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In the Spotlight

Government calls on UNRWA Commissioner-General Not to Do Anything That Prejudices Rights of Palestine Refugees, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 27, 2022.

The Palestinian government called on the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, not to do anything that would prejudice the rights of the refugees or transfer UNRWA services to other international organizations.

PM Shtayyeh Holds Israel Responsible for The Killing of Palestinians in The Occupied Territories, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 27, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh today condemned Israel's killing earlier today of Ahmad Massad, 18, in Jenin refugee camp during an army raid, and held the Israeli government responsible for the killings.

Top Court Asks Israel to Explain How It Plans to Stop Settler Land Grab, [Haaretz](#), April 27, 2022.

The Israeli Civil Administration gave the residents of the Nokdim settlement 15 days to explain how their construction on private Palestinian land does not constitute incursion.

Palestinian administrative detainees are boycotting courts for four months, B'Tselem said, [The Jerusalem Post](#), April 27, 2022.

All Palestinians in [Israeli administrative detention](#) have since January 1 been boycotting the military court proceedings in their cases, B'Tselem announced on Tuesday.

Al-Haq sends Letter to The Office of The US Vice President Over Support of Israeli Settlement Enterprise, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 26, 2022.

The Ramallah-based Palestinian human rights organization, Al-Haq, has sent a letter to the office of United States Vice President, Kamala Harris after a Sedar was held at the Vice President's Residence in which wine from Psagot Winery, an illegal Israeli settlement enterprise in the occupied West Bank, was served.

Palestinian-American Producer at Netflix Describes Israel as A Racist Colonial State That Practices Apartheid, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 26, 2022.

Palestinian-American Hala Gabriel, a production finance executive at the American TV and film production company (Netflix) described Israel as a racist colonial state that practices apartheid.

Human Rights Watch Calls to Release of Gaza Aid Worker Mohammad Al-Halabi After 6 Years in Detention, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 25, 2022.

Israeli authorities should immediately release Mohammad al-Halabi, a humanitarian worker from Gaza detained for nearly six years both before and during his trial, Human Rights Watch said today. The Israeli Supreme Court on February 17, 2022, renewed al-Halabi's detention for 90 days: its 23rd such renewal.

Israeli Court Extends Decision Freezing Eviction of a Palestinian Family from Its Sheikh Jarrah Home, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 25, 2022.

The Israeli Magistrate Court in Jerusalem decided today that an earlier decision to freeze the eviction of the Palestinian Salem family from its home in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem for the benefit of Israeli settlers will continue to apply.

Palestinians Denounce Israel's Move to Close Gaza Crossing, [Aljazeera](#), April 25, 2022.

Israel's decision to close its only crossing for Palestinian workers coming from the Gaza Strip has been denounced as "collective punishment" of the impoverished territory's two million residents who have lived under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade for nearly 15 years.

Middle East: 'No Justification for Terrorism or Violence Against Civilians, Security Council Hears, [United Nations](#), April 25, 2022.

Despite "inflammatory rhetoric and violent clashes" between Palestinians and Israeli Security Forces (ISF) at the Holy Sites, Tor Wennesland said that the situation in Jerusalem remains "relatively calm."

Israeli Restrictions On 'Holy Fire' Ignite Christian Outrage, [The Washington Post](#), April 23, 2022.

Christians celebrated their "Holy Fire" ceremony at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem on Saturday against a backdrop of rising tensions with Israel, which imposed new restrictions on attendance this year that it said were needed for safety.

Palestine/Israel

Number of Palestinians in Detention Without Trial in Israel Hits 5-year High, [Haaretz](#), April 26, 2022.

There are currently 579 Palestinians in administrative detention and over the past month 19 detention orders were issued against Israeli citizens, 2 of whom are Jewish.

Facial Recognition and the Right to Worship in Qalandiya, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), April 26, 2022.

Thousands of Palestinians, women, men and children, crowded at the Qalandiya checkpoint entrances on the third Friday of Ramadan, many of them hoping to gain access to pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque. Armed with their faith and prayer rugs, they bravely faced the Israeli soldiers who tried to block their way.

Prime Minister Shtayyeh, Foreign Ministry Condemn Israel's Killing of a Palestinian Youth in Jericho, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 26, 2022.

prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh y condemned Israel's army killing of a Palestinian youth in Jericho, east of the occupied West Bank.

Israeli Court Rejects Appeal in Deadly Gaza Beach Airstrike, [ARAB NEWS](#), April 25, 2022.

Israel's Supreme Court on Sunday rejected a request to reopen an investigation into the deaths of four Palestinian children who were killed by an Israeli airstrike while playing on the beach in the Gaza Strip during a 2014 war.

Israeli Supreme Court Rejects Petition Against the Closure of Investigation into Bakr Boys Killings During 2014 Gaza War, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 25, 2022.

A three-justice panel of the Israeli Supreme Court yesterday rejected a petition against closure of investigation filed by the Bakr family, parents of four boys who were killed in an Israeli air force missile attack while they were playing on the beach west of Gaza City on 16 July 2014 during the Israeli military offensive in Gaza termed "Operation Protective Edge", according to a press release by Adalah.

Hamas Makes Demands of Israel to Prevent Escalation in Gaza, [AL-MONITOR](#), April 22, 2022.

Hamas' political chief Ismail Haniyeh said in an April 15 press statement that the resistance group would retaliate should Israeli settlers' attacks continue in Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Regional

President Abbas Meets Jordan's Monarch in Amman, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 27, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas met Jordan's monarch Abdullah II at Al Husseinia Palace in Amman.

President Abbas Departs to Jordan on Trip to Meet Abdullah II, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 27, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas Wednesday departed to the Jordanian capital, Amman, for a meeting with King Abdullah II.

Jordan's King Agreed with U.S. Biden on Need to Defuse Jerusalem Tension, [REUTERS](#), April 25, 2022.

Jordan's King Abdullah agreed with U.S. President Joe Biden on the need to prevent a repeat of recent confrontations in Jerusalem's Muslim holy sites that sparked concerns of wider conflict.

OIC Reaffirms Commitment and Support for Right of Palestinian People to Sovereignty Over Their Occupied Land, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 25, 2022.

Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Hissein Brahim Taha, has reaffirmed the OIC's total commitment and support for the right of the Palestinian people to sovereignty over their occupied land, including East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine.

International

Coalition of UK CSOs Urge Government to Halt Anti-Boycott Legislation, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 27, 2022.

A coalition of UK Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Tuesday urged the government to halt a legislation that would likely target boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) efforts against Israel.

PM Shtayyeh, Austrian FM Discuss Bilateral Ties, Political Developments, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 27, 2022.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh and Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg discussed bilateral relations and political developments.

Foreign Minister Malki Briefs His Austrian Counterpart on The Latest Developments in the Palestinian Issue, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 26, 2022.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Riyad al-Malki, today briefed his Austrian counterpart, Alexander Schallenberg, during a meeting in Ramallah, on the latest developments on the Palestinian issue, particularly the escalating Israeli violations in the occupied Palestinian territory in general and in occupied Jerusalem in particular.

King, US President Reaffirm Commitment to Working Towards Peace, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), April 25, 2022.

His Majesty King Abdullah and US President Joe Biden on Monday reaffirmed Jordan's and the United States' commitment to continue working towards global and regional peace.

UN Experts Call on Governments to Resume Funding for Six Palestinian CSOs Designated by Israel as Terrorist Organizations, [Wafa News Agency](#), April 25, 2022.

UN human rights experts today called on the international community to take immediate and effective steps to protect and sustain the six Palestinian civil society groups that were designated as ‘terrorist organizations by the Government of Israel in October 2021.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA: Commissioner-General Calls for Support to Palestine Refugees in Syria Ahead of the Vi Brussels International Conference on “Supporting the Future of Syria and The Region”, April 26, 2022

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Philippe Lazzarini called on the international and donor community to support Palestine refugees in Syria. After a visit to Damascus on 19-21 April, and ahead of the international conference on “Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region” to be held next month, he reminded donors and policymakers that some 438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria, most at least once displaced and living under the poverty line.

UNRWA: Message from UNRWA Commissioner-General to Palestine Refugees, April 25, 2022

Are there different ways to ensure that the services provided to you continue without the threat of disruption due to UNRWA’s lack of financial resources?

Analysis & Opinions

Column: Some People Hope the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Will Fade Away. But That’s Not Happening, (by Nicholas Goldberg), Los Angeles Times, April 25, 2022.

World leaders can avert their gaze, and Israel can go about its business as if it were not carrying out an intolerable, indefensible military occupation just across the Green Line. It can build more walls and beat back rocket attacks. But until the roots of the conflict are addressed, the violence won’t fade and the headlines will just keep coming.

Settlers Play Chicken with the Israeli Army in the West Bank, (by Hagar Shezaf), HAARETZ, April 25, 2022.

Thousands of settlers took part in a march to the illegal outpost of Homesh last Tuesday, a settlement evacuated during Israel’s 2005 disengagement from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

Palestinian Human Rights Are Non-Negotiable, (by Haidar Eid), Mondoweiss, April 25, 2022.

Palestinians are on the receiving end of a racist Western onslaught, but we cannot compromise on the right to self-determination and liberation.

**The Reality That Israel Cannot Evade, (by Ahmed Abu Artema),
Mondoweiss, April 13, 2022.**

There is a simple principle that Israel ignores: a society based on the oppression of another people cannot dream of enjoying a normal life.

**Al-Aqsa Won't Become a Synagogue. There Are Real Reasons to Fight the
Occupation, (by Nir Hasson), HAARETZ, April 21, 2022.**

I've been writing about events in Jerusalem for 14 years now. Most of my time is spent on the way the Israeli occupation treats Palestinian residents of the city.

Publications and Statements

**Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 120 | 17 – 23 April 2022, Law for Palestine,
April 24, 2022.**

**Civil Society and the Question of Palestine - NGO Action News – 21 April
2022, UNITED NATIONS, April 21, 2022.**