

## Palestine's Legal Scene

Your weekly survey of the most important publications and activities related to Palestine, from local and international sources

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This weekly report reviews the legal dynamics of the Palestine question, and everything related to international law and Palestine. The report includes an account of the most important publications, activities, and conferences related to Palestine at the local, regional, international levels. The report further covers decisions, decrees, and judicial orders affecting the Palestinian cause, whether made at the official, academic or public levels. The report aims to be a reference for monitoring, documenting, and archiving the latest human rights developments related to Palestine, and to present them to individuals, researchers, study centers, and official, academic and legal institutions concerned.

### **Judicial decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by official Palestinian bodies**

- Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization Executive Committee, said that **official US visits to the region aimed to reposition Israel as a central regional power**. (Aug 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **the PA is facing a destructive plan and the UAE-Israel normalization agreement is part of it**. ( Aug 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Saleh Ra'fat, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, called on the Arab countries **not to respond to the call of U.S Secretary of State for normalization relations with Israel without ending the occupation of Arab and Palestinian lands**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, said that **normalization of relations with Israel must not take place before the occupation ends**. (Aug 27, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- Palestine called on the UN to urge Israel to **release the bodies of the martyrs**. (Aug 28, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

### **Judicial decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by official Israeli bodies**

- Gabi Ashkenazi, the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated that **Israel's policy has shifted from annexation to normalization**. (Aug 26, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Likud minister: We oppose the sale of “even one screw” of the F-35 to UAE**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- The Israeli High Court **extended the deadline for the Israeli government to return the body of the Palestinian martyr Ahmed Erekat**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Israeli High Court ordered the demolition of outpost homes and legalized others**. (Aug 28, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

### **Judicial decrees, decisions, positions, and orders issued by Arab, European, and international bodies**

- **Turkey said it “completely rejects” Washington's opposition to receive two leaders of Hamas**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The UAE canceled a meeting with the envoys of Israel and the United States after Netanyahu opposed “the F-35 arms deal”**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Sudanese Prime Minister rejected normalization relations with Israel at present**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- A US federal judge has said weekly protests outside of a synagogue in Michigan, **are protected by law and cannot be prevented**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nikolay Mladenov, said that **the UAE-Israel agreement will open the way to achieve peace in the Middle East**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- UNRWA called for **an unimpeded passage for all vital goods, including fuel for electricity to enter the Gaza Strip**. (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Jordan and Germany affirmed the two-state solution as a way to solve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict**. (26 Aug 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Russia urged to create conditions for launching Palestinian-Israeli talks**. (Aug 26, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- King of Bahrain emphasized **the need to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict with a just peace**. (Aug 26, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- The Syrian Deputy-Foreign Minister expressed **Syria's opposition to normalization and its support for Palestine**. (Aug 27, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- The chairman of the Bahraini Shura Council said that **his country has a firm position in supporting the right to establish an independent Palestinian state**. (Aug 29, 2020). click [here](#).
- **President of the United Arab Emirates issued a decree abolishing “a law boycotting Israel” in the UAE**. (Aug 29, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

### **Publications of human rights NGOs**

- **Physicians for Human Rights Israel published a report on the impact of the continued Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip in light of the COVID-19.** (Aug 23, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Adalah announced that Israel has reopened COVID-19 testing centers for Palestinians in East Jerusalem.** (Aug 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Indonesian NGOs denounced the UAE-Israel deal.** (Aug 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Australian Anti-Defamation Commission (ADC) has condemned commercial companies selling printed T-shirts with slogans that “call for the end of Israel”.** (Aug 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Gisha Center called on Israel to abolish punitive measures and ensure protection for Gaza Strip residents.** (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Palestinian Center for Human Rights has warned of the health sector collapse and suspension of health services in the Gaza Strip.** (Aug 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Al-Haq released a report that addressed the impact of Israel's policies on home demolitions and forced evictions in Silwan.** (Aug 26, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **PNGO and PHROC called on the Dutch government to review its decision to suspend funding for the UAWC and to protect Palestinian civil society.** (Aug 26, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

### Human rights conferences and events

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- **Palestine Institute for National Security Research organized a regional seminar against normalization.** (Aug 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
  - A United Nations international conference on Jerusalem highlighted **the reality that Palestinian youth experience in East Jerusalem under Israel.** (Aug 27, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).