



A critical question for a critical year – 2015: How can we move forward when our economy is still under occupation?

We have seen great efforts within the Palestinian market to encourage the purchase of our national products. Local stores, factories, restaurants, and various service providers have stopped using and selling Israeli products and have chosen instead to produce, use, and sell Palestinian

products. An insider from one of these initiatives provides us with an examination of this phenomenon and its implications in “I Choose You, Palestine.”

Rather than simply analysing the situation at hand, however, we have asked a number of economists and authors to offer their take on the matter: Can we find such a solution by collaborating with all Palestinians in different parts of historical Palestine? Should we de-colonise the economy or centralise it? Should we be focusing on niche markets for exports? What are our future projects to support our exporters? Are the boycott efforts our best way to move forward?

This Week in Palestine is a place where opinions are freely expressed. Although we do not embrace any of these opinions, we want to provide a wide spectrum of views to help YOU, our readers, decide on the best course of action.

This issue constitutes yet another effort to define a new role for *This Week in Palestine* in our society and present a new level of content that is both controversial and challenging. We want to start 2015 with a fresh plan that falls in line with the recent changes in the political situation and aspirations for freedom.

By the end of this month we will also be in China receiving our award at the Beijing World Summit. We hope to share more news about this in our February issue, “Then and Now.”

We wish our readers a good start to 2015. May it be a year filled with achievements and hope, both individually and nationally.

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