

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

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Middle East

- On 9 November, [BADIL](#) will organize an event for the launch of the report “Survey of Palestinian Refugees and Internally displaced people 2019-2021”. BADIL informed that in the three years since the last survey, the Palestinian people have experienced an ever more repressive and limited space to collectively demand and exercise their national and individual rights. BADIL elected to focus this survey on the political participation of Palestinian youth, particularly refugee youth. The data was obtained via field research from a sample of Palestinian refugees and IDPs across various locations.
- On 9 November, [7amleh](#) will organize the webinar “Meta, Let Palestine Speak”. Panellists Mona Shtaya (Advocacy Advisor - 7amleh), Dunstan Allison-Hope (Vice President – BSR) and Diala Shamas (Staff Attorney - Center for Constitutional Rights) will discuss the public campaign addressed at Meta executives demanding that the company stops the silencing and censorship of Palestinian voices and narratives.
- On 30 October, [Al-Haq](#) published an article welcoming the adoption by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) at its 41st Congress in Paris, of a resolution recognizing that the institutionalised regime of systematic domination and oppression by Israel over the Palestinian people, amount to the crime of apartheid. The resolution was passed with a unanimous vote.
- On 28 October, [Ir Amim](#) informed that the Jerusalem Municipality's Finance Committee approved a three million NIS budget for the relocation of the al-Walaja checkpoint situated on the bypass road running between Jerusalem and the al-Walaja village. The new location is approximately two kilometers closer to al-Walaja, which will block residents’ access to their agricultural lands and to a spring which once served as the village's social center and now converted into an Israeli recreational destination. Ir Amim added that if the checkpoint is relocated, it will have dire consequences on the residents of al-Walaja and their livelihoods.
- During the reporting period, [B’Tselem](#) published the position paper “Not a “vibrant democracy”. This is apartheid”. B’Tselem highlighted that Palestinians living under occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip cannot participate in the Israeli elections, none of them are allowed to vote or run for Knesset, and they have no representation in the political institutions that dictate their lives. The article further stressed that the roughly 1.7 million Palestinians with Israeli citizenship status can take part in the general elections, but

their political participation has been cast as illegitimate since the inception of the State of Israel, along with attempts to restrict or deny them true political representation.

- On 27 October, [Al-Haq](#) published an article welcoming the recent landmark report of the new UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese. Al-Haq stressed that this comprehensive report concentrates on exploring and raising the awareness of Israel's practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and offers the international community recommendations to help end Israel's illegal occupation. The [Jerusalem Fund](#) and [Association Belgo-Palestinienne](#) published articles on this report too.
- On 24 October, [7amleh](#) announced having organized training for trainers in digital security in Jerusalem over the last three months, with more than 65 participants, including professionals, social workers, and NGO staff, guides, counsellors, teachers and educators. A group of trainers and experts in digital security provided the training. The training focused on qualifying the trainees through several workshops targeting different groups to build their capabilities in digital security topics and harmonizing the tools and materials used in digital security training.
- On 24 October, [Yesh Din](#) announced the release of the position paper "Over the Border: The institutionalized Israelization of Area C and the violation of Palestinians' human rights". Yesh Din stated, that like the rest of the West Bank, Area C is legally Palestinian land held under Israeli military occupation, adding that Israel's policy defied both international law and Israeli law, which expressly stipulate that Area C, like the rest of the West Bank, is land held under military occupation. Yesh Din further called on the international community to intervene and stop the institutionalized Israelization of Area C, which severely violates the human rights of the indigenous Palestinian population.
- On 24 October, [Adalah](#) informed that it held its 15th Palestinian law students' camp in Beit Jala in the West Bank, after a two-year hiatus. 45 law students attended the camp, which was held this year as part of Adalah's commemoration of its 25th anniversary. The camp's theme was "Racial Discrimination and Cause Lawyering". The camp brought together Palestinian law students studying in Israeli and Palestinian universities and colleges to hold critical discussions in Arabic on legal and human rights topics and practices that the students rarely have the chance to engage in, particularly those studying in Israeli law schools.

Asia and Europe

- On 28 October, [Amnesty International](#) published an article informing that the [UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing](#), Balakrishnan Rajagopal, presented a report at the UN General Assembly on housing rights worldwide which states that the system of racial oppression and discrimination that has led to the destruction of Palestinian homes "is nothing short of apartheid". Amnesty International welcomed the Special Rapporteur's report, which came amid an escalation in attacks on Palestinians and their property across the occupied West Bank. In his report, the Special Rapporteur cites several examples of Israeli government

laws and policies which are used to confiscate Palestinian land and property, such as the Absentee Property Law and land registration procedures.

- On 26 October, [Law For Palestine](#) held the annual meeting of its Board of Trustees, welcoming as a new member Prof. Michael Lynk, former Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967. Law For Palestine informed that its Board of Trustees currently comprises 12 members of senior international law professors and jurists interested in the question of Palestine.

North America

- On 11 November, the [Jerusalem Fund](#) will organize its Palestine Center Annual Conference titled “75 Years of Partition: Ethnic Cleansing and Dispossession” in Washington, D.C. Several keynote speakers and panelists will participate in the three panels “Ethnic Cleansing”, “Human Rights” and “Analysis and Action”.
- On 31 October, the [Columbia University Institute for Palestine Studies](#), in partnership with several research centers in the region, Europe and North America organized a three-day conference titled “Reassessing the British Mandate in Palestine”. The conference explored this period of vibrant Palestinian mobilization. Beyond treating the Mandate as a legal and political system, the conference revisited the social, legal, cultural, economic, and political history of Palestine and Palestinians during this period.
- On 28 October, [Friends of Sabeel North America](#) (FOSNA) published the article “Shadi Khoury, Child Detention, And Apartheid Israel”. FOSNA informed that recent weeks have seen a rapidly escalating level of violence by both settlers and Israeli soldiers against Palestinians, particularly youth and children. Taking the example of Shadi Khoury, a 16 years old Palestinian from East Jerusalem, FOSNA stated that this case and the thousands of other Palestinian children who have been arrested and mistreated are part of a systematic Israeli system of domination and control over Palestinians.
- On 28 October, [Americans for Peace Now](#) (APN) issued a statement welcoming the letter sent by members of the House of Representatives, urging Secretary of State Antony Blinken to address the discriminatory treatment of US citizens attempting to travel to Israel and the West Bank and to assure that Israel meets the reciprocity requirement before allowing Israel to join America’s Visa Waiver Program. APN stated that Israel’s discriminatory regulations chiefly impact American citizens of Palestinian origin who are not afforded the same basic rights as other American passport holders when traveling to Israel and the Palestinian Occupied Territory. These discriminatory practices have now been codified by the new regulations.

United Nations

- On 29 November, the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) (CEIRPP), in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977, will mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (Solidarity Day) with a Special Meeting. The event will take place in person at the ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ- New York, on Tuesday, 29 November from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EST) and will be livestreamed on [UN WebTV](#). The International Day of Solidarity provides an opportunity for the international community to focus its attention on the unresolved question of Palestine, and express solidarity with the Palestinian people through messages by Heads of State and Government.
- On 3 and 4 November, the [United Nations Department of Global Communications](#) will organize in Geneva, Switzerland, the annual United Nations international media seminar on peace in the Middle East. This annual seminar aims to bring together journalists, media experts, think tanks, diplomats and members of academia from Israel, the State of Palestine, the wider Middle East region, Europe, the United States and other parts of the world, to discuss media related issues and trends connected to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The event also strives to sensitize public opinion to the question of Palestine and promote a peaceful settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, Melissa Fleming, will read out a message of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, addressed to the seminar participants. The Chair of the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#), Cheikh Niang, will also deliver a statement.
- On 28 October, the [UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process](#), Tor Wennesland, briefed the Security Council on the Situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question. Tor Wennesland stated that he held discussions with Palestinian officials and factions across the West Bank and in Gaza and a range of Israeli officials and members of the international community to address the current volatile situation in the OPT. He stressed that the immediate priority is to work to calm the situation and reverse the negative trends on the ground, adding that this will require determined actions by both parties, supported by the international community. In addition, the Vice-Chair of the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) (CEIRPP), Ambassador Neville Gertze, delivered the Committee's statement to the same Security Council Open Debate. He urged the immediate lowering of tensions and the exercise of maximum restraint in complete adherence to the law, including international humanitarian law. He reiterated the imperative of ensuring accountability for unlawful and excessive use of force.

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