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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 backs off housing project at Jerusalem's Atarot airport site amid US pressure, [The Times of Israel](#), November 25, 2021

Following the announcement of plans to build 9,000 settlement units on the site of the Kalandiya Airport in the occupied Palestinian West Bank, officials informed the US administration that they will shelf the plan.

Morocco, Israel sign first-ever defence agreement in Rabat, [Al Jazeera](#), November 24, 2021

Israel and Morocco signed an agreement that "lays the foundation for security cooperation, intelligence sharing, and future arms sales."

Protesters Slam The Jordan, UAE and Israel Accord on 'Water and Energy,' [Al Bawaba](#), November 23, 2021

Jordanians protested against the recently declared deal between Jordan, Israel, and UAE to swap water and energy resources, and protests are expected to continue around the country.

Israel, Belgium clash over settlement products labeling, [AP](#), November 24, 2021

After Belgium announced that they would place consumer labels on West Bank settlement products, Israel's deputy foreign minister cancelled his visit.

Why the UK's blacklisting of Hamas hurts its own peace policy, [+972 Magazine](#), November 25, 2021

The recent UK designation of Hamas in its entirety as a terrorist organization will likely not have much effect on the organization but could have acute domestic consequences and will hurt conflict resolution efforts.

Palestine/Israel

A day of destruction in the West Bank: 22 people, including 15 children, lost their home in a single day, [B'Tselem](#), November 24, 2021

Israel embarked on a large-scale demolition campaign throughout the West Bank in Jerusalem, South Hebron/Al-Khalil hills, Ramallah, and Nablus.

Israel killed 77 Palestinian children in Gaza, West Bank in 2021: report, [The New Arab](#), November 21, 2021

Description

Israel arrests alleged Hamas members after Israeli shot dead in Jerusalem, [Al-Monitor](#), November 22, 2021

A gunman identified as a member of Hamas allegedly opened fire in Jerusalem's Old City, killing one person and wounding three. The gunman was shot dead and Israeli forces arrested over 50 individuals suspected to plan attacks on behalf of Hamas.

Palestinian administrative detainee, Kayed Al-Fasfous, wins battle for freedom, [Middle East Monitor](#), November 22, 2021

Palestinian detainee, Kayed Al-Fasfous, ended his 131-day hunger strike after Israeli authorities agreed to release him on December 14.

Hamas warns over Israel president's visit to Hebron mosque, [The New Arab](#), November 27, 2021

In response to Israeli president's plans to light the first Hannukah candle at Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil/Hebron, Hamas warned of repercussions.

Settlers start to build new outpost on annexed W. Bank land, [Palestinian Information Center](#), November 23, 2021

A group of settlers began building a new settlement on a tract of Palestinian land outside of Jericho in Ein al-Auja village.

Israel parliament pushes for school trips to al-Aqsa to learn about Jewish heritage, [Middle East Eye](#), November 25, 2021

The Knesset recommended to the education ministry that Israeli school children learn about the Jewish history of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Israeli ministers take stand against settler violence, [Al-Monitor](#), November 23, 2021

Knesset members from the left said "they cannot stand idly by in the face of the violence raging in the West Bank, which targets innocent Palestinians."

[Regional](#)

Israel, Egypt Sign Memorandum to Increase Gas Supplies, [Palestine Chronicle](#), November 26, 2021

Egypt and Israel signed an MoU to increase natural gas supplies from Israel to Egypt with the aim of re-exporting.

Israel accuses Iran of sending explosives to Palestinians using drones, [Middle East Eye](#), November 23, 2021

Israel accused Iran of attempting to send explosives to Palestinian militants in the West Bank, citing an incident in which Israeli forces shot down a drone loaded with explosives in 2018.

International

EU diplomats affirm opposition to Israel settlement plans, [Middle East Monitor](#), November 23, 2021

EU representatives visited several areas in the West Bank and published a press release reaffirming their opposition to Israel's settlement project.

Abbas seeks Putin's help to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace process, [Al-Monitor](#), November 24, 2021

Abbas met Putin in Sochi to urge Russia to revive the peace process and to call for an international peace conference.

Facebook Removes Palestinian Pages Covering News from Jerusalem, [Palestine Chronicle](#), November 26, 2021

Facebook removed two Palestinian news pages for "violating community standards."

Democratic Lawmakers Warn Against 'Doomsday' Israeli Settlement Plan, [Haaretz](#), November 22, 2021

Led by Rep. Mark Pocan, 26 House Democrats wrote a letter to US Secretary of State Blinken urging him to oppose Israeli settlement construction in the E-1 area of the West Bank.

'Hateful ideologies': Australia lists The Base and Hezbollah as terror groups, [The Age](#), November 24, 2021

Australian Home Minister announced that the government was following a recommendation to list all of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization. Previously, only the External Security Organization of Hezbollah was on the proscribed terror list.

Israel 'not returning to UNESCO in near future', despite US pressure, [The New Arab](#), November 22, 2021

Israeli Foreign Ministry Director-General announced that Israel will not return to UNESCO. Israel left UNESCO in 2019 following years of tension after the body gave "member state" status to Palestine in 2011.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

The King Salman Center for Relief And Humanitarian Aid Supports Palestine Refugees With Health Services In Gaza, [UNRWA](#), November 23, 2021

UNRWA concluded a project with KSrelief that enhanced access to vital health care services for Palestine refugees in Gaza during the COVID-19 crisis.

Germany contributes EUR 25 million in support of Palestine refugees in Gaza and Lebanon, [UNRWA](#), November 24, 2021

Description

Government of Cyprus supports UNRWA with EUR 100,000 contribution, [UNRWA](#), November 27, 2021

Cyprus donated EUR 100,000 to UNRWA's core programs and services to Palestinian refugees.

Publications and Statements

Continued Palestinian Rights Violations, Israeli Settlement-Expansion Threatening Prospects for Two-State Solution, Secretary-General Warns in Observance Message, [United Nations](#), November 23, 2021

Ahead of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, UN Secretary-General António Guterres reaffirms his commitment to the Palestinian people, praised UNRWA, and condemned the "situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

Israel's 2016 Counter-Terrorism Law and 1945 Emergency Regulations Regarding the Outlawing of Six Palestinian Human Rights and Civil Society Groups, [Adalah Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel](#), November 23, 2021

This paper analyzes two legal measures deployed by Israel to criminalize the activity of Palestinian human rights and civil society organizations.

Palestinian Self-Determination: Land, People, and Practicality, BADIL, November 20, 2021

This working paper proves "that self-determination for the Palestinian people on Mandatory Palestine is a long-established legal fact that is recognized as an *erga omnes* peremptory norm."

The impact of Third-Party Mechanisms in conflict resolution, NORCAP, November 24, 2021

The report discusses third-party mechanisms in preventing minor conflicts from escalating into high-intensity confrontations, with a particular focus on the Temporary International Presence in Hebron.

Community Accountability in Palestine: An Alternative to Policing, Al-Shabaka, November 28, 2021

Yara Hawari offers recommendations to Palestinian civil society and the international donor community for Palestinian civil society to adopt community accountability and transformative justice processes that move away from state institutions and punitive justice.

Events

Palestine and International Law: Effectiveness and Prospects, Law for Palestine, November 29, 2021

The Conference hosts senior experts on the Palestinian actors and different framework from an international legal perspective, challenges and opportunities that would lead to more efficiency in utilizing International Law regarding the Palestinian cause, and networking among Jurists and researchers interested in Palestine.

Apartheid In Israel: A Threshold Crossed?, Human Rights Watch and Khouri Conversations, November 30, 2021

This webinar will discuss the potential policy implications of naming the Israeli occupation of apartheid for Canada with Jon Allen, former Canadian ambassador to Israel.

The Best of Hard Times: Palestinian Refugee Masculinities in Lebanon, Columbia University Center for Palestine Studies, December 1, 2021

Dr. Gustavo Barbosa will discuss his new book which "explores the gendered identities of two generations of men in the Shatila Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut."

The Complicity of the LGPS in Israel's Violations of International Law, *Palestine Solidarity Campaign*, December 2, 2021

The webinar, featuring Michael Lynk, will discuss the UK's Local Government Pension Scheme £4.4billion investments in companies complicit in Israel's violations of Palestinian rights.

Conference on Inauguration of Statelessness Platform and Research and Advocacy Network on Statelessness in the MENA, *Center for Migration and Refugee Studies*, December 7, 2021

Experts from across the region will be speaking on statelessness, citizenship and nationality issues, with panels on Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, and the Gulf.

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.