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In the Spotlight

US Lawmakers Demand White House Stop Israeli 'War Crime' in Hebron's Masafer Yatta, [WAFA NEWS Agency](#), June 1, 2022.

15 US congress members Tuesday sent a letter to the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and called on him to stop the Israeli government's expulsion of Palestinian people from the villages of Masafer Yatta in the occupied West Bank.

PM Shtayyeh: Int'l Community Must Take Concrete Measures, Impose Sanction on Israel, [WAFA NEWS Agency](#), June 1, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh said today the international community must move from condemning Israel to taking serious measures and sanctions against it.

UN Renames Palestine Media Programme After Slain Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, [WAFA NEWS Agency](#), June 1, 2022.

The United Nations has renamed the annual training programme for Palestinian broadcasters and journalists after al-Jazeera veteran slain journalist Shireen Abu Akleh who was killed by the Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin on 11 May.

Israeli Forces Kill Palestinian Journalist on Her First Day of Work, [The New Arab](#), June 1, 2022.

Ghufran Warasneh is the second Palestinian journalist killed by Israeli forces in less than a month, after the killing of Aljazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh in the Jenin refugee camp on May 11.

Israel Returns Controversial Settlement Project in E1 Areas to the Agenda, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), June 1, 2022.

The Israeli Defense Ministry is planning to advance a controversial settlement project in the E1 Area of the occupied West Bank after the Israeli government withdrew the plan in January amid international pressure, media outlets have reported.

Israeli NGOs Urge UN: Investigate Journalist Abu Akleh's Killing, [ALJAZEERA](#), June 1, 2022.

Israeli rights groups say that, based on past experiences, Israel has 'zero accountability for its actions.

Settler Flag March Paves the Way for Religious War, Islamic-Christian Body Warns, [Middle East Monitor](#), May 31, 2022.

The Islamic-Christian Committee in Support of Jerusalem and its Sanctuaries said yesterday that the "unprecedented" violations of Israeli settlers in Jerusalem pave the way for a religious war, Quds Press reported.

Hamas Leader Refuses to Give Guarantees Not to Escalate against Israel, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), May 30, 2022.

The head of the political bureau of Gaza-based group Hamas refused on Monday to give guarantees not to escalate the situation with the Israeli army in the Palestinian Territories, The New Arab reported.

Extremist Israeli Settlers Hold Provocative Rally in Jerusalem, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), May 30, 2022.

Thousands of extremist settlers on Sunday started the annual "flag march" through Jerusalem that regularly stokes Palestinian anger, a year after tensions in the occupied city ignited Israeli aggression across Palestinian territories.

PM Shtayyeh Condemns Israeli Flag March in Jerusalem, Warns of Its Repercussions, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh condemned the settlers' flag march and their attacks on Palestinian citizens in the occupied city of Jerusalem, warning of the dangerous repercussions of that march and its provocations of the feelings of Palestinian citizens.

Provocative Settlers' Flag March Storms Old City of Occupied Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

The provocative Israeli flag march stormed today evening in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem from Bab al-Amoud, with the participation of thousands of settlers who desecrated the place.

Abu Rudeineh in Response to Bennet's Remarks: Jerusalem is the Capital of Palestine, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, the spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas, said today that East Jerusalem, with its Islamic and Christian holy sites, will remain the eternal capital of the State of Palestine, in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions and international law.

Brother Of Hamas Leader Sinwar: Firing Rockets at Tel Aviv as Easy as Drinking Water, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 29, 2022.

In a rare interview with the Al-Jazeera network, Muhammad Sinwar says May 2021 conflict with Israel changed the equation; describes failed plan to kidnap IDF soldiers.

Foreign Ministry: The Israeli Government Is Fueling Religious Tensions in Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said in a statement today that by allowing hundreds of Israeli fanatics into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound this morning, the Israeli government was aligning itself with racist elements that are fanning the flames of religious tensions in Jerusalem.

Presidency: Israel is Disparaging the International Community, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, the spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas, said today that Israel is irresponsibly and recklessly playing with fire by allowing settlers to desecrate the holy sites in occupied Jerusalem and by escalating the killing of Palestinians.

In call With Blinken, Lapid Protests ‘Biased’ CNN, PA Probes Into Abu Akleh’s Death, [The Times of Israel](#), May 28, 2022.

FM reiterates Israel will share results of its investigation into American-Palestinian reporter’s death with US, blasts ‘so-called investigation’ by American network.

Al-Haq: The Shelling of The Khudair Warehouse in Gaza Is Tantamount to Chemical Warfare by Indirect Means, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 28, 2022.

Al-Haq’s newly established Forensic Architecture Investigation Unit (FAI Unit) examined the attack on the Khudair Pharmaceuticals and Agricultural Tools Company—the largest agrochemical warehouse in Gaza—and established that the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) employed highly flammable munitions in a targeted attack producing a toxic plume tantamount to the indirect deploying of chemical weapons.

49 Harvard Faculty Members Endorse Student Efforts to Oppose Israeli Apartheid, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 28, 2022.

Forty-nine staff members at Harvard University have signed an open letter endorsing the Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions movement and student efforts to oppose Israeli apartheid.

Palestinians: Al Jazeera Reporter ‘Deliberately’ Targeted, Bullet Won’t Be Handed Over to Israel, [Haaretz](#), May 26, 2022.

The Palestinian attorney general claims that Palestinian gunmen were not present at the scene of the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh, and that they will take their findings to the ICC.

Pressure Builds on Biden to Investigate Israel Over Abu Akleh Killing, [Mondoweiss](#), May 26, 2022.

More than two weeks have passed since Israeli soldiers shot and killed Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh and, much to Israel’s chagrin, the issue is not fading into the background, as it usually does when Palestinians die at Israel’s hands.

Palestine/Israel

Two Palestinian-Owned Homes in Masafer Yatta Receive Israeli Demolition Orders, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 30, 2022.

Two Palestinian residents of Masafer Yatta in the south of the West Bank today received demolition orders against their homes, according to Fouad al-Imour, a local activist.

Jerusalem: Israeli Ultra-Nationalists Assault Palestinians in Far-Right March, [Middle East Eye](#), May 29, 2022.

Israelis beat and pepper-spray Palestinians as they march through the Old City's Muslim quarter chanting 'Muhammad is dead.'

Settlers Attack Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah Neighborhood, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

A group of Israeli settlers tonight attacked the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem, witnesses said.

Scores of Israeli Settlers Break into Al-Aqsa Amid High Tensions, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

Scores of Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli police broke today into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem and performed rituals across its courtyards, according to witnesses. The provocative tours are still going on until this moment.

Israeli Settlers Hold a Provocative March in Occupied Jerusalem, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 28, 2022.

Scores of extremist Israeli settlers held a provocative march and dance this evening at Damascus Gate Plaza in the Old City of Jerusalem, according to local sources and witnesses.

Regional

Safadi Conveys King's Message to Abbas, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), June 1, 2022.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi on Tuesday delivered a letter from His Majesty King Abdullah to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during a meeting in Ramallah.

PLO Secretary-General, Jordan's FM Discuss Joint Actions to Stop Israel's Escalation Policy, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 31, 2022.

Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Ayman Safadi, and secretary-general of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) Executive Committee, Hussein Al-Sheikh, affirmed the continuation of joint action at all levels to stop the dangerous escalation policy of the Israeli government and extremist settlers.

OIC Strongly Condemns Israeli Violations in Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 30, 2022.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) strongly condemned the storming of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque by thousands of extremist settlers where they performed Talmudic rites and rituals with the support and protection of the Israeli occupation forces.

UAE Condemns Israel for Allowing 'Provocative Violations' at Temple Mount, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), May 30, 2022.

The United Arab Emirates on Monday called on Israeli authorities to reduce friction at the Temple Mount, a day after a record number of Jews was allowed to visit the holy site on Jerusalem Day.

Egypt Warns Israel Against Changing Jerusalem Status Quo, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), May 30, 2022.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry warned Israel on Sunday against changing the historical status quo in occupied Jerusalem, the spokesperson at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wrote on Twitter. Shoukry's comment was made during a meeting with the Secretary of Fatah's Central Committee in Cairo to discuss the latest developments in the Palestinian issue.

Jordan Stands in Solidarity with Palestine, [Al-Mayadeen](#), May 29, 2022.

People in Amman, Jordan, stand in solidarity with the #Palestinian people by raising the Palestinian flag. Earlier, a parliamentary memorandum was submitted to demand the Jordanian government take action and end the Israeli occupation's hostilities against the Palestinians.

Jordan Condemns Allowing Israeli Flag March, Settlers' Storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 29, 2022.

Jordan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemned the storming of al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem by Israeli extremists and a Knesset member, warning of escalation due to permitting an Israeli flag march scheduled to begin today in Jerusalem, according to Jordan's Petra news agency.

Israel Examining Steps to Transfer Red Sea Islands to Saudi Arabia, [HAARETZ](#), May 29, 2022.

The reported mediation attempts come as U.S. President Joe Biden mulls a visit to Saudi Arabia next month, during a Middle East trip that will also include a stop in Israel.

International

Abbas: US Administration 'Must Turn Talk into Action', [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 1, 2022.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas condemned American 'silence' on Tuesday and insisted that the US administration "must turn its talk into action," the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

China Threatens to Downgrade Relations with Israel over Jerusalem Post Interview, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 1, 2022.

A senior Chinese diplomat is threatening to downgrade relations with Israel and cut ties with the Israeli newspaper The Jerusalem Post, unless it deletes an interview with Taiwan's Foreign Minister published on Monday.

President Abbas Receives Phone Call from US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 31, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas received Tuesday night a phone call from US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken.

China: Absence of Two-State Solution Reason for Conflicts Between Palestine, Israel, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 30, 2022.

China said today that the underlying reason for the recurring conflicts between Israel and Palestine is the absence of the implementation of the two-state solution and the long denial of the Palestinian people's legitimate appeal for establishing an independent state.

Lapid: Israel Working With US, Gulf States on Normalization with Saudi Arabia, [The Times of Israel](#), May 30, 2022.

Foreign minister stresses that process will be 'long and careful,' with both Jerusalem and Riyadh having security interests at stake.

Former Dutch Colony of Suriname to Open Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem, [Haaretz](#), May 30, 2022.

The announcement came on a visit to Israel by the South American country's foreign minister.

EU: Shocked by Israel's Killing of Another Palestinian Child, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 28, 2022.

The European Union (EU) said today it was shocked by Israel's killing of Palestinian child Zaid Mohammad Ghuneim, 14, yesterday in the town of Al-Khader, south of Bethlehem.

UN Special Coordinator Calls for Maximum Restraint and Avoiding Escalation in Violence, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 28, 2022.

With the recent rise in Israeli violence against the Palestinians, particularly the shooting death of young Palestinians, United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland, called for maximum restraint and avoiding escalation in the violence.

US Envoy, Lawmakers Warn Israel Against Ousting Palestinians from South Hebron Hills, [The Times of Israel](#), May 27, 2022.

Envoy to UN raises concern at UNSC, 83 Dems write to Blinken asking US to intervene after court okays plan to evict 1,300 Palestinians from Masafer Yatta to build IDF training zone.

Palestine's UN Ambassador: Israel Kills Us Not Because Of What We Do, But Because Of Who We Are, [Wafa News Agency](#), May 27, 2022.

Minister Riyad Mansour, the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, said yesterday that the Palestinian people are not killed by Israeli occupation forces because of what they do, but because of who they are.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

Palestine Refugees in Jenin Face Security and Economic Challenges, [UNRWA](#), May 31, 2022.

As part of his constant engagement with the Palestine refugee community, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Mr. Philippe Lazzarini spent a day in Jenin refugee camp, in the northern occupied West Bank.

UNRWA Hosts High Level Meeting at Nahr Al Bard Camp, [UNRWA](#), May 31, 2022.

The delegation expressed its support and commitment to Palestine refugees and UNRWA, despite the financial challenges they face especially due to other crisis and the war in Ukraine. They called on young people to continue with their education despite the difficulties because education provides hope for a better future. The visit ended with a meeting with representatives of the Palestinian community, who discussed with the delegation the need to complete the reconstruction of NBC as well as the difficult living conditions of Palestine refugees in Lebanon in general. They called on donor countries to increase their support to UNRWA and Palestine refugees as Lebanon continues to be affected by the ongoing economic crisis.

UNRWA Partners with Japan and UN Habitat to Support Palestine Refugees Returning to Daraa' Camp, Syria, [UNRWA](#), May 31, 2022.

The ceremony was attended by the Deputy Governor of Dera'a, Abdo Khasharfeh, the Deputy Director-General of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR), Mr. Taha Farhat, UN Habitat Representative, Mr. Ryan Knox, camp representatives and the refugee community. A speech was also delivered on behalf of Mr. Akira Endo, Special Coordinator for Syria and Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Japan in Syrian Arab Republic.

"Be A Self-Learner And Be Ambitious": An Innovative UNRWA Teacher Wins Multiple International School Awards, [UNRWA](#), May 27, 2022.

"I always wanted to help teachers by enhancing their teaching techniques and to improve students' experimental skills along with their understanding of science," says Wissam Abdallah, Deputy School Principal of UNRWA Shajara School in Tyre, Lebanon. "I use interactive learning tools and new techniques, such as virtual labs to enrich students' learning and enhance their understanding of complex scientific concepts and theories."

UNRWA Releases Health Programme Report: Innovation in The Face of Covid-19, [UNRWA](#), MAY 24, 2022.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) released its 2021 Annual Health Report. The report provides vital information on the health and wellness of Palestine refugees across n the Agency's five fields of operations – Jordan, Lebanon, the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Gaza, and Syria.

Analysis & Opinions

Who were the Winners and Losers of Israel's Flag March? (Motasem A Dalloul), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), June 1, 2022.

The winners were the Palestinian Jerusalemites who had their suffering under the neo-fascist apartheid occupation state exposed yet again for the whole world to see; likewise, the Palestinians in Gaza came out on top with the resistance groups taking the wise decision to avoid a well-prepared Israeli offensive against the coastal enclave.

The Ethnic Cleansing of Masafer Yatta: Israel's New Annexation Strategy in Palestine (Ramzy Baroud), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), June 1, 2022.

The Israeli Supreme Court has decided that the Palestinian region of Masafer Yatta, located in the southern hills of Hebron, is to be entirely appropriated by the Israeli military and that a population of over 1,000 Palestinians is to be expelled.

On the Temple Mount, Jewish Fundamentalists are Winning the Day (Natasha Roth-Rowland), [+972 Magazine](#), June 1, 2022.

A few years ago, while conducting research on Jewish far-right movements, I toured the headquarters of the Temple Institute in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

In Canada, Palestinian Journalists are Deemed Incapable of Being 'Objective' (Dalya Al Masri), [THE NEW ARAB](#), May 31, 2022.

Shireen Abu Akleh's murder by Israeli forces once again laid bare the double standards, hypocrisy, and silencing that characterize journalistic portrayals of Palestine. Canadian media is no exception, writes Dalya Al Masri.

Impact Of Israeli Strike In Gaza Akin To Chemical Weapons, NGO Report Finds (Bethan Mckernan and Hazem Balousha), [The Guardian](#), May 30, 2022.

Shells fired at agrochemical warehouse created toxic plume that has left residents with health problems.

Anat Kamm, Let's Talk About Palestinian Flags (Hanin Majadli), [HAARETZ](#), May 30, 2022.

This week, an intolerable sight was observed at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: dozens of students raising Palestinian flags at a rally to mark Nakba Day, which was organized by the Arab students at the university. It was so shocking that quite a few Israeli patriots couldn't stand it.

Almodovar Said Something About Abu Akleh. So What? (Yossi Klein), [HAARETZ](#), May 29, 2022.

The article about a letter signed by 126 artists, blaming Israel for the death of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was published – as necessary – on page 3 of Haaretz's Gallery section (in Hebrew) last Sunday.

The Israeli Fear of the Palestinian Flag, (Raef Zreik), [HAARETZ](#), May 28, 2022.

There's something disproportionate and inexplicable about the belligerent threats of a nakba – that is, massacres and expulsions, no more and no less – in reaction to the waving of the Palestinian flag during demonstrations at Israeli universities. What was it that made Knesset members so angry? What is so scary about a flag being waved? Why do they see in the flag of one people a threat to themselves and their own people? Why do they feel an existential angst, or at the very least, create and inflame this anxiety?

Activists for Palestine Across Africa Take on Israeli Apartheid, (Joseph Mullen) [Institute for Palestine Studies](#), May 27, 2022.

African solidarity for Palestine has always been strong. South Africa's post-apartheid government has been particularly vocal in support of Palestine.

Israeli Sovereignty Over Jerusalem Is a Joke, (Anshel Pfeffer), [HAARETZ](#), May 26, 2022.

Israeli politicians' paeans to an 'eternally united capital' this Sunday will be yet more fetishist displays of hypocrisy. The Jerusalem of 'Jerusalem Day' doesn't exist.

A Huge Shock Is About to Wreck the Fragile Stalemate Between Israelis and Palestinians, (Paul Scham), [HAARETZ](#), May 26, 2022.

For complacent Israelis and occupied Palestinians, there's no peace, the world is distracted, and a disaster is around the corner. There's only one way out – and it's a solution that has surprisingly solid support.

Publications and Statements

The Palestinian Refugees in Light of the 2020 Abraham Accords, [Wiley Online Paper](#), May 30, 2022.

The main argument of this article is that, while the Abraham Accords do not address the refugee problem directly, they constitute a paradigm shift, offer a new political vision, and hold the enormous economic potential to contribute to a solution to this difficult and complex problem.

Statement on the German Federal Prosecutor's Decision Not To Open Investigations In The Kilani Case (Gaza airstrike 2014), [The Palestinian Center for Human Rights](#), May 30, 2022.

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 125 | 22-28 May 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), May 29, 2022.

Events

A Round Table on the Future of UNRWA, Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development, June 7, 2022.

The First Formal Event at The UN Focused on Apartheid in Palestine, Entitled "Apartheid, International Law and The Occupied Palestinian Territory" June 16, 2022.

Under the auspices of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), the first formal event at the UN focused on apartheid in Palestine to be held in June 16. It will be a high-level event will be held virtually at 10:30am (NY time) and is entitled "Apartheid, International Law and the Occupied Palestinian Territory". The event will feature a conversation between Mr. Zeid Raad Al-Hussein, former High Commissioner for Human Rights and Member of the Elders and Ms. Agnès Callamard, Secretary-General of Amnesty International. It will be broadcast live on UN Webcast, as well as through the CEIRPP social media platforms.