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## Participation in U.S. Islamic Games Continues to Grow

استمرار تزايد المشاركة في دورات الألعاب الإسلامية في أميركا



By M. Scott Bortot  
Staff Writer

Washington — The Islamic Games are on a mission to “create a body that is strong on the inside and strong on the outside.”

If turnout at the latest Islamic Games is any indication, this mission is resonating with a growing number of Muslim Americans.

Muslim athletes gathered May 29–31 to compete in the fourth annual regional Islamic Games. Held in South Brunswick, New Jersey, this year’s Islamic Games in the Northeast attracted 1,700 competitors, making it the largest yet.

Salaudeen Nausrudeen, president and co-founder of the Islamic Games of North America, said this year’s regional games grew by 20 percent more than 2009. [Read more...](#)

من م. سكوت بورطات، المحرر في موقع أميركا دوت غوف

واشنطن،- إن المهمة التي تريد تحقيقها الدورات الإسلامية للألعاب الرياضية هي "تكوين جسم قوي من الداخل، وقوي من الخارج."

وإذا كان هناك دليل يمكن أن يُستشف من دورات الألعاب الإسلامية التي أجريت في الآونة الأخيرة، فإن الدليل يتمثل في أن مهمة أو رسالة تلك الدورات يتردد صداها في تزايد أعداد المشاركين فيها من الأميركيين المسلمين.

تجمع الرياضيون المسلمون في الفترة من 29 إلى 31 أيار/مايو للمنافسة في مسابقات الدورة الرابعة للألعاب الإسلامية. جرت مسابقات الدورة في ساوث برنزويك بولاية نيوجيرزي، واجتذبت دورة العام الحالي المقامة في المنطقة الشمالية الشرقية من الولايات المتحدة، 1700 متسابق، مما يجعله أكبر عدد يشارك في دورة إسلامية للألعاب الرياضية حتى الآن.

وطبقا لما قاله صلاح الدين نصر الدين، رئيس ومؤسس الدورة الإسلامية للألعاب الرياضية في أميركا الشمالية، فإن الدورة بالمنطقة نمت في العام الحالي بنسبة 20% عما كانت عليه في العام السابق، 2009. [اقرأ المزيد...](#)

## Partnerships with Muslim Communities Continue Expanding

### One year after Cairo speech, people-to-people exchanges have increased

Washington — Over the past year, the Obama administration has been reaching out and listening to Muslim communities around the world, focusing on a “new beginning” based on mutual interest and respect that President Obama called for in his June 4, 2009, speech at Cairo University in Egypt.

His vision has yielded new partnerships between the U.S. and Muslim communities, demonstrating Obama’s own lesson from his days as a community organizer in Chicago that “real change comes from the bottom up, from the grass roots, starting with the dreams and passions of single individuals serving their communities,” as he told participants at the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship April 26 in Washington.

The president said that even as he committed the United States to addressing outstanding security and political concerns, such as the conflicts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and the Middle East, “I also made it clear in Cairo that we needed something else — a sustained effort to listen to each other and to learn from each other, to respect one another.” [Read more...](#)

### U.S. Expands Science Engagement with Muslim-Majority Nations Science envoys return from missions with recommendations for partnership



By Cheryl L Pellerin  
Science Writer

Washington — U.S. officials described a range of science and technology partnerships launched over the past year and new activities planned for the coming year, all resulting from President Obama’s historic commitment in Cairo in June 2009 to renew engagement with Muslim-majority countries.

At a June 8 gathering in Washington were Obama administration officials, other government representatives, scientists, ambassadors from Egypt and Algeria, a high-level representative from the Embassy of Indonesia, and the three U.S. science envoys announced by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in Marrakech, Morocco, in November 2009. [Read more...](#)

### بعد مضي عام على خطاب الرئيس في القاهرة، لا تزال الولايات المتحدة مستمرة في التواصل مع المسلمين

من ستيفن كوفمن، المحرر في موقع أميركا دوت غوف

واشنطن،- عكفت حكومة الرئيس أوباما، على مدى العام الماضي، على التواصل والانخراط مع المجتمعات المسلمة حول العالم، مركزة اهتمامها على فتح "بداية جديدة" تقوم على المصلحة المشتركة والاحترام المتبادل اللتين طالب بهما الرئيس في الخطاب الذي ألقاه في حزيران / يونيو 2009 بجامعة القاهرة في مصر.

وقد أسفرت رؤيته عن قيام شراكات جديدة بين الولايات المتحدة والمجتمعات المسلمة، وذلك يدل بحسب الدرس الذي استفاد منه أوباما نفسه خلال الأيام التي قضاها كمنظم في المجتمع المدني في شيكاغو "أن التغيير الفعلي يحدث من القاعدة إلى القمة، من القاعدة الشعبية، بدءاً بالأحلام والحماسة لدى الأفراد الذين يخدمون مجتمعاتهم"، كما قال الرئيس أوباما في الكلمة التي ألقاها أمام المشاركين في القمة الرئاسية لرواد الأعمال التي انعقدت في 26 نيسان/إبريل في واشنطن. [اقرأ المزيد...](#)



## President Obama and Palestinian President Abbas discuss situation in Gaza

### الرئيسان أوباما وعباس يبحثان المساعدات الإنمائية لغزة

**PRESIDENT OBAMA:** Hello, everybody. Be careful, careful.

Before I begin, I know that there was just a vote in the United Nations Security Council. I'm going to comment on that separately. I don't want to detract from the topic at hand here. So for reporters who are interested in that issue, I will be making a statement about that after our session here.

I just want to thank President Abbas for being here, and his delegation. We just concluded some very productive discussions on this issue. I commended President Abbas for the excellent work that he and Prime Minister Fayyad have been engaged in over the last several years in strengthening the security as well as improving the economic situation for his people. He's done so through hard work and dedication, and I think the whole world has noticed the significant improvements that we've seen as a consequence of his good administration. [Read more...](#)

الرئيس أوباما: مرحباً بكم جميعاً. انتبهوا، انتبهوا .  
قبل أن أبدأ، أعلم أنه تم للتو إجراء تصويت في مجلس الأمن الدولي. وسوف أعلق على ذلك بصورة منفصلة. لأنني لا أريد التقليل من أهمية الموضوع المطروح هنا. لذلك بالنسبة للمراسلين المهتمين بتلك المسألة سوف أصدر بياناً حول ذلك بعد انتهاء جلستنا هنا.

أريد أن أشكر الرئيس عباس لحضروه إلى هنا والوفد المرافق له. لقد أجرينا بعض المناقشات المثمرة للغاية حول هذه المسألة. وأثني على الرئيس عباس على العمل الممتاز الذي انخرط فيه مع رئيس الوزراء فياض على مدى السنوات العديدة الماضية في تعزيز الأمن وتحسين الوضع الاقتصادي لشعبه. لقد حقق ذلك من خلال العمل الشاق والتفاني، وأعتقد ان العالم بأكمله لاحظ التحسن الكبير الذي رأيناه بفضل إدارته الجيدة.

ولكن من الواضح أنه لا يزال أمامنا الكثير من العمل الواجب القيام به كي نتمكن من تحقيق حل الدولتين في الشرق الأوسط ولكي تكون طيباً لذلك إسرائيل آمنة ومقبولة بالكامل من جانب جيرانها ويكون للشعب الفلسطيني دولته الخاصة به، مع الحرية في تقرير المصير والقدرة على تخطيط مصيره الخاص.

[اقرأ المزيد...](#)



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### **What is MEPI?**

The [Middle East Partnership Initiative \(MEPI\)](#), located within the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, supports efforts to expand political participation, strengthen civil society and the rule of law, empower women and youth, create educational opportunities, and foster economic reform throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Through timely, responsive and innovative approaches, MEPI projects provide critical assistance to local reformers using three primary programming mechanisms:

- [Education and Exchange Programs](#)
- [MEPI Local Grants](#)
- [Washington Awards](#)

In addition to its main office in Washington, DC, MEPI maintains two regional offices in Tunis and Abu Dhabi. The [MEPI Regional Office \(RO\) in Tunis](#) administers more than \$2 million in programming each year across North Africa and the Levant, including the Palestinian Territories. Programs consist of conferences, exchange programs, and funding opportunities such as the Local Grants Program and Civil Society Grants.

MEPI Coordinators are located in U.S. Embassies and Consulates across the region. The MEPI Coordinator in the U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem provides oversight of all MEPI programming in the Palestinian Territories and serves as the local point of contact for MEPI award recipients. For further information regarding specific MEPI awards in the Palestinian Territories please email, [MEPIJerusalem@state.gov](mailto:MEPIJerusalem@state.gov).



## **The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the AY 2011 - 2012 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the AY 2011- 2012 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship. This program provides mid-career Palestinians residing in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza with an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in a specialized year of graduate level, non-degree academic course work and professional development activities at selected U. S. universities. The program brings together professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Programs are individually designed to include course work, independent projects, internships, consultations with U.S. experts, and special seminars. To learn more, please visit [www.humphreyfellowship.org](http://www.humphreyfellowship.org). The Humphrey program addresses broad policy-making and problem-solving issues, rather than technical aspects.

- Agricultural development/agricultural economics
- Communications/Journalism
- Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention
- Economic development and Finance/banking
- Education Administration, Planning and Policy
- HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- Teaching English as a Second Language (Teacher Training or Curriculum Development)
- Human resource management
- Law and Human Rights
- Natural Resources/Environmental Policy/Climate Change
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Public policy analysis and administration
- Technology Policy and Management
- Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention
- Urban and Regional planning

In addition to the pre-academic language training, the Humphrey program also offers a Long Term English Language Training (LTE) for an intensive of 20 to 25 weeks for candidates with a range of 440 – 500 TOEFL score. The LTE candidates begin their study program in the United States between January and March 2011 in preparation for the 2011-2012 academic year. [For more Information.](#)



## **The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The AY 2011 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the Academic Year 2011 competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program. The Fulbright FLTA program is an integral part of the Fulbright student program. The nine month, non-degree program will host around 125 Arabic FLTAs from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The FLTA program, funded by the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing future foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. [More Information.](#)

**Also Check:** [Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship Program](#)

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

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- ✓ **2010 SPECIAL 301 REPORT.** Office of the United States Trade Representatives. Web posted May 4, 2010.

The report reflects the Administration's resolve to encourage and maintain effective Intellectual Property Protection and enforcement worldwide. It identifies a wide range of serious concerns, ranging from troubling "indigenous innovation" policies that may unfairly disadvantage U.S. rights holders in China, to the continuing challenges of Internet piracy in countries such as Canada and Spain, to the ongoing systemic IPR enforcement challenges in many countries around the world.

- ✓ **THE ROLE OF NATURAL GAS IN A LOW-CARBON ENERGY ECONOMY.** World Watch Institute. Christopher Flavin and Saya Kitasei. April 30, 2010.

The report provides an initiative designed to explore and communicate the potential of natural gas, renewable energy, and energy efficiency to work together to build a low-carbon economy. The project provides a forum to examine potential environmental, social, and political obstacles that must be addressed if natural gas is to accelerate, rather than delay, a low-carbon energy transformation. Partnering with leading NGOs, academic institutions, industry, and the public sector, the initiative will propose needed actions, with a focus initially on the United States. The initiative will later focus on energy policies internationally, in particular in India, China, Europe and Africa.

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- ✓ **PREPARING TEACHERS: BUILDING EVIDENCE FOR SOUND POLICY.** National Research Council. April 29, 2010.

Teachers make a difference. The success of any plan for improving educational outcomes depends on the teachers who carry it out and thus on the abilities of those attracted to the field and their preparation. Yet there are many questions about how teachers are being prepared and how they ought to be prepared. Yet, teacher preparation is often treated as an afterthought in discussions of improving the public education system.

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