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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

Police kill Palestinian attacker after Jerusalem stabbing, *Associated Press*, December 4, 2021

Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian who had stabbed and wounded an ultra-Orthodox Jew outside Jerusalem's Old City. The Palestinian was already lying on the ground and police prevented medics from reaching him, "prompting calls for an investigation into possible excessive use of force."

'I Don't Care Whom I Offend': Mohammed El-Kurd Tells UN on Palestine Day, *Palestine Chronicle*, November 30, 2021

Mohammed El-Kurd delivered an impassioned speech to the UN and blamed the international community for inaction and the lack of transformative measures.

US supports Palestine budget for the first time since 2017, *Middle East Monitor*, November 30, 2021

The United States supported the Palestinian general budget with 32.3 million shekels (approximately \$10 million). USAID has also resumed activity in the Palestinian territories.

Marking International Solidarity Day, Permanent Observer Tells Palestinian Rights Committee Israel's Illegal Settlements Signal Rejection of Two-State Solution, *United Nations*, November 29, 2021

Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer for the State of Palestine, stressed that leaving the two-state solution "hostage to the occupier's will" means abandoning the solution.

Title, *Publication*, November 25, 2021

Description

Palestine/Israel

Settlers Attack Palestinians. The Israeli Army Punishes the Palestinians. Repeat, *Haaretz*, December 4, 2021

Amira Hass writes about a familiar pattern in which settlers attack Palestinians and the Israeli army punishes Palestinians, not settlers.



Israeli forces detained Palestinian children in night raids, left them in the cold 'for hours,' [The New Arab](#), November 29, 2021

Israeli forces stormed the houses of two Palestinian children during a night raid and arrested them following allegations that they "threw stones" at soldiers.

Israeli settlers are establishing farms to push Palestinians off their land, [Mondoweiss](#), November 29, 2021

Every week, settlers terrorize Palestinians in the agricultural land next to the Masafer Yatta hamlet in the West Bank.

Israeli Settler Gets 20 Months in Jail for Throwing Stun Grenade at Palestinian Homes, [Haaretz](#), December 1, 2021

An Israeli court rejected a plea bargain and sentenced a settler in the West Bank to 20 months in prison for throwing stun grenades and rocks at Palestinian homes in Sarta village.

Israeli police repeatedly raid home of pro-Palestine activists, in campaign of intimidation, [Middle East Monitor](#), December 1, 2021

Israeli forces repeatedly raided the apartments of activists in Jerusalem for allegedly spraying graffiti, albeit the penalty being a fine.

Hamas outlines 3 priorities to support Palestinian cause, [Andalou News Agency](#), December 2, 2021

Head of Hamas Ismail Haniyeh noted three developments in the region that could curb normalization deals: the outcomes of the "Jerusalem Sword operation," the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the Istanbul conference.

Israel orders Palestinians halt construction of 32 houses in Nablus, [Middle East Monitor](#), November 30, 2021

Israel forces ordered Palestinians halt the construction of 32 houses in the village of Qusra, southeast of Nablus. Most of the houses are already inhabited.

Minister Calls for Inspection of Palestinians Entering Jerusalem's Old City, [Haaretz](#), December 5, 2021

Israeli communications minister declared that Israel should increase efforts to search Palestinians entering Jerusalem's Old City.

**Scores of Israelis storm Al-Aqsa complex in Jerusalem, [*Middle East Monitor*](#),
December 1, 2021**

150 settlers guarded by Israeli police stormed the Al-Aqsa compound on Dec. 1 as part of Hannukah celebrations

**PA security services save Israeli settlers in Ramallah, [*Middle East Monitor*](#),
December 2, 2021**

The PA evacuated two settlers in Ramallah's Al Manara Square who claimed they entered the city by mistake.

Regional

**Morocco to push for Israeli-Palestinian talks: king, [*The New Arab*](#), November 30,
2021**

King Mohammed of Morocco stressed Morocco's "total solidarity with the Palestinian people" and their right to an independent state.

**Why Jordanian people are protesting pact with UAE, Israel, [*The Electronic Intifada*](#),
December 1, 2021**

Thousands of protestors in Amman demonstrated against the energy-water deal between Jordan and Israel, showing that "despite their government's efforts to warm up its 'cold peace' with Israel, the Jordanian public remains adamantly opposed."

International

**Meta removes over 140 Facebook accounts linked to Hamas, [*The Jerusalem Post*](#),
December 2, 2021**

In November, Meta removed over 140 Facebook accounts, 79 pages, 13 groups and 21 Instagram accounts linked to Hamas.

**UN envoy warns of risk of new Israel-Palestinian violence, [*Associated Press*](#),
December 1, 2021**

Tor Wennesland emphasized the need for urgent action to reduce settler violence, decelerate settlement building, and tackle the fiscal crisis of Palestinian institutions.

‘Settler violence is part of Israel’s official policy,’ experts say — but ‘Washington Post’ buries that angle, [Mondoweiss](#), November 30, 2021

Although the Washington Post covered the increase in hate crimes against Palestinians in the West Bank, characterizes settlers as "freelance actors" separate from the government.

Letter: Who will be the Israeli F.W. de Klerk?, [Holland Sentinel](#), December 4, 2021

John Kleinheksel asks who will be the equivalent of South African Prime Minister F.W. de Klerk to begin a radically different course? Who will challenge the present, rigid orthodoxy?

Palestinians give one-star reviews of Amazon, Google services used by Israeli forces for #CyberMonday, [The New Arab](#), November 30, 2021

On Cyber Monday, Palestinians gave numerous one-star reviews of Amazon and Google's cloud services in Israel, which they say has been used to facilitate apartheid in occupied Palestine.

Middle East Studies Association to vote on BDS resolution next year, [Mondoweiss](#), December 3, 2021

The Middle East Studies Association overwhelmingly voted to advance a BDS resolution in 2022.

30 UK Universities Face Calls to Divest from Companies Complicit in Israeli Apartheid, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), December 1, 2021

On International Day of Solidarity with Palestine, students from over 30 UK universities called upon them to divest from apartheid Italy.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA unable to pay 28,000 employees due to major funding crisis, [Middle East Monitor](#), December 1, 2021

UNRWA staff went on strike on Monday after being informed last week that salaries would be delayed due to a major funding crisis.

Brussels International Conference on UNRWA: What really happened?, [Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development](#), November 30, 2021

Francesca Albanese reflects on the missed opportunity of the recent international UNRWA conference to have a meaningful reflection on its mandate and strategic direction.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Calls for Support to Prevent Collapse of the Agency at Advisory Commission Meeting in Jordan, UNRWA, December 1, 2021

The UNRWA Advisory Commission met in Amman to discuss the financial shortcomings of the organization.

U.S. Department of State's Senior Bureau Official for Population, Refugees and Migration Nancy I. Jackson inaugurates UNRWA school in Amman, Jordan, UNRWA, November 29, 2021

The UNRWA Zahour School in Amman, Jordan, was financed by contributions from the U.S. government and made possible by a land grant from the Jordanian government

Publications and Statements

Punishing Journalists: Israel's restrictions on freedom of movement and travel against Palestinian journalists, Euro-Med Monitor, November 29, 2021

This report documents the Israeli restrictions on Palestinian journalists in terms of their right to freedom of movement and travel and their impact on journalists' social, cultural, and economic rights.

Security Council, International Community Still Doing Too Little to Steer Israeli-Palestinian Conflict into 'Calmer Waters', Briefer Says Amid Heightened Tensions, United Nations, November 30, 2021

Special representatives outlined recent developments in Israel/Palestine and expressed grave concerns about the international community's inaction.

The Gaza Bantustan — Israeli Apartheid in the Gaza Strip, Al Mezan, November 29, 2021

This report considers Israeli apartheid from the perspective of two million Palestinians struggling to live in the Gaza Strip.

Unwilling and Unable: Israel's Whitewashed Investigations of the Great March of Return Protest, B'Tselem and PCHR, December 1, 2021

This report examines how - if at all - Israel's pledge to investigate the Great March of Return protests in 2018 has come to fruition.

**NGO Action News - Civil Society and the Question of Palestine, [United Nations](#),
November 25, 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.

Fact Sheet: Israeli Surveillance & Restrictions on Palestinian Movement, [Institute for Middle East Understanding](#), November 29, 2021

The fact sheet provides an overview of Israel's methods of surveillance and physical control over Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Reflections on Palestinian Identity, [World Literature Today](#)

Ghada Karmi, a British Palestinian writer reflects on both the identity forced upon her and on the one she has created.

Events

Normalization: Response and Prevention, [Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development](#), December 6, 2021

This webinar will provide an opportunity to discuss what normalization means at micro- and macro-levels, its implications, and what it entails for different actors.

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.

**Lawfare in Palestine: Strategies for Resisting Criminalization, [Al-Shabaka](#),
December 9, 2021**

This webinar will explore questions such as: how can Palestinians and their allies move away from defensively responding to criminalization accusations towards a proactive strategy which challenges the Israeli regime's lawfare tactics? How can this approach combine political and legal strategies? How can it engage intersectionally with other progressive movements?



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.