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## **In the Spotlight**

**FIFA World Cup Hospitality Site Lists ‘Occupied Palestinian Territories,’ no Israel, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), August 10, 2022.**

*Section of website offering packages for international soccer tournament has menu to find local Middle East agents, but Israel not among the countries available.*

**ActionAid Calls for Urgent International Action to Open Gaza, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 10, 2022.**

*ActionAid, a global federation working for a world free from poverty and injustice, today called for an urgent international action to open the Gaza Strip after 16 years of tight Israel air, land and sea blockade.*

**Presidency Condemns Israel’s Killing of Palestinians in Nablus, Holds it Responsible for the Consequences, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 9, 2022.**

*The Palestinian presidency today condemned the Israeli assault and killings in the northern West Bank city of Nablus and held the Israeli government responsible for its consequences.*

**UN Human Rights Office on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza: Accountability Is Key to Preventing Recurrence, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 9, 2022.**

*Reacting to the large death and injury toll, mainly among children, and the heavy destruction caused by three days of Israeli airstrikes on the besieged Gaza Strip that started on Friday, the United Nations Human Rights Office in the occupied Palestinian territory said it deplores the civilian casualties and damage to civilian objects, stressing that accountability is key to preventing recurrence of the aggression.*

**Patriarch Says Peace Starts with Palestinians, then Extends to Neighbors, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 9, 2022.**

*Retired Palestinian Patriarch Michel Sabbah said on Monday that peace starts with the Palestinians, then extends to neighbors and the rest of the region. Sabbah was the first Palestinian to serve as the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.*

**Gaza Hospital at Breaking Point After Israeli Bombardment, [ALJAZEERA](#), August 8, 2022.**

*The latest Israeli attack on the coastal enclave exacerbates the crisis of the health sector, already in dire condition due to the 15-year-old blockade.*

**After Ceasefire, Battered Palestinians Recall Israeli ‘Massacre’, [ALJAZEERA](#), August 8, 2022.**

*Many Palestinians were killed just hours before a truce was agreed on between Israel and Islamic Jihad.*

**UN Chief Welcomes Ceasefire in Gaza, Says Hostilities Contributed to a Humanitarian Emergency, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 8, 2022.**

*The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the ceasefire agreement that ended three days of Israeli bombardment of the besieged Gaza Strip that killed 44 Palestinians, including 15 children and four women, and wounded 360 others in addition to the destruction of a large number of homes, adding that the hostilities have contributed to a humanitarian emergency.*

**Special Coordinator Says the UN Has Been Intensively Engaged in Restoring Calm in Gaza, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 8, 2022.**

*The United Nations has been intensively engaged with the concerned parties to restore calm to the Gaza Strip, according to the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland.*

**Israel-Palestine Updates: Ceasefire in Gaza Comes into Force, [Aljazeera](#), August 7, 2022.**

*Israel and Islamic Jihad agreed to an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire that came into force at 20:30 GMT.*

**Ceasefire Agreement That Would End Aggression on Gaza to Take Effect Before Midnight Local Time, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*An Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement that would end three days of Israeli aggression on Gaza that left 43 Palestinians dead, 15 of them children, and more than 300 wounded is expected to take effect at 11:30 PM local time.*

**Israel's Assault on Gaza: What We Know So Far, [Aljazeera](#), August 7, 2022.**

*At least 31 people killed so far in attacks on Gaza, in the worst flare-up since the last major attack in May 2021.*

**Several Children, Commander Killed in Israeli Attack on Gaza, [Aljazeera](#), August 7, 2022.**

*Second Islamic Jihad commander, four more Palestinian children were killed in Gaza Strip as Israel continues its attacks on the coastal enclave.*

**Presidency: Israeli Aggression on Gaza, Jerusalem & Jenin Crosses All Red Lines, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*The Palestinian Presidency has strongly condemned the dangerous Israeli escalation against our people in the Gaza Strip, which so far resulted in the killing of 32 Palestinians and the injury of nearly 250 others.*

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**Israel Will 'Pay A Heavy Price' After Gaza Attack, Iran Warns, [Aljazeera](#), August 6, 2022.**

*Head of the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps tells Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader 'we are with you on this path until the end'.*

**Palestine/Israel**

**A Palestinian Resident of Occupied East Jerusalem Forced to Demolish Own House, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 10, 2022.**

*A Palestinian resident of occupied East Jerusalem was forced today to demolish his own house to avoid paying high fines and costs if the West Jerusalem Israeli municipality carries out the demolition itself, said local sources.*

**Palestinians Clash with Israeli Soldiers During an Incursion into Nablus City, 32 Wounded, Four Serious, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 9, 2022.**

*At least 32 Palestinians were wounded, four of them said to be serious, during clashes with Israeli soldiers who this morning raided the northern West Bank city of Nablus, according to Wafa correspondent.*

**Islamic Jihad Wants Revenge After Israel Kills Its Commanders, [Middle East Monitor](#), August 9, 2022.**

*The Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement apparently decided not to engage in any mediation efforts to end the latest Israeli military offensive against the Gaza Strip, media sources have claimed. Nevertheless, Egypt mediated a ceasefire which came into effect at midnight local time in Gaza.*

**Hundreds of Israeli Settlers Break into Al-Aqsa Mosque Amid High Tensions, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*Hundreds of Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli police broke today into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem and performed rituals across its courtyards, according to witnesses. The provocative tours are still going on until this moment.*

**Occupation Forces Detain 21 Palestinians in West Bank, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*At least 21 Palestinians were arrested last night by the Israeli occupation forces in a major arrest campaign across the occupied West Bank, according to Palestinian security sources.*

## **Regional**

**In a Meeting with Turkish President Erdogan, Prime Minister Shtayyeh Urges Support for Full UN Membership, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 10, 2022.**

*In a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh stressed the importance of Turkey and other countries full support for Palestine's quest for full membership in the United Nations.*

**Turkey Urges De-Escalation in Gaza, Condemns Israeli Aggression, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*The Turkish Foreign Ministry has strongly condemned the latest Israeli airstrikes on Gaza that killed at least 30 people, including children and women.*

## **International**

**China: Absence of Two-State Solution Reason for Recurrent Conflicts between Israel and Palestine, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 8, 2022.**

*China said today that the underlying reason for the recurrent conflicts between Israel and Palestine is the absence of the implementation of the two-state solution and long denial of the Palestinian people's legitimate appeal for establishing an independent state.*

**Russian Foreign Ministry: Israeli Airstrikes on Gaza Caused the Escalation of Tension, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 8, 2022.**

*Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova stressed that the Israeli air strikes on the Gaza Strip have caused the escalation of tension.*

**Malaysia Strongly Condemns Israeli Attacks on Gaza, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*Malaysia has condemned in the strongest terms the ongoing Israeli aggression on Gaza which has so far claimed the lives of 32 Palestinians, predominantly civilians, and injured more than 210 others.*

**South Africa Condemns Israeli Aggression on Gaza, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 7, 2022.**

*South Africa has strongly condemned the Israeli aggression on the Gaza strip which has so far claimed the lives of 32 Palestinians, predominantly civilians and injured more than 210 others.*

**Ireland Calls for Immediate De-Escalation and An End of Israeli Aggression, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 6, 2022.**

*Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney called today for an immediate de-escalation of the Israeli aggression on Gaza and the protection of civilians there, which he said is an obligation under international humanitarian law.*

**Russia Calls for A Sustainable Ceasefire in Gaza, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 6, 2022.**

*Russia called today for an immediate end of the Israeli airstrikes and a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement on Saturday.*

**Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA**

**Germany Contributes €28 Million to Support Digital UNRWA Programs in Gaza and Jordan, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 11, 2022.**

*On 22 July and 11 August, respectively, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) signed two financing agreements for a total amount of €28 million provided by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through KfW Development Bank.*

**The Republic of Korea Contributes US\$ 2.1 Million In Support of Palestine Refugees, [UNRWA](#), August 10, 2022.**

*The Government of the Republic of Korea announces a US\$ 2.1 million contribution to the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Some US\$ 1 million of these funds will be used for investments in vocational education for Palestine refugees in Jordan, while another US\$ 1 million will support life-saving UNRWA food assistance activities in Gaza.*

**Situation In Gaza: Statement Attributable to The UNRWA Spokesperson, [UNRWA](#), August 6, 2022.**

*The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is deeply concerned by the events in Gaza over the last two days. Yesterday, five Palestine refugees were killed in Jabalia camp including two children who attended UNRWA schools.*

**UNRWA Shuts Down Its Facilities in Gaza Except For Health Services, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 6, 2022.**

*The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) announced today the closure of all its facilities in the Gaza Strip to the public until further notice, with the exception of the 22 health centers.*

## **Analysis & Opinions**

### **Israel's fake security narrative is bolstered by the Abraham Accords (Ramona Wadi), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 9, 2022.**

*"The deaths of innocent people, particularly children, is heart-breaking," said Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, without any signs that his heart was breaking. All Palestinians, including children, have been regarded as legitimate targets by Israel for decades, and in a densely populated strip of land such as Gaza, the Israeli government cannot claim to have any sympathy for civilian deaths when it knows in advance of its military offensives that it will kill innocent people. All of this happens under the pretext of Israel's fake "security" and "self-defense" narrative, which the international community accepts without question.*

### **Evidence Reaffirms That Palestine Remains an Arab Cause (Ramzy Baroud), [ARAB NEWS](#), August 9, 2022.**

*It seemed all but a done deal: Palestine has become a marginal issue that no longer defines Israel's relations with Arab countries. Indeed, normalization with Israel is afoot and the Arabs, so it seems, have finally been tamed.*

### **Hamas Stayed on the Sidelines During Latest Violence with Israel. it Could Cost it on the Palestinian Street. (Daoud Kuttab), [the media line](#), August 8, 2022.**

*Many observers of the Palestinian scene were surprised last weekend by Hamas' decision not to participate in the firing of rockets against Israel in reaction to Israel's operation in Gaza.*

### **How Colonizers Weaponize Rape: Reflections from The Palestinian Case (Tamam Mohsen), [Mondoweiss](#), August 8, 2022.**

*Israel's use of rape as an instrument of war is nothing new. What's unique is that it has been at war with the Palestinians for 74 years.*

### **Where was Hamas During Israel's Latest Bombardment of Gaza? (Motasem A Dalloul), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 8, 2022.**

*Israel launched a wide-scale offensive against the Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip on Friday afternoon. Its stated target was senior Islamic Jihad commander Tayseer Al-Jaabari in his apartment in a high-rise residential building in Al-Remal area of Gaza City. He was killed along with several civilians, including five-year-old Alaa Qaddoum and her father, who lived in the apartment next to Al-Jaabari's. The Israeli occupation authorities claimed that they had carried out a pre-emptive strike to thwart attacks on Israel planned by Al-Jaabari.*

### **Why Israel Hates the Palestinians So Much (Marwan Bishara), [ALJAZEERA](#), August 8, 2022.**

*Israel's hatred of the Palestinians is shaped and driven by three basic sentiments.*

**No Operation Is Taking Place in Gaza (Rogel Alpher), [HAARETZ](#), August 8, 2022.**

*There's a lie that's almost unanimously accepted in Israel these days according to which a military operation is now taking place in the Gaza Strip. But that isn't true. There's no military operation in Gaza. Everything we are being told about the operation that's ostensibly taking place there is wrong.*

**'I really Wish It Will End': How Mothers In Gaza Are Handling The Latest Israeli Escalation (Ziad Ali), [Mondoweiss](#), August 7, 2022.**

*Receiving the "panic call" was no surprise to me. It was my friend Laila, who used to live in the Gaza Strip and emigrated to Britain. She called checking on me and my family after hearing the news about the latest escalation in the Gaza Strip that began Friday. I told her that we are OK, and that we checked on her family members in Gaza. Thankfully, they are all safe and sound.*

**Israel's 'Operation Groom a Partner' in Gaza (Noa Landau), [HAARETZ](#), August 7, 2022.**

*A popular joke, paraphrasing playwright Hanoch Levin, says that Israel only has three seasons: summer, elections and war. And like clockwork, before we could say "next year in an apartment with a reinforced room" – the seasonal round of fighting erupted against the Gaza Strip.*

**When Will the Settler Colonial Siege of The Gaza Strip End? (M Muhannad Ayyash), [ALJAZEERA](#), August 6, 2022.**

*This is a siege whose end goal is, not just the weakening, but the eradication of all Palestinian resistance.*

**Publications and Statements**

**Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 135 | 31 July – 6 Aug. 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), August 7, 2022.**