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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

Between a Rising Tide and Apartheid: Environmental Justice in Palestine, (by Jim Miles) [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 23, 2022

“A recent seminar from the group “Visualizing Palestine” served to present four graphic representations of environmental problems within Israel/Palestine.”

Israeli police demolish Palestinian family’s Sheikh Jarrah home, (by Bethan McKernan) [*the Guardian*](#), January 19, 2022

Israeli police removed 15 family members by force before demolishing the home of the Saliya family.

The Abraham Accords are accelerating a return to war in Western Sahara, (by Vijay Prashad) [*Mondoweiss*](#), January 20, 2022

“Joe Biden's embrace of the Trump's administration's Abraham Accords has included the position that Morocco has sovereignty over Western Sahara.”

‘I Remember the Blood in the Barrel’: Israeli Veterans Finally Admit to Mass Killing in Tantura, (by Romana Rubeo) [*The Palestine Chronicle*](#), January 21, 2022

A number of former Israeli soldiers have “confessed that a massacre took place in Tantura on May 22-23, 1948.”

Palestine/Israel

For a Month, a Palestinian Family Watched Over Their Mentally Ill Son. He Escaped and Hit a Soldier With His Car, (by Hagar Shezaf) [*Haaretz*](#), January 22, 2022

A young man with symptoms of psychosis has been labelled a “terrorist” and held in detention after injuring an Israeli soldier.

Israel: court refuses to rule on return of family to Sheikh Jarrah home, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), January 24, 2022

The Salhiyah family have been evicted by Israeli police and their house destroyed.

Israel prevents urgent medical equipment entering Gaza, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), January 24, 2022

Israeli authorities have prevented medical equipment and supplies from entering Gaza.

Sheikh Jarrah Palestinian residents take turns guarding their homes, (by Taghreed Ali) [Al Monitor](#), January 23, 2022

Families have been taking turns to guard their houses against settlers and the Israeli forces due to fear of eviction and destruction of their homes.

Israel's Lapid Meets With Palestinian Civil Affairs Minister, (by Jonathan Lis) [Haaretz](#), January 23, 2022

Palestinian Civil Affairs Minister Hussin al-Sheikh and Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid met to discuss “initiatives to improve the Palestinian economy.”

Israeli Soldiers Bound, Gagged 80-year-old Palestinian for Over an Hour Before He Died, Army Finds, (by Yaniv Kubovich) [Haaretz](#), January 23, 2022

Investigations continue over the death of 80-year-old Palestinian-American Omar Abdalmajeed As'ad.

Suleiman Hathaleen: How a 73-year-old defied Israeli occupation, (by Louy Alsaeed) [Al Jazeera](#), January 23, 2022

Hathaleen remembered after being killed on 5th January by Israeli troops as someone that could mobilise “the Palestinian street against Israeli occupation.”

Israel detaining 17 Palestinian journalists, media professionals: NGO, [The New Arab](#), January 23, 2022

“Of the 17, seven are serving prison sentences, with five detained under administrative detention and another five yet to receive a verdict.”

Israel Wants to Plant More Trees to Combat Climate Change, but Just Cut Down 300,000 of Them, (by Lee Yaron) [Haaretz](#), January 23, 2022

The cabinet have approved the resolution that calls for “450,000 trees” to be planted over the next two decades.

Woman Shot Dead in Central Israel Is Second Arab Murder Victim in Two Days, (by Ran Shimoni) [Haaretz](#), January 22, 2022

Suhaila Jarushi, a 36-year-old woman, is the “seventh fatal case of crime and gun violence in Israel's Arab community” in January.

Israel Prevents Family, Red Cross from Visiting Critically-Ill Nasser Abu Hamid, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 22, 2022

Israeli Prison Services is not allowing anyone to visit 49-year-old Abu Hamid, “despite his critical condition.”

Sheikh Jarrah: Residents promise to stand firm after Salhiya demolition, (by Latifeh Abdellatif) [Middle East Eye](#), January 22, 2022

Great support and solidarity shown in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah after the eviction of the Salhiya family.

Israel to demolish home of two imprisoned Palestinian prisoners as collective punishment, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 21, 2022

Ghaith and Omar Jaradat, brothers from Jenin, have been told that their home will be demolished after being accused of the killing of an Israeli soldier.

Sheikh Jarrah: Israeli settlers seize, fence off piece of land from Palestinian family, (by Qassam Muaddi) [The New Arab](#), January 21, 2022

Israelis, “in the presence of the Israeli police and the deputy mayor of the Jerusalem municipality” have seized land belonging to the Salem family.

Jerusalem Salhiah family to bring home demolition case to ICC, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 21, 2022

The Salhiah family will be taking their case to the International Court of Justice.

As Jerusalem's Christians come under attack from Jewish extremists, the West turns a blind eye to Israel's complicity, (by Robert Inlakesh) [The New Arab](#), January 21, 2022

Extremist Israeli settler groups have been trying to remove Palestinian Christians from Jerusalem’s Old City as the global community continue to ignore what is happening.

Nakba denial in Israel is long and deep, new documentary shows, (by Jonathan Ofir) [Mondoweiss](#), January 21, 2022

“A new documentary demolishes the official denial of the Tantura massacre, when more than 200 Palestinians were gunned down by a Zionist militia days after the establishment of Israel in 1948.”

The female guardians of the land: The Palestinian women at the forefront of protests to defend Negev villages, [The New Arab](#), January 21, 2022

The role of women in Palestinian activism has been highlighted as the women of the Negev region are at the “forefront of protests.”

PA sentences journalist to three months in prison, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 21, 2022

Abdul Rahman Zaher has been sentenced to three months imprisonment after “defaming the authority.”

Gaza infrastructure triggers war of words between Hamas, Fatah, (by Sally Ibrahim) [The New Arab](#), January 21, 2022

“A Fatah-affiliated minister said Hamas should bear responsibility for the collapse of Gaza's infrastructure, as it continues to boycott municipal elections. The Islamic movement's spokesman hit back accusing the PA of complicity with Israel.”

Israel’s ‘war of attrition’ against Palestinian children, (by Marwa Kocak and Amy Addison-Dunne) [Al Jazeera](#), January 21, 2022

Palestinian Bedouin children are being arrested, detained, and put under house-arrest.

Israeli Woman Killed in North Is Sixth Victim of Violence in Arab Community This Month, (by Jack Khoury and Deiaa Haj Yahia) [Haaretz](#), January 21, 2022

Rasmia Barbur, a 28-year-old woman, was found with multiple stab wounds in an apartment in Nof Hagadil. Her husband has been arrested.

Israeli forces detain disabled man until his son surrenders, (by Qassam Muaddi) [The New Arab](#), January 20, 2022

When police found that Ahmad Khuzaimiyah was not at home, they arrested his disabled father and brother.

Where the Streets Have No Arabic Name, a Group of Women Reminds Us of Palestinian History, (by Esther Zandberg) [Haaretz](#), January 20, 2022

Women are putting up additional signs where placenames have been Hebraized.

Palestinian prisoner begins 40th year of Israeli detention, [The New Arab](#), January 19, 2022

Maher Younes, now 64-years old, “was detained on 18 January 1983 in Israel's Haifa district, accused of murdering an Israeli army soldier.”

Settlers Attack Left-wing Activists in West Bank, Set Their Car Ablaze, (by Hagar Shezaf and Jack Khoury) [Haaretz](#), January 21, 2022

Seven human rights activists have been injured after being attacked by settlers in Burin, West Bank.

Israel Evicts Palestinians in Flashpoint Area of East Jerusalem, (by Patrick Kingsley and Rawan Sheikh Ahmad), [The New York Times](#), January 19, 2022

“Israelis evicted an extended family and destroyed their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, where attempted evictions last year helped spark a war with Gaza.”

‘How do they expect my children to grow up and not be full of hatred?’ (by Yuval Abraham) [+972 Magazine](#), January 19, 2022

Lital Salhiyeh considers the damage the home demolition has done to her family and the feelings it has conjured up, “How do they expect my children to grow up and not be full of anger and hatred against them? This is no longer my country. After today, this is not my country.”

Urban renewal in east Jerusalem would help thousands of Palestinians, (by Gershon Baskin) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 19, 2022

Before urban renewal starts, demolition orders must stop.

Committee advances plans for new Jerusalem homes beyond Green Line, (by Aaron Boxerman) [The Times of Israel](#), January 17, 2022

The neighbourhood would be built between Givat Hamatos and Har Homa, “both of which are located beyond the Green Line.”

Court orders those arrested amid Sheikh Jarrah demolition released, (by Aaron Boxerman) [The Times of Israel](#), January 19, 2022

Jerusalem court have demanded that the 13 Palestinians arrested during the demolition be released including members from the Salhiyah family.

This time of year, East Jerusalem becomes Venice without boats, (by Sahar Khadar) [Haaretz](#), January 18, 2022

Khadar expresses the reality of life in Kafr Aqab, the neglect the neighbourhood suffers and the difficulties this presents.

How a Plea Bargain for Netanyahu Could Realign Israeli Politics, (by Neri Zilber) [Foreign Policy](#), January 19, 2022

“A plea deal offer that former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is reportedly mulling, which would keep him out of prison but also out of politics for the coming years, could trigger a political realignment in Israel if clinched and destabilize the current government.”

Happy Birthday, Knesset! And RIP to Israeli Democracy, (by B. Michael) [Haaretz](#), January 18, 2022

An overview of the Knesset as it celebrates its 73rd birthday.

Cruelty by design, (by Amjad Iraqi) [+972 Magazine](#), January 22, 2022

“Cruelty is baked into Israeli apartheid.” An analysis of the most recent attacks on Palestinians including home demolitions, arrests, and killings.

‘Who do you think you are?’ How the Israeli system turned against Yuli Novak, (by Rabbi Michael Davis) [Mondoweiss](#), January 23, 2022

“Novak is a 40-year-old Israeli whose background and early career is as mainstream as they come. She went through a violent transformation and now models her own and Israel’s future on that of South Africa, post-apartheid.”

The Ghosts of Tantura, (by Gideon Levy) [Haaretz](#), January 23, 2022

“The ghosts of Tantura shall not let go until the last of the witnesses and the descendants die. The ghosts of Tantura may not let go until the truth comes to light and Israel acknowledges it.”

Deputy minister: You can’t have free, democratic state so long as we control people, (by Tia Goldenberg) [The Times of Israel](#), January 21, 2022

“Retired major general Yair Golan spent a significant part of his military career serving in the West Bank, protecting Jewish settlements. Today, he is one of their most vocal critics.”

Israel's public security minister: Settler attack on activists is 'terrorism', [Haaretz](#), January 23, 2022

Public Security Minister Omer Bar-lev criticised the attacks but added that it was “very difficult for police to collect evidence.”

Israel Harel's Racist Diatribe Against Bedouins Reveals the Depths of Apartheid, (by Rawia Aburabia and Oren Yiftachel) [Haaretz](#), January 18, 2022

Regional

Assad regime tortured over 653 Palestinian refugees to death since 2011, report reveals, [Middle East Monitor](#), January 23, 2022

The Action Group for Palestinians in Syria has reported that four Palestinian refugees died in the last year due to torture and a further 1790 Palestinians remain in secret detention.

Rejecting Normalization, Young Kuwaiti Tennis Player Refuses to Face Israeli Opponent, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), January 22, 2022

14-year-old Muhammad Al-Awadi has withdrawn from an international tennis tournament in Dubai.

Gulf Arabs slam Palestinian terror groups for ‘supporting’ Houthi attacks, (by Khaled Abu Toameh) [The Jerusalem Post](#), January 22, 2022

The signing of the Abraham Accords caused increased “tensions between the Palestinians and the Gulf countries.”

Qatar Signs Deal to Ensure Gas Supply to Gaza Power Plant, [Haaretz](#), January 21, 2022

Qatar will “deliver natural gas from Israel to the Gaza Strip’s sole power station.”

Palestinian dies in Egyptian detention in Sinai, (by Thayer Mansour) [The New Arab](#), January 19, 2022

Ayman Moussa Al-Gazar, a 50-year-old Palestinian man has died in his cell due to medical negligence.

International

Can Algeria succeed in Palestinian reconciliation file, where others failed?, (by Rasha Abou Jalal) Al Monitor, January 24, 2022

“Algeria and Russia are suggesting new initiatives to bring about a breakthrough to reconcile Palestinian factions.”

Palestinian minister: Biden moving too slow on pushing peace, The New Arab, January 20, 2022

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki has criticised President Biden for not taking faster action on reversing the damage of Trump’s administration.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

Palestine Refugees in Lebanon: Struggling to Survive, UNRWA, January 18, 2022

“Lebanon is currently facing an unprecedented economic and financial crisis characterized by the World Bank as a “deliberate depression” and considered one of the most severe crises since the mid-nineteenth century.”

Syria, Lebanon and Jordan Emergency Appeal 2022, UNRWA, January 18, 2022

“The protracted consequences of the Syria crisis, coupled with the socio-economic deterioration in Lebanon and Syria and the impacts of COVID-19, continue to pose grave humanitarian challenges to Palestine refugees.”

Remarks by UNRWA Commissioner-General at the Geneva Executive Briefing, UNRWA, January 18, 2022

“US\$ 806 million is the bare minimum that UNRWA needs to sustain quality services to Palestine refugees and contribute to the attainment of the SDGs for one of the most underprivileged communities in the region.”

UNRWA seeks \$1.6 billion to support Palestinian refugees in 2022, UN Geneva, January 18, 2022

“The UN agency that supports Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, on Tuesday appealed for \$1.6 billion to support its lifesaving work this year amid acute regional crises and chronic funding shortfalls.”

UN agencies call for the immediate release of a seriously ill Palestinian child detained in Israel, [UNRWA](#), January 20, 2022

“The Government of Israel has extended the detention of Amal Nakhleh until 18 May 2022 without charge or trial. Amal, 17 years old when arrested, has been in administrative detention for more than one year.”

Publications and Statements

Israel/Palestine: Statement by the Spokesperson on developments in occupied East Jerusalem, [EEAS](#), January 19, 2022

EEAS express their concern over the demolition of a family home in Sheikh Jarrah and the possibility of it occurring again.

Israel / Palestinian territories - Statement by spokespersons of the Foreign ministries of France, Germany, Italy and Spain, [France Diplomacy](#), January 19, 2022

Foreign Ministries express their concern over the plans for housing units in the East Jerusalem.

Dateline Jerusalem: Uncovering Australia's double standard in media coverage of Israel and Palestine, (by Ramona Wadi) [The New Arab](#), January 20, 2022

John Lyons book, “Dateline Jerusalem: Journalism’s Toughest Assignment” considers the influence of the Israeli lobby over Australian media.

Statement by Dr. Laura Wharton of Jerusalem City Council

Dr Wharton, representative of Meretz on Jerusalem’s City Council expresses her apologies for the demolition of a Palestinian family home.

Jahalin Solidarity, Urgent Update on Salhiya Family, January 2022

Letter, Legal Potentials regarding planned demolition in Sheikh Jarrah, January 2022

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Statement Al-Haq about funding suspension imposed by the European Commission, Al-Haq, January 21, 2022

Seizing Control of Space in East Jerusalem by Dr Meir Margalit, May 2010

Events