

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

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Middle East

- On 18 July, [Al Haq](#) published a statement condemning what it considers to be the latest agreement between the US and Israel to circumvent the investigation on the situation in Palestine at the International Criminal Court (ICC). Al Haq stated that President Biden and Israel's Prime Minister Lapid recently affirmed that they would continue to work together to combat all efforts to boycott or de-legitimize Israel, to deny its right to self-defense, or to unfairly single it out in any forum, including at the United Nations or the ICC which they labelled as a so-called source of antisemitism. Al Haq further called on Third States, including the United States and Israel, to refrain from impeding or discrediting the investigation conducted by either the ICC's Prosecutor in the situation of Palestine and the Commission of Inquiry.
- On 18 July, [Al Shabaka](#) published a new policy brief "Palestinian Bedouins in the E-1 Corridor: A Critique of Donor Aid". The brief explains that the E-1 corridor, located within Area C of the central West Bank, receives large sums of humanitarian aid, purportedly to help preserve the viability of a future Palestinian state within a two-State solution. However, Al Shadaka argues, these aid programs are designed in isolation from Bedouin communities in the E-1 corridor, and thus do not reflect their priorities and aspirations.
- On 13 July, [Peace Now](#) informed that the promotion of two new settlements in East Jerusalem was scheduled to be discussed soon after President Biden's visit to Israel and the West Bank. Peace Now stated that Minister Lapid ordered to postpone the discussion at the Jerusalem District Planning Committee planned for 18 July, during President Biden's visit, to 25 July. The construction of about 2,000 units would strike a severe blow to the two-State solution and the development of East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine while blocking the last remaining corridor connecting Beit Safafa and Shorafat with other Palestinian neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem.
- On 13 July, [B'Tselem](#) highlighted the organization's campaign ahead of US President Biden's visit to Israel and the West Bank, putting up billboards and digital screens in the West Bank cities of Bethlehem and Ramallah, reading: "Mr. President, this is apartheid." B'Tselem recalled its position paper from January 2021, in which it described as an "apartheid regime" the system of Jewish supremacy over Palestinians under Israel's control between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

Europe

- On 15 July, [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) (AFPS) informed that during President Biden's visit to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) Palestinians in the OPT protested US support for Israel's discriminatory policies against Palestinians, constituting a situation of apartheid, and asked for accountability for the killing of journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh.

North America

- On 18 July, [Americans for Peace Now](#) published the article "Hard Questions, Tough Answers- the Biden Visit". Among other topics, Yossi Alpher, an independent security analyst, discussed US support for the two-State solution and the likelihood of a Palestinian capital in East Jerusalem, adding that while there was a joint declaration with Israel, there was no joint US-Palestinian Authority declaration during President Biden's visit and nothing that implied the prospect of US pressure on the Lapid government to move forward on the Palestinian issue.
- On 15 July, [Friends of Sabeel North America](#) (FOSNA) published an article stating that President Biden's trip to the Middle East embodied the height of realpolitik, the triumph of so-called "realism" over ideals and principles. However, FOSNA claimed that efforts towards justice, freedom, democracy, human rights, international law and genuine peace and reconciliation are still taking place through various actors. FOSNA recalled that the Episcopal Church recently had passed resolutions calling for equality and challenging the administration to oppose those Israeli laws that discriminate and privilege Jews over non-Jews in Israel. This followed the overwhelming success of resolutions passed by the Presbyterian Church (USA) clearly naming Israel as an apartheid regime, recognizing the Palestinian Nakba, and calling for justice in Israel/Palestine.

United Nations

- On 20 July, the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) (CEIRPP) convened a virtual event on the Question of Jerusalem, with the support of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The conference focussed on "Palestinian Youth in East Jerusalem under Occupation" was live streamed on UN Web TV. Participants discussed Palestinian identity and resilience in East Jerusalem and empowering youth to promote change, among other topics. The President of the 75th General Assembly, the Director of Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations also delivered statements.

- On 15 July, the [United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East](#) (UNRWA) issued a press statement informing that the Agency shared with partners the results of its review of a recently released report alleging that UNRWA knowingly utilizes educational materials outside of UN values. The Agency review concluded that the self-learning materials cited in the report are not authorized for use in any UNRWA school. In reviewing the material referenced in the report though, UNRWA discovered the existence of a private, commercial website that illegally utilizes the Agency's logo and the names of UNRWA educators. The Agency is seeking additional information on these sites for follow-up action, including possible legal referral.
- On 15 July, the the [United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories](#) published its end-of-mission statement, informing that the Special Committee conducted its annual mission to Amman, Jordan. During the four-day mission from 4 to 7 July 2022, the Special Committee met with high-level Palestinian government officials, UN organisations and representatives of civil society organisations from the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the Occupied Syrian Golan. The Special Committee urged Member States to take principled steps towards ensuring that Israel's occupation ends and Palestinians' right of self-determination is realised.

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