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.

Legal Updates by Official Palestinian Bodies:

- **The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemned settlers' attacks on the villages of Kafr Malik, Deir Abu Mash'al, and Deir al-Sudan in the Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate, including the burning of 12 vehicles and the spraying of racist and inciting slogans on the walls of residents' homes. The Ministry called for the imposition of international sanctions on Israel's settler-colonial system.** (November 22, 2026)
- **The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates welcomed the report issued by Amnesty International, stressing that it provides further international evidence reinforcing the growing body of evidence regarding Israel's crime of genocide. The ministry noted that the report documents dimensions of the crime and its devastating impact on Palestinian women and girls.** (November 25, 2026)
- **The Jerusalem Governorate affirmed that the raid by Israeli occupation forces on the Comprehensive Girls' Secondary School in the Wadi al-Joz neighbourhood of occupied Jerusalem, and the issuance of an order to the school administration requiring its closure within 30 days**

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constitute a dangerous escalation and a violation of students' right to education. (November 26, 2026)

United Nations Statements and Publications:

- **UN Secretary-General António Guterres affirmed that the Palestinian people have the right to dignity, justice and self-determination. He warned against escalating pressures and violations in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and called for an immediate halt to these practices and the full implementation of the comprehensive plan to end the conflict in Gaza.** (November 23, 2026)
- **The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) adopted by consensus a resolution outlined its future work, calling for strengthening assistance to the Palestinian people and continued work on the economic costs of occupation and prospects for economic recovery in the occupied Palestinian territory.** (November 25, 2026)
- **The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) stated that 1,567 Palestinians had been displaced from the Jordan Valley region since the beginning of this year, accounting of nearly one third of the approximately 5,000 people displaced in total , due to settler violence, related access restrictions and demolitions resulting from lack of Israeli-issued building permits.** (November 25, 2026)
- **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk warned that ongoing Israeli attacks, policies and violations against Palestinians indicate a growing risk of further atrocity crimes across the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt). He called on the international community to take immediate action, emphasised the need for independent investigations and accountability for those responsible, and urged all nations to support the work of international courts in this regard.** (November 26, 2026)
- **The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the oPt since 1967, Francesca Albanese, demanded that the Costa Rican government either provide evidence to substantiate its accusations linking her to acts of terrorism or retract the claims and issue an apology. Her remarks followed the authorities' decision to deny her entry into the country. Albanese criticised her detention at the airport and the attempt to forcibly return her to France, asserting that the authorities had violated the privileges and immunities to which she is entitled in her capacity as a UN expert.** (November 26, 2026)

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- **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk expressed deep concern over the denial of entry to Francesca Albanese, Special Rapporteur on the oPt, at an airport in Costa Rica on claimed national security grounds.** (November 27, 2026)

Legal Updates by Regional and International Bodies:

- **Jordan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned attacks by Israeli settlers on several Palestinian villages in the Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate, including the burning of vehicles and the spraying of racist slogans. The Arab Parliament also condemned the escalation of settler violence carried out under the protection of the Israeli government.** (November 22, 2026)
- **U.S. Special Envoy Jared Kushner stated that Israel is on course to become a "global pariah state," arguing that it faces two choices in the aftermath of the Gaza war: either change its approach towards Gaza and emerge from the conflict more secure and better integrated into the region and the world, or continue on its current path.** (November 23, 2026)
- **Two members of the U.S. Senate urged Secretary of State Marco Rubio to use U.S. leverage to pressure the Israeli government to facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid and winter supplies into the Gaza Strip, following heavy rainfall that flooded more than 70,000 tents and reportedly caused the deaths of at least four people, including three children, during the month.** (November 23, 2026)
- **The Government of India contributed USD 2.5 million to UNRWA in support of the agency's essential programmes and services.** (November 24, 2026)
- **Hadja Lahbib, European Commissioner for Equality, stressed that an effective humanitarian response cannot be achieved without a change in the Israeli government's policy, emphasising that ensuring humanitarian access and facilitating the large-scale delivery of assistance are clear obligations under international humanitarian law.** (November 24, 2026)
- **Costa Rica's Directorate General of Migration and Foreign Affairs announced that it had denied entry to Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory, claiming that the decision had been taken on national security grounds. Albanese had been travelling to Costa Rica at the invitation of the University of Costa Rica to receive an honorary doctorate in recognition of her efforts to defend Palestinian rights.** (November 27, 2026)

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Publications of Human Rights NGOs:

- **Physicians for Human Rights Israel released a report titled "*To Reach, To Treat, To Survive: Israel's Attacks on Ambulances, Paramedics and Emergency Medical Care in the West Bank*".** (November 22, 2026)
- **The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies emphasised the need for humanitarian aid to enter the Gaza Strip immediately, and in quantities that match the scale of the need.** (November 23, 2026)
- **An investigation published by WIRED revealed Google's failure to update its mapping services to reflect the realities of Palestinian mobility in the occupied West Bank. despite years of efforts to incorporate data regarding Israeli military checkpoints, road restrictions and areas of control to enable Palestinian drivers to make safer routing decisions, the company has failed to activate the checkpoint system.** (November 23, 2026)
- **Human Rights Watch called on Israeli authorities to release all activists and community organisers detained for attempting to protect Palestinian farmers during this year's olive harvest season. The organisation also urged an end to the systematic use of administrative detention and called on the authorities to ensure that Palestinian farmers can safely access their land.** (November 23, 2026)
- **Oxfam released a new report titled "*Environmental War Crimes: How Israel's military assault has turned Gaza into a toxic wasteland, threatening human survival*".** (November 23, 2026)
- **Amnesty International released a new report titled "*No conditions for life: Women, girls and the gendered dimensions of Israel's genocide against Palestinians in Gaza*".** (November 25, 2026)
- **The Don't Buy into Occupation coalition released its sixth report titled "*The Role of European Financial Institutions in Israel's Economy of Occupation and Genocide*", which revealed that European financial institutions had ploughed USD 2,106 billion into companies linked to grave human rights violations in the occupied Palestinian territory over the past few years.** (November 25, 2026)
- **Al Mezan Center for Human Rights called on the international community to end the genocide in the Gaza Strip, ensure access to justice and protection for Palestinian women and girls, and uphold accountability to end impunity.** (November 25, 2026)

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- **The Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI) issued a report statring that Israel had institutionalised and systematically legalised the use of torture to extract confessions from Palestinian detainees. The committee also warned that this practice was being implemented in parallel with a proposed racist bill to introduce the death penalty.** (November 26, 2026)

Opinion Pieces and Features:

- **The Journal of Genocide Research published a research article by Boyd van Dijk, titled: *"Food as a Weapon of War: Superpower Security, Banning Civilian Starvation, and the Making of the Additional Protocols".*** (22 November 2026)
- **Itay Epshtain published an article, titled: "*The Board of Peace Is Failing Gaza, and the Law*".** (November 23, 2026)
- **AlJazeera published an opinion piece by Mark Kersten, titled: "*Member states must not betray the ICC*".** (November 23, 2026)
- **Arab Center Washington DC published an article by Susan M. Akram, titled: "*Proving Genocide: What the ICJ's Myanmar Ruling Means for Israel*".** (November 25, 2026)
- **Haaretz published an editorial, titled: "*For the IDF, Palestinian Lives Are Worth Less Than a Mosquito*".** (November 25, 2026)
- **Opinio Juris published an article by Jinan Bastaki, titled: "*The Gambia v. Myanmar and the Duty to Prevent Genocide".*** (November 25, 2026)
- **Jonathan Cook published an opinion piece, titled: "*Inquiry shows Israel lied about Key UN aid agency, and the West colluded in those lies.*"** (November 26, 2026)
- **Al Jazeera published an opinion piece by Yara Hawari, titled: "*Western sanctions on Israeli settlers serve to shield the Israeli state.*"** (November 27, 2026)

Legal Achievements/Impacts for Palestine:

- **A US federal judge has permanently blocked the Trump administration from punishing Americans for sharing evidence with the ICC or working with sanctioned Palestinian human rights groups and UN experts, ruling that such restrictions violate the First Amendment. The ruling extends protection to all Americans, safeguarding freedom of speech and advocacy for international justice, although existing sanctions remain in place.** (November 23, 2026)
- **The Hind Rajab Foundation (HRF) filed a criminal complaint with the Spanish authorities against two Israeli soldiers, accusing them of committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts**

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of genocide in connection with their participation in the destruction of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. (November 25, 2026)

- **A court in The Hague ruled that the Dutch government is under no legally obligated to assist Palestinians residing in the Gaza Strip in travelling to the Netherlands. The ruling was issued in summary proceedings brought by 111 Palestinians who had obtained permits to travel to the country.** (November 27, 2026)

Upcoming Human Rights Opportunities and Events:

- **The Arab Parliament announced the upcoming launch of a Global Parliamentary Initiative in Support of the Palestinian Cause, scheduled for December 10, 2026. The invitation aims to build a global parliamentary coalition in support of Palestinian rights, strengthen parliamentary diplomacy, unify Arab and international advocacy efforts, and translate expressions of solidarity into practical and effective action.** (November 23, 2026)
- **A number of Palestinian and international human rights and legal organisations announced their intention to convene a side event entitled" *Justice for Palestine: Advancing International Criminal Court Accountability Amid Escalating Crimes and Attacks on International Justice*" on the sidelines of the 25th Session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP25) to the Rome Statute of the ICC.** (November 2026)
- **The United Nations Committee on the Exercise inalienable rights of the Palestinian people's (CEIRPP) marked the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, reaffirming the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty, as well as the right of Palestinian refugees to return. The committee also called for solidarity to be translated into concrete action to protect Palestinians and their rights.** (November 24, 2026)

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