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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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Top Stories:

Human Rights Watch Accuses Israel of Apparent War Crimes in Gaza Assault, TruthOut, July 30, 2021

Human Rights Watch is calling on the International Criminal Court to open a probe into apparent Israeli war crimes committed during its recent 11-day assault on Gaza that killed 260 Palestinians, including 66 children.

Here in Jerusalem, we Palestinians are still fighting for our homes, The Guardian, July 28, 2021

The situation in Sheikh Jarrah is not hard to understand: it is a perfect illustration of settler colonialism, a microcosm of the reality for Palestinians across 73 years of Zionist rule. This vocabulary is not theoretical. It is evident in the attempts to forcibly displace Palestinians from their homes so that settlers can occupy them. Here the direct account of a Palestinian who is experiencing that these days.

Israeli and Palestinian officials are speaking again, AXIOS, July 28, 2021

In the last month, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has held four phone calls with senior Israeli officials — two with President Isaac Herzog, one with Defense Minister Benny Gantz and one with Public Security Minister Omer Bar Lev.

Will Abbas Get Tripped Up by the Palestinian Diaspora?, Foreign Policy, July 29, 2021

Rashid Khalidi, a Columbia University historian and author of *The Iron Cage: The Story of the Palestinian Struggle for Statehood*, says time is running out for both Abbas's Fatah party and Hamas even if they control the current discourse. "A new generation of young Palestinian activists has no time for the slogans, politics, and leaders of the past," Khalidi recently wrote. "These activists are operating on the same wavelength throughout Palestine and in the diaspora."

Palestine Protests: Weaponized Accusations of Antisemitism Distract from Palestinian Rights, Palestine Legal, July 29, 2021

Widespread media reports of a rise in antisemitism as protests for Palestinian rights peaked in May relied on often false, misleading, decontextualized, and distorted information.

Palestine Protests: Medical Workers & Students Targeted For Attacks, [Palestine Legal](#), July 29, 2021

Doctors, medical students and workers all faced attacks for Palestine advocacy, including pressure not to speak out, the removal of a piece on Palestinian health from a well-known scientific magazine, and a campaign to remove a Palestinian doctor from her post at a hospital.

Latest Developments:

The emergence of GCC-Israel relations in a changing Middle East, [Brookings](#), July 28, 2021

Animated by a host of regional threats and the need to keep the United States engaged in their security, the Saudi-UAE axis has broken with the Arab world's longstanding Palestine-first policy in pursuit of an alliance with Israel. While these states have deemed normalization more of an asset than a liability at this juncture, an open relationship is not without risks and costs that may become more apparent down the road.

Sheikh Jarrah: Palestinians await Jerusalem evictions ruling, [BBC](#), August 02, 2021

An Israeli court is to decide the fate of Palestinians facing eviction in East Jerusalem in a case which has become the focus of international attention.

Haniyeh re-elected as chief of Palestinian group Hamas, [The New Arab](#), August 01, 2021

Ismail Haniyeh has been re-elected as leader of the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, cementing his control of the organization which rules the Gaza Strip and has fought multiple wars with Israel.

Israel Lets More Palestinian Workers Enter Amid PA Financial Crisis, [Haaretz](#), August 01, 2021

Israel's move to increase the number of Palestinian workers by 15,000 stems from a shortage of construction workers and the argument that 'employing Palestinian has diplomatic and security benefits'

Palestinian President Abbas to reshuffle government amid growing backlash, [YAHOO](#), July 28, 2021

Amid growing domestic criticism, Abbas is planning to reshuffle the Palestinian government and replace a number of ambassadors and governors.

Settler Group Loses Control Over Jerusalem Archaeological Park, [Haaretz](#), July 29, 2021

The right-wing group's contract to run the Davidson Archaeological Park near the Western Wall will not be renewed and Israel will resume control of the site

Israel to recognize Palestinian coronavirus vaccine certificates, [J Post](#), July 29, 2021

The Israeli Health Ministry will also allow patients to be transferred in ambulances from the Gaza Strip to West Bank hospitals.

Israel gives settlers 2,100 acres of Palestinian land in the West Bank, [The New Arab](#), July 29, 2021

Israeli two-state solution campaign group Peace Now was sent a reply by Israel's agriculture ministry, revealing that \$1.17 million was given last year to groups involved in illegal agricultural settlements.

Palestinian police close the office of J-Media Network news agency near Ramallah, [Committee to Protect Journalists](#), July 29, 2021

The Committee to Protect Journalists today condemned the closure by the Palestinian police of the office of the J-Media Network news agency in Ramallah and called on Palestinian authorities to allow J-Media staff to return to the office and report the news freely and without fear of reprisal.

Mohammed Was Looking for His Little Brother When Israeli Soldiers Shot Him Dead at Close Range, [Haaretz](#), July 30, 2021

The door of an Israeli army jeep that had entered the West Bank village of Nabi Saleh for no apparent reason suddenly opened and a soldier shot 17-year-old Mohammed Tamimi, while his cousin looked on in shock

Palestinian man shot dead in violent clashes as 12-year old boy, also killed by Israeli soldiers, is buried, [CNN](#), July 30, 2021

Palestinian man has died after being shot by Israeli forces in the West Bank, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, during large clashes that broke out during the funeral of a 12-year old boy who was shot by Israeli soldiers a day earlier.

Palestine rights group: Israel tortures female prisoners, [Middle East Monitor](#), July 30, 2021

The Palestinian Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs revealed on Thursday that Israel "tortures and abuses" female Palestinian prisoners in Damon Prison, northern Israel.

17 Palestinian Prisoners Launch Hunger Strike to Protest Israel's Administrative Detention, [*Palestine chronicle*](#), August 01, 2021

In a statement, the Palestinian Prisoner Society said the detainees have gone on hunger strike to protest Israel's policy of administrative detention, which allows Tel Aviv to hold Palestinians without trial or charge.

Ben & Jerry's Is Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Boycotts for Human Rights, [*Institute for Policy Studies*](#), July 29, 2021

Ben & Jerry's has a long history of social responsibility. Founded by progressive Jews, the company has supported the Black Lives Matter movement, environmental justice and a wide range of other causes.

International:

Israel and Jordan's Relationship Is Better Than It Looks, [*Foreign Policy*](#), July 29, 2021

But despite the media's focus on the dynamics between Abdullah and various Israeli leaders, there are few signs the Jordanian government will dramatically change its policies as Bennett succeeds Netanyahu. Rather, Amman will likely resume its delicate balancing act of critiquing Israeli policy toward Palestinians while pushing back against attempts to scrap the 1994 peace treaty entirely. Jordanian national interests offer no other alternative.

US to sell 18 helicopters to Israel in \$3.4 billion deal, [*The New Arab*](#), July 31, 2021

The US has announced that it could potentially sell 18 helicopters to Israel, in a deal worth up to \$3.4 billion, according to reports by Reuters.

Republican senator's hold on US funding to Palestinian territories remains in place, [*Al-Monitor*](#), July 31, 2021

A spokesperson for Sen. Jim Risch said the hold will stay as long as the Palestinian Authority continues what has been called the "pay for slay" program, while senators have also introduced a bill opposing the Biden administration's funds for Palestinian refugees.

Israel suspends fuel-transport deal with UAE, [*Al-Monitor*](#), July 27, 2021

The environmental decision to halt the fuel-transport deal with the Emirates created the first real diplomatic crisis between the countries since the signing of the Abraham Accords.

King Abdullah: 'Civil War' Between Jews and Arabs in Israel Is a Wake-up Call, [*Haaretz*](#), July 25, 2021

Abdullah tells CNN that the Bennett-led government may not be the 'most ideal' to advance a two-state solution, but that it's important to get Israelis and Palestinians 'back to the table'

New Yorkers flock to pro-Israel Ben & Jerry's after West Bank boycott slumps sales, [New York Post](#), July 28, 2021

"I'm trying to celebrate my feelings about the occupation with my support of a local businessperson," a customer in her 60s said at the shop on 104th Street and Broadway.

Palestinian refugees:

Palestinians of Lebanon: Generations of refugees denied integration and basic rights, [Peace Insight](#), July 30, 2021

In her latest article, our local correspondent in Beirut, Sawssan Abou-Zahr looks at what life is like for Palestinians living in Lebanon.

UNRWA and Kuwait Fund For Arab Economic Development sign a Memorandum of Understanding, [UNRWA](#), August 01, 2021

UNRWA signed a memorandum of understanding that establishes a framework of cooperation with the Kuwait Fund For Arab Economic Development (Kuwait Fund).

Mercy USA supports Palestine refugee families in Gaza with emergency food aid, [UNRWA](#), July 29, 2021

More than 5,000 Palestine refugees in Gaza will receive much-needed food supplies thanks to a generous contribution from Mercy-USA for Aid and Development. The funding will support the emergency food assistance programme administered by UNRWA

Syrian Regime Forces Attack Deraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees, Violate Truce, [Palestinian Return Centre](#), July 29, 2021

The Syrian government forces in Deraa breached an agreement reached on Monday to lift the blockade on the area. Mortar shells reportedly slammed into residential neighborhoods in Deraa at the same time as a number of civilians were fatally gunned down by snipers. Clashes and injuries were also reported.

Events:

Closed consultations with civil society organisations, [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](#), August 03, 2021

The meeting will be held as a virtual engagement with CSO representatives from Palestine, Israel and the international community with a special focus on the situations in East Jerusalem and Gaza and on advocacy in the United States.

Media Representations of Palestine, MESSA, August 08, 2021

This event will feature a panel of prominent Palestinian academics, journalists, and activists and will touch on issues of misinformation, bias, and underrepresentation.

Palestinian Liberation & Leadership: What's Next?, Foundation for Middle East Peace, July 28, 2021

The discussion address issues including: What are the challenges to Palestinian liberation? What roles – positive and negative – do the Palestinian Authority and Hamas play? What role does Palestinian civil society play in mobilizing against Israel and the PA? What can Palestinian resistance to Israel look like? What is behind Hamas's rise in popularity since the most recent escalation with Israel? What is the status of the uprising against the PA and how is it part of a larger struggle against occupation, annexation, and apartheid? And how do Palestinians inside of Israel and in the Diaspora – from Lebanon to the U.S. – fit into the puzzle of Palestinian liberation?

Speakers:

Tareq Baconi (Crisis Group)

Inès Abdel Razek (PIPD)

Lara Friedman Moderator

“Right to Self-Determination of Nations Under Occupation”, Tamil Rights Activists Forum, July 31, 2021

A number of legal experts, international diplomats and human rights activists will participate in the meeting along-side with Law for Palestine Organization to shed light on the impact of the Israeli occupation on the right of Palestinians to self-determination