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A weekly round-up on the latest news, developments, relevant publications, and upcoming events on the QoP. This round-up aims to help the members 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

Israel's latest radioactive threat: appraisals of its Apartheid nature, (by Jonathan Ofir) *[Mondoweiss](#)*, January 3, 2022

Israel's Foreign Minister Yair Lapid called the apartheid appraisal "a despicable lie" and added that "in 2022, it will be a tangible threat."

Palestinian Prisoner's Hunger Strike Leads to Deal for Release, (by Raja Abdulrahim and Ronen Bergman) *[The New York Times](#)*, January 4, 2022

Israel have released Hisham Abu Hawash after 141 days of refusing food and medical intervention.

Gantz's meeting with Abbas marks latest move in his role of serving Israel's security elite, (by Shir Hever) *[Middle East Eye](#)*, January 5, 2022

Defence Minister needs PA cooperation to "suppress Palestinian resistance."

The Truth Will Set You Free, (by Gideon Levy) *[Haaretz](#)*, January 6, 2022

Lapid announced that there is no Israeli partner and "the end to the peace process ritual that has facilitated the many years of occupation."

Will 2022 be the year the 'Israel apartheid' label sticks?, (by Lahav Harkov) *[The Jerusalem Post](#)*, January 6, 2022

Foreign Ministry's strategy and planning experts see the 'apartheid' label as a major challenge.

Why Criticize Israel, When Cruelty Elsewhere in the World Is Worse?, (by Amira Hass) *[Haaretz](#)*, January 4, 2022

An overview into the crimes that Israel have committed and are continuing to commit against the Palestinians.

Palestine/Israel

Palestinian prisoners launch boycott of Israeli military courts, (by Zena Al Tahhan) *[Al Jazeera](#)*, January 4, 2022

Boycott launched as hunger striker Hisham Abu Hawwash faces imminent death.

The BDS Movement Affirms Its Full Support with Administrative Prisoners Boycotting Israeli Courts, [BDS](#), January 4, 2022

BDS have called for a boycott “on all cases related to the policy of administration.”

Israel stops mosque construction in Jerusalem, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 4, 2022

On 3rd January, Israel put a stop to the building of a mosque in the Issawiya neighbourhood under the pretence that there was no building permit.

Palestinian embroidery: social, cultural identity on the UNESCO list, [Al-Monitor](#), January 4, 2022

Palestinian embroidery registered on the UNESCO Cultural Heritage List after Israel’s bid to claim the “traditional embroidered Palestinian dress to themselves.”

Abbas: PA under financial siege to pressure it, Middle East Monitor, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 4, 2022

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas coming under pressure due to imposed financial siege.

“Let 2022 Be Election Year” PCHR Calls upon Authorities in Gaza to Empower CEC to Hold Local Elections in Gaza Strip, [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#), January 3, 2022

PCHR asks the authorities in the Gaza Strip to allow the Central Elections Commission to hold the “local council elections that are scheduled to be held on 26th March 2022.”

Rockets fired from Gaza, (by Rina Bassist) [Al-Monitor](#), January 3, 2022

On 1st January, two rockets were fired and exploded over the Mediterranean Sea which resulted in retaliation from the Israeli military, “targeting Hamas rocket production sites as well as Hamas military posts along the Gaza border.”

Israel escalates threats against Palestinian resistance in Gaza, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 3, 2022

Israeli authorities have escalated threats whilst Egypt attempts to mediate in order to keep the ceasefire.

Why Israel is amending its open-fire policy: Three possible answers, (by Ramzy Baroud) [Mondoweiss](#), January 3, 2022

Military’s new legislation allows for soldiers to shoot at Palestinian youth for throwing rocks with live ammunition.

What my son is learning about being Palestinian in the Jewish state, (by Ayat About Shmeiss) [+972 Magazine](#), January 3, 2022

The difficulties of raising a child in a state where Arabs are treated as inferiors.

2021 in Palestine: A New Generation Has Finally Risen, (by Ramzy Baroud) [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 3, 2022

Reflection on the pandemic, cancelled elections, Sheikh Jarrah, BDS and the ICC, and Palestinian hunger strikers.

Palestinian Authority appoints spy chief as new interior minister, [The New Arab](#), January 3, 2022

PA have appointed former intelligence chief General Ziad Hab al-Reeh as interior minister.

Hamas says rejects municipal elections in Gaza, (by Khaled Abu Toameh) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 3, 2022

Second phase of the Palestinian municipal elections due to be held in the Gaza Strip denied by Hamas.

Turkish municipality to rebuild Palestinian home destroyed by Israeli occupation, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 3, 2022

Mayor of Turkish city of Konya has pledged to restore a Palestinian home in the West Bank after it was destroyed by the Israeli occupation.

PA stability is in Israel's interest, says minister, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 3, 2022

The Israeli communications minister Yoaz Handel condemns the meeting between Benny Gantz and Mahmoud Abbas.

Witnesses: Car Crash That Left Palestinian Man Seriously Injured Caused by Settlers, (by Hagar Shezaf) [Haaretz](#), January 3, 2022

Settler detained after stone throwing caused a serious car accident and left a Nablus resident seriously injured.

Power struggle: Bill to hook up illegal Arab homes to grid passes in stormy session, [The Times of Israel](#), January 5, 2022

Confrontation and insults as “lawmakers deliberated a bill that would allow thousands of illegally built homes, mostly in Arab communities, to connect to the power grid.”

Israel Indefinitely Postpones Contentious Settlement Building Plan, (by Hagar Shezaf) [Haaretz](#), January 5, 2022

Construction planning in the West Bank E-1 region has been delayed.

Fast-tracked Knesset Vote on Unrecognized Villages Passes, Enraging Opposition, (by Noa Spigel) [Haaretz](#), January 5, 2022

Mansour Abbas' list designed to help those living in illegally built homes in Negev.

Israeli settler runs over elderly Palestinian, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 5, 2022

Suleiman Al-Hathaleen, a Palestinian activist, has been severely injured after an Israeli settler drove into him.

Israel renews administrative detention against Palestinian MP from Jerusalem, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 6, 2022

A further six-month administrative detention given to Palestinian MP, Mohammed Abu Teir.

Israel to freeze plan to build mine that would displace Bedouins after 'Islamist party pressure': report, [The New Arab](#), January 6, 2022

The United Arab List played a huge role in stopping 36,000 Bedouin being displaced.

Israel advances plans for 3,557 new settlement units in occupied Jerusalem, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 6, 2022

The local committee for planning and construction of the Jerusalem Municipality have approved plans to advance settlements.

Palestinian Killed in Gunfire Exchange With Israeli Army Outside West Bank Refugee Camp, (by Jack Khoury) [Haaretz](#), January 6, 2022

Bakir Mohammed Hashash killed outside the Balata refugee camp by Israeli troops on Wednesday night.

Palestinians Around Homesh Pay the Price for a Settler's Murder, (by Hagar Shezaf) [Haaretz](#), January 6, 2022

The murder of Yehuda Dimentman has led to intensified attacks from settlers towards local Palestinians.

Palestinians seek Israeli citizenship in Jerusalem, (by Taghreed Ali) [Al-Monitor](#), January 5, 2022

Palestinians hoping to obtain the benefits such as "health insurance, social security and freedom of movement" from Israeli citizenship.

Israel Postpones ‘Doomsday Settlement’ Building Plan, [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 5, 2022

Construction planning in the West Bank E-1 region has been delayed.

Sheikh Jarrah: Palestinian family faces forced displacement, [*Al Jazeera*](#), January 5, 2022

Salem family to be evicted from their home that they have owned since 1951.

The hurdles to leaving Gaza for medical care (Or, what can you really hide inside a tube of toothpaste?), (by Noor Agha) [*Mondoweiss*](#), January 5, 2022

The difficulty of getting out of Gaza and the humiliating security checkpoints.

Israel issues first sentence in mob attack on Palestinian citizen of Israel, [*The New Arab*](#), January 5, 2022

A Palestinian man, Lahay Nagauker was “convicted of incitement to violence and racism following the attack” after throwing a bottle at his victim’s car.

PA President Abbas Excludes Close Aides to Marwan Barghouti from Fatah, [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 5, 2022

“Palestinian Authority (PA), PLO and Fatah President, Mahmoud Abbas, has started a campaign to exclude close aides to jailed Fatah leader, Marwan Barghouti.”

Israel to Build New Settlement near Gaza Strip, [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 5, 2022

Israel’s National Planning and Building Council have approved a new settlement that will be home to 500 Israeli Jewish families.

Electricity law connects Bedouin homes to Israel’s power grid, (by Mazal Mualem) [*Al-Monitor*](#), January 7, 2022

The change in law will allow mainly Arab and Bedouin-owned houses built without permits to access electricity from Israel’s power grid.

As Israel Bends Over Backwards for Homesh, Palestinians Pay the Price, [*Haaretz*](#), January 7, 2022

“The murder of Yehuda Dimentman about three weeks ago gave both the settlers and the security forces the legitimacy to make the Palestinians’ lives miserable.”

PA walking fine line between security coordination and normalization, (by Khaled Abu Toameh) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 6, 2022

Critics of the Palestinian Authority claim that “security coordination is a form of 'collaboration with the Israeli enemy' in cracking down on Hamas, PIJ and other terrorist groups.”

Israel must choose: Withdraw from the occupied territories or grant Palestinians under its control full rights, (by Mairav Zonszein) [The Washington Post](#), January 6, 2022

Israel must remove its military presence in the West Bank or citizenship with full equality must be granted.

State Archive Error Shows Israeli Censorship Guided by Concerns Over National Image, (by Ofer Aredet) [Haaretz](#), January 5, 2022

Historical documents not accessible as a matter of security and foreign relations or is it to protect Israel's image.

Israel Promised Years of Quiet After Gaza War. It May Be Only Months, (by Amos Harel) [Haaretz](#), January 7, 2022

Incidents and attacks continue along the Gaza Strip despite the promises from Israel.

This is Israel's Nixon Moment, [The Daily Beast](#), January 2, 2022

An overview of the failures of Benjamin Netanyahu and how he “destroyed Israeli's faith in politics.”

Concern grows for Palestinian teen held by Israel, [France 24](#), January 9, 2022

17-year-old Amal Nakhleh held without charge by Israel and faces a new hearing on Monday.

Israel killed over 300 Palestinians in 2021 marking a seven-year high, charity says, (by Bel Trew) Yahoo News, January 5, 2022

B'Tselem said that this has marked the deadliest year since 2014, with 313 Palestinians killed.

'Subhuman' is harsh, but how else would you call settlers' crimes?, (by Gideon Levy) Haaretz, January 8, 2022

Investigating the crimes that settlers commit against local Palestinians and the controversies of using the term 'subhuman.'

Regional

Egypt releases son of senior Palestinian official after two years in prison: Report, [*Middle East Eye*](#), January 3, 2022

After over two years, Egyptian-Palestinian activist and co-founder of the BDS movement in Egypt, Ramy Shaath, Egypt's prosecution ordered his release.

Gantz meets Jordan's King Abdullah in Amman to discuss regional stability, (by Judah Ari Gross) [*The Times of Israel*](#), January 5, 2022

Defence Minister Benny Gantz and Jordanian King Abdullah II meet in Jordan to discuss "security and diplomatic concerns."

What does 2022 hold for the Middle East and the world? All bets are off, [*Middle East Eye*](#), December 31, 2021

Six experts on the Middle East predict some of the key issues that the region will most likely face in 2022.

Turkey condemns Israel's approval of new settlements in East Jerusalem, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), January 6, 2022

The Turkish Foreign Ministry claim that the settlements contribute to ending the vision of a two-state solution.

Morocco groups reiterate rejection of normalisation deal with Israel, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), January 7, 2022

The Moroccan Front in Support of Palestine and Against Normalisation has condemned all forms of normalisation with Israel.

International

Dutch government ends funding to Palestinian civil society group, (by Zena Al Tahhan) [*Al Jazeera*](#), January 6, 2022

The Dutch government has cut funding to UAWC after an 18-month suspension.

With loose definitions of anti-Semitism, German media launches a witch-hunt against pro-Palestine voices, (by Matt Unicom) [*The New Arab*](#), January 5, 2022

German discourse uses anti-Semitism accusations to silence pro-Palestinians.

More than 20 acts withdraw from Sydney Festival to protest Israeli embassy funding, [Middle East Eye](#), January 7, 2022

20 acts have withdrawn as Israel listed as a “Star Partner” of the festival after their \$20,000 grant.

Jimmy Carter: I Fear for Our Democracy, [The New York Times](#), January 5, 2022

“Toxic polarization...threatens our democracy.” Jimmy Carter reflects on the storming of the Capitol.

Palestinians press Biden to take more active role in Israeli-Palestinian conflict, (by Barak Ravid) [Yahoo News](#), January 5, 2022

“More active U.S. diplomatic engagement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is needed to avoid a new crisis in the region.”

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

Germany contributes to vital winterization support for Palestine refugees from Syria in Jordan, [UNRWA](#), December 30, 2021

This winter, over 18,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan will receive essential winterization support from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Publications and Statements

Researcher Jasem Mohammad Zakaria publishes a paper on International responsibility for Israel on grave violations at OPT, [Law for Palestine](#), December 27, 2021

The research published in the Damascus University Journal for Legal Studies, is entitled “International responsibility for Israel on grave violations at Occupied Palestine Between criminalization and human accountability.”

WHAT’S AHEAD FOR PALESTINE IN 2022, (by Richard Falk), December 31, 2022

The paper is entitled, “More Traditional Diplomacy, but no stability.”

Israeli Settler Terror against Palestinian Civilians, December 29, 2021



Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations letter highlighting the brutality of the Israeli forces specifically towards the elderly and children and the unwillingness of the international community.

Letter to Parliament – external review UAWC, January 5, 2021

“Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Tom de Bruijn, and the minister of Foreign Affairs, Ben Knapen, made a decision based on the outcomes in the report presented by Proximities which was sent to the Netherlands Parliament.”

Events

East London PSC: The Impact of Climate Change on Palestine Under Occupation

This webinar will examine the role of climate change on the local community in Palestine. It will take place on 22nd January 2022.

Ottawa Forum on Israel/Palestine: This webinar will explore how “Palestinians are still fighting to preserve their right to live in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan and many other areas of Jerusalem.” It will take place on 19th January 2022.