

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:

- **Saleh Raafat, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, calls on the contracting parties to the Geneva Conventions to intervene to release the detainee Maher al-Akhras.** (Oct 12, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Palestine News and Info Agency “Wafa” documented 21 violations against journalists last September.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Palestinian Minister of Justice Mohammed Shalaldeh: Palestine will begin prosecuting settlers in its courts.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The official spokesman for the Palestinian presidency, Nabil Abu Rudeinah, condemned “building thousands of new settlement units on Palestinian lands.”** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The representative of Palestine to the United Nations, Riyad Mansour, said that Palestine's mission would send notes to UN bodies regarding the occupation's approval of constructing thousands of new settlement units.** (Oct 15, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

- **Head of the Human Rights and Civil Society Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Hamad Al-Tamimi, denounces the occupation forces 'preventing the entry of staff from the High Commissioner for Human Rights to Palestine. (Oct 16, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)**
- **The Palestinian National Council calls on the International Criminal Court to accelerate the opening of an investigation into the crime of settlement in Palestine. (Oct 17, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)**

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

- **Commenting on the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas: The Israeli mayor of Sderot, Alon Davidi, said he does not welcome transferring funds from the Israeli government to a “terrorist” organization. (Oct 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)**
- **Israel approves the construction of 2,166 settlement units in various parts of the West Bank. (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)**
- **The Joint Arab List in the Israeli Knesset announces that it will vote against the UAE-Israeli peace agreement. (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)**
- **The Knesset approves the normalization agreement with the UAE by a majority of 80 to 13, and mainly the Arab party is the sole opposition. (Oct16, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#)**

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

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- **UNRWA warned about the repercussions of the funding shortfall of \$ 130 million in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on refugees.** (Oct12, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister Ayman Safadi: The Palestinian issue is still and will remain the first central issue.** (Oct 13, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The British Government Authority stated that the British heavy machinery firm JCB’s sale of equipment used in the destruction of Palestinian villages to Israel may violate OECD guidelines.** (Oct13, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Tunisian Prime Minister affirms, during his meeting with the Ambassador of Palestine, that practical steps must be found to defend Palestinian rights.** (Oct 14, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Indian government provides 1million dollars to the UNRWA for Palestine Refugees.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Jordanian Foreign Ministry condemned Israel’s approval of building thousands of new settlement units.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **President of the United Nations General Assembly: A Palestinian state must be established under UN resolutions.** (Oct 15, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

Publications of human rights NGOs:

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- **HaMoked: The Israeli HCJ rejected a state request for a further hearing on its ruling to cancel a punitive demolition order for a home in the northern West Bank.** (Oct 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Adalah publishes a statement on “the colonial heritage of Israel’s police” and affirms that the police policy towards the Palestinians is based on preserving Jewish superiority and control.** (Oct 11, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Addameer Association: Israel is seeking to issue new legislation to criminalize anti-occupation human rights work.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Norwegian Refugee Council says that Israel's plan to demolish a European-funded school denies the fundamental right of children to education and will force students to walk 5 kilometers to reach the nearest alternative school.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **In a joint oral intervention before the Human Rights Council, 56 civil society organizations highlight the imminent threat of the forcible transfer/deportation of lawyer Salah Hammouri from Israel.** Oct 15, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Association France Palestine Solidarite calls on the international community to protect human rights defenders in Palestine and prevent the imminent forcible deportation of lawyer Salah Hammouri.** (Oct 15, 2020).To check the news, click [here](#)

- **Al-Haq: An unprecedented rate of Palestinian structures demolished by the Israeli occupying authorities.** (Oct 15, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **Peace Now Organization: Settlement activity has increased significantly since the US administration showed less pressure, and we condemn Israel's approval to build 4,948 new settlement units.** (Oct 15, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

Human rights conferences and events:

- **US Campaign for Palestinian Rights launches the “Rooting Resistance” campaign to support Palestinian farmers.** (Oct 14, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)
- **The Foundation for Middle East Peace holds a series of webinars on Israel / Palestine and the US elections.** (Oct 15, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)

Announcements regarding upcoming human rights activities and opportunities:

- **The Center for Palestine Studies at Columbia University will hold a webinar on Separating Families as a Tool of Coercion: Palestine and the US.** (Oct 19, 2020). To check the news, click [here](#)