

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

## NGO Action News

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### Middle East

- On 24 October, [Al Haq](#) voiced its concerns as to the rising level of violence committed by Israeli settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), calling on the UN to intervene “concerning the intensifying level of violence against Palestinians by colonial settlers, illegally residing in the occupied Palestinian territory, and committed with institutionalized impunity”. Al Haq stated that Israeli Forces and Israeli settlers have been escalating violent attacks against Palestinians across the West Bank since October. An emerging pattern of widespread attacks has been documented by Al-Haq in many areas of the West Bank. The [Palestinian Center for Human Rights](#) also reported on recent Palestinian fatalities and injuries in the West Bank.
- On 20 October, [Al Mezan](#) and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) sent a joint submission to the UN Human Rights Council for the fourth cycle Israel’s Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The joint submission shed light on the latest Israeli military attacks carried out against civilians and civilian infrastructure in the Gaza Strip throughout the reporting period. Al Mezan stated that the joint submission underlined the international crimes committed by Israeli authorities against Palestinians in Gaza, including the indiscriminate and disproportionate use of force.
- On 20 October, [Adalah](#) reported that the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (COI-OPTI), issued its first report to the UN General Assembly. The COI called upon the General Assembly to request an urgent Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of Israel’s continued refusal to end its occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Adalah also reported that the COI recommended that the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court prioritize the investigation into the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- On 19 October, [HaMoked](#) submitted a series of appeals to the Jerusalem Court for Administrative Affairs to reverse the Appeals Tribunal judgment of September 22, 2022, which upheld for the first-time, revocation of family unification status "for deterrence purposes". The joint judgment was issued in the matter of 10 Palestinians who have been living in East Jerusalem for years with stay permits or temporary residency status in the framework of family unification and child registration processes.

## Asia and Europe

- The [Australia Palestine Advocacy Network](#) informed that the Palestinian Film Festival Australia will be touring Australia from 2-20 November 2022. Cities will include Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Canberra, Brisbane, and Perth.
- On 25 October, [Amnesty International](#) published the article “Israel/OPT: Investigate war crimes during August offensive on Gaza”, calling for the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate attacks committed during Israel’s August 2022 assault on the Gaza Strip as war crimes. Using photographs of weapons fragments, satellite imagery, analysis and testimony from dozens of interviews, the organization reconstructed the circumstances around three specific attacks, two of which were carried out by Israeli forces and one possibly by Palestinian armed groups. Amnesty International found that six Palestinian civilians were killed in the two Israeli attacks. The third attack, which killed seven Palestinian civilians, appears to have been caused by an unguided rocket launched by Palestinian armed groups.
- On 18 October, [Law For Palestine](#) published an article titled “Summary of the UN Special Rapporteur’s Report on the Palestinian Right to Self-Determination and colonialism dismantling”. Law For Palestine informed that the newly elected UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese, published her first report to the Human Rights Council on October 18, 2022. The report focused on the Palestinian right of self-determination, and its realization in the context of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, trying to clarify the legal meaning and implications of this right, stressing that the current reality is far from the realization of this right.

## North America

- On 2 November, the [Jerusalem Fund](#) will organize a discussion with Matthew Teller, the author of “Nine Quarters of Jerusalem - A new biography of the Old City”. The event, moderated by Said Arikat, will be organized in person in Washington D.C. and will also be livestreamed.
- On 25 October, [Americans for Peace Now](#) published the webinar transcript “Building People-to-People Foundations for Israeli-Palestinian Peace: A Conversation with ALLMEP’s Avi Meyerstein”. Avi Meyerstein is a lawyer, based in Washington DC, and founder and president of the Alliance for Middle East peace, ALLMEP. Participants discussed the work of this coalition composed of over 150 Israeli and Palestinian peacebuilding organizations, who campaigned to create an International Fund for Israeli - Palestinian peace, and which led to the passage of the “Middle East Partnership for Peace Act” in Congress, that authorized \$250 million over the course of five years to advance peace coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians.
- On 25 October, [Churches for Middle East Peace](#) (CMEP) published a press release calling on the US Government to respond to abuses against Palestinian children and escalating tensions in the West Bank. CMEP called on the US government to press the Israeli government to de-

escalate tensions by preventing settler violence and reassessing its rules of engagement and use of force guidelines in confrontations with Palestinians, adding that the U.S should also insist that Israel reform its approach by limiting the arrest and detention of children and eliminating associated violent abuses.

- On 24 October, the [Columbia University for Palestinian Studies](#) hosted a presentation on the latest report by Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion by legal and policy experts in the field. This event was co-presented by the Center for Constitutional Rights and the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University.
- On 20 October, the [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#) (USCPR) published an article supporting the campaign #StandWithThe6 and called for the public to support the six Palestinian organizations designated as “terrorist organizations” by Israel. USCPR recalled that these six organizations are currently facing Israel’s continued repression, from the shutting of their offices this past August to Israel’s imprisonment of Palestinian human rights defender Salah Hammouri of Addameer without charge or trial.

### **United Nations**

- On 26 October, the Bureau of the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) met with the “Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel,” and UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese, who are in NY to present their reports to the Third Committee of the General Assembly. The UN Special Rapporteur gave a briefing on the legal tenets of the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination, underlining that the illegality of the Israeli occupation has proven not to be temporary. The Commission of Inquiry reiterated that Israeli settlements and de-facto annexation policies are in grave violation of international law, noting that Israel must be held accountable for its violations of Palestinian rights, individually and as a people.
- On 26 October, [UNRWA](#) informed that Agency and other UN agencies in the West Bank held an olive harvest event to support Palestinians. UNRWA organizes this event every year in solidarity with Palestine refugee farmers, to mark the theme of United Nations Day 2022, “Nourishing Peace”. Held this year in Beit Ikksa village, northwest of Jerusalem, the event was attended by the Director of UNRWA Affairs in the West Bank and more than 100 employees from UN agencies in the West Bank.

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