



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 centres, and official, academic, and legal institutions concerned.

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

- Supreme Council for Fatwa in Palestine: The decision to demolish Al-Bustan neighborhood in Jerusalem is a prelude to a mass transfer. (Mar. 28, 2021). For further details, click here
- · Head of the Refugee Affairs Department welcomes the decision of "UNRWA" to increase the value of the cash assistance provided to Palestinian refugees, in Syria. (Mar. 28, 2021). For further details, click here
- Palestinian National Council calls for combating settlement plans. (Mar. 29, 2021). For further details, click here
- Palestinian MOFAE summons the ambassadors of several European countries to address the negative change in the pattern of their voting on decisions related to Palestine. (Mar. 29, 2021). For further details, click here







• On the anniversary of Palestine Land Day, the Palestinian MOFAE affirms the need to strengthen the international legal character of Palestine and to embody it in reality. (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details,

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- Palestinian MOFAE called Finland to eliminate any obstacles that Israel might put to hinder Palestinian elections. (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details, click here
- Palestinian Health Minister Mai al-Kaila: The international community must intervene immediatly to save the life of captive Imad Al-Batran, who has been on a hunger strike for 40 days. (Mar. 31, 2021). For further details, click here
- PM Shtayyeh demands European pressure to oblige Israel into respecting the signed pacts, including holding elections in Jerusalem. (Mar. 31, 2021). For further details, click here
- The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the UN sends letters to UN Officials about home demolition and arbitrary eviction in the occupied Jerusalem. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here
- Palestinian MOFAE: The occupation exploits the hardship of countries, and extorts them to get political benefits in return for giving COVID-19 Vaccines. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here
- Palestinian Foreign Minister calls on Japan to recognize the State of Palestine. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here
- Palestinian MOFAE condemns the Israeli occupation's demolition of homes and facilities in the occupied territories, calls on the international community to shoulder its responsibilities towards these crimes. (Apr. 2, 2021). For further details, click here







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

· Head of COGAT: Israel should end the security coordination with PA if Page | 3 Hamas wins the election. (Apr. 2, 2021). For further details, click here

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

- Chinese Ambassador to Palestine, Guo Wei: China's initiative constitutes an integrated plan to achieve comprehensive and just peace for the Palestinian issue. (Mar. 28, 2021). For further details, click here
- UNRWA during the Fifth Brussels Conference on Syria: We call for supporting Palestinian refugees financially. (Mar. 29, 2021). For further details, click here
- On the anniversary of Palestine Land Day, Tunisia calls on the international community to protect the Palestinian people and put an end to Israeli settlement. (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details, click here
- Coinciding with Palestine Land Day, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Arab Parliament affirm their support of legitimate Palestinian rights. (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details, click here
- McManus: Europe's stance on Israeli accountability is a denial of justice for Palestine. (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details, click here
- US State Department: The West Bank is an occupied territory. (Mar. **30, 2021)**. For further details, click here
- By royal decree, Bahrain appoints a permanent ambassador in Israel. (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details, click here
- The administration of US President Joe Biden refrains from describing the West Bank as an occupied territory. (Mar. 31, 2021). For further details, click here









- Page | 4 Jordan submits an official protest memorandum calling out Israel to respect the status quo in Jerusalem. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here
 - Saudi MOFA: Normalization with Israel will bring immense economic, social, and security-related benefits for the region. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here
 - US Secretary of State: Israelis and Palestinians should enjoy equal measures of freedom, security, prosperity and democracy. (Apr. 2, 2021)." For further details, click here
 - The Biden administration decides to end sanctions and visa restrictions against ICC employees. (Apr. 3, 2021)."For further details, click here

Publications of human rights NGOs

- BADIL submits two statements to HRC calling on the international community to end Israeli colonization and ensure accountability. (Mar. 29, 2021). For further details, click here
- Academics and researchers participating in the European Research Program publish an open letter about the EU's legalization of Israeli settlements. (Mar. 29, 2021). For further details, click here
- Al-Haq issues a press release entitled "Land Day 2021: The Ongoing Crimes of the Occupation and Dispossession of Palestinians." (Mar. 30, 2021). For further details, click here
- Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights concludes its participation in the 46th session of the Human Rights Council, focusing on issues of justice,



accountability and access to vaccines for COVID-19. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here

Page | 5 Human rights conferences and events

Union of Palestinian Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean: Land Day is a great opportunity to remind the world of Palestinian suffering. (Apr. 1, 2021). For further details, click here

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities:

• Al-Istiqlal University organizes a legal webinar entitled "The International Criminal Court's Decision on Palestine: Our rights and responsibilities" (Apr. 3, 2021). For further details, click here