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In the Spotlight

Amnesty International Warns UK-Israel Trade Deal to Consolidate Israeli Settler-Colonialism, Apartheid, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 21, 2022.

Amnesty International UK Wednesday warned that a new UK trade deal with Israel could allow Israel to consolidate its settler-colonialism and apartheid in the occupied Palestinian territories.

President Abbas Commends France's Positions in Support of Just, Lasting Peace, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 20, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas today commended France's positions in support of just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Abbas Renews His Readiness for Peace Talks with Israel, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), July 20, 2022.

Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday renewed his readiness for holding peace talks with the Israeli occupation's leaders, news agencies reported.

Reports: PA Seeks to Replace US Sponsorship of Palestinian-Israeli Talks, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), July 20, 2022.

The Palestinian Authority is seriously mulling over practical steps of reviving the suspended peace talks with Israel by bringing in an alternative sponsor to the US, The New Arab reported mentioning official sources and analysts.

Democratic Lawmakers Condemn Israel's Blacklisting of Human Rights Groups, [Mondoweiss](#), July 19, 2022.

Ayanna Pressley leads US lawmakers in calling for Biden to reject Israel's blacklisting of human rights groups.

Palestinian-Americans demand the US government provide equal protection from Israeli violations, [Mondoweiss](#), July 19, 2022.

Just hours before Joe Biden's arrival at Ben-Gurion airport to ceremonial festivities headed by the Israeli president Isaac Herzog, a group of Palestinian-Americans gathered 10 kilometers north of Jerusalem to assert to the US president that they deserve protection from the US government in the face of ongoing Israeli violations.

Orthodox Patriarch Warns Biden of Israeli Extremist Threat to Jerusalem's Christians, [The New Arab](#), July 19, 2022.

Palestinian Christians in Jerusalem's Old City are regularly threatened with violence and expulsion by Israeli extremists, warned Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III.

The BDS Movement Mourns the Passing of ANC leader Yasmin "Jessie" Duarte, [BDS](#), July 18, 2022.

The Palestinian BDS National Committee honors the life of the tireless South African anti-apartheid and human rights campaigner, who passed away yesterday, July 17, 2022.

Israel Resumed Settlement Activities the Minute US President Biden Left the Region, Says PM Shtayyeh, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 18, 2022.

The government of Israel has resumed its settlement activities and plans the minute US President Joe Biden has left the region, today said Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh.

FM Warns of Any New Israeli Settlement Projects Following Biden's Visit, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 17, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates warned today against the consequences of any approval by the Israeli government of any new settlement projects in the occupied Palestinian territories in general and in Jerusalem in particular following US President Joe Biden's visit to the region.

Newspaper Review: Jeddah Summit Focus of Dailies, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 17, 2022.

The three Palestinian Arabic-language dailies focused today on the Security and Development Summit which was held yesterday in the city of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

Jeddah Summit Affirms Two-State Solution as Right Path to End Palestinian-Israeli Conflict, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 16, 2022.

The final communique of the Jeddah Security and Development Summit in Saudi Arabia stressed today the need to reach a just solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict on the basis of the two-state solution and the Arab Peace Initiative.

WATCH: Israeli Warplanes Attack Several Locations in the Gaza Strip, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), July 16, 2022.

Israeli warplanes on Saturday morning attacked several locations in different parts of the besieged Gaza Strip causing heavy damage but no injuries.

Israeli Apartheid As Viewed from the UN, [Mondoweiss](#), July 16, 2022.

For its latest live show, Palestine Deep Dive interviewed Francesca Albanese, the United Nation's new Special Rapporteur for the occupied Palestinian territory.

'Zionists not Welcome': Palestinians Reject Biden's Bethlehem Visit, [Mondoweiss](#), July 15, 2022.

Protests greeted US President Joe Biden as his motorcade arrived in the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem on Friday.

Biden Commits to Two-state Solution Based on 1967 Borders for First Time as President, [HAARETZ](#), July 15, 2022.

JEDDAH - U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday publicly committed to a two-state solution based on 1967 borders with mutually agreed land swaps — a return to the Obama administration's positions after Donald Trump all but abandoned these principles.

Palestine/Israel

After 6 Years of Hearings, The Israeli Military Prosecutor Asks the Court to Sentence Gaza Aid Workers To 16 Years in Prison, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 20, 2022.

After spending six years in detention and more than 160 court hearings, the Israeli military prosecutor today asked the Beersheba District Court to sentence Gaza aid worker Mohammad Halabi, 44, to 16 years in prison after the court last month convicted him of transferring funds to Hamas despite his denial of all the charges against him, according to the Palestinian Prisoner Society (PPS).

WATCH: Jewish Settler Shoots Palestinian Man in Jerusalem, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), July 20, 2022.

A Jewish settler shot a Palestinian man in the occupied city of East Jerusalem on Tuesday, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Israeli Forces Raid Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Critically Injure Palestinian Young Man (VIDEO), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), July 20, 2022.

A Palestinian young man was critically injured on Wednesday morning from Israeli army gunfire during a raid of the Dheisheh refugee camp, near Bethlehem, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Israeli Forces Detain 15 Palestinians, Including Journalist, Minor, in West Bank, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), July 19, 2022.

The Israeli occupation forces detained at least 15 Palestinians during raids in the occupied territories, including a journalist and a minor, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

After 103 Days of Hunger Strike, Administrative Detainee Raed Rayyan Says His Health Has Gravely Deteriorated, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 18, 2022.

Palestinian administrative detainee in Israel, Raed Rayyan, told the lawyer of the Prisoners and Ex-Prisoners Affairs Commission, Fawaz al-Shaludi, after visiting him in Ramle prison clinic that after 103 days of hunger strike his health condition has gravely deteriorated.

Palestinian Bedouins in the E-1 Corridor: A Critique of Donor Aid, [Al Shabaka](#), July 18, 2022.

The E-1 corridor, located within Area C of the central West Bank, receives large sums of humanitarian aid, purportedly to help preserve the viability of a future Palestinian state within a two-state solution.

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3 Palestinians Injured by Israeli Fire in West Bank, [Middle East Monitor](#), July 17, 2022.

Three Palestinians were injured by Israeli army fire in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, according to a local medical source, Anadolu Agency reports.

Israel Launches Air Raids on Gaza Strip, No Casualties Reported, [Aljazeera](#), July 16, 2022.

The missile attacks came after US President Joe Biden left Israel to travel to Saudi Arabia.

Regional

Moroccan Activists Protest Visit of Israeli Army Chief, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), July 18, 2022.

Dozens of human rights activists demonstrated in front of the Moroccan parliament building in the capital Rabat on Monday in protest at the visit of the Chief of Staff of the Israeli occupation army, Aviv Kochavi, the Middle East Monitor reported.

OIC General-Secretariat Welcomes Outcomes of Jeddah Security and Development Summit, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 17, 2022.

The General-Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the outcomes of the Jeddah Security and Development Summit hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chair of the 14th Islamic Summit, on July 16, 2022, in Jeddah, with the participation of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and the United States of America.

Jeddah Summit Reaffirms Hashemite Custodianship Over Jerusalem Holy Sites, [The Jordan Times](#), July 16, 2022.

The Jeddah Security and Development Summit that started Saturday in Saudi Arabia emphasised the "main role" of the Hashemite Custodianship over Jerusalem holy sites and the need to respect the historical status quo in the occupied city.

Emir of Qatar: Tensions Here to Stay Unless Israel Stops Its Violations of International Law, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 16, 2022.

The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani stressed today the need to find a just solution to the Palestinian issue, which he said was a central cause for the Arab and Muslim peoples, adding that Israel has to stop its illegal practices and violations of international law.

King Abdullah II: No Peace in The Region Without an Independent Palestinian State, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 16, 2022.

King Abdullah II of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan affirmed today there will be no security, stability, or prosperity in the region without a solution that guarantees the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

No Normalization with Israel Until Two-state Solution Reached, Saudi FM Says, [Haaretz](#), July 16, 2022.

Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as the capital is Saudi Arabia's requirement for peace with Israel, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir tells CNN.

International

French President: Peace Resumption Only Way to Achieve Security for Palestinians, Israelis, [Wafa News Agency](#), July 20, 2022.

French President Emmanuel Macron said that there is no alternative to the resumption of peace efforts in order to achieve the interests and security of the Palestinian and Israeli peoples.

US Presbyterians Call for End to Israeli Apartheid, [The Electronic Intifada](#), July 18, 2022.

The Presbyterian Church USA has formally recognized that Israel practices the crime of apartheid against Palestinians.

EU-Israel Association Council to be Revived after a Decade, [The Jerusalem Post](#), July 18, 2022.

European Union foreign ministers unanimously voted in Brussels on Monday to revive a high-level dialogue with Israel.

In West Bank, Biden Says Palestinians Need to See 'Political Horizon', [The Jordan Times](#), July 16, 2022.

Palestinian Territories — US President Joe Biden said during a trip to the occupied West Bank on Friday that Palestinians need to see a path towards statehood, even if hopes for a peace process with Israel remain bleak.

King Meets US President In Jeddah, [The Jordan Times](#), July 16, 2022.

US President Joe Biden, following a meeting with His Majesty King Abdullah on Saturday in Jeddah, announced his country's intention to enter into a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) for assistance to Jordan, in which the US supports Jordan with no less than \$1.45 billion annually between the years 2023 and 2029.

Biden-Lapid Joint Declaration Takes Aim at BDS Movement, [Mondoweiss](#), July 14, 2022.

A joint strategic partnership signed by Joe Biden and Yair Lapid promises to combat the BDS movement.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

Japan Contributes US\$ 5 Million In Emergency Assistance For Palestine Refugees In Response To Rising Global Food Prices, [UNRWA](#), July 20, 2022.

The Government of Japan will contribute US\$ 5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for critical food assistance to Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip at a time of global food insecurity.

Young Gazan Palestine Refugee And UNRWA Alumna Ghada Krayem Shares Her Success Story At The Global State Of Human Rights Conference, [UNRWA](#), July 18, 2022.

On 16 July, alumna of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and winner of the European Training Foundation (ETF) Green Skills Award Ghada Krayem shared her experience as one of Gaza's first female technicians in renewable energy at the 2nd edition of the Global State of Human Rights Conference, jointly organised by the European Parliament and the Global Campus of Human Rights in Venice, Italy.

UNRWA Thanks the United States for Its Generous Support for Palestine Refugees, [UNRWA](#), July 15, 2022.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is deeply appreciative of the public affirmation of support for our work during President Biden's trip to the region. The Biden Administration understands the importance of this funding, which will be utilized toward the important mission of UNRWA to assist Palestine refugees in their desire to live a dignified life. Basic health, education, and social protection services that UNRWA provides in the region contribute to the human rights of Palestine refugees.

UNRWA Reviews and Responds to Allegations Concerning Agency Educational Materials, [UNRWA](#), July 15, 2022.

Today, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) shared with Agency partners the results of its review of a recently released report by IMPACT-se alleging UNRWA knowingly utilizes educational materials outside of UN values. The Agency review concluded that the self-learning materials cited in the report are not authorized for use in any UNRWA school.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Calls for Maintaining Levels of UK Funding During London Visit, [UNRWA](#), July 15, 2022.

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, concluded a mission to London between 12-13 July. The visit aimed to reiterate the importance of the United Kingdom's support to UNRWA, especially with the growing humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees.

Analysis & Opinions

Two States: Still the Best Solution for an Israeli-Palestinian Future, (Ami Ayalon, Gilead Sher and Orni Petruschka), [HAARETZ](#), July 20, 2022.

During a press conference in Ramallah on July 16, U.S. President Joe Biden reiterated that “as president of the United States, my commitment to [the] goal of a two-state solution has not changed in all these years.”

This Wasn't the Biden Israel Hoped For, (Zvi Bar'el), [HAARETZ](#), July 20, 2022.

We got nothing, absolutely nothing, out of Joe Biden. We thought he would utter something about the illegal settlements, or at least rebuke the killing of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. We dreamed that he would unveil a new diplomatic plan. But nada.

To Replace US Hegemony, Biden Blesses A Marriage of Apartheid and Autocracy, (Iyad Baghdadadi), [+972 MAGAZINE](#), July 20, 2022.

Israeli-Saudi normalization is at the crux of a new regional order, speaking the language of 'peace' at the price of people like Khashoggi and Abu Akleh.

Palestinian-Americans Demand US Government Provide Equal Protection From Israeli Violations, (Mariam Barghouthi), [Mondoweiss](#), July 19, 2022.

Palestinians with American citizenship are calling for an investigation of discriminatory treatment by the State Department, as well as violations of US laws in service of the Israeli occupation.

EU sides with Israel against its own member states, (Ali Abu Nimah), [THE ELECTRONIC INTIFADA](#), July 19, 2022.

Is the European Union more loyal to Israel than to its own member states? It certainly looks that way.

To Stand with Masafer Yatta, BDS is our Strongest Weapon, (Ryvka Barnard), [THE NEW ARAB](#), July 19, 2022.

As Israel continues to demolish Palestinian villages across the occupied West Bank, the call for BDS is stronger than ever, but so are attempts by Israel and its allies to criminalise the movement, writes Ryvka Barnard.

Algeria, Israel and The Last European Settler Colony in the Arab World, (Joseph Massad), [MIDDLE EAST EYE](#), July 19, 2022.

On the 60th anniversary of Algeria's independence, people's victory against colonial oppression serves as an important historical lesson for Israel.

An American Sledgehammer in Jerusalem, (Natasha Rowland), [+972 MAGAZINE](#), July 19, 2022.

In his new memoir, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman describes how he spent four years gift-wrapping anti-Palestinian violence in the language of Jewish salvation.

The Shameful UN 'List Of Shame': Equating Between The Israeli Perpetrator And The Palestinian Victim, (Dr. Ramzy Baroud), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), July 18, 2022.

"We regret we failed to protect you." This was part of a statement issued by United Nations human rights experts on 14 July, urging the Israeli government to release Palestinian prisoner Ahmad Manasra. Only 14 years old at the time of his arrest and torture by Israeli forces, Manasra is now 20 years old. His case is a representation of Israel's overall inhumane treatment of Palestinian children.

What 10 steps did Biden take to impact Palestinians? (Tovah Lazarov), [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), July 18, 2022.

US Presidents don't arrive empty-handed. They are often bearing gifts, and President Joe Biden is no exception.

The Abraham Accords Might Bring an End to Israel's Occupation After All, (Noa Landau), [HAARETZ](#), July 16, 2022.

Monarchies have a different concept of time. Their tyrants have patience, of the kind that a country which goes to the polls approximately once every two and a half years on average – and recently has changed prime ministers like pairs of socks – does not have. And this patience can be seen in every step in the growing normalization between Arab countries and Israel. Here is a gesture, there a gesture, and here and there is the slow building of local influence.

In Jerusalem, Biden Signs the Palestinians' Death Certificate, (Gideon Levy), [HAARETZ](#), July 16, 2022.

At Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem, of all places, U.S. President Joe Biden signed a death certificate. The two-state solution died a long time ago, and now so has the Palestinians' strategic choice of relying on the West in their struggle for their national rights.

Palestinian Universities are Once Again Under Attack, (Neve Gordon), [ALJAZEERA](#), July 15, 2022.

And as they fight for their survival under apartheid rule, they are receiving no real solidarity from their Israeli counterparts.

Publications and Statements

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