

Palestinian Parties' Political Transformations' Impact on Reconciliation and Democracy



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Since the presence of political parties expresses integration into the constitutional system, there can be no democracy without strong, effective political parties in the true sense. Political parties shape public opinion, choose political leaders, and monitor the government when they are not part of it.

Palestinian political parties, in their current state, are the product of many democratic transformations that shaped the Palestinian issue. The presence of these parties has contributed significantly to the consolidation of many democratic approaches and has even become one of the guarantees of the success of the democratic process.

The paper discusses the democratic transformations that occurred in Palestinian society since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1994 and the electoral competition between the two main political forces that had a direct impact on the occurrence of the division in 2007, the disruption of democracy, and the erosion of many features of political democracy, including elections, freedom of association, and freedom of opinion and expression.

Migration tendencies among youth have been rising due to the lack of political horizon, collective concernment, and trust in political parties in addition to the collective awareness of the fact that reaching a solution is impossible in the short term due to the systematic transformations of political parties, which prioritize their interests over the good of the public.

The two rival parties' lack of political horizon and their efforts to maintain their power in a way that guarantees their respective party stability constitute a clear obstacle in the way of any solution and national unity based on the constitutional vision of Palestinian law. Worse, the continued obstruction of reconciliation will change many of the concepts that the Palestinian people have always inherited.

In this sense, parties must adopt new approaches that promote patriotism away from partisan tensions, try seriously to build on the uniting factors, call for an end to the division, hold the elections, and form mediations to make them possible and effective.