

## Abstract

### **Political Elite in Growing Palestinian Regime Sociopolitical study for the members of both ministers and legislative councils for the while (1994-2003).**

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This study is about Palestinian Political Elite, it aimed -exactly- the members of both Ministers and Legislative Councils, since the year 1994 the date of reforming the first Palestinian Ministers council which was after the principles document declaration (Oslo), and passing the elections of Legislative Council at 1996, until the last ministers council which the prime minister position was created in it, at 2003.

The study aimed to know the political, social and class backgrounds for the members of political elite, and to know its individual characteristics through the knowledge of educational, cultural and professional levels, and the political directions, the party belonging, and the class origins for these political elite.

The study discussed the Palestinian social frames, considering that the elements and features of the existing Palestinian social context which recognized the growing and the crystallization of the political elite members, especially with changes of the state which faced the Palestinian System after the principles document declaration, and these changes had inserted political, social and economic types and practices as response to the happening changes after the political settlement which was pushed by great international forces, mainly USA.

The study society consists of all Ministers' Councils members since 1994 in addition to all Legislative Council members.

More than one scientific method was used to collect comprehensive data, as well as the descriptive survey method, and historical method, which assisted the researcher to collect enough amounts of data and information which get the use to this study and covered a big part of the structural characteristics of the political elite members.

The study followed the political recruitment criteria in these two modern enterprises in the growing Palestinian Political System, considering them the most important modern enterprises in the Palestinian Authority structure,



and it showed that the political recruitment criteria for the Palestinian Elite had been concentrated on considerations reflected the Political System weakness which depended on concepts that didn't urge the activation of the institutional systems or developing the general principles of the democratic bases, and this weakness led to approve the classical loyalties like tribal, regional and familial as main measurements in recruitment operation, unless the domination of one party that represented the support channel for the Political Elite, whereas the settlement agreements obliged the recruitment more than 80% of the ministers council members which was participated in a slowness operation, seems to be closed in the Elite circulation operation.

The study results showed that the majority of the Elite members were from cities formed 47% from the Legislative Council Elite. These results indicated that 77 members from 117 ministers in the different ministerial formations are legislative council members, and in parties, the ratio of Fateh members in ministers councils are about 61%, and 77% from the Legislative Council.

About the refugees, the results pointed that the Political Elite members in the Legislative Council those belong to the Palestinian refugees are 35%, whereas the rest reached to 65%.

We found that the refugees ratio in the Elite increased in the Legislative Council elite members in Gaza Strip, and the data showed that the refugees in the sequential ministers councils didn't exceed 23% which indicated that their representation in political elites were weak, and didn't reflect representation which matched with their number or their revolutionary roles.

The ratio of the returnees reached 33% from the Legislative Council elite, whereas it reached 39.5% in ministerial elite, and it is more than its level in the legislative elite, and it reflected a strong representation for the returnees in high political positions.

About the women representation ratio, the study discloses that it is very limited and it doesn't match with the historical role of the Palestinian woman in national revolutionary frame, not either with her statistical strength in the society, the woman ratio in the legislative council reached 5.7%, and her higher ratio in ministers' councils reached 8%.