

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

## NGO Action News

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### Middle East

- On 14 February, [Al-Shabaka](#) will organize the panel discussion “Israeli Demographic Engineering Across Colonized Palestine”. Panellists will discuss how the Israeli regime subjects Palestinians to an intricate system of demographic control, as Israel continually revokes Palestinians’ residency rights, denies them family unification across the Green Line and beyond, strips them of Israeli citizenship, and enables their deportation. This event will shed light on how Israel has engineered and implemented these policies, what their implications for the Palestinian people are, and how they can be challenged.
- On 8 February, [Al-Shabaka](#) in partnership with the [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) organized the webinar “Limited Paradigms.” Panellists Mark Muhannad Ayyash (author), Lana Tatour (Lecturer in Development at the School of Social Sciences at UNSW Sydney), and Yara Hawari (Senior Analyst of Al-Shabaka) examined various international paradigms that have, both intentionally and unintentionally, contained the Palestinian experience and limited critique on the Israeli settler colonial project.
- On 3 February, the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) (PCHR) sent a submission to the UN Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel. The submission presented information concerning the targeting of Palestinian human rights defenders, activists, and journalists. The submission touched upon the raids conducted by the Israeli forces on seven Palestinian civil society organizations in the occupied West Bank in August 2022. PCHR argued that Israel committed systematic and flagrant violations of international human rights and humanitarian law against Palestinian human rights defenders, activists, journalists, and children, which amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, particularly under the International Criminal Court’s Rome Statute. Furthermore, on 2 February, [Al-Haq](#), [Addameer](#), and [Al Mezan](#) submitted a joint report to the UN Commission of Inquiry as well. According to these organizations, the submission underlined Israel’s long-established, widespread, systematic and institutionalised policies that aim to control and dominate Palestinians. Specifically, the submission focuses on Israeli policies of violent suppression of demonstrations and ensuing wilful killing and injuries, arbitrary detention, and torture and other ill-treatment, as well as smear and delegitimization campaigns against individuals or groups—including human rights defenders and civil society organisations.
- On 2 February, [7amleh](#) issued its eighth annual report, “Hashtag Palestine 2022”, in which it shed light on the violations of digital rights that Palestinians and their supporters are subjected to in the digital space by the various governments and big technology companies.

The report diagnoses the state of digital freedom and outlines the most prominent patterns of digital rights violations and their trends during 2022. 7amleh collected and documented information on violations during the year and monitored local, regional and international media materials in addition to cooperating with partners in analyzing and monitoring digital violations.

### **Asia and Europe**

- On 8 February, the [Italian Institute for International Political Studies](#) organized the panel discussion “Israel - Palestine: Forever on the Brink”. Nimrod Goren (President, Mitvim – The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies), Dalal Iriqat (Assistant Professor, Arab American University), Aaron David Miller (Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) and Maria Gianniti (Jerusalem Correspondent, RAI) discussed prospects on the recent developments in Israel-Palestine as a new wave of violence has hit Jerusalem and the West Bank.

### **North America**

- On 6 February, [Jewish Voice for Peace](#) issued a statement to protest against the killing of 5 Palestinians during an Israeli military operation in the Aqbat Jabr refugee camp in Jericho. The statement informed that this attack comes just a week after Israeli forces killed 10 Palestinians in Jenin refugee camp, and following days of blockade, closures, home demolitions, settler attacks and near-nightly military raids. Jewish Voice for Peace further stated that 41 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces so far in 2023, adding that 2022 was already the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since 2004.
- On 1 February, the [Jerusalem Fund](#) published the article “From Fauda to Facebook: Exploring Palestinian Censorship and Bias in the Media”. This article discusses the anti-Palestinian bias in Western and Israeli media, including on social media, TV and movies, reinforced by the lack of coverage of the media on a daily basis documenting what Palestinians experience is.

### **United Nations**

- On 3 February, the Bureau of the United Nations General Assembly’s [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) issued a statement rejecting the punitive measures adopted by Israel, against the Palestinian Authority, for seeking the resolution of international disputes through legitimate and peaceful means, via the International Court of Justice, which is one of the principal organs of the United Nations, following the requests for an advisory opinion by the General Assembly on 30 December. The Bureau called for the immediate reversal of such unilateral punitive measures by Israel, the occupying Power, which could have severe consequences for the Palestinian Authority’s financial situation and the welfare of the Palestinian people. The statement further reads that such actions exacerbate tensions and undermine the prospects of peace in the region.

- On 3 February, [OCHA](#) published the report “Protection of Civilians Report, 10-30 January 2023”. OCHA informed that during the reporting period, 31 Palestinians, six Israelis and a foreign national were killed and 441 Palestinians and nine Israelis, including one member of Israeli forces, were injured in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Israeli forces killed ten Palestinians, including two children and one woman, and injured 26 others with live ammunition during an Israeli forces’ operation in Jenin refugee camp on 26 January. This is the highest number of Palestinians killed in a single operation in the West Bank since OCHA started recording data on casualties in 2005. The same day an eleventh Palestinian was killed by Israeli forces in a protest against the Jenin operation in Ar Ram town (Jerusalem).

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