation. The guest delegation was received by the Mayor of Hebron, the Director General of the HRC and the Deputy of Hebron Governorate, in order to review the current conditions in the Old Town.

13. HRC was visited by a delegation from MØdecins Sans FrontiŁres to introduce their new director and inform him of the current conditions in the Old Town.

14. HRC received a delegation from Germany and informed them about the political situation in the Old Town.

15. HRC was visited by the Norwegian Ambassador and her accompanying delegation, where they were briefed on the general situation in the Old Town and were taken on a field tour.

16. The British political consul in Jerusalem visited HRC, and he was briefed on the political situation in the Old Town.

17. HRC received a delegation from MØdecins Sans FrontiŁres to discuss the latest developments in the Old Town and the current situation, where members of the delegation expressed their interest and admiration for the achievements made by the HRC in various fields.

18. HRC received the Minister of Local Government, Majdi Al-Saleh. The delegation included Deputy Minister Muhammad Hassan Al-Jabarin, Director General of Projects Omar Sharqiyya, Director General of the Hebron Directorate, and a number of officials from the Ministry in the Old Town and the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. The delegation was received by the Hebron Mayor, Tayseer Abu Sneina, and the Director General of the Committee Construction Emad Hamdan with a view to reviewing the current situation in the Old Town of Hebron and the projects that the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is working on achieving.

19. HRC received a delegation from the Spanish Consulate to learn about the current situation in the Old Town of Hebron and its living conditions. The delegation also learned about the work of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in the area.

20. HRC received the Minister of Communications and participants in the driving test in the Old Town.

21. The Korean Ambassador visited the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, the Old Town, and the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

22. HRC received rhw FIFA Secretary General received, Mrs. Fatima Samoura, who was escorted on a tour around the Old Town of Hebron, and the Holy Ibrahimi Compound, and she was briefed on the living conditions of the residents.

23. HRC received the principal and students of Al-Hajj Rib'ee Al-Sharif Elementary School, as they work in the small tourist guide program in the Old Town area.

24. HRC received the Chairman of the Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Abdo Idris and his accompanying delegation, to discuss the economic problems facing the Old Town due to the lack of commercial activity and trying to find the suitable solutions for it.

25. HRC received a delegation from the Italian city of Genoa in which they were informed of the political, economic and living conditions experienced by the residents of the Old Town of Hebron and the closed areas, and the areas in which the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee operates in the area.

26. HRC received a delegation from the academic and student faculty at James Madison University from the sciences major to discuss the conflict in the old city area and its inhabitants, and the reconstruction committee's keenness to provide the town with possible support in various fields.

27. HRC received a delegation from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and informed them of the political and living conditions of the old town of Hebron and the most important work of the Reconstruction Committee in the area.

28. HRC received the Bulgarian Ambassador Georgi Milinov and informed him of the latest developments of the living and economic conditions of the residents of the old city of Hebron and the latest work of the Reconstruction Committee.

29. HRC received a group of students from summer camps from the city of Bethlehem as part of the «Know Your Country» initiative. They were introduced to the most important sites that should be visited in the old city, the political, living and economic conditions that the residents of the old city are experiencing, and the life aspects targeted by the Reconstruction Committee in its work in the region.

30. HRC received a team of Italian restoration experts from the CEO Center who are working on the restoration of the Church of the Nativity in order to exchange experiences. A tour took place in various places in the old city of Hebron. The tour included a visit to the Holy Ibrahimi Compound

31. The Uruguayan Ambassador, Mr. Khoury Scarpa, was received and updated on the living conditions of the residents of the old city and the work carried out by the Reconstruction Committee in the old city.

32. HRC received representatives from the Danish House to discuss the living conditions in the old city and the most important work that can be done in the Old Town.

33. HRC received a student delegation from various universities from the United States of America in coordination with Birzeit University. They were briefed on the conflict in the Old Town area in Hebron and the work carried out by the HRC in various areas.

34. HRC Received a student delegation from Palestine Polytechnic University to inform them about the general conditions of the Old Town of Hebron and the most important work done by the HRC there. They were then accompanied on a tour of the most important sites in the town.

35. HRC received the Chinese Deputy Ambassador, in coordination with Mr Abbas Zaki, member of the central committee of the Fatah Movement. They were hosted and presented with a photo presentation explaining the situation in the Old Town and then they were accompanied on a field tour to the Holy Ibrahimi mosque and the Kasabah district.

36. HRC received a media delegation that was briefed on the living, political and economic conditions of the Old Town of Hebron and its residents. They were also informed of the most important tourist sites in the town and the most important achievements by the committee.

37. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and the Fatah Organizing Committee received a delegation of students visiting the Old Town and introduced them to the current political and social conditions in the town. There they were briefed on the economic life of the residents of the areas under the control of the Israeli occupation, and about the work that was done by the Reconstruction Committee.

38. HRC was visited by a delegation from JICA to see the political and living conditions in the Old Town, where they were accompanied on a tour to know some of the most important historical sites and the work that the reconstruction committee is completing.

39. HRC was visited by the President and members of the Chamber of Commerce in the cities of Hebron and Jerusalem. They were briefed by the Director General of the Committee on the political situation in the Old Town and its impact on the economic situation and the commercial activity.

40. HRC received the Palestinian Ambassador to the European Union and the Deputy Palestinian Mission, Mr. Adel Attia, who was briefed on the living and political conditions of the residents of the Old Town, and the work carried out by the Reconstruction Committee in various area of the Old Town and the activities that it works on, including the "Taste and Shop" festival that was launched in partnership with the Directorate of Agriculture .

41. HRC received a delegation from the Al-Badil Foundation and informed them of the political and living conditions of the Old Town of Hebron and the areas targeted by the Reconstruction Committee in its work.

42. HRC received His Excellency the Palestinian Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Riyad Atari. He was taken on a quick tour around the Old Town of Hebron after the opening of the «Taste and Shop» festival to see the general conditions of the residents.

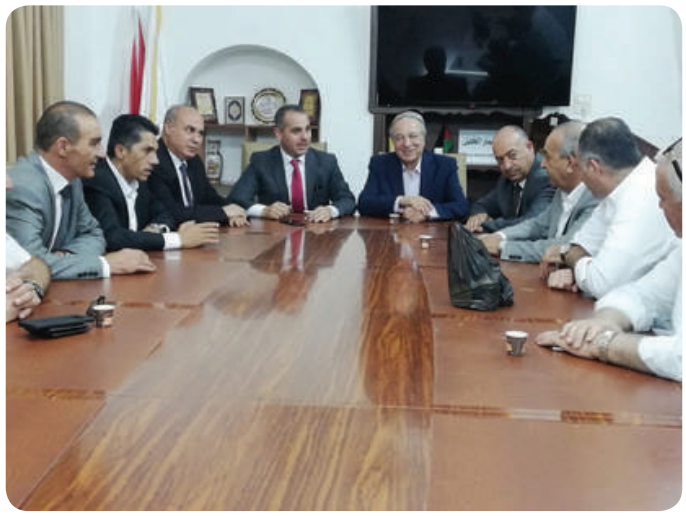
43. HRC received a Spanish delegation accompanied by Caritas Hospital to see the political and living conditions of the old Town.

44. HRC received the directors of Save the Children organization coming from Canada, Norway, Sweden and Britain accompanied by the national director of the organizations in Palestine, where they were introduced to the current situation in the old town of Hebron. They were also introduced by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee to some of the most important projects and then they were taken on a field tour.

45. HRC received the «Ana Jawwal» crew, a youth group from the University of Hebron working in partnership with a mobile company, where a volunteer work day was organized in the Old Town.

46. HRC received the President of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss developments in the action plan to revitalize the commercial movement in the Old Town.

47. HRC received the President of the Federation of Palestinian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Omar Hashem Al-Shawa, the President of the Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Abdo Idris, his deputy, Mr. Nidal Al-Muhtaseb, and members of the Chamber of Commerce in Hebron.



48. HRC met with His Excellency Dr. Nasser Qattami to discuss joint cooperation to confront violations of the occupation and its settlers.

49. HRC received a group of students from the architecture and planning major at Al-Najah National University and accompanied them on a field tour to visit the various and most important sites in the Old Town and learn about the most important projects by HRC in different areas of the town in partnership with the Palestinian Association for Archeology and Sites ICOMOS.

50. HRC received students from the Independence College to introduce the Old Town of Hebron, the political situation in it and the work of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in the area.

51. The director and teachers of the Ibrahimiyya School visited the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, where they thanked the Director General and the technical staff for restoring their School and following up on its maintenance periodically and continuously.

52. HRC received a visiting delegation from Germany to learn about the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and the Old Town.

53. HRC received a delegation of students from several European countries through Birzeit University to know more about the area of the Old Town and the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee.

54. HRC received a delegation from Italy to learn about the Old Town and the political situation in the area.

55 HRC received the director of the United Nations Development Program office and the accompanying delegation to follow up on the project›s progress. They were taken on a tour in the Old Town to introduce them to the economic and political situation in it.

56. HRC received a visiting international delegation, through the Cooperation Foundation, to review the living conditions in the Old Town and the Israeli violations faced by the residents in the area.

57. HRC received the political consul in the British consulate and hosted a delegation accompanying him, where they were presented with a video presentation that indicates the political reality and the Israeli violations experienced by the residents of the Old Town.

58. HRC received children of Al-Rajaa School in coordination with the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Fatah Organizing Committee in the Old Town and distributed gifts to them.

59. HRC received a delegation from the International Ministry of Foreign Affairs and introduced them to the political and living conditions in the Old Town.

60. HRC received a delegation of Birzeit herders and showed a photo presentation about the Old Town.

61. HRC received the Chinese special envoy to the Middle East, the Chinese ambassador and the accompanying delegation, and introduced them to theOld Town of Hebron and its living conditions.

62. HRC received an international delegation and informed them of the prevailing living conditions in the Old Town of Hebron.

63. HRC received a Belgian delegation from the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, accompanied by Hebron Governorate, to inform them of the political and living conditions in the Old Town of Hebron.

Participations and Activities

1. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee congratulated Sara Daajna on her assuming the position of Head of the Old Town Unit in the governorate, and that was in the presence of His Excellency Governor Jibreen al-Bakri.

2. The Palestinian Prisoner Club honored the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee for its tireless efforts in protecting the Old Town, following up on cases of Israeli violations against the Palestinians in the Old Town, and exposing these practices locally and internationally.

3. HRC carried out field trips to Tel Rumeida and the eastern areas of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, to inspect restoration and maintenance projects in these areas.

4. HRC visited the Church of the Nativity in order to exchange experiences in preserving the sites listed on the World Heritage List. Several topics were discussed, the most important of which is the mechanism of finding firefighting networks in historical edifices.

5. HRC hosted a training meeting for public relations managers and employees in the security services, where the general manager welcomed them and thanked them for their initiative in visiting the Old Town and for their interest in holding training meetings there.

6. HRC participated in a ceremony honoring the Director of Endowments organized by the Hebron Governorate.

7. HRC carried out field trips to Tel Rumeida and Wadi Al-Husain to inspect the projects implemented by it in these areas.

8. Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the activities of remembrance of "Al Isra Wa Al-Maraj" event.

9. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the volunteering conference on the occasion of the World Health Day held in the Sunni Hall in the Old Town, where the committee was honored by the volunteer work unit in the Palestinian Ministry of Health in appreciation for its efforts to launch the conference.

10. The headmaster of Shajar Al-Durr School and her deputy visited the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and presented an appreciation gift for the committee's efforts in maintaining the school periodically and taking care of the school's needs from the faculty and students.

11. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the activities to commemorate the third anniversary of the execution of the martyr Abdel-Fattah Al-Sharif, shot by the Israeli occupation. This event was organized by the Citizens› Association for Human Rights and National Action Factions in the Hebron Governorate, the "Sismantle the Ghetto" campaign, the Palestinian Prisoner Club, and the Committee of the Families of the Martyrs.

12. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the farewell ceremony of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron, organized by the Hebron Governorate.

13. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the vigil against ending the work of the International Presence in Hebron.

14. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee took part in the activities to commemorate the massacre of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque and paid a visit to the Cemetery of the Martyrs.

15. HRC participated in the joint stand to support President Abu Mazen.

16. HRC, the Fatah movement, and the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission visited Wadi Al-Husayn, east of the Holy Ibrahimi Compound, to meet the residents of this area, learn about their needs to enhance their resilience in the face of the Israeli occupation.

17. Within the framework of Hebron Rehabilitation Committee programs to build the capabilities of its staff, a training meeting was held for engineers and technicians in the committee on documentation work using a laser scanner, as part of the preparations for the management plan and preserving the Old Town in Hebron.

18. HRC participated in an event to commemorate the Palestinian Prisoner Day at the Algeria School in the Old Town, in solidarity with all Palestinian prisoners, and a reminder of the importance of their cause within the Palestinian issue.

19. HRC participated in a workshop in the bureau of the Belgian Agency for Development regarding working on the policy paper to revive historical centers This workshop discussed the most important issues related to the project, including the administrative arrangements and the work plan, in addition to all the problems that could be encountered to find appropriate solutions for them.

20. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee attended the economic day that was organized under the supervision of food merchants in the old city of Hebron.

21. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the conference on sustainable development in light of crises and conflicts held at Birzeit University.

22. The Director General of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the celebration of the National Day of Northern European Countries.

23. HRC participated in the «lobbying and advocacy» campaign in which the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was honored. It was organized by the Arab Educational Institute in Bethlehem.

24. In the presence of the Minister of Women Affairs, Dr. Amal Hamad,HRC participated in launching awareness workshops on discrimination and violence issues as well as annoucning the «House To House» Campaign to combat violence against women.

25. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee hosted a training day for the training on laser scanning techniques under the supervision of an international expert and with the participation of architecture students at Palestine Polytechnic University and experts from Axis Company.

26. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was honored by the Ibrahim Al Khalil Association for cooperation in making the summer camp «Al Somoud Camp» event a success.

27. The Director General of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was honored by the Dream Network for the participation of HRC in the economic, social and national program.

28. The Director General of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was honored by a group of women from Haret Jaber in appreciation of the committee›s efforts to successfully complete the restoration projects in the area.

29. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee was honored by the family of Mr. Adel Abu Ermila in appreciation of the efforts of the committee in completing the project of restoring and maintaining their home.

30. HRC was honored by the Amr family after a successful restoration and maintenance project that the committee carried out in their home in Al-Jabari neighborhood.

31. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the graduation ceremony of the thirty-eighth group of Polytechnic students.

32. HRC was honored by the Local Post for its efforts in restoring the post office in the Old Town.

33. HRC participated in the Palestinian National Forum for the Revival of Historic Centers in the city of Bethlehem, which was organized by the Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Tourism with the support of the Belgian government.

34. HRC participated in the celebration of the National Day for Palestinian Women, which was organized in Ramallah by the Ministry of Women Affairs.

35. The HRC Director General participated in a workshop in Nablus about the architectural heritage. It was held at Al-Najah University with the aim of promoting the architectural heritage. It also discussed the joint urban project between the two cities of Nablus and Lille as a major part of the dedication of the national identity.

36. HRC Director General Emad Hamdan and attorney Tawfiq Jahshan participated in a workshop focusing on Israeli violations in the Old Town of Hebron in Tunisia.

37. HRC Director General Imad Hamdan and attorney Tawfiq Jahshan paid a visit to His Excellency Ambassador Hail Al-Faqoum, the ambassador of the State of Palestine to the Tunisian Republic. The meeting addressed the attacks and violations of human rights by the Israeli occupation and its settlers against the city›s residents and their private and public property.

38. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee participated in the «Historic Sites Management» workshop, implemented by the Rawaq Foundation.

Events and Activities

1. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Dental Association and the Women's Charitable Association, organized the launch of the national campaign "Your Smile is Beautiful with Us", on the occasion of the Oral and Dental Health Week.

2. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Palestinian National Liberation Movement, organized the opening of the driver›s license test center in the Old Town, where the Old Town witnessed a busy day filled with vehicles and coaches, and more than 30 trainees participating in this test.

3. HRC has signed an agreement with an Italian voluntary group to implement a building maintenance project in the Old Town, which targets 30 homes in areas that are at constant risk of settlements.

4. HRC signed an agreement with the Action Against Hunger Organization to maintain and restore homes in the Old Town of Hebron.

5. HRC signed an agreement with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities regarding the draft conservation and management plan of the Old Town as a world heritage site listed by UNESCO.

6. HRC celebrated the opening of the car parking for visitors to the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, as it aims to serve cars for visitors in the area of the Old Town and the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

7. HRC organized a fun day on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, in cooperation with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Organizing Committee for the Fatah Movement in the Old Town, in the Amro School Square, in the middle of the old city in Hebron, as part of the project "Supporting Resilience and Community Development in areas " C"and East Jerusalem.

8. Fun activities were carried out in Tel Rumeida area on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, in cooperation with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Ibrahim Al Khalil Society, as part of the project "Supporting Resilience and Community Development in areas" C "and East Jerusalem.

9. Organizing a fun day on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, in cooperation with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Organizing Committee of the Fatah Movement in Al-Salaymeh Quarter.

10. Hebron Rehabilitation Committee signed an agreement with the Hebron municipality and the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities regarding the preparation of a comprehensive plan for management and preservation of the Old Town of Hebron as a world heritage site.

11. HRC signed a partnership agreement with the Polish government for the building of a children›s park east of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque.

12. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee organized a summer camp titled «Our town is more beautiful» in Amr School in partnership with the Organizing Committee of the Fatah movement, within the framework of the «Supporting Resilience and Community Development in Areas» «C» and East Jerusalem.

13. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and the Ibrahim Al Khalil Society organized a camp in Tel Rumeida area, titled “Al Somoud Camp” as part of the program “Supporting Resilience and Community Development in Areas “ C ”and East Jerusalem.

14. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee organized the “Hebron Grape Days» event in the Old Town in partnership with the Hebron Festival and the Directorate of Agriculture. The event lasted for three days and included many recreational, religious and folkloric activities. At the opening of the event, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Riyad Atari, stressed on the importance of this festival in the Old Town of Hebron and its representations of steadfastness and challenges in all aspects of life faced by residents. Mr. Atari said: «This message expresses our keenness towards our town, our sacred places, our heritage and our land. The message says that the occupation will go away, and we remain here.These agricultural festivals and exhibitions will contribute to the sharing of experiences and networking. These exhibitions are using the latest modern technologies, which benefit the agricultural sector. Farmers will remain the strong factor and the first line of defense in the face of settlement projects.

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15. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, in partnership with the Central Palestinian Chess Federation, organized the «Emaar Hebron Chess» championship, targeting all age groups of contestants to encourage them to visit the area.

16. A ceremony was held to honor the sons of distinguished engineers who scored high results in high school in the Friendship Garden in cooperation with the Engineers Syndicate and the Arab Brotherhood Company.

17. The «Taste and Shop» festival was organized in the old city in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, where the Director General of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee Emad Hamdan demonstrated the importance of holding such festivals in the heart of the Old Town to support the people in the area, especially in the areas C And East Jerusalem.

18. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee signed a cooperation agreement with Italian voluntary group to implement a building maintenance project, as this project included nearly twenty houses.

19. An entertainment show by Fawzi Mozi and Totti was organized, attracting large numbers of arrivals and children to the Old Town.

20. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee organized the stationery festival in cooperation with the modern Stationary, which attracted nearly 1,800 visitors and shoppers to the oOld Town over five days.

21. A number of cultural competitions were launched through a set of radio episodes on local radio stations in Hebron for citizens of the Old Town and outside. Eid al-Adha cakes will be distributed through these means.

22. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, in partnership with ICOMOS Palestine, organized a field tour of the most important archaeological sites of the Old Town for students of architecture at Birzeit University.

23. HRC organized a volunteer day for hygiene in the Old Town in cooperation with a mobile company, within the program «Supporting Resilience and Community Development in areas C and East Jerusalem.»

24. As part of the Hebron Festival,the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and an electro-hydraulic company organized a group breakfast and free shaving event.

25. HRC, the Journalists Syndicate, and the Ministry of Information organized a protest against the targeting of the media by the Israeli occupation authorities, and media organizations. During this protest, participants raised photos of journalist Moaz Amarneh, who lost his eye by a bullet fired by the Israeli soldiers, during his coverage of a peaceful event in the town of Surif.

26. In cooperation with the Palestinian Olive Council, the Hebron Governorate, the Hebron Municipality, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Chamber of Commerce, HRC organized the first national festival for the Palestinian olives, which was held over 4 days. Dr. Fayyad Fayyad, the Director General of the Palestinian Olive Council, said in a speech: «Although the time period designated for the national festival has ended, at the beginning of it we had so many goals in mind such as preserving the heritage, marketing and linking the product and the consumer. Later on many goals were added, which may be more important or parallel to them, of national, social, cultural, religious and health dimensions. Our success exceeded all of those goals by what we learned from the work team in the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. We learnt how to instill our belonging, how to have more accuracy in implementing the instructions. Good work is not limited to several hours of work, hospitality and good organization. But our main goal is to restore life and rehabilitate the Old Town of Hebron."

27. A free breakfast event was organized within the activities of the first Palestinian olive festival.

28. The Tourism Promotion Conference was organized in the Old Town in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, where the Director General of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee Emad Hamdan indicated that the HRC has recently been working on revitalizing the tourist and commercial movement in the old city, and has established a tourist path that includes corners, takaya, olive and sesame pressers and turkish baths. HRC has also constructed a glass factory before reaching Holy Ibrahimi Compound, and also mentioned that tourists are increasing every day. «There are more than ten buses traveling in the Old Town."

29. The «Originality and Civilization» mural, designed by Palestinian artist Youssef Kato, was inaugurated.

30. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee organized a ceremony to hand over the Abu Khalaf building to the Hebron Municipality to be used as a tourist promotion center in the Old Town.

31. In cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, HRC organized the “Palestinian Festival for Heritage and Food”, with the participation of many distinctive local associations and restaurants in the city. The participants presented various varieties of Palestinian food. Minister of Culture, Mr. Atef Abu Saif spoke about the importance of preserving the Palestinian heritage from the Israeli attacks. He also spoke about the beauty of having the palestinian identity show in the Old Town of Hebron. Mr. Abu Said said that Palestinian presence in this region is an embodiment of the ancient heritage. He thanked the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee for its cooperation in organizing the festival, and thanked its crews, coordinators and all those present.

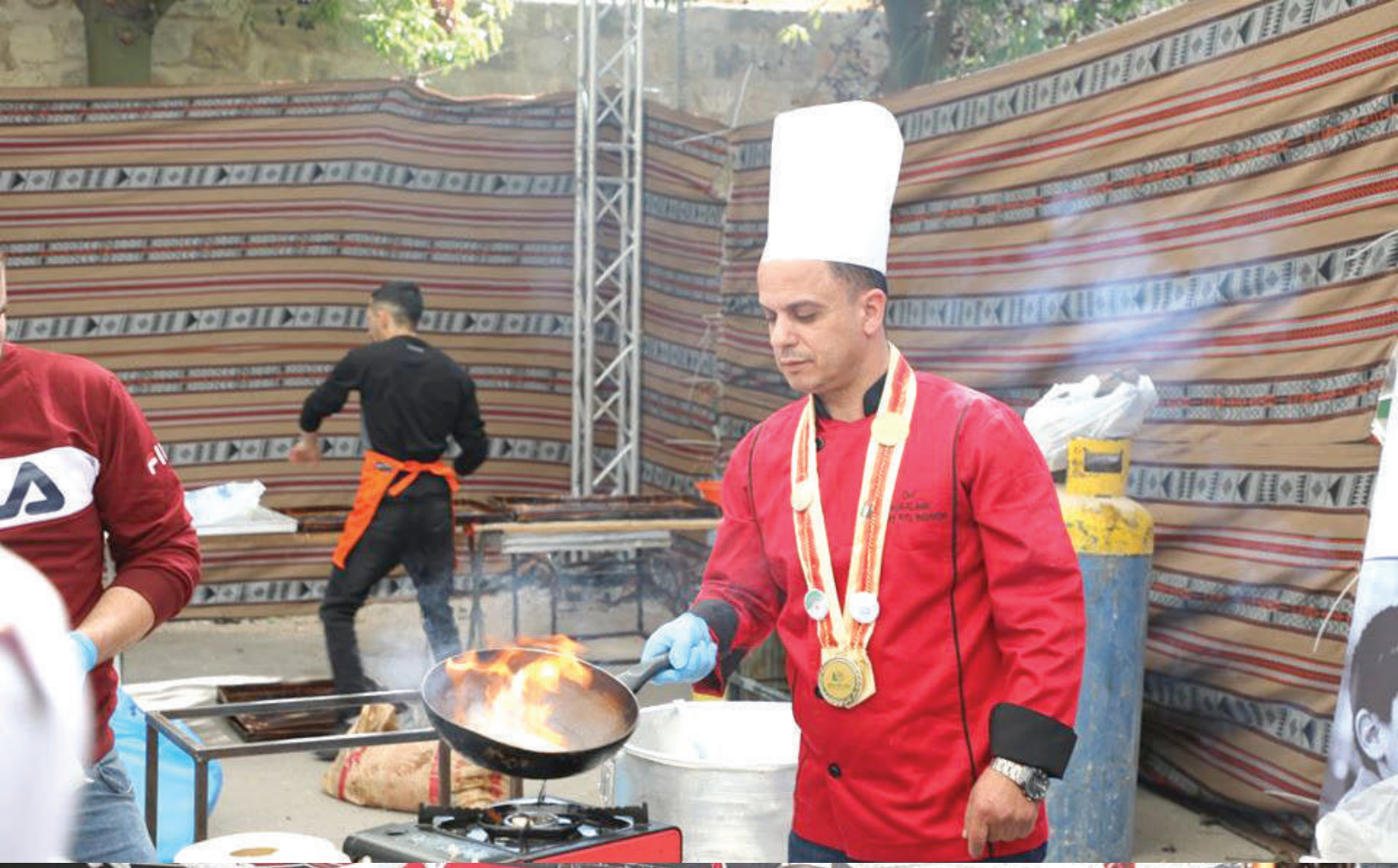
32. HRC hosted the «Open Day of Information» event in its headquarters in coordination with the Ministry of Information, in which dozens of broadcasters, media networks and satellite channels participated, all of which shed light on the old city of Hebron with various coverages. The deputy of the Ministry of Information Yusef al-Mahmoud said during the event: «The Old Town in Hebron has a national religious and symbolic peculiarity especially with the presence of the Holy Ibrahimi mosque, and what it suffers due to the practices of the occupation and its settlers who practice racist and displacement policies and continuous attacks to undermine the steadfastness and defiance of its people.

33. HRC, in cooperation with the Al-Quds Open University, organized a ceremony honoring outstanding students at the university in the yard of Amr School, during which the opening ceremony was commended by Professor Dr. Yunus Amr, President of Al-Quds Open University, for the great role played by the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. He explained that the town of Hebron is «our history, our religion, our culture and our existence.» Every stone in it speaks of our name. In this sense, our national, religious, and humanitarian responsibility requires us to preserve the people of the old city in Hebron and support them and stand with them, so it is a shame for us to leave the old city in Hebron for robbers to loot and steal."

34. The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and the Action Against Hunger Organization signed a new agreement to implement the rehabilitation of health units for people with special needs.

35. HRC celebrated the International Cleanliness Day in the Old Town

General photos



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