

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

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Middle East

- On 10 August, [B'Tselem – The Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories](#) issued the update “Killings, Pogroms, Expulsion: Israel Dispossesses Palestinians of their Lands Using Settler Violence”. B'Tselem reported repeated attacks and threats by settlers in the Bedouin community of al-Qabun, located east of Ramallah, leading to the latter abandoning their homes this week. al-Qabun is the fourth community in the area that has had to flee due to Israeli policies, which force impossible conditions on local residents in order to push them to leave, “thus clearing the way for [Israel] to take over their lands and transfer them to Jewish hands.”
- On 10 August, [the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) issued its weekly update “Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory”. The report covers violation to the right to life, land demolitions and settlement and Israel’s closure, restrictions on freedom of movement and collective punishment.
- On 10 August, [Peace Now](#) issued the update “The Civil Administration Acknowledges Extreme Discrimination in Building Permits and Law Enforcement Between Palestinians and Settlers”. Peace Now reported that 95% of Palestinian building permit applications were rejected, while a significant majority of settler requests were approved. It reported that between 2016 and 2020, the rejection rate was 99% of the building permit requests. Furthermore, similar discrimination applied to the demolitions of building belonging to Palestinians, by the Israeli Civil Administration, in comparison to those belonging to settlers.
- On 7 August, [BADIL – Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights](#) informed it concluded its fourth Annual International Mobilization Course on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The course was held from 23 July and 2 August and attended by 17 participants from around the world and involved in advocacy and mobilization for Palestinian Rights. The aim of the course is to enhance and strengthen international mobilization and give the opportunity for the participants to gain an in-depth understanding of the reality of occupation in Palestine.
- On 3 August, [Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights](#) informed that it supported members of families in Gaza, previously affected by the 2014 Israeli attacks, in providing evidence to a Paris-based investigative judge for war crimes and corporate investigation accountability of Exxelia, a French company.

Asia and Europe

- On 10 August, [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) warned against the multiple attacks by settlers in the occupied West Bank (in French). It reported that in the month of August, the armed attacks intensified in the West Bank, on a daily basis and in several localities between Ramallah and Nablus. These include the villages of Masafer Yatta and in the Hebron governorate.
- On 6 August, the [Palestinian Return Centre](#) reported that six Palestinian families living in the nomadic Bedouin community of al-Qabun, east of Ramallah, have been forced to leave their homes as a result of increased attacks by state-backed Israeli settlers. The update also stated that around 37 Palestinian families who lived in the Bedouin community of Ein Samiya, east of Ramallah, were also forced out of their homes in the isolated community as a result of daily violence by Israeli settlers.

North America

- On 7 August, the [Institute for Palestine Studies](#) published the article “In Australia, Recognition of Palestine is a Farce”. The author explained that there were much more pressing goals to pursue such as sanctions, embargoes, suspension of arms trade and invited the Australian labor party to recognize “settler-colonialism” and “apartheid” in the OPT.
- On 7 August, [Americans for Peace Now produced, in collaboration with Foundation for Middle East Peace \(FMEP\)](#), the “New Occupied Thoughts Podcast” under the themes of free speech in Palestine, “How Israel Exports the Technology of Occupation Around the World” and the impact of bombings and blockade of Gaza on its residents’ mental health.
- On 7 August, the [Foundation for Middle East Peace \(FMEP\)](#) produced the episode “Has Israel Annexed the West Bank?” where FMEP’s Kristin McCarthy talks to Shira Livne from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) about annexation, including how it related to the current judicial reforms, the significant changes in governance that the current Israeli government has taken and if the West Bank, or just Area C, should be considered as annexed.

United Nations

- On 30 August, the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#) will hold its 413th Committee meeting. At this meeting, the Committee will adopt its Annual Report for 2023, Prof. S. Michael Lynk, (former Special Rapporteur) will brief on the findings of the study commissioned by the Committee on the Legality of the Israeli Occupation, and the Committee will consider the accreditation of NGOs.
- On 5 August, [OCHA](#) shared the remarks provided by its spokesperson, Jens Laerke, on the increase in settler violence. The latter also mentioned the threat of demolition of Palestinian homes and other property by the Israeli authority as many communities across the West Bank

were at risk of forcible transfer due to a coercive environment that includes the demolitions, settler activities and other practices. He reiterated that Israeli settlements were illegal under international law, deepen humanitarian needs due their impact on people's livelihoods, food security and access to essential services.

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