

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

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### **Middle East**

- On 21 November, [Al-Haq](#) informed that it had submitted a joint report, with Al Mezan and the Community Action Center at Al-Quds University, to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child which is reviewing Israel's third periodic report. The joint report examines the Israeli authorities' human rights violations targeting the Palestinian people, including Palestinian children, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- On 20 November, [Al Mezan](#) issued a statement to commemorate World Children's Day, calling on the international community to enhance the protection of Palestinian children amid continuing Israeli violence against them. Al Mezan stated that Israeli recurrent military attacks on the Gaza Strip, which primarily target civilians and their property, repeatedly traumatize Palestinian children. The organization expressed its deep concern about the international community's failure to uphold its legal obligations under international humanitarian law towards the Palestinian people and Palestinian children specifically.
- On 20 November, [Al-Haq](#) published an article stressing that cooperation with Israel on climate issues without Palestinian self-determination entrenches the climate vulnerability of Palestinians. Al-Haq accused Israel of "greenwashing" its violations of Palestinian rights as the Israeli delegation promoted the country's leading global and regional role in addressing climate change during the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP27), which took place in Egypt, between 6 and 18 November. [Al Mezan](#) also published an article on this issue, warning that climate change threatens Gaza's future, amid Israel's prolonged closure and repeated military strikes.
- On 14 November, [Physicians for Human Rights](#) published a position paper detailing how Israel's permit regime towards Palestinians in Gaza complicates cancer patients' lives by delaying and preventing access to treatment. The report also stresses that Israel must issue long-term permits for cancer patients to attend hospital appointments as often as needed and as scheduled by their physicians

### **Australia and Europe**

- On 29 November, the [Australia Palestine Advocacy Network](#) will organize the webinar "Food Sovereignty in Palestine - a follow up to Gaza Campaign". Coinciding with International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, this conversation will feature guests from an international network of activists and agencies. Panelists will include Gaza Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Platform (GUPAP) and its associated Urban Women

Agripreneurs Forum (UWAF), as well as supporting organisations Sustain: The Australian Food Network, Just Food Collective and Global Gardens of Peace.

- On 26 November, [Association Belgo-Palestinian](#) will organize a Forum on 26 November to celebrate International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. This forum will gather previous volunteers who participated in field visits in Palestine, and will give participants the opportunity to discuss several issues related to the current situation in Palestine as well as the campaign “This is apartheid”.

### **North America**

- On 21 November, [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) published the podcast “Free Speech and Palestinian Rights – Both Weapons and Targets in the Battle Against ESG”. In this podcast, documentary filmmaker Julia Bacha speaks about the attacks on what is known as ESG – shorthand for the movement to take environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into account in investing.
- On 18 November, [Friends of Sabeel North America](#) (FOSNA) published an article on the olive harvest season in Palestine, highlighting the deep cultural significance of this harvest and how olive trees attest to the continued agricultural use of the land by the Palestinians. FOSNA added that Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian villagers in an attempt to prevent the harvest, often stealing the product and cutting down trees, adding that settler attacks have increased markedly recently, as did their feeling of impunity. FOSNA further praised the role of Israeli Jewish volunteers and organizations like Rabbis for Human Rights, who organize to help with the olive harvest and assist in the protection of Palestinian farmers during this season.
- On 17 November, the [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#) (USCPR) issued a statement welcoming the US Administration’s decision to open an investigation into the death of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. USCPR informed that this investigation could reveal the details on who was responsible and complicit in this death, and what U.S. weapons, materials, or services were used.

### **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 18 November, [UNISPAL](#) published the summary of closed consultations with Civil Society Organizations, held by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) and titled “Advocating for Accountability in the Occupied Palestinian Territory”. The closed consultations were held on 8 November, as a virtual meeting. Participants discussed advocacy efforts to end Israel’s impunity for human rights violations and also highlighted the necessity to uphold the corporate accountability of international companies engaged in economic activities in Israeli settlements.
- On 17 November, the [UN General Assembly Third Committee](#) (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) approved a draft resolution on the right of Palestinian people to self-determination in a recorded vote of 167 in favour to 5 against, with 7 abstentions. By its terms and upon final adoption, the Assembly would stress the urgency of ending the Israeli occupation and establishing a lasting peace settlement between the two sides. It would also underscore the need to respect the territorial integrity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and urge States to assist the Palestinian people in the realization of their right to self-determination.

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