

25 October: Women's Special Day for peace

"MINDFUL of the major role which has been, and is continuing to be, played by women in the search for peace,

RECOGNISING that United Nations Disarmament Week should be the major occasion in the annual calendar of every national United Nations Association as well as of WFUNA,

ACCEPTING the desire of women to be associated, both nationally and internationally, with each other in the pursuit of disarmament, confidence building and peace,

ANXIOUS to give every encouragement to women to continue their historic role in the international peace movement,

The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

1. Agrees that WFUNA should recognise 25th October annually as the WFUNA Women's Special Day for Peace with effect from 1984,
2. URGES all United Nations Associations, either individually or together, to organise special events at the international, regional or local level to give due expression and publicity to the Special Day".

France Honors Arab Women

Three Arab women were honored in France recently: Palestinian journalist **Raymonda al-Taweel**, Algerian writer **Aysha Lamseen** for portraying a positive image of Arab women in her stories and novels (written in French), and Moroccan gold medalist **Nawal al-Mutawakkel** for winning the Olympic Games gold medal in Los Angeles.

France offered them the honorary prize of the French-Arab friendship for their role in raising the status of Arab women in the international circles.

Al-Hasnaa
20/9/1985.

UNIVERSAL CHILDBIRTH PICTURE BOOK

An Arabic edition of the UNIVERSAL CHILDBIRTH PICTURE BOOK (CBPB) has been published. The book, a picture story of reproduction from a woman's view, is designed for teaching purposes and is specifically designed for the community health worker.

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Soviet Orientalists Arrive to Beirut

Four Soviet orientalist, Dr. **Erene Smellaskya**, Dr. **Natasha Faronshanina** Dr. **Larissa Zodina** and Dr. **Tamara Missilikova**, have arrived to Beirut to give speeches on issues regarding the Soviet Union and the Arab World. Dr. **Zodina** gave a speech on "The Institute of Orientalism in the Soviet Union" and Dr. **Faronshanina** gave a speech on "the study of the culture of the Arab World in the Soviet Union". Dr. **Smellaskya** spoke on "the socio-economic history of Syria, Lebanon and Palestine in the 17th and 18th century".

An-Nahar
22/9/1985

Finland and Egypt

Three Finnish researchers went to Egypt to conduct research on the activities of Egyptian women, as well as writing a survey on the history of the Women's movement in Egypt.

Leila Kolio, **Syrk Normi** and **Liza Yokyowanta** met with most pioneer Egyptian leaders and social workers.

Al-Hawadeth
20/9/1985.

WOMEN EMPLOYMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB WORLD

This book has been prepared by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in collaboration with the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW). It deals with the participation of Arab women in the labour force, the socio-economic, demographic, cultural and legal factors that determine the participation rate, and the policies - behavioral as well as institutional that would facilitate and enhance wider female participation in economic activities in this part of the world.

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