

**PRESS RELEASE FROM  
THE MICHEL CHIHA FOUNDATION**

"Palestine" is one of the first titles published in French by the Michel Chiha Foundation in which early principal editorials on the question of Palestine were printed. In fact even before the establishment of the State of Israel, Michel Chiha had widely discussed the Palestinian drama in his daily editorials for the "Le Jour" newspaper.

With the question of Palestine which is so much a part of current news, the Michel Chiha Foundation thought it very opportune to publish this work now in English, mostly because it has lost none of its relevance to current events.

On this occasion, the Foundation and Stacey International together with the Centre for Lebanese Studies are organizing a panel discussion at the Foreign Press Association in London on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 18.00 hours.

Chaired by Dr. Eugene Rogan, Director of the Middle East Centre at St. Antony's College Oxford, the panel will consist of:

**H.E. Michel Edde:** former Lebanese Minister of Culture and Higher Education, and Chairman and Managing Director of the L'Orient-Le-Jour daily, member of the Michel Chiha Foundation, he will represent the Foundation.

**Dr. Samir Khalaf:** Professor of Sociology and Director of the Centre of Behavioural Research at the American University of Beirut, who wrote an introduction to the book.

**Chris Doyle:** Director of the Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding, who wrote a preface to the book.

**Yossi Mekeberg:** Associate Fellow of the Middle East Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

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