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In the Spotlight

PM Shtayyeh Urges the Netherlands to Pressure Israel to Allow Elections in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 18, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh urged the Netherlands to pressure Israel to allow Palestinian elections to be held in Jerusalem and to release the bodies of Palestinians it has been holding.

Foreign Ministry Condemns Israel's Provocative 'Flag March' in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 18, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemned today the decision of the Israeli Public Security Minister, Omer Bar-Lev, to allow the so-called "flags march" in Jerusalem, and its passage through Bab al-Amoud (Damascus Gate) on May 29.

Foreign Ministry Accuses the Israeli Premier of Inciting Violence Against the Palestinian People, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 18, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates today criticized statements by Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett in which he called on his army and police to use excessive force against the Palestinians wherever they are, saying such statements are incitement to violence against the Palestinian people.

Civil Society Organizations Welcome Submission on Behalf of Human Rights Defender Salah Hammouri to the ICC, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 17, 2022.

National, regional, and international civil society organizations welcomed the communication submitted to the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on behalf of 37-year-old Palestinian-French Jerusalemite, long-time human rights defender, and lawyer Salah Hammouri, which details years of persecution and new tactics to forcibly transfer Palestinians from occupied Jerusalem.

Israeli Forces Use Heavy Hand at Another Palestinian Funeral, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 17, 2022.

More than 70 Palestinians were wounded in overnight confrontations with Israeli forces at a Jerusalem funeral, Palestinian medics said Tuesday.

US Lawmakers Introduce Bill That Recognizes the Nakba, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 17, 2022.

A number of US congress members Monday introduced to the US House a bill that recognizes the Palestinian Nakba, the forced expulsion and ethnic cleansing of some 750,000 Palestinians by the Zionists 74 years ago and turning them into refugees to establish a Jewish-majority state in Palestine.

Jerusalem Archbishop Condemns Israeli Forces Raid at Journalist's Funeral, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 17, 2022.

The Catholic archbishop in Jerusalem on Monday strongly criticized Israel's "police invasion" last week of a Christian hospital ahead of the funeral of slain Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh.

Jerusalem Church Leaders Condemn Israeli Police Violence at St. Joseph Hospital During Abu Akleh's Funeral, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 16, 2022.

The top church leaders in Jerusalem today condemned in a statement Israeli police brutality at St. Joseph's hospital during the funeral of slain Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who was shot and killed by Israeli forces on Wednesday in Jenin while covering an army raid into the northern West Bank city.

Jerusalem Funeral of Palestinian Killed in Al-Aqsa Clashes Spills Into Violence, [HAARETZ](#), May 16, 2022.

Clashes between Palestinians and Israeli police during Walid al-Sharif's funeral leave a Palestinian man in serious condition and several Israeli officers lightly wounded.

The number of Palestinians Worldwide Doubled 10 Times Since Nakba, Official Figures Show, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

Ola Awad, the Chairperson of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), said in a report today on the 74th anniversary of the Nakba that the Palestinian population at home and in the diaspora has doubled about 10 times since the Nakba in 1948.

Palestinians Mark 74th Anniversary of the 1948 Nakba, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 15, 2022.

Thousands of Palestinians marked today the 74th anniversary of the Nakba of 1948 when nearly 600,000 indigenous Palestinians were ethnically cleansed from their homes in historic Palestine by invading Zionist militias.

On the 74th Anniversary of Nakba, President Abbas Urges International Community to Abandon Policy of Double Standards, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 14, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas called today on the international community to break its silence and stop the policy of double standards regarding the situation in Palestine, which had encouraged Israel to continue committing its crimes and denying the Palestinian people their legitimate national rights.

President Abbas Awards Slain Journalist Abu Akleh the Star of Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 14, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas awarded today the family of late Palestinian journalist martyr journalist Shireen Abu Akleh the Star of Jerusalem in honor of her memory.

American Actress Susan Sarandon Rejects Claim That Anyone Who Denounces the Israeli Violence Is an Anti-Semite, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 14, 2022.

Academy Award-winning American film actress, Susan Sarandon, rejected the claim that anyone who denounces the Israeli violence apparently hates Israel and is an antisemite.

Funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh Stormed by Israeli Police, [AL-MONITOR](#), May 13, 2022.

Videos showing Israeli police officers beating and kicking mourners at the funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh in Jerusalem have gone viral.

UN Experts Condemn Shireen Abu Akleh's Killing: Latest Updates, [ALJAZEERA](#), May 13, 2022.

UN human rights experts demand a prompt, transparent, thorough and independent investigation into Abu Akleh's killing.

Abbas Says Reporter's Death Will Go to The ICC So Israel Doesn't 'Go Unpunished', [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 12, 2022.

PA leader tells thousands at a memorial for Shireen Abu Akleh that he doesn't trust Israel, and won't cooperate on the probe; Israel urges a joint investigation to find who fired the fatal shot.

Palestine UN Ambassador Rules Out Israeli Role in Abu Akleh Probe, [ALJAZEERA](#), May 11, 2022.

Palestine's ambassador to the United Nations, Riyad Mansour, said his country will "not accept" an investigation by Israel into the killing of Al Jazeera's Shireen Abu Akleh, and that he holds the Israeli army responsible for the "assassination" of the veteran journalist. "The story of the Israeli side does not hold water, it is fictitious and it is not in line with reality and we do not accept to have an investigation on this issue with those who are the criminals," Mansour told reporters at the UN headquarters in New York on Wednesday.

Palestine/Israel

Israel Informs Palestinian Landowners Near Bethlehem of The Appropriation of Their Lands, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 17, 2022.

The Israeli military government today informed three Palestinian landowners in the village of Wad Foukin, west of the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem, of its decision to seize around 40 dunums of their lands, according to a local official.

On Nakba Anniversary, Palestinians in Masafer Yatta Fear a New Nakba Following Israeli High Court Ruling, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 16, 2022.

On May 4, 2022, the Israeli High Court rejected a petition submitted by the residents of 12 Palestinian residential communities in Masafer Yatta, south of the southern West Bank city of

Hebron, against the demolition of their communities and their expulsion from their homes following declaring the area as "firing zones 918".

Three Detained at Nakba Day Event at Tel Aviv University; Police Bolster Jerusalem Forces, [HAARETZ](#), May 15, 2022.

This year's Nakba commemoration coincides with the funeral of a man shot dead by Israeli forces at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa during Ramadan violence ■ Gaza crossing reopens to Palestinian laborers

UPDATED: 10 Palestinians Shot and Injured During Clashes at The Northern Entrance to Al-Bireh, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

At least 16 Palestinians were injured today during clashes that broke out with Israeli forces at the northern entrance to al-Bireh city, according to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

Jewish Settlers Take Over Hebron Building, Ignoring Palestinian's Ownership Claim, [HAARETZ](#), May 15, 2022.

Settler group says they purchased the building, but have no documented ownership of it. Israeli soldiers are guarding the location anyway.

Palestinian Students Suffocate by The Israeli Army's Tear Gas in Tulkarem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

Dozens of Palestinian students from the Palestine Technical University (Kadoorie) suffocated as Israeli forces attacked a nearby rally commemorating the 74th anniversary of the 1948 Nakba.

Israeli Settler Kidnaps a Palestinian Student in Urif, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

An Israeli settler from the illegal settlement of Yitzhar, south of Nablus, kidnapped a Palestinian boy today outside his school in the village of Urif in the occupied West Bank province of Nablus, according to local sources.

Regional

King Abdallah Condemns Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh, Allocates Master's Scholarship in Her Honor, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

Jordan's King Abdallah II extended condolences to the family of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, in a phone call with her brother, Anton Abu Akleh, condemning the crime committed against her while covering the Israeli raid of Jenin camp, according to the Jordanian Petra news agency.

OIC: Repercussions of Nakba Continued for Decades Because of International Community's Inability to Implement Resolutions of

International Legitimacy and Its Double Standards, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) blamed the international community for the repercussions of the Nakba which have continued for decades as a result of its inability to implement the resolutions of international legitimacy and its double standards, reminding it of its responsibilities toward correcting the historical injustice still inflicted on the Palestinian people.

FM Denounces 'Inhumane' Israeli Attacks on Mourners at Palestinian Journalist's Funeral, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 15, 2022.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi on Friday strongly denounced the "inhumane and hateful Israeli attacks" on participants in the funeral of veteran Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

International

Malki Discusses Latest Developments on Palestinian, Regional Arena with Dutch Counterpart, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 18, 2022.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Riyad Al-Maliki today discussed during a meeting in Ramallah with Dutch deputy prime minister and foreign minister, Wopke Hoekstra, the latest developments on the Palestinian and regional arena.

International Officials: Masafer Yatta Palestinians Should Be Allowed to Stay in Their Homes with Dignity, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 17, 2022.

After yesterday visiting Masafer Yatta, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, international officials said Masafer Yatta Palestinians should be allowed to stay in their homes with dignity.

EU Allocates €25 Million In Humanitarian Aid for Palestinians, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 16, 2022.

The EU announced today €25 million in humanitarian aid to meet the basic needs of vulnerable Palestinians in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: Israeli Attack on Abu Akleh's Funeral Is Shocking, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet said last night he was following with deep distress events in the occupied West Bank, including in East Jerusalem, saying the attack by Israeli police on mourners at the funeral procession of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was shocking.

France Says “Shocked” By Attack on Shireen Abu Akleh’s Funeral, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 15, 2022.

France expressed its shock yesterday at the attack on the funeral procession of slain journalist Shireen Abu Akleh last Friday in occupied Jerusalem.

The killing of Palestinian Reporter Is 'Very Big Loss' For the People Whose Stories She Told: UN Official, [CBC](#), May 12, 2022.

Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh brought the plight of refugees to the world: Tamara Alrifai the killing of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh will be "a very big loss" for the refugees whose stories she told, says a United Nations spokesperson who knew the veteran reporter. "She brought the voice of Palestinians, including Palestine refugees, and their plight and their daily challenges to the world globally through Al Jazeera," said Tamara Alrifai, a senior spokesperson for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). [] "We owe it to the Palestinian refugees themselves. We owe it to professional, credible journalists like Shireen to continue that mission."

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA Calls for The Immediate Release of a Palestinian Refugee Minor from Israeli Administrative Detention, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 17, 2022.

As the extension period on the administrative detention of Amal Muamar Nakhleh ends today, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) called for his immediate release as a decision from the Israeli military on whether to release him or extend his detention is currently pending.

EU Denies Reports It Is Reducing UNRWA Funding, [Middle East Monitor](#), May 17, 2022.

The European Union has denied reports claiming the bloc intends to reduce its funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), describing them as "false and baseless".

[UNRWA](#): The European Union Announces EUR 246 million Three-Year Contribution in Support of UNRWA and Palestine Refugees, May 13, 2022

The European Union announced a three-year multi-year contribution of EUR 246 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). In a key meeting on the margins of the Brussels IV Conference on 'Supporting the future of Syria and the region', UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini met with the European Commissioner for Neighborhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi to discuss the vital services the Agency delivers to Palestine refugees impacted by the ongoing conflict in Syria and across the Middle East.

Analysis & Opinions

Waving the Palestinian Flag Falls Under Freedom of Expression (by Haaretz Editorial), [HAARETZ](#), May 17, 2022.

Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai rushed to order an investigation into police officers' conduct during the funeral of Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh. But, in addition to looking into the officers' use of excessive force, a thorough investigation is needed of the order given the officers by Jerusalem police chief Doron Turgeman to confiscate Palestinian flags and prevent them from being waved during the funeral as reported by Josh Breiner in Monday's Haaretz.

Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh is Potentially a War Crime (Francesca Albanese), [ARAB NEWS](#), May 17, 2022.

The killing of Shireen Abu Akleh was particularly heavy to process and comment on. Like many, I learned about Palestine through her eyes and fact-based reporting since the days of the Second Intifada. Her loss has shaken the Palestinian community and the whole world and prompted sober reflection and action.

Israel will be Reassured by World's Response to Abu Akleh's Death (Chris Doyle), [ARAB NEWS](#), May 17, 2022.

As Palestinians marked Sunday's anniversary of the Nakba and reflected on 74 years of calamity, the life and death of Shireen Abu Akleh sums up so much of that shared national experience. This is why her killing as she was covering another Israeli assault on a Palestinian refugee camp — a daily reminder of that catastrophe — matters. Given her stature across the Arabic-speaking world, the legacy of the Al Jazeera Arabic journalist will be immense and long-lasting.

Nakba74: Defending Our Land and Identity Amid Ongoing Displacement (by Mohammed Rafik Mhawesh), [Mondoweiss](#), May 16, 2022.

The truth is, after 74 years Palestinians have never been more united. We will restore our country; we will restore our homes. We will rebuild them, even more beautifully than ever.

Shireen Abu Akleh 1971-2022 (by Mouin Rabbani), [London Review of Books](#), May 16, 2022.

Shireen Abu Akleh, a veteran al-Jazeera journalist, was a fixture on Palestinian and Arab TV screens for more than two decades. Intrepid, sympathetic, intelligent and trustworthy, she had reported on developments in the occupied territories since the late 1990s. She was shot dead by the Israeli military in the early morning of 11 May. There was shock, grief and outrage throughout Palestine and the Middle East. Israel has killed more than forty-five journalists since 2000, but the case of Abu Akleh has taken the practice to an entirely new level.

Nakba74: The 'Voice of Palestine' Will Be Ignored no Longer (by Omar Zahzah), [Mondoweiss](#), May 15, 2022.

The “voice of Palestine” can be gunned down, but never silenced. 74 years on, it’s well past time for the world to really listen.

Israel's Brutal Storm Troopers Should Have Never Been at Abu Akleh's Funeral (by Gideon Levy), [HAARETZ](#), May 15, 2022.

No Israeli should have slept well on Friday night. Our police are storm troopers. Palestinians have long known this, but Israelis now have to understand this as well: Israel’s police have shed all restraints.

Op-Ed: When Will Israel Recognize Palestinian Nationalism?, (by Daoud Kuttab), [Los Angeles Times](#), May 13, 2022.

Like many Palestinians, I was elated when Palestinian President Yasser Arafat shook hands with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a White House ceremony on Sept. 13, 1993. Visuals of Palestinians waving Palestinian flags and olive branches in Ramallah were mesmerizing to many of us. Israeli TV news anchors flashed the red, green, white and black Palestinian flag along with the Israeli blue and white flag.

Yet another Palestinian Journalist Dies on The Job, (by Daoud Kuttab), [The Washington Post](#), May 12, 2022.

When Shireen Abu Akleh set out early on Wednesday to cover the situation in the West Bank city of Jenin, she thought she was well-protected. Not only was she equipped with a helmet and bulletproof vest (marked by letters clearly spelling out the word “press” outlined in bright white) — she also had accreditation from the Israeli authorities, meaning that she was fully entitled to carry out her job as a reporter for the Qatar-based network Al Jazeera.

Shireen: Voice of the voiceless victims silenced, (by Marwan Bishara), [ALJAZEERA](#), May 11, 2022.

Today, we mourn her, tomorrow we scorn her killers. Shireen has had that steady voice — a soothing, credible voice. Always calm, cool, and collected even when faced with the most horrific circumstances and bloodiest scenes. Which is more often than is imaginable, alas.

The Soft-Spoken Voice of Shireen Abu Akleh Has Been Silenced, (by Daoud Kuttab), [ARAB News](#), May 11, 2022.

The soft-spoken voice, the emotionless face and the factual words of Shireen Abu Akleh will be forever imprinted in the hearts and minds of most Arabs.

Publications and Statements

Statement: 74 Years on the Nakba Reflections on Apartheid and the Ongoing Nakba #NoMoreNakbas, Arab Renaissance for Democracy & Development, May 15, 2022.

Statement: A Statement by the OIC General Secretariat on the 74th Anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, May 15, 2022.

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 123 | 8-14 may 2022, **Law for Palestine**, May 15, 2022.

Events

International Mobilization Course for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, 24 July to 2 August, 2022.

BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights is thrilled to announce that applications for its International Mobilization Course for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People are now open! The course will be held in Palestine from Sunday 24 July to Tuesday 2 August (including departure and arrival days) and is an opportunity for international advocates, researchers, activists, mobilizers, policy officers, and any interested individuals to gain a deeper understanding of a human rights-based approach to international mobilization for the rights of the Palestinian people.