

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

- Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **Palestine will sever its ties with any country that moves its embassy to occupied Jerusalem.** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a spokesman for the Palestinian president, said that **the Palestinian people are the ones who decide the map of Palestine, not the USA or Israel.** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The PNC addressed the parliamentarians of Serbia and Kosovo regarding their intention to open their embassies in Jerusalem.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, condemned the Israeli army's decision to confiscate the historical sites of Deir Semaan and Deir Qala in the Salfit Governorate.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- Qadri Abu Bakr, Chairman of the Committee for Palestinian Prisoners' Affairs, in a meeting with the Deputy Director of the International Mission of the Red Cross: **The suffering of prisoners is a microcosm of the persecution that is taking place abroad.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Palestine calls on Arab foreign ministers to reject the UAE-Israeli agreement.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Tayseer Khaled, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **the supreme national interest requires the withdrawal of Palestinian recognition of the Israeli occupation state.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Under the Palestine Presidency: the start of the work of the 154th session of the Arab League Council.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Saleh Raafat, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said: **We reject and condemn the position of the Arab foreign ministers not to condemn the US-Israeli-UAE tripartite agreement.** (Sep 10, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Palestinian leadership declares its rejection and denunciation of the tripartite US-Bahraini-Israeli declaration and says that it inflicts great harm on the rights of the Palestinians and undermine the Arab peace initiative.** (Sep 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Saeb Erekat, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **the Arab League rejected the deal of the century, but the condemnation of the normalization of the Emirates was disputed.** (Sep 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said that **normalization with the occupation will not change the root of the conflict based on the denial of the rights of the Palestinian people.** (Sep 12, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- **The Palestinian National Council: Bahrain’s agreement with Israel is a violation of Arab and Islamic consensus decisions regarding Palestine.** (Sep 12, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- **A bill that was presented to the Knesset abolishing the Civil Administration in the West Bank to be replaced by Israeli ministries.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- The Jordanian Foreign Minister, in his talks with Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **a just peace is a strategic choice that can be achieved through the two-state solution.** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- The President of the Arab Parliament said that the announcement by the Republic of Serbia and Kosovo of moving their embassies to the city of Jerusalem is contrary to international law, and stressed the **“danger of affecting the existing historical and legal status of occupied Jerusalem.”** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Turkey: We are disappointed by Kosovo's move to recognize Israel.** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The President of the Republic of Malawi announced his country's intention to open an embassy in Jerusalem.** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- US President Donald Trump stated that **Kosovo will become the first Muslim country to open an embassy in Jerusalem.** (Sep 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- **The Special Representative of the President of Russia for the Middle East and Africa stressed Russia's opposition to annexation and the need for Palestinian national unity under the political program of the PLO.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Malta's ambassador to Palestine said that Malta supports a just peace process that guarantees the establishment of a Palestinian state based on international legitimacy resolutions.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the decision of the two countries of Serbia and Kosovo of moving their embassies to Jerusalem.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The European Union warned Serbia against moving its embassy to Jerusalem.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Saudi King said in a phone call with the US President that the basic premise for the Kingdom's efforts and the Arab Peace Initiative is to ensure that a permanent and just solution to the Palestinian issue is reached.** (Sep 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The EU missions in Palestine: We note with concern the continued demolition of Palestinian buildings in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.** (Sep 8, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Commissioner-General of UNRWA said that failing to receive sufficient funds for UNRWA will push it to the United Nations General Assembly for guidance on arranging its priorities.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **A US official says progress made in Israel-Lebanon talks over maritime borders.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, said that **the Arab peace initiative remains the basis that agreed upon to achieve peace**. (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Serbia announces that it will not open an embassy in Jerusalem if Israel recognizes Kosovo**. (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs “OCHA”: **Israel continued to demolish Palestinian buildings during the Covid-19 pandemic despite the announcement of the “restriction” of demolition**. (Sep 10, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The UN reaches an agreement to manage medical transfers from Gaza to Israel and the West Bank through the WHO**. (Sep 10, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Jared Kushner, the senior White House adviser, said **the US peace plan is a bid to save a 2-state solution; Israel was eating up the land**. (Sep 10, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi appreciates the trilateral statement issued by the USA, Bahrain, and Israel**. (Sep 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- In a tripartite call gathered the King of Bahrain with the American President and the Israeli Prime Minister: **A formal announcement was made on the normalization of relations between Bahrain and Israel**. (Sep 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Normalization between Bahrain and the Zionist entity is a shameful step by Bahrain**. (Sep 12, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

Publications of human rights NGOs:

- **Adalah Center on Netanyahu's apology for killing Yaqoub Abu Al Qiyam by the Israeli police: This is a miserable play of apology, and the real apology is accountability and trial.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **B'Tselem issued a report on the suffering of the families of fishermen and fish sellers in the Gaza Strip as a result of Israel's policies.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Peace Now issued a press release on the Israeli court's rule to evict 4 Palestinian families from their homes in Silwan.** (Sep 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Amnesty International: No diplomatic agreement can alter the legal duties of Israel as the occupying power.** (Sep 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

Human rights conferences and events:

- **A webinar on social media and efforts The Effort to redefine antisemitism to quash criticism of Israel.** (Sep 10, 2020). For further details about the webinar, click [here](#).