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In the Spotlight

Two Major US Media Outlets Confirm Palestinian Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh Was Killed by Israeli Gunfire, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 25, 2022.

Two major American media outlets confirmed in two separate reports that Palestinian iconic journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by Israeli army gunfire, and one even suggested that she was deliberately targeted.

FM Malki Receives Turkish Counterpart In “Historical” Visit to Palestine, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 24, 2022.

Foreign Minister Riyad al-Malki today received his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Çavuşoğlu in a “historical” visit to Palestine.

Palestinian Authority Calls on The US To Remove PLO From List of Terrorist Organizations, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 24, 2022.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) today called on the US administration to remove the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from its list of terrorist organizations.

Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Urge ICC Prosecutor to Open Cases from Israeli Attack on Gaza in 2021, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 24, 2022.

Palestinian human rights organizations - Al-Haq, Al-Mezan and the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR) – today filed a submission to the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC) providing a detailed description and analysis of the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the May 2021 Israeli military offensive against Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip and urged him to open cases from these attacks.

Israeli Occupation Forces: 'No Suspicion' Of Crime in Journalist Shooting, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 23, 2022.

Israel's occupation forces said Monday that if an Israeli soldier fired the bullet that killed Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, it did not appear that the soldier was guilty of criminal misconduct.

A Visit by A European Parliamentary Delegation to Palestine Canceled After It Was Blocked by Israel, [WAFA News Agency](#), May 23, 2022.

A planned visit by a European Parliament delegation to Palestine was canceled after Israel denied the delegation entry.

Foreign Ministry Says It Had Submitted Letter to ICC Over Israeli Crimes Against Palestinians, [AWAFA News Agency](#), May 23, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said that it had submitted a letter to the International Criminal Court (ICC) regarding the crimes committed by the occupying power,

Israel, against the Palestinian people, particularly the 'crime of execution' of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

Hamas warns against 'flag march' in East Jerusalem, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 23, 2022.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh warned on Sunday against a planned march by Jewish nationalists through Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem, saying that the Palestinian Islamist group would use "all possibilities" to confront it.

Palestinian-American Female Dragged Across Ground by Israeli Army, Forced Out of Ibrahimi Mosque Area, [AWAFA News Agency](#), May 23, 2022.

Israeli forces today attacked a Palestinian-American female in Hebron's Old Town, in the southern occupied West Bank, according to Wafa correspondent.

Israeli Court's Ruling to Allow Jewish Prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), May 23, 2022.

A ruling by the Israeli Magistrate's Court in Jerusalem – allowing certain Jewish prayer at Al-Aqsa Mosque – has drawn strong condemnation at home and abroad and warning of serious consequences, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Reports: US Diplomat to Meet Israeli Terrorist Leader at An Illegal West Bank Settlement, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 22, 2022.

Israeli forces have intensified their military presence in Tel Rumeida area in central Hebron ahead of a visit for a US diplomat to the Israeli settlement of Ramat Yeshai, built illegally on Palestinian land in central Hebron, according to reports.

Five out of Six Gilboa Freedom Fighters Served an Additional Five-Year Sentence, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 22, 2022.

Five out of six Palestinian prisoners who tunneled out of the high-security Israeli prison of Gilboa in September 2021 were sentenced today to an additional five years in prison, an Israeli court in Nazareth.

Presidency Condemns State Department's Removal of Israeli Group Kach from Terror Blacklist, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 21, 2022.

The Palestinian presidency today strongly condemned the US State Department's decision to remove the Israeli terror movement Kach from the list of foreign terror organizations under the US Immigration and Nationality Act.

Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem: We Will Support All Efforts to Realize Justice for Shireen Abu Akleh, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 21, 2022.

The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem confirmed that it will support all efforts to realize justice for journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who was shot and killed on May 11 in Jenin by Israeli

soldiers, said Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, General Secretary of the Patriarchate, during a memorial service for Abu Akleh held yesterday at the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem.

Israel Arrests Shireen Abu Akleh Pallbearer, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 20, 2022.

Israel has arrested one of the pallbearers of slain Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh, occupation authorities said on Thursday but rejected his lawyer's claim that the detention was linked to his role at the funeral.

Shireen Abu Akleh: 100 Celebrities Slam Israel's 'Deeply Disturbing' Killing of Palestinian Journalist, [The New Arab](#), May 20th, 2022.

Over 100 celebrities have urged their governments to take 'meaningful measures' to 'ensure accountability for the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh' in an open letter.

Family of Killed Palestinian Activist Nizar Banat Turn to International Court for Justice After Suspects Released, [The New Arab](#), May 19, 2022

The family of Palestinian activist Nizar Banat, beaten to death during his detention by Palestinian security forces, announced in Ramallah on Wednesday they are no longer pursuing a case through the Palestinian judiciary and instead of turning to international courts for justice.

Israeli Military ID's Gun That May Have Killed Journalist, [AP](#), May 19, 2022.

The Israeli military has identified a soldier's rifle that may have killed Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, but said it cannot be certain unless the Palestinians turn over the bullet for analysis, a military official said Thursday.

Palestine/Israel

Over 1,200 Palestinians Held by Israel Last Month: NGOs, [Anadolu Agency](#), May 23, 2022.

More than 1,200 Palestinians were detained by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank last month, according to Palestinian NGOs on Monday.

Israel derailing Gaza reconstruction: Palestinian official, [Middle East Monitor](#), May 23, 2022.

A Palestinian official on Sunday accused Israel of pressuring donors to derail the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, Anadolu reports.

Occupation Forces Attack Palestinian Workers Near Jenin, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 22, 2022.

Israeli occupation forces today attacked scores of Palestinian workers near the Israeli segregation barrier outside the villages of Anin, Rummana, and Zububa, to the west of Jenin in the north of the West Bank, as the latter were heading to their workplaces inside Israel, according to Palestinian security sources.

Regional

Turkish FM to Visit Palestine, [Daily News](#), Israel, May 23, 2022.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu will depart for Palestine and Israel on May 24 and will hold talks on the normalization of bilateral ties with the Israeli government in a first senior-level visit in 15 years.

Jordan: Court Support for Jewish Prayer at Temple Mount Breaches International Law, [The Times of Israel](#), May 23, 2022.

Amman warns ruling in favor of teens who recited 'Shema Yisrael' is also a gross violation of international decisions'; Hamas warns decision 'plays with fire'.

Turkish Foreign Minister Said Planning to Tour Temple Mount During Israel Trip, [The Times of Israel](#) May 20, 2022.

Turkey's top envoy, Mevlut Cavusoglu, is set to visit Jerusalem next week in a diplomatic breakthrough, but his plan to go to the holy site is causing tensions with Israel, the report says.

Algerian Lawmakers Seek to Criminalize Normalization with Israel, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), May 17, 2022.

Algerian lawmakers, on Tuesday, submitted a Bill criminalizing normalization with Israel, including articles prohibiting travel or any direct or indirect contact with Tel Aviv, Anadolu News Agency reports.

International

UK Organization to Host Conference on ICC Complaint Following Killing of Iconic Reporter, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 24, 2022.

A London-based legal organization will be hosting on Friday an international press conference on a complaint lodged with the International Criminal Court (ICC) following the killing of iconic Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh.

Norwegian Refugee Council: EU Aid Delay to Palestinians Puts Lives at Risk, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 24, 2022.

The European Union is putting Palestinian lives at risk as it continues to delay the disbursement of aid to vital sectors in the occupied Palestinian territory, today said the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in a statement.

President Abbas Briefs President of European Parliament on Latest Political Developments, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 24, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas today briefed the President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola on the latest political developments.

Human Rights Watch Critical of a Ban on Nakba Day Demonstrations in Germany, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 23, 2022.

The international Human Rights Watch (HRW) criticized a ban on Nakba Day demonstrations in Germany describing them as undue interference with rights to free expression and assembly.

Israel: EU Parliament Official Focused on Palestine Denied Entry, [Aljazeera](#), May 23, 2022.

Spanish member of European Parliament was to travel to the occupied Palestinian territories with EU lawmakers to review situation on the ground following the killing of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

57 U.S. Lawmakers Demand FBI, State Dept. Inquiry into Shireen Abu Akleh Killing, [Haaretz](#), May 20, 2022.

WASHINGTON - Fifty-seven U.S. lawmakers on Thursday demanded the U.S. State Department and Federal Bureau of Investigations launch an investigation into the death of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

Russia FM: Palestinian Journalist's Assassination 'a Disaster that Shook the World', [Middle East Monitor](#), May 20, 2022.

The assassination of Palestinian Al Jazeera journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, is "a disaster that shook the world", Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Maria Zakharova, has said, adding that only a few people heard the news of her death "without being deeply affected".

US official: Israel 'Enthusiastic' About Biden's Restoration of Aid to Palestinians, [The Times of Israel](#), May 19, 2022.

USAID chief Samantha Power tells a congressional panel that Israeli officials recognize that economic stability in West Bank and Gaza is critical after Trump cut aid.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

Muslim Charity Supports Palestine Refugees with Insulin Donation, [UNRWA](#), MAY 23, 2022.

Muslim charity contributed us\$ 75,000 to enable the United Nations relief and works agency for Palestine refugees in the near east (UNRWA) to provide 630 Palestine refugee patients in Gaza with a two-month supply of insulin for the treatment of type 1 diabetes. an estimated 52,000 Palestine refugees rely on the UNRWA health program for the treatment of diabetes each year.

without this life saving treatment, these patients are at risk of developing a wide range of debilitating or even life-threatening complications.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Meets New Dutch Government on His First Official Visit to The Netherlands, [UNRWA](#), May 22, 2022.

The Commissioner-General of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, made his first official visit to the Hague between 17-18 May to meet with its newly elected government and discuss the long-standing cooperation between UNRWA and the Netherlands. Mr. Lazzarini held meetings with Minister of Trade and Development Cooperation Liesje Schreinemacher, senior government officials, members of Parliament and civil society representatives.

Analysis & Opinions

Cryptocurrencies and Palestinian Resistance, (Tariq Dana, Ibrahim Shikaki), [Al Shabaka](#), May 23, 2022.

Al-Shabaka sat down with policy analysts Tariq Dana and Ibrahim Shikaki to debate the utility and viability of using digital and cryptocurrencies in the Palestinian context.

A Visit by a US President to the Middle East Should Matter. Otherwise, Why Bother? (Yossi Mekelberg), [Arab News](#), May 22, 2022.

US President Joe Biden's planned visit to Israel next month, and possibly to the occupied West Bank, is garnering much interest but, equally, little hope that it stands a chance of making any difference to the fragile relations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Nakba Doesn't Disappear Down Under (Paul Salvatori), [The Palestine Chronicle](#) May 20, 2022.

The two countries have a dearth of Palestinian voices in mainstream media. I started thinking more of this unadmirable similarity, this past Nakba Day (May 15). The date recalls the 1948 expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their homes, to establish the state of Israel. It was also around this time I received a press release from Palestinian Solidarity Network Aotearoa, a New Zealand organization, that states.

UNRWA As a Proxy Site of Conflict? The Case of the Gaza Strip (by Mona Jebril), [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#), May 19, 2022.

Disrupting UNRWA is a deliberate strategy to undermine Palestinians' protracted refugee status and impose normalization. But, in the Gaza Strip, does this also mean disempowering the Hamas government?

Counting The Cost of Israel's War on Gaza, One Year On (by Sally Ibrahim), [The New Arab](#), May 19, 2022.

The human and economic cost to Gaza was greater than in Israel, as it always is, and Tel Aviv will point to victories for the Iron Dome system, which minimized damage from rocket fire, which

has subsequently decreased since the conflict. In reality, however, it is only a matter of time before the next conflict, as the structural conditions remain the same. Gaza is still under a crippling blockade, settlements are still expanding in East Jerusalem, and violations at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound could escalate into wider tensions at any moment.

The EU continues to blackmail Palestinians through the weaponisation of anti-Semitism (by Muhammad Hussein), [The New Arab](#), May 19, 2022.

Over the past year, the European Union has delayed the transfer of hundreds of millions of Euros in its annual aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA), solely over the allegations that the PA's school textbooks contain some content deemed "anti-Semitic". The restriction of the annual funding – last year's as well as this year's – came after Oliver Varhelyi, a Hungarian diplomat and the EU's commissioner for neighbourhood and enlargement in Brussels, proposed that the aid to the PA should be conditional on the removal of "problematic content" in the school textbooks.

Publications and Statements

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