

Abstract

The research included several chapters that describe the refugees issue and its impact on the Jordanian-Palestinian relations, the historical ties between the two countries, the future scenarios for this relationship, and a number of historical events and wars against Israel such as the wars in 1948 and 1967. These wars were the main reason of the Palestinians displacement in large numbers who became refugees in the receiving countries. The study focused on Jordan since it received large number of those refugees due to historical, national, and even family reasons; hence it was natural for most of the Palestinian refugees to seek refuge in Jordan.

The research presented an overview of the different kinds of Palestinian Jordanian relationships; pleasant and cooperative as it was the case during the Al-Karameh war, while suspicious and tensed as it was during Black September clashes. The research went on to analyze the status of the Palestinian refugees in Jordan and their relationship with the Jordanian Royal family and the Jordanian people, in addition to the uncertainty and the deterioration of trust between the two people for a period of time. The research also described how the two people understood that doubts and separation will not serve their common interests, and that they are two peoples who belong to one family, therefore their real doubts should be directed at the Israeli plans which still reject the implementation of the United Nations resolutions that call for the Palestinians' right of return. The research elaborated on the international and Arab attitudes, as well as the

Palestinian and Israeli positions pertaining to the refugee issue, and if not solved it will lead to the absence of peace. Moreover the Israeli statements and implementations related to the alternative homeland will result in intensifying the tension in the region.

Therefore, it was concluded that the real fears are not between Jordan and Palestine or their peoples since both of them are calling for the implementation of the right of return, and the realization of the independent Palestinian state. The tension between the two peoples is normal and can be considered as a tension among one people in any country. The two entities were one before the partition, and the two people are one that belongs to one family. Passing events will not separate them, while it is anticipated that the future relations between Jordan and Palestine will be a relationship of cooperation and fraternity especially that they realized that any separation or lack of confidence among them will only serve the interests of Israel.

The research shows that the new generation has become greatly aware of this, and currently the two peoples in Jordan are at the top of their integration and cooperation leaving the fears and doubts behind them, because they believe that those negative perceptions are all stirred by those who do not belong to neither Jordan nor to Palestine, and they are seeking to achieve their own interests only. The research emphasized on the historical ties and strong relationships between the two peoples, and that some tension will not affect the two countries or its' peoples; on the contrary, the Palestinian-Jordanian relations are moving towards prosperity, development and cooperation.