

PALESTINE'S LEGAL SCENE

Surveying the most important publications and activities related to Palestine throughout the week, from local and international sources.

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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, positions, and orders issued by Israeli official bodies:

- The Israeli Likud party **introduced two bills to annex the Jordan Valley** and execute any Palestinians carrying out operations against Israelis. (March 18, 2020). click [here](#)

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

- Palestine has submitted observations to the International Criminal Court in relation to the **request for a ruling on the Court's territorial jurisdiction in Palestine** (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Israel Bar Association submitted observations to the International Criminal Court **demanding not to investigate in Palestine**. (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- 4 Palestinian human rights organizations submitted a joint paper to the International Criminal Court **demanding to open an investigation in Palestine** (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- Former US Ambassador Dennis Ross presented the “Amicus Curiae” testimony to the International Criminal Court regarding the investigation in Palestine **and asked the court not to open the investigation**. (March 16, 2020).click [here](#)

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- The Hungarian state submitted written observations to the International Criminal Court on opening an investigation in Palestine **demanding not to open an investigation** (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- The State of Uganda has submitted observations to the International Criminal Court on opening an investigation in Palestine **demanding not to open the investigation** (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- Amicus Curiae Observations Submitted by several institutions to the International Criminal Court urging it **to accept the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Palestine** (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation has submitted paper to the International Criminal Court requesting **to accept the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Palestine.** (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- Professor and US Commissioner Richard Falk submitted observations to the International Criminal Court **requesting it to open an investigation in Palestine** (March 16, 2020)., click [here](#)
- The International Commission of Justice in Europe has handed over a paper “amicus curiae observations” to the ICC Pre-Trial Chamber and **demands it to open an investigation.** (March 18, 2020). click [here](#)
- Michael Lynk, the UN Special Rapporteur for the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied, said that Israel **has a legal responsibility to ensure that the right to health is fully provided** to Palestinians during the COVID-19 pandemic. (March 19, 2020). click [here](#)
- **UNRWA has appointed Mr. Philippe Lazzarini** as the new Commissioner-General (CG). (March 19, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Independent Commission for Human Rights and the Palestinian Ministry of Interior, issued **a joint note on “Deprivation of liberty amid the outbreak of Covid-19.”** (March 20, 2020). click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs:

- Amnesty International called on the international community **to support the investigation of the International Criminal Court** in the Palestinian Territories and ensure its independence. (March 16, 2020). click [here](#)
- The London-based Palestinian Return Centre has launched a global campaign entitled **“Return is my right and my decision”** to collect the signatures of Palestinian refugees. (March 17, 2020). click [here](#)

- The Israeli “Peace Now” organization released its annual report on the **settlement construction for the year 2019** (March 18, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Israel Gisha Center released its updated report on **the movement of crossings in the Gaza Strip** (March 18, 2020). click [here](#)
- Adalah monitored the request of Israeli lawyers demanding the IBA to rescind its submission of the request or, at very least, **refrain from submitting an opinion to the ICC**. (March 18, 2020). click [here](#)

Academic research and studies (Arab and foreign):

- EIR released a study entitled “**Self-determination as Resistance**”: Sahrawi and the Palestinian struggle for the UN, written by Moara Crivelente is a Ph.D. candidate in the University of Coimbra, Portugal (March 19, 2020). click [here](#)