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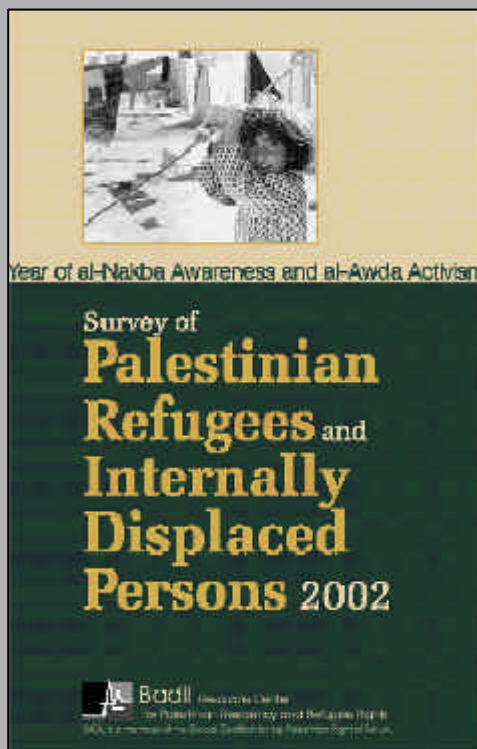
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The annual *Survey of Palestinian Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons 2002* provides an overview of one of the largest and longest standing unresolved refugee and displaced populations in the world today. It is estimated that one in three refugees today is Palestinian.

Each chapter includes basic background information and highlights for the previous year. Chapter one provides a short historical background to the root causes and scope of Palestinian mass displacement. Chapter two examines the demographic characteristics of the Palestinian refugee and displaced population. The third chapter examines the legal status of Palestinian refugees and displaced under international, regional, and domestic instruments. Chapter four provides background information on the socio-economic status of Palestinian refugees and displaced persons. The fifth chapter examines international protection and assistance, while the sixth and final chapter provides an overview of the framework for durable solutions. The *Survey* also provides a list of recommendations concerning implementation of the rights of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons in the context of a just and comprehensive solution to the conflict in the Middle East.

This annual *Survey* endeavors to address the lack of information or misinformation about Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons, and encounter unconstructive political arguments that suggest that the issue of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons can be resolved outside the realm of international law and practice applicable to all other refugee and displaced populations

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