

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

- **Minister of Foreign Affairs sends two letters to the Secretary-General of LAS and the Secretary-General of OIC regarding the ongoing Israeli aggression on Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian MOFAE calls on the US administration to break its silence and calls on it to hold the Israeli government fully and directly responsible for the aggression against Jerusalem.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Palestinian President calls on the United Nations to mobilize regional and international efforts to end the historical injustice against the Palestinian people; In accordance with international law and relevant United Nations resolutions.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian MOFAE calls on the UN Security Council to respect its resolutions and practically recognize Jerusalem as an indivisible part of the occupied Palestinian territory.** (April 20, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

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- **Palestinian National Committee for Education, Culture, and Science invites the Archaeological Committee of ISESCO to an emergency meeting to discuss the issue of the escalation of attacks against Islamic holy sites and archaeological sites in Palestine.** (April 21, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Head of the Higher Presidential Committee on Church Affairs: The Church rejects Israel's decision to limit the number of worshipers participating in the Holy Saturday celebrations in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.** (April 21, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

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

- **Israeli Defense Minister says his office is working on plans to allow thousands of Palestinian workers into Israel.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Israeli Prime Minister says that the Israeli forces have “freedom to act” to maintain security in Jerusalem.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Israeli PM said that the West Bank, Judea, and Samaria are not occupied territories but are territories in dispute.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Israel imposes Passover Curfew for West Bank Palestinians, but Permits Al-Aqsa Prayer.** (April 21, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

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

- **Morocco condemns the Israeli attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Sudanese Foreign Ministry condemns the Israeli forces' storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

- **The Arab Parliament renews its call to the United Nations to form a fact-finding committee to visit Israeli prisons and examine the violations that Palestinian prisoners and detainees are subjected to.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Jordan summons the Israeli envoy to carry him a letter of protest and warning and an immediate demand to stop the violations of Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Egyptian House of Representatives calls on the Arab League to take action to save the Palestinian people and stop the Israeli violations.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Secretary-General of the United Nations affirms his position on the necessity of adhering to and respecting the status quo in the holy sites in Jerusalem.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **President of Algeria urged the international community to "accelerate efforts to secure the required protection of Palestinian civilians and their lives under international law" in a letter to UN Secretary-General.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Secretary-General of the United Nations: "It is critical to restore hope to the Palestinian people, which necessarily involves the international community's engagement in the peace process in pursuit of the two-State solution."** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Jordanian parliament calls for the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador in protest of the Israeli attacks in Jerusalem.** (April 18, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)
- **UAE summons the Israeli ambassador to protest the events in Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The State Department affirms the United States' commitment to improving the quality of life of the Palestinian people in tangible ways, and the United States' support for the two-state solution.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

- **Five European countries call in a joint statement for an end to the confrontations in Jerusalem at the conclusion of an emergency closed session of the UN Security Council on the recent tensions in occupied Jerusalem.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Turkish President expresses his deep sorrow over the violence in Jerusalem, stressing the need not to allow provocations and threats against the spiritual status of the Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Venezuela condemns the Israeli violations at Al-Aqsa and affirms its commitment to support the Palestinian cause.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Chairperson of the African Union Commission condemns the Israeli attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque and the bombings that targeted the Gaza Strip.** (April 19, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)
- **Lebanese President: The occupation's attacks on Al-Aqsa will not change the identity of the Holy City.** (April 20, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Saudi Cabinet calls on the international community to hold Israel responsible for the repercussions of storming Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 20, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **China's Foreign Ministry: We oppose any unilateral attempt to alter the historical status quo of Jerusalem.** (April 20, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Organization of Islamic Cooperation condemns the closure of the Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Hebron.** (April 20, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **A Belgian deputy calls on Belgium and the European Union to take a clear position against Israeli crimes.** (April 21, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of international action to confront illegal Israeli policies and measures in the occupied city of Jerusalem issues a statement on its fourth meeting.** (April 21, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)

- **The Arab Lawyers Union condemns the Israeli police's storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the injury of about 40 Palestinian civilians with rubber bullets. It also [condemns](#) the settlers' storming of the mosque for the fifth day in a row.** (April 22, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)
- **The United Nations Human Rights Office calls for an investigation into Israel's response to the escalating violence at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.** (April 22, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)
- **The UN Special Rapporteur in Palestine Michael Lynk issues a statement calling on the international community to take urgent measures to stop the escalating violence in the Palestinian territories.** (April 22, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)
- **The Administrative Court in the German city of Stuttgart allows a Palestinian association to announce its protest activities against the Israeli occupation through the city's official page after it was banned by the local authorities, amid accusations from the German press for the association of anti-Semitism.** (April 22, 2022). For further details click, [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs

- **Public benefit associations in Kuwait denounce in a statement the daily Israeli violations in Al-Aqsa Mosque.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **ICHR calls on the United Nations to investigate the daily executions committed by Israel in the occupied territories.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights urges on the international community to take immediate action to exert pressure on Israel to improve detainees' living conditions, halt violations of their rights, and set them free.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **ADDAMEER, Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, calls on the international community to take action to improve the walfar of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and release them.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

- **Al-Haq calls on the international community to intervene immediately and effectively to de-escalate Israeli violence against Palestinians.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Association belgo-palestinienne calls on Belgium and the European Union to censure Israel.** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

Academic research and studies

- **Researcher Suzanne Morrison publishes a new article titled: “Border-crossing repertoires of contention: Palestine activism in a global justice context”.** (November 25, 2020). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Abla Hamdan publishes a paper on the “Relocation of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem”.** (January 11, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Rasheed, Kumar, and Azam have published a recent study titled: “Sociological and Political Perspective of Palestine-Israel Issue in the Light of International Law”.** (January, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Researchers Gunawan, Dewi, Mustaqim, and Arumbinang publish a new article titled: “War during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Case between Israel and Palestine”.** (March 1, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Researcher Munir Abu Rahma publishes a study on Legal rules for protecting the environment in the OPT.** (March 26, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Research Victor Kattan has published a study titled: “The Persistence of Partition: Boundary making, Imperialism and International Law”.** (April, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

Human rights conferences and events

- **The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) launched a petition calling on the US President to condemn an assault by Israeli forces on worshipers in the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the occupied city of Jerusalem.** (April 17, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

- **Code Pink has launched a petition calling on the US administration to pressure Israel to stop the Israeli attacks in Jerusalem and to link US aid to Israel with conditions.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Americans for Peace Now (APN) has recently hosted a webinar titled "Jerusalem in Crisis," with Jerusalem expert Daniel Seidmann, to discuss the sources of rising tensions in Jerusalem.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Middle East Peace Foundation published a podcast entitled "Another Crisis in Jerusalem - An Israeli Perspective". Participants discussed escalating tensions and violence in and around Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Plaza.** (April 19, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities

- **The UN holds a virtual event entitled "Al Khalil/Hebron – A case study for the impact of Israeli settlements on Palestinian rights under occupation".** (April 18, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **BADIL is accepting applications for the international mobilization course for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people 2022.** For further details, click [here](#)
- **Al-Haq Center for Applied International Law opens registration for its Summer School Program for 2022.** For further details, click [here](#)