

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

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Middle East

- On 14 September, [Al-Haq](#) delivered a joint oral intervention under the general debate on Item 2 on the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General, as part of its engagement with the Human Rights Council 51st session. Addressing the newly appointed UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Volker Türk, the statement underscored the importance of maintaining strong and principled positions, even when faced with external pressures. Al-Haq also stressed the urgency to have the UN Database on Settlement Business Activities annually updated, and called for concrete and effective actions and measures to ensure justice and accountability for the Palestinian people.
- On 12 September, [Adalah](#) published its “Impact Report: January- June 2022”. This report highlights the results of Adalah’s strategic litigation and legal interventions, and international advocacy initiatives during the first half of 2022. Among those highlights, Adalah emphasized that the UN Commission of Inquiry (COI) on the OPT and Israel issued its first report to the UN Human Rights Council in June 2022, a report that includes numerous human rights abuses against Palestinians that Adalah presented to the COI.
- On 11 September, [7amleh](#) issued a statement signed by prominent civil society organizations, supporting tech workers who speak out against corporations whose policies contravene international law, as well as business and human rights principles. The statement reads that Palestinians have been victims of technologies designed to control them, often used in a discriminatory manner, and weaponized for military purposes and to profit from human rights abuses.
- On 11 September, [Gisha](#) announced the release of a new policy brief “At All Costs”, which provides background on and analysis of Israel’s policy vis-à-vis access for Palestinian workers from Gaza, pointing to major issues that must be addressed. According to Gisha, while Israeli officials frequently tout incremental permit quota expansions, the closure Israel enforces continues to drive down living conditions in Gaza and hinder economic activity, let alone development. The policy brief is based in part on a series of in-depth interviews with Palestinians from Gaza working in Israel.
- On 8 September, [al Mezan](#) published a statement from the Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council (PHROC) calling on the International Community to take prompt and concrete measures to halt Israel’s new procedure for entry and residence of foreigners in the

West Bank. PHROC stated that the Israeli authorities have imposed further restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals and Palestinians who hold foreign passports and wish to work, volunteer, join their Palestinian family members or act in solidarity with the Palestinian people in the OPT.

- On 8 September, [Peace Now](#) informed that the Subcommittee on Objections of the Higher Planning Council of the Israeli Civil Administration has postponed its discussion, scheduled for 12/9, to discuss the objections to the plans to establish a settlement of approximately 3,412 housing units in the E1 area, east of Jerusalem. Peace Now welcomed this step but stressed that E1 is lethal to the two-state solution, highly detrimental to Palestinian freedom of movement and to connect different parts of the future Palestinian state. Peace Now further stated that the Israeli government must take the plan off the table completely.

Europe

- On 12 September, [Association Belgo-Palestinienne](#) informed that several civil society organizations called for a global mobilization on September 16 – 19 in solidarity with Palestinians in Masafer Yatta, as part of the campaign #DefendMasaferYatta. The Global Days of Action will culminate ahead of the UN General Assembly debate starting on 20 September. The article recalled that the forcible expulsion of more than 1,000 Palestinians living in eight villages in Masafer Yatta, approved by the Israeli Supreme Court in May this year, would be the largest expulsion carried out by Israel since 1967.
- On 21 September, as informed by [Law For Palestine](#), the Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Centre will organize a new webinar on Zoom, as a part of its event series on legal issues that are deeply related to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, titled “International Law, Colonialism, and Prospects of decolonization in Palestine”. The following speakers will participate in the event: Dr. Lana Tatour, Lecturer in Development at the School of Social Sciences at UNSW Sydney; Adv. Suhad Bishara, Legal Director of Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel and PhD Candidate at King’s College London Law School; and- Dr. Tareq Baconi, writer and President of the Board of Al-Shabaka – The Palestinian Policy Network.

North America

- On 19 September, the Columbia University [Center for Palestine Studies](#) and the Barnard Center for Research on Women will organize a conversation with Suad Amiry and Rashid Khalidi in celebration of Amiry’s new novel Mother of Strangers. The book gives an account on shock, panic, and destruction that ensues of the bombardment of Jaffa in April 1948, as most of the population flees eastward to Jordan or by sea to Lebanon in the north or to Egypt and Gaza in the south.
- On 12 September, [Americans for Peace Now](#) published the article “Hard Questions, Tough Answers- West Bank Escalation”. In this episode, Yossi Alpher is an independent security

analyst discusses the recent outburst of violence in the northern West Bank, its root causes, as well as violence among Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel, highlighting the risk of escalation in wider geographical areas.

United Nations

- On 12 September, the [Acting High Commissioner for UN Human Rights](#), Nada Al-Nashif, issued statement expressing concerns over the targeting of Human Rights defenders in the OPT, adding that OHCHR remains concerned that Israel has not renewed the visas for OHCHR international staff in their Palestine office, further restricting human rights engagement in the OPT. Ms. Al-Nashif further highlighted the increase in the number of Palestinians, including children, killed and injured by Israeli forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the widespread use of live ammunition in law enforcement operations in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The Acting High Commissioner called for prompt, independent, impartial, thorough and transparent investigations into all incidents.

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