

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

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Middle East

- On 20 June, [7amleh](#) published the report “Privacy and Personal Data Protection in Palestine: Double Violations and Absent Legislation”. This report sheds light on the issue of privacy and data protection in Palestine, examining the extent to which Palestinians’ privacy is respected and personal data protected by the Palestinian Authority and telecommunications companies, internet providers, and digital payment companies in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It further investigates the relationship between private companies and Palestinian governmental bodies and attempts to highlight how exposed Palestinians are, electronically and digitally, to the Israeli Authorities. The report also documents attempts by different parties to access citizens’ data, including the Public Prosecution which receives requests from different security devices (especially Preventative Security and Intelligence) to access data relating to individuals involved in cases under investigation.
- On 19 June, the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) (PCHR) issued a press release to welcome the Commission of Inquiry’s first report to the Human Right Council (HRC) on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, and to support its mandate during the 50th session of the Human Rights Council taking place from 13 June – 8 July 2022. PCHR informed that an interactive dialogue was held with the ongoing Commission of Inquiry during this session. Al-Haq, along with 16 partner organizations, also engaged with the Commission through an oral statement welcoming its first report to the Council, where the Commission found that the continuing occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, the 15-year blockade of Gaza and longstanding discrimination within Israel are all intrinsically linked, and calling for the end of this occupation.
- On 18 June, [Al-Haq](#) published an article on the response of the European Parliament to Al-Haq’s open letter following Israel’s denial of entry to a delegation from the EU Parliament to Palestine and following the visit of the European Parliament President to Israel. Al-Haq informed that Israel has recently denied entry to a delegation from the European Parliament on Relations with Palestine intending to visit the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), while the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, proceeded with a visit to Israel and the OPT, making a speech at the Knesset on 23 May. Al-Haq, along with other organizations, sent an open letter to the President of the European Parliament denouncing both the decision of Israel to deny entry to the European delegation, as well as Roberta Metsola’s decision to proceed with her visit to Israel. Al-Haq further informed that the President of the European Parliament responded to this letter on 9 June, stating that while she regretted Israel’s decision to deny entry to the delegation, she also believed that she used her visit to “express (her) disapproval to the highest Israeli authorities”.

- On 15 June, [Al Mezan](#) issued a press release stating that 15 years of blockade left Gaza facing a perpetual health crisis. Al Mezan published a new [report](#) with Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) highlighting that Israel's 15-year-long closure and blockade has created a humanitarian and health crisis in Gaza that continues to deteriorate year-on-year. This report informed that 40% of essential drugs and 20% of medical disposables will be out of stock in less than a month, while medical equipment and components are frequently blocked by Israel from entering Gaza, and healthcare staff are routinely prevented from travelling out for training. According to Al Mezan and MAP, Gazans are living in intolerable conditions with a health system constantly on the verge of collapse, adding that the international community must pressure Israel to immediately end its blockade, which is the root cause of the seemingly endless healthcare disaster.
- On 15 June, [Peace Now](#) published the report "The government of unequivocal annexation: Deepening of the settlement project, dispossession and oppression; One year of the Israeli government headed by Yair Lapid and Naftali Bennett". This report shows that despite its explicit commitment to a status quo with all matters related to the occupation, a year after the government is founded, the policy of this current government not only continues the policies set by the previous Netanyahu governments, but deepens the settlement project, the dispossession and the oppression of Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Europe

- On 16 June, [Association Belgo-Palestinienne](#) published an article informing that the Catalan parliament adopted a resolution condemning Israel's policies in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, considering them against international law and equivalent to apartheid. This resolution calls on the Catalanian and Spanish Governments to use all diplomatic and political means to pressure Israel to implement the recommendations contained in the recent reports by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch on this issue.

North America

- On 23 June, [Americans for Peace Now](#) (APN) will organize the webinar "Young Progressive Jewish Americans on Israel, Palestine, and the Conflict". Several APN current and former staff will discuss the ways in which young progressive American Jews are thinking, talking, and acting about Israel and its conflict with the Palestinians; values they are prioritizing in the conversation about Israel; and their vision of Israel and its relations with its Palestinian neighbours. Participants will also discuss their concerns about the current trajectory of Israeli society and their hopes for Israel's future, as well as how they fit these topics into their worldview.
- On 23 June, [Churches for Middle East Peace](#) will organize the webinar "Israel/Palestine and Apartheid: How Should the Church Respond?" Participants, including Dr. Peter Makari, Hadar Suskin, and Dawood Hammoudeh will discuss questions such as the role of U.S.

Christians in the conversation on the question of Israel/Palestine and Apartheid, as well as how to respond as Christians and as citizens of a government that provides \$3.8 billion dollars a year to Israel in military aid.

- On 20 June, the [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) (FMEP) published the podcast “It’s our responsibility to turn on the light: Masafer Yatta, Apartheid, and Youth Activism”. In this episode of Occupied Thoughts, FMEP’s Sarah Anne Minkin speaks with Sameeha Hureini, an activist and university student from A-Twani village in Masafer Yatta in the South Hebron Hills. Sameeha Hureini is one of the founders of Youth of Sumud and, together with her brother was recognized with the 2021 Front Line Defenders Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk.

United Nations

- On 17 June, [OCHA](#) published its Protection of Civilians Report for the period 31 May-13 June 2022. According to OCHA, 116 Palestinians have been injured and 6 killed by Israeli forces in the OPT during this period. During the same period, the Israeli authorities demolished, confiscated, or forced people to demolish 23 Palestinian-owned structures in East Jerusalem and Area C of the West Bank, citing the lack of Israeli-issued building permits; nine of the structures had been provided as donor-funded humanitarian aid. In addition, Israeli settlers injured seven Palestinians and people known or believed to be Israeli settlers damaged Palestinian property in 20 instances. OCHA also reported that people known or believed to be Palestinians injured two Israelis and damaged 20 Israeli vehicles while they were traveling on West Bank roads in Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus and Jerusalem governorates.

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