

## Palestine's Legal Scene

Your weekly survey of the most important publications and activities related to Palestine and law, 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 Ministry calls on the UN Security Council to assume its responsibilities towards the current settlement escalation on the occupied Palestinian territories. (Dec 13, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Palestinian National Committee for Education, Culture, and Science calls for exerting pressure on the Israeli occupation to implement the “UNESCO” agreement to combat discrimination in education. (Dec14, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Riyad Mansour, the permanent representative of Palestine to the UN, sent identical letters to UN officials that failure to hold Israel accountable for its crimes makes the Palestinian people more vulnerable to its brutality. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Nabil Abu Rudeineh, the Palestinian Presidency Spokesman, states that Israel is targeting 30 Jerusalemite families to evacuate them from their homes in favor of settlement associations. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

- **The Palestinian National Council calls on the Inter-Parliamentary Union to ban trade with settlements and stop economic support for them. (Dec 16, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

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

- **A bill was presented to the Israeli Knesset to legalize 65 outposts in the West Bank. (Dec 14, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Head of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee confirms that Israel is in talks with Hamas about a prisoner swap. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news click [here](#)
- **Defense Minister and Alternate Prime Minister of Israel Benny Gantz: There will be a place for the Palestinian capital in united Jerusalem. (Dec 17, 2020).** To check the news click [here](#)

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

- **Moroccan Foreign Minister: Relations with Israel “were normal” even before the recent agreement. (Dec 13, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, issues a report on the activities of her office's preliminary examination of the Palestinian question.( Dec 14, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the continued Israeli violations and incursions into the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. (Dec 14, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

- **The Heritage Committee in the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization has included Palestinian heritage sites on the list of heritage in the Islamic world. (Dec 14, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

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- **The United Nations and the Palestinian Authority: Launching a \$ 417 million plan to help the most vulnerable people in the occupied Palestinian territories. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **European parliamentarians have signed a letter addressed to the Executive Vice President of the European Commission calling for the prevention of settlement goods from entering the European market. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Tunisian Prime Minister: Normalization with Israel “is not on the agenda.” (Dec 16, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Arab Parliament affirms its support for the Palestinian President’s call for an international peace conference, the Palestinians’ right to self-determination, and ending the occupation. (Dec 16, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **In a meeting with Ahmed Majdalani, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, with the Swedish Consul General, who affirms her country's support for the two-state solution and the Palestinian question. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The United Nations General Assembly votes by the majority on the resolution of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. (Dec 16, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

- **The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the Israeli Knesset's adoption of a law legitimizing settlement outposts in the West Bank. (Dec 17, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

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- **UN independent human rights experts call for an impartial and independent investigation to punish Israel for the killing of Palestinian children (Dec 17, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The ICC's Executive Office unanimously elects the State of Palestine as a member for the second time in a row. (Dec 18, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Foreign Ministers of Palestine, Egypt, and Jordan affirm in a joint meeting that the Arab Peace Initiative represents the approved terms of reference for negotiations. (Dec 19, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi: The Palestinian issue is one of the pillars of Egyptian foreign policy. (Dec 19, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

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

- **The International Crisis Group and the United States/Middle East Project to help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict issue a report on three pillars of a new US approach to peace in Israel-Palestine. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Al-Haq, in partnership with several organizations, issue a study dealing with the response to the submission of ICC amicus curiae regarding the investigation of the crimes committed in Palestine. (Dec 15, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Adalah calls on the Israeli Attorney General and Internal Security Minister to freeze monitoring and tracking Internet users. (Dec 14, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

- **Al-Haq warns of the seriousness of the internal developments and the deterioration of the human rights situation in Palestine. (Dec 17, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

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- **Palestinian and European human rights organizations demand the Basque company “CAF” be included in the UN database of companies operating in illegal Israeli settlements. (Dec 19, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Israeli “Breaking the Silence” organization issues a report on the development of the Israeli infrastructure for roads in the West Bank and considers it a part of accelerating the annexation process. (December 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)

#### ❖ **Academic Research and Studies**

- **Researcher Victoria Mason has published a paper in the University of Cambridge Journal entitled “The Question of Palestine: From liminality to emancipation”. (Nov 11, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Suzanne Morrison has published a new paper on the global BDS movement as a form of collective action for global justice for Palestine. (Nov 25, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Sonia Boulos has published a paper entitled “Policing the Palestinian National Minority in Israel: An International Human Rights Perspective.” (November 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Micheal G Kearney has published a paper in the Journal of International Criminal Justice entitled: “The Denial of the Right of Return as a Rome Statute Crime.” (Nov 29, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The American Society of International Law publishes a paper that included the memorandum submitted by Palestine against Israel before the UN Committee on**

**the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (November 2020).** To check the article, click [here](#)

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- **Researcher Yaël Ronen has published in the Journal of International Criminal Justice an article entitled: “Palestine in the ICC: Statehood and the Right to Self-determination in the Absence of Effective Control.” (Dec 2, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Marco Pertile has published an in the Journal of International Justice entitled “The Borders of the Occupied Palestinian Territory are Determined by Customary Law” and its relationship with the ICC. (Dec 4, 2020).** To check the news, click [here](#)
- **A study by researcher David Hughes on Illegal Occupation and the Boundaries of Legal Capability: A Reply to Ardi Imseis. (Dec 5, 2020).** To check the article, click [here](#)
- **Researchers Elias Al Hihi and Asem Khalil have published an article on International Human Rights Law within the Palestinian legal system. (December 2020).** To check the article, click [here](#)
- **The Research Center of the PLO issues volume 281 of the Journal of Palestinian Affairs, entitled: “After the Arab normalization agreements”. (December 2020).** To check the volume, click [here](#)