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In the Spotlight

Israel Shuts Offices of Palestinian Rights Organizations it Labeled Terror Groups, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), August 18, 2022.

IDF troops confiscate property, weld doors of offices in Ramallah shut, after defense minister ratifies the 2021 decision to outlaw groups over alleged ties to PFLP.

Israeli Forces Raid Offices of Several Palestinian CSOs in Ramallah, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 18, 2022.

Israeli forces Thursday dawn raided the headquarters of seven Palestinian human rights and civil society organizations in the occupied West Bank cities of Ramallah and al-Bireh and ordered the places to be shut down, according to local sources.

Amid Furor, Abbas Retracts 'Holocausts' Claim, Says He Meant Israeli 'Crimes', [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), August 17, 2022.

Palestinian leader says his charge of multiple Israeli genocides is not aimed to deny the 'singularity of the Holocaust,' which he calls 'the most heinous crime in modern human history.'

Statement by the President of Palestine Regarding What Was Stated in The Response in Joint Press Conference with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 17, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas reaffirm that the Holocaust is the most heinous crime in modern human history.

President Abbas praises Germany's support for lasting peace in the Middle East, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 17, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas praised today Germany's stances in support of achieving a just and lasting peace in the Middle East based on the two-state solution and international legitimacy resolutions.

Palestinians Aim To Gain Full UN Member State Status, But US Law Stands In Their Way, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), August 17, 2022.

Ramallah would need Biden to forgo the Security Council veto, though that would trigger a ban on funding the UN; PLO says DC mulling a proposal, but State Department hints odds are low.

UN Envoy Calls for Investigation into Israel's 'Execution' of Palestinian Man at Home, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 16, 2022.

The UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process has called for an investigation into the Israeli occupation forces' "execution" of a Palestinian man inside his East Jerusalem home in front of his family.

Israel Admits It Killed Five Children in Gaza Strike After Blaming Palestinian Islamic Jihad, [THE NEW ARAB](#), August 16, 2022.

Israel has admitted it killed five children in an airstrike on its final day of a devastating bombing assault on the Gaza Strip, after initially blaming Palestinian Islamic Jihad militants for the deaths.

President Abbas in Germany, to Meet Chancellor Scholz, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 15, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas is scheduled to meet later today with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin, according to Majdi al-Khalidi, Advisor to the President on Diplomatic Affairs.

Australian Student Union Calls for Boycott of 'Apartheid Colonial State' Israel, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), August 15, 2022.

University of Melbourne's union passes motion accusing Jewish state of ethnic cleansing of Palestinians; Jewish bodies condemn the 'venomous' language.

Israeli Occupation Court Rejects Appeal for Release of Hunger-Striking Prisoner Khalil Awawdeh, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 15, 2022.

Israeli occupation court rejected today the appeal submitted for the release of prisoner Khalil Awawdeh, who has been on an open-ended hunger strike for 156 consecutive days in protest of his detention without charge or trial, according to his lawyer.

Israeli Forces Crack Down on Anti-Colonialism Rally in Northern West Bank, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 15, 2022.

Israeli forces today cracked down on an anti-colonialism rally close to Beit Lid town, southeast of Tulkarm city in the north of the West Bank, according to Wafa correspondent.

Israeli Army Killing of Palestinian Youth Is a Crime That Deserves International Investigation, Says Official, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 15, 2022.

The Secretary General of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Hussein al-Sheikh today demanded an urgent international investigation into the Israeli killing of a Palestinian youth near Jerusalem earlier today.

Foreign Ministry Says Absence of International Deterrence Encourages Israel to Continue with Its Crimes, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 15, 2022.

The absence of international deterrence and accountability encourages Israel to continue with its crimes against the Palestinian people, today said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

in reaction to the Israeli army killing this morning of 21-year-old Mohammad Shaham in an East Jerusalem neighborhood.

NRC Calls for International Investigation into Israeli Killing of Three Children Supported by Its Trauma Care Program, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 12, 2022.

As Hamas doesn't consider itself responsible for everything that happens in the Strip, Islamic Jihad and the smaller factions there believe they can act against Israel. 'The question is what you want to do, be smart or be right,' security official says.

In Latest Gaza Fighting, Israel Contradicted Its Own Strategy, [Aljazeera](#), August 11, 2022.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has confirmed that three children, aged 15 and 16, supported by the organization's education and psychosocial support program were among those killed in an Israeli airstrike on al-Falluja cemetery, west of Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip on Sunday, calling for an international investigation into their killing.

Palestine/Israel

Palestinian Killed, 30 Wounded in Clashes With IDF, [Haaretz](#), August 18, 2022.

Clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians broke when Jewish worshippers entered Joseph's tomb in Nablus to pray.

Israeli Settlers Raze Large Tract of Land South of Nablus, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 18, 2022.

Israeli settlers Wednesday night proceeded with razing a large tract of Palestinian land belonging to Qaryout village, south of Nablus, according to a local activist.

Mass Arrests in West Bank Continue, Two Palestinians Wounded, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), August 17, 2022.

The Israeli occupation forces today and last night detained at least 40 Palestinians in large-scale raids across the occupied territories.

Israeli Occupation Forces Demolish Five Agricultural Rooms in The Salfit Governorate, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 17, 2022.

The Israeli occupation forces today demolished five agricultural rooms in the Salfit governorate in the north of the West Bank, according to local sources.

Four Palestinian Detainees in Israel Are on Hunger Strike, Including One For 158 Days and A 64-Year-Old Man, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 17, 2022.

Four Palestinian detainees in Israel are currently on hunger strike in protest against their prolonged detention without charge or trial, including one who has been on hunger strike for 158 days, two siblings, and a 64-year-old man from a town inside Israel, today said the Palestinian Prisoner Society (PPS).

Israeli Court Extends Isolation of a Mentally Ill Palestinian Prisoner for Six More Months Despite Health Condition, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 16, 2022.

An Israeli court in Beer Sheba today extended the isolation of the Palestinian prisoner Ahmad Manasra, 20, despite his critical mental condition, according to attorney Khaled Zabarqa.

Israeli Army Kills Palestinian Youth in Occupied East Jerusalem, [Aljazeera](#), August 15, 2022.

Israeli forces have killed a Palestinian youth during a military raid on the Kufr Aqab neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem.

Palestinian Families Campaigning for Israel to Return Their Children's Bodies, [Middle East Monitor](#), August 14, 2022.

Around 20 years ago, Mohammad Nassar, 62, lost his son, Shadi, who was participating in resistance activities against the Israeli occupation during the second Palestinian intifada, Anadolu Agency reports.

Israeli Forces Close Western Entrance to Husan Village in Bethlehem, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 14, 2022.

Israeli forces today evening closed the western entrance to the village of Husan, west of Bethlehem, in the southern occupied West Bank, according to a security source.

Israel Orders a Halt on Construction of Four Homes Near Ramallah, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 14, 2022.

Israeli occupation authorities ordered today a halt on the construction of four homes in the village of Budrus in the occupied West Bank province of Ramallah, according to local sources.

Several Israelis Wounded in Attack on Jerusalem Bus, [Aljazeera](#), August 14, 2022.

Israeli police arrest suspected gunman after a shooting attack on a bus in Jerusalem's Old City wounded at least eight people.

Regional

Qatar Red Crescent Launches "Devotion to Gaza" Campaign, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 14, 2022.

Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has launched a QR 10 million fundraising campaign under the title #DevotionToGaza, with the aim of implementing a series of early recovery projects for 57,896 people affected by the recent Israeli onslaught on Gaza.

Qatar to Rebuild Gaza Homes Destroyed by Israel Offensive, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 13, 2022.

Qatar has accepted Hamas's request to rebuild Palestinian homes destroyed by the Israeli occupation during the latest three-day offensive on the besieged Gaza Strip.

International

European Union and Member States' Representatives Visit Gaza, Confirm €97m Contribution to UNRWA for 2022, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 16, 2022.

In the aftermath of the latest escalation of violence in the Gaza Strip, the European Union (EU) Representative to West Bank and Gaza, Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff, and other EU Member States' representatives visited today Beach Preparatory School in Beach Palestine refugee camp, run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), according to a press release.

Protesters Demand Barclays Bank to End Complicity in Israeli War Crimes, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 14, 2022.

Hundreds of activists marched yesterday in downtown Manchester, England, all the way to the headquarters of Barclays Bank demanding it to end its investments in companies profiting from Israeli apartheid and war crimes in Palestine.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

European Union and Member States Representatives Visit Gaza. Eu Confirms EUR 97 million Contribution to UNRWA For 2022, [UNRWA](#), August 16, 2022.

In the aftermath of the latest escalation of violence in the Gaza Strip, the European Union (EU) Representative to West Bank and Gaza, Mr. Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff, and other EU Member States' representatives visited today UNRWA Beach Preparatory School in Beach Palestine refugee camp. This visit coincided with the signing of the annual EU contribution to UNRWA Programme Budget for 2022, confirming EU and Member States' steadfast commitment to the rights and human development of Palestine refugees living in Gaza, the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, until a just and lasting solution to their plight.

UNRWA Response to Renewed Gaza Escalation, [UNRWA](#), August 11, 2022.

Palestine refugees, like all residents in Gaza, once again suffered the consequences of another round of escalation, the worst since May 2021. The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) has confirmed that 46 Palestinians were killed, including 17 children. Further, the Ministry of Health in Gaza reports that more than 360 others were injured, including 151 children and 58 women. In addition to the devastating loss of life, OCHA reports that some 1,761 housing units sustained damages, with some 8,500 people being impacted by the damages. Some 450 Palestinians were internally displaced, some of whom took shelter in UNRWA schools.

Analysis & Opinions

Israel's Premature 'Victory' Celebration: The Defining War in Gaza Is Yet to Be Fought, (Ramzy Baroud), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), August 17, 2022.

For years, Palestinians, as well as Israelis, have labored to redraw the battle lines. The three-day Israeli war on Gaza, starting on August 5, clearly manifested this reality.

Not Even the Shoah Can Guarantee Germany's Duty to Israel Today, (Ofer Aderet), [HAARETZ](#), August 17, 2022.

The "special relationship" between the two countries has not stopped Germany and Germans from across the spectrum from harshly criticizing Israeli policy or even exhibiting antisemitism.

How Israel Became Intoxicated by Military Force, (Steven Klein), [HAARETZ](#), August 17, 2022.

40 years ago this week, Israel forced Yasser Arafat and his PLO fighters out of Beirut into exile in Tunisia, and Menachem Begin predicted '40 years of peace': Why Israel got it so wrong – and still makes the same critical mistake.

Palestinian Response to Terror on Israelis Shows Why Peace is Impossible, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), August 15, 2022.

Unfortunately, there have been cases of Jewish terrorism. But to compare the numbers to Palestinian terrorists is as outlandish as it is ludicrous.

What are the Implications, Consequences of Israel's Gaza Operation? [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), August 15, 2022.

The operation is expected to strengthen the Israeli deterrence against the PIJ in the Gaza Strip, and Judea and Samaria.

Atallah Hanna: Israel Uses Palestinian Blood for Electioneering, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), August 15, 2022.

The head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem accused Israeli officials on Sunday of using Palestinian blood for electioneering, Al-Watan Voice reported.

'I Really Wish It Will End': How Mothers In Gaza Are Handling The Latest Israeli Escalation (Ziad Ali), [Quds News Network](#), August 14, 2022.

How do parents in Gaza, who are dealing with their own trauma and fear, help their children endure yet another Israeli attack?

Why Palestinian Islamic Jihad Rockets Kill So Many Palestinians, (Mark Dubowitz and Behnam Ben Taleblu), [HAARETZ](#), August 17, 2022.

Roughly 200 Gaza rockets misfired in the recent conflict, killing at least 15 civilians. So why are Islamic Jihad's projectiles so fatally unreliable? And what are Iran's plans for its proxy?

Can Jordan be nudged toward the Abraham Accords? [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), August 14, 2022.

"We are taking the good neighborly relations between our two countries another step forward," Lapid said.

When Will the West Publicly Endorse the Right of the Palestinians to Defend Themselves? (Ilan Pappé), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), August 11, 2022.

The last Israeli brutal assault on the Gaza Strip exposed once more the hypocritical and immoral response of the West to the ongoing genocidal policies of Israel in the occupied territories. The continuation of the callous policies and the Western governments' responses, in particular the American and British ones, can naturally lead to desperation and paralysis.

Israel: Normalizing Terror, One Dawn at a Time (Belén Fernández), [ALJAZEERA](#), August 12, 2022.

Israel's latest military assault on the Gaza Strip – codenamed Operation Breaking Dawn – spanned three days in early August and killed at least 44 Palestinians, including 16 children. According to the Israeli government, the attack was a "preemptive" operation against the Palestinian Islamic Jihad group – which is as creative an excuse as any for spontaneously bombing people for no apparent reason.

Publications and Statements

Report: Were 5 Gazan kids killed by IDF or Islamic Jihad during Breaking Dawn? [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), August 16, 2022.

The IDF initially said that five children were killed by an Islamic Jihad rocket, but a new report suggests the Israeli military is responsible.

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 136 | 7 – 13 Aug. 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), August 14, 2022.