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In the Spotlight

Foreign Ministry Condemns Israeli Escalation in The Occupied Territories, Calls for International Intervention, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 13, 2022.

The State of Palestine warns against Israel's escalating crimes against the Palestinian people, including collective punishment, targeting of civilians, and unlawful siege imposed on the city of Jenin, and calls on the international community to urgently intervene to protect the Palestinian people, today said the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates in a statement.

Presidency Warns of The Danger of Israelis Slaughtering Sacrifices for The Jewish Holiday in Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 12, 2022.

The official spokesman for the Palestinian presidency, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, today said that threats by extremist Israeli to storm Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City to slaughter sacrifices for the Jewish Passover holiday under the protection of the occupation police, along with the threat to deploy more Israeli occupation forces in the Palestinian territories, will lead to a dangerous and uncontrollable escalation.

Six Palestinian NGO's Demand Action to Reverse Israel's 'Terror' Designation, [Mondoweiss](#), April 12, 2022.

In a joint statement, the groups called on states to "take concrete action against the Israeli occupation authorities' continued harassment and criminalization of Palestinian human rights defenders and civil society organizations."

Rights Group: International Community Must Intervene to Stop Israeli Escalation of Violence Against Palestinians, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 12, 2022.

Violence by Israeli Occupying Forces (IOF) and Israeli colonial settlers continues to escalate against Palestinians across the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem in the fast month of Ramadan and the international community must intervene to put an end to this escalating violence, said the Palestinian human rights group, Al-Haq, in an action alert.

Bennett's Coalition Crisis Puts Palestinian Parties in A Dilemma, [+972 MAGAZINE](#), April 11, 2022.

Facing disgruntled voters and the threat of Netanyahu's return, the Joint List appears conflicted about whether to provide a lifeline to the government.

Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem Affirms Christians' Natural Right to Celebrate Holidays in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 11, 2022.

The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem affirmed "its strong and renewed commitment to our natural right to celebrate our holidays along with our congregation, our families and to

participate together in prayers at our churches in the Old City of Jerusalem, including the basic right of all our church members to access the Church of Holy Sepulchre and its vicinity during Easter festivities, including Holy Fire Saturday.

Premier Says Financial Support for Families of Martyrs and Prisoners Is Not Supporting ‘Terrorism’, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 11, 2022.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh rejected today an Israeli court's view of the Palestinian Authority as a supporter of "terrorism" because it pays the families of the martyrs and prisoners, stressing that his government's support for the families is not supporting "terrorism" rather it is "our duty towards the orphan sons of martyrs, and the prisoners and their families who need all our help."

Hamas Stops Islamic Jihad from Military Escalation with Israel in Gaza, [AL-MONITOR](#), April 11, 2022.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad are coordinating policies and activities, stepping up attacks in the West Bank while trying to avoid direct confrontation in Gaza.

Joint List Leader Urges Arab Israeli Cops to Quit Force, Is Accused Of Incitement, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), April 11, 2022.

MK Ayman Odeh tells Arab Israeli officers they are 'humiliating' their people and should throw down their weapons, calling for the Palestinian flag to fly over Jerusalem.

Foreign Ministry Condemns Israeli Forces Killing of Palestinian Woman in Bethlehem, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 10, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates in a statement condemned the heinous crime captured by a Palestine TV camera of Israeli soldiers shooting and killing a Palestinian woman in the town of Husan in the Bethlehem governorate.

Foreign Ministry Says Bennet's Remarks Are an Okay for Killing of Palestinians, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 10, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said that recent remarks by Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennet regarding the ongoing Israeli escalation in the West Bank are okay for the killing of Palestinians and that the US administration has to take these remarks seriously.

PLO and Fatah Official: Israeli PM's Instructions to His Army to Operate Without Restrictions Is a Call for Murder, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 10, 2022.

Member of the PLO's Executive Committee and Fatah's Central Committee and head of the General Authority of Civil Affairs in the Palestinian Authority, Hussein al-Sheikh, stressed that the

instructions of the Israeli Prime minister, Naftali Bennett, to his army to operate without restrictions and to be unleashed in the West Bank are a call for murder and abuse.

Foreign Ministry Holds Israeli Government Responsible for Current Escalation, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 9, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates held the Israeli government of Prime Minister Naftali Bennett fully and directly responsible for the current Israeli escalation of violence in the occupied West Bank.

Remembering the Deir Yassin Massacre 74 Years Later, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 9, 2022.

On this day in 1948, a couple of hundred armed Zionist militias from the pre-Israeli-state Irgun and Stern gangs walked into the village of Deir Yassin, a few kilometers to the west of Jerusalem, and committed one of the earlier massacres that became standard practice for the newly-founded state of Israel.

Palestine/Israel

Premier Condemns Killing of a Palestinian Lawyer in An Israeli Military Raid of Nablus City, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 13, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh condemned the killing of a lawyer in an Israeli military raid in the northern West Bank city of Nablus.

Palestinian Stabs Policeman at Ashkelon Construction Site, Is Shot and Killed, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), April 12, 2022.

Officer lightly wounded; was investigating a suspicious individual when the man drew a knife and attacked him.

Israeli Forces Launch New Raids Around Flashpoint W. Bank City, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 12, 2022.

JENIN, Palestinian Territories — Israeli forces launched a third day of operations on Monday around the flashpoint West Bank city of Jenin following heavy gun battles in recent days and overnight arrests, the forces said.

West Bank Escalation: Two Israelis Injured in Nablus; Palestinian Shot Dead in Jenin, [HAARETZ](#), April 11, 2022.

The two men were trying to reach the Tomb of Joseph, a Jewish holy site vandalized on Saturday as tensions in the West Bank rise in the wake of recent terror attacks in Israel.

Israelis Can Sue the Palestinian Authority Over Terror Attacks, Top Court Rules, [HAARETZ](#), April 11, 2022.

The Supreme Court said that the Palestinian Authority may be liable for compensation due to the stipends it gives Palestinians convicted of terrorism by Israel and their families.

Israeli Forces Kill Four Palestinians in 24 Hours as West Bank Violence Surges, [MIDDLE EAST EYE](#), April 11, 2022.

Recent deaths come after Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett granted security forces 'full freedom of action' last week.

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Israeli Soldiers Shoot Dead at A Palestinian Woman Near Bethlehem, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 10, 2022.

Israeli occupation forces shot dead a Palestinian woman after they opened fire at her while she was crossing an Israeli military checkpoint near the village of Husan, to the west of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, according to The Ministry of Health.

Israeli Troops Kill Palestinian Woman After 'Suspicious' Approach Near Bethlehem, [HAARETZ](#), April 10, 2022.

Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian woman in her forties after she approached them in a "suspicious manner" in the West Bank town of Husan, near Bethlehem, on Sunday.

Palestinian Detainee on Hunger Strike For 38 Days in Protest of Unfair Detention, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 10, 2022.

Khalil Awawdeh, 40, a Palestinian in Israeli detention, has been on hunger strike for 38 days in protest of his detention without charge or trial, the Palestinian Authority's Detainees Affairs Commission has said.

Hamas: Israel Violating International Laws By Banning Gaza Patients From Travel For Treatment, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), April 7, 2022.

A spokesman for the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), Abdel Latif Al-Qanoua said Thursday, that the Israeli authorities continue to flagrantly violate international laws and humanitarian covenants by besieging the Gaza Strip, preventing the entry of medical equipment and devices into it, and preventing Palestinian patients from traveling abroad for treatment, as well as practicing medical negligence against Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. In remarks to

Safa Agency on the World Health Day and the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO), Al-Qanoua said the Israeli "racist behavior" against thousands of Palestinian patients "requires international organizations, especially the WHO, to redouble their efforts and play their role in saving the lives of Palestinian patients."

Regional

Palestine, Jordan Coordinating Diplomatic Efforts to Protect Al-Aqsa Mosque – Foreign Ministry, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 13, 2022.

Palestine and Jordan are coordinating their diplomatic efforts to protect Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest site located in Jerusalem's Old City, from attempts by Israel and Jewish fanatics to change its historic status as a Muslim-only worship site, today said the Palestinian Foreign Ministry in a statement.

Jordanians Condemn Attempts To 'Liquidate' UNRWA, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), April 5, 2022.

The High Committee for the Defense of the Palestinian Refugee Right of Return in Jordan yesterday condemned American and Israeli attempts to "liquidate" the UN Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Quds Press reported.

International

European Diplomats Call on Israel to Ensure Freedom of Worship of Christians During Easter Holiday, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 13, 2022.

After visiting Jerusalem's Old City with the office of the Greek Orthodox patriarchate, European diplomats called on the Israeli authorities to ensure freedom of worship of Christians during the upcoming Easter holiday.

Fifteen EU Countries Are Calling on The Commission to Disburse Funding for The Palestinians Without Delay, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 12, 2022.

Fifteen European Union (EU) countries have called on the European Commission (EC) to disburse without delay funding for the Palestinian Authority (PA), according to Politico news outlet.

EU Expresses Shock at Israeli Forces Killing of Palestinian Woman in Bethlehem, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 10, 2022.

The European Union expressed shock at the Israeli army's killing of a Palestinian woman in Bethlehem.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

[UNRWA](#), Qatar Charity Support to UNRWA Emergency Food Assistance in Gaza, April 13, 2022

Qatar Charity contributed US\$ 1.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in support of the Agency's food assistance in Gaza. Some 90,300 food-insecure persons living in the blockaded Gaza Strip will be able to meet their most basic food requirements for three months (one quarter) in this round of aid distribution.

UNRWA, The International Islamic Charity Organization Contributes US\$ 500,000 To Provide Emergency Cash Assistance to Palestine Refugees in Gaza, April 13, 2022

The International Islamic Charity Organization IICO has contributed US\$ 500,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to provide emergency cash assistance to Palestine refugees in Gaza.

PLO Official Discusses UNRWA's Financial Crisis with UNRWA Commissioner-General, Wafa News Agency, April 12, 2022

Ahmad Majdalani, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) met today in Ramallah with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, where they discussed the difficult financial situation facing the agency and its impact on the sustainability of service provision in the face of dire circumstances facing the refugees.

UNRWA-Sweden: High Level Consultations and A Strong Strategic Partnership, April 8, 2022

On Thursday 7 April, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, concluded a two-day visit to Stockholm, during which he held strategic talks with Swedish officials on the long-standing cooperation between UNRWA and Sweden and the way forward.

Palestinian Affairs Department Chief Meets the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Jordan, The Jordan Times, April 7, 2022

Director-General of the Jordanian Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA) Rafiq Kherfan and Director of UNRWA Affairs in Jordan Marta Lorenzo on Thursday discussed a number of issues related to the agency's operations in the Kingdom, notably the German Development Bank (KfW)-funded projects of the "Rehabilitation of Jerash Camp Streets" and the "Solar Power Plant". Talks also covered efforts to setting a roadmap to permanently appoint 7.5 per cent of daily wage workers, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. Kherfan lauded the agency's efforts to serve the Palestinian refugees, with Lorenzo expressing appreciation towards Jordan's unceasing endeavours in support of the agency.

Analysis & Opinions

What's the Story?: Aida Touma-Sliman on Israeli Apartheid, (by Aida Touma-Sliman), [Mondoweiss](#), April 11, 2022.

Aida Touma-Sliman, a Palestinian member of Knesset and long-time women's rights and political activist, describes apartheid in Israel and the occupied territory and how it impacts Palestinian citizens of Israel in particular.

Operation Peace for the Occupation, (by Odeh Bisharat), [HAARETZ](#), April 11, 2022.

Shortly after the despicable terror attack in Tel Aviv Thursday, hundreds of security personnel arrived at the scene. Had it been a similar incident without the "security" label, it's hard to imagine a similarly swift response or a similar quantity of soldiers and police officers. On Friday there were frightful shootings in Arab town, with many casualties – in Rahat (five wounded), in Arabeh (two wounded) and in Gush Halav (one seriously wounded). But no one will remember them. Who cares about Arabs?

Israel's False Promise of Security, (by Edo Konrad), [+972 MAGAZINE](#), April 10, 2022.

Those devising punishments for Palestinians after attacks in Israeli cities offer nothing but a violent ritual in which despair and rage are the order of the day.

The Palestinian Perspective on the Terror Attack, (by Gideon Levy), [HAARETZ](#), April 10, 2022.

Raad Hazem was born on Kaf Tet B'November, 1993 – November 29, the date of the 1947 United Nations votes to partition Mandatory Palestine. He was born into the hope of the Oslo Accords and grew up in the catastrophe of Operation Defensive Shield. He was nine when the Israeli tanks invaded his refugee camp, destroyed its center and killed 56 of its inhabitants. This boy saw in the streets bodies that could not be buried until the army left, tanks that crushed the homes and cars of residents whose lives were wretched and a bulldozer that flattened the camp and "turned it into Teddy Stadium" – the home field of the Beitar Jerusalem soccer team, whose most vocal supporters are the notoriously anti-Arab La Familia group – as the digger's driver bragged.

Israel Wave of Violence Skips Jerusalem, but Tensions Still Visible, (by Anshel Pfeffer), [HAARETZ](#), April 10, 2022.

The suspension of evictions in Sheikh Jarrah and the restraint from both Israeli police and Palestinian youths have led to a surprising calm during a tense period throughout Israel – but all that could still change in an instant.



How to Prevent Further Escalation of Violence in Israel—Before It's Too Late, (by Daoud Kuttab), [News Week](#), April 7, 2022.

News is breaking about another violent attack in Israel, the fifth in three weeks. This one, which took place in Tel Aviv, left two dead and 12 injured. It brings the total number of Israelis killed in recent weeks to 13. They join 18 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in the first three months of 2022, whose deaths the United Nations has documented. How to combat this new wave of violence? The answer is perhaps simpler than one might expect: with good governance and with hope.

Publications and Statements

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