

In conjunction with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), prominent members of the German Parliament paid a visit to the occupied Palestinian territories.

The delegation, represented by Siegmund Ehrmann, Kerstin Griese, Christian Lange, Dr. Carola Reimann and Andreas Weigel met with representatives of the Palestinian Legislative Council and key figures of Palestinian civil society to discuss and exchange ideas

Topics addressed included the future of Democracy in the Palestinian territories, the prospects for unification among Palestinians, the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, as well as reforms among the SI sister-parties Fatah and Mubadara.



One of the highlights marking the visit included a meeting with Mubadara's General Secretary Dr. Mustafa Barghouti in Ramallah. In 2008, supported by the SPD the "Palestinian National Initiative" (Mubadara) became an official member of the Socialist International. Preceded by Fatah, Mubadara has now become the second Palestinian sister-party of the SPD.

As part of an exchange and working programme the German delegation visited, together with Dr. Michael Bröning, Mubadara's General Secretary Mustafa Barghouti.
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