

## 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:**

- Saleh Raafat, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, condemned Israel's **approval of building 5,400 new colonial settlement units in the opt.** (Oct 5, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- In a meeting between Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, based on and the Spanish Consul General, **Ashrawi called on Spain to recognize the state of Palestine.** (Oct 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Riyadh Mansour, Palestine's representative to the UN, said that **an open session of the Security Council will be held at the end of this month for public debate on the Palestinian president's initiative to hold an international peace conference.** (Oct 8, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Palestinian National Council calls for an urgent intervention to save the life of the hunger-striking prisoner Maher Al-Akhras.** (Oct 8, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- Riyadh al-Maliki, the Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs, said at the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement that international silence regarding Israel's violations of Palestinian rights **represents deficiencies in the international system**. (Oct 9, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- Benny Gantz, the Israeli Defense Minister, **signed military orders to confiscate funds belonging to Hamas, describing it as a “terrorist”**. (Oct 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that it will **bring the UAE agreement for approval by the Cabinet and the Knesset next week**. (Oct 8, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- The Israeli Supreme Court decided **not to accept a petition to demolish a house belonging to a Palestinian who killed an Israeli soldier** in May 2020. (Oct 8, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- A bill introduced in the US House **requiring consultation with Israel before arms exports to Middle Eastern countries**. (Oct 4, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- In a press statement, the **Turkish Foreign Ministry confirmed its rejection of the Israeli plans to build additional settlements**, confirming their illegality. (Oct 4, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- In a meeting between Ahmed Majdalani, member of the PLO's Executive Committee, and the Finnish Ambassador: **Finland affirms its support for a peaceful solution to the Palestinian issue based on international legitimacy decisions**, and Majdalani calls on it to press on Israel to allow holding the Palestinian elections in occupied Jerusalem. (Oct 6, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

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

- Peace Now condemns the recent Israeli decision **to expand settlement construction with at least 4,430 new settlement units in the West Bank and mentions that the year 2020 witnessed the highest settlement rates in years.** (Oct 5, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- Palestinian human rights organizations welcomed the **List of Issues Report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on Israel.** (Oct 7, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council called for an urgent international intervention to release the hunger-striking administrative detainee, Maher Al-Akhras amid imminent threat to his life.** (Oct 8, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

### **Academic research and studies (Arab and foreign):**

- Israeli historian Adam Raz released a new book in **Carmel Publishing House dealing with the Looting of Arab Property in the War of Independence (1948).** To check the news, click [here](#).