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of legal, academic, political, and humanitarian developments, and be ready for
action when needed.*

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In the Spotlight

Senior PA Official Meets With Lapid, Says He Raised Need for ‘Political Horizon’,(by Aaron Boxerman), [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), March 10, 2022.

Close Abbas adviser Hussein al-Sheikh speaks with Israeli FM for the second time in less than two months; Lapid’s office declines to comment further.

Arab League Council Urges International Criminal Court to Open Criminal Investigation into Israeli War Crimes, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 9, 2022.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - The Arab League Council urged the International Criminal Court to open a criminal investigation into the war crimes committed by Israel.

PLO And Fatah Official Hussein Al-Sheikh Meet Israeli Foreign Minister, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 9, 2022.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - Member of the PLO’s Executive Committee and Fatah’s Central Committee and head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs in the Palestinian Authority, Hussein al-Sheikh, reconfirmed during a meeting t with Israeli Foreign Minister, Yair Lapid, the necessity of having a political horizon based on signed agreements and the resolutions of international legitimacy.

Israel to Halt Arab House Demolitions During Ramadan in Bid to Prevent Escalation,(by Josh Breiner), [HAARETZ](#), March 9, 2022.

The police chief’s decision comes amid heightened tensions in East Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Mayor Presents Greener Alternative to Disputed Development Plan on City’s Edge, [HAARETZ](#), March 9, 2022.

The new proposal for Lavan Ridge is smaller and reduces environmental damage, despite calling for more housing units.

PA: International Double Standards Cover-Up Israel’s Crimes, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), March 8, 2022.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 – The Palestinian Authority (PA) criticized the international double standards, stressing it enables Israel to hide its daily crimes against Palestinians.

Following Adalah’s Petition to The Israeli Supreme Court, Police Remove All 10 Checkpoints from Sheikh Jarrah, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 7, 2022.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 – The Israeli police dismantled all 10 checkpoints from the western part of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem, following Adalah’s petition to the Israeli Supreme Court.

On Occasion of Women's Day, President Abbas Affirms Commitment to Granting Women Full Rights, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 7, 2022.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 – President Mahmoud Abbas affirmed the leadership’s commitment to granting women their full rights in all fields and enabling them to obtain opportunities.

Rights Group Petitions Israeli Supreme Court to Remove Police Checkpoints in Jerusalem’s Sheikh Jarrah Neighborhood, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 7, 2022.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 – Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, in coordination with the Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinians’ Rights in Jerusalem, filed a petition to the Israeli Supreme Court on behalf of seven residents of Sheikh Jarrah and the Welfare Association of Sheikh Jarrah, demanding the immediate dismantlement of 10 police checkpoints placed both around and within the western part of Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem.

In A Bid to Grab Palestinian Land, Israeli Colonialists Set Up the Tent, Mobile Homes on Land in A West Bank Town, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 7, 2022.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 – In a bid to steal Palestinian land, Israeli colonial settlers set up a large tent and a mobile home in the southern West Bank town of Battir, west of Bethlehem city, said a local activist.

Israel Girds for Violent Months as Muslim and Jewish Holidays Converge, (by Josh Breiner), [Haaretz](#), March 7, 2022.

Following the intercommunal violence seen in mixed Jewish-Arab cities last May, security forces in Israel are preparing for what they believe will be an explosive holiday season.

Israeli Extremists Attack Church in Old City of Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 6, 2022.

On Sunday, March 06, 2022 - Israeli extremists attacked a church in the Old City of Jerusalem and caused damages to the property.

Kahanist Lawmaker Pulls Gun on Palestinians in the West Bank, (Hagar Shezaf), [Haaretz](#), March 6, 2022.

Far-right lawmaker Itamar Ben-Gvir claims that Israeli soldiers at the scene were waiting for reinforcements, but the army denies his allegations and says troops pursued the suspects.

Palestine/Israel

Extremely Arbitrary' Travel Bans Stop Thousands of Palestinians From Going Abroad, (by Hagar Shezaf), [HAARETZ](#), March 9, 2022.

More than 10,000 Palestinians were issued travel bans by Israel in 2021, and many of them only find out at the border.

Israel to Decide Which Foreign Lecturers Allowed to Teach In Palestinian Universities, [MIDDLE EAST EYE](#), March 8, 2022.

Defense ministry brings in new regulations concerning international students and their teachers.

Israel Razes Homes of Two Palestinian Assailants Over Deadly West Bank Shooting, [HAARETZ](#), March 8, 2022.

The men are accused of shooting at a car driving near a West Bank outpost, killing a Jewish seminary student and wounding two others.

Israeli Forces Re-arrest French-Palestinian Human Rights Lawyer Salah Hamouri, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), March 7, 2022.

Israeli forces detained French-Palestinian lawyer and human rights activist Salah Hamouri, after breaking into his house in Kufr Aqab, north of Jerusalem, early Monday morning, according to prisoners' rights group Addameer.

International Community's Double Standards Have Become a Cover for Israel's Violations and Crimes – Foreign Ministry, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 7, 2022.

On Monday, March 07, 2022 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said that the international community's double standards in dealing with international issues and conflicts have become a cover for the violations and crimes of the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people, their land, and rights.

Bethlehem Factories Now Face Harsher Security Regulations From Israel, (by Hagar Shezaf), [HAARETZ](#), March 7, 2022.

Even after installing cameras in factories, equipping trucks with GPS devices, and conducting security checks on workers, factory owners say they have to travel to far-away checkpoints to transfer goods to Israel.

Foreign Ministry Condemns Israel's Field Execution of Palestinian Young Man in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 6, 2022.

On Sunday, March 06, 2022 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemned the crime of field execution carried out by the Israeli occupation forces against a Palestinian young man in occupied East Jerusalem.

Israeli Forces Kill Palestinians in an Alleged Stabbing Attack, [Aljazeera](#), March 6, 2022.

The incident took place at Bab Hutta, one of the gates to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

Palestinian Activist from Jerusalem Threatened with Israeli Expulsion, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 3, 2022.

On Thursday, March 03, 2022 – Awad Salaymeh, a Palestinian rights activist from occupied Jerusalem, said he was threatened with expulsion from his home city by the Israeli occupation authorities in the event he continued advocating for the issue of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

Regional

Herzog Lands in Turkey To 'Restart Relations' as Jerusalem-Ankara Ties Warm, [The Times of Israel](#), (by Tal Schneider), March 9, 2022.

President making first high-level state visit to country in over a decade, in major step toward taking ties out of deep freeze, but distrust remains after years of bad blood.

Saudi Crown Prince: Israel Could Become 'Potential Ally' If Palestinian Issue Resolved, [Israel Hayom](#), March 3, 2022.

Israel has made it no secret that it would like to see Saudi Arabia join the historic Abraham Accords, as Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates did, but the Saudis have said the issue was not on the agenda at this time.

Jordan Valley Land Declared a Nature Reserve A Few Years Ago Is Going to Be Turned into A Settlement, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 3, 2022.

On Thursday, March 3, 2022 – an area in the occupied Jordan Valley that the Israeli authorities have turned into a nature reserve a few years ago is in the process of becoming a new settlement, said a local Palestinian official.

International

U.S. House Approves \$1b Iron Dome Emergency Aid to Israel in Omnibus Spending Package, (by Ben Samuels), [Haaretz](#), March 10, 2022.

The decision comes after months of controversy stemming from progressive Democrats' objections to fund Iron Dome.

Under The Auspices of Shtayyeh, Belgian Consul General Signs Cooperation Program Worth €70M, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 9, 2022.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022– Under the auspices and in the presence of Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh, Belgian Consul General Wilfried Pfeffer in Jerusalem signed on behalf of the Government of Belgium a cooperation program worth 70 million Euros for the years 2022-2026.

Rights Groups Urge Europeans to Adopt a Consistent Approach Toward Human Rights for the Palestinian People, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 8, 2022.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - The Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) and partners in Europe and Palestine, including Al-Haq, wrote to key European Union (EU) institutions and Member States and the United Kingdom (UK) urging them to uphold the rule of international law and human rights for the Palestinian people at the current UN Human Rights Council session.

USAID Grants \$5.5 Million to Promote Israeli-Palestinian Partnership, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), March 8, 2022.

MEPPA has a \$250 million five-year program to build "people-to-people" relations through economic partnerships.

UK Spokesperson: Israeli Settlements, Including in East Jerusalem, Are Illegal Under International Law, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 9, 2022.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 – Spokesperson for the British Government in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA) region, Rosie Dyas, said that Israeli settlements, including in East Jerusalem, are illegal under international law.

Democrats Deepen Embrace of Israeli Apartheid, [THE ELECTRONIC INTIFADA](#), (by Michael F. Brown), March 4, 2022.

The Democratic Party has an apartheid problem. And it's getting worse.

Palestine And Mexico Sign Memorandum of Understanding in Development Cooperation, [Wafa News Agency](#), March 2, 2022.

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - The Palestinian International Cooperation Agency (PICA) and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen cooperation and development programs between the two agencies and develop strategic partnerships.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

On Gender Equality: Palestine Refugee Women Lead the Way,

UNRWA, March 8, 2022.

This International Women's Day, even as we celebrate women's advances, we must recommit ourselves to making gender equality a reality for all women, everywhere. While I speak from experience when I say I have come a long way, sadly, I cannot speak for the thousands upon thousands of fellow professional women whose careers are stalled because of the various forms of gender-imbalance that still prevail.

“An Employed Woman Has To Bear Additional Burdens”: First UNRWA Teacher Wins The Gold Medal For Global Creative Women Award,

UNRWA, March 7, 2022.

Asmaa Muammar, a Palestine refugee teacher at Fukhari Elementary Girls school in Gaza, won the Gold Medal for the Global Creative Women Award (GCWA) 2021, after passing four tests with distinction. The GCWA is an initiative of Global Trainer Academy to encourage skilled women to present their talent.

Consul General of Spain Meets with UNRWA Commissioner-General in Jerusalem, UNRWA, March 4, 2022.

On March 04, 2022 - the Spanish Consul-General, Mr. Alfonso Lucini Mateo, and the Head of Cooperation of the Consulate General of Spain in Jerusalem, Ms. Eva Suárez Leonardo, met with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Mr. Philippe Lazzarini.

UNRWA And Eu Help Palestine Refugees in Syria with Emergency Cash Assistance, UNRWA, March 4, 2022.

In 2021, the European Union (EU) contributed EUR 2 million to the 2021 Syria Regional Conflict Emergency Appeal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected Palestine refugees. This funding contributed to the Agency's efforts to provide 28,622 vulnerable Palestine refugees with emergency cash assistance to help them meet their most basic needs such as food, shelter or heating. Over a period of five months, Palestine refugees were provided US\$ 14, equivalent to EUR 11.86, (SYP 35,000) every month.

Premier Discusses UNRWA's Financial Impasse with Its Chief, Wafa News Agency, March 3, 2022.

On Thursday, March 03, 2022 – Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh discussed the unprecedented financial crisis affecting the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) with the visiting UNRWA Commissioner-General Philip Lazzarini and the Agency's Strategic and Diplomatic Policy Adviser Ronald Steinger.

Analysis & Opinions

Academic Occupation, [HAARETZ](#), March 10, 2022.

An officer in the Defense Ministry's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories will soon rule that a certain college instructor, a U.S. citizen, cannot enter the West Bank to teach at a university in Jenin because her area of expertise is not an "essential field" for Palestinians..

Festive Welcome of Israeli President in Turkey Couldn't Erase the Legacy of the Past, (by Jonathan Lis), [HAARETZ](#), March 9, 2022.

Erdogan's vicious insults were replaced by positive, optimistic statements about the mutual advantages of cooperation with Israel, yet years of fraught relations are rarely overcome in one meeting.

How Opponents of the Israeli Occupation Are Losing the Digital War, (by Neve Gordon), [HAARETZ](#), March 6, 2022.

In her new book, Duke University's Rebecca Stein proves the limits of video images in exposing the truth.

It's Time For Palestinians To Lobby For A 'One State' Solution, (by Nizar Milbes), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), March 4, 2022.

The one state solution, or a variant thereof, will give opportunities for both Israelis and Palestinians to thrive, as long as equal rights also thrive, especially in terms of education and economic advancement.

As West Bank Simmers, Scars of Intifada Come to Light, (by Amos Harel), [HAARETZ](#), March 4, 2022.

The political and psychological ramifications reverberate today even as suicide attacks have subsided.

UNRWA's Existence Points to The UN's Failure to Implement The Palestinian Right of Return, (by Ramona Wadi), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), March 3, 2022.

As important as the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is in terms of providing essential services for Palestinians, its existence is also a stark reminder of the international community's failure to implement the legitimate Palestinian right of return.

Palestinians in The Diaspora Have a Key Role to Play And Must Not Be Marginalized, (by Adnan Hmidan), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), March 3, 2022.

A thousand Palestinians from all over the world met in Istanbul last weekend to elect new leadership for the Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad and to evaluate its work over the

five years since it was established in 2017. The conference is the only entity that brings Palestinians together outside the West Bank and Gaza Strip and calls for their legitimate rights to be recognized and implemented. By its very nature, the conference rejects the marginalization or exclusion of expatriate Palestinians from the political process in their occupied homeland.

Publications and Statements

Statement: Statement by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland, on the Situation in the Occupied West Bank, Including East Jerusalem, 8 March 2022.

I am deeply concerned by the deteriorating security situation in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This past week, daily violence has claimed the lives of six Palestinians, including one child, and 26 Palestinians and seven Israelis have been injured.

Statement: Statement of MR. Philippe Lazzarini, The Commissioner-General of The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to the 157th Session of The League of Arab States Council, March 9, 2022.

Statement of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini to the 157th Session of the League of Arab States Council

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EVENTS

Book Launch! إطلاق كتاب مفهومة فلسطين الحديثة, Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - 1:00am.

Join the Institute for Palestine Studies and in partnership with Birzeit University in launching the book مفهومة فلسطين الحديثة.