

## 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**

- Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO Saeb Erekat said that **the threat of imposing sanctions on President Mahmoud Abbas is bullying and extortion**. (Aug 2, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the executive committee of the PLO said that **the rhetorical opposition is not deterring Israel, time for action**. (Aug 2, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- A member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, Taysir Khalid, said that **proceeding with settlement construction in the E1 area in Jerusalem is an indication of the upcoming annexation step**. (Aug 3, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Commission of Detainees and Ex-detainees Affairs called on **to follow up on the condition of the prisoner Al-Lahham and the rest of the sick prisoners in Israeli prisons**. (Aug 6, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Palestinian National Committee for Education, Culture, and Science **sent letters of protest to ISESCO and ALECSO regarding the occupation's change of the landmarks of the Ibrahimi mosque**. (Aug 7, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations, Riyadh Mansour, **sent identical letters to UN officials about the violations of the occupation and its settlers**. (Aug 7, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

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- A member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Hanan Ashrawi, denounced the occupation court's decision regarding **granting work permits in the Ibrahimi mosque to the Israeli Supreme Planning Council** and considered it an indication to complete its theft. (Aug7, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

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

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that **annexation of the West Bank is still on the table**. (Aug 3, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Israeli Foreign Minister said that **the annexation plan is not on the agenda now**. (Aug 5, 202). For more, click [here](#)
- The Jerusalem District Court ordered Israel to facilitate **three Gaza residents stranded abroad to return to their homes and families in the Strip**, even in the absence of coordination between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. (Aug 5, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Israeli Supreme Court received a petition on behalf of the municipalities of the Northern Triangle against **an Israeli government policy discriminating against them**. (Aug 6, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz sent a warning letter to the Gaza Strip that **there is no solution but to return the captured Israeli soldiers in order to bring calm**. (August 7, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

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

- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned **Israel's plans to build more than 1,000 units in the area E1 in the occupied territories**. (Aug2, 2020)., For more, click [here](#)
- Congressman Doug Lamborn called on the US president to **impose personal sanctions on the Palestinian president**. (Aug 2, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Cuban mission to the United Nations rejected **the ongoing occupation of the Palestinian territory by Israel, its annexation policy**, and the increase of illegal and colonizing practices and measures. (Aug 4, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

- Luxembourg warned Israel that if it fulfills its plan to annex parts of the West Bank, **other European Union countries would recognize Palestine as an independent state**. (Aug 5, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

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

- Addameer Organization for Human Rights issued a joint statement with other Palestinian human rights organizations **condemning the arrest of human rights defender Mahmoud Nawajaa**. (August 4, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions issued a report entitled “ **July 2020 Demolition and Displacement in the occupied West Bank (including occupied East Jerusalem) and within the state of Israel**”. (Aug 5, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

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

- Liberal Jewish groups called on the House Foreign Affairs Committee **to select the one who has a position opposing the Israeli annexation in the West Bank as its next chair**. (Aug 5, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- BDS movement at the University of Manchester succeeded **in pushing the University to divest contracts from companies complicit in Israel’s occupation activities**. (Aug 5, 2020) .For more, click [here](#)
- A webinar organized by several organizations entitled “**legal struggles for justice in Ireland, Palestine, and Venezuela**”. (Aug 5, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- Followed by 70,000 and the UN Special Rapporteur on Palestine participated: Law for Palestine holds a webinar on **Palestinian prisoners, the Coronavirus and the need for international protection**. (Aug 5, 2020). For more, click [here](#)
- CLAIHR and Al-Haq seek leave to intervene in the Kattenburg v Canada case **on labelling of illegal settlement products**. (Aug 6, 2020). For more, click [here](#)

### **Announcements about upcoming human rights opportunities or activities**

- Americans for Peace Now will organize a webinar on **the occupation as apartheid** with Michael Sfard, Israeli human rights attorney. On August 10, 2020. For more, click [here](#)