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A weekly newsletter on the latest news, developments, relevant publications, And upcoming events on the QoP. This newsletter aims to help the members of the Global Network on the Question of Palestine (GNQP) to stay informed of legal, academic, political, and humanitarian developments, and be ready for action when needed.

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In the Spotlight

At NPT Conference, Palestine Underscores No Justification for Israeli Exceptionalism, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 4, 2022.

There was no justification for Israeli exceptionalism in the Middle East region, Palestine underscored at the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT) in New York.

Amnesty International Calls for Urgent Release of Palestinian Prisoner Jailed as A Child, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 4, 2022.

Amnesty International Wednesday called for the urgent release of a Palestinian prisoner who has been jailed as a child.

Amnesty Says Most Israelis Fear Seeing Palestine Flag, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 3, 2022.

A new survey conducted by Amnesty International has revealed that most Israelis fear the sight of the Palestine flag, Quds Press has reported. According to Amnesty's Programme Director, Yariv Mohar, though, there would have been no chance to ask a question about the Palestine flag and get a "simple answer".

Palestinian Authority is Responsible for Torture and Ill-Treatment of Civilians, UN Report Says, [MIDDLE EAST EYE](#), August 2, 2022.

In a series of recommendations, the United Nations Committee against Torture says PA should prosecute those responsible and punish them with appropriate penalties.

Shtayyeh Calls on US Congress To Recognize State of Palestine to Achieve the Two-State Solution, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 2, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh called on the US Congress to recognize the State of Palestine, which would contribute to the realization of the two-state solution, in light of the systematic destruction that this solution faces due to Israeli measures on the ground.

UN Experts Slam Israel's 'Harassment' in West Bank, [ARAB NEWS](#), August 2, 2022.

UN experts on Tuesday condemned Israel's "harassment" of human rights defenders and humanitarian workers in the occupied West Bank's Masafer Yatta villages, where Israel has a military zone.

Pressure Grows on UN Investigator to Resign After Jewish Lobby Remark, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), August 2, 2022.

Pressure grew Monday on United Nations investigator Miloon Kothari to resign for reasons of antisemitism after he made reference to the Jewish Lobby in an interview, he gave to the Mondoweiss website last week. Kothari also questioned why Israel was a UN member.

Saving Masafer Yatta: The Fight Against Expulsion, [Mondoweiss](#), August 2, 2022.

In May 2022 the Israeli Supreme Court ruled to expel the Palestinians living in the South Hebron Hills of the occupied West Bank and hand their land over to the Israeli military. Meet the Palestinians fighting to stay in their homes and resist what rights groups are calling a war crime under international law.

General-Secretary of PLO: Occupation's Government Continues Piracy and Theft of Palestinian Money, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 31, 2022.

The Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, Hussain al-Shaikh, said in a statement today that the [Israeli] occupation government continues with its money piracy over the Palestinians' funds and decides to deduct hundreds of millions of shekels to further embed the policy of financial blockade and steal our money. He slammed the Israeli decision to deduct millions of Palestinian funds as a "step that adds to the daily escalation in our cities, villages, and camps and the legalization of our bloodshed."

Rep. Carson Announces Bill to Require Investigation into Shireen Abu Akleh Killing, [Mondoweiss](#), July 29, 2022.

The Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the PLO, Hussain al-Shaikh, said in Two new legislative efforts to force the Biden administration to investigate the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh were announced this week.

Palestinian Authority Arrest Campaign 'One of The Worst in Years', [ALJAZEERA](#), July 29, 2022.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) is carrying out one of the largest political arrest campaigns in years against Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, with at least 94 people arrested over the past two months.

UN Commission of Inquiry Chair Defends Colleague Against Antisemitism Smears, [Mondoweiss](#), July 29, 2022.

UN official Navi Pillay is defending Miloon Kothari against accusations of antisemitism from pro-Israel groups, Israeli lawmakers, and U.S. officials following his interview with Mondoweiss.

'Accountability Requires Action': Shireen Abu Akleh's Family Meets with Blinken, [Mondoweiss](#), July 27, 2022.

Family members of slain Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh met with Secretary of State Antony Blinken to reiterate their calls for an independent investigation into her death.

Palestine/Israel

Palestinian Red Crescent Says 100 Injured in Israeli Crackdown on West Bank Protests, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 3, 2022.

The Israeli occupation forces wounded 100 Palestinian protesters on Tuesday in a crackdown on protests against land grabs in Beit Dajan village, east of Nablus in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Red Crescent (PRC) has revealed.

With Tension High on The Border with Gaza, Israeli Soldiers Open Fire at Farmers, Force Them to Leave Their Lands, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 3, 2022.

With tension high on the southern Israel border with Gaza following the Israeli army's arrest yesterday in the northern West Bank city of Jenin of a leading member of the Islamic Jihad, Israeli soldiers stationed at the borders near the south of the besieged Gaza Strip opened fire at farmers working in their lands and forced them to leave the area.

Israeli Forces Kill Palestinian Teenager in Raid on Jenin Camp, [ALJAZEERA](#), August 2, 2022.

Israeli army kills 17-year-old and arrests a senior Islamic Jihad leader during a raid in the occupied West Bank.

Some 100 Injured as Israeli Forces Crack Down on Anti-Land-Pillage Rallies Near Nablus, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 2, 2022.

Israeli forces today cracked down on an anti-land-pillage rally in Beit Dajan village, east of the West Bank city of Nablus, injuring some 100 people, according to a Wafa correspondent.

Israel Soldiers Were Carrying Out Orders in Kafr Qasem Amassacre of Palestinians, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 1, 2022.

Newly declassified documents regarding the Kafr Qasem massacre have revealed that Israeli soldiers believed that they were obeying orders when they went on a killing spree which led to the massacre of 53 Palestinians.

A 15-year-Old Child Hit in The Head by A Tear Gas Grenade Fired by Israeli Soldiers, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 1, 2022.

A 15-year-old child was today hit in the head by a tear gas grenade fired by Israeli soldiers in the town of Kufr al-Deek, west of the northern West Bank city of Salfit, according to local sources.

Israel Orders Halt on House Construction in Northern West Bank Village, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 1, 2022.

The Israeli occupation authorities today ordered a halt on the construction of a Palestinian-owned house in Faqqu'a village, northeast of Jenin city, according to the owner of the house.

Israeli Army Breaks into Village West of Ramallah, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 31, 2022.

Israeli military forces today broke into the village of Deir Abu Meshal to the west of Ramallah, according to an eyewitness.

Scores of Israeli Settlers Break into Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 31, 2022.

Groups of Israeli settlers escorted by police broke today into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem and performed rituals in some of its courtyards, according to witnesses.

'Point Blank': 16-Year-Old Palestinian Killed by Israelis, [Aljazeera](#), July 29, 2022.

Witnesses say it is unclear whether Amjad Abu Alya was killed by an Israeli soldier or an armed settler.

Regional

With Tension High on The Border with Gaza, Israeli Soldiers Open Fire at Farmers, Force Them to Leave Their Lands, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 3, 2022.

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Arab League Pledge Boycott of Israel to End Occupation, Salvage Two-State Solution, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 2, 2022.

The Arab League today pledged to boycott Israel as a means to press Israel to end the occupation and salvage the two-state solution.

Arab League Calls for Strengthened Boycott of Israel, [Arab News](#), August 1, 2022.

The Arab League's assistant secretary-general has called for the strengthening of the Arab boycott of Israel as an effective tool to confront the Israeli occupation.

Israel and Jordan Advance Plans To Complete Joint Industrial Park, [Aljazeera](#), August 1, 2022.

Israel says 'final details' for the project agreed upon during a meeting last week between Jordan's King Abdullah II and acting Israeli PM Yair Lapid.

Israel to Advance Joint Industrial Zone with Jordan, [The Jerusalem Post](#), August 1, 2022.

The idea was first raised in peace talks between Jerusalem and Amman in 1994 and revived in recent years.

Morocco 'Best Mediator' For Israelis, Palestinians, Israel Minister Says, [THE NEW ARAB](#), July 27, 2022.

Morocco has managed to maintain friendly relations with the Palestinian Authority despite signing a raft of cooperation agreements in recent months.

International

EU, Finland, and Italy Provide €15.678M To East Jerusalem Hospitals, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 2, 2022.

The European Union, Finland, and Italy have made a contribution of €15.678 million to the Palestinian Authority, supporting the payment of medical referrals to East Jerusalem hospitals, today said a press release issued by the Office of the European Union Representative in Jerusalem.

EU Condemns Recent Increase in Israeli Settler Violence, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 31, 2022.

The European Union condemned in a statement today a recent increase in violence by Israeli settlers across the occupied West Bank, which on Friday resulted in the killing of a Palestinian teenager near Ramallah.

Hundreds of Activists in England Cycle in Support of Palestine, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 31, 2022.

Hundreds of activists from the Big Ride for Palestine group cycled on Friday across northern and central England to raise awareness of the Palestinian cause and the suffering of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation.

On Human Rights, McGill University, Students and Free Speech, [Mondoweiss](#), July 29, 2022.

Roger Waters offers his solidarity to student activists at McGill University after B'nai Brith announced they would help sue the school over a newly adopted Palestine solidarity policy.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA LAUNCHES ITS ICT FOR EDUCATION (ICT4E) STRATEGY, [UNRWA](#), July 26, 2022.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is pleased to announce the launch of its ambitious Information and Communication Technology for Education (ICT4E) Strategy to support its students, teachers, and education staff in becoming independent actors who can actively and critically engage with digital technology. The strategy is expected to serve over 540,000 Palestine refugee students and approximately 20,000

education staff in over 700 schools across Gaza, the West Bank (including East Jerusalem), Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Analysis & Opinions

The PA is Gradually Being Cornered by Palestinian Society (Ramona Wadi), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 2, 2022.

Palestinian Authority leader, Mahmoud Abbas, does not tolerate any political thought that is divergent from his brand of corruption. While the murder of Palestinian activist, Nizar Banat, last year by the PA's security services was marked with prominence, the PA has persisted in persecuting Palestinian activists, university students and journalists, under the pretext of safety for Palestinian civilians. Abbas has, perhaps, conveniently wiped out the memory of Palestinians being beaten for protesting against his rule and the security services' murder of Banat. The only safety Abbas wants concerns his rule. It could be said that possibly the PA is funded only to exist as a buffer zone between Palestinian civilians and Israel's colonial expansion and violence, for Israel's benefit, of course.

Everyone is in on the Plunder of Palestinian Land (Orly Noy), [+972 MAGAZINE](#), August 2, 2022.

Israel's High Court has been facing torrents of criticism from much of the left and center of the Israeli political spectrum following its decision last week not to dismantle Mitzpe Kramim, a settler outpost in the occupied West Bank, claiming it was built "in good faith" on private Palestinian land.

Vanguard in Humiliating Palestinians (Amira Hass), [HAARETZ](#), August 2, 2022.

Sometime after three in the morning, the phone rings in the war room of the Palestinian security liaison and coordination office. The sleepy officer on duty hears the voice of his counterpart, a sleepy soldier at Israel's Civil Administration, announcing that the army is about to raid this or that Palestinian locality. What this means is that all Palestinian police must go into their offices at once. In the Civil Administration's internal slang, this task is known as "folding up SHOPIM," with SHOPIM standing for the Hebrew acronym for "Palestinian policemen." The phone warning and "folding up" are a routine both sides make sure to uphold, because "nobody wants one side to shoot at the other," as a former soldier in the unit told Haaretz.

Why Resistance Matters: Palestinians Are Challenging Israel's Unilateralism, Dominance (Dr. Ramzy Baroud), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 1, 2022.

Until recently, Israeli politics did not matter to Palestinians. Though the Palestinian people maintained their political agency under the most demoralising conditions, their collective action rarely influenced outcomes in Israel, partly due to the massive discrepancy of power between the two sides.

UN Bias Toward Israel Does Nothing to Achieve Peace - Editorial (JPost Editorial), [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), July 31, 2022.

The creation of the commission of inquiry (COI) to investigate Israel – and not Hamas – in perpetuity, is itself shameful.

In New Book, Kushner Claims Envoy Friedman Went Rogue to Okay West Bank Annexation (Jacob Magid), [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), July 31, 2022.

Top Trump aide says ‘my knuckles turned white’ as Netanyahu used peace plan rollout to promise sovereignty in settlements and Jordan Valley, did so thanks to Friedman’s assurances.

The Long Con(federation): Understanding the Latest Attempts to Legitimize Israeli Colonization (Haim Bresheeth-Žabner), [Mondoweiss](#), July 30, 2022.

Recent proposals for an Israeli-Palestinian confederation are a makeover of the two-state solution, allowing Israel to continue to legitimize its settler-colonial project.

“Neutrality is Not a Faithful Response”: Churches Call Israeli Apartheid By Its Name (Mark Braverman), [Mondoweiss](#), July 30, 2022.

Today we are witness to what can only be described as the unstoppable momentum of church opposition to Israel’s program of discrimination, dispossession, and ethnic cleansing. Together with the BDS call, the Kairos call from Palestinian churches has awakened the global church to the urgency of the Palestinian plight and to the theological imperative to act.

Mahmoud Abbas: A Legacy of Empty Threats (Ali Adam), [THE NEW ARAB](#), July 28, 2022.

In the lead up to the US president’s visit to the region, Abbas made multiple threats, but despite the Biden’s failure to hold Israel accountable, there was no follow through. This has been a defining feature of Abbas’ leadership, writes Ali Adam.

AIPAC Declares War on Any Support of Palestinian Human Rights (Mitchell Plitnick), [Mondoweiss](#), July 28, 2022.

AIPAC’s all-out assault on Andy Levin and Donna Edwards reflects their ongoing effort to shift the boundaries of acceptable politics on Israel.

Publications and Statements

Palestine’s Legal Scene | Issue. 134 | 24-30 July 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), July 31, 2022.