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In the Spotlight

Palestine Holds Grand State Funeral for Iconic Slain Palestinian Journalist, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 12, 2022.

Palestine Thursday morning held a grand state funeral for an iconic Palestinian journalist killed yesterday by Israeli military gunfire in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin.

Al Jazeera's Shireen Abu Akleh killed in Israeli Raid: Live News, [ALJAZEERA](#), May 11, 2022.

Shireen Abu Akleh, 51, was covering an Israeli army raid on the Jenin refugee camp when she was shot in the face.

Al-Jazeera Correspondent Shireen Abu Akleh Killed During an Israeli Army Assault in Jenin, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

Al-Jazeera correspondent Shireen Abu Akleh, 51, from Jerusalem, was killed this morning during Israeli army assault in the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

Veteran Al Jazeera Journalist Shot Dead During Israeli Raid in Jenin, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 11, 2022.

PA says reporter Shireen Abu Aqleh was killed by Israeli fire to the head; Israel suggests joint investigation and claims Palestinians likely shot her.

King Meets Christian Leaders in the US, Warns Of Threats Against Christians in Jerusalem, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 10, 2022.

His Majesty King Abdullah on Monday warned against the continuous impediments facing Christians in the Palestinian territories, especially in Jerusalem, adding that continued pressures could threaten their presence in the region. At a meeting in New York with a number of Christian leaders in the United States, King Abdullah reaffirmed that Arab Christians are an integral part of the Middle East's past and present, and are vital to its future, stressing the need to work collectively to safeguard the Christian presence in the region, according to a Royal Court statement.

Biden to Meet Jordan's King Abdullah This Week Amid Jerusalem Tensions, [HAARETZ](#), May 9, 2022.

U.S. President Joe Biden is set to meet with Jordan's King Abdullah II later this week, a source familiar with the meeting said on Monday, with Middle East regional issues expected to dominate the meeting. Jordan, the custodian of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem, has been heavily involved in efforts to maintain calm in the city, which has seen repeated clashes between Palestinians and Israeli police over the past weeks, during the month of Ramadan.

Lapid: Israel Doesn't Need Permission from The US To Build in Settlements, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), May 9, 2022.

Israel doesn't need permission from the United States to build in West Bank settlements, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid told reporters in the Knesset. "Israel is a sovereign state and does not ask for permission to operate in its territory," Lapid said. He spoke amid the latest diplomatic row between Israel and the United States over the Higher Planning Council for Judea and Samaria's meeting on Thursday to advance and approve plans for 3,988 settler homes.

Palestine Refugee Agency Could 'Implode', UN Warns, [EURACTIV](#), May 9, 2022.

The collapse of the international agency responsible for Palestinian refugees due to chronic underfunding by UN countries could lead to unpredictable consequences in an already unstable region, experts and officials warn. "The strong political support [for the agency] is not translated into matching resources," UNRWA commissioner-general Philippe Lazzarini told EURACTIV. Lazzarini fears the situation could deteriorate further and reach a "tipping point" where costs can no longer be covered, causing the "implosion of the organisation or push it into a situation where we will be unable to cover the needs." "The region in which we operate is a highly volatile one that cannot afford another crisis with unpredictable consequences," said Lazzarini.

Palestinians Need Stronger Ties to Area C, World Bank Said, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), May 9, 2022.

"Area C remains key to Palestinian economic development but access to this area remains severely limited," the World Bank said.

Foreign Ministry Condemns Israeli PM's Statements on Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 8, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemned a tweet published by Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett about the al-Aqsa Mosque, considering the statement as official Israeli recognition of targeting the Al-Aqsa Mosque and its courtyards as well as the Jordanian Islamic Endowment.

Jared Kushner To Invest Saudi Money in Israel for The First Time, [THE NEW ARAB](#), May 8, 2022.

Jared Kushner's private investment firm, Affinity Partners, plans to invest capital from Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund in Israeli businesses, according to the Wall Street Journal. This would mark the first time money from the kingdom's Public Investment Fund (PIF) will be invested in Israel.

Shtayyeh to Head to Brussels Today to Participate in Donors Committee Meeting, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 8, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh, accompanied by an official delegation, will head today to the Belgian capital, Brussels, to participate in the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) scheduled to be held on Tuesday.

PA: Sovereignty Over Jerusalem, Holy Sites Belongs to ‘The State of Palestine’, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), May 8, 2022.

The Palestinian Authority on Sunday rejected Prime Minister Naftali Bennett’s remarks that all decisions regarding the Haram a-Sharif (Temple Mount) and Jerusalem would be made by the government of Israel. “These statements are misleading and incorrect, as evidenced by the continuous incursions into the Aqsa Mosque and the restrictions on worshipers in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher during the recent holiday celebrations,” PA presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudaineh said, according to a statement published by the Palestinian news agency Wafa.

‘I’m Thrilled to Work with Israeli Government Because They Want to Do the Right Thing,’ US Ambassador Says, Ahead of Settlement Announcement, [Mondoweiss](#), May 7, 2022.

Days before Israel announced that it is going ahead with 4,000 new settlement units, the U.S. ambassador -- who was reportedly briefed on the plans -- says "I really respect this government... they really want to do the right thing," and he is "thrilled to work with them."

US State Department Says Israeli Settlement Plans Exacerbate Tensions and Undermine Trust Between the Parties, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 7, 2022.

The United States State Department criticized Israeli plans to expand the illegal settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories saying they exacerbate tensions and undermine trust between the parties.

US Denounces Israel's Push to Advance 3,988 West Bank Settler Homes, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), May 7, 2022.

The United States warned that Israel was harming prospects for a two-state solution by pursuing the advancement and approval of plans for 3,988 new West Bank settler homes. “Israel’s program of expanding settlements deeply damages the prospect for a two-state solution,” Deputy State Department spokesperson Jalina Porter told reporters on Friday.

While Welcoming the Us State Department's Position on Israeli Settlements, Foreign Ministry Says it is not Enough, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 7, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates welcomed the position announced by the US State Department regarding the illegality of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, but considered it insufficient and does not rise to the level of the crimes of settlement construction.

Israel Set to Approve 4,000 Settler Units in Occupied West Bank, [ALJAZEERA](#), May 6, 2022.

If approved, it would be the biggest advancement of illegal settlement plans since US President Joe Biden took office.

American Bar Association Questions Israel's Designation of Six Palestinian Civil Society Orgs as 'Terrorist', [Mondoweiss](#), May 5, 2022.

The ABA schools Israel on international law regarding the military's decision to silence widely respected Palestinian voices.

Palestine/Israel

Palestinian Officials Slam Israel's Killing of Al-Jazeera Correspondent, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

Palestinian officials today strongly condemned the Israeli killing of the Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, a correspondent with Al-Jazeera, who was shot dead this morning by the Israeli occupation forces in Jenin refugee camp.

Palestinian Administrative Detainees Continue Boycott of Israeli Military Courts for Day 128, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 8, 2022.

More than 450 Palestinian detainees have been refusing to show up for their military court hearings for 128 days in protest of their unfair detention without charge or trial under Israel's controversial administrative detention policy.

Israel Arrests Two Palestinian Axe Murder Suspects, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 8, 2022.

Israeli forces on Sunday arrested two Palestinians suspected of axing to death three Israelis, after a more than two-day manhunt, the latest in a spate of deadly attacks.

Israel Considering Military Op in Jenin or Gaza in Response to Terror Wave – Reports, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 8, 2022.

Bennett, Gantz, top security officials huddle; PM said to favor targeting Gaza Strip, while Gantz, backed by army and Shin Bet, wants broad arrest sweep in West Bank.

Hamas Vows Suicide Bombings, 'Unprecedented Response' If Israel Targets Its Leaders, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 7, 2022.

Terror group threatens 'regional earthquake,' massive rockets attacks if Sinwar, other leaders hit; Egypt reportedly mediating between Jerusalem, Gaza to prevent escalation.

Israeli High Court greenlights forcible expulsion of more than 1,000 Palestinians in Masafer Yatta, [Mondoweiss](#), May 6, 2022.

Late Wednesday night, the High Court rejected an appeal by the residents against their expulsion, paving the way for the Israeli military to demolish their homes and forcibly expel them from their land, a crime under international law.

Regional

OIC Condemns the Assassination of Palestinian Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli Occupation, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed strong condemnation of the assassination of Al-Jazeera correspondent, Shireen Abu Akleh, in the Palestinian territories, stressing that this crime constituted a blatant violation of international laws and norms and required immediate investigation and holding those responsible to account.

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Jordan Condemns 'Heinous Assassination' of Palestinian Reporter Shireen Abu Akleh, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

The Jordanian government condemned the "heinous assassination" of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh early Wednesday in Jenin in the West Bank, said Petra news agency.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry Condemns Israeli Killing of Palestinian Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry condemned, in the strongest terms, the heinous assassination of Al-Jazeera correspondent, Shireen Abu Akleh, in Jenin camp in the West Bank.

Israel Denies Agreement with Jordan to Expand Waqf Staff on Temple Mount, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 10, 2022.

Jordan has emphasized that it doesn't accept "participation or dictation from any party," including the Israeli government, regarding the appointment of security guards at the Aqsa Mosque compound (Temple Mount) in Jerusalem. The appointment of guards and employees at the Aqsa Mosque and Al-Haram Al-Sharif (the Noble Sanctuary) is within the mandate of Jordan and its Wakf Department in Jerusalem, the Jordanian Ministry of Wakf Islamic Affairs said in a statement on Monday. It said that the ministry is "the only body charged with implementing the Hashemite custodianship over Islamic and Christian holy sites and endowments and consolidating the historical and legal status quo."

Arab League Chief Rejects Israeli Attempts to Change Status Quo Of Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 9, 2022.

Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul-Gheit strongly rejected any Israeli statements or positions that would attempt to change the historical and legal status quo of Jerusalem.

Kuwait Warns against Israeli Plans to Build 4,000 New Settlement Units, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), May 9, 2022.

Kuwait on Sunday warned of the consequences of Israel's plans to expand illegal Jewish settlements built in occupied Palestinian territories, Quds Press reported. In a statement, Kuwait warned against the repercussions of building 4,000 new settlement units announced by the Israeli authorities last week.

OIC Condemns Israel's Plans to Build 4000 Settlement Units, Evacuate 12 Palestinian Villages in Yatta Area, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 8, 2022.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned the plans of Israel, the occupying power, to build 4000 new settlement units on the occupied Palestinian land, and to evacuate and demolish 12 Palestinian villages in the Yatta area, south of Khalil Province.

Jordan Warns About Israel's Potential Eviction of Palestinians in Masafer Yatta, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 7, 2022.

Jordan warned about the consequences of an Israeli plan to evict 1,300 Palestinians living in about 12 villages in the Masafer Yatta region, south of Hebron province in the farthest south of the occupied West Bank.

Jerusalem Affairs Committee Urges International Community to Pressure Israel to Halt Its Violations, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 7, 2022.

Secretary General of the Royal Committee for Jerusalem Affairs (RCJA) Abdullah Kanaan on Saturday said that Israel continues war crimes and its daily apartheid policy against the Palestinian people and Jerusalem's Islamic and Christian holy sites.

International

White House Condemns Killing of Palestinian-American Al Jazeera Reporter, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

The White House strongly condemned the killing of Palestinian-American Al-Jazeera correspondent Shireen Abu Akleh.

US Congresswoman Expresses Shock Over Israeli Killing of Al-Jazeera Journalist, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

United States Congresswoman Betty McCollum expressed shock over the killing of Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces.

US Department of State Spokesman Condemns Killing of Palestinian-American Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

The United States State Department spokesman Ned Price strongly condemned the killing of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in the West Bank. "Her death is an affront to media freedom everywhere," he said in a tweet.

French Foreign Minister Condemns, Expresses Deep Shock Over Killing of Palestinian Journalist by Israeli Army, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

French ministry of foreign affairs spokeswoman, Anne-Claire Legendre condemned and expressed deep shock over the killing of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces.

UN High Commissioner Appalled at The Killing of Al-Jazeera Journalist, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

Michelle Bachelet, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights said she is appalled at the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh while covering an Israeli military operation in Jenin.

EU Calls for A Swift, Independent Investigation into The Killing Of Al Jazeera Correspondent Abu Akleh, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 11, 2022.

The European Union today called for a swift and independent investigation into the killing of a prominent Al Jazeera reporter in the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

Malki Participates in UN High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society, And Counter-Terrorism in Spain, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 10, 2022.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Riyad Al-Malki, participated in the United Nations High-level Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society, and Counter-Terrorism, in the Spanish city of Málaga.

Shtayyeh Calls on EU To Pressure Israel to Stop Its Violations Against Palestinian People, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 10, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh today called on the European Union (EU) to pressure Israel to stop its violations and its displacement and expulsion plans against the Palestinian people.

EU: Settlement Expansion, Demolitions, And Evictions are Illegal Under International Law, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 10, 2022.

The European Union stressed that settlement expansion, demolitions, and evictions are illegal under international law.

Malki Meets Irish Counterpart in Dublin, Discusses Current Situation in Palestine and Bilateral Relations, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 8, 2022.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Riyad al-Malki, met with the Irish Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defense, Simon Coveney, on the sidelines of the conference organized by the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People held in Dublin, the capital of Ireland.

UN Urges Israel to Cancel Ruling to Evict 1,300 Palestinians Near Hebron, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), May 8, 2022.

The United Nations (UN) on Friday called for Israeli authorities to cancel the court's ruling to evict 1,300 Palestinians in the Masafer Yatta area, near Hebron (Al-Khalil), the Middle East Monitor reported.

UN Report Calls for A More Strategic Approach to Addressing the Palestinian Economic and Fiscal Situation, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 7, 2022.

A newly published United Nations report highlights the urgency of adopting a more strategic approach to address the economic and fiscal crisis faced by the Palestinian Authority and Government. It urges a coordinated and integrated response to resolve this precarious situation.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

[UNRWA](#): Unrwa Commissioner-General Statement at The Brussels Vi Conference: "Supporting the Future of Syria and The Region", May 10, 2022

Excellencies, there are nearly 440,000 Palestine refugees who still live in Syria. Most of them live on less than US\$ 2 per day. Around 50,000 Palestine refugees who fled the conflict are currently in Lebanon and Jordan. They are among the most vulnerable refugee communities in the region. In Syria, most of them were displaced at least once. Like many Syrians, Palestine refugees were killed, detained and disappeared during the grueling conflict.

[UNRWA](#): UNRWA Welcomes Additional US\$ 2 million Contribution from Kuwait, May 9, 2022

The Government of Kuwait contributed US\$ 2 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) on Sunday.

UNRWA Schoolteacher on Mission to Instill Environmental Values in Children, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 7, 2022

Safa Obeid, who was selected as the Earth Prize Educator of the Year, said the recognition has helped her acquaint students with their surroundings and the environmental problems they are facing.

UNRWA: The Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation Provides Supplies for Palestine Refugee Students in Gaza, April 29, 2022

Thanks to a generous donation of US\$ 1.5 million from the Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation (KBZ), UNRWA was able to provide Palestine refugee students with school supplies during a recent distribution! The entire student population – some 3,100 students – at the UNRWA Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Elementary Boys' and Elementary Co-educational Schools in Gaza received supplies including full school uniforms, bags and shoes.

Analysis & Opinions

For Israel, Political and Religious Domination Go Hand in Hand in Jerusalem, (by Mohammed Rafik Mhawesh), Mondoweiss, May 10, 2022.

Zionism has fragmented the multi-religious population in Palestine geographically, religiously, socially, and politically. In the process it has denied them one of the simplest rights a human being could ever yearn for — the right to pray in peace.

If Israel's High Court Approves the Nakba, Why Should the Hilltop Hooligans Even Bother? (by Odeh Bisharat), HAARETZ, May 10, 2022.

If I were in charge of the Nakbas – the Palestinian ones of course – in the occupation enterprise, I would order the immediate cancellation of the new Nakba in Masafer Yatta, the cluster of villages in the South Hebron Hills. This is the Nakba that was approved with great pomp and circumstance in the High Court of Justice, and whose implementation is already on the horizon.

Germany's Position on Palestine: Twice on the Wrong Side of History? (by Ilan Pappé), THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE, May 9, 2022.

There is no doubt that Nazi Germany was on the wrong side of history, and it took an enormous amount of international effort to bring Germany over to the other side of history after the end of the Second World War. A noble way of doing it was by strengthening the democratic basis of post-Nazi Germany, and by re-writing its educational curricula as well as granting it a leading role in the struggle against racism at the heart of the continent. This was complemented by a noble attempt to regulate the local arms industry and arms exports so as to ensure as a comprehensive restitutive process as possible.

Another Phase of the Palestinian Nakba, With Israeli Court Approval, (by Hagai El-Ad), HAARETZ, May 9, 2022.

The Caterpillar D9 is a specific series of track-type tractor. A special Israeli license is required to drive such a bulldozer over a Palestinian home. The same is true for the backhoe loader, which the Civil Administration uses to destroy the humble dirt roads and desperate water pipes of the Palestinians in the South Hebron Hills. For a road sweeper, too – like the one the Supreme Court justices use to clear their consciences – a special Israeli license is needed.

By Redefining UNRWA, Washington Hopes to Remove Palestinian Refugees from The Political Equation, (by Ramzy Baroud), [Mondoweiss](#), May 6, 2022.

Any attempts to cancel or redefine UNRWA's mission will pose a serious, if not an unprecedented, challenge for Palestinians.

Independence Day Terror Attack Could Force Israel to Act in Gaza, (by Ben Caspit), [AL-MONITOR](#), May 6, 2022.

The especially gruesome terror attack on Independence Day in which assailants attacked passers-by with axes might force Prime Minister Naftali Bennett to end Israel's restraint in the Gaza Strip.

Publications and Statements

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 121 | 24 – 30 April 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), May 1, 2022.

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 122 | 1 – 7 May 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), May 8, 2022.

Statement: Statement by United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Lynn Hastings, OCHA, May 6, 2022.

On 4 May 2022, the Israeli Supreme Court rejected the petitions against eviction orders of the residents of Masafer Yatta in the occupied West Bank. The decision affects over one thousand Palestinians including 500 children in the occupied West Bank and allows for the eviction of the residents. As all domestic legal remedies have been exhausted, the community is now unprotected and at risk of imminent displacement.

Events

Virtual Event: "Al-Khalil / Hebron - A case study for the impact of Israeli settlements on Palestinian rights under occupation" Convened by the [UN Committee](#) on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), 27 April, 2022.