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<b>Reem Bahdi</b>	Associate Professor of Law at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law. Her research and teaching focuses on access to justice, human dignity, and social context and national security
<b>Sam Bahour</b>	Palestinian-American business consultant. He serves as a policy adviser to Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network, Secretariat member of the Palestine Strategy Group, and is co-editor of “Homeland: Oral Histories of Palestine and Palestinians” (1994).
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<b>Jehad Harb</b>	Researcher on issues of politics and governance. Member of the main team of the “Arab Democracy Index Report”, and the “Arab Security Index Report”. Writes the weekly op. ed. “Town Gossip”. Authored many publications on the Palestinian political system, good governance, parliamentary work, integrity system, and the security sector.
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