

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 condemns the execution of the young man Jamil Kayyal and calls on the ICC to break its silence (Dec 13, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- The Prisoners and Detainees Affairs' Commission underlines the difficult health conditions of prisoner Mohreb Manasra and calls on the international community to immediately intervene to release him (Dec 13, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Palestinian Minister of Justice calls on an immediate investigation into the files brought before the ICC to ensure accountability in the light of the recent increase of executed Palestinians (Dec 13, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Minister of Jerusalem Affairs warns against Israel's evacuating Jerusalemites from their homes to implement settlement projects in the city (Dec 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Palestinian MOFAE calls on that each Israeli official who prevents Palestinian constructions in "C" areas and supports settlements should be subjugated to international law and accountability rules (Dec 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Palestinian MOFAE condemns Israeli occupation storming to Birzeit University and calls on providing protection to educational institutions (Dec 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

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- Palestinian MOFAE: Bar-Lev's statements about settler violence in the WB are a positive first step, but not sufficient, we call on the Israeli society to act urgently against the continued occupation of the land of the State of Palestine (Dec. 15, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- PLO's Member of the Executive Committee, Ahmed Abu Houli, calls on Brazil to resume its funding to UNRWA, which was suspended in 2021 (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- The Palestinian Presidency calls on the international community to take urgent action to end the settlers' terrorism in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 against Palestinian civilians (Dec. 17, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

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

- Israel unveils new plans to establish six new settlements in Jerusalem (Dec. 13, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Israeli Minister of Internal Security, via Twitter, [vows](#) to fight Palestinian terrorism and Israeli settler violence, amid official Israeli criticism (Dec. 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Israel's defense and internal security ministers agree to enlist hundreds of Israeli soldiers into the police to help fight extremist settlers' violence in the West Bank (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Israeli Minister of Interior forms a committee to advance the establishment of the "Trump Heights" settlement in the occupied Golan Heights (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

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

- The Gulf Cooperation Council summit calls for intervention to stop targeting the Palestinian presence in Jerusalem (Dec. 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- The General Secretariat of LAS holds the 107th session of the Conference of Supervisors of Palestinian Affairs in the Host Arab Countries (Dec. 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

- UNESCO approved the Palestinian request to include “The Art of Embroidery in Palestine: Practices, Skills, Knowledge and Rituals” on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (Dec. 15, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- The start of the “American-Palestinian Economic Dialogue” by default, after a five-year break (Dec. 15, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Germany provides 4 million euros to the UN Office for Project Services to rebuild destroyed homes in Gaza (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- The US freezes the reopening of the Jerusalem consulate amid strong Israeli opposition (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- The United Nations launches a plan to support 1.6 million Palestinians in 2022, most of which in the Gaza Strip (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Tor Wennesland condemns Palestinian and Israeli violence in the West Bank and calls on all parties to calm the situation (Dec. 17, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs

- The Palestinian Initiatives for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH) publishes a report entitled: “An Analysis of Violations of Social and Cultural Rights Observed by Young Human Rights Defenders for the Year (2020-2021)” (Dec. 12, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Addameer issues a press release titled: “Israeli Occupation Authorities Leverage Individual Palestinian Human Rights Defenders to Escalate Systematic Harassment Campaign Against Palestinian Civil Society” (Dec. 12, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Gisha LCM publishes an article entitled: “The unemployment rate in Gaza rose to 50.2% in the months following the war in May” (Dec. 13, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

Academic research and studies

- Researcher Natasha Spreadborough publishes a paper entitled: “From the River to the Sea: Water Conflict and International Law in Israel and Palestine” (May 4, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Researcher Hedi Viterbo publishes a book entitled: “Problematizing Law, Rights, and Childhood in Israel/Palestine” (Sep. 22, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

- Researcher Wilson, L publishes a PhD thesis on International Law and Human Trafficking: The case of Palestine (Sep.13, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)

Human rights conferences and events

- The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) calls for the expulsion of US Congressman Paul Gosar after [his statements calling for](#) the destruction of al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem (Dec. 12, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Palestinian Human rights organizations targeted by Israel launch a joint website calling for action to reverse the Israeli ban imposed on them (Dec. 14, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- A webinar organized by the General Union of Palestinian Jurists in Tunisia in cooperation with other parties, under the title “The inalienable and violated Palestinian right” and the participants demand that Israel be held accountable for its violations against the Palestinian people (Dec. 15, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)
- Americans for Peace Now holds a webinar entitled “The connection between illegal outposts and settler violence: Peace Now's new report” (Dec. 16, 2021). For further details, click [here](#)