

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:

- The member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization Hanan Ashrawi has invited the director-General of UNESCO to **defend the Palestinian heritage and to stand in the face of Israeli violations**. (July 7, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization Saeb Erekat and the diplomatic advisor to the King of Bahrain, His Highness Sheikh Khalid Al Khalifa **has confirmed that there is no change on the Arab Peace Initiative**. (July 7, 2020). click [here](#)
- The head of the Palestinian Refugee Affairs Department, Ahmed Abu Houli, appreciated **Finland's role in supporting UNRWA and called on it to recognize the state of Palestine** in response to the annexation. (July 8, 2020). click [here](#)
- Palestine has discussed the violations of the Israeli occupation against social, educational, and cultural rights **at the ALECSO General Conference**. (July 9, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO Saeb Erekat has called on Germany to **prevent Israel from carrying out the annexation** of any part of the occupied Palestinian territories. (July 11, 2020). click [here](#)
- A member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization Salih Raafat has stated that the United Nations General Assembly was invited to a special session in order to form **an international coalition to address the annexation**. (July 11, 2020). click [here](#)

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

- The Former Israeli Knesset Speaker Abraham Borg said that **Trump has halted annexing the West Bank**. (July 5, 2020). click [here](#)

Page | 2 Israel has threatened to **cut the electricity off the Palestinian cities**. (July 8, 2020). click [here](#)

- An Israeli official has warned that the **international opposition to Israel annexation should not be underestimated**. (July 9, 2020). click [here](#)
- Israel's Intelligence Minister has stated to i24NEWS that “**Ties with Arab world don't depend on peace with Palestinians**” (July 10, 2020). click [here](#)

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

- The French Foreign Minister has sent a message to the Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO that the **annexation would not pass without consequences** for the relations between the EU and Israel (July 5, 2020). click [here](#)
- The European Union High Representative, Josep Borrell has said that **the annexation would put a risk good cooperation between the European Union and Israel**. (July 7, 2020).click [here](#)
- The Chilean Senate has approved **a resolution to adopt a law boycotting Zionist Settlement goods**. (July 7, 2020). click [here](#)
- A Canadian Member of Parliament and a candidate for the Prime Minister in Canada has stated that **he will move the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem** if he is elected. (July 8, 2020). click [here](#)
- The UNESCO Program and External Relations Committee has recommended the adoption of **a resolution condemning the excavations and works of Israel in the Old City of Jerusalem** and Hebron, and calling for a mission from UNESCO to closely monitor the situation. (July 9, 2020). click [here](#)
- The British Foreign Secretary was accused of **condoning human rights violations in the new British sanctions regime for countries that commit violations**. (July 9, 2020). click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs:

- B'Tselem has released a report on **Israel's intensification of house demolitions in the West Bank** in June, despite the outbreak of the Coronavirus. (July 6, 2020). click [here](#)

- Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights has issued a joint press release with the “Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights” organization about **assessing the 2014 attacks on Gaza and abandoning victims** and survivors for false investigations. (July 7, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Peace Now Organization has issued a report on **the use of the Absentees' Property Law to dispossess Palestinians of their property** in East Jerusalem since the 1980s. (July 7, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Legal Center for Freedom of Movement published an article in which it stated that **Israel Will Continue Its Campaign of Dividing and Conquering Palestinians**, Annexation or Not .(July 7, 2020). click [here](#)
- Al-Haq Organization submitted an oral intervention at the 44th regular session of the UN Human Rights Council **on the right of Palestinians to physical and mental health**. (July 9, 2020). click [here](#)

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights opportunities or activities:

- The Council of Human Rights Organizations will organize a webinar entitled The Price of Impunity: **How Israel uses collective punishment as a tool of domination**. (July 8, 2020). click [here](#)
- Institute for Palestine Studies at Columbia University Center for Palestine Studies will organize an online discussion entitled **Systemic Racism in the US and Israel: Analogies and Disanalogies**. (July 10, 2020). click [here](#)
- The Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP) and Jewish Currents magazine will hold a webinar entitled **“Imagining Together a Shared One-State Reality”** (July 11, 2020). click [here](#)