

Tamam's Diary: From Gaza to Dubai

"I thought I'd introduce myself before I start my journey.

I am Tamam, I am in 10th grade, and I live in Gaza City. The Palestinian territories share its borders with all of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt. Gaza is one of the oldest cities in the world.

Many activities

Although I was born in Romania I have lived in Gaza all my life, my dad is Palestinian. I am fluent in Arabic, Romanian, French, and English. My hobbies vary between writing and reading poetry, to reading politics and history, as well as listening to classical music and acting. I participate in almost all my school activities including educational, scientific contests as well as theatre and acting.

The journey

I am looking forward to my trip to Dubai. I will be traveling from Gaza to the Rafah Border by car, Rafah is 33Km away from Gaza. I will be crossing Rafah into Egypt "the land of the Pharaohs" in to Cairo, the capital. My trip will take me a whole day, but the very next day I will be on my way to Dubai.

Decision making

I will be representing the Children Municipality Council (CMC) of Gaza City. So you know, the CMC provides opportunities for young people to practice their right in participating with decisions that affect their lives. During the conference, I will be presenting some of the difficulties that children face in Palestinian society.

I hope you can tune in to my entries that I'll be writing about from my journey."

Tamam, 16, Gaza