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*A weekly newsletter on the latest news, developments, relevant publications,  
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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: Renewed Sheikh Jarrah Tensions

### Renewed Tensions in Sheikh Jarrah A Statement by the Global Network for the Question of Palestine, [The Global Network for the Question of Palestine](#), February 15, 2022.

*The GNQP calls for an immediate end to attacks by the Israeli occupying forces, including Israeli settler violence, provocations, and aggressions against the Palestinian civilian population in Sheikh Jarrah and the remainder of the occupied Palestinian territory.*

### Amnesty International warns Israel: Forcible transfer of Palestinians under occupation is a war crime, [Wafa News Agency](#), February 15, 2022.

*Commenting on the fast-moving serious developments in the Palestinian Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem, Amnesty International (AI) on February 15<sup>th</sup>, warned Israel that forcible transfer of Palestinians under its occupation is a war crime.*

### Police Use Stun Grenades to Disperse Palestinian Protesters in Sheikh Jarrah, (by Deiaa Haj Yahai), [HAARETZ](#), February 14, 2022.

*Likud supporters rally in Sheikh Jarrah with Israeli flags, as Kahanist lawmaker Itamar Ben-Gvir returns to a makeshift office he set up in the flash point neighborhood.*

### The East Jerusalem Flashpoint That Could Ignite the Entire Middle East, (by Nir Hasson), [HAARETZ](#), February 14, 2022.

*Why did clashes erupt in Sheikh Jarrah this week, what is the land's legal status and where do eviction cases stand? | Haaretz explains.*

### Bennett seeks to douse political uproar, violence in Sheikh Jarrah, (by Tovah Lazaroff, Khaled Abu Toameh and Tzvi Joffre), [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), February 14, 2022.

*On February 14th, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett sought to douse both the political fires and violent clashes that raged in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah.*

### Far-right MK returns to Sheikh Jarrah hotspot, claims cops were told to assault him, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), February 14, 2022.

*Vowing to remain after injury in overnight clashes, Ben Gvir claims police minister ordered officers to rough him up.*

### Clashes, Arrests in Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah After Kahanist Lawmaker Reopens Office, (by Nir Hasson and Jack Houry), [HAARETZ](#), February 13, 2022.

*Far-right lawmaker Itamar Ben-Gvir's reopening of his makeshift parliamentary office in the East Jerusalem neighborhood sparks clashes between Israelis and Palestinians.*

**Arrests made as Israeli lawmaker visits East Jerusalem flashpoint,**  
**ALJAZEERA, February 13, 2022.**

*Scuffles broke out as Itamar Ben Gvir of the far-right Religious Zionism alliance opened a parliamentary office in Sheikh Jarrah.*

**Sheikh Jarrah clashes: 'Israel playing with fire,' Hamas warns, (by Tzvi Joffre), THE JERUSALEM POST, February 13, 2022.**

*Tensions in Sheikh Jarrah were cited by Palestinian factions as one of the reasons for rocket fire towards Jerusalem last May.*

**Far-right MK faints in clash with cops after planning all-nighter in Sheikh Jarrah, (by Emanuel Fabian), THE TIMES OF ISRAEL, February 13, 2022.**

*Police official says Itamar Ben Gvir made a 'substantial contribution' to violence, as Hamas ups threats amid clashes; Shin Bet probes firebombing of Jewish home as terror attack.*

## **Palestine/Israel**

**Israeli army demolishes house under construction, water well, and detains their elderly owner, Wafa News Agency, February 15, 2022.**

*On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Israeli army demolished a Palestinian-owned house that was in the construction phase and a water well in the village of Khillet al-Mayeh, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and violently detained an elderly man, according to a local activist.*

**Palestinian teen shot and killed by Israeli forces in West Bank, ALJAZEERA, February 15, 2022.**

*Israeli soldiers shot 19-year-old Nehad Amin Barghouti in the abdomen during confrontations in Nabi Saeleh near Ramallah.*

**17-year-old Palestinian Killed in Clashes With Israeli Forces in West Bank, (by Jack Khoury), HAARETZ, February 14, 2022.**

*Clashes broke out around the village of Silat al-Harithiya as the military demolished the home of one of the Palestinians convicted of killing Yehuda Dimentman in a December shooting attack.*

**Settlers raze agricultural land, uproot trees in northern West Bank village, Wafa News Agency, February 14, 2022.**

*Israeli settlers No Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> razed agricultural land and uprooted trees in Shufa village, southeast of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarm.*

**Palestinians' Rift With Their Leaders Is at Its Widest as Violence Rises in the West Bank, (by Jack Houry), [HAARETZ](#), February 13, 2022.**

*Ramallah's statement that it's freezing security coordination with Israel has been greeted with skepticism as violent protests against price hikes reflect the Palestinian Authority's limited influence.*

**For Over a Year, Israel Has Jailed a Palestinian Teen With a Rare Disease. There's No Trial in Sight (by Gideon Levy and Alex Levac), [HAARETZ](#), February 11, 2022.**

*Two Israeli military judges have ordered Amal Nakhleh's release, but the larger predatory system has insisted on keeping him jailed.*

## Regional

**Egypt building 3 towns in Gaza to house 300,000 people: Palestinian official tells AP, [Ahram Online](#), February 15, 2022.**

*Egypt's current efforts to reconstruct the Gaza Strip include building three towns that are set to house around 300,000 residents, undersecretary of the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works and Housing Naji Sarhan told AP.*

**Israeli PM Bennett lands in Bahrain on first visit, [ALJAZEERA](#), February 14, 2022.**

*Bennett will hold talks with Bahraini Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifa on bilateral ties.*

**Palestinian professionals banned from work in Lebanon for second time, (by Tzvi Joffre), [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), February 13, 2022.**

*The labor minister had decided in December to allow Palestinians to work in previously barred professions.*

**Sudan: Burhan dismisses sanctions threats, lauds ties with Israel, [ALJAZEERA](#), February 13, 2022.**

*Military leader says intelligence-sharing between Tel Aviv and Khartoum helped arrest suspected fighters in Sudan.*

**Bahrain confirms Israeli officer to be stationed in the country, [ALJAZEERA](#), February 12, 2022.**

*Foreign ministry says the appointment relates to an international coalition 'to secure the freedom of navigation in the region'.*

**Report: Senior IDF official to be stationed in Bahrain, making history, (by Toi Staff), [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), February 11, 2022.**

*Officer will serve as a liaison to the US Navy's 5th Fleet, in first-ever Israeli military posting to an Arab country; army denies report, but says it's under discussion.*

**Prominent Jordanians among hundreds in country reportedly hacked by Israeli spyware, (by Toi Staff), [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), February 11, 2022.**

*Ammon News says officials at Royal Hashemite Court, Olympic committee, as well as senator, activist, and wife of murdered Saudi journalist targeted.*

## International

**Foreign Ministry summons Hungarian ambassador to Palestine over partnership agreement with settlement council, (by Jacob Magid), [Wafa News Agency](#), February 15, 2022.**

*On Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> the Hungary's ambassador to Palestine, Csaba Rada, was summoned to the Palestinian Authority Foreign Ministry on Tuesday to hear a complaint about a twinning deal signed by a Hungarian city with an Israeli settlement council.*

**US fears repeat of violence in Israel as religious holy days converge in April, (by Jacob Magid), [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), February 14, 2022.**

*Confluence of Passover, Ramadan and Easter has Biden administration urging Israel to thwart fresh conflict reminiscent of last year's Gaza war.*

**The Joan Didion Essay That Israelis Should Read, (by Avi Garfinkel), [HAARETZ](#), February 11, 2022.**

*Joan Didion's sharp words about the 'national unity' discourse spawned by the 9/11 attacks in the U.S. echo in the peace-and-security discourse Israeli policy makers are creating.*

**'I am exhausted by Israel' — hear Sylvain Cypel on the risk to Jews of supporting the 'thug nation', (by Philip Weiss), [MONDOWEISS](#), February 11, 2022.**

*"I am exhausted by Israel," Cypel says. Israel has become a "terrible burden" dragging Jews into an "ethnocentric past".*

**The Biden-Bennett Honeymoon, (by Amir Tibon), [FOREIGN AFFAIRS](#), February 10, 2022.**

*How Long Can the United States and Israel Smooth Over Their Disagreements?*

**Benny Gantz war crimes case will go to Dutch supreme court, The Electronic Intifada, February 10, 2022.**

*Ismail Ziada is bringing his case against Israeli defense minister Benny Gantz and former air force chief Amir Eshel to the Dutch supreme court.*

**The obscure UN committee that (may) charge Israel with Apartheid, (by David Kattenburg), MONDOWEISS, February 10, 2022.**

*The conclusions the UN Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination reaches may have huge consequences for Israel as it tries to weather the apartheid storm, and for Palestinians seeking justice.*

## Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

**German Minister of Foreign Affairs Visits Talbieh Palestine Refugee Camp in Jordan, UNRWA, February 14, 2022.**

*On Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Annalena Baerbock visited Talbieh camp for Palestine refugees in Jordan and witnessed first-hand the vital services provided by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).*

**Norway Announces Us\$ 124.5 Million Four-Year Contribution To UNRWA On Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini First Official Mission To Oslo, UNRWA, February 14, 2022.**

*Norway is increasing its funding for UNRWA and will provide a total of NOK 1.1 billion over a period of four years,' said Minister of Foreign Affairs Anniken Huitfeldt.*

## Analysis & Opinions

**When Israeli Settlers Beat a Palestinian, We Are All Responsible, (Gideon Levy), HAARETZ, February 17, 2022.**

*Gideon Levy is a Haaretz columnist and a member of the newspaper's editorial board. Levy joined Haaretz in 1982, and spent four years as the newspaper's deputy editor. He was the recipient of the Euro-Med Journalist Prize for 2008; the Leipzig Freedom Prize in 2001; the Israeli Journalists' Union Prize in 1997; and The Association of Human Rights in Israel Award for 1996. His new book, *The Punishment of Gaza*, has just been published by Verso.*

**The first U.S.-Israeli showdown– in 1957– and the next one, (Derek Leebaert), Mondoweiss, February 16, 2022.**

*Derek Leebaert is the author of *Magic and Mayhem: The Delusions of American Foreign Policy*, *The Fifty-Year Wound: How America's Cold War Victory Shapes Our World*, and *To Dare and to Conquer: Special Operations and the Destiny of Nations*, and the coauthor of the MIT*

*Press's trilogy on the information technology revolution. He is a former Smithsonian Fellow and professor at Georgetown University, and a founding editor of three enduring periodicals.*

**Dismantle What? Amnesty's Conflicted Messaging on Israeli Apartheid, (by Soheir Asaad and Rania Muhareb), [Institute for Palestine Studies](#), February 15, 2022.**

*Soheir Asaad is a political and feminist Palestinian organizer and human rights advocate. She holds a Master's degree in international human rights law from the University of Notre Dame (US).*

*Rania Muhareb is an Irish Research Council and Hardiman PhD scholar at the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway.*

**Amnesty cracks the wall of apartheid denial, (by Rachad Antonius and Yakov Rabkin), [Mondoweiss](#), February 15, 2022.**

*Rachad Antonius is retired professor of sociology at the Université du Québec à Montréal. He holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a Master's degree in Mathematics.*

*Yakov M. Rabkin is Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Montreal. He has also been a Visiting Scholar at several universities, including Yale, Johns Hopkins, Hebrew, Bar-Ilan, Tel Aviv, Université Louis-Pasteur and the Smithsonian Institution.*

**Gaza Keeps a Wary Eye on Jerusalem as Tensions in Sheikh Jarrah Mount, (by Amos Harel), [HAARETZ](#), February 14, 2022.**

*Amos Harel is one of Israel's leading media experts on military and defense issues. He has been the military correspondent and defense analyst for Haaretz for the last 12 years.*

**Amnesty Looks at Apartheid Israel Through Liberal Lens, (by Dalya Al Masri), [Institute for Palestine Studies](#), February 13, 2022.**

*Dalya Al Masri is a writer and journalist based in Vancouver.*

**Israel Is Dangerously Close to Legitimising the Use of Pegasus on Its Citizens, (by Eitay Mack) [THE WIRE](#), February 12, 2022.**

*Eitay Mack is an independent Jerusalem-based human rights lawyer. In addition to defending the rights of Palestinians, and Israeli human rights activists, he also works for increased transparency and public oversight of Israel's defense exports.*

**Israel would be better off working with the UN than attacking it, (by Yossi Mekelberg), [ARAB NEWS](#), February 12, 2022.**

*Yossi Mekelberg is professor of international relations and an associate fellow of the MENA Program at Chatham House. He is a regular contributor to the international written and electronic media.*



**What is next for occupied Jerusalem’s Sheikh Jarrah? (by Najla M. Shahwan), [DAILY SABAH](#), February 11, 2022.**

*Najla Shahwan is a Palestinian author, researcher and freelance journalist; recipient of two prizes from the Palestinian Union of Writers.*

**Biden’s antisemitism envoy nominee: “Branding Israel as an apartheid state is more than historically inaccurate”, (by Michael Arria),**

**[MONDOWEISS](#), February 10, 2022.**

*Michael Arria is the U.S. correspondent for Mondoweiss. His work has appeared in In These Times, The Appeal, and Truthout. He is the author of Medium Blue: The Politics of MSNBC.*

## **Publications and Statements**

**Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, March/April 2022, pp. 10-11, 38, [Washington Report on Middle East Affairs](#), February 15, 2022**

**[Statement](#) : by The Global Network for the Question of Palestine (GNQP)**

*The Global Network for the Question of Palestine (GNQP) is gravely concerned about the continued and escalating attacks on Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah and elsewhere in the occupied Palestinian territory and is closely monitoring the situation.*

**Palestine’s Legal Scene | Issue. 110 | 6-12 February 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), February 13, 2022**

**Civil Society and the Question of Palestine - NGO Action News - 10 February 2022, [UNITED NATIONS](#), February 10, 2022.**

## **EVENTS**

**[Makan](#): 'Nationality & Colonial Borders: Racialised Citizenship in Britain and Palestine'**

*This talk will look at the racialized and precarious nature of citizenship and nationality in relation to both the British and Israeli states. It will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 6.15pm London (1.15pm EST / 8.15pm Palestine time). The talk will last 1 hour and 15 minutes.*