

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

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Middle East

- On 4 October, [Al Mezan Center for Human Rights](#) published a statistical update on violations against children in times of armed conflict committed by Israeli and Palestinian duty bearers.
- On 3 October, [BADIL – Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights](#) published a press release highlighting the oral statement it delivered at the 54th regular session of the UN Human Rights Council in which it called for the dismantling of the Israeli colonial-apartheid regime.
- On 3 October, [Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association](#) submitted an urgent appeal to UN Special Rapporteurs on the continued arbitrary administrative detention by Israel of Kayed AlFasfous, who has been on hunger strike since 3 August 2023.
- On 3 October, [Al Shabaka](#) published a policy brief titled “The Dangerous Exceptionalism of Christian Zionism” which examines the overlapping ideologies and relationship between Christian Zionism and white supremacy.
- On 29 September, Shawan Jabarin, General Director of Al-Haq, and Dr. Ralph Wilde, faculty member of the University College London, published a joint [position paper](#) titled “British Reparations Owed to the Palestinian People.” The paper analyses the significance of the Palestine Mandate as the legal basis for reparations to the Palestine people.

Asia and Europe

- On 4 October, the [Association France Palestine Solidarité](#) shared a short video (in French) titled “Gaza in the eyes of Jack Lang!” Lang is president of the Arab World Institute and a former Minister of Culture in France. The video captures highlights of his recent visit to the Gaza Strip.
- On 2 October, the [Association Belgo-Palestinienne](#) published an article (in French) titled “Apartheid imposes itself in the Israeli public debate.” The article describes several developments over the last few months indicating that although it has been largely absent from the mobilizations for the rule of law in Israel, the Palestinian question is proving increasingly difficult to ignore.

- On 2 October, [Agence Media Palestine](#) published an article (in French) titled “For Palestinians, having influence on social media comes with a threat of prison.” The article argues that the persecution of activists like Ramzi Abassi, a prominent Palestinian journalist and social media influencer, illustrates Israel’s growing attempts to stifle Palestinian expression online.

North America

- From 7-8 October, [BuildPalestine](#) is holding a hybrid virtual and in-person forum in Washington D.C. and Ramallah titled “Reclaiming Funding.” The event will feature experts in finance, community development, and social change aiming to re-design Palestine’s funding pathways so it may find alternative, more sustainable sources of funding.
- On 4 October, [J Street](#) issued a statement welcoming a letter to President Biden from 20 U.S. Senators, calling on his administration to ensure that any potential Israel-Saudi Arabia normalization agreement includes concrete steps to preserve the possibility of a future Palestinian State and halt deepening annexation of the occupied West Bank.
- On 2 October, [The Jerusalem Fund](#) and other civil society organizations representing Palestinian Americans, Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, and allied communities, issued a joint statement expressing concern over the United States’ decision to admit Israel into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program despite Israel not meeting the requirements. Last week, [Americans for Peace Now](#) and the [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#) (USCPR) issued similar statements, with USCPR calling on the Biden Administration to remove Israel from the Visa Waiver program.
- On 29 September, [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#) recorded a podcast conversation with Professor Rebecca Ruth Gould, author of the newly published book titled “Erasing Palestine: Free Speech & Palestinian Freedom.” The discussion focuses on the ongoing campaign using the IHRA definition of antisemitism as a weapon to delegitimize and suppress criticism of Israel and Zionism.
- On 29 September, [Law for Palestine](#) published the full transcript of an event held on 31 May 2023 in Parliament Hill (Ottawa) titled “Embracing Responsibility: Canada’s Responsibility towards Palestine under International Law.”

United Nations

- On 3 October, [OCHA](#) published an article noting that 13 Palestinian families have been displaced from Masafer Yatta since early July 2023, citing increased movement restrictions imposed by Israeli forces as the primary reason.
- On 29 September, UNISPAL published its quarterly newsletter on recent activities of the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#).

- On 26 September, the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the OPT, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel, issued a [position paper](#) titled “Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.” This was prepared in connection with the request for an Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice.

This newsletter informs about recent and upcoming activities of Civil Society Organizations working on the question of Palestine. 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. Translations of the NGO Action News in other languages will be available soon.



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