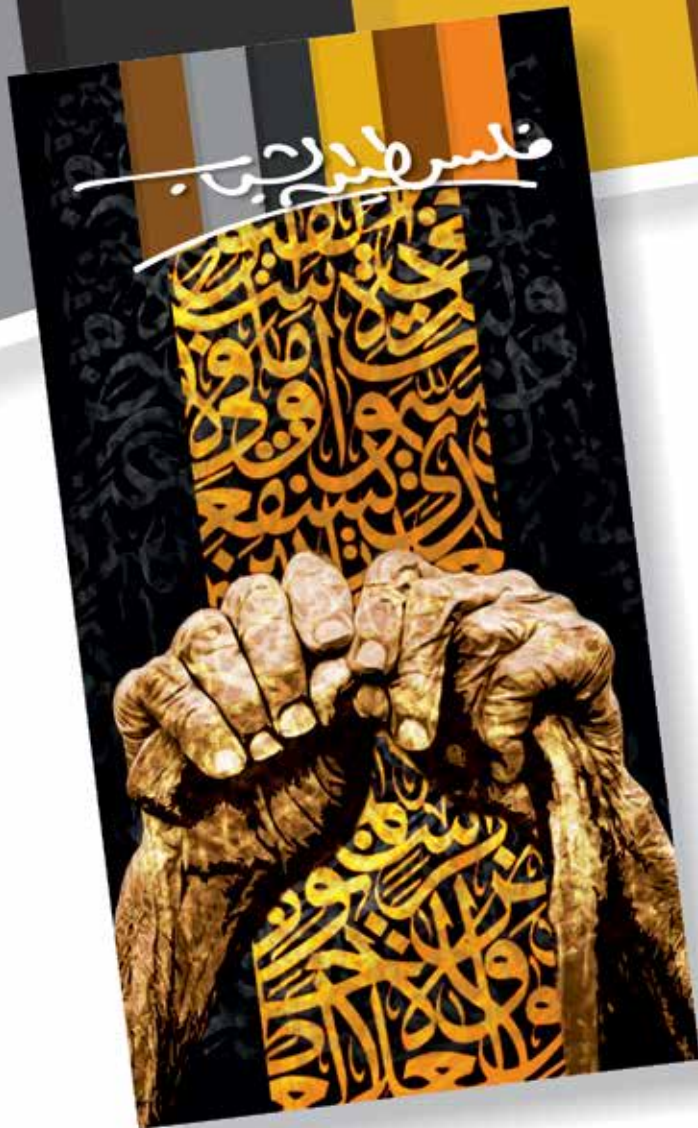


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## Message from the Editor

Today's world is shaped by information technology, and the communication sector offers an important opportunity for business endeavors and economic development. But is communication really just that? Apart from the technology, effective communication is the heart and soul of our human interactions. We pass on knowledge, transmit feelings, and build connections – and communication is among the greatest sources of both misunderstandings and reconciliation. In politics, especially in Palestine, it is a main tool to shape opinions and influence action, a most effective manipulator because, unfortunately, both information and misinformation is communicated in an increasingly unchecked manner. But the strongest voice is not necessarily the most truthful. For this reason, *This Week in Palestine's* self-imposed mission is to publish information about Palestinian issues and concerns. And while we do not shy away from contentious topics, we aim to bring out the best of Palestine in an environment where such aims may not always be a priority.

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Happy Valentine's Day from the entire team at TWiP.

**Tina Basem**

