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## AL HAYA AL JADIDA

In the Presence of A Number of Officials and National Personalities

### AL TAMIMI OPENS AL ANWAR AL IBRAHIMIA CHILDREN LIBRARY IN HEBRON

HEBRON - AL HAYAT AL JADIDA - Fawzi Al Shweiki - Under the auspices of Chairman Yasser Arafat who was represented by Ahmad Saeid Al Tamimi, Deputy Minister of Interior, The Holy Land Foundation for Relief & Development - America and the administrative body of the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron celebrated the opening of Al Anwar Al Ibrahimia children's library located in the Al Huda building. This was in the presence of engineer Mustafa Al Natsha, head of the municipality, Minister Dr. Abdel Hafiz Al Ashhab, Sheik Taysir Bayoud Al-Tamimi, acting Chief Judge, Hajj Hashem Al Natsha, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Islamic Charitable Society; Sherif Jaradat, Director of Social Affairs; Haj Taher Al Muhtaseb, vice chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; directors and managers of organizations, national and Islamic personalities and a large crowd of citizens.

The celebration commenced by reading sweet verses from the Holy Koran, recited by Sheik Muhammad Rashad Al Sharif. Dr. Hatem Shihata, master of ceremony, welcomed the attendees and explained the purpose behind establishing this library which he considered to be the first of its kind in Palestine, and which contains numerous religious and educational books and a special section for computers among its wings.

In his speech, Ahmad Saeid Al Tamimi said: "I am honored and happy on this occasion to represent Chairman Yasser Arafat, and I will not talk to you on this pioneering scientific occasion as he pointed out that our people have long suffered from occupation in all of its forms to bring us to ignorance but the awareness of our people is much more than it had imagined.

Education is one of the weapons our people is armed with He said: "In spite of the obstacles and the conspiracies, our people is on equal footing with nations with large resources on the scientific and cultural level even if it is not on equal footing with the occupation resources since studies says that it is much bigger. We consider ourselves ahead of developed nations in this field".

During his speech, Al Tamimi pointed out that "We speak today on the occasion of the Prophet's Noble emigration during which prophet Muhammad, Gods' prayers and mercy be upon him, emigrated for the purposed of establishing the Islamic Nation, and on another sad occasion which is the anniversary of the martyrdom of the hero struggler, Abou Jihad, "The Prince of Martyrs".

At the conclusion of his speech, he directed his thanks and appreciation to the president and members of the Islamic Charitable Society praising the effective role it plays towards the orphan, the poor and the needy, and the son of the martyr.

In his speech, the president of the society, Haj Hashem Al Natsha discussed the accomplishments of the Islamic Charitable Society, elaborating on the idea of founding and establishing this pioneering library which came to existence in order to serve the children of Palestine. He also directed thanks and appreciation to the Holy Land Foundation for Relief & Development, on top of which is Muhammad Jaghlit who is presently in the U.S.

During his speech, Sherif Jaradat, Director of Social Affairs, emphasized that the Ministry of Social Affairs, headed by Um Jihad, stands in support of this organization. Afterwards, the representative of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Raouf Al Jabarin, delivered a speech in which he praised this accomplishment considering it a source of pride that every Palestinian who is zealous over the welfare of his homeland and nation.

The representative of Holy Land Foundation, Shukri Abou Baker, delivered a speech over the phone from America greeting the sponsor of this festival, Chairman Arafat, who sent in his place Ahmad Al Tamimi and Haj Hashem Al Natsha, Director of the Society, emphasizing that him and those residing in America will continue their support and aid for the children of our nation whether inside or outside the camps.

He also sent his greetings and appreciation to the people of Hebron, the city of martyrs. And during his live-broadcast phone call, he delivered his apologies for not being able to attend this festival for reasons beyond his control. A number of children delivered speeches emphasizing certain points. Afterwards, the sponsor of the festival cut the ribbon announcing the opening of this library and everyone toured its different sections. It is to be noted that the Islamic charitable society decided to appoint educator Eid Misk a library director.