



## Dates harvest season: Economic opportunity for Palestinian farmers

**D**ates harvest season began in the Gaza Strip where there are thousands of fruitful palm trees. Harvest season is an opportunity for Palestinian farmers' to increase their income in light of the market recession and the rise of unemployment rates caused by the Zionist blockade. During harvest season Palestinians achieve self-sufficiency amidst expectations that total production could reach 14,000 tons out of the total area of palm trees estimated at around 9200 Dunam (A Dunam is 1000 m<sup>2</sup>) and around 185,000 fertile palm trees. — KUNA

