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A weekly round-up on the latest news, developments, relevant publications, and upcoming events on the QoP. This round-up 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

Abbas-Gantz Meeting: Killing the two-state solution with economic sedatives, (by Emad Moussa) [*The New Arab*](#), January 15, 2022

Economic incentives designed to delay the possibility of a meltdown, not address the real issues.

Starving for freedom: The role of hunger strikes in the Palestinian struggle, (by Yara Hawari) [*The New Arab*](#), January 11, 2021

Palestinians refusing food “to reclaim their power over their bodies and bring awareness to their cause.”

The Abraham Accords Gets a Caucus, (by Michael Arria) [*Mondoweiss*](#), January 13, 2022

The Trump administration “helped negotiate a number of arms deals between Israel and other authoritarian governments, while cutting the Palestinians out of the process completely.”

Israel’s new secret document still fails to tie Palestinian NGOs to terrorism, (by Oren Ziv and Yuvul Abraham) [*+972 Magazine*](#), January 13, 2022

European countries unconvinced by the “unsubstantial claims” to categorise Palestinian NGOs as terrorist groups.

Palestine/Israel

Police Deploy as Bedouin Protest JNF Forestation Work in Israel's South, (by Jack Khoury, Deiaa Haj Yahia and Nati Yefet) [*Haaretz*](#), January 10, 2022

Residents in Hura gathered to protest against the Jewish National Fund workers preparing the land for forestation.

Israeli Forces Attack Palestinian Students near Ramallah, [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 11, 2022

Israeli forces attacked university students who were protesting the kidnapping of 5 Palestinian student leaders from Birzeit University campus.

Palestinians summon Dutch envoy over NGO aid cutoff, [*The New Arab*](#), January 11, 2022

The Palestinian Authority have asked Kees van Baar to object the cut in funding to the UAWC.

Former Israeli PMs Netanyahu and Olmert face off in court in libel case, [BBC News](#), January 10, 2022

“Two former Israeli prime ministers have faced off in court in Tel Aviv, as Benjamin Netanyahu and his family began a defamation suit against Ehud Olmert.”

Eight Homeless as Israeli Authorities Force Palestinian to Demolish His Home in Jerusalem, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 10, 2022

Abu Kaf family forcibly displaced from their house in the village of Sur Baher.

Israel High Court: Employer Bears Full Blame for Palestinian's Paralysis in Fall, (by Bar Peleg) [Haaretz](#), January 10, 2022

A cleaner who was paralyzed after an employer failed to comply with safety regulations, will receive full compensation.

Greek Orthodox church leader says Israeli extremists threaten Palestinian Christians, [Middle East Eye](#), January 9, 2022

“The Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem has accused radical Israeli groups of threatening the presence of Christians in the holy city, in remarks that Israeli officials rejected as baseless.”

On Monday, 10 January 2022 at 11:30 am, the Israeli Supreme Court will hear a petition filed by the parents of four children from the Bakr family for the first time, [Palestine Centre for Human Rights](#)

In 2014, four Bakr children were killed as they were playing on a beach west of Gaza city.

Israeli Special Units Raid Section in Megiddo Prison, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 9, 2022

Israeli forces stormed into section 8 of the Israeli prison and carried out provocative searches as well as destroying the belongings of Palestinian prisoners.

ICT in Palestine: Challenging Power Dynamics and Limitations, (by David Musleh) [Al Shabaka](#), January 9, 2022

Palestinians believe that ICT could help them achieve “economic prosperity and national self-determination.”

Israeli forces detain Bedouins protesting against attempted land seizure, [The New Arab](#), January 12, 2022

At least 18 people have been arrested as Bedouins in the Negev region protest the land seizure.

80-Year-Old Palestinian Man Dies after Being Beaten by Israeli Soldiers near Ramallah, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 12, 2022

Omar Abdelmajid As'ad, an 80-year-old Palestinian from the village of Jiljilyahas died after being tortured by Israeli forces.

Elderly Palestinian man dies during arrest by Israeli army, (by Zena Al Tahhan), [Al Jazeera](#), January 12, 2022

Omar Abdelmajid As'ad, an 80-year-old Palestinian from the village of Jiljilyahas died after being tortured by Israeli forces.

Israel's Top Court Reduces Penalty for Settler Who Threw Stun Grenades at Palestinian Homes, (by Hagar Shezaf) [Haaretz](#), January 12, 2022

Israel's Supreme Court reduce sentence from 20 months to 12 months for West Bank settler.

Surpassing the likes of China and UAE, Israel moves ahead with Facebook Law. Its main target: Palestinians, (by Richard Silverstein) [The New Arab](#), January 12, 2022

New "Facebook Law" means online content will be widely censored.

Israeli police shattered this Palestinian elder's bones — and drove away, (by Ali Awad and Awdah Hathaleen) [+972 Magazine](#), January 11, 2022

Haj Suleiman al-Hathaleen is fighting for his life and being hit by an Israeli tow truck.

Negev: Israeli forces destroy sit-in tents in Palestinian villages, carry out demolitions, [Middle East Eye](#), January 11, 2022

Israeli police have destroyed the sit-in tents of Palestinian Bedouins in the villages of al-Atrash and al-Sawa.

Israel forces Palestinian to demolish own shop in Jerusalem, raids West Bank cities, (by Sally Ibrahim) [The New Arab](#), January 13, 2022

Israeli authorities are forcing Palestinians like Jamal Ali to destroy their own property and livelihood.

How Palestinian Christians are being driven out of Jerusalem, (by Alessandra Bajec) [The New Arab](#), January 13, 2022

Palestinian Christians face verbal and physical abuse and are being driven from their homes.

Gaza child dies after West Bank hospital refuses to receive him, (by Sally Ibrahim) [The New Arab](#), January 13, 2022

Salim al-Nawati, a 16-year-old from Gaza, was refused entry to the West Bank for medical treatment by Israeli authorities.

Israeli foreign minister secretly meets Palestinian intelligence chief, [The New Arab](#), January 13, 2022

“The Israeli foreign minister, who is due to become prime minister in little more than a year, met with the intelligence chief who is himself a potential candidate for the leadership of the Palestinian Authority.”

With most Gaza homes wrecked by war still in ruins, smiles for lucky few, [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 13, 2022

Only 50 out of 1650 homes destroyed in May 2021 are currently being rebuilt.

Gaza’s Race Against Climate Change, (by Khalil Abu Yahia, Natasha Westheimer and Mor Gilboa) [+972 Magazine](#), January 13, 2022

Climate change has greatly exacerbated the water and electricity problems in Gaza as it also faces the impact of the occupation.

Palestinians Married to Israeli Citizens Excluded From COVID Vaccine Pass Program, (by Jack Houry) [Haaretz](#), January 13, 2022

Palestinians facing hurdles with regards to obtaining a Green Pass to allow them to access public buildings.

The Israeli Bill to Preserve Demographic Jewish Supremacy, (by Caroline Landsmann) [Haaretz](#), January 16, 2022

The conversion bill is just another way to reinstate Jewish supremacy.

Israeli Army Report Warned: Relaxing Open-fire Rules Will Lead to Casualties, (by Amos Harel) [Haaretz](#), January 15, 2022

Open-fired regulations that were eased last November to be reviewed.

Red Cross Urged to Check Palestinian Women Prisoners' Conditions in Damon Prison, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 15, 2022

The Commission for Detainees and Ex-Detainees' Affairs has urged the International Committee of the Red Cross to send a medical team to Damon prison.

Abbas calls off PLO parley to avoid 'confrontation' with Israel, US, (Khaled Abu Toameh) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 15, 2022

"The meeting was postponed because Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas wants to maintain channels of communication with the Israeli government."

Israeli Police Ran Over a Palestinian Anti-occupation Protester – Then Fled the Scene, (by Gideon Levy and Alex Levac) [Haaretz](#), January 14, 2022

Suleiman Hathaleen is critically ill after being Israeli vehicle knocked him down and did not acquire assistance.

U.S. lawmakers demand probe into 80-year-old Palestinian's death after Israeli detention, (by Ben Samuels) [Haaretz](#), January 15, 2022

US lawmakers are demanding an investigation into the death of Omar Abdalmajeed As'ad, an 80-year-old Palestinian-American who died after being tortured by Israeli forces.

High Court leans toward closing case of IDF killing 4 Palestinian minors on Gaza beach, (by Yonah Jeremy Bob) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 1, 2022

The High Court of Justice hinted that would support the Israeli forces and end the investigation.

Regional

After more than two years in Egyptian prisons, Ramy Shaath is free!, BDS, January 10, 2022

Ramy Shaath, human rights activist has been released.

Iran reveals 'untold story' of arming Palestinians in Gaza, (by Seth J. Frantzman) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 11, 2022

According to Iranian media, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps have been working closely with Palestinian groups in the fights against Zionism.

Egypt begins reconstruction of town in northern Gaza, (by Sally Ibrahim) [*The New Arab*](#), January 9, 2022

“Gaza's Ministry of Public Works and Housing has announced on Sunday the start of Egyptian reconstruction efforts in the town of Beit Lahia, north of the besieged Gaza Strip.”

Arab leaders meet for World Youth Forum in Egypt, [*The New Arab*](#), January 11, 2022

Young people from around the world come together with high-level officials to discuss “global dilemmas.”

Palestine Authority's Mahmoud Abbas to meet Bashar al-Assad in Syria 'soon', (by Mustafa Abu Sneineh) [*Middle East Eye*](#), January 11, 2022

President Abbas plans to visit Damascus, in his first stay in Damascus since 2009, to meet President Bashar al-Assad.

Middle East peace cannot jump over Israeli-Palestinian conflict - Jordan's FM, (by Omri Nahmias) [*The Jerusalem Post*](#), January 13, 2022

Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi emphasized the need to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in order to bring more stability to the region.

Rostropovich-Vishnevskaya Foundation launches UAE-funded clean drinking water project in Gaza, [*Relief Web*](#), January 11, 2022

The framework hopes to bring water to almost a quarter of a million students and teachers in the Gaza Strip.

Norwegian Ambassador to the UN advances Palestine-Israeli conflict to ministerial level, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), January 7, 2022

Advancing the Palestine-Israeli conflict to a ministerial level should restore UN Security Council focus on the “decades-long conflict.”

International

The International Community and Israel: Giving Permission to a Permanent Occupation, (by Michael Lynk) [*Just Security*](#), January 7, 2022

Hamas arrests suspect in killing of Palestinian scientist in Malaysia, (by Sally Ibrahim) [*The New Arab*](#), January 9, 2022

Hamas-run interior ministry have arrested a Palestinian suspect of the killing of Fady al-Batsh.

‘Huge Victory’: Israel’s Weapons Manufacturer Forced to Close Site near Manchester, [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 11, 2022

“Palestine advocacy groups have claimed a “huge victory” against Israeli weapons manufacturer Elbit Systems, which decided to shut one of its UK branches.”

Susan Sarandon, Mark Ruffalo, and Gael García Bernal among those supporting Emma Watson’s Palestine solidarity post, [*Artists for Palestine UK*](#), January 13, 2022

Over forty celebrities have shown support to Emma Watson after she has come under attack for her recent post.

Peace-maker Yossi Beilin: Israeli government clear on refusing to meet Palestinian side, [*Al-Monitor*](#), January 2022

Ben Caspit interviews former Justice Minister Yossi Beilin.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA Condemns the Serious Injuring of Hajj Suleiman of Umm Al Kheir, [*UNRWA*](#), January 10, 2022.

An elderly Palestinian refugee community leader was badly injured by the Israeli forces on 5th January.

UNRWA Calls for the Immediate Release of Critically Ill Palestine Refugee Child Amal Nakhleh, [*UNRWA*](#), January 13, 2022

Amal Muamar Nakhleh, a critically ill 17-year-old Palestinian, was placed in administrative detention by Israeli forces last January.

Publications and Statements

‘The State of Israel vs the Jews’ — important new book chronicles Israel’s spiritual demise, (by Sylvian Cypel) *Mondoweiss*, January 10, 2022

“The oppression of Palestinians is perpetrated by Jews, in an Israel of, by and for Jews, but it is not Jewish.”

‘Hashtag Palestine’: New Report Highlights Rise in Violations of Palestinian Digital Rights, *The Palestine Chronicle*, January 11, 2022

Non-profit organization 7Amleh-The Arab Center for Social Media Advancement have documented 1,033 violation of digital rights against Palestinian in 2021.

The Palestinian National Movement in Lebanon: A Political History of the ‘Ayn al-Hilwe Camp, (by Ramona Wadi) *The New Arab*, January 12, 2022

Looking at the lived experience of displaced people in Lebanon’s ‘Ayn al-Hilwe Camp.

Institutionalised Impunity and State-Sponsored Violence, January 11, 2022

Letter to the President of the Security Council, as well as to the President of the General Assembly and the UN Secretary-General, regarding the ongoing human rights violations in Occupied Palestine and the regrettably dismal start to the new year.

The Use of Force in Law Enforcement in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Centre, December 2021

The objective of the research is to “clarify the international legal framework governing the use of law enforcement operations by Israeli forces in the oPt, specifically in the context of demonstrations.”

Shrinking space for civil society in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Centre, December 2021

A timeline that highlights the “clampdown” on civil society in Israel and the oPt.

Letter from Eitay Mack to UN Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial summary or arbitrary executions, December 26, 2021

A letter to address “Israel Army’s new rules of engagement are a violation of international law.”



Letter from Eitay to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), December 21, 2021

A letter to request that the CSW “start monitoring the situation of Palestinian women in the Jordan Valley.”

Joint Statement: The ELSC and The Rights Forum condemn Dutch government’s decision to defund UAWC, January 12, 2022

Both condemn the decision as “UAWC’s institutional independence” was affirmed.

Events

East London PSC: The Impact of Climate Change on Palestine Under Occupation

This webinar will examine the role of climate change on the local community in Palestine. It will take place on 22nd January 2022.

Ottawa Forum on Israel/Palestine

This webinar will explore how “Palestinians are still fighting to preserve their right to live in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan and many other areas of Jerusalem.” It will take place on 19th January 2022.