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*A weekly newsletter on the latest news, developments, relevant publications and upcoming events on the Question of Palestine (QoP). This newsletter aims to help the members of the Global Network on the Question of Palestine (GNQP) to stay informed of relevant political, legal, academic and humanitarian developments, and be ready for action when needed.*

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## Top Stories:

### **Palestinian prisoner ends 65-day hunger strike after release, [\*Al-Jazeera\*](#), July 09, 2021**

Ghadanfar Abu Atwan released from Israeli custody and transferred to the Istishari Hospital in the occupied West Bank.

### **Not the Palestine We Dreamed of, nor the Palestine We Were Promised, [\*The Media Line\*](#), July 04, 2021**

What we witness today is neither the Palestine we dreamed of nor the Palestine we were promised when the Palestine Authority was founded. The Palestinian people deserve that their human rights be protected, and, above all, deserve freedom.

### **Reporting on Israel: ‘Thirty years on, we are still covering the same old enmities’, [\*The Guardian\*](#), July 05, 2021**

The Guardian’s outgoing Jerusalem correspondent Oliver Holmes talks to predecessor Ian Black about how much – and how little – the job has changed over the years.

### **Israel and the Palestinian Authority Know How to Scratch Each Other's Back, [\*Haaretz\*](#), July 05, 2021**

Let us not belittle the autonomy of the decisions and actions taken by the occupation authorities here. Harassing people by means of interrogations, arrests, trials, arbitrary detention and punishments for claiming their rights including to demonstrate and criticize, are the usual tactics of the Israeli oppression regime that calls itself a Jewish and democratic state.

### **Palestinian security forces escalate brutal campaign of repression, [\*Amnesty International\*](#), July 07, 2021**

The Palestinian authorities in the occupied West Bank have launched a chilling campaign of repression cracking down on peaceful protests with unlawful force, targeting journalists, civil society activists, and lawyers with arbitrary arrests and torturing detainees, said Amnesty International today.

### **Confident of Support From the West, the Palestinian Authority Violently Suppresses Protests, [\*Haaretz\*](#), June 28, 2021**

The PA knows that uncertainty about what would happen if it collapsed scares the public, and that the West and Palestinian public can't do without the modicum of stability it provides.



## **The draconian law used by Israel to steal Palestinian land, [Al-Jazeera](#), July 08, 2021**

Al Jazeera spoke to several experts who said the ‘evictions’ did not reflect a change of Israeli policy and only displayed how the Israeli state deploys its instruments to facilitate systematic theft of Palestinian property.

## **The US Government Wants Palestine to Fade From View. Don’t Let It, [TruthOut](#), July 09, 2021**

The United States is directly supporting a country administering a widespread ethno-nationalist project punctuated by a brutal military occupation.

### **Latest Developments:**

## **Palestine extends state of emergency against COVID-19 Delta variant, [Xinhuanet](#), July 03, 2021**

Palestine on Saturday extended its state of emergency to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant in the Palestinian territories.

## **Israeli Settler Shot Armed Palestinian Who Posed No Danger, Witnesses Say, [Haaretz](#), July 05, 2021**

The security coordinator of the West Bank settlement of Yitzhar shot and wounded a Palestinian man last month even though army officers at the scene saw no reason to open fire, soldiers and officers said.

## **Israel, Palestinian Authority to Form Joint Committee for Economic Ventures, [Haaretz](#), July 06, 2021**

The revamped panel from the Oslo Accords era will aim to deliver 17,000 more work permits to Palestinians for construction and industry jobs in Israel, and will be headed by Meretz's Esawi Freige.

## **Palestinian journalists strike in protest against violent police action, [Arab News](#), July 07, 2021**

Palestinian journalists staged a one-hour strike on Tuesday in protest against Palestinian security’s failure to protect them while doing their job.

**Israel shuts down office of Palestinian agricultural union in Ramallah, [Middle East Eye](#), July 08, 2021**

The Israeli army shut down the headquarters of the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) in Ramallah, breaking down the office door and confiscating computers and documents.

**QC's 'Taqat' initiative trains and hires more than 50000 youths in Palestine, [Gulf Times](#), July 06, 2021**

Qatar Charity (QC) has trained and hired more than 50,000 youths, both male and female, in Palestine through its 'Taqat' humanitarian initiative.

**Palestinian community in West Bank demolished for seventh time, [Al-Jazeera](#), July 07, 2021**

Israeli forces demolished the Palestinian Bedouin community of Humsa al-Baqai'a in the Jordan Valley on Wednesday, including living and farming structures provided by the international community.

**The Israeli Agent Made a Veiled Threat. Soon After, the Palestinian Activist Was Dead, [Haaretz](#), July 08, 2021**

A Palestinian student activist who was on the Shin Bet's wanted list was shot to death from afar during a demonstration in May. The IDF's response: 'A Military Police investigation has been launched'.

**International:**

**Israeli-UAE Investment Projects At Risk As US Freezes Funding, [Eurasia Review](#), July 09, 2021**

The US has ended its financial support for the Abraham Fund indefinitely, according to sources who spoke with Israeli media outlet Globes. The cancellation of the fund by the Biden administration comes at a time when the United Arab Emirates is seeking to strengthen economic ties with Israel through multi-billion dollar investments.

**Nordic fund KLP excludes 16 companies over links to Israeli settlements in West Bank, [Market Screener](#), July 05, 2021**

Norway's largest pension fund KLP said on Monday it would no longer invest in 16 companies including Alstom and Motorola because of their links to Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank.

**Italians build Gaza's largest sports park, [Al-Monitor](#), July 05, 2021**

The Italian government had pledged to fund and execute a broad reconstruction and renovation program for houses destroyed during the 2014 Israeli war. The program included the building of a public park that is intended to include the only sports facility in the area.

**Israeli provocations could spark Palestinian violence, Canadian FM says, [J Post](#), July, 06, 2021**

Israel could reignite Palestinian violence if it persists with settlement building and evictions of 'Arabs' in east Jerusalem, Canadian Foreign Minister Marc Garneau told reporters Monday as he wrapped up his trip to the region.

**Jordan, Israel agree to water deal; more West Bank trade, [Al-Jazeera](#), July 08, 2021**

Agreements signal improved relations between Jordan and Israel's new government following years of strained ties under Netanyahu.

**Hamas leader Meshaal reaches out to Riyadh on Saudi TV, [Al-Monitor](#), July 09, 2021**

The head of Hamas' political bureau abroad, Khaled Meshaal, has recently called on Saudi Arabia to resume relations with the Hamas movement, and praised Riyadh's historical role in supporting the Palestinians. He also called on Saudi Arabia to host the Hamas leadership on its territory.

**200 Palestinian Teams to FC Barcelona: Do not sports-wash Israeli apartheid!, [BDS Movement](#), July 09, 201**

Palestinian clubs call on FC Barcelona to cancel friendly match with 'racist club' Beitar Jerusalem to be played just a few kilometers away from where Palestinians are resisting Israel's forced expulsions, home demolitions and violent repression in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem.

**France expected to support Israel's inclusion in Creative Europe programme, [The New Arab](#), July 09, 2021**

Following talks at the Cannes Film Festival, France is expected to support Israel in its application to join the EU's Creative Europe programme, which offers millions of euros worth of funding for artistic projects.



## Palestinian refugees:

### **UN pans Israel's 'narrow' definition of humanitarian assistance for Gaza, [Times of Israel](#), July 09, 2021**

Senior UN official urges Israel to ease restrictions at goods crossing, where exports since war are down 90%, warns planting season in enclave at risk if policy doesn't change

### **US Congresswoman Welcomes Resumption of UNRWA Funding, [Palestine Chronicle](#), July 06, 2021**

US Congresswoman Barbara Lee welcomed on Sunday the announcement that the United States will resume funding UNRWA, which was interrupted under the administration of former President Donald Trump.

## Publications:

### **Launching Rockets and the Responsibility of Palestinian Armed Groups Before the ICC Under the Principle of Prohibiting Indiscriminate Attacks, [Law4Palestine](#), July 03, 2021**

\*This article is the first to be published in a series of articles on the "responsibility of Palestinian Armed Groups (PAGs) before the International Criminal Court (ICC)", as part of the Law for Palestine's call for submissions in this area.

## Events:

### **Challenging the heart of the Israeli narrative! Interview with historian Ilan Pappé, [Patreon](#), July 09, 2021**

Interview with historian Ilan Pappé on ethnic cleansing, forgotten Palestinians, and the power of the Zionist lobby. #

### **A conversation with Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine Director at Human Rights Watch, [Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University](#), July 13, 2021**

Shakir will discuss the recent HRW report "A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution" he was the lead author on.



**From Sheikh Jarrah to Gaza: The Enduring Palestinian Refugee Crisis, MIRR Alliance, July 14 2021**

Join Yahav Zohar and Mohammad Barakat, two Jerusalemites and working partners in the Green Olive Collective, for a special webinar to discuss the complex issue of refugees in Israel-Palestine.