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Law for Palestine Annual Impact Report

October 2023 - September 2024



2500+
news items
published

in the weekly Palestine
Legal Scene Reports

400+
trainees

trained in international
law on Palestine

300+
pages of
legal analysis

produced & submitted
to the ICC and UN
Special Rapporteurs

Our Mission

Through building a global network of legal professionals, Law for Palestine facilitates legal action, and influences public narratives, specialised discourses, and official policies toward a rights-based approach in the Palestinian context. We empower affected communities by centring their voices, strengthening their legal capacity and connecting them with international legal mechanisms. By engaging diverse expert perspectives, providing comprehensive, objective legal content, and documenting key international legal developments related to Palestine, we strive to uphold and defend the rights of the Palestinian people worldwide in accordance with international law.

Our Vision

Capitalising on our global platform, we unite legal professionals, scholars, and advocates to advance the international legal movement for Palestine. We envision a world where Palestinian rights are internationally recognised and protected through a unified commitment to justice, accountability, and the effective application of international law.

Our Impact

We submitted communications to the ICC, including legal analysis and amicus briefs detailing the actions and policies of Israeli politicians, and documentation of genocidal intent through a database of over 500 statements. We also facilitated strategic litigation, engaging with accountability mechanisms. We empowered affected communities by strengthening their legal capacity and connecting them with international legal mechanisms. Furthermore, we hosted panels, webinars, and discussions, including at the UN Human Rights Council and UN General Assembly, influencing public narratives, specialised discourse, and policymaking. Lastly, we engaged global experts and the media, raising international awareness about the gravity of the situation in Palestine.



“ One year of channelling our grief into action ”

Over the past year, we have witnessed one of the most brutal assaults on the Palestinian people in the ongoing Nakba, exposing the genocidal nature of Israel's settler-colonial apartheid regime – not only in Gaza but also in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and within the Green Line. It is no exaggeration to say that there has never been a more perilous time to be Palestinian.

Yet, in the midst of this darkness, we find hope through action. Recent international developments suggest that Israel's era of unchecked impunity may finally be drawing to a close. Generations of Palestinians have paid the price for this long-overdue paradigm shift, and at Law for Palestine, we are proud to have contributed to this process by channelling our grief into legal action with the aim of halting Israel's genocidal practices and pursuing accountability. We recognise that while international law has its limitations, it remains the framework by which humanity is currently governed. Our mission is to harness this tool in the pursuit of justice, long overdue, for the Palestinian people.

This year, we have engaged with international organisations and the United Nations, addressing state representatives and emphasising their legal obligations. We have pursued justice in both national and international courts, convened expert discussions, developed and disseminated legal analyses and opinions, built transnational solidarity networks, and established ourselves as a leading

voice in the field – all with one clear message: "Never Again" must apply to everyone, and it must apply now. At its core, the question of Palestine is a matter of upholding international law and its legitimacy.

We are deeply inspired by our incredible team worldwide, and by our extraordinary partners and experts, who work tirelessly to make international law operational for the global majority. Together, we have found hope and solace in our community.

As you read this report, we hope it provides insight into what we stand for and, despite limited resources, the impact we have made over the past year. We are deeply grateful to our growing community of supporters and hope you will continue to stand with us as we drive forward positive change, in our pursuit of enabling Palestinians to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination.

The Governing Council Law for Palestine



Ihsan Adel, Founder and Chair, Law for Palestine



Anisha Patel, Governing Council Member, Law for Palestine



Hassan Ben Imran, Governing Council Member, Law for Palestine



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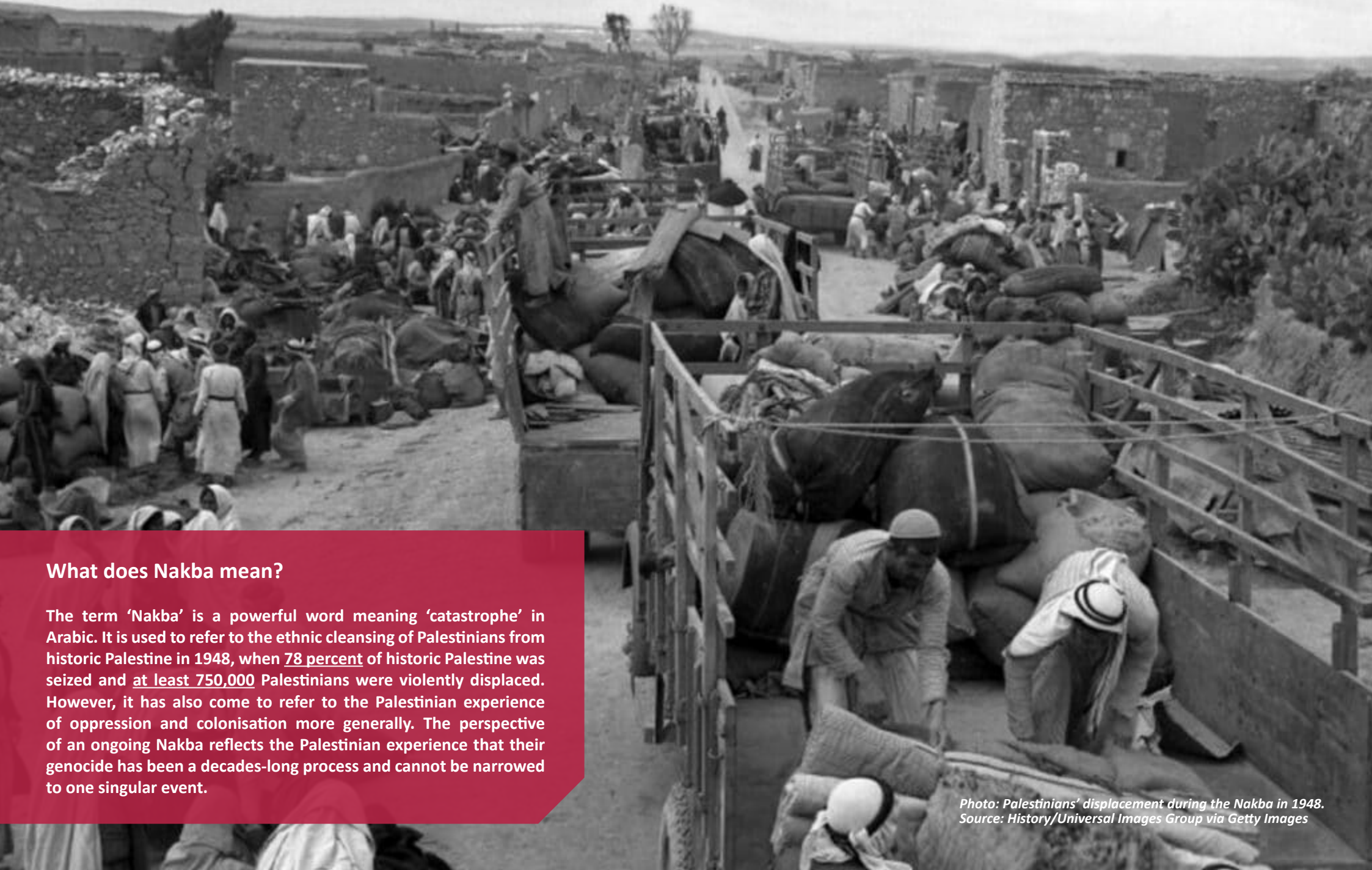
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The Situation in Palestine



76 Years of Nakba and Genocide



What does Nakba mean?

The term 'Nakba' is a powerful word meaning 'catastrophe' in Arabic. It is used to refer to the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from historic Palestine in 1948, when 78 percent of historic Palestine was seized and at least 750,000 Palestinians were violently displaced. However, it has also come to refer to the Palestinian experience of oppression and colonisation more generally. The perspective of an ongoing Nakba reflects the Palestinian experience that their genocide has been a decades-long process and cannot be narrowed to one singular event.

*Photo: Palestinians' displacement during the Nakba in 1948.
Source: History/Universal Images Group via Getty Images*

76 Years of Nakba and Genocide

The Palestinian Experience*

The period from the beginning of this report to its publication has witnessed the indiscriminate destruction of Gaza's infrastructure, livelihoods, and population, to a degree that is unprecedented in modern times. It has widely been recognised by [experts](#) and [UN officials](#) as a genocidal campaign of elimination. Experts have amassed [evidence](#) of [genocide](#), as well as a litany of [Israeli war crimes and crimes against humanity](#). These crimes represent an intensification of more than 75 years of colonial domination, with Israel imposing a regime of [apartheid](#), [ethnic cleansing](#), and elimination on the Palestinian population.



14+ million

Palestinians worldwide including the West Bank, Gaza Strip & within the Green Line



7 million

refugees worldwide outside of Palestine



1 million

Palestinians arrested since 1967



645

fixed movement obstacles



4 in 10

Palestinian men have spent time in Israeli prisons

GENERAL

7 million refugees worldwide outside of Palestine

17

years of air, land and sea blockade

80%

reliance on humanitarian assistance

7,000

Palestinians killed by Israeli forces (2008-2021)

70%

registered as refugees

146

settlements and 192 outposts

18,000

people subject to evictions since 2009

WEST BANK

GAZA

**Sources of the statistics are linked to the numbers. For further information please click on the numbers. Map source: OHCR - adjusted.*

76 Years of Nakba and Genocide

In the last year alone*

 **1.9** million internally displaced

 **41,000+** civilians killed

 **21,000** children unaccounted for

 **1.1** million experiencing 'catastrophic hunger'

 **62%** of civilian premises destroyed or damaged

 **84%** of health facilities destroyed

GAZA

 **600+** Palestinians killed

 **14,500+** Palestinians injured

 **1,250** settler attacks on Palestinians

WEST BANK

Today, the total Palestinian population of 14 million is fragmented between the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Gaza, Israel, and across the world as a diaspora of refugees. Palestinian residents inside the Green Line live as unequal citizens with varying degrees of restrictions on all aspects of their lives. In the context of such egregious and long-standing human rights violations, much of the international community is outraged, yet there remains a conspicuous silence from some of the most powerful states, facilitating impunity for shocking crimes.

over
10,000

POLITICAL PRISONERS

*Sources of the statistics are linked to the numbers. For further information please click on the numbers. Map source: OHCHR - adjusted.

Legal History in the Making

While this year has been incredibly harsh for the Palestinian people, marked by an unprecedented intensification of Israeli genocide since the Nakba, it has also been a year of significant legal breakthroughs for Palestine. Law for Palestine, alongside our partners, has not only witnessed but actively shaped history through legal action. Our involvement in key international legal proceedings has been instrumental in driving progress.

South Africa vs. Israel

[South Africa's case against Israel](#) at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) marked a historic moment. While the merits stage of the case is yet to come, the provisional measures have been legally significant. Law for Palestine held multiple meetings with representatives from various states, actively advocating for their involvement in these proceedings. We also organised [legal discussions](#) that drew hundreds of attendees, including representatives from over 30 countries across different forums, and we [strengthened research and legal analysis](#) on the ongoing genocide in Gaza.



South Africa presenting its case at the International Court of Justice in the Hague, the Netherlands. Photo ICJ. Source: [The Nordic Africa Institute](#)



UN General Assembly's emergency special session on Palestine in New York. Photo: Selçuk Acar/Anadolu Agency. Source: [Middle East Monitor](#)

United Nations Resolutions

Multiple UN General Assembly and Security Council resolutions this year reflected global concern over the atrocities being committed against the Palestinian people. Law for Palestine organised events at the headquarters at the UN Human Rights Council, influencing diplomatic discourse and mobilising international support. Watch a side event to the UN General Assembly that Law for Palestine participated in, [here](#).

Application for ICC Arrest Warrants

The ICC Prosecutor's [request for arrest warrants against Israeli leaders](#) for alleged war crimes was a major legal development. Our legal team's comprehensive analysis supported the investigations leading to this

decision. Law for Palestine also [submitted an Amicus Brief to the ICC](#), supporting the issuance of arrest warrants.

ICJ Advisory Opinion

The [ICJ's advisory opinion](#) on 19 July 2024 was a landmark in state accountability. Law for Palestine contributed by hosting [expert panels](#), writing legal interpretations, and [shaping the legal discourse](#), underscoring the importance and [implications of the ICJ's decisions](#).

Watch the panel unpacking the ICJ advisory opinion on Palestine, [here](#) and read the advisory opinion summary, [here](#).

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The past 12 months were very difficult, trying to cope with a genocide happening to my people, whilst also dealing with the fear and actual loss of loved ones. But one thing that kept me going was the work I'm doing with Law for Palestine. Since the start of the genocide, we've been in emergency mode, trying to cover all legal aspects associated with the ongoing genocide.

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*Huda Abu Dagga, Jurist for Palestine
Forum Coordinator, Law for Palestine*

About Us

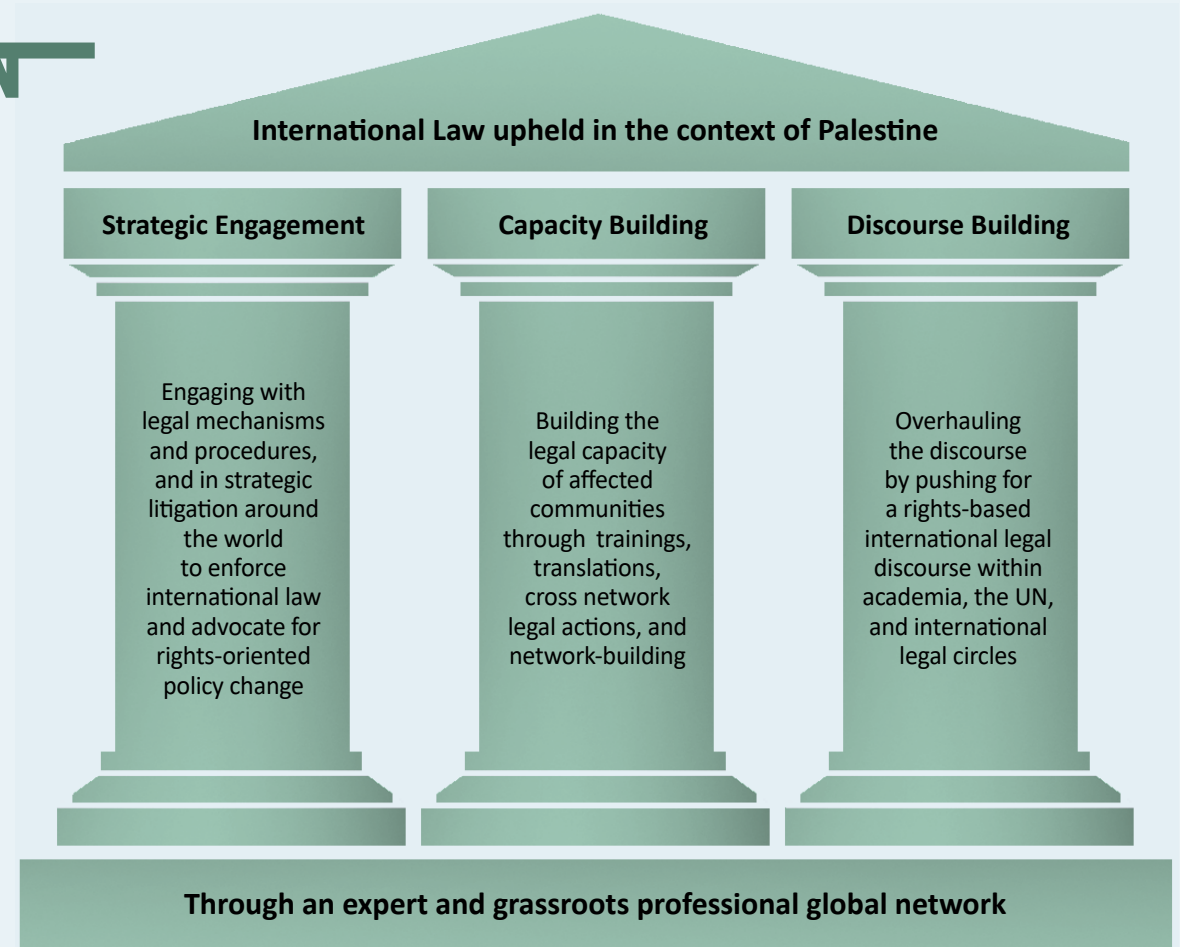


Advance International Legal Action and Justice

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OUR VISION



OUR MISSION

A Snapshot of Our Impact

Law for Palestine has been working tirelessly to address the gap in international legal accountability for the Palestinian people and to shift the global conversation on Palestine. We have provided accessible platforms for expert legal analysis and fostered a network among analysts. This has allowed us to improve the public's understanding and access to high quality resources in relation to the legal questions surrounding Palestine.

Law for Palestine spoke at numerous events, including the UNGA, UN HRC, University of Geneva, European University Institute, and in locations such as The Hague, Geneva, Galway, New York, Ramallah, Amman, as well as various online forums.

Law for Palestine also gave legal explanations about the happenings in Palestine and at the international courts to over 30 news outlets. Furthermore, it supported several strategic litigation cases at the national level against third states and corporations through the Justice and Accountability for Palestine initiative.

4 Events at the



UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

- 1 Palestine-Israel: Commission of Inquiry Report and the Global Community's Role in Addressing Genocide and Embracing a Rights-Based Approach
- 2 Exposing Devastation on Women and Children in Gaza, Urging Action on Palestinian Rights
- 3 Third States' Responsibility in Implementing ICJ Measures to Prevent Genocide in Gaza
- 4 Shadows of Oppression: Israel's Detention and Torture of Palestinians in oPt and Israel

100+
volunteers

Created a network of over 100 volunteers worldwide consisting of legal experts, researchers, academics and students

40+ partner
collaborations

Collaborated with over 40 partner organisations, strengthening the network of organisations working on legal accountability

400+
trainees

Capacity Building: Over 400 participants trained in international law on Palestine

300+ pages
of legal analysis

Produced over 300 pages of legal analysis, submitted to the ICC and UN Special Rapporteurs, published in two languages

30 experts for
the socio-legal
narrative

Mobilised 30 experts focused on international law, genocide and history to build a socio-legal narrative and bring nuance to the discussion around the situation in Palestine

2500+
news items
published

Over 2500 news items published in the 52 Palestine Legal Scene Reports: A comprehensive weekly report reviewing the legal dynamics of the Palestinian context, serving as an essential resource for updates on this issue from a legal perspective

Law for Palestine also developed a specialised legal blog on the question of Palestine. It aims to provide an in-depth analysis and assessment regarding Palestine and international law. Written by international experts as well as experts and researchers from Palestine, the blog enriches and contributes to shifting the legal discourse.

A Global Team

The [Law for Palestine team](#) operates globally across the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Oceania, with a focused presence in Palestine and Israel. The organisers are supported by more than 100 dedicated volunteers and 12 esteemed members of the Board of Trustees, representing over 36 nationalities, including a significant number of Palestinian colleagues. The diversity in our team underscores our commitment to cultural inclusivity and broad representation.

Through partnerships with over 25 global organisations, we continuously enhance our operations and extend our outreach. Law for Palestine also conducts numerous training and capacity-building activities specifically designed for our volunteers, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge to effectively advance our mission.

Our decision-making structure is anchored by four principal bodies that ensure strategic alignment and efficient management throughout the organisation. The Governing Council, composed of department heads, sets strategic directions and supervises operations, including the appointment of a General Director who oversees daily activities and legal agreements. The Board of Trustees provides consultative support, convening annually to assess progress. The Board of Coordinators, made up of Unit Coordinators, manages routine operations. The General Assembly convenes annually to approve budgets and policies, promoting transparency and inclusivity. Additionally, our dedicated Finance Unit, led by the Finance Director, collaborates with other departments to manage financial transactions and uphold fiscal responsibility and oversight.



Working with Law for Palestine has opened my eyes to the necessity of discourse-building and advocacy through the law for the Palestinian people—a population that has been persistently marginalised by international law and its institutions through modern history. Working at Law for Palestine has also helped me find a community amongst impassioned and dedicated political and legal activists from around the world, with whom I can grow intellectually as we collectively work towards a free Palestine.



Anchita Dasgupta, Legal Researcher,
Law for Palestine

A Global Team

over
100
volunteers

over
36
nationalities

over
25
partners

12
on the Board



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Responding to the Genocide



Responding to the Ongoing Genocide

Since October 2023, Law for Palestine has been working overtime in an emergency response to the invasion of Gaza and the genocide being committed against the Palestinian people. In response to the grave situation, the organisation rapidly adapted operations to incorporate an 'Emergency Action Plan'. In collaboration with experts, organisations, and states, Law for Palestine focused efforts on preventing genocide, rigorously documenting incidents of genocidal intent, and providing the necessary legal analysis to both public platforms and legal institutions to ensure that perpetrators are held accountable through all legal means available.

Our focus is:

- 1 Documenting genocidal intent in a database made available for lawyers, UN Mandates, NGOs and the media
- 2 Submitting a comprehensive legal analysis of the crime of genocide and an Amicus brief on jurisdictional matters to the International Criminal Court
- 3 Influencing states, through their political leaders, MPs and ambassadors, by informing them of their legal obligations to prevent and punish genocide
- 4 Engaging international and regional bodies, procedures, and mechanisms to address the ongoing genocide
- 5 Galvanising global experts to engage in dialogue and research addressing genocide prevention and punishment
- 6 Organising events with expert speakers, aiming to develop the legal and socio-legal discourse on Palestine

OUR FOCUS

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As the genocidal assault by Israel against the Palestinian people has reached an unprecedented scale, the absolute legal impunity that Israel has enjoyed is now, finally, being shaken. This is demonstrated not only by the legal actions taking place at the international courts, the UN, and national courts but also by the large-scale peoples' movements that have come to the fore in support of Palestine over the past year.”



Anisha Patel, Governing Council
Member, Law for Palestine

Documenting Genocidal Intent

Since 7 October 2023, Law for Palestine has gathered extensive evidence of genocidal intent and incitement to violence by Israeli officials and public figures against Palestinians. These statements are saved in a [public database](#) accessible for lawyers, UN Mandates, NGOs and the media.

The continuously updated database records over 500 instances of genocidal intent, sourced from official statements, news outlets and social media posts, emanating from a variety of actors, including government officials, legislators and journalists.

The aim of the database is to provide a vital resource for the legal community to draw upon to prove the intent for various crimes, including genocide. The intent of a crime, the mens rea, is usually the most difficult element to establish. However, over the last few months, the intent by Israeli leaders has been explicitly and publicly stated including by the Prime Minister, the President, senior cabinet members, and military leaders. These statements clearly constitute the crime of genocide.

The rhetoric endorsed by public officials, as well as by the broader public, reflects decades-long precedents of dehumanizing hatred and incitement directed against Palestinians. Statements made by members of the cabinet reflect a state policy of intentional targeting of Palestinian civilians and send a clear message to military personnel that they are to act accordingly.

Dr. Suhad Bishara of Adalah in a letter issued by them to top Israeli legal authorities, demanding an investigation into statements by public figures that potentially incite genocide.

LAW FOR PALESTINE INTENT

– All Themes

- + Civilian Harm
- + Genocidal Intent
- + Forced Displacement
- + Collective Punishment
- + Dehumanisation
- + Destruction of Infrastructure
- + Starvation
- + Torture

SECTORS

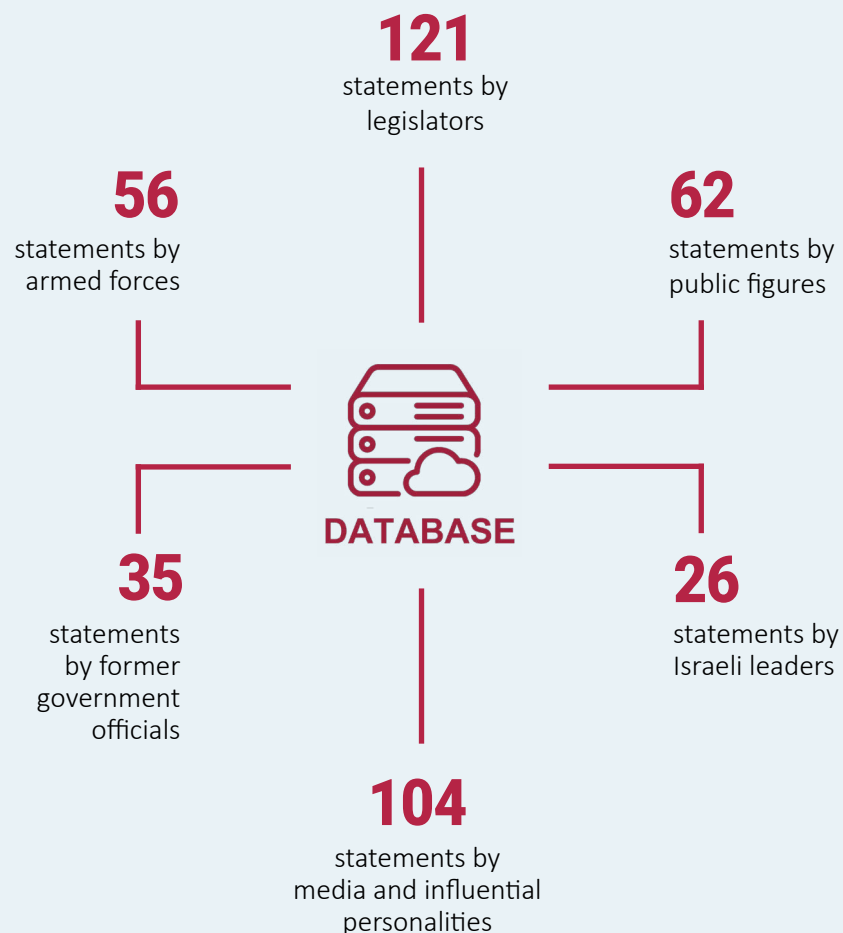
- + All Sectors
- + Armed Forces
- + Decision Makers
- + Legislators
- + Public Figures
- + Former Government
- + Media

– Other

Categories of the updated database on genocidal intent. Full database [available here](#).

Database on Genocidal Intent

A total of 400 statements* published as of July 2024



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Law for Palestine has looked at cases where it believes Israeli officials and other public figures have incited genocide. Its list includes some statements by Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir.

BBC, 27th of August 2024

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The database provides us with a comprehensive evidence base to trace the language that drives Israeli genocide.

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Raz Segal and Penny Green, eminent genocide scholars via [Al-Jazeera](#)

** over 500 statements have been collected, with over 400 published so far. The database is regularly updated.*

Legal Analysis and ICC Submissions

Law for Palestine has consistently worked on a legal analysis of the crime of genocide for submission to various legal bodies. With the support of the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) and an extensive network of 15 National Human Rights Institutions across the Arab world along with 5 National Bar Councils, we submitted a comprehensive communication to the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) at the International Criminal Court (ICC). This 250-page document, crafted with meticulous detail by expert legal analysts, points to systematic and calculated actions that meet the genocide criteria under the Rome Statute of the ICC and the 1948 Genocide Convention. The communication was launched via a press conference held simultaneously in Ramallah and outside the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

This communication called for urgent international legal action, urging the OTP to expand its ongoing investigations and prioritise these serious allegations. This effort underscores a crucial moment in international criminal law, aiming to hold accountable those responsible for grave violations against the Palestinian people. The document has been made accessible in both English and Arabic.

The main functions of the ICC submission:

- 1 Demonstrating genocidal intent, both historically and since the invasion of Gaza
- 2 Showing how Israel's actions have fulfilled the legal criteria for genocidal conduct
- 3 Detailing how investigating genocide in Gaza would adhere to international legal precedent

The Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) in Palestine deeply values its collaboration with Law for Palestine, particularly in the areas of international law and global advocacy. This partnership has played a key role in promoting and protecting human rights in Palestine on the international stage. Together, we have focused on addressing the responsibility of third states to end the genocide in Gaza, organizing significant events and submitting a communication to the ICC. Law for Palestine's expertise in international law has greatly bolstered ICHR's advocacy efforts.

The Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) - Palestine

On 6 August 2024, [Law for Palestine filed an amicus curiae brief at the ICC](#), following the Pre-Trial Chamber's decision to grant the organisation, among others, leave to submit its observations. Law for Palestine's brief addressed legal questions concerning the ICC's jurisdiction in connection with the Prosecutor's request for arrest warrants in the ongoing investigation into the situation in the State of Palestine. Law for Palestine urged the Pre-Trial Chamber to recognize and act upon the urgency of the situation, considering both the objectives and *raison d'être* of the ICC as outlined in the Rome Statute and the gravity of the crimes under investigation.


Notably, the submission by Law for Palestine was [cited](#) several times by the OTP in its consolidated response to observations from various interveners. The OTP referenced Law for Palestine's positions regarding the Court's jurisdiction, including matters related to the Oslo Accords.

Strategic Legal Empowerment

Law for Palestine has engaged global and regional stakeholders to initiate investigations, halt complicity, and standardise the use of the genocide legal framework in international discourse regarding crimes committed in Gaza by Israel.


Legal Appeal to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (17 Oct 2023)

Law for Palestine, together with the Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development, issued an appeal to Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), highlighting the severe and ongoing assault on the Palestinian people in Gaza. The letter categorises these actions as genocide under the Genocide Convention and the Rome Statute as well as a policy of ethnic cleansing and calls for prevention and accountability through legal means. Notably, the OIC, comprising 57 member states, was the first international organisation to adopt the stance that the events unfolding in Gaza constitute genocide.

 Link: [view letter](#)


Letters to EU Foreign Ministers (12-19 Nov 2023)

Law for Palestine urged 13 European Ministers of Foreign Affairs to reassess their support for Israeli military operations in their respective countries by pointing out their potential complicity in the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

 Link: [view letter](#)


Letters for Palestinian CSO in Gaza

Law for Palestine collaborated with other Palestinian Civil Society Organisations, including the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, and Al-Haq to draft letters calling for action on the genocide in Gaza and for the end of forced displacement of Palestinians within Gaza.

 Link: [view letter](#)

Opinion piece on Genocidal Intent database on Al Jazeera (14 Jan 2024)

Based on Law for Palestine's extensive database, prominent scholars Professor Raz Segal and Professor Penny Green authored an influential opinion piece for Al Jazeera. They leveraged the database created by Law for Palestine which includes over 500 statements, to convincingly argue about the genocidal intent behind Israeli policy. This publication has demonstrated that intent in the genocide case against Israel is not difficult to prove.

 Link: [view letter](#)



The lessons learned from the Palestinian context often apply to other global conflicts, emphasising the need for a comprehensive and empathetic approach



Law for Palestine has greatly deepened my understanding of my human rights, especially in relation to the Palestinian cause. This experience has given me valuable insight into the structural dysfunctions of power conflicts and their implications for international law and justice, showing how profoundly they affect both my life and the lives of my people. My work with Law for Palestine has reinforced my belief in the necessity of legal frameworks and institutions like the International Criminal Court to hold perpetrators accountable and deliver justice to victims.

This experience has also illuminated the interconnectedness of human rights issues worldwide. The lessons learned from the Palestinian context often apply to other global conflicts, emphasising the need for a comprehensive and empathetic approach to the human rights crisis.

Ironically, as someone who once doubted the impact of advocacy, Law for Palestine has increased my appreciation for grassroots activism and the role local and international organisations play in driving change. It has shown me that sustainable solutions often require collaboration and engagement with international bodies, rather than merely criticising these mechanisms.

Looking forward, I envision contributing meaningfully to its pivotal role in liberating Palestine from colonialism and ensuring accountability for perpetrators. This experience has renewed my hope that justice can be systematically pursued and that even small efforts can drive international awareness on Palestine and accountability. Seeing the tangible impact of our work has shown me that real change is possible, not just for Palestine, but for oppressed communities everywhere.



Hadil Mubarak, Communications Coordinator, Law for Palestine

Scholars of Genocide Expert Group

The Scholars of Genocide Expert Group (SGEG), convened in October 2023, is a collective of genocide studies scholars committed to addressing and preventing the unfolding genocide in Palestine. Driven by a profound sense of urgency, the SGEG aims to mobilise a diverse array of genocide experts with specialised knowledge.

To achieve its goals, the SGEG has initiated a series of strategic actions. They have drafted and co-signed letters addressed to the public, academic institutions, states, the ICC Prosecutor, and the United

Nations, calling for urgent intervention and accountability. Additionally, SGEG has engaged in specialised public discourse through webinars and interviews, reaching a wide audience to raise awareness and prompt action. The SGEG is also dedicated to enriching the substantive academic and non-academic literature on genocide in Palestine, by publishing op-eds, transcripts, policy briefs, and talking points.

The primary objectives of the SGEG are threefold:

- 1 To promote and legitimise the discourse around genocide in the context of Palestine
- 2 To act as a pressure group in order to pressure states and international institutions to uphold their responsibilities in preventing and addressing genocide
- 3 To foster the production of genocide scholarship in relation to Palestine, which serves as a valuable resource for the movement for Palestinian rights



The Scholars of Genocide Expert Group is just that - people who know what genocidal processes involve. In the past year, bringing us together has amplified the genocide discourse and enabled us to take action at pivotal moments.



Professor Damien Short, Genocide Scholar and member of the SGEG

Events on Genocide Prevention and Accountability

Law for Palestine has organised numerous events to raise awareness, develop legal analysis, and to expand the socio-legal discourse on the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people. Representatives from over 40 countries across various continents attended Law for Palestine's events. Additionally, bilateral meetings were held with state representatives, reminding them of their obligations to prevent and punish genocide. Here are some of the events Law for Palestine has organised over the past year.

October 17, 2023

Webinar on Gaza on the Brink: Israeli Genocidal Intent

[Link](#)



May 7, 2024

Law for Palestine Urges International Action Against Genocide in Gaza at Geneva Conference

[Link](#)



May 9, 2024

Webinar Highlights ICC's Role in Addressing Gaza Genocide and the Consequences of Arrest Warrants

[Link](#)



December 12, 2023

Law for Palestine Urges Swift Action Against Genocidal Threats in Gaza during UN Panel Discussion

[Link](#)



June 20, 2024

Critical Discussion at the Human Rights Council on UN Report Urging Global Action Against Genocide

[Link](#)



March 28, 2024

UN HRC Event Exposing Devastation on Women and Children in Gaza Urging Action on Palestinian Rights

[Link](#)



July 19, 2024

Roundtable with the Faculty of Law at Boğaziçi University at the sidelines of the "Rethinking International Law After Gaza" conference

[Link](#)



Our Core Activities



Our Core Activities

Law for Palestine works towards its organisational objectives by leveraging the power of networking and engagement. This approach has enabled us to advance our mission and achieve meaningful progress. By fostering strong relationships and collaborating with various stakeholders, we have amplified our impact and worked more effectively towards our goals.

While implementing the emergency action plan since October, we continued to advance our pre-existing [core activities](#), which are integral to promoting a rights-based approach to the question of Palestine. This section outlines each of our core areas of work.



At Law for Palestine, my colleagues have tirelessly worked, often at personal risk for those in OPT, to compile evidence and engage with states, demanding more robust action against these crimes. [...] It is obligatory on all members of the community to build a case against perpetrators of this crime of genocide and bring them to justice.



Hannah Bruinsma
Legal Researcher, Law for Palestine. At the United Nations in New York CEIRPP Panel on Preventing Genocide. December 12, 2023

Watch [full panel here](#)



The Weekly Legal Scene Report



Law of the Sea Working Group



Jurist for Palestine Forum



International Law & Palestine Blog



Supporting Strategic Litigation

Justice and Accountability for Palestine Initiative



Enhancing Legal Access and Building Capacity



The Weekly Legal Scene Report

The comprehensive [weekly Legal Scene report](#) available in both Arabic and English, focuses on reviewing the legal dynamics of the Question of Palestine, serving as an essential resource for anyone seeking updates on this issue from a legal perspective.

The importance of this initiative lies in its capacity to bridge the gap between complex legal developments and the professionals who can effect change. By providing timely and thorough updates to over seven thousand professionals, Law for Palestine ensures that a wide audience remains informed and engaged with the evolving legal landscape.

Moreover, the report's recipients include embassies and missions in Palestine, the UN, and globally, as well as parliamentarians, politicians, members of the Middle East Quartet, UN staff, academics, researchers, students, activists, and lawyers worldwide. Additionally, the report is occasionally featured in the NGO Action News weekly newsletter published by the UN Palestinian Rights Committee (CEIRPP).

This initiative enables professionals to stay at the forefront of advocacy and legal analysis.

The legal scene informs over seven thousand professionals on:

- 1 Judicial decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by official Palestinian, Israeli, Arab and international bodies
- 2 Publications of human rights NGOs
- 3 Opinion pieces and features
- 4 Human rights conferences and events



Law for Palestine has quickly emerged as an indispensable resource for timely, cogent and critical information on Palestine and international law. At a time when the international legal order is faced with serious challenges across the globe, the importance of maintaining a global awareness of Palestine's experience in this regard is more vital now than ever—and Law for Palestine continues to be a key player in this regard.



Dr. Ardi Imseis Assistant Professor of Law
at Queen's University



Law of the Sea Working Group

Law for Palestine's Law of the Sea Working Group aims to build legal expertise and capacity concerning maritime law as it relates to the Palestinian-Israeli context.

The Law of the Sea Working Group provides:

- 1 Access to specialised knowledge and discussions on international maritime law
- 2 Organisational support for managing and scheduling working group meetings
- 3 Provision for members to access necessary maritime treaties and documents
- 4 Digital platforms for ongoing communication and collaboration among group members
- 5 Support for organising travel and accommodation for face-to-face meetings of the working group



ASCOMARE has established a robust partnership with Law for Palestine, collaborating to develop and coordinate multiple law of the sea initiatives. Building on the success of the inaugural High-Level Training on the Law of the Sea and Palestine held in July-August 2023, this partnership fosters meaningful dialogue and deepens understanding of critical issues surrounding the management of maritime spaces and the application of the international law of the sea within the Palestinian context.

Pierandrea Leucci, President, ASCOMARE

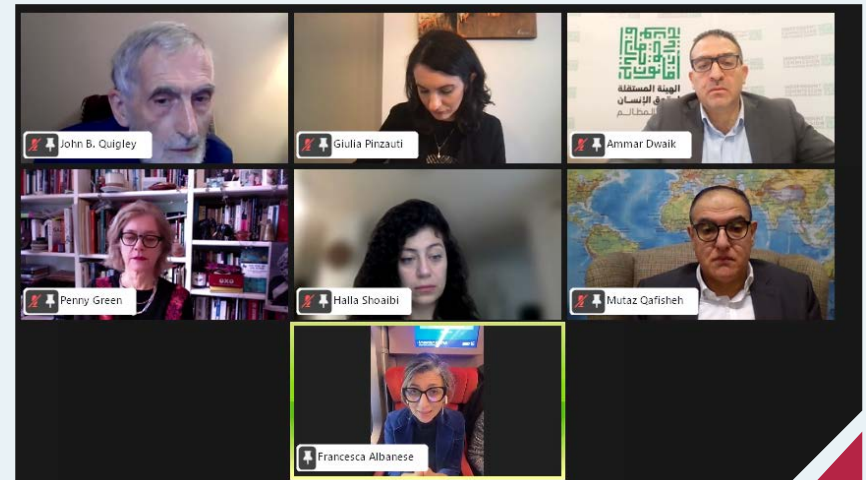


Jurists for Palestine Forum

The [Jurists Forum by Law for Palestine](#) engages over 1,450 members including jurists, lawyers, and policy makers, providing a broad spectrum of legal knowledge from its diverse membership.

Throughout this year, the forum has hosted 6 webinars. These events have attracted over 1,500 participants from around the world and garnered 25,000 views on YouTube. Full transcripts and summaries of most webinars have been published in Arabic and English, and occasionally in additional languages such as German and French.

The goal of the discourse-oriented program of Law for Palestine is to develop the legal discourse on Palestine-Israel and international law, supplying the discourse with rights-based agenda and progressive visions, connecting and coordinating between members, enhancing the capacity of lawyers, and categorising the capacities - and the lack of which - to bridge the gaps and utilise the strengths, and strategize legal action.



Webinar Law for Palestine and ICHR Bring Together Global Experts to Discuss Ongoing Gaza Genocide: Legal Perspectives and Global Action



International Law & Palestine Blog

The [International Law & Palestine Blog](#) is an important platform dedicated to offering detailed legal analysis on the Palestine-Israel issue. As the first specialised legal blog focused on this topic, it aims to provide comprehensive insights and assessments that advance legal solutions and discourse in international law, specifically relating to Palestine and the Israeli occupation. Since October 2023, Law for Palestine has published 10 research articles in both Arabic and English.

Crafted by a mix of international experts and skilled researchers from affected communities, this blog publishes a variety of content designed to enrich and diversify understanding. Among the contributors are notable figures such as Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights; Dr. Shahd Hammouri, Lecturer in Law at the University of Kent; and Professor Penny Green, Professor of Law and Globalisation at Queen Mary University of London.

By providing multifaceted and objective legal content, the International Law & Palestine Blog stands as a primary source for anyone seeking to engage deeply with the legal dimensions of the Palestine context.

As a part of this initiative, Law for Palestine has begun publishing legal compendiums, first of which published on 24 September 2024. This compendium compiles key United Nations resolutions calling for sanctions and embargoes against states that violate international legal norms. This document aims to provide states, civil society organisations, and researchers with a comprehensive record of significant UN General Assembly (UNGA) and Security Council (UNSC) resolutions related to the matter. By documenting these important resolutions, Law for Palestine seeks to illuminate how the international community has historically addressed violations of international law.

One of the primary goals of this research project is to serve as a reference for addressing the serious violations associated with the Israeli occupation, particularly its illegal presence in the occupied Palestinian territory. By outlining the resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, including the most recent one on 18 September 2024, Law for Palestine aims to support accountability efforts and push for effective measures against violations of international law.

Several such compendiums are being developed in response to the evolving requirements of the international legal movement for Palestine.



Article written by Penny Green, Professor of Law and Globalisation at Queen Mary University London. Published on November 22, 2023. [Read here](#)

The Gaza Genocide Case: A Comprehensive Overview of South Africa's Legal Battle with Israel at the International Court of Justice Highlights and FAQs

Published on January 24, 2024. [Read here](#)





Supporting Strategic Litigation

Justice and Accountability for Palestine Initiative

In response to the ongoing violations in Gaza, the [Justice and Accountability for Palestine \(JA4P\)](#) initiative has been established by the Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy, the European Legal Support Center, and Law for Palestine. This powerful collective is committed to legal actions against those complicit in crimes within Palestine, using both domestic and international legal frameworks to tackle war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

Strategic Approach and Collaborative Model

JA4P employs a decentralised model, activating local chapters in Germany and the Netherlands that are spearheaded by legal teams and coordinated support. These chapters engage in strategic litigation and robust advocacy to uphold international law, supported by:

- Funding for investigative and legal proceedings
- Expertise in advocacy and strategic communications
- Volunteer recruitment and research support
- Assistance in plaintiff identification

Impact and Progress

Our initiative has seen notable achievements:

- In Germany, we've challenged officials legally and halted arms exports through urgent applications
- In the Netherlands, we've engaged authorities in policy dialogues and initiated legal actions against state practices
- In France, our preliminary warnings are setting the stage for further legal actions and public advocacy

These efforts have not only influenced legal and policy discussions but have also garnered significant media coverage from Al Jazeera, Reuters, The Times of Israel, Anadolu, DW, and Der Spiegel, enhancing visibility and driving public engagement on an international scale.

German lawyers collective, representing families of two Gazans, filed a criminal complaint against German Government officials, for the crime of aiding and abetting genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza by providing Israel with weapons and issuing related export permissions. They were supported by civil society organisations ELSC (European Legal Support Center), PIPD (Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy) and Law for Palestine under the Justice and Accountability for Palestine Initiative.



Press conference on the criminal complaint against German Government officials by the Justice and Accountability for Palestine Initiative. February 23, 2024.



Enhancing Legal Access and Building Capacity

Law for Palestine is dedicated to breaking language barriers and making pivotal legal documents accessible to Arabic speakers. Recent milestones include translating sections of the ICJ's Advisory Opinion and crucial documents from the ICC. Additionally, we've translated and published six scholarly articles from leading academic platforms to ensure critical legal insights are available in Arabic.

Our dedicated volunteers are crucial in this process, tirelessly working to overcome language barriers and enhance understanding of legal processes that impact the community. This commitment to inclusivity and effective communication extends to our events, ensuring that everyone can engage fully and contribute meaningfully.

Through these efforts, Law for Palestine not only facilitates better understanding and engagement with the legal process but also strengthens the professional capacity of individuals who can effect change.

Our translation initiatives are part of a broader commitment to capacity building:

Training Initiatives:

Law for Palestine has successfully trained over 250 journalists and lawyers in documenting international crimes through a series of events held across various locations and formats. Notable training sessions were conducted in Istanbul (October 2023), online (November 2023 and July 2024), and in Jordan (February 2024), engaging participants in essential skills for identifying and reporting on international humanitarian law violations. A specialised session for the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) team focused on international humanitarian and criminal law, which was held online in December 2023.



Participants of a training course



Training for the staff of the Independent Commission for Human Rights in Palestine



Razwan Issa preparing material

Educational Collaborations:

Law for Palestine has also collaborated with several academic institutions to enhance legal education and promote accountability. Lectures were held at Birzeit University on January 17, 2024, focusing on the ICJ case of South Africa against Israel, and at Al-Quds University on December 2, 2023, covering investigations and accountability in the context of international law. Additionally, a session with the Palestinian Bar Association took place on December 21, 2023, reaching numerous legal professionals and students across Palestine.



The translated documents of Law for Palestine, particularly those relating to ICC proceedings, form a key source of information that greatly benefits our students, both for research and learning purposes. Without such translations, significant background on international legal aspects pertaining to the question of Palestine would be missing. Law for Palestine documents have become a major reference to all law students.



Dr. Mutaz M Qafisheh Founder and Former Dean,
Hebron University College of Law and Political Science

Media and Publicity

Engaging with the media is at the core of the advocacy we do at Law for Palestine. Through strategic media appearances and interviews, we aim to raise awareness about the legal and human rights challenges facing Palestinians, particularly in the context of ongoing conflicts and international legal proceedings. The Law for Palestine team has spoken out on numerous international platforms, including features on Al Jazeera Arabic and English, BBC, France 24, Al Mashad, Al Hurra, Anadolu, TRT, and Al Arabiya TV.

Project Censored Show Podcast

In this episode of the Project Censored Show, Hassan Ben Imran, joins the show to discuss the case of genocide brought to the International Court of Justice by South Africa against Israel: the potential, the pitfalls and the precedent. Ben Imran also debunks Israel's claim to self-defence and shines a light on the West Bank, a primary target for Israel beyond obliterating Gaza.

[Link here](#)



Hassan Ben Imran, Governing Council Member, Law for Palestine

TRT Roundtable Discussion, January 14, 2024

The roundtable focused on the aftermath of the Gaza conflict, with over 100 days having passed since its inception. The discussion addressed the critical issue of allegations of genocide by Israel, soon to be examined by an international court. The conversation delved into the possibility of alleviating the suffering and destruction in Gaza amidst ongoing legal battles.

[Link here](#)



James Henderson, Legal Researcher, Law for Palestine

Al Jazeera, March 20, 2024

Ihsan Adel and Anisah Patel speak with Al Jazeera at The Hague after Law for Palestine and partners submit a 220 page dossier to the International Criminal Court outlining the crime of genocide being committed by Israeli officials against the Palestinian people.

[Link here](#)



Ihsan Adel and Anisha Patel, Governing Council Members, Law for Palestine

Al Jazeera Opinion Piece, April 21, 2024

In a written piece, Ben Imran and Patel outline how the failure to launch an investigation into genocide in Gaza and issue arrest warrants can have a devastating impact on the International Criminal Court undermining its own authority as an institution of international justice and the international legal regime as a whole.

Anisha Patel and Hassan Ben Imran, Governing Council Members, Law for Palestine

[Link here](#)

Media and Publicity

The development of our social media following from October 2022 to October 2024



Website visits:

85,475



152,363

78.3%



Newsletter
subscriptions:

3,777



7,723

104.5%



99 K

people reached
by Oct. 2022

191 K

people reached
by Oct. 2024

Partners

Throughout the year, Law for Palestine has been at the forefront of utilizing international, regional, and domestic mechanisms to promote a rights-based approach to the Palestine-Israel issue. Our efforts are bolstered through strategic partnerships with a broad network of institutional and academic partners. This includes notable collaborations with **the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR), Birzeit University, Palestinian Bar Association, Gaza Health Initiative, Al Jazeera Media Institute, Human Rights Watch, the Norwegian**

Refugee Council, Association of Consultants in International Law of the Sea (ASCOMARE), Visualising Palestine, Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), Arab Renaissance for Democracy & Development (ARDD), and the Community Action Center at Al Quds University, which help in our advocacy and capacity-building initiatives.

Additionally, Law for Palestine has been honored by the **Palestinian Bar Association** and the **Gaza Health Initiative** for its impactful work.

Furthermore, Law for Palestine is accredited by the **UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)**, a recognition that underscores our credibility on the global stage. We are also registered on **ReliefWeb**, a leading humanitarian information platform for global crises, and have become members of both the **Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)** and the **European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP)**.

Academically, Law for Palestine has collaborated with **Stockton University, University of London, Queen Mary University of London, Kent University, University of Antwerp, and George Mason University.** These partnerships enhance our educational outreach, providing seminars and training that equip legal practitioners and students with the necessary skills and knowledge. These collaborations are integral to our mission, facilitating a deeper understanding and engagement with international legal standards and fostering a supportive global network aimed at advancing justice and human rights in the Palestinian context.



Budget and Efficiency

Law for Palestine is powered by the contributions of both financial donors and a dedicated team of volunteers. In the last two years, Law for Palestine has demonstrated a remarkable capacity to create significant impact with limited financial resources. With the majority of our work being driven by dedicated volunteers, we have achieved substantial results that far outweigh our direct financial inputs.

From the 2023 and 2024 financial reports, there has been a steady growth in our budget despite operating under tight financial constraints. In 2023, our budget was €15,220, while in 2024, this grew to €20,180. For the end of 2024, Law for Palestine is projected to receive significant funds to further increase the impact of its work.

Volunteers form the backbone of Law for Palestine, contributing time, expertise, and passion without expecting financial compensation. By engaging volunteers who dedicate substantial time and expertise, we are able to stretch each euro far beyond its nominal value, turning every €1 received into €30 worth of impact. This efficiency is essential for sustaining our work in promoting human rights and justice for Palestine.



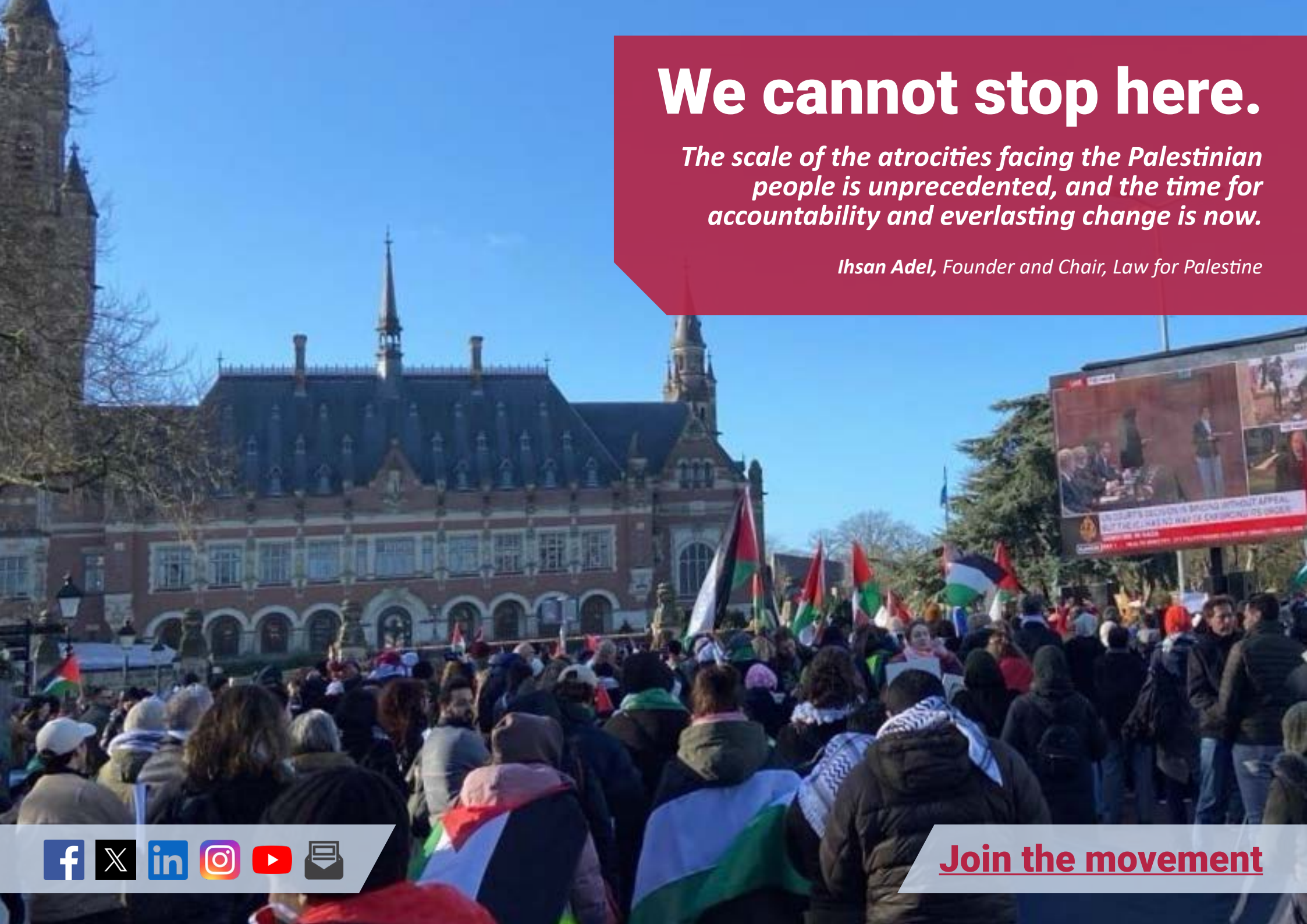
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We cannot stop here.

The scale of the atrocities facing the Palestinian people is unprecedented, and the time for accountability and everlasting change is now.

Ihsan Adel, Founder and Chair, Law for Palestine



Join the movement

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Law for Palestine is a volunteer-run, non-profit, human rights organisation led by a diverse team of Palestinians and non-Palestinians, with both local and international presence. It aims to strengthen global legal support, bridge gaps in international accountability, and advocate for the implementation of justice and rights for the Palestinian people, enabling them to fully realise their inalienable right to self-determination.

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