



UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

VIRTUAL MEETING

“Supporting Human Rights Defenders in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Reality, Challenges, and Obligations”

Tuesday, 7 December 2021, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (NY Time)

The [UN Palestinian Rights Committee](#) will hold the virtual event “Supporting Human Rights Defenders in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Reality, Challenges, and Obligations” on **7 December 2021 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (New York Time)**, via WebEx. The event will also be livestreamed on UN Web TV.

The event will highlight the engagement of the Committee with civil society partners in the implementation of its mandate towards ending the occupation of the Palestinian territory and advancing the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. It will shed light on the implications of the Israeli decision of 22 October 2021 to designate six Palestinian human rights and humanitarian NGOs as “terrorist organizations” and more broadly on the work of civil society organizations and human rights defenders in the OPT. Finally, it will underline the role and responsibilities of the international community in the context of a shrinking space for CSOs.

The speakers – Wesam Ahmad (Al-Haq), Saleh Higazi (Amnesty International), Michael Sfar (Human rights lawyer) and Omar Shakir (Human Rights Watch) – will brief on the varying dimension of this critical decision and show Israel’s long-time efforts to target organizations that document the ongoing violations of Palestinian human rights and seek to hold Israel accountable.

Participants in the WebEx event will consist of the invited panellists, Committee Members/Observers and other Member States. Intergovernmental and civil society organizations as well as the public and media will be invited to follow the event via live stream. While participation in the virtual platform will be limited to UN Member and Observer States as well as the panellists, IGOs, CSOs and the general public can send their questions via the Committee [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#), the email dpr-meeting@un.org and WhatsApp (+1 646 421 0579).

For further information, please visit <https://www.un.org/unispal/>. Viewers are encouraged to use the hashtag **#Rights4Palestine** on their social media and to tag the Committee’s social media pages using Twitter & Instagram: @UNISPAL, Facebook: @UN.palestinianrights.

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