

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:

- The Palestinian Foreign Minister said that **the State of Palestine has turned to international mechanisms to ensure accountability and redress for international crimes perpetrated against the Palestinian people.** (Sep 28, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **In a meeting with the ambassadors of Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia, Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, affirms that the core issue is ending the occupation and embodying the independence of the State of Palestine.** (Sep 28, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **the course of the Palestinian elections and unity requires European support to ensure that Israel does not obstruct it.** (Sep 30, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- Tayseer Khaled, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, said that **the US ambassador to Israel is acting as a settler and Israel will wait until the judgment day and will not find a Palestinian accepting what is called the deal of the century.** (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Saleh Raafat, member of the PLO's Executive Committee: **The Palestinian leadership continues to work with the EU and certain European countries to recognize the State of Palestine on the 1967 borders.** (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- **The Pakistani ambassador in a meeting with the Palestinian ambassador to Syria: Pakistan is facing great pressure for normalization, but we will not accept abandoning the Palestinian issue, and we will not normalize.** (Sep 27, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Russian ambassador to Palestine assures the Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister of his country's readiness to continue supporting the Palestinian people.** (Sep 27, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Chargé d'Affaires of the Sultanate of Oman in Palestine confirms to Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the PLO's Executive Committee, his country's rejection of the annexation plan.** (Sep 30, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Nikolay Mladenov, the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, delivered his briefing on Security Council Resolution 2334, in which he expressed his concern over plans to build settlements.** (Sep 29, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- **In a meeting with Ahmed Majdalani, a member of the PLO’s Executive Committee, with the Swedish Consul General, the Consul affirmed her country's support for the Palestinian people and welcomed holding elections in Palestine. (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**
- **The EU seeks to solve the problem of “clearance revenues” transfers between Israel and the PA. (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**

Publications of human rights NGOs:

- **Peace Now released explanatory details about the Supreme Court ruling to Evict the Mitzpe Kramim Outpost in Ramallah. (Sep 29, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**
- **Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, in partnership with human rights NGOs, provided an oral statement in the 45th Human Rights Council session, in which they called on states to press on Israel to end the illegal closure of the Gaza Strip. (Sep 30, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**
- **PCHR condemns the Confiscation of Palestine TV Vehicle by IOF in Tubas. (Sep 30, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**
- **In a statement to the HRC: HRW says that the strong evidence that serious crimes have been committed in Palestine since 2014 underscores the need for ICC scrutiny over the situation through a formal investigation. (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**
- **Adalah issued a press release on the need to end impunity for the killings of Palestinians by the Israeli police. (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).**

- **Gisha issued a report explaining the situation of crossings in the Gaza Strip and the restrictions imposed on travel during the coronavirus pandemic by the local authorities.** (Oct 1, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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Human rights conferences and events:

- **A Molecules Scientific Journal refuses the normalization of illegal Israeli settlement-based Ariel University.** (Sep 28, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities:

- **Foundation for Middle East Peace announced a webinar entitled: “Is it time to reform international aid to Palestine?”** On October 6, 2020 . To check the news, click [here](#).

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