

# **United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

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### **Middle East**

- On 26 April, [Addameer](#) published an article highlighting that many Palestinian worshippers have been injured and/or detained by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) while praying at or near the Al-Aqsa Mosque during the month of Ramadan. Addameer also published the specific cases of several Palestinian detainees and informed that ISF arrested over 2,140 Palestinians since the beginning of 2022, the majority of which took place in Jerusalem and Jenin.
- On 25 April, [Al-Haq](#) issued a press release welcoming a statement by UN Human Rights experts calling on Governments to take immediate effective steps to protect the six organisations designated as “terrorist organizations” by the Government of Israel in October 2021. In their statement, the UN Human Rights experts recognized the indispensable work of Palestinian civil society in holding Israel accountable for its occupation and human rights violations and in promoting democratic principles and human rights within Palestinian society. [Addameer](#) published an article on that issue as well.
- On 19 April, the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) (PCHR) published a position paper calling for the International Criminal Court Prosecutor to respond immediately to alleged war crimes committed by Israeli Security Forces against Palestinians. Taking example of the rapid response on the situation in Ukraine, PCHR listed recurring violations suffered by Palestinians, including injuries, fatalities, demolitions and settler violence. PCHR further called upon the international community to address international causes with one standard.

### **North America**

- On 26 April, [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) (FMEP) published the podcast “Legalized Discrimination: How Israel’s “Citizenship & Entry” law harms Palestinian families by design”. Member of Knesset, Aida Touma-Sliman (Hadash/Joint List), Dr. Morad El Sana (American University) and Dr. Hassan Jabareen (Adalah) in conversation with Lara Friedman (FMEP) discussed the controversial new version of Israel’s “Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law” that includes explicit provisions referring to its “demographic” purpose. Panellists discussed the concrete implications of this law for Palestinian citizens and residents, as well as what the law’s renewal – and the discourse around it in Israel – discloses about contemporary Israeli political and legal dynamics and the impact of the 2018 Jewish Nation State Law.

- On 25 April, [Americans for Peace Now](#) published the article “Hard Questions, Tough Answers - Double Crisis II”. In this episode, Yossi Alpher, an independent security analyst, discussed the increased tensions in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) during the current period of religious celebrations, in particular confrontations at the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif as well as in renewed tensions between Israel and the Gaza Strip.
- On 21 April, [Americans for Peace Now](#) published the recording “Jerusalem in Crisis”. In this video, Daniel Seidemann, an Israeli attorney specializing in Israeli-Palestinian relations with an emphasis on Jerusalem, discussed the increase in tensions in Jerusalem and beyond, in particular following several attacks against civilians in Israel, clashes in the West Bank, settler violence against Palestinians and renewed tension in Gaza.

### **United Nations**

- On 27 April, the [United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) (CEIRPP) convened the virtual event “Al-Khalil/Hebron - A case study for the impact of Israeli settlements on Palestinian rights under occupation”. Panellists from Hebron Defense Committee, Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy and Combatants for Peace discussed the critical situation caused by Israel’s ongoing illegal settlement campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and its impact on the rights of the Palestinian people, focussing on the situation in Hebron as a case study illustrating Israeli discriminatory policies.
- On 25 April, the [Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process](#), Tor Wennesland, briefed the Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question. Tor Wennesland reiterated that political, religious and community leaders on all sides must continue to do their part to reduce tensions, uphold the status quo at the Holy Sites, and ensure all respect their sanctity. He added that daily violence escalated sharply in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel during the reporting period. The Special Coordinator further updated on settler violence, demolitions and the volatile situation in Gaza. The Vice-Chair of the [CEIRPP](#), and Permanent Representative of Namibia to the UN, Ambassador Neville Gertze, also delivered a statement to the Security Council stating that the Committee shares the Secretary-General’s deep concern about the situation in Jerusalem. The Committee also appeals to political, religious and community leaders to help restore calm, calling on Israel to uphold and respect the historical status quo of the holy sites and its obligations under international humanitarian law.
- On 23 April, the [UNRWA](#) Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, published a message to Palestine Refugees highlighting the hardship and challenges facing Palestine Refugees in the Agency’s five fields of operations. The Commissioner-General highlighted UNRWA’s advocacy role and the agency’s provision of key services to Palestinian refugees through its schools, health centres and various programmes, stressing that the resources available to UNRWA have stagnated in the last ten years, while the needs of Palestine refugees and cost of operations keep increasing.

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