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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

Classified Docs Reveal Massacres of Palestinians in '48 – and What Israeli Leaders Knew, Haaretz, December 9, 2021

According to an investigation by Haaretz, Israel's leaders in 1948 knew in real time about the Nakba events.

16-year old Palestinian shot dead in West Bank after alleged attack, Middle East Eye, December 6, 2021

Israeli forces murdered 16-year-old Palestinian Mohammed Nidal Younis after what they claimed was an attempted car ramming at a military checkpoint in occupied West Bank.

GNQP expresses outrage at yet another extrajudicial execution in the oPt, Middle East Eye, December 8, 2021

The Global Network on the Question of Palestine strongly condemns the brutal extrajudicial execution of Mohammad Shawkat Salima on December 4 and urges relevant bodies and authorities to take swift action to ensure that human rights are respected in occupied Palestine.

Israel delays major settlement plan for occupied East Jerusalem, Al Jazeera, December 6, 2021

An Israeli state planning commission halted plans for a controversial settlement project in occupied East Jerusalem that would build up to 9,000 homes for Jewish settlers.

Israel: soldier caught on camera planting gun in Palestinian's car, Middle East Monitor, December 7, 2021

While reviewing bodycam footage from an arrest of a 19-year-old Palestinian man, a lawyer discovered that an Israeli soldier planted a gun in the Palestinian's vehicle.

Israel completes 'iron wall' underground Gaza barrier, Al Jazeera, December 7, 2021

Israel announced the completion of a sensor-equipped underground wall on its side of Gaza.

Explosion at Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon leads to deaths, injuries, [Al-Monitor](#), December 11, 2021

An explosion in the Burj al-Shemali refugee camp near the coastal city of Tyre killed several people. The explosion occurred at a center used by Hamas.

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Israeli Stabbed in East Jerusalem; Palestinian Teen Facing Eviction Arrested, [Haaretz](#), December 8, 2021

Police apprehended a 14-year-old Palestinian girl who was suspected of stabbing an Israeli woman.

In New Crime of Excessive Use of Force, IOF Kill Palestinian in Bitva Village, Nablus, [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#), December 11, 2021

Israeli forces killed a Palestinian civilian Jamil Abu Ayyash during the suppression of a peaceful protest in Bitva Village near Nablus, where the "Avatar" settlement was established eight months ago.

Israel closes probe into fatal shooting of Palestinian assailant, [Al Jazeera](#), December 9, 2021

Israel's Justice Ministry found it "legally justified" that two police officers extrajudicially murdered 25-year-old Mohammad Salima.

Bennett blesses street executions of Palestinians, [The Electronic Intifada](#), December 5, 2021

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett gave the officers who performed an extrajudicial execution his "full backing."

Latest extrajudicial execution confirms ironclad Israeli support for murder of Palestinians, [Mondoweiss](#), December 6, 2021

Israel's latest summary execution witnessed "politicians all over the mainstream political spectrum hailed the act of murder."

Israeli Demolition Orders for Palestinians in West Bank's Area C Hit Five-year Record, [Haaretz](#), December 7, 2021

Rights group Bimkom – Planners for Planning Rights revealed that 797 demolition orders were issued by Israel last year, while less than 1 percent of Palestinian requests for construction permits in Area C were granted between 2016 and 2020.

The Temple Mount movement is soaring under Israel’s new government, [+972 Magazine](#), December 6, 2021

Baker Zoubi writes about an unprecedented rise in Jewish prayer at the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif in the Old City of Jerusalem, violating a fragile, decades-long “status quo” at the compound.

Keep Earth clean and go green: Palestinians make recycling a habit with influx of eco-initiatives, [The New Arab](#), December 7, 2021

Sally Ibrahim writes about the proponents of recycling initiatives in Gaza.

Divisions as Palestinians in occupied West Bank cast local votes, [Al Jazeera](#), December 11, 2021

In the first phase of municipal elections in the West Bank, Palestinians in rural areas voted. The second phase (with about 70% of total voters) will occur in March next year.

By charging Israel with ‘apartheid,’ former Israeli AG joins list of those Greenblatt and Deutch deem antisemitic, [Mondoweiss](#), December 7, 2021

Former Israeli attorney general Michael Benyair said that Israel practices "apartheid" in occupied territories and west of the Green Line.

'A Jewish Gov't for a Jewish State': 1,500 Protest Against Arabs in the Coalition, [Haaretz](#), December 7, 2021

About 1,500 people gathered in Tel Aviv to protest United Arab List's participation in the government, advocating for "A Jewish government for a Jewish state."

Israel releases ex-prisoner weeks after ending hunger strike, [Al Jazeera](#), December 5, 2021

Israeli authorities freed 32-year-old Kayed Fasfous two weeks after reaching a release deal that ended his marathon 131-day hunger strike.

A database for the displaced, [The Electronic Intifada](#), December 10, 2021

Heba Salim looks into the Kushan Baladi initiative (literally: land title initiative) to "create an official register of Palestinian land ownership inside the 1948 boundaries of historic Palestine."

Regional

Algeria plans to host meeting for Palestinian factions, Anadolu News, December 6, 2021

Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune announced that Algeria will host a meeting for Palestinian factions, in addition to granting \$100 million to Palestine and 300 scholarships for Palestinian students.

Israel's Bennett talks up trilateral security alliance with Greece, Cyprus, Al-Monitor, December 7, 2021

Israel's Prime Minister Naftali Bennett held a press conference in Jerusalem with the presidents of Greece and Cyprus and pledged to continue and reinforce their trilateral cooperation.

How the Abraham Accords reignited Algeria and Morocco's cold war, The New Arab, December 9, 2021

Morocco's normalization with Israel may accelerate the conflict between Morocco and Algeria.

Kuwait bans entry of ships carrying goods to and from Israel, Middle East Monitor, December 5, 2021

Kuwait in its stance against normalization deals with Israel banned the entry of commercial vessels carrying goods to and from Israel from its territorial waters.

Turkey calls for Israeli 'sensitivity' toward Palestinians, Associated Press, December 8, 2021

Turkish President Erdogan has said he is open to improved relations with Israel, but the country must first display "more sensitive" policies toward Palestinians.

Israel's foreign minister meets Sisi in rare Egypt visit, Middle East Eye, December 9, 2021

Israeli foreign minister Lapid met with Egyptian president el-Sisi to discuss the Gaza strip and Israeli-Palestinian issues.

Egypt says Gaza's Rafah crossing remains open to humanitarian cases, [*The New Arab*](#), December 6, 2021

Egypt released a directive to keep Rafah crossing open to "help stranded Palestinians" and humanitarian cases in the besieged strip.

Jordan MPs walk out of session on Israel electricity-for-water deal, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), December 9, 2021

Jordanian MPs left a Parliament session in protest against the signing of a water and energy deal with Israel.

International

Israel Joins Major EU Research Program That Excludes Settlements, [*Haaretz*](#), December 6, 2021

Israel joined Horizon Europe, the EU's main program for funding research and innovation, with the condition that Israel will not invest the funds beyond its pre-1967 borders and academic and research institutions in settlements will not participate.

UK: Pro-Palestine activists 'not guilty' after defacing Israeli arms company, [*Middle East Eye*](#), December 7, 2021

Three activists in the UK were acquitted of charges after they threw red paint on the walls of an Israeli arms company.

Dutch court upholds Gantz immunity in Israeli airstrike case, [*Associated Press*](#), December 7, 2021

The Hague Court of Appeal ruled that the 2020 lower court ruling that Gantz and Eshel had immunity in regard to the deadly 2014 airstrike because they were carrying out government policies.

Argentina: Hundreds apply for symbolic Palestine citizenship, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), December 11, 2021

Hundreds of Argentinians participated in the "I want to be a Palestinian" campaign in which they symbolically requested Palestinian nationality at the Embassy of Palestine in Buenos Aires.

Hamas delegation discusses Palestinian issue with Russian officials in Moscow, [*Middle East Monitor*](#), December 8, 2021

Hamas officials briefed their Russian counterparts on the "Israeli violations in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, stressing that the Palestinian people are entitled to resist the Israeli occupation."

How Google advances the Zionist colonization of Palestine, *Mondoweiss*, December 8, 2021

Yarden Katz exposes Google's complicity with Israel which goes beyond direct contracts with the Israeli state.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

Lebanon to open barred professions to Palestinians amid 'brain drain', *The New Arab*, December 9, 2021

Lebanon announced it will remove a ban preventing Palestinian refugees from working in the local labor market, enabling them to work in trade union-regulated professions including law, engineering, and medicine.

Germany contributes EUR 21 million in support of UNRWA education and health services in Gaza and the West Bank as well as shelter reconstruction in Gaza, *UNRWA*, December 10, 2021

Germany signed an agreement to "provide EUR 15 million to ensure that approximately 50,000 Palestine refugee children in Gaza and 46,000 in the West Bank have continued access to learning in UNRWA schools, and that Palestine refugees have access to life-saving health care services in three Health Centers in the Gaza Strip."

UNRWA stifles employee speech on Palestinian rights, *The Electronic Intifada*, December 10, 2021

UNRWA employees are deprived of their right to freedom of expression and their ability to participate politically regarding the Palestinian-Israeli conflict through social media.

Sweden donates \$5.7 million to post-Israel offensive Gaza reconstruction, *The New Arab*, December 10, 2021

Sweden partnered with UNRWA and UNDP to contribute \$5.7 million for the reconstruction of Gaza.

Refugees in Shatila camp pushed to the brink amid aid crisis, [*Al Jazeera*](#), December 6, 2021

Basic services for about 200,000 Palestinian refugees are under threat in the Palestinian camp in Lebanon after severe funding cuts.

Publications and Statements

Outraged over Israel's Designation of Six Civil Society Groups as Terrorists, Speakers Tell Palestinian Rights Committee Harassment against Human Rights Defenders Must End, [*United Nations*](#), December 7, 2021

Speakers at a meeting of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People urged the international community to "take strong action in holding the country accountable for its conduct."

Special Focus: Use of Excessive Force by the Israeli Occupying Forces, the Case of Abdallah Abu Baker, [*Al-Haq*](#), December 7, 2021

Al-Haq analyzes the "IOF targeting of minor, Abdallah Abu Baker, 17 through the lens of applicable international human rights and humanitarian laws."

Israeli police systematically and illegally block buses of Palestinian citizen passengers on their way to Al-Aqsa Mosque and demonstrations, [*Adalah Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel*](#), December 9, 2021

Adalah's statement calls for the "police practice of stopping Palestinian citizen worshippers' and demonstrators' buses to be declared unlawful."

Civil Society and the Question of Palestine - NGO Action News – 9 December 2021, [*United Nations*](#), December 9, 2021

This newsletter informs about recent and upcoming activities of Civil Society Organizations affiliated with the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Guidance for Reporting on Palestine/Israel, [*Institute for Middle East Understanding*](#), December 7, 2021

IMEU's document includes guidance and language suggestions to help journalists cover Israel/Palestine.

Events

Dismantling the Apartheid of Our Time: The Palestinian Liberation Movement as an Anti-Racist Struggle, LSE Human Rights and the Department of Sociology, December 13, 2021

LSE hosts Noura Erakat to explore the Palestinian intellectual legacies prior to HRW's report accusing Israel of the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution and consider the implications of charging Israel with Apartheid at an international tribunal.

Revisiting protracted displacement – policies, mobility and agency, Transnational Figurations of Displacement, December 14, 2021

This webinar will reflect on TRAFIG findings in the forthcoming issue of the Forced Migration Review and "revisit the notion of protracted displacement, its critical potential for present day debates and the role that the mobility and agency of displaced persons themselves may play in promoting solutions to displacement."

Shrinking Space: International Law and the Clampdown on Civil Society in Israel-Palestine, Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Centre, December 14, 2021

The webinar will discuss the harshest repression of Palestinian civil society by Israel, the PA, and the "de facto" authorities in Gaza, including the violent crackdown on dissent.

Psychoanalysis Under Occupation, Manchester Metropolitan University, December 14, 2021

The talk will explore psychological expressions of self and collective assertion of sumud (stalwartness), as living practices under violent occupation and settler colonial violence in Palestine.