

# Law for Palestine

## Periodic Report



April 2021 – October 2022

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# Forward



Just around two and a half years ago, Law for Palestine (L4P) came on stage as a youth-led organisation, with a unique and challenging mission: strengthening the strategic legal work on Palestine-Israel, and creating a vibrant hub for discussion for all those interested in the Question of Palestine and international law from around the globe, so they can learn, discuss, connect, analyse, write, and map out the legal work for Palestine.

Today, despite the relatively short period since its inception, L4P has already succeeded in becoming an indispensable resource for timely, cogent, reliable and critical information on Palestine and international law. It houses some of the greatest legal minds from around the world, and works intensively and closely with the grassroots to bring them first-class experience of international experts. These achievements led the UN special Rapporteur on Palestine, Francesca Albanese, to describe the organisation as "one of the most recent positive developments in the scene of advocacy for Palestine in quite a long time".

While we celebrate what we have achieved so far, we are fully satisfied that we are moving in the right direction.

This day is the day we celebrate, and seek pride in, our team of experts, researchers and qualified volunteers from around the world, who spent most of their time voluntarily for their belief and commitment in the organization's mission and *raison d'être*.

**To them and to all our great supporters and followers: Thank you, for without you L4P would not have been where it is right now! We reassure you that this organisation shall continue its hard work until its mission is accomplished: when justice and accountability are upheld in Palestine.**



**Ihsan Adel**  
**Founder and Chair**

# Law for Palestine in Brief

Our story started with a group of young men and women came together to write a better chapter and fill the gap in the work for human rights and international law related to the Question of Palestine.

The organization aims to build and create an effective global network of legal professionals who are interested in the Question of Palestine, provide enriched, two-sided and objective legal content on Palestine-Israel, and positively engage the directly affected community through building their legal capacity and connecting them with the international legal mechanisms. L4P also aims to spread awareness and spark discussion regarding Palestine-Israeli occupation relevant to international law and human rights areas through presenting opposing viewpoints and laying the foundations for a comprehensive system which collects and records all materials in relation to international law and Question of Palestine.



Law for Palestine (L4P) is a youth-led non-profit human rights and legal orientation organization, formally registered in the United Kingdom and Sweden





## **Mission:**

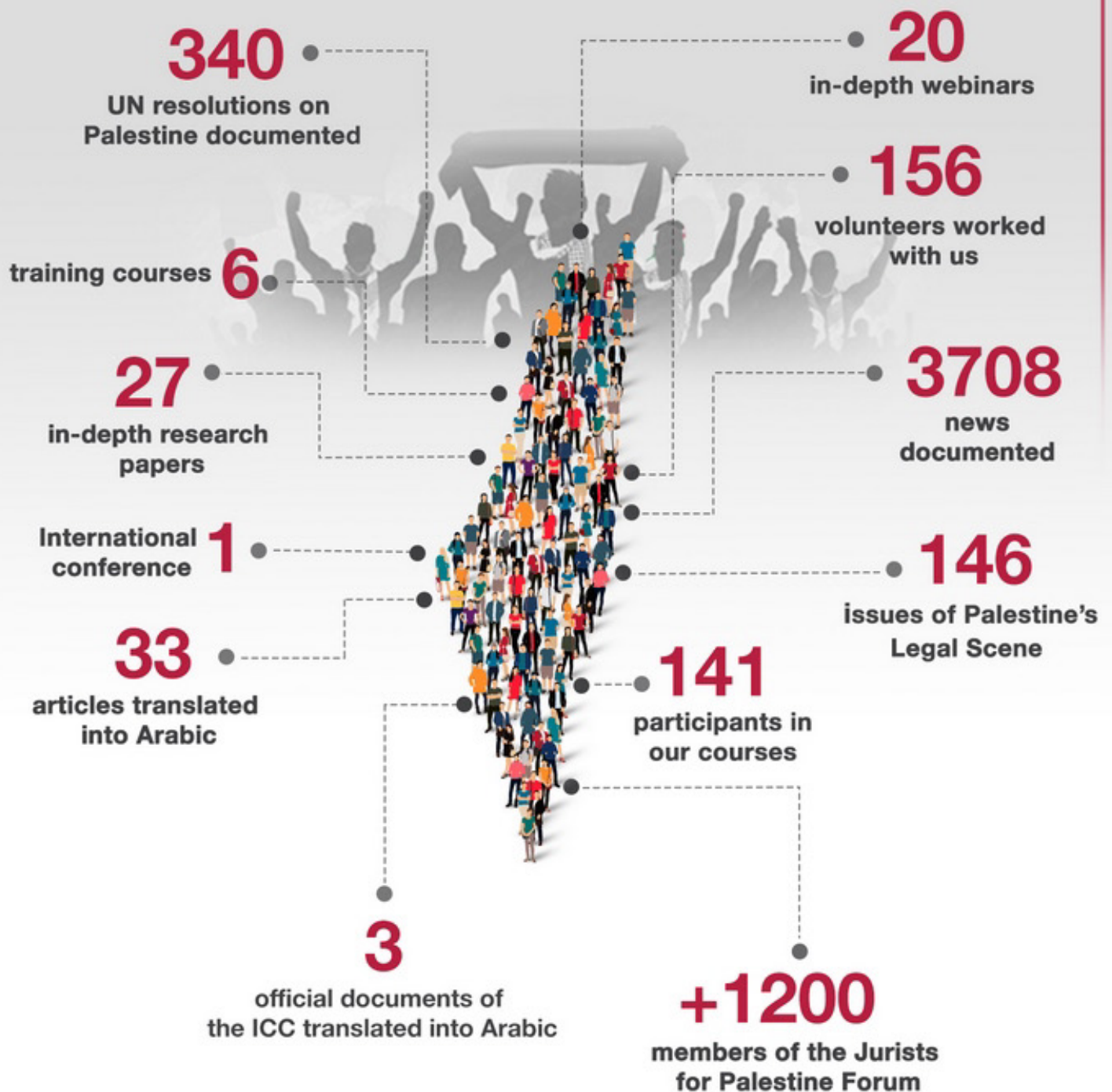
Strengthening legal action for justice in Palestine through; planning and strategizing legal action, raising awareness among the 'legal community' interested in the Question of Palestine, building a global network of jurists interested in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, archiving the legal developments in Palestine/Israel, enriching the international legal content on Palestine and Israel, and last but not least, involving and engaging with the affected communities on the ground and the young jurists and building their legal capacity.

## **Vision:**

Meeting the aspiration for an organized, effective, knowledge-based and impact-oriented legal action for justice in Palestine

# Two Years and a half in Review: Infographic

## Two Years and a Half Since Inception



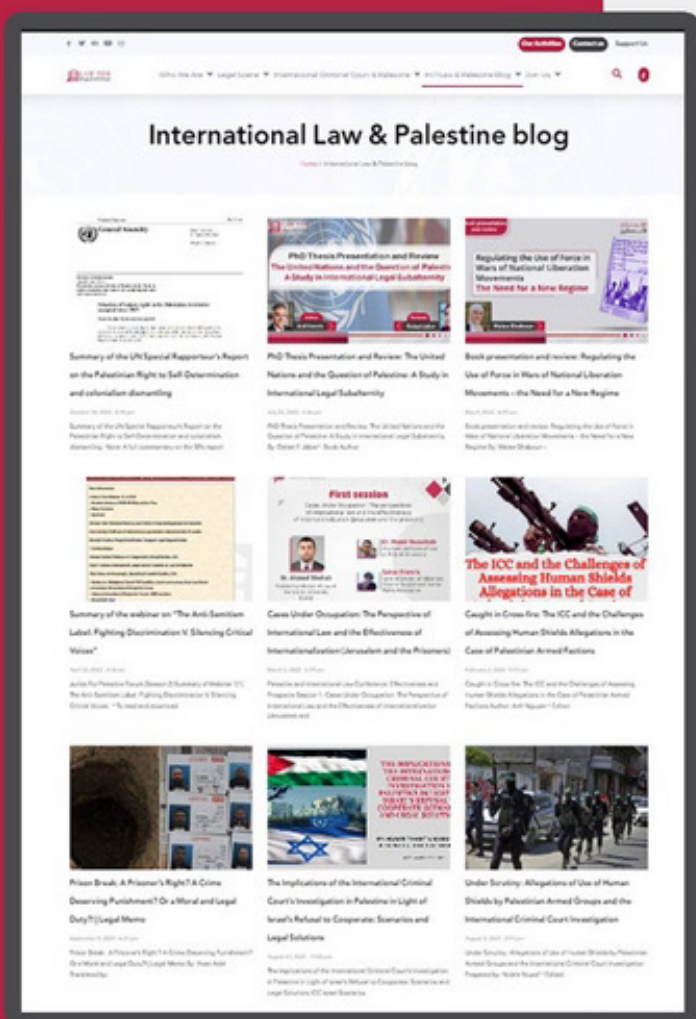


# Accomplishments

The Organization has grown further and became a considerable player in the Palestinian legal scene. The main achievements could be summed up in the following

## On Enriching the Objective Legal Content on Palestine

The “Law and Palestine Blog” has progressed quite noticeably in the last year and a half. The papers prepared following the Call for Papers on the Palestinian Armed Groups and ICC has added so much to the legal discussion on Palestine and international law.



Since inception, the Blog has published 27 in-depth research papers and legal commentaries on several issues; 6 of them on Palestine and ICC, 3 explanatory papers on international resolutions and 1 fact sheet on Sheikh Jarrah with 16 junior and senior researchers involved in the drafting process. Furthermore, it has documented 340 UN resolutions on Palestine. Choosing the themes and topics was based on our approach to handle the undealt with issues such as the responsibility of PAGs and escaping prisons. The last was a commentary on the recent Special Rapporteur's

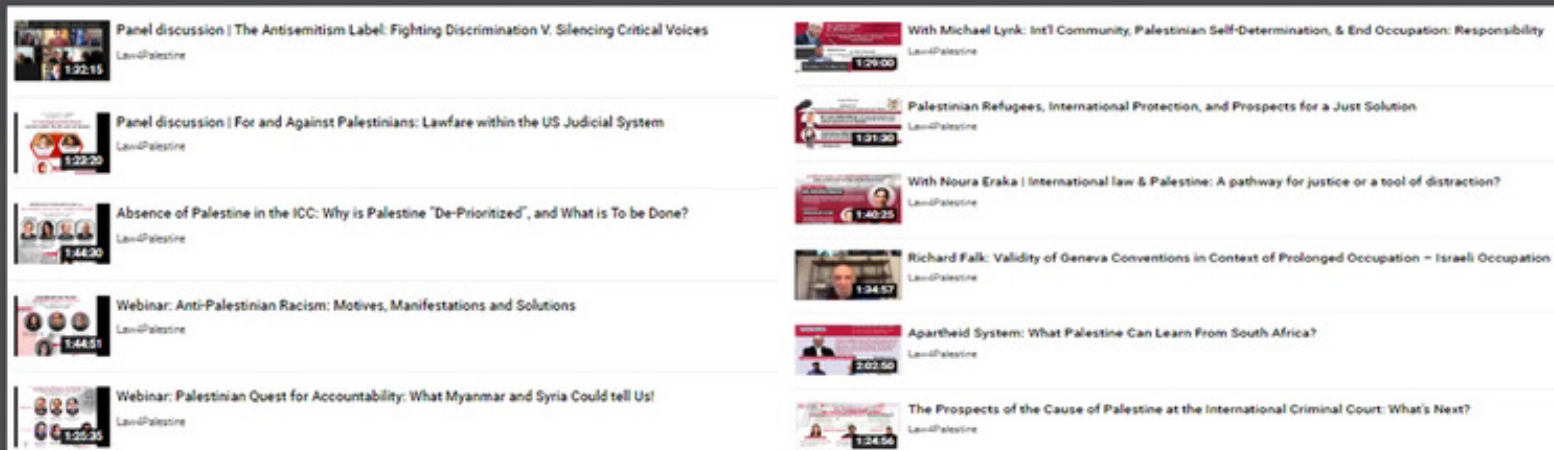
report, that we regard a legal milestone regarding Palestine and IL, resuming the UN old approach of 1970's. Furthermore, 33 articles on specialized legal issues, like apartheid, have been translated into Arabic from other languages with a total of 187 pages. Currently, we seek to enhance the presence of the Blog in the international legal community through inviting well known experts to write for us.

### **On building a network between individuals interested in Int'l Law and Palestine**

Since April 2021, the membership of the Jurists for Palestine Forum (JFPF) has grown from 600 to 1200+ members. It hosted 20 high profile interactive webinars hosting renowned experts, academics and UN figures. Before any webinar, the team prepared a briefing summing up the legal argument and academic writings on the topic and sent it to the participants. The Forum also provided 6 specialized training courses with a total of 74 training hours and 141 trainees. The overall number of audience on the different streaming platforms has reached to 260.000+ people.

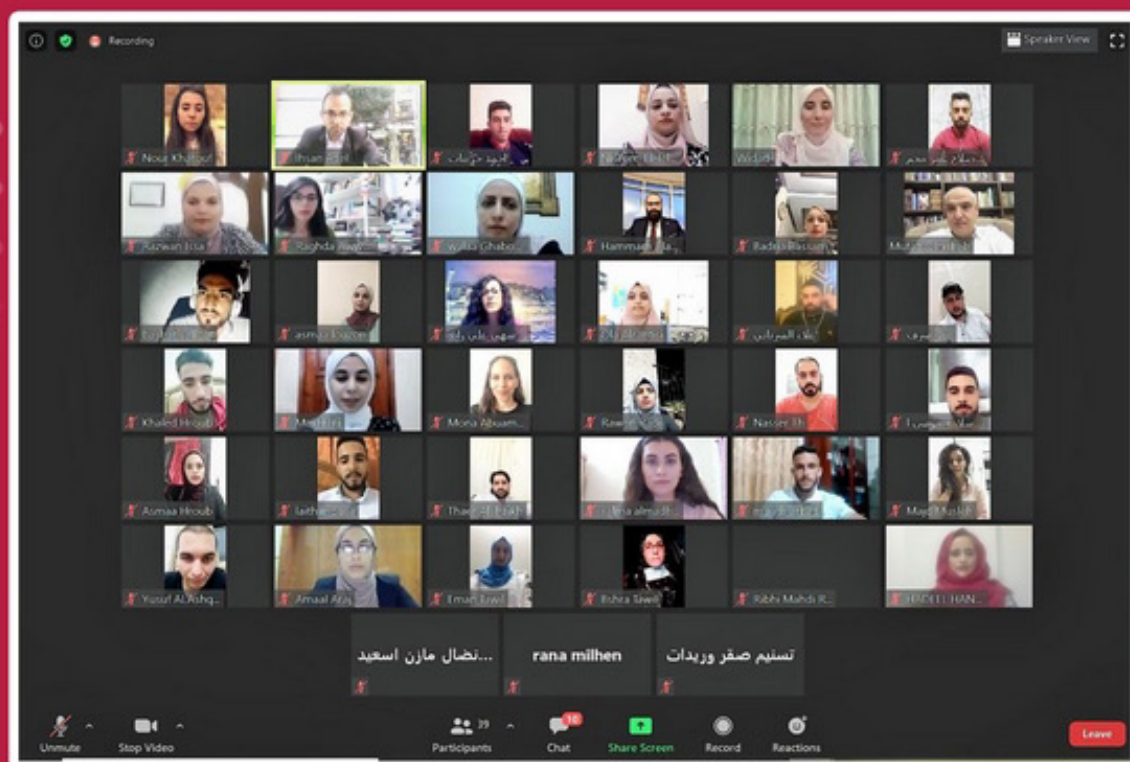






Besides connectivity and awareness, our webinars covered sensitive issues and aimed at building a legally sound and both bottom-up and top-down understanding of the legal developments on Palestine including those related to the ICC.

We conducted several training courses including: Building the Legal Character and Influxes for Female Lawyers, How to Write and Publish Legal Papers in Int'l Journals, A Training for Social Media Influencers on How to Present Palestine Legally, and a training course with ARDD and Birzeit University on the Palestinian Refugees.



## On strengthening knowledge on the ICC and Palestine

Through “The International Criminal Court and Palestine” project, we worked on strengthening knowledge on Palestine and ICC and advocating for more interaction with the Court. We have translated 8 articles related to the ICC and Palestine along with a series of articles from the EJIL Talks debate on Apartheid.

As for the ICC Proceedings Translations, we had to put it on hold (after we have translated and published 3 official documents) due to the fact that this type of translation is very time-consuming and requires a highly trained and experienced translators; something extremely hard to provide with no budget. Therefore, we have developed proposals for donors to cover this project. In the meantime, we organized two webinars hosting international lawyers to discuss and deliberate the ICC's Palestine case.

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سلسلة ترميمات العدل الرسمي للمحكمة الجنائية الدولية: قضية فلسطين (1)

رد الادعاء على ملاحظات أصدقاء المحكمة  
والممثلين القانونيين للضحايا، والدول

مكتب المدعي العام

تاريخ الوثيقة: 30 نيسان/أبريل 2020

لغة النص الأصلي: الإنكليزية

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ملحق عام

تصويب على

ملاحظات الرابطة الدولية للمحاميين والقانونيين اليهود بشأن  
طلب الادعاء الحكم بشأن الاختصاص الإقليمي للمحكمة الجنائية  
الدولية في فلسطين عملاً بالمادة (3/19) (12-18/01-ICC)

تاريخ الوثيقة: 17 آذار/مارس 2020

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في فلسطين

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International  
Criminal  
Court



## On Archiving and Documenting the Palestinian Legal Scene

The Palestine Legal Scene report has been documenting all sorts of legal developments related to Palestine including domestic and international court decisions, legal updates, activities, studies and reports related to Palestine and international law.

The report has been in constant publication every Sunday in both Arabic and English languages. As of October **23, 2022**, the number of reports is **146**; with close to **3.700** news including: judicial decrees by Palestinian, Israeli and international bodies, publications of NGOs, human rights activities, and academic studies.

Currently, the team is working on developing the report to include two more sections: Legal and litigation achievements related to Palestine and IL, and blog articles published by high-profile websites that deal with Palestine and IL.

The Report has reached to **5.000** people through the email newsletter and 10.000 through social media.



## First Annual Conference on Palestine and IL



We held the First Annual Conference of the Forum on “Palestine and International Law” hosting **23** international experts, including the three former UN Special Rapporteurs on Palestine as well as the current SR Madame Francesca. **1178** people registered and **743** attended either virtually or face-to-face in the university halls provided by **4** Palestinian universities. The Conference reached around **83.000** views on social media platforms. Some of the attendees were people of high-profile including, but not limited to, William Schabas, the well-known international lawyer and former Chairman of the UN Inquiry Commission for Gaza war in **2014**, Luisa Morgantini, the former Vice Chair of the European Parliament Delegation to Palestine, and Clare Short, a former British minister and MP.





Moreover, the conference was streamed face-to-face at four Palestinian universities hosting their students; Birzeit University and Quds University in the West Bank, and Islamic University and Al-Azhar University in the Gaza Strip.



## New Schemes

The team has been working on developing a scheme and a detailed proposal ready to be implemented: International Law Clinic. Currently we are applying for funds for the ILC and upon success the Clinic will be officially launched.

## Expanding the Map of Partners:

We expanded our partners map to include: The Independent Commission for Human Rights – Palestine, Birzeit University, Islamic University of Gaza, Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD),



with preliminary talks with several Swedish and other European NGOs, universities and law clinics. We built a strategic partnership with Shams – Palestine, who has the ECOSOC consultative status, and commenced it with delivering a statement at the HRC.

Moreover, ever since her appointment, we have been in direct and regular contact with the UN SR on Palestine Madame Francesca Albanese assisting her with regards to her mandate. We have also had a positive interaction with other SRs





## Interaction and Recognition: The Legal Community

We expanded our international presence and recognition. Earlier this year, we were accredited by the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), with our news being covered on the Committee website on a weekly basis.

We further started joining high-profile conferences and meetings in Geneva, The Hague, and Amman related to the latest legal developments on Palestine.

The team has worked on, or contributed to organizing several advocacy activities. For example, More than 90 human rights organizations joined a joint communique launched by Law for Palestine on Jerusalem, Sheikh Jarrah and Gaza

Moreover, Law for Palestine was accredited to monitor the 2021 Palestinian elections, which was then cancelled.

L4P has delivered statements at the Human Rights Council during its last session in Sep. 2022, in collaboration with Shams-Palestine.



Law for Palestine has been active in other forms of interaction with the legal community, including; events on the side-lines of the 49th and 50th sessions of the HRC, attending conferences abroad, and speaking at several webinars and seminars in Copenhagen, Istanbul, Malmo, Brussels, Geneva, Kuala Lumpur and New York.

## Media and Social Media Presence

### Social Media Followers

Platform	March 2021	Oct. 2022
Facebook	4700	6,981
Twitter	333	1000
LinkedIn	170	669
Instagram	388	1124
YouTube	127	268
Telegram	--	252
Total	5718	10294





## Website visits

### Number of Visits

2020

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	180	7713	3957	6135	4317

2021

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
4598	87149	8606	5610	13799	10505
July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
8559	8877	7685	7250	13689	6488

2022

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
7883	6199	7461	6353	7808	9149
July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
6462	9127	9056	5959		

### Total Visits

2020

2021

2022

22.302

102.429

75.475

## Website visits

### Top 10 Most visited pages (Arabic + English)

Forum	7600
Conference	4882
Fact sheet on Sheikh Jarrah	3827
Staff	2600
Prison Scape	1821
About us	1807
Press release on Sheikh Jarrah	1796
ICC training course	1709
What does the ICC Judgment mean	980
Monetary Gold Principle	975

## Media Presence



The team has taken part in a number of TV and Radio interviews in both Arabic and English speaking about several issues related to Palestine and IL.





Several articles also have been written on Law for Palestine's events or quoted from our website, including: Anatolian Agency, israel-academia-monitor.com, wikipedia.org, Aljazeera, middleeasteye.net, tidningensyre.se, opiniojuris.org, and MEMO,

## Funding and Financial Statements

Despite financial difficulties, we have managed to submit proposals to several donors and develop advanced and detailed proposals for our different projects and programs. We haven't got any funding yet. We received small contribution from the Independent Commission for Human Rights and Birzeit University to cover the expenses of the conference that we held in partnership with them.

We were also able to secure some small amounts through the fees paid by the members of our courses, and individual donations through our website.

During the first year of the organization's operation. Its budget was 3000 pounds. In the second year, its budget increased to nearly 11K pounds. More details are in the organization's financial report.

# Obstacles



## **Over-dependency and Overburden**

The volunteering nature of our work has resulted in over depending on certain individuals in the organization which in turn resulted in both overburdening them as well as risking the flow of work in case they had an emergency or could not deliver for whatsoever reason.

## **Funding Obstacle**

The previous obstacle stems basically from the lack of funding for the organization. L4P is operating with no noticeable donations or contributions from any body or institute so far.

While volunteer work constitutes a great strength for the organization there remains a great need to have a stable core team capable of maintaining the sustainability of the organization's work and projects.



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