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

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Middle East

- On 13 September, <u>BADIL Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights</u> published a press release to mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Oslo Accord, arguing that the Oslo peace process has helped entrench Israel's colonial-apartheid regime, and noting that 93 percent of Palestinian youth think the Oslo peace process is a failure.
- On 12 September, <u>Al-Shabaka</u> published a series of articles around the theme "Visions for Political Futures" in which policy analysts imagine Palestinian political futures within the context of historical and ongoing realities.
- On 11 September, the <u>Palestinian Centre for Human Rights</u> issued a press release condemning the Israeli security forces' use of excessive force that killed a Palestinian child on 9 September in Hebron.
- On 11 September, <u>Peace Now</u> published an article with data that illustrates how Israeli settlements and outposts have proliferated in the 30 years following the Oslo Accords.

Asia and Europe

- On 19 September, the <u>Association Belgo-Palestinienne</u> in Brussels will host a lecture by Mohsen Abu Ramadan, Director of the Dr. Haider Abdel Shafi Center for Culture and Development in Gaza, titled "The situation in Gaza and the massive exodus of its young people." The lecture will be in English with translation into French if necessary.
- On 13 September, <u>Agence Media Palestine</u> published an article (in French) titled "Thirty years after the Oslo Accords: facing the reality of apartheid," arguing that the Oslo Accords, rather than helping to create a Palestinian state, have only consolidated the Israeli occupation.
- On 11 September, the <u>Norwegian Refugee Council</u> published a report titled "Area C is Everything: Planning for the future of Palestine." The report offers an approach to spatial planning in Area C, noting that determinations regarding what the Oslo Accords designated as 'Area C' are integral to a resolution to the question of Palestine and the viability of a two-State solution.
- On 8 September in London, the <u>Palestine Land Society</u> held the award ceremony for young architectural graduates competing for the reconstruction of Palestinian villages destroyed by

Israel in 1948. The British Architectural Jury selected the best three designs among 47 participants on the reconstruction of Tantura (Haifa district), Al-Dawayima (Al Khalil district) and Qaluniya (Jerusalem district). Over the past 7 years, 270 young architects have participated in the competition.

• On 8 September, the <u>Association France Palestine Solidarité</u> published an article (in French) noting continued Israeli violence against Palestinians throughout the Summer 2023, and condemning the inaction of French authorities to protect the Palestinian people and suspend agreements with Israel.

North America

- On 21 September, <u>Churches for Middle East Peace</u> and Just Vision are organizing a free virtual screening and discussion of the film titled "Boycott." This documentary film traces the impact of United States state legislation designed to penalize individuals and companies that choose to boycott Israel due to its human rights record.
- On 14 September, <u>Columbia University's Center for Palestine Studies</u> will host an event in New York City with Palestinian writer Ibrahim Nasrallah, who will discuss his rich literary career that has spanned at least three decades and yielded 14 works of poetry and 22 novels.
- On 14 September, <u>The Jerusalem Fund</u> will host a virtual book talk to celebrate the release of a new translation of Ghassan Kanafani's book titled "The Revolution of 1936-39 in Palestine: Background, Details, and Analysis."

United Nations

- On 12 September, <u>UNRWA</u> published an article noting that for the first time in 11 years, Palestine refugee students in Yarmouk camp (Syria) are going back to school in the camp. The school was reopened on 3 September and will serve more than 1,000 students.
- On 6 September, UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini addressed the 160th Session of the League of Arab States Council at the Ministerial Level in Cairo and urged Arab States to put the issue of Palestine refugees back on the top of their political agendas. His statement is available <u>here</u>.

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