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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 can monitor every telephone call in West Bank and Gaza, says intelligence source, [Middle East Eye](#), November 15, 2021

A former member of the Israeli Army's elite signals intelligence unit reported that Israel can listen to every telephone conversation taking place in the West Bank and Gaza.

Farewell to Givat Amal: Police evict last residents of Mizrahi neighborhood, [+972 Magazine](#), November 15, 2021

After sixty years of legal battles, Israeli forces evicted the final 32 families from Tel Aviv's Givat Amal Bet neighborhood.

International Community Overwhelmingly Reaffirms Support for UNRWA at Annual Pledging Conference- But Funds Still Insufficient, [UNRWA](#), November 16, 2021

At the UNRWA conference "Sustaining the Rights and Human Development of Palestinian Refugees," leadership discussed their plans to modernize the agency and the funding issues.

Israel and Jordan to Sign U.S.-Backed Water-for-Energy Pact, [Bloomberg](#), November 17, 2021

Israeli energy minister and Jordanian water minister are set to sign a cooperation agreement that deals with the challenges of climate change. Israel will consider the construction of a designated desalination plant to export more water to Jordan and Jordan will consider building a new solar field in its desert areas to export clean energy to Israel.

Israel Revised Intel File It Gave U.S. on Bombing Gaza High-rise That Housed AP, Al Jazeera, [Haaretz](#), November 19, 2021

A report that was given to the US after Biden demanded an explanation for the May 15 attack on a Gaza high-rise building that housed foreign news agencies was retroactively edited to show that the bombing of the building was "necessary."

Palestine/Israel

Israeli Army Loosens Rules for Firing at Suspected Gun Thieves, [Haaretz](#), November 15, 2021

Israeli forces announced that soldiers will now be able to shoot when there are reasonable suspicions of weapons theft anywhere there is a military presence, including along international borders.

Palestinian Schoolgirls Suffocate from Teargas Fired by Israeli Soldiers in West Bank, *[Palestine Chronicle](#)*, November 16, 2021

Israeli soldiers fired teargas at dozens of Palestinian schoolgirls on their way to school in al-Lubban al-Sharqiya village, south of Nablus. Suffocation cases were estimated at over 70.

Israeli Soldiers Awoke, Gathered and Illegally Recorded Palestinian Minors, *[Haaretz](#)*, November 17, 2021

In Hebron, Israeli soldiers pulled children of a Palestinian family out of their beds and photographed them.

Israeli forces kill Palestinian man in occupied West Bank, *[Al Jazeera](#)*, November 16, 2021

Israeli forces shot dead 26-year-old Saddam Hussein Bani Odeh in a confrontation shortly after Israeli troops raided the city of Tubas overnight.

Israeli Special Units Raid Section 13 of Nafha Prison, Assault Palestinian Prisoners, *[Palestine Chronicle](#)*, November 14, 2021

According to the Palestinian Authority's Detainees Affairs Commission, Israeli forces raided a section of the Israeli prison of Nafha and brutally assaulted Palestinian prisoners.

Two Palestinian minors playing in olive grove detained for 24 hours and severely abused, *[B'Tselem](#)*, November 17, 2021

Two Palestinian adolescents were playing with plastic bottles, which they were blowing up with detergent and aluminum, foil on their family's land in Ramallah District when rubber-coated metal bullets were fired at them by Israeli soldiers who then severely abused them and detained them.

In First, Israel Grants Housing Rights to East Jerusalem Palestinians, *[Haaretz](#)*, November 17, 2021

Israel will now allow Palestinians to enter a lottery for subsidized government housing.

Palestinian farmers critically wounded during West Bank settler attack, Middle East Eye, November 15, 2021

Israeli settlers injured six Palestinian farmers from Barqa, a village near Nablus, who were tending to their agricultural lands.

Palestinian prisoner from Gaza dies in Israeli custody, Al Jazeera, November 18, 2021

39-year-old Sami Umour, who had been imprisoned since 2008, died in Israeli custody at a hospital. Palestinian prison organizations said that Israeli forces continued to delay operations for his congenital heart problems which led to his demise, constituting medical negligence.

Palestinian Authority officers clash with Jenin gunmen, The Jerusalem Post, November 20, 2021

Palestinian Authority forces entered the Jenin refugee camp to arrest Palestinians wanted for possession of illegal weapons and involvement in criminal activities and was forced to retreat after opposition. Shortly after, gunmen attacked the headquarters of the PA security forces in Jenin.

EU-funded Palestinian school faces Israeli demolition, Al Jazeera, November 17, 2021

A makeshift elementary school between Tubas and the northern Jordan Valley, the only school in the area, is one of 17 Palestinian chain schools at risk of Israeli demolition for lacking a building permit in Area C. If demolished, children will have to walk at least 15 kilometers every day to the nearest schools.

Regional

Qatar, Egypt agree to supply fuel and building materials to Gaza, Al Jazeera, November 17, 2021

During a ministerial meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC), the international donor group for Palestinians, Qatar, and Egypt each pledged \$500 million for Gaza reconstruction.

UAE rewards Israeli firms that supplied arms for Gaza massacre, Electronic Intifada, November 19, 2021

Elbit Systems, which provided weapons for Israel's assault on Gaza in May, is establishing a subsidiary for the UAE.

Head of Israeli National Security Council in Egypt for Gaza talks, [The New Arab](#), November 14, 2021

Security officials from Israel and Egypt are meeting to discuss the possibility of a truce with Gaza's Hamas officials, along with other issues such as the growing influence of Iran and the situation in Syria.

Israel energy minister says UAE oil pipeline should be cancelled, [Al Jazeera](#), November 16, 2021

Concerns were raised by the Israeli energy minister about a deal signed between Israel's state-owned Europe-Asia Pipeline Company (EAPC) and MED-RED Land Bridge, a company with Emirati and Israeli owners. The minister says the deal, which requires oil to be transferred from the Gulf to Europe via Israel, poses too many risks environmentally.

International

NGOs, donors pledge solidarity with blacklisted Palestinian civil society groups, [Middle East Eye](#), November 16, 2021

Over 100 organizations and donors signed an open letter expressing solidarity with the six Palestinian organizations designated as "terrorist organizations" by Israel. The list of signatories consists of dozens of foundations and funder networks across the US and Europe.

Israel's Herzog, China's Xi Discuss Iran, Abraham Accords, in Historic Phone Call, [Haaretz](#), November 17, 2021

In first-ever phone call between a Chinese and an Israeli president, the two discussed Iran and nuclear weapons and enhancing Israeli-Chinese bilateral ties.

Egypt appeals to keep US-led forces in Sinai, [Al-Monitor](#), November 18, 2021

Egypt urges the Biden administration to keep the US-led Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai Peninsula as the presence "has a symbolic and legal value, considering it an essential element of the peace agreement" between Egypt and Israel.

Joint Letter to Senators Supporting Passage of Gaza Reporting Amendment, [Human Rights Watch](#), November 17, 2021

Over 70 groups call on the US Senate to support Senator Sander's amendment that requires reporting on the humanitarian impact of Israel's Gaza restrictions.

Britain outlaws Palestinian militant group Hamas -interior minister, Reuters, November 19, 2021

Britain's interior minister Priti Patel announced that the UK has banned Hamas, citing "significant terrorist capability." Until now Britain had banned only its military arm.

US to partner with Israel to combat ransomware attacks, Middle East Eye, November 14, 2021

The US Treasury Department announced that the US and Israel will be launching a taskforce to combat ransomware.

Israel Extracts Ex-intel Official From Colombia Amid Hezbollah Assassination Plot, Report Says, Haaretz, November 15, 2021

Colombian media reported that an unnamed official in Bogota who was serving a post-intelligence stint as part of Israel's diplomatic mission there was being targeted by Hezbollah, prompting Israel to remove him.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

EU and UNRWA sign new Joint Declaration marking 50 years of Strategic Partnership, European Commission, November 17, 2021

The EU renewed its support to UNRWA for the period 2021-2024, committing to continue supporting the agency politically and financially.

Norway increases support for UNRWA, Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs, November 16, 2021

The Norway government announced that it will increase its support for UNRWA's operations in Lebanon by NOK 17 million (approximately USD 2 million) as well as Norway's core support to UNRWA (monetary value to be determined).

Publications

Palestine's Accession to Geneva Convention III: Typology of Captives Incarcerated by Israel, Mutaz Qafisheh and Ihsan Adel for Asian Journal of International Law, November 8, 2021

The authors reveal that over 800,000 Palestinians who do not belong to a party of the "conflict" have been captured by Israeli forces since 1967, even after "the cessation of hostilities," which is considered a grave breach of the Geneva Convention III and is therefore a war crime.

Jerusalem Quarterly, Autumn 2021, [*Institute for Palestine Studies*](#), November 15, 2021

The autumn edition of Jerusalem Quarterly includes articles and essays about the linguistic landscape of Jerusalem, Christian Arab pilgrimages, Rachel's tomb, grey development, and annexation plans in Jerusalem's villages, and more.

Fact Sheet on Obstacles to Accessing Education in the Gaza Strip, [*Al Mezan*](#), November 16, 2021

Al Mezan Center for Human Rights presents the main findings of their research on the obstacles to children's access to education in several primary and preparatory schools in the Gaza Strip.

Janus Unbound: Journal of Critical Studies Vol. 1, No. 1 - The Meaning of Colonization in the 21st Century, [*Janus Unbound*](#), November 2021

The first edition of Janus Unbound features articles on the daily oppression of Israeli settler-colonialism (Ilan Pappé), the ongoing Nakba (Ahmad Qabaha and Bilal Hamamra), the power of language regarding settler-colonialism (Ramzy Baroud and Romana Rubeo), and more.

Protection of Civilians Report | 2 - 15 November 2021, [*OCHA*](#), November 19, 2021

During the reporting period, Israeli forces killed one Palestine boy, injured 190 Palestinians in the West Bank, carried out 65 search-and-arrest operations and arrested 92 Palestinians across the West Bank, opened warning fire at least four times on Gaza, and displaced 38 Palestinians by demolishing or seizing 49 Palestinian-owned structures. The report also noted that Israeli settlers injured 20 Palestinians and five Israeli volunteers.

When Do Courts Constrain the Authoritarian State? Judicial Decision-Making in Jordan and Palestine, [*Steven D. Schaaf for Comparative Politics*](#), November 10, 2021

The study explores when authoritarian states are—and are not—held accountable to legal norms through research on courts in Jordan and Palestine.

[Events](#)

Funding Challenges and Their Impact on Palestinian Culture, Institute for Palestine Studies, November 24, 2021

The session will explore cultural production in Palestine and how society can work together to fill the gaps of funding shortages.

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.

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.

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.