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## GOLDEN OLIVE AWARDS

### What is a Golden Olive Award?



The Golden Olive Awards are given to those of Palestine's websites that meet a certain criteria. If you are not a Palestinian or a Palestinian organisation, and you aren't based in the West Bank, Gaza Strip or Jerusalem, and you don't have a website, or if the website you have does not fulfil the criteria described below, you won't get one. Winners of the [1999 Golden Olive Awards](#) were announced on 25 September 1999 - an appropriate date as it is the anniversary of the September 1996 clashes which saw an important development in the Palestinian web scene, the [On the Ground In Ramallah](#) Website. Palestinian Internet service providers' websites are *not* considered for Golden Olive Awards to avoid potential argument with colleagues, although their valuable service is recognised by us all. The logo, which Golden Olive websites are entitled to put on their website, signifies a website based in Palestine that has more than overcome all the difficulties on setting up a site here, and that has provided a well-thought-out, well-implemented, information-rich contribution to the wider community of the World Wide Web. The award is also based on what the website is trying to achieve. For example a daily newspaper website that hasn't been updated for weeks or months is a waste of everyone's time. In 1999, 30 websites out of a possible 204 received Golden Olive Awards. For more detailed analysis of the web in Palestine over the last 12 months, read the [special report](#) issued by the Birzeit Webmaster in conjunction with the Golden Olive Awards.

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