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This Week in
Palestine would like
to wish you all a
A Happy and
Blessed Ramadan



The abundance of material we received this month reveals that advocacy is deeply rooted in Palestinian society and goes beyond the demand for the respect and fulfillment of Palestinian human and humanitarian rights to include the rights of children and youth, women, prisoners, people with disabilities, animals, and more. Palestinians have created a wide range of advocacy institutions that aim to help disadvantaged members of their society. This is in line with the centuries-old tradition of *auwnah*, which means mutual community support during harvest time and in times of struggle. The sense of responsibility and community is shared by many institutions and individuals who join Palestinians in their quest to make the world a better place. With the growth of social media and electronic communication, advocacy is becoming an increasingly important tool in creating change across a wide range of arenas, from the human and humanitarian rights of Palestinians to climate change and the environment. While Palestinian students have not yet taken up weekly protests in the streets, Gazans have demonstrated weekly for more than a year. Yet without international pressure, there will be no easing of conditions – and unfortunately, without our advocacy, this pressure may not materialize very soon!

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From the entire team at TWIP, we wish a blessed Ramadan to all.

Sincerely,

Tina Basem

