

Palestine's Legal Scene

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

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:

- **Tayseer Khaled, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, welcomed the position of political and societal forces in Kuwait rejecting normalization with Israel.** (Sep 20, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Palestinian Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs said that the minor prisoners in Damon prison suffer from poor conditions.** (Sep 20, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Ahmed Majdalani, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, appreciated the position of Algeria rejecting normalization and considered it a response to those rushing towards normalization.** (Sep 21, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Saleh Raafat, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, denounced the Israeli army's incursions into the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the closure of Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi and considered it an attack on freedom of worship.** (Sep 21, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- **Palestine announced the abandonment of its right to chair the Council of the Arab League in its current session, in response to the Emirati, Bahraini, and Israeli normalization.** (Sep 22, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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- **In his speech to the 75th session of the UNGA, the Palestinian President called on the Secretary-General to start arrangements for holding an international conference with full powers.** (Sep 25, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **PLO's National Office for the Defense of Land and Resistance of Settlement stated that the normalization agreements removed responsibility for Israel and allowed settlement expansion.** (Sep 26, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has directed to approve the construction of 5,000 new settlement units in the West Bank.** (Sep 24, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Israeli MKs submitted a bill that expands the definition of a “foreign agent” to include reporting to the Palestinian Authority and the European Union.** (Sep 24, 2020).. To check the news, click [here](#).

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

- **US President Donald Trump announced that Kuwait may soon normalize ties with Israel.** (Sep 20, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Honduras stated that it will relocate its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem before the end of this year.** (Sep 20, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- The King of Bahrain said in the Bahraini Cabinet session that **the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bahrain and Israel was not taken against any other entity or force, but rather in the interest of all.** (Sep 21, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **In a meeting of the British Consul with Saeb Erekat, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO: A comprehensive and just peace is the solution to end the occupation.** (Sep 22, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The Jordanian King Abdullah II said that the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is worsening and the way to end it is the two-state solution.** (Sep 22, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The German President during a call with the Palestinian President: Germany is committed to the two-state solution.** (Sep 23, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).
- **Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune said that the right to establish the State of Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital is not negotiable.** (Sep 23, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#).
- **The UK Parliament called on his country's government to recognize the state of Palestine, confirming its rejection of the annexation plan.** (Sep 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

Publications of human rights NGOs:

- Al-Haq sent a letter to the **Taoiseach of Ireland urging support for the occupied territories bill and the recognition of the state of Palestine.** (Sep 21, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

- PHROC, in partnership with the PNGO, issued a letter entitled: **The Global Response to Israeli Apartheid: A call to the UNGA from Palestinian and international Civil Society Organizations.** (Sep 23, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

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- Adalah and MK Yousef Jabareen **filed a request to the Israeli Supreme Court to hold an additional hearing before an expanded committee regarding blocking Knesset members from visiting security prisoners.** (Sep 24, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#).

Academic research and studies (Arab and foreign):

- Researcher Abdel Razek Farraj published a study on the **Institute for Palestine Studies that dealt with Administrative Detention in Palestine as part of the Imperialist System: The Judiciary in the Service of Public Security.** To check the news, click [here](#).

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities:

- The Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development announced that its **annual conference will be held online, which will include discussion of Palestine after annexation and normalization and how to confront apartheid. On November 7, 2020.** For further details about the event, click [here](#).