

Dear Friends and colleagues at IPCRI

Dr. Hasan speech to introduce the book in Jerusalem ,water resources in the middle east ,co edited by ,prof. Hillel Shuval and prof. Hasan Dweik

It gives me great honor to be here to day among distinguished professors ,experts in water research ,Palestinians ,Israelis and others from different countries in the world.

To day we celebrate the signing event of the book entitled water resources in the middle east Israeli-Palestinian water issues from conflict to cooperation .

No doubt that all of you know about the scarcity of water in our region , and the long history of conflict over this issue , we believe that dialogue on water conflict and water scarcity among Palestinians and Israelis from the different sectors of our society together with the involvement of the international water scientific community is essential and is always needed for better understanding of this problem and to look for adequate and fair solutions , joint efforts must always be put together to achieve a just solution to all.

The book which is published by a leading international publishing house ,Springer ,and address various challenges is divided into nine parts that cover most water issues , geopolitical, trade ,transboundary,imports, water laws, water and waste water and environment.

44 chapters that cover all the above topics

15 Articles(Chapters) were written by Israeli scientists and experts , 10 by Palestinian experts ,the rest were written by another 10 eminent experts from different countries in the world ,these are USA,UK, Austria ,Turkey, Sweden, Finland, Canada ,Germany ,UNESCO, and Jordan.

Universities , NGO activists , Journalist ,Government representatives , and water experts from private sector all had a very significant contribution to this book .

I am sure that each and every one of you and those who will find the opportunity to read through , will find the book stimulating and a rich source on water and environmental issues in our region ,and it will open up a serious discussions and dialogue on the subject on all social , cultural, economic , political and geopolitical aspects .This book will be very useful for those involved in conflict research and peace studies .

Finally I would like to thank all who were involved in the realization of this important book , IPCRI, presented by Girshen Basken ,and Robert Twite for their strong determination to publish all the good articles with high scientific value that came out of the conference , my friend whom I worked with him prof Hillel Shuval the coeditor of the book , the steering committee who worked very hard organizing for the conference with the IPICRI staff ,and last but by no means least our friend who worked very hard to realize this book Dr. Hans Gunter Brauch at Free university of Berlin and AFES-PRESS

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