

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

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Middle East

- On 25 July, [Adalah](#) issued a press release in response to the approval by the Israeli Knesset the same day to amendments to the Cooperative Societies Ordinance. Adalah said it would file a petition to the Supreme Court against the law, arguing that it further entrenches racial segregation.
- On 24 July, [Al Mezan Center for Human Rights](#) issued a press release highlighting human rights violations by Israeli naval forces against Palestinian fishermen sailing off the Gaza coast. In one recent incident, Israeli forces arbitrarily arrested four fishermen in Palestinian territorial waters and confiscated their boat.
- On 24 July, [B'Tselem](#) published an article highlighting the frequent raids on Balata Refugee Camp in Nablus since the beginning of the year. According to the article, at least nine Palestinians have been killed since January, five of them unarmed.
- On 22 July, the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) issued a press release condemning the extrajudicial execution of two Palestinian civilians, including a child, on 21 July by Israeli forces in Nablus and Ramallah.
- On 17 July, the [Association for the Civil Rights](#) (ACRI) in Israel filed a second appeal to the Supreme Court against the Commissioner of Police, demanding that he instruct police officers to refrain from confiscating and banning Palestinian flags. This follows a petition by ACRI in February 2022 to the Supreme Court demanding an end to the harassment of demonstrators carrying the Palestinian flag, and an end to the confiscation of Palestinian flags in Jerusalem.

Asia and Europe

- On 25 July, the [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) published an article (in French) noting a recent escalation of violence in the Nablus governorate, with deaths every week since the beginning of July. The article links the increased violence to actions by the Israeli army as well as armed settler groups.
- On 23 July, [Law for Palestine](#) published the English version of an article written by Henrik Carlborg, Chairman of the Palestine Solidarity Association in Sweden, titled “The crime of

aggression: Myths, Facts and Swedish Laws.” The article sheds light on the Israeli behavior in the Arab-Israeli wars.

- On 20 July, the [Association Belgo-Palestinienne](#) published an article (in French) on the issue of incarceration and administrative detention of Palestinians. The article notes that more than 800,000 Palestinians have passed through Israeli jails since 1967, and argues that since the second intifada, Israel has exploited the regime of administrative detentions to assert its apartheid policy.
- On 14 July, [Agence Media Palestine](#) published an interview (in French) with Noura Erakat, author of the book *Justice for Some: Law and the Question of Palestine*, discussing the invasion of Jenin and the limits of using international law to oppose Israeli violence.

North America

- On 2 August, [Churches for Middle East Peace](#) will host a prayer and fasting session via Zoom to focus on the challenges faced by Palestinians as they struggle against settler violence and settlement expansion.
- On 31 July, [Americans for Peace Now](#) will host a webinar discussion with Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, at 12pm EDT.
- On 24 July, [the Jerusalem Fund](#) published an article noting that widespread protests in Israel following a vote to eliminate the “Reasonableness Doctrine,” will not substantially change the situation of Palestinians. This doctrine has historically granted the Israeli Supreme Court the authority to intervene judicially in major governmental decisions, including the appointment of key ministers and officials. Its elimination has triggered widescale Israeli protests, but, according to the article, the oppression of Palestinians continues unabated.

United Nations

- On 20 July, the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People in cooperation with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held the annual International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem under the theme “The impact of Israeli settlement policies on the Palestinian population in Jerusalem.” A recording of the event is available on the [UNISPAL website](#).
- On 26 July, [OCHA](#) published a situation report detailing humanitarian activities carried out following the Israeli forces’ operation in Jenin earlier this month. In order to address the needs of Palestinian refugees in the Jenin camp, [UNRWA](#) issued an appeal for US\$ 23 million on 24 July.
- On 26 July, [UNRWA](#) published an article reporting that Germany has provided EUR 37 million for food assistance in Gaza, and calling on partners to close the remaining \$75 million gap so that the agency won’t be forced to stop its assistance in September. On 20

July, UNRWA also issued a [press release](#) announcing a EUR 400,000 contribution from European Union Humanitarian Aid to address humanitarian needs created by the May 2023 conflict in Gaza.

This newsletter informs about recent and upcoming activities of Civil Society Organizations affiliated with the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The Committee and the Division for Palestinian Rights of the UN Secretariat provide the information “as is” without warranty of any kind, and do not accept any responsibility or liability for the accuracy, or reliability of the information contained in the websites linked in the newsletter.



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