

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

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Middle East

- On 14 December the last free webinar lecture of 2022 of the [Bisan Lecture Series \(BLS\)](#) in concert with [Scientists for Palestine](#) and the [Bisan Center for Research and Development](#), featured Prof. Danile Pauly, Killam professor at the University of British Columbia's Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries. on the theme [The Fisheries of the Southern Mediterranean, from Morocco to Turkey \(1950-2020\)](#). The Bisan Lecture Series aim at the full integration of Palestine into the global learning community. It sponsors discourses on subjects of cultural, scientific, and societal importance by leading research experts and public intellectuals of varied heritage and viewpoint.
- On 13 December [Al Shabaka](#) published a policy brief explaining how across the US, lawmakers and interest groups are stepping up efforts to shield Israel from accountability for war crimes, occupation, and apartheid. They are doing so by restricting Palestine solidarity advocates' First Amendment rights to free speech and political boycotts. In June 2022, the Court of Appeals [ruled to uphold](#) an Arkansas law punishing state contractors who boycott Israel. Since 2014, [dozens of states](#) have adopted similar laws. They are also actively silencing calls for boycott, divestment, and sanctions that pressure Israel to comply with international law.
- On 11 December [Law for Palestine](#) issued the report Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 153 || 4-10 Dec 2022. This issue highlights steps taken by the Palestinian Ministry for Foreign Affairs condemning Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people, as well as the Palestinian Foreign Minister's meeting with the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. The Minister invited the Prosecutor to visit Palestin, and shared with him a paper on Israel's serious violations against Palestinian children.
- On 8 December [Al Mezan](#) published the monthly statistical update on violations against children in times of armed conflict by Israeli and Palestinian duty bearers – in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms established by UN Security Council Resolution 1612. In the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian children fall victim to an array of serious violations of international law perpetrated by Israeli authorities and, to a lesser extent, Palestinian authorities and non-state actors. The most frequent incidents in the Gaza Strip are killing, injury, arrest and detention,

attacks against schools and hospitals, and denial of humanitarian access. The figures presented in this statistical report are based on data collected from the field.

- On 8 December [Addameer](#) issued a press release on the case of Salah Hammouri, a Palestinian-French human rights lawyer currently under imminent threat of forcible deportation from his hometown of Jerusalem to France for “breach of allegiance”. The current circumstances of Salah’s detention in preparation for his forcible deportation to France create a phenomenon akin to a legal blackhole and will be a definitive step in his prolonged harassment and targeting.
- The Global Palestinian Refugee and IDP Network (GPRN) and [BADIL](#) issued a press release welcoming the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly ([UNGA](#)) of [a resolution](#) requesting the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat to prepare for commemorating the Palestinian Nakba at the United Nations headquarters in New York.
- On 18 December [Ir Amim](#) will organize [a virtual event](#) “Playing with fire” exploring the implications of the incoming Israeli government on a wide range of politically sensitive issues in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and within the Green Line and what it means for civil society organizations active in pursuing justice, equality, and the end of the occupation. The event will take place on Zoom on Sunday, 18 December at 12:30 p.m. Eastern US | 17:30 London | 19:30 Jerusalem time.

Asia and Europe

- On 10 December, on the occasion of international Human Rights Day, the [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) (AFPS) issued a press release stating that since 1948, when the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), followed on 11 December 1948 by the adoption of UN resolution 194 (III) on the right of return of Palestinian refugees, the state of Israel has never abided by the norms of international law and universal right sanctioned in those instruments.

North America

- On 13-15 December [Breaking the Silence](#) showcased a free video exhibit in New York at ResoBox (91 East 3rd street) entitled “A video Testimony Exhibition” (details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/680938813377572>) featuring recorded and curated interviews with former Israeli soldiers who served all over the occupied Palestinian territories from 1967 until today. An anthology of themes was presented to the visitors, covering Restriction of Movement, Settlers and Settlements, Arrests and Detentions, Home Invasions, Deportations and Razings, Looting, Violence, Children, Opening Fire, Deaths and Bodies. Members of Breaking the Silence were present to engage in conversation.

United Nations

- On 12 December the majority of UN member states voted to extend the mandate for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) until 30 June 2026. “For more than 70 years, the international community has stood together to support UNRWA because of the critical work we do to protect vulnerable lives and our contribution to regional stability. Once again, member states have reaffirmed our irreplaceable role as Palestine refugees face unprecedented hardships and challenges,” said UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini. Next month, UNRWA will launch the Agency’s annual financial appeal. Commissioner-General Lazzarini has warned in recent weeks that without renewed efforts to close the funding gap, UNRWA may not have sufficient funds to fulfil its mandate.

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