

## PALESTINE'S LEGAL SCENE

Your weekly survey of the most important publications and activities related to Palestine, 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 Palestinian official bodies:**

- Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, called on the **European Union to impose sanctions on Israel**. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations sent identical letters to UN officials **on the plans of the Israeli annexation and its implications**. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)
- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announced that Palestine **will reconsider the agreements with Israel and the US amid Israel's annexation plans**. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)
- In a statement on the occasion of the Nakba, the Palestinian National Council **called on the world's parliaments to work with their governments to impose deterrent sanctions** on the occupation. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)
- Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO and the UN envoy, affirmed the **rejection of the decision to annex the Jordan Valley and settlements**. (July 15, 2020).click [here](#)

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

- An agreement between the leaders of the Israeli government - Netanyahu and Gantz - to move forward with the annexation plan, and close to half of Israelis back annexation, **less than a third think it'll happen**. (May 10, 2020). click [here](#)

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- Israel warns Hamas against **the entry of drones from Gaza into its territory**. (May 10, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Israeli Supreme Court receives a **petition about the right of Arab local authorities in Israel to financial aid** from the Israeli government after the Coronavirus crisis. (May 10, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Israeli Supreme Court receives a **petition against the Israel Prison Service** to provide adequate conditions for prisoners in Gilboa Prison. (May 10, 2020). click [here](#)
- **Israel loaned the PA 800 million shekels** to cover Palestinian losses due to the Coronavirus. (May 11, 2020). click [here](#)
- Israel has issued an order **to expropriate part of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron** in order to establish an elevator. (May 12, 2020). click [here](#)
- Israel intends to **expand its security exports as surveillance systems** in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. (May 12, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Israeli Public Security Minister **extended the decision to close the Palestine TV office** in East Jerusalem. (May 13, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Israeli Settlement Council **decided to expropriate a number of Palestinian lands** to expand settlements (16 May 2020). click [here](#)

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

- The International Criminal Court published a public redacted version of the Seventh registry report on Information and outreach activities **concerning victims and affected communities in the situation of Palestine**. (May 11, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territories, in partnership with representatives of UNICEF and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, **called for the release of child detainees in Israeli prisons**. (May 11, 2020). click [here](#)
- In a statement, the Emirati Foreign Minister **condemned Israel's plans to annex** parts of the West Bank. (May 11, 2020). click [here](#)

- The ICC has responded to Israeli criticisms over the prosecutor's decision and has said that **it will not probe Israeli war crimes**. (May 11, 2020). click [here](#)
- Several countries in the European Union have expressed their study of **imposing punitive measures on Israel once the West Bank is annexed**. (May 12, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Jordanian and Spanish Foreign Ministers **warn of the Israeli annexation plan** and its catastrophic results. (May 13, 2020).click [here](#)
- The US Secretary of State has stated in a report that **the new Israeli government has the right to annex parts of the West Bank**. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)
- The British House of Lords has asked the UK to respond to the Israeli annexation with **severe economic sanctions**. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation called on the international community **to support the right of Palestinian refugees to return** to their lands (15 May 2020). click [here](#)
- Josep Borrell, the European Union's security and foreign policy chief has said that it is **necessary to avoid any Israeli attempt to annex**. (May 15, 2020).click [here](#)
- Jordan's king has warned Israel of **massive conflict over annexation parts** of the West Bank. (May 16, 2020). click [here](#)

### **Publications of human rights NGOs:**

- Amnesty International has **condemned the US support for Israel's plans to annex** the West Bank (May 15, 2020). click [here](#)
- Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights in Gaza issued a press release **warning of the danger of an internal collapse in the face of colonial pressures** on all components of the Palestinian people. (May 11, 2020). click [here](#)
- Al- Haq Palestinian Foundation published a report regarding the **illegal Israeli measures to annex Jerusalem since 1948**. (May 11, 2020).click [here](#)
- Human Rights Watch has published an article on **Israeli discriminatory policies of lands** designed to restrict Palestinians and prevent them from expanding the population (May 12, 2020). click [here](#)
- Al-Haq Foundation has issued a press release calling for the **implementation of the rulings of the Palestinian judiciary** and affirming the illegality of pre-trial detention. (May 13, 2020).click [here](#)

- Gisha has published an update **on the work of the crossings** and has also mentioned the opening of Rafah crossing for three days to return to the Strip and all entering residents are sent to government quarantine facilities for 21 days (May 13, 2020). click [here](#)

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#### **Human rights conferences and events:**

- The Palestinian Center for Human Rights has organized a **training course on human rights and mechanisms** to promote the right to health. (May 14, 2020). click [here](#)

#### **Announcements regarding upcoming human rights opportunities or activities:**

- Foundations for Middle East Peace (FMPE) and the Middle East Institute (MEI) have announced their intention to organize a 3-part webinar series entitled “**Annexation & what it means: Views from the Ground & around the World**”. May 15-18, 2020. click [here](#)
- The United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has announced its intention to host the Prime Minister of Palestine Muhammad Shtayyeh to speak about “**recent political developments and the current situation in the state of Palestine**”. On May 18, 2020. click [here](#)