



النهضة العربية للديمقراطية والتنمية
Arab Renaissance for Democracy & Development

Palestine in the News

A weekly overview of the most relevant developments on

Question of Palestine (QoP)

Issue No. 40 (15/2022)

21 April 2022

A weekly newsletter on the latest news, developments, relevant publications, And upcoming events on the QoP. This newsletter 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.

<u>In the Spotlight</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Palestine/Israel.....</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Regional.....</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>International.....</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Analysis & Opinions</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Publications and Statements</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Video Links</u>	<u>11</u>

In the Spotlight

In a precedent, Haifa District Court Reduces Administrative Detention Order of a Palestinian Citizen of Israel, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 21, 2022.

The Haifa District Court yesterday rejected a request by the Israeli State Attorney's office for a three-month administrative detention order of Sadeen Jabareen, a 29-year-old teacher, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, and resident of Umm al-Fahem who was arrested by the General Security Service or "Shabak" on 3 April and has been under investigation and detained for the last 16 days, and approved only two-week detention.

President Abbas Affirms Absolute Rejection to Changing Historical Status Quo at Al-Aqsa, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 20, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas affirmed his absolute rejection of any change to the historical status quo at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

King Says Illegal Provocative Measures in Jerusalem Push Towards Further Escalation, [The Jordan Times](#), April 19, 2022.

His Majesty King Abdullah, in a series of phone calls on Monday with Arab, European, and UN leaders, discussed the latest developments related to the Palestinian cause and the recent violations in Jerusalem.

Right-wing Israeli Groups Announce March at Jerusalem Flash Points, Defying Police, [Haaretz](#), April 19, 2022.

Police wouldn't approve the Old City march on Wednesday, which follows days of clashes in the area.

Safadi, Blinken Emphasize De-Escalation At Al Aqsa, [The Jordan Times](#), April 19, 2022.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Tuesday held talks over the dangerous escalation at Al Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, and focused on the de-escalation efforts, according to a Foreign Ministry statement.

Israeli Warplanes Bomb Site in Gaza's Khan Younis, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 19, 2022.

Israeli warplanes early Tuesday bombed a site in the city of Khan Younis, to the south of the Gaza Strip, Wafa correspondent confirmed.

Palestinian Foreign Ministry Rejects Accusations by Its Israeli Counterpart as A Desperate Attempt to Cover Up Its Aggression, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates today rejected accusations by its Israeli counterpart describing them as a desperate attempt to cover up its aggression.

Jordan Summons Israeli Envoy Over Al-Aqsa 'Violations', [HAARETZ](#), April 18, 2022.

Foreign Minister Safadi tells lawmakers Amman will also host an emergency meeting of the Arab League to discuss 'Israeli escalation' in Jerusalem's Old City.

Putin Sends a Letter to Bennett Demanding Handover Of Old City Property, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), April 18, 2022.

Russian official says Moscow prepared to apply pressure to receive contested Alexander's Courtyard site, after recent court ruling rejected Russia as rightful owner.

Jordan Warns Against Changing The Status Quo at Al Aqsa Mosque, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 17, 2022.

The Foreign Ministry on Sunday warned that Israel's continuous steps to change the historical and legal status quo at Al Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif and impose the temporal and spatial division of Al-Aqsa Mosque represents "a dangerous escalation and a condemned breach of the international law".

Tensions Flare as Israeli Police Enter Al-Aqsa Mosque Again, [AL-JAZEERA](#), April 17, 2022.

At least 19 people were reportedly injured as Israeli police carried out the second raid at the mosque since Friday.

Arab, EU Countries Highlight Jordan's Role in Safeguarding Jerusalem Holy Sites, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 17, 2022.

Arab and European countries on Saturday highlighted the importance of respecting Jordan's role in caring for the holy sites in Jerusalem, respecting the sanctity of Al Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, and stopping all provocative procedures that can only lead to more violence, extremism, and instability.

Presidency: Bennet's Remarks Are Utterly Rejected, [WAFA News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, the spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas, said that Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's remarks are utterly rejected, and are an attempt to legitimize the temporal and spatial division of the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

More Than 150 Hurt in Jerusalem Confrontations, around 400 Arrested, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 17, 2022.

More than 150 people were wounded on Friday in confrontations with Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli forces in Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque compound, the first face-off at the flashpoint holy site since the start of Ramadan.

Fatah: Israel Prepared the Assault on Aqsa Mosque Long Time Ago, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

Jamal Nazzal, the spokesman for the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Fatah), warned that Israeli violence against Palestinians in Jerusalem could result in destabilizing the whole region and beyond, saying Israel had prepared for the assault on Aqsa Mosque a long time ago.

Presidency: National Constants Are the Basis for Any Solution of The Conflict, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 16, 2022.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, the spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas, said that the national constants of the Palestinian people are the basis for any future solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and that national red lines cannot be crossed by any party.

President Abbas Reaches Out to Regional Leaders in Bid to Curb Israeli Escalation, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 16, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas sent today identical letters to regional leaders in an effort to curb the ongoing Israeli escalation of violence across the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem.

If Israel/Palestine Becomes a True Democracy– Uh-Oh, There Goes the Jewish State — Moulton, [Mondoweiss](#), April 15, 2022.

Rep. Seth Moulton, a Massachusetts Democrat, says he rejects one state in Israel and Palestine, even if it's a "democracy," because Palestinians outnumber Jews and they will end the Jewish state.

Gaza Protests Against Israeli Raids at Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Al-Jazeera](#), April 15, 2022.

Protesters chanted slogans calling for Arab and international support for Al-Aqsa Mosque worshippers and Palestinians attacked in the occupied West Bank.

Israeli Forces Attack Palestinian Worshippers in Al-Aqsa Mosque Raid, [Middle East Eye](#), April 15, 2022.

Israeli forces attacked Palestinian worshippers inside al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem in a pre-dawn raid on Friday. Dozens of people have been injured as Israeli security officers fired rubber-coated steel bullets, tear gas, and stun grenades inside the courtyards and prayer halls of the mosque. The Palestine Red Crescent said 67 people have been evacuated from the mosque and transferred to nearby hospitals so far, including at least seven with upper-body wounds. More people are being evacuated and treated, as Israeli forces continue to assault worshippers.

Al-Makassed hospital in East Jerusalem said they received 40 injuries from Al-Aqsa, two of them with critical injuries. Footage shared online showed tear gas and stun grenades being fired inside the silver-domed Qibli prayer hall, the main building on the site from where congregational prayers are led.

Six Extremist Jews Arrested for Planning Animal Sacrifice a Top Temple Mount, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), April 14, 2022.

Six Jews in their 20s were arrested Thursday morning after police suspected they were planning to sacrifice a goat at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City ahead of Passover. The suspects, residents of Jerusalem and Jewish settlements in the West Bank, were detained and taken in for questioning after police found a goat in one of the suspects' homes. The "Returning to the Mount" extremist group, which advocates the construction of a third Jewish temple on the site that once housed the two biblical temples, have circulated a flyer offering a cash prize to anyone who managed to offer a living sacrifice on the Temple Mount, and to anyone arrested trying to do so.

Palestine/Israel

Israel Hits Gaza After Reported Rocket Attack, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 19, 2022.

Israel carried out its first air strike on the Gaza Strip in months early Tuesday, in response to a rocket reportedly fired from the Palestinian enclave after a weekend of violence around a Jerusalem holy site.

Prisoners Commission: The Number of Palestinian Administrative Detainees in Israel Increased to 650, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

The number of Palestinians held in administrative detention in Israel without charge or trial has increased to 650, said the Palestinian Prisoners and Ex-Prisoners Affairs Commission.

Infographic: How Many Palestinians are Imprisoned by Israel?, [AL-JAZEERA](#), April 17, 2022.

Israel holds some 4,450 Palestinians – including 160 children, 32 women, and 530 administrative detainees – in prisons.

17-Year-Old Palestinian Boy Succumbs to Injuries After Israeli Shooting, [Defense for Children International](#), April 15, 2022.

A Palestinian boy shot by Israeli forces in the northern occupied West Bank on Thursday morning succumbed to his wounds.

IDF to Shutter West Bank, Gaza Crossings For Palestinians on First Day of Passover, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), April 14, 2022.

The Israel Defense Forces on Thursday announced the closure of crossings with the West Bank and Gaza Strip for the first day of the Passover holiday. The closure will begin Friday at 4 p.m. and remain in effect until just after midnight on Saturday, April 16. Passover begins on Friday evening and ends a week later. Security officials will convene Saturday evening to decide whether to extend the closure for the entire Jewish festival.

‘Ripe For Explosion’: Israel-Palestine Tensions Rise in Ramadan, [AL-JAZEERA](#), April 14, 2022.

Tensions on the ground in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territory are heading towards a large-scale eruption this Ramadan, analysts expect, as residents of the besieged Gaza Strip fear yet another war. “We are moving gradually towards an escalation – the conditions are ripe for an explosion,” Jerusalem-based political analyst Mazen Jaabari told Al Jazeera.

Regional

President Abbas Discusses Latest Developments with Algerian Counterpart, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 20, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas and his Algerian counterpart Abdelmadjid Tebboune discussed today the latest developments in the Palestinian territories, including the Israeli escalation against the Palestinian people and their holy sites in Jerusalem, particularly at al-Aqsa mosque.

UAE Summons Israeli Ambassador to Protest Israeli Measures in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 19, 2022.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) summoned the Israeli ambassador to Abu Dhabi and informed him of the country's strong protest and denunciation of the events taking place in Jerusalem and al-Aqsa Mosque, including attacks on civilians and incursions into holy places that resulted in the injury of a number of civilians.

OIC Secretary-General Discusses Ongoing Israeli Attacks Against Al-Aqsa Mosque with Jordanian FM, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 19, 2022.

The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Hissein Brahim Taha, made a telephone call to Ayman al-Safadi, the Jordanian foreign Affairs minister, during which he discussed the ongoing Israeli attacks against the blessed al-Aqsa Mosque in flagrant violation of international law and relevant United Nations resolutions.

Algerian Foreign Minister Reiterates His Country’s Firm Position in Support of Palestinian Cause, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

Algerian Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra reiterated his country's firm position in support of the Palestinian cause, without reservations, in order to end the Israeli occupation and embody an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Arab Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem to Hold an Emergency Meeting on Thursday, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

An Arab Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem announced today it will hold an emergency meeting on Thursday in the Jordanian capital Amman to discuss the dangerous Israeli escalation in Al-Aqsa Mosque of Jerusalem and ways to confront it.

Jordan's Foreign Ministry Summons Israeli Chargé d'Affairs to Protest Attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates summoned the Israeli Chargé d'Affairs in Amman to protest against the illegal and provocative Israeli violations at the al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif in occupied Jerusalem and urge Israel to respect the freedom of worship, according to Jordan's Petra news agency.

King Stresses Need for Israel to Cease Provocative Measures in Al Aqsa Mosque, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 17, 2022.

His Majesty King Abdullah on Sunday reaffirmed the need for Israel to respect the historical and legal status quo at Al Aqsa Mosque/Al Haram Al Sharif, and cease all illegal and provocative measures that violate it and could push towards further escalation.

Israeli Attempts to Desecrate Al Aqsa Threat to Regional Stability, peace — PM, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 17, 2022.

AMMAN — Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Bisher Al Khasawneh highlighted the government's action to implement the Royal directives to continue regional and international efforts and communications Jordan has initiated to address all the illegal Israeli measures aimed to alter Al Aqsa Mosque/Al Haram Al Sharif's historical and legal status quo.

King of Jordan Affirms the Need for Israel to Respect Historical and Legal Status Quo At Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

King of Jordan, Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, affirmed the need for Israel to respect the historical and legal status quo at al-Aqsa mosque and to stop all illegal and provocative measures that violate that status and push towards further deterioration.

President Abbas Discusses Dangerous Israeli Aggression Against Palestinian Territories with Turkish Counterpart, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas discussed during a telephone call with his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the latest developments and the dangerous Israeli aggression against the Palestinian territories, particularly Jerusalem.

Al-Maliki Sends Two Letters to Arab League and OIC Regarding Israel's Onslaught on Al-Aqsa, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Riyad Al-Maliki sent two identical letters to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, and the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Hissein Brahim Taha, regarding the latest Israeli raid on Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Sudan's Foreign Ministry Strongly Condemns Israeli Forces Attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque, Worshippers, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed its strong condemnation of the Israeli occupation forces' storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the attack on defenseless Palestinian worshippers.

Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union Condemns Israeli Repeated Storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 17, 2022.

The Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union condemned today the repeated storming of al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli occupation forces and settlers.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation Roundly Condemns Israeli Forces' Incursion into Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 16, 2022.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) roundly condemned in a statement the Israeli occupation forces' incursion into the sacred al-Aqsa mosque

Egypt condemns Israeli escalations in West Bank, [ahram online](#), April 13, 2022.

Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian in the city of Nablus on the fifth day of military operations in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said on Wednesday. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported 31 people injured at the site and in a nearby village, including 10 people hit with live ammunition.

International

UN Chief Remains Concerned Over Deteriorating Situation in Palestinian Territories, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 21, 2022.

April 20, 2022 (Wafa) - UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed deep concern over the deteriorating situation in Jerusalem, particularly the incidents in and around the holy sites.

UN Special Coordinator Says Contacts to De-Escalate the Situation in Jerusalem Have Been Constructive, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 20, 2022.

United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland, said that contact with relevant parties to de-escalate the situation in Jerusalem following days of tension has been constructive.

International Ultra-Orthodox Anti-Zionist Group Condemns Israeli Forces' Storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque, [WAFA News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

Neturei Karta, an international ultra-Orthodox anti-Zionist group, condemned the storming of the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem by Israeli forces and settlers.

Presidents Abbas and Putin Discuss the Latest Developments in Palestine and Internationally, [WAFA News Agency](#), April 18, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas and Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed over the phone the latest developments in Palestine and internationally, as well as bilateral relations between their two countries.

Pope Calls for Free Access to Jerusalem Holy Sites, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 17, 2022.

Pope Francis on Sunday called for free access to the holy sites in Jerusalem as he delivered his annual Easter address amid simmering violence between Israelis and Palestinians in the Holy City.

UN chief Guterres Calls for Respect Of Status Quo At Holy Sites, [WAFA News Agency](#), April 16, 2022.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has reiterated his call for the status quo at the holy sites in Jerusalem to be upheld and respected, after an Israeli onslaught on the holy site resulted in the injury of more than 120 Palestinians.

Tufts Students Face Backlash from School Over BDS Campaign, [Mondoweiss](#), Published on Tue Apr 12, 2022 - modified on Wed Apr 13, 2022.

Tufts students are expanding their BDS campaign amid increased backlash from pro-Israel clubs and their university.

Viennese Court Endorses the City of Vienna's SLAPP Against Palestinian Rights Advocate, [European Legal Support Center](#), Published on Tue Apr 12, 2022 - modified on Wed Apr 13, 2022.

In a highly contestable decision delivered on 6 April 2022 in the case between the City of Vienna and a member of BDS Austria, the Commercial Court of Vienna endorsed the City's Strategic

Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP), ruling against the BDS activists. The Austrian activists will appeal this decision.

**Austrian Activist Facing Lawsuit, [European Legal Support Center](#),
Published on Wed Jan 19, 2022 - modified on Tue Apr 12, 2022.**

A member of BDS Austria is being sued by the Municipality of Vienna for sharing a Facebook post stating: "Visit Apartheid – Free Palestine". The Municipality has filed a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP) to deliberately repress and intimidate BDS-Austria and Palestinian rights advocates. Such a tactic threatens democratic values and fundamental rights. The hearing at the Commercial Court of Vienna will take place on the 28th of January 2022.

**Senior US Diplomat Calls Family of Palestinian Woman Shot Dead by IDF,
[THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), April 14, 2022.**

A senior Biden administration official on Thursday called the family of an unarmed Palestinian woman who was shot dead by Israeli troops earlier this week to offer his condolences. The call by George Noll, who heads the Palestinian Affairs Unit in the US Embassy to Israel, to the family of Ghada Sabateen represents a relatively rare decision by the administration to weigh in on the killing of a Palestinian who is not an American citizen. The widowed 47-year-old mother of six did have American relatives, though.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

**[UNRWA](#): Japan Contributes Us\$ 20.2 million To Support UNRWA Efforts to
Assist for Palestine Refugees, April 20, 2022**

The Government of Japan contributed US\$ 20.2 million in three donations to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

**Palestinian Refugees Are Being Marginalized by The Focus on UNRWA,
[MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), April 14, 2022**

Can we speak of the sustainability of humanitarian aid in the face of ongoing colonial expansion and perpetual dispossession? Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini who heads the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) met recently with PLO executive committee member Ahmad Majdalani to discuss the financial crisis facing the agency and its impact on the provision of services for Palestinian refugees. According to the Palestinian Authority's official news agency, Wafa, Majdalani said that the PA is "making great efforts to mobilise the necessary funding for UNRWA, in order to enable it to continue providing its basic services to refugees."

**Online Short Course - Palestine Refugees and International Law, 5–6 April
2022 (Special UNRWA Course).**

This two-day short course places the Palestinian refugee case study within the broader context of the international human rights regime. It examines, within a human right

framework, the policies and practices of Middle Eastern states as they impinge upon Palestinian refugees. Through a mix of online lectures, online working group exercises and interactive sessions, participants engage actively and critically with the contemporary debates in international law and analyse the specific context of Palestinian refugees in the Middle East (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel).

Analysis & Opinions

Jerusalem's Temple Mount Clashes Are Spreading to Jordan's Royal Palace, (by Zvi Bar'el), [HAARETZ](#), April 19, 2022.

In Jordan and Israel, clashes at the holy site not only concern defenders of freedom of worship, but also serve political rivals who could topple the governments in both countries.

Palestinians Should Never Have to Wait to See Their Families, (by Paul Salvatori), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), April 16, 2022.

I have a Palestinian friend who lives near me in Toronto. She wants to visit her family in Gaza but can't. The authorities, both in Canada and Israel, are making it very difficult to get the right documents or permission to get there. It's wholly unfair.

How Zionism is Fuelling a Religious War Over Al-Aqsa Mosque, (by Paul Salvatori), [MIDDLE EAST EYE](#), April 15, 2022.

The ongoing attempts to take over Muslim holy places, whether in Jerusalem, Hebron, or in Nablus, continue apace, as does valiant Palestinian resistance to them.

Palestine's Widening Geography of Resistance: Why Israel Cannot Defeat the Palestinians, (by Ramzy Baroud), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), April 13, 2022.

There is a reason why Israel is insistent on linking the series of attacks carried out by Palestinians recently to a specific location, namely the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank. By doing so, the embattled Naftali Bennett's government can simply order another deadly military operation in Jenin to reassure its citizens that the situation is under control.

Publications and Statements

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 119 | 10 – 16 April 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), April 17, 2022.

Civil Society and the Question of Palestine - NGO Action News – 14 March 2022, [UNITED NATIONS](#), March 14, 2022.

Book: Psychoanalysis Under Occupation, Practicing Resistance in Palestine (by By Lara Sheehi, Stephen Sheehi), 2022.

Report: WFP Palestine Annual Country Report 2021 Highlights, Relief Web, April 14, 2022.

WFP succeeded in sustaining its significant food assistance to almost 478,000 people in response to the protracted protection and humanitarian crisis in Palestine, scaling up and diversifying its support in emergency response during the May 2021 escalations in Gaza. In 2021, WFP also sustained its resilience-building and strengthening interventions, supporting smallholder farmers and boosting the local economy.

Bulletin On Action by The UN System and Intergovernmental Organizations Relevant to the Question of Palestine (March 2022)

Video Links:

Peace, Justice and Equal Rights in Palestine/Israel: Some of this year's peace advocacy fellows have done their own video campaign - see [People Often Say](#) and [The Government's Attitude](#).

The first video asks the viewers - what do you hear people say? What reasons do we give ourselves for doing nothing about the occupation? And what reason do *you* give yourself? The second challenges the viewer to consider what our government's attitude is. Why is it doing so little to end the occupation and bring peace?