

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

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Middle East

- On 3 September [Addameer](#) issued an appeal for solidarity with Palestinian detainees who are on hunger strike against administrative detention.
- On 27 August, [Al-Haq](#) General Director Jabarin met UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Bachelet in Geneva to brief on the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory and to present a joint letter on behalf of more than 100 organisations calling for the release of the United Nations database of businesses engaged in activities related to Israeli settlements, in line with Human Rights Council resolution 31/36.
- On 28 August, [Adalah - Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel](#) sent a letter to the legal advisor of Israel's Central Elections Committee and to the CEO of the "Team 3" Security firm. The firm has reportedly been contracted to form a pilot unit to observe ballot counting following a ruling by the Central Elections Committee Chair. In the letter the NGO protests a recruitment ad for election day observers that states "Full military service is required". Because Arab citizens are exempt from military service by Israeli law, this requirement in effect would exclude them from election observation and is discriminatory.

Europe

- On 4 September, [Amnesty International](#) released a report on discriminatory regulations and legislation that affect Palestinians Members of the Israeli Parliament and "hamstring their ability to speak out in defence of the rights of the Palestinian people" according to the NGO. The full report, which includes examples of legislation that is discriminatory to Palestinian Israelis, such as legislation that allows for the expulsion of parliamentarians by majority vote. The full report can be found [here](#).
- On 30 August, [Medical Aid for Palestinians](#) announced that it had dispatched a limb reconstruction surgical mission to Gaza, its fourth in 2019. The team conducted medical trainings and surgeries alongside Palestinian doctors and held a training symposium during its five-day visit.
- On 30 August, [Medical Aid for Palestinians](#) (MAP) also announced that two doctors, one from Nablus and one from Hebron, had completed an intensive, four month training

fellowship on burns treatment and reconstructive surgery in India and Nepal. This program is supported by MAP; the doctors will also instruct their colleagues upon return.

United Nations

- On 4 September, the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) held its 396th meeting at UN Headquarters in New York. At the meeting the Committee adopted its [2019 Annual Report to the General Assembly](#) (to be issued as A/74/35) featuring its work in the context of UN resolutions and international law that informed its mandate. The Committee also discussed its recent activities. Attendance was high, and several Ambassadors made interventions in support of Palestine and the work of the Committee. The Ambassador of the State of Palestine provided an update on the situation on the ground. He appealed for political and financial support to UNRWA, for adoption of all resolutions related to the Question of Palestine in the GA, and for continued capacity-building for the State of Palestine.
- On 27 August, in his briefing to the Security Council on the situation in Palestine, [Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov](#) cautioned against the “rising spectre of violence in the West Bank and Gaza and the threat of regional escalation”. He stressed the need for leadership that stood up to extremists and radicals. Mr. Mladenov also spoke of movement and access constraints for Palestinian staff of UN agencies and INGOs in Gaza, asking Israel to address this situation in line with Security Council resolution 1860 (2009).

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