

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

- **The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates (MOFAE) condemns the settlers' recurrent attacks on Palestinian residents and warns of the risks of their requests for more dangerous weaponry.** (October 30,2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The President of the Palestinian National Council calls on the African Parliament to reject Israel's request for membership in the Union and boycott it.** (November 1, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Palestine Mission in the United Kingdom welcomed the United Kingdom's clarification that it had no plans to relocate its embassy to Tel Aviv.** (November 2, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the occupation's violations and crimes that resulted in the murder of martyr Daoud Rayan in Beit Duqu, Jerusalem district.** (November 3, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

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

- **The Israeli army announces that the National Directorate has approved the imposition of a comprehensive closure on the West Bank on the day of the Knesset elections, and the closure of border crossings in the Gaza Strip.** (October 30, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

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

- **The United Nations General Assembly's First Committee adopts a resolution calling on Israel, the occupying Power, to disarm its nuclear weapons, which was submitted by Egypt and co-sponsored by the State of Palestine and a number of other countries.** [Palestine](#) welcomes the resolution and emphasizes Israel's responsibility in implementing IAEA inspection programs as the sole Middle Eastern nation with weapons of mass destruction. (October 28, 2022). For Further details, click [here](#)
- **UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Many Western States, on the other hand, are living behind a “wall of denial” over the issue, and essential rights are non-negotiable when it comes to forging a lasting peace.** (October 29, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Gulf Cooperation Council condemns Israel's escalation of aggression against the city of Jerusalem, as well as the intensification of the policy of forced displacement in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, Silwan, and other areas, and urges the international community to intervene in order to stop the targeting of the Palestinian presence in Jerusalem.** (October 30, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **India provides \$2.5 million to “UNRWA” in support of the Agency's core programs and services.** (October 31, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Kuwaiti Cabinet/Council of Ministers condemns the continuous incursions and brutal attacks carried out by the Israeli occupation authorities on Palestinian cities. It calls on the international community to take immediate action to provide protection to the Palestinian people and to make efforts to revive the peace process.** (October 31, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

- **Twenty members of the U.S Congress wrote to U.S Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, urging him to demand that Israel lift "discriminatory" travel restrictions on Palestinian Americans visiting their families in the Occupied Territories and U.S citizens criticizing Israeli government policies.** (November 1, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **On the anniversary of the signing of the Balfour Declaration, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation reaffirmed its support for the Palestinian people's struggle and urged the international community to "correct this historical injustice, and to shoulder its responsibilities in ending the Israeli occupation and restoring the Palestinian people's legitimate rights."** (November 2, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **A British government spokesperson stated that "there are no plans to move the UK embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv."** (November 1, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Secretary-General of the United Nations has reiterated his call for an independent and transparent investigation into the killing of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, for effective accountability. This came within the activities of the "United Nations International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East", the first part of which was devoted to discussing "the legacy of Shireen Abu Akleh."** (November 3, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

Academic research and studies

- **Researchers Mutaz M. Qafisheh, Rama Sahtout, Francesca Albanese and Lex Takkenberg published an article in Global Jurist titled "The Lex Specialis Regime Pertinent to Palestinian Refugees".** For details of the study and its original source, click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs

- **Al-Haq welcomes the adoption of the Apartheid resolution against Israel's apartheid regime over the Palestinian people by the International Federation for Human Rights.** (October 30, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN) has submitted a memorandum to the International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor's Office, requesting that the senior Israeli**

military lawyer Eyal Toledano be investigated for war crimes and crimes against humanity. (October 31, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

- **The Palestinian campaign for the academic and cultural boycott of Israel renewed its call on all international artists to boycott the Israeli “Jerusalem International Oud Festival” (between November 3rd and 12th, 2022), which is sponsored by the “Confederation House, the Israeli Ministry of Culture and Sports and the so-called colonial municipality of Jerusalem, and called on them to withdraw immediately.** (November 1, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The BDS movement called for a boycott of the German company, Puma, which sponsors the Israeli occupation, in the context of the FIFA World Cup Qatar.** (November 2, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **[The Palestinian Center](#) and Al Mezan Center for Human Rights condemned the Israeli occupation's arrest of four fishermen, including a child, and renewed their call on the international community to work to lift the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip.** (November 3, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Palestinian Center for Human Rights condemned the Israeli crime of killing two civilians, one of whom was a child, in Jenin. The center renewed its call on the international community to stop double standards in the application of international law, and in particular, called on the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to work seriously on the Palestinian situation.** (November 3, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **Al-Haq and Forensic Architecture presented a criminal investigation into the killing of Shireen Abu Aqleh to the International Criminal Court, where their findings demonstrated that Israel's report on the incident was purposefully false and misleading, that the fatal shooting was carried out by an occupation soldier inside a military vehicle, and that Shireen was denied medical care and assistance after she was shot.** (November 3, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Palestinian National Committee for Boycotting Israel saluted [the Omani and Kuwaiti parties that withdrew from the Bahrain International Air Show 2022](#) and called on the rest of the participating Arab parties and institutions to withdraw from the exhibition, which is**

organized with the participation of “six Zionist companies involved in committing war crimes and crimes against humanity.” (November 3, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)

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Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities

- **The Irish Center of Human Rights holds a seminar with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Palestine, Francesca Albanese, entitled: “Resetting the Mind: Settler Colonialism, Apartheid, and the Right to Self-determination in Palestine.”** November 9, 2022. For further details on the seminar, click [here](#)
- **Law for Palestine organisation, in collaboration with the Arab Renaissance organisation, holds a colloquium next Monday on the United Nations Special Rapporteur report entitled “Palestinians' Rights of Self-determination: an extraordinary step toward rectifying the path? What’s next?”** (November 7, 2022). For further details, click [here](#)
- **The Jerusalem Fund for Education & Community Development holds an online conference for the annual Palestine Center entitled: “75 Years of Partition: Ethnic Cleansing and Dispossession”.** November 11, 2022. For further details, click [here](#)