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In the Spotlight

Palestinian MP Says Israel Started Partitioning Al-Aqsa Mosque, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 8, 2022.

Palestinian MP Ahmed Abu Halabiyeh said that Israeli authorities have already started partitioning Al-Aqsa Mosque, Quds Press reported on Tuesday.

PM Shtayyeh: Israel Failed to Prove It Has Any History in Jerusalem Despite Continuous Excavations Beneath the City Throughout History, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 8, 2022.

Prime minister Mohammed Shtayyeh stressed that Israel has failed to prove that it has any history in the city of Jerusalem despite the continuous excavations beneath the city throughout history.

Israel Reportedly Brushes Off US Proposal for Summit with Palestinian Authority, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), June 8, 2022.

Israeli officials are said to have responded that past experiences prove such meetings lead to a 'crisis of expectations,' subsequent escalation of violence.

President Abbas at a Conference: Jerusalem Is Not for Sale, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 8, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas stressed today that Jerusalem, the capital of the state of Palestine, is not for sale and that all Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem are Palestinian.

NGO Says Volvo Group, JCB Machinery, Caterpillar, And Hyundai Heavy Industries Are Complicit in Apartheid Israel, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 8, 2022.

The Palestinian non-governmental grassroots organization, Stop the Wall, today said Volvo Group, JCB Machinery, Caterpillar, and Hyundai Heavy Industries are complicit in Israel's ethnic cleansing practices of eight Palestinian villages in Masafer Yatta in the south of the occupied West Bank.

Palestinian Groups Issue Unified Call on Naksa Anniversary in Gaza, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 8, 2022.

Leaders and representatives of Palestinian political groups held a rally to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Naksa.

The Naksa, or the 'setback', refers to the Arab-Israeli war of June 1967, which resulted in the Israeli military occupation of the remainder of historic Palestine – the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.

US Slams ‘One-Sided’ UN Probe Blaming Israel for Perpetuating the Conflict, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), June 8, 2022.

Member of open-ended Human Rights Council Commission of Inquiry says ‘ending occupation’ will break the cycle of violence; Israel calls report ‘waste of money. The United States blasted a UN report released Tuesday into Israel’s treatment of Palestinians, saying it did not alleviate concerns that the panel behind it “represents a one-sided, biased approach” against the Jewish state. The report — the first submitted to the Commission of Inquiry (COI) established last year by the UN Human Rights Council — blamed Israel’s “persistent discrimination against Palestinians” for violence between the two sides.

Israel to Blame for Conflict — UN Report, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), June 7, 2022.

Israel’s occupation and discrimination against Palestinians are the main causes of the endless cycles of violence, UN investigators said on Tuesday.

PA’s Abbas Dismisses US Bid to Boost Ties Unless Consulate Reopened, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), June 7, 2022.

Palestinian leader asks Blinken to hold off on appointing a special envoy; the US advance team will discuss the issue further with Abbas in a meeting this weekend.

PM Shtayyeh, German Vice-Chancellor Discuss the Political Situation, Israeli Escalation, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 7, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh discussed today with the German Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Economy and Energy Robert Habeck the political situation in Palestine and the ongoing Israeli escalation.

Foreign Ministry Condemns Settlers’ Attack on A Greek Orthodox Chapel and Garden in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 7, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates today condemned what it described as “the barbaric attack” perpetrated by extremist settlers on the Greek Orthodox Chapel and Garden on Mount Zion in occupied Jerusalem, and their vandalism of its properties, grave exhumations, and trashing of the property.

OCHA: Israel Destroyed 300 Palestinian Structures since the Start of Year, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 6, 2022.

Israeli authorities demolished 300 buildings in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem since the beginning of the year, according to data from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Prime Minister Says Israeli Occupation Would Not Have Lasted This Long If It Wasn’t for The International Silence, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 6, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh today stressed that the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip would not have lasted all this time if the international community did not stay silent and held Israel accountable for its violations and crimes against the Palestinian people and lands.

PLO Rejects Attempts to Alter UNRWA's Mandate, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 5, 2022.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) today rejected attempts to alter the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) or to tamper with its duties specified in the UN General Assembly's resolution No. 302.

WATCH: Scores of Jewish Settlers Storm Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), June 5, 2022.

Scores of Jewish settlers, escorted by Israeli forces, broke into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem on Sunday and performed rituals across its courtyards, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Beyond an Illegal Occupation: 55 Years of Full Impunity and Zero Accountability - Says Palestinian NGO on Naksa Day, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 5, 2022.

The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH) said that for 55 long years, the Israeli occupation continues with full impunity and no accountability, due to international inaction and double standards.

EU's Borrell Highlights Kingdom's Custodianship Over Holy Sites in Jerusalem, [The Jordan Times](#), June 4, 2022.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and European Commission Vice President Josep Borrell on Saturday stressed the importance of the Hashemite custodianship over Jerusalem's Islamic and Christian holy sites and its "remarkable" role in preserving these sanctities.

Israeli Minister Advances Plan to Increase Number of Settlers in Naqab, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), June 3, 2022.

Israeli Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked has advanced a plan to increase Jewish settler homes in occupied Naqab and Jaleel, Israeli media reported on Wednesday.

Palestine 'Frustrated' With Biden's Failure to Pressure Israel: 'All We See Is Escalation', [The New Arab](#), June 3, 2022.

Senior Palestinian officials have expressed frustration over Joe Biden's failure to pressure Israel to fulfill its commitments while it prioritises keeping a fragile coalition government alive.

US Lawmaker Tlaib Launches Petition to Reject Israel's Bid to Join the Visa Waiver Program, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 3, 2022.

US-Palestinian congresswoman Rashida Tlaib launched a petition calling on US president Joe Biden to reject efforts to allow Israelis to enter the United States without a visa.

‘Apartheid In Action’: The Danger of Israel’s New West Bank Travel Restrictions, [Mondoweiss](#), June 3, 2022.

New Israeli restrictions on Palestinians with foreign passports are receiving condemnation from legal experts, while the Biden administration does little to defend the rights of U.S. citizens.

Palestine/Israel

Israeli Authorities to Build New Settlement Near Bethlehem, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 8, 2022.

Israeli authorities have revived a plan to build a new Jewish settlement on Palestinian land near the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem, Arab48.com reported on Tuesday.

Despite the 202nd Demolition Since 2000, Al-Araqib Residents Persist in Rebuilding Their Village, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 7, 2022.

The Israeli authorities today demolished al-Araqib village in the Naqab desert in the south of Israel for the 202nd time since the year 2000 and the sixth this year, according to reports. But every time the village is demolished under the pretext of illegal construction, its Palestinian residents return to the land and rebuild their homes in a clear rejection of the Israeli attempt to dislodge them from the land where they lived for decades.

Israel Seizes a Large Tract of Palestinian Cultivated Land Northwest of Hebron, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 6, 2022.

The Israeli occupation authorities today seized a large tract of cultivated land belonging to Tarqumia town, northwest of Hebron, according to a local activist.

Israeli Occupation Forces Suppress Anti-Settlement Protest March in the Jordan Valley, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 6, 2022.

Israeli occupation forces today suppressed an anti-settlement protest march that started at the occupied West Bank city of Tubas in the northern Jordan Valley as the march reached a military checkpoint east of Tubas, local sources said.

Palestinians Manage to Foil Settlers’ Attack on Ramallah-Area Village, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 5, 2022.

Palestinian residents of the village of Nabi Saleh to the north of Ramallah managed tonight to foil an Israeli settlers’ attack against their village, according to security sources.

Israeli Navy Opens Fire at Palestinian Fishermen Off Gaza Coast, Injures Two, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 4, 2022.

Two Palestinian fishermen were today wounded by rubber-coated metal rounds as Israeli navy boats attacked them while sailing off the northern coast of the Gaza Strip, forcing them to return to the shore, reported Wafa correspondent.

Dozens Suffocate After Israeli Forces Attack Peaceful March Opposed to Dislodging Masafer Yatta Residents, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 4, 2022.

Dozens of peace activists today suffocated after inhaling tear gas fired by Israeli occupation forces during a march opposed to Israeli government plans to dislodge hundreds of Palestinian residents of Masafer Yatta in the south of the West Bank and to demolish their communities, according to a local activist.

'We Will Die Here': Bedouin Village Fights Israel Resettlement Plan, [Haaretz](#), June 2, 2022.

Only a few hundred meters separate Dimona's Hashahar neighborhood from the unrecognized Bedouin village of Ras Jrabah. For decades, the villagers have had close ties to their neighbors from the city across the way. Many of them work in Dimona and the village gets its water, mail and health care services from the city. These ties are now being tested in the shadow of authorities' plans to expand the city and build a huge neighborhood where the village now stands.

Regional

Jordan Underlines Importance for UN to Support Palestinian Refugees, [The Siyasat Daily](#), June 6, 2022.

Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi has highlighted the importance of the United Nations to continue its full mandate as a body to provide essential services to Palestinian refugees.

Arab League Demands Recognition of Palestine on Naksa Anniversary, [The New Arab](#), June 6, 2022.

The Arab League on Monday called on countries that have not yet recognised Palestine yet, to do so. The statement came on the 55th anniversary of the Naksa, the annual day of commemoration of the displacement that accompanied Israel's capture of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Syria's Golan Heights and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula in the Six-Day War in 1967.

The Worrying Secret Behind Israel-UAE Ties, [Haaretz](#), June 2, 2022.

Businesspeople and officials in the United Arab Emirates are enthusiastic about ties with Israel, but polls show many ordinary Emiratis have concerns.

International

UNRWA Commissioner-General Visits Turkey for High-Level Meetings, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 8, 2022.

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, concluded yesterday a two-day visit to Ankara, Turkey, during which he met with the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, senior representatives from Turkish aid institutions, and Turkish parliamentarians to raise awareness of the current challenges facing Palestine refugees and discuss expanding UNRWA-Turkey relations.

EU Heads of Mission and Likeminded Countries Visit Wadi Qaddoum in East Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 7, 2022.

Heads of Mission and representatives from the EU and like-minded countries visited residents in Wadi Qaddoum, part of Silwan in East Jerusalem, where 74 Palestinians are at risk of imminent displacement.

Mark Ruffalo Backs Petition Urging Paypal to End 'Discrimination' Against Palestinians, [The New Arab](#), June 7, 2022.

Mark Ruffalo has backed a petition on campaign website SumOfUs which calls on PayPal to offer its services to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Macron Affirms to President Abbas His Support for Peace, Continued Efforts to Stop Current Escalation, [Wafa News Agency](#), June 4, 2022.

In a telephone call today, French President Emmanuel Macron affirmed to President Mahmoud Abbas France's unyielding support for peace and its continued efforts with the concerned sides and all international parties to stop the current escalation and move forward with the initiatives that lead to the desired political horizon.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA Commissioner-General Visits Republic of Türkiye For High Level Meetings, [UNRWA](#), June 7, 2022.

On Tuesday, 7 June, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, concluded a two-day visit to Ankara, Türkiye. During the visit he met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, and senior representatives from Turkish aid institutions and Turkish parliamentarians to raise awareness of the current challenges facing Palestine refugees and discuss expanding UNRWA- Türkiye relations.

UNRWA And British Council Sign Landmark Cooperation Agreement to Support Palestine Refugee Students, [UNRWA](#), June 6, 2022.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the British Council cemented their longstanding partnerships through a cooperation agreement signed in Amman today. The agreement, signed between the Chief Executive of the British Council, Scott McDonald, and UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini, is an acknowledgment of a decade-long partnership that helps bolster the Agency's education programme to the benefit of over half a million Palestine refugee students in the region.

EU High Level Delegation Visits Baqa'a Camp In Jordan, Calls For Support To UNRWA, [UNRWA](#), June 5, 2022.

A high-level delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr. Carl Hallergard, Deputy Managing Director in the Middle East and North Africa Department of the European External Action Service, accompanied by Ms. Maria Hadjitheodosiou, European Union (EU) Ambassador to Jordan, visited Baqa'a camp in Jordan on 4 June, where nearly 130,000 registered Palestine refugees live, and engaged with staff and beneficiaries of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The delegation also included members from the office of the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs.

UNRWA Announces Education Expert Advisory Group, Global Experts Support Un Agency to Continue Providing Quality Education to Palestine Refugee Students, [UNRWA](#), June 2, 2022.

Today, as part of its commitment to providing inclusive and equitable education to refugee children, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), announced the launch of an Education Expert Advisory Group to help ensure the over 550,000 Palestine refugee students UNRWA serves maintain access to quality education. The panel will be composed of globally recognized education experts representing renowned institutions such as UNESCO and the World Bank, among others.

Analysis & Opinions

Thanks to Saudi Arabia, Pakistan's Recognition of Israel Is Now Inevitable (Kunwar Khuldune Shahid), [HAARETZ](#), June 8, 2022.

Pakistan can't afford to remain the last Sunni Islamist bastion resisting Saudi normalization with Israel. But the country's rulers, both political and military, want safeguards against a frenzied domestic backlash.

Palestine's New Resistance Model: How the Last Year Redefined the Struggle for Palestinian Freedom (Ramzy Baroud), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 8, 2022.

What took place between May 2021 and May 2022 is nothing less than a paradigm shift in Palestinian resistance. Thanks to the popular and inclusive nature of Palestinian mobilization against the Israeli occupation, resistance in Palestine is no longer an ideological, political or regional preference.

Riding The Success of The Abraham Accords, Israel Sets Its Sights on Pakistan (Richard Silverstein), [THE NEW ARAB](#), June 7, 2022.

A visit by a Pakistani-American interfaith group to Israel has sparked outrage in Pakistan, but behind the veneer of "dialogue", the group's leader, Anila Ali, has promoted Islamophobic views, writes Richard Silverstein.

The Israel Defense Forces and Settlements Are One and the Same (Israel Harel), [HAARETZ](#), June 7, 2022.

Criticism on social media spread after Israel's Central Commander, Gen. Yehuda Fuchs, said: "Strong against Jews in Homesh, weak (against Arabs) in Hawara. You failed. Take responsibility."

1967 and the Arab Myth of Liberating Palestine (Seraj Assi), [HAARETZ](#), June 6, 2022.

The 1967 war, which happened 55 years ago this week, is enshrined in Arab memory as a Herculean battle to liberate Palestine. But in reality, the war was meant to unite Arabs rather than liberate Palestine.

US Aid and The Façade of Peace and Reconciliation (Yara Hawari), [THE NEW ARAB](#), June 6, 2022.

Some are celebrating the return of US development funds since Trump, but Yara Hawari highlights how the latest legislation pledging \$250 million in the name of 'dialogue and reconciliation', is facilitating the violation of Palestinian rights.

A Prominent Israel Lobbyist Concedes That Zionism May Have 'Failed' (Philip Weiss), [Mondoweiss](#), June 5, 2022.

Israeli leaders are going crazy over the display of Palestinian flags-- of course, because Israel is a Jewish state not a democracy, and Palestinians who don't buy in must be suppressed.

The Six-Day War Laid the Foundations for the Israel Lobby (Emad Moussa), [THE NEW ARAB](#), June 4, 2022.

To build international support for the Six-Day war in 1967, Israel peddled the idea of a second Shoah. This was especially useful for rallying American Jews who had not previously identified as strongly with Israel and Zionism, writes Emad Moussa.

Why I Let the Jerusalem Flag March Happen (Omer Bar-Lev), [HAARETZ](#), June 2, 2022.

The Haaretz editorial on Sunday, May 29, the day of the Flag March in Jerusalem, said I did not do "everything possible in order to prevent an avoidable regional conflagration."

The Ethnic Cleansing of Masafer Yatta: Israel's New Annexation Strategy in Palestine (Ramzy Baroud), [Mondoweiss](#), June 2, 2022.

What is happening in Masafer Yatta is not only the largest Israeli ethnic cleansing campaign since 1967 but also a possible precursor to wide-scale annexation of the West Bank.

Palestinians Remind Us the Right to Protest Is Ours (Huda Ammori), [THE NEW ARAB](#), June 2, 2022.

Palestinians don't wait for the 'right to protest' by Israel, some solidarity groups should follow their example and rethink their strategy in response to the anti-boycott bill announced in the Queen's Speech, writes Huda Ammori.

Publications and Statements

AP Report: 'Perpetual' Israeli occupation at root of violence, June 7, 2022.

Investigators commissioned by the U.N.'s top human rights body say tensions between Palestinians and Israelis are underpinned by Israel's "perpetual occupation" of Palestinian areas with no apparent intention of ending it. The findings came Tuesday in the first report by a Commission of Inquiry, headed by a three-person team of human rights experts. It was set up last year by the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council following an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

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Events

Virtual high-level event "Apartheid, International Law, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory" June 16, 2022.

The UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) will be holding a Virtual High-Level Event "Apartheid, International Law, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory" featuring a conversation between Zeid Ra'ad Al-Husseini, President and Chief Executive Officer of International Peace Institute, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Agnès Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International.