

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

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Middle East

- On 3 July, [Ir Amim](#) together with Ma'an-Workers Association formally released their report “Three Years since the Implementation of Government Decision 3790 for Socio-Economic Investment in East Jerusalem”. The report provides an overview and interim analysis of the Decision’s implementation since May 2018, when Israel announced the largest ever investment in East Jerusalem since Israel’s annexation in 1967 with the aim of “Narrowing Socioeconomic Gaps and Promoting Economic Development in East Jerusalem”. While the Decision was the first significant step by the Israeli government to acknowledge and attempt to rectify the longstanding neglect of East Jerusalem, the plan was effectively presented from the outset as an initiative to further apply Israeli sovereignty there.
- On 3 July, [Gisha](#) organized a webinar entitled: “An Invisible Crisis: Mental health care in the shadow of Israel's 15-year closure of Gaza”. In late 2021, Gisha and the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP) convened a group of mental health professionals working in the Strip to share insights on what it’s like caring for a population experiencing continuous trauma, when they themselves are also subject to the same reality. The event featured a discussion about the current situation on the ground with interventions of care providers.
- On 30 June, [Al-Haq](#) informed that the European Commission (EC) lifted unconditionally and with immediate effect its suspension of funding to the human rights organization. The EC informed in a letter that an assessment by the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) did not find suspicion of irregularities and/or fraud affecting EU funds in the implementation of Al-Haq’s EU funded project to promote the implementation of international rights instruments Palestine has acceded to. Al-Haq further stressed that an EC audit of its project had already established the absence of fraud or other irregularities in July 2021.
- On 28 June, [Al-Haq](#) informed that 90 organizations urged the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Palestine to address settler colonialism and apartheid as the root causes of Israel’s ongoing violations of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. Al-Haq highlighted that this joint submission, dated 31 May 2022, recommended the adoption of the settler colonialism and apartheid framework which allows for consideration of the plight of the Palestinian people in its entirety, rather than the predominant narrative around Palestine that still portrays the situation as the “Israeli-Palestinian conflict”, centered only on Israel’s occupation since 1967.

- On 25 June, [Badil](#) submitted a written and an oral statement for the consideration of the United Nations Human Rights Council in its 50th regular session. The statements highlighted the ongoing displacement of the Palestinian people caused by Israel on both sides of the Green Line. The statement shared online further reads that more than 1,200 Palestinians were internally displaced in the West Bank in 2021, while in May 2021, Israel's excessive use of force displaced 117,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in less than 10 days. Badil called for the Human Rights Council to hold Israel accountable, to prevent further Palestinian forced displacement, to establish a body to monitor and register Palestinian internal displacement, and to provide Palestinian IDPs with the protection they are due.

North America

- On 6 July, [Americans for Peace Now](#) organized the webinar "Israel's Political Crisis and the Occupation". During this webinar, the organization's acting executive director, Dana Mills, elaborated on its new report, which documents and analyses the West Bank settlement policy of the outgoing government.
- On 4 July, the [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) (FMEP) released the podcast "The people are devastated: Demolitions, Harassment, and Live Fire IDF Training in Masafer Yatta". In this episode of Occupied Thoughts, FMEP's Sarah Anne Minkin spoke with Ali Awad about Masafer Yatta and particularly what has changed there since the Supreme Court ruled in May to authorize Israel's military to expel the Palestinian residents in Firing Zone 918. Ali Awad, a journalist and activist from the village of Tuba in Masafer Yatta, is co-founder of the new media project Humans of Masafer Yatta. His most recent article on +972 magazine, "They're not arriving with trucks to deport us, but the goal is the same", was published on June 29, 2022.
- On 1 July, [J Street](#) issued a [statement](#) welcoming the establishment of the Negev Forum by Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. J Street claimed that the forum is a major advance in Israel's integration into the region as a partner in key areas such as energy, education and co-existence, food and water security and health. J Street called for a Palestinian participation as a full and equal party in the Forum and related regional initiatives, which would maximize their potential to spur the progress on Israeli-Palestinian peace that the Forum's members expressly referenced in their joint statement.

United Nations

- On 20 July, the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) (CEIRPP) will convene a virtual [event](#) on the Question of Jerusalem, with the support of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The conference will focus on "Palestinian Youth in East Jerusalem under Occupation". The event will be held on 20 July virtually from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (New York Time) and it will be streamed live on UN Web TV.

- On 2 July, [OCHA](#) published its [Protection of Civilians Report](#) covering the period 14-27 June 2022. OCHA reported that 5 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli Forces during the reporting period and 195 Palestinians were injured, including ten children, across the West Bank. In addition, the Israeli authorities demolished, confiscated or forced people to demolish 39 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.
- On 28 June, [UNRWA](#) issued a [press release](#) following allegations of hate-speech recently levied against several Agency staff members. The statement reads that the Agency reviewed the social media posts referenced in the report and that as a result six staff members were put on administrative leave. UNRWA stressed following similar allegations made against some of its employees last year, some staff received written censures, significant fines, deferment of eligibility for promotion, and in the case of daily-paid staff, up to two-year prohibition on working for the Agency.

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