

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

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Middle East

- On 7 September, the [Institute for Palestine Studies](#) will hold a webinar titled “Bosnia in Palestine” which will discuss the history of Bosniak immigrants to the coast of northern Palestine during the Ottoman Empire and their subsequent scattering after the Nakba.
- On 30 August, [Peace Now](#) published a press release noting that on 27 August 2023, the Israeli government had decided to allocate lands to the Mevo’ot Jericho and Amichai settlements despite the legal challenges and criticisms associated with this move.
- On 28 August, [B’Tselem](#) published an article detailing an incident on 21 July 2023 in which a dozen Israeli soldiers fired at a Palestinian car for no reason, killing the 18-year old driver in the town of Sabastiya, in the Nablus District.
- On 28 August, the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) issued a press release condemning the arrest by Israeli naval forces of five Palestinian fishermen while sailing off the Beit Lahia shore in the northern Gaza Strip that morning. [Al Mezan Center for Human Rights](#) also issued a press release on this incident the same day.
- On 28 August, [Physicians for Human Rights](#) published a study titled “The Consequences of Israeli Human Rights Violations on the Health of Women in the Gaza Strip,” conducted together with the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme over two years.
- On 27 August, [Al Shabaka](#) published a policy memo examining the PA policy on security coordination, in which Palestinian activists, militants, and members of opposition are imprisoned by either Israeli or Palestinian authorities and then indirectly handed over to the other once released. Although the PA denies its existence, Al Shabaka notes that ample evidence points to its implementation.
- On 27 August, [Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association](#) issued a press release noting that Israeli authorities continue to refuse to release the bodies of 11 Palestinians who died while in prison.
- On 25 August, [BADIL Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights](#) published a press release informing that Israel had commenced construction of the new military checkpoint in Al-Walaja village. BADIL notes that the relocation of this checkpoint will result in the confiscation of additional land and its *de facto* annexation to Jerusalem municipality.

- On 23 August, [Al-Haq](#) sent a letter to Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Penny Wong, thanking the Labour Government for reinstating the term “Occupied Palestinian Territories”, thus recognizing Israel’s continued occupation of the Palestinian territory and once again reconciling the position of Australia with international law.

Asia and Europe

- On 30 August, [Agence Média Palestine](#) supported the launch of the film “Alam” by Palestinian director Firas Khoury in theaters in Paris and the region. The film tells the story of a group of Palestinian teenagers who become involved in the peaceful struggle against the occupation.
- On 29 August, the [Association Belgo-Palestinienne](#) published an article (in French) congratulating the children of Gaza who had won the Norway Cup earlier in August. The Norway Cup is a football tournament for young people aged 10-19 held annually in Oslo since 1972. This competition is the largest youth football tournament in the world, with between 1400-1700 participating teams each year.
- On 29 August, [Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Centre](#) announced a training for the diplomatic community on international humanitarian law in the context of Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. The training will take place in October 2023 in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.
- On 29 August, [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) published an article (in French) detailing an attack by armed settlers from settlements around occupied East Jerusalem against the Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar. The Israeli army reportedly intervened, arresting a child and two women from the community.
- On 28 August, the [Palestinian Return Centre](#) issued a press release noting that the Iraq embassy in London had confirmed its intent to protect the rights of Palestinian refugees, including those taking shelter in the Baharqa camp in Erbil. In a letter sent to the Palestinian Return Centre by Ambassador Mohamed Jaafer AlSader, the Embassy denied Iraq’s intent to close the camp and force the refugees out.
- On 25 August, [Amnesty International](#) (AI) published an article condemning the Israeli Supreme Court’s approval of the demolition of the family home of a 13-year-old Palestinian boy who has spent the past six months in pre-trial detention on unfair charges. AI said this punitive demolition is a form of unlawful collective punishment, which constitutes a war crime and a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
- On 24 August, [Law for Palestine](#) reported that it had successfully concluded a series of workshops on the Law of the Sea and Palestine-Israel, which it organized with the International Law of the Sea Association (ASCOMARE) and Türkiye’s DEHUKAM National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law. The workshops brought together over 55 university professors, diplomats, and legal experts.

North America

- On 28 August, [Human Rights Watch](#) (HRW) published a report on a spike in Israeli killings of Palestinian children in the West Bank. It notes that 2022 was the deadliest year for Palestinian children in the West Bank in 15 years, and 2023 is on track to meet or exceed 2022 levels. HRW urged the UN Secretary-General to list Israel's armed forces in his annual report on grave violations against children in armed conflict for 2023.
- On 25 August, Human Rights Watch reported on a [panel](#) titled "Human Rights and the Crime of Apartheid in Israel/Palestine," it co-organized with the Global Ministries Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ at the Parliament of the World's Religions held in Chicago earlier this month.

United Nations

- On 30 August, the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) published a study examining the legality of the Israeli occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The study, which was commissioned by the Committee was prepared independently by the Irish Centre for Human Rights of the National University of Ireland.
- On 30 August, [UNRWA](#) issued an appeal for US\$ 15.5 million to address emerging needs following the armed clashes that took place in the Ein El Hilweh Palestine refugee camp in southern Lebanon between 29 July and 3 August. All eight schools in the camps remain occupied by militants and unavailable to children at the start of the new academic year.
- On 25 August, [OCHA](#) published an updated fact sheet and interactive map documenting 645 Israeli movement obstacles within the West Bank. Restrictions on movement deepen humanitarian needs among Palestinians, undermining access to livelihoods and essential services and have a noticeable psycho-social impact on communities.

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