

Malmö ends collaboration with the Arab Book Fair



The City of Malmö chooses to suspend the collaboration with the Arab Book Fair, which is now taking place in Malmö. **The reason is that the website for the digital book fair via link offers anti-Semitic literature.**

- It has come to our knowledge that visitors to the book fair's website are offered to buy anti-Semitic literature, which is completely unacceptable, says cultural director Pernilla Conde Hellman. It goes against everything we stand for and we therefore choose to immediately terminate the cooperation.

- We are canceling planned events with the Arab Book Fair and hope that other contributors such as the Swedish National Council for Culture will do the same, Pernilla Conde Hellman continues. We are extremely disappointed with the representatives of the book fair and demand that they immediately remove the access to this page.

The City of Malmö has contributed SEK 150,000 in project support to the Arab Book Fair, which this year is organized by the newly formed association. The Arab Book Fair has in previous years been held by another organizer, then without support from the city of Malmö.

- This year's support has been granted with special conditions and would be followed up after the event, but we choose to end the collaboration and will review whether we can reclaim the already paid project support, concludes Pernilla Conde Hellman.

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