

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

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Middle East

- On 6 September, [Gisha – Legal Centre for Freedom of Movement](#) sent a letter to Israel’s Minister of Defence Yoav Galant, and Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) Ghassan Alian, stating that the decision to block all exit of goods from Gaza via the Kerem Shalom Crossing constituted illegal collective punishment, and demanding that it be reversed immediately.
- On 5 September, [B’Tselem](#) announced that the New Israel Fund had awarded the inaugural Truth to Power Prize to B’Tselem field researcher in the South Hebron Hills, Nasser Nawaj’ah. The award is given to individuals who stand up for truth and give voice to the silenced, often at great personal, organizational, financial, or reputational risk.
- On 4 September, the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#) (PCHR) issued a press release condemning the decision by Israeli Minister of National Security, Itamar Ben-Gvir, to reduce family visits for Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons to once every two months. PCHR said the decision violates the Fourth Geneva Convention and the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. The [Al Mezan Center for Human Rights](#) issued a similar press release condemning the decision.
- On 3 September, [Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association](#) expressed concern over the increasing number of political arrests in the West Bank, noting that Palestinian security forces had arrested approximately 65 Palestinians in August, including six university students. Addameer called on the Palestinian authorities to immediately release all detainees who have been arrested on grounds related to their political affiliations and their involvement in student union activities.
- On 31 August, [Adalah](#), Al Mezan, and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel filed a petition to the Israeli Supreme Court, on behalf of three Palestinian prisoners, arguing that a new law that excludes individuals classified as “security prisoners” from eligibility for administrative release is contrary to constitutional and international law.
- On 31 August, [J Street](#) held a webinar titled “Netanyahu’s One-State ‘Solution’: The Reality in the West Bank” featuring Palestinian rights advocate Issa Amro and the Director of Peace Now’s Settlement Watch team, Hagit Ofran.
- On 30 August, the [Independent Commission for Human Rights](#) in Palestine called for establishing a commission of inquiry into the circumstances of a citizen’s death in Tulkarem following a protest against the Palestinian security agencies.

Asia and Europe

- On 12 September, the [Alliance for Middle East Peace](#) will co-host an event titled “30 Years after the Oslo Accords: Reflections, Realities and a Resilient Future” which will take place in Berlin and gather experts on the Oslo Accords and civil society leaders that are working to shape conditions for genuine peace.
- On 4 September, the [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) published an article noting that the same day, Israeli army had launched another raid on Jenin refugee camp, barely two months after the large-scale military operation in July.
- From 2-17 September, the [Australia Palestine Advocacy Network](#) announced that the Big Ride for Palestine will take place in Queensland. The event, which brings together supporters of the Palestinian people, combines cycling with awareness raising.
- On 31 August, [Agence Media Palestine](#) announced the release of Salah Hamouri’s book “Prisoner of Jerusalem- a political detainee in occupied Palestine.” Hamouri is a Franco-Palestinian lawyer who spent more than ten years in Israeli jails.

North America

- On 15 September, as part of its Fall lecture series, [Friends of Sabeel North America](#) announced that Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian will speak at the University of California Berkeley. Her lecture is titled “The Developers and the Land/Life-Grabbers in Palestine: Between Silwan and the Armenian Quarter.”
- On 3 September, the [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) (FMEP) recorded a podcast titled “Human Rights Work under Apartheid” in which FMEP Director of Programs and Partnerships Sarah Anne Minkin speaks with Executive Director of B’Tselem, Yuli Novak, about opportunities and challenges for human rights protection in an apartheid regime.
- On 31 August, [The Jerusalem Fund](#) launched an appeal to raise money for the Palestine Diabetes Institute, noting that over 20% of Palestinians aged 40-69 suffer from diabetes, the fourth main cause of death in Palestine.

United Nations

- On 31 August, the [Division for Palestinian Rights](#) published its Monthly Bulletin for August 2023, highlighting actions by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine.

- On 30 August, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) launched a study titled “[The Legality of the Israeli Occupation](#),” which was commissioned by the CEIRPP and prepared independently by the Irish Centre for Human Rights of the National University of Ireland in Galway.

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