

PALESTINE'S LEGAL SCENE

Your weekly survey of the most important publications and activities related to Palestine, from local and international sources

This weekly report reviews the legal dynamics of the Palestine question, and everything related to international law and Palestine. The report includes an account of the most important publications, activities and conferences related to Palestine at the local, regional, international levels. The report further covers decisions, decrees, and judicial orders affecting the Palestinian cause, whether made at the official, academic or public levels. The report aims to be a reference for monitoring, documenting and archiving the latest human rights developments related to Palestine, and to present them to individuals, researchers, study centers, and official, academic and legal institutions concerned.

Judicial decrees, decisions, attitudes, and orders issued by Palestinians bodies:

- Saeb Erekat **warned against Arab normalization with Israel** in exchange for canceling the annexation. (June 29, 2020).click [here](#)
- The Palestinian Authority **announced its readiness to resume talks with Israel from where it stopped in 2014** and to slightly modify the borders as an alternative to the century deal. (July 1, 2020).click [here](#)
- Saeb Erekat said that the **PLO does not accept the scrapping of the Arab Peace Initiative**. (July 2, 2020).click [here](#)
- Rajoub and Arouri said - in a direct press conference broadcast by the official Palestinian TV - that **Fatah and Hamas will jointly face the annexation**. (July 2, 2020).click [here](#)

Judicial decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by Israeli official bodies

- Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said that **the date of annexation on July 1 is not sacred**. (June 30, 2020). click [here](#)
- Netanyahu told American Christians that **annexation is pushing peace forward**. (June 30, 2020). click [here](#)
- Gantz said that **there is conflict with Netanyahu regarding the steps to annex** the West Bank. (June 30, 2020).click [here](#)

- Ofir Akunis, the country's regional cooperation minister, said that **Israel has postponed its controversial plan to annex** portions of the West Bank, but it will certainly happen in July. (July 1, 2020).click [here](#)
- The district court of Jerusalem **rejected the appeal of the Palestinian Somarin family** in connection with an eviction lawsuit filed by a company affiliated with the Jewish National Fund, and decided to expel the family. (July 1, 2020). click [here](#)

Judicial decrees, decisions, positions and orders issued by Arab, European and international bodies

- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs **condemned the Israeli plan to build an elevator** connecting the Old City of Jerusalem with the Buraq Wall. (June 29, 2020)., click [here](#)
- Senior lawmakers from the British Labor Party **have called for a ban on imports of Israeli settlements** if the annexation takes place. (June 29, 2020). click [here](#)
- Michel Bachelet, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, said, "**Annexation is illegal. Period. Any annexation.**" (June 29, 2020).click [here](#)
- The LWF, along with the WCC, the WCRC, and the ACT Alliance of the Churches issued a statement entitled "**Ecumenical Organizations: Israel's Planned Annexation Would Damage Hopes for Justice, Peace.**" (June 30, 2020).click [here](#)
- The Vatican summoned the US and Israeli **envoys over the steps to annex** the West Bank. (July 1, 2020).click [here](#)
- The Dutch parliament voted to **impose sanctions on Israel if it annexed** the West Bank. (July 1, 2020).click [here](#)
- Germany announced that **it will not recognize the annexation** of Israel to the West Bank. (July 1, 2020). click [here](#)
- The International Criminal Court has **received a new complaint filed over US-Israel war crimes** in Palestine. (July 2, 2020). click [here](#)
- The German parliament votes on a resolution **urging the government to take steps to halt Israel's plans to annex** the West Bank. (July 2, 2020).click [here](#)
- Boris Johnson, British Prime Minister, said **his country does not support Israel's annexation** of the West Bank. (July 2, 2020). click [here](#)
- India said that **Israel and Palestine should work towards a two-state solution**, in response to the annexation plans. (July 3, 2020). click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs:

- European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine **called on the European Union to reconsider the Association Agreement**. (June 29, 2020). click [here](#)
- Al-Haq issued a press release entitled **“Palestinian Civil Society Reiterates Call for Immediate Targeted Sanctions to Stop Israel’s Annexation and Apartheid”**. (July 1, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Council of Palestinian Human Rights Organizations issued a **statement on Palestinian prisoners** on the occasion of the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. (July 1, 2020). click [here](#)
- The IrAmim Foundation (City of Peoples) in Jerusalem issued a position paper entitled **“Amendment 116 to the planning and building law and the Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem”**. (July 1, 2020). click [here](#)
- The US Campaign for Palestinians Rights issued a report entitled **“Ocasio-Cortez and leading progressives back the grassroots demand to defund Israeli apartheid”**. (July 1, 2020). click [here](#)

Human rights conferences and events:

- PCHR concludes a training course on **“Human Rights and Mechanisms to Promote Right to Health”**. (June 30, 2020). click [here](#)

Research and Studies:

- Professor Michael D. Birnhack published a study at Oxford Scholarship on **Colonial Copyright: Intellectual Property in Mandate Palestine**. (July 2, 2020). click [here](#)