

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

## **NGO Action News**

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### **Middle East**

- On 18 July, the [Institute for Palestine Studies](#) will organize an event (on zoom and in-person) to launch a book by Muhammad Amara titled “Globalization and Hebraization in the Arab-Palestinian Linguistic Landscape in Israel.” On 11 July, the Institute announced the launch of a [new platform](#) devoted to its daily newsletter titled “Selections from the Hebrew Press” which allows readers to access the full text of the latest issues and search its archive.
- On 10 July, [Peace Now](#) published an article describing the joint Israeli-Palestinian march against the occupation held on 7 July from Burqa to Homesh. The article notes that around 400 activists from Peace Now and other organizations marched together in what they called a “revival of the political connection between Israelis and Palestinians.”
- On 6 July, [Al-Haq](#) submitted the first findings of its preliminary field investigation into the attack on Jenin to UN Special Procedures. It also submitted several recommendations, including one calling for UN agencies to ensure provision of aid and protection to Palestinian refugees who fled from Jenin camp.
- On 5 July, [BADIL](#) reported that for the 53<sup>rd</sup> regular session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), 19 June - 14 July 2023, it had submitted a written and oral statement under Item 2, the Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry (COI) on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in Israel, in response to the COI’s report on shrinking spaces for Palestinian civil society. BADIL called on Member States and the UN to counteract the shrinking spaces for civil society and refrain from imposing conditional funding policies.

### **Asia and Europe**

- On 10 July, [Law for Palestine](#) announced a high-level online training course on Law of the Sea and Palestine-Israel, which will take place from 17 July to 7 August 2023. An in-person option is available for participants in the West Bank and Gaza; registration deadline is 15 July.

- On 10 July, the [Palestinian Return Centre](#) delivered an oral statement at the UNHRC providing details on Israel's recent assault on Jenin, and calling on the UNHRC to take action.
- On 7 July, the [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) published an article (in French) noting that the first week of July was deadlier than June 2023. In less than seven days, 18 Palestinians were killed, more than the entire previous month, mostly due to the Israeli military aggression on the Jenin refugee camp.

### **North America**

- On 18 July, the [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) will hold a virtual event titled "The Biden Administration and the Middle East" with Brett McGurk, Deputy Assistant to President Biden and the Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa at the White House's National Security Council.
- On 17 July, [Churches for Middle East Peace](#) will begin a four-week series of conversations with Christians across the Middle East, including leaders from Iraq, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine, and Egypt. The conversations will be held virtually on Zoom over several Mondays in July and August.
- On 11 July, [Americans for Peace Now's](#) Executive Director Lior Amihai held a discussion on the joint Israeli-Palestinian Protest held on 7 July from Burqa to Homesh, and the surge in West Bank violence and settlement activity.
- On 7 July, [The Jerusalem Fund](#) published an article titled "Contextualizing the Invasion of Jenin: A History of Resistance, and What the Future Holds". The article places the recent violence in the Jenin refugee camp in the context of the camp's history, beginning with its establishment in 1953 and subsequent decades of violence and hardship.

### **United Nations**

- On 20 July, the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) in cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, will hold a virtual event titled "The Impact of Settlement Policies on the Palestinian Population in Jerusalem." The event aims at raising awareness about Israel's ongoing settlement expansion and the threat it poses for Palestinian Jerusalemites in the City.
- On 11 July, [OCHA](#) published an update on the situation in the Jenin Refugee Camp, noting that 40 per cent of households in the camp still lacked access to water, one week after the destruction of the local water network in the operation by Israeli forces.
- On 10 July, the [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967](#), Francesca Albanese, gave a report to the Human Rights Council in which she calls for the dismantling of Israel's military occupation which has

morphed the *entire* occupied Palestinian territory into “carceral regime” and “open-air imprisonment of Palestinians.”

- On 9 July, [UNRWA](#) published an article describing the visit of high-level officials to the severely destroyed Jenin camp, including Deputy Commissioner-General Leni Stenseth and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Lynn Hastings, as well as several senior representatives from the international and donor community.

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