

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

- **Palestinian MOFAE calls for the formation of an international commission of inquiry into the execution of 21-year-old Muhammad Hassan by Israeli forces in Qusra town, southeast of WB's Nablus. (July 4, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs denounces settlers' storming of al-Aqsa Mosque and of the Mosque of Prophet Yunus (Prophet Jonah), calls them Israeli crimes against Islamic holy sites. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian Prime Minister holds the Israeli occupation fully responsible for the lives of the two prisoners: Ghananfar and al-Atrash. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian Prime Minister calls on Canada to recognize the State of Palestine, with Jerusalem as its capital to preserve the two-state solution. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian Minister of Health and the Commission for Detainees Affairs denounced Israeli occupation's arrest of executive director for Palestinian Health Work Committees. (July 7, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

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- **Palestinian Minister of Agriculture condemns Israel's closure of Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) in Ramallah, considers the move a violation of the law. (July 8, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **State of Palestine's representative to the UN calls for holding Israel accountable for its crimes against the Palestinian people. (July 10, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

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

- **Israeli Knesset knocks down extension of family reunification law after a tie result between opposing and supporting votes. (July 6, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Israeli Minister of Interior promises to reopen discussion of Palestinian Family Reunification Law at Knesset soon. (July 7, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

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

- **EU considers settlements, displacement and home demolitions illegal actions that lead to further violence. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Norwegian pension fund withdraws its investments from 16 companies over their involvement in Israeli settlements in the West Bank. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **US Congress approves funds to reopen the US Consulate in Jerusalem. (July 6, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Jordan's King: Achieving stability in the Middle East is not possible without reaching a just and comprehensive peace on the basis of the two-state solution. (July 7, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **US criticizes Israel's demolition of home of prisoner Muntasir Shalabi in the West Bank, calls against unilateral action. (July 8, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

- **UN Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory calls on Israel to stop demolishing Palestinian homes, to lift Gaza blockade. (July 9, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **UN’s Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories decries Israeli settlements as a war crime. (July 9, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs

- **Addameer calls for a stand against Israel’s potential residency revocation of human rights defender Salah Hammouri. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Al Mezan Center issues a report titled: “In focus: The effects of Israel’s tightened blockade on the economic and humanitarian conditions in the Gaza Strip”. (July 5, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Al-Haq submits urgent appeal to UN Special Rapporteurs on arbitrary detention of human rights defender Farid al-Atrash. (July 7, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian Center for Human Rights makes a statement on Israeli occupation responsibility for the life of prisoner Ghadanfar Abu-Atwan. (July 7, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **ECCP publishes an article titled: “The Colonization of the Occupied Territories is a War Crime”. (July 6, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

Academic research and studies

- **Scholar John Dart published a research titled: “From Ferguson to Gaza: Sports, Political Sensitivity, and Conflict between Israel and Palestine in an Era of “Black Lives Matter.” (May 4, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

Human rights conferences and events

- **Conference of Supervisors on Palestinian Affairs confirms its rejection of all forms of refugee settlement attempts. (July 6, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Some 130 MEPs and MPs support UN database of companies complicit in illegal settlements. (July 7, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Wall and Settlement Resistance Commission and the Jerusalem Legal Aid Center submit a petition to the Israeli Supreme Court demanding the return of Jabal Sbeih lands to their owners. (July 8, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Franco-Palestinian Solidarity Association holds online conference on Jerusalem in light of continued pressure to end Israeli policy of ethnic cleansing. (July 8, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities

- **Jerusalem Fund for Culture and Social Development to hold a meeting titled: “The Israeli Collective Punishment of the Palestinians.” (July 13, 2021).** For further details, click [here](#)