

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 official Palestinian bodies

- Palestinian Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh said that **the Arabs had thwarted the US Secretary of State's trip despite the pressures, and we salute the Arab positions rejecting normalization with Israel.** (Aug 31, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- Ahmad Abu Houli, the Director-General of Refugee Affairs, **called on UNRWA to announce a new emergency appeal to confront COVID-19 in the Gaza Strip and provide food assistance to refugees.** (Sep1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- The Human Rights and Civil Society Department of the PLO said that the deliberate Israeli medical negligence is an Israeli tool to kill Palestinian prisoners, **which led to the martyrdom of the prisoner, Dawood Al-Khatib, who has been detained since 2002.** To check the news, click [here](#)

- Qadri Abu Bakr, head of the Prisoners and Ex-prisoners Affairs Commission, said that **the international community considers Israel a partner with its silence regarding its crimes against Palestinian prisoners.** (Sep 3, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- The Palestinian President called for a **comprehensive national dialogue between Fatah and Hamas to begin approving mechanisms to end the Palestinian division.** (Sep 3, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- Saeb Erekat, the Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **President Donald Trump's administration continues to exert pressure on countries to recognize the Israeli annexation of the West Bank.** (Sep 5, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

Decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by official Israeli bodies

- Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, has said that **the Palestinians cannot veto normalization and the Israeli-Arab peace process.** (Aug 30, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Likud supports a bill requiring a referendum on any West Bank withdrawal.** (Aug 30, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Israel announced the opening of Kerem Shalom crossing in the Gaza Strip and allowing the resumption of fishing for a distance of 15 nautical miles.** (Aug 31, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Israeli Cabinet approved the decision not to return the bodies of the Palestinian martyrs, even if they do not belong to Hamas.** (August 3, 2020)
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- **The Israeli army decides to open an investigation into the Israeli soldiers planting explosive devices in a Palestinian village. (Sep 3, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#).

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- **The Speaker of the Israeli Knesset declared that the annexation would not be contrary to the Israeli-Emirati agreement “because the agreement did not stipulate stopping the annexation.” (Sep 4, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, stated that Serbia and Kosovo intend to move their embassies to Jerusalem. (Sep 4, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#).

Decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by Arab, European, and international bodies

- **Kuwait decides not to allow Israeli aircraft to pass through its airspace. (Aug 31, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Abdullah bin Zayed, the Emirati Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that the Emirati-Israeli relations will not affect its support for Palestine. (Aug 31, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The UAE and US said in a joint statement with Israel that they urge Palestinian leaders to re-engage with their Israeli counterparts in discussions aimed at achieving peace. (Aug 31, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Jordanian Foreign Minister and Saeb Erekat affirmed adherence to the Arab Peace Initiative. (Sep 1, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#).

- **White House adviser, Jared Kushner said that it is logical for all Arab countries to follow the UAE in normalizing relations with Israel.** (Sep1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The representative of the EU and the Egyptian Consul General said in separate meetings with Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, that peace in Palestine is based on ending the occupation.** (Sep 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Jared Kushner stated that there is a proposal for a security plan that protects the Palestinians and Israelis, and it is awaiting the Palestinian approval.** (Sep 2, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Saudi Arabia decided to officially open its airspace for all flights between Israel and the UAE.** (Sep 2, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and US advisor Jared Kushner discussed the necessity of resuming the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations.** (Sep2, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi renewed his support for the Emirati-Israeli agreement and called on Israel not to take unilateral measures.** (Sep 2, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Bahrain News Agency said that Bahrain decided to open its airspace for flights between the UAE and Israel.** (Sep 3, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs

- **Addameer released a booklet that includes pictures of torture positions recently used against prisoners in Israeli prisons.** (Sep 2, 2020).. To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Al-Haq Foundation: US sanctions for the ICC’s Prosecutor and staff are a direct threat to justice in light of the situation in the State of Palestine.** (Sept 4, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Palestinian and regional human rights NGOs sent a jointly written submission to the Human Rights Council about the deteriorating situation in the Gaza Strip due to the continuing illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip.** (Sep 3, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Addameer, in partnership with Al-Haq, sent a written submission to the Human Rights Council on Israel's failure to protect Palestinian prisoners amid the COVID-19 outbreak.** (Sep 3, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

Academic research and studies (Arab and foreign)

- **Researcher Nery Ramati has published a study in the Journal of Conflict and Security Law at the Oxford Academy that deals with rulings of Israeli military courts and international law.** For further details of the study, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Joshua Blum published a study in the International Journal of Refugee Law at the Oxford Academy entitled “When Law Forgets: Coherence and Memory in the Determination of Stateless Palestinian Refugee Claims in Canada.”** For further details of the study, click [here](#)
- **Professor Michael Birnhack, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, published a study on Colonial Trademarks: Law and Nationality in Mandatory Palestine (1922-**

1948). For further details of the study, click [here](#).

- Researcher Hassan Jabareen published a legal study on **how the Israeli Law of Return creates one legal order in Palestine**. For further details of the study, click [here](#).