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In the Spotlight

President Abbas Declares State of Emergency For 30 Days to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 25, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas today declared a 30-day state of emergency in Palestine to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

PM Shtayyeh Discusses Preparations for The Donors' Meeting, Other Issues with EU Representative, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 25, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh today met in his office in Ramallah with the Representative of the European Union to Palestine, Sven Kuhn von Burgsdorff, and discussed with him the latest political developments and the upcoming donor's meeting.

The Israeli Onslaught Against Nablus Continues, Killing More Palestinians, [Mondoweiss](#), August 25, 2022.

Those mourning at the funerals of the Nablus and Tubas martyrs are calling for resistance.

US, UK, and French Musicians Withdraw from Israel-Partnered Pop-Kultur Berlin Festival, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 25, 2022.

A number of American, English, and French singers have withdrawn from the from Israel-partnered Pop-Kultur Berlin festival due to the partnership with Berlin's Cultural Department of the Israeli embassy.

National Lawyers Guild Urges U.S. to Condemn Israel's Raids on Palestinian Human Rights Organizations, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 24, 2022.

National Lawyers Guild (NGL) has sent letter to the U.S. government to condemn the Israeli troops' raids on the offices of Palestinian six human rights organizations, and demand that, at minimum, Israel allow these organizations to resume their operations.

PM Shatyeh Discusses Upcoming Donors Meeting with Deputy Chief of International Monetary Fund, [WAFA News Agency](#), August 23, 2022.

Prime minister Mohammed Shtayyeh met today at his office in Ramallah with the Deputy Chief of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Fiscal Affairs Department, Alexander Tieman, and discussed the upcoming Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLIC) meeting of donor countries, scheduled for next month in New York.

Democratic Lawmakers Call on Biden to Take Action Over Israeli Raids, [Mondoweiss](#), August 22, 2022.

"The silence by our country is enabling more death and violence": Democratic lawmakers call on Biden administration to defend Palestine rights groups.

ActionAid Celebrates Real Heroes of Humanitarian Work on Occasion of World Humanitarian Day, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 22, 2022.

ActionAid Palestine (APP), a global federation working for a world free from poverty and injustice, celebrated today in Occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) the World Humanitarian Day which falls on 19th August each year under the slogan of "It takes a village" to express its appreciation to real heroes of humanitarian work.

President Abbas Arrives in Ankara on An Official Visit, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 22, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas arrived today in the Turkish capital, Ankara, on an official visit at the invitation of the Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

Al-Haq Says Its Director General Received a Threatening Phone Call from Israeli Intelligence, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

The General Director of Al-Haq human rights organization, Shawan Jabarin, received a phone call today from a person introducing himself as captain Fahed of the Israeli Security Service, the Shabak, who demanded that Shawan arrives for interrogation at the Ofer military base of the Israeli occupying forces, located near Ramallah, the group said in a statement.

Israeli Forces Summon, Briefly Detain NGO's General Director, Keep Him in Custody, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

Israeli forces Sunday summoned and briefly detained Khaled Quzmar, the General Director of the Defense for Children Palestine (DCIP) organization, according to posts published on the office's official Twitter page.

Prime Minister Discusses Developments with New Zealand's Representative to Palestine, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh Sunday met with New Zealand's Special Representative to Palestine, Greg Lewis, and briefed him on the latest updates and political developments, in addition to enhancing joint cooperation.

Abbas Calls for Release of All Palestinians Held by Israel, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 21, 2022.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has called for the release of all Palestinian detainees from Israeli jails, Anadolu Agency reported.

Jewish Group Urges Canadian Government to Condemn Israeli Raids on Palestinian Civil Society, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

Independent Jewish Voices Canada has called on the Canadian government to condemn the Israeli raids on the offices of seven civil society organizations in Palestine last week. The raids come ten months after the Israeli occupation designated six of these organizations as 'terrorist' groups, although it has failed to provide any substantial evidence to support its claims.

President Abbas: Israel's Shutdown of NGOs in Palestine Is Totally Rejected, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 20, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas said today that Israel's recent shutdown of seven Palestinian non-governmental organizations is unacceptable and rejected, saying the seven NGOs will continue their work in exposing the occupation and its crimes against our people irrespective of the Israeli shutdown order.

Palestine/Israel

Israeli Settlers Tour Jerusalem's Old City in A Provocative Manner, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 25, 2022.

Scores of Israeli settlers this evening stormed Jerusalem's Old City and held a provocative march amid a heavy police deployment, according to Wafa correspondent.

Israeli Forces Open Fire at Farmers South of The Besieged Gaza Strip, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 24, 2022.

Israeli forces stationed along the border with the Gaza Strip opened today their heavy machine gunfire toward agricultural land to the east of the town al-Qarara, in the Khan Yunis Governorate of the southern Gaza Strip, according to sources.

Several Masafer Yatta Villages and Communities Isolated from the Outside World by an Israeli Military Order, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 23, 2022.

The Israeli occupation forces today notified Palestinian residents of the villages of Jinba and al-Markaz, and Bedouin communities in Masafer Yatta, in the South Hebron Hills, that movement in and out of these villages will not be allowed anymore, virtually isolating them from the outside world, according to a local activist.

Israeli Forces Detain Four Palestinian Children in Bethlehem, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), August 21, 2022.

Israeli occupation forces arrested four Palestinian children on Sunday after raiding the village of Beit Fajjar, in the occupied West Bank province of Bethlehem, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Israeli Settlers Vandalize Two Shacks Near Salfit, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

Extremist Israeli settlers vandalized two shacks today for two Palestinian brothers outside the village of Kafr al-Dik in the occupied West Bank province of Salfit, according to local sources.

Two Palestinian Workers Killed After Heavy Container Fell on Them Inside Israel, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

Two Palestinian workers were killed today while they were working on a construction site in the city of Tirat Carmel, in the 1948-occupied territories.

Regional

Turkey Warmly Welcomes Abbas After Restoring Israel Ties, [THE JORDAN TIMES](#), August 23, 2022.

Turkey said on Tuesday that its restoration of full diplomatic relations with Israel did not mean a shift in Middle Eastern allegiances as it warmly welcomed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

President Abbas to Visit Turkey for an Official Three-Day Visit, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 21, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas is scheduled to head to the Turkish capital Ankara tomorrow for an official three-day visit to the country at the call of his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Palestine's ambassador to Turkey Fa'ed Mustafa said today.

International

UN Experts Condemn Israeli Suppression of Palestinian Human Rights Organizations, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 25, 2022.

UN experts Wednesday condemned Israel's escalating attacks against Palestinian civil society in the occupied West Bank, after the Israeli army broke into the offices of seven Palestinian human rights and humanitarian groups operating in Ramallah and shut them down last week.

EU and Australian Delegation Visits Hebron's Masafer Yatta Amid Israeli Violations Against Palestinians, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 23, 2022.

A diplomatic delegation of consuls and ambassadors from the European Union and Australia today visited Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron, to review the challenges faced by residents as a result of the Israeli occupation's policy and continued attacks against them and their property.

EU Expresses Deep Concern Over Israeli Forces' Raids on Six Palestinian Civil Society Organizations, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 22, 2022.

The EU expressed deep concern over the Israeli forces' raids on six Palestinian civil society organizations on 18 August.

German Police Open Investigation into '50 Holocausts' Abbas Remarks, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), August 21, 2022.

Berlin police have opened an investigation into Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas for stating that the Israeli occupation has committed "50 Holocausts" against Palestinians, news agencies reported on Friday.

EU Voices Concern Over Israel's Raids and Shutdown of 7 Palestinian NGOs, [Wafa News Agency](#), August 20, 2022.

Nabila Massrali, EU spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, expressed yesterday the EU's concern over the raids and measures taken by Israeli occupation forces on 18 August against seven Palestinian Civil Society Organizations in Ramallah, in Area A of the occupied West Bank.

U.S. Says Israeli Info on Palestinian NGOs Not Enough, 'Concerned' Over Raids, [HAARETZ](#), August 18, 2022.

This is the first time the Biden administration has publicly said the information Israel provided justifying its designation of the NGOs as terror groups last year has not swayed the U.S. to adjust its own position.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

The Power Of Persistence: On World Refugee Day, A Palestine Refugee From Jordan Proves That Obstacles Can be Overcome, [UNRWA](#), August 24, 2022.

"I believe in the power of persistence to overcome obstacles," says young Palestine refugee student Wajeeh Mohammad Ghabayen. An 11-year-old, he is a fifth-grade student at the UNRWA Awajan Preparatory Boys' School in Jordan. "I trained all the time to get ready to win in this competition. I was stressed and afraid that I wasn't going to make it, but I won! I'm happy and proud of myself," Wajeeh says.

Republic Of Korea Contributes US\$1 million to Support Vocational and Technical Education For Palestine Refugees In Jordan, [UNRWA](#), August 18, 2022.

The Government of the Republic of Korea has contributed US\$1 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to enhance livelihood opportunities for Palestinian refugee youth in Jordan. The US\$ 1 million contribution comes as part of an overall contribution recently announced by the Government of South Korea whereby the Jordan Field Office will utilize the funds to strengthen the delivery of technical and vocational

education and training (TVET) to Palestine refugee youth at two UNRWA vocational and technical centers in Jordan.

Analysis & Opinions

Criticism of Israel is a Hate Crime but Attacking a Christian Church is Not? (Ray Hanania), [ARAB NEWS](#), August 24, 2022.

Whenever a Synagogue is vandalized in the Arab world, or even in the West, the incident is often characterized as a hate crime and condemned widely.

UNIFIL Can Only Look on as Israel-Hezbollah Tensions Mount (Yossi Mekelberg), [ARAB NEWS](#), August 23, 2022.

There is something misleading about referring to UNIFIL, the UN interim force on the border between Israel and Lebanon, as a peacekeeping mission. There is no peace to keep between the two, as they are still officially at war, while Hezbollah has become an arch enemy perceived by Israel as no more than a branch of Tehran on its northern border.

Qatar Speaks from Both Sides of Its Mouth - Opinion (Hussain Abdul-Hussain), [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), August 23, 2022.

If Washington wants to prevent further conflict in Gaza, it should let Doha know the game is up.

Israeli Dream of Eternal Impunity Becoming a Reality (Chris Doyle), [ARAB NEWS](#), August 22, 2022.

Last December, the Russian government closed down the human rights group International Memorial. A unified chorus of outrage emanated from the corridors of power in Western states. The US Department of State declared that this “was an affront to their noble missions and to the cause of human rights everywhere.”

Geopolitics as Anti-Palestinianism (Emad Moussa), [Mondoweiss](#), August 22, 2022.

Western support for Israel is explained away by shared interests and realpolitik, but this elides an underlying anti-Palestinianism which motivates pro-Israel bias.

Will the World Ever Recognize Palestinian Tragedies? (Motasem A Dallol), [ARAB NEWS](#), August 22, 2022.

During a joint press conference in Berlin for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz last week, a German journalist asked Abbas whether he was ready to apologise to Israel over the 1972 attack on Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich.

Message of Palestinian Resistance is Clear: No Surrender to Apartheid Israel (Iqbal Jassat), [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), August 22, 2022.

Pariah regimes are known to decay until they turn lifeless. South Africa under white minority rule is a perfect example. It stagnated both in morality and authority, despite claiming staunch Christian values and nuclear power.

Grief and Generosity in Giza (Rabbi Marc Schneier), [ARAB NEWS](#), August 22, 2022.

Forty-one innocent souls, including 15 children, died when fire devoured a Coptic Orthodox church in Giza on Aug. 14 — an unspeakable loss that shocked Egypt to its core. As fear levels rose, the tragedy threatened to become another point of division in a country beset by so many challenges in recent years. Religious rhetoric sharpened.

How long will I go on being number 1124052? (Salah Hamouri), [MIDDLE EAST EYE](#), August 20, 2022.

From a prison cell in Israel, French Palestinian lawyer Salah Hamouri recounts the trials of incarceration, his shattered dreams, and his unshakeable love for his homeland, Palestine.

Forget Using the Word Holocaust. Just Free Palestinians From Israeli Tyranny, (Hanin Majadli), [HAARETZ](#), August 19, 2022.

The Jews are angry with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. This irrelevant man who serves primarily as a contractor for the Israeli occupation in the West Bank said this week that Israel carried out “50 holocausts” against the Palestinians. He forgot for a moment that it is absolutely forbidden to take the word “Holocaust” from the Jews. It belongs only to them. They have a monopoly on it.

Gantz and Lapid are on the same page in their intentions towards the Palestinians, (Ramona Wadi), [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 18, 2022.

For Israeli officials who disagree with the meetings between Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz and Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas, the latter's remarks during a press conference in Germany provided an opportunity to showcase their opposition. Abbas later retracted his statement about Israel committing 50 holocausts against the Palestinians and thus strengthened the Israeli manipulation of the Holocaust narrative even further. It would have been better if he had turned to the Palestinian Nakba narratives to make a point about the ongoing Zionist colonial violence in occupied Palestine against the Palestinians.

Jordan Makes Overtures to Islamic Movement Hard-liners in Israel, (Daoud Kuttab), [the media line](#), August 16, 2022.

Jordan, a major non-NATO ally of the United States, appears to be taking steps to improve its relations with some of the region's radical Islamists.

The Palestinian Struggle. The Struggle of Irish Catholics, (Daoud Kuttab), [THE NEW ARAB](#), August 8, 2022.

Doctors, nurses, and inmates at Al-Mutla' Hospital in Jerusalem did not expect to hear poetry passages from the visiting US President Joe Biden. Here is hope, and you conclude that justice

must rise, and that hope and history will harmonize. The US president, an Irish Catholic, commented on the poem, "My prayer is that we are approaching that moment.

Publications and Statements

Report: Israel committed 479 violations against Palestine journalists in 2022, [MIDDLE EAST MONITOR](#), August 20, 2022.

The Israeli occupation committed 479 violations against Palestinian journalists during the first half of 2022, the Palestine Journalists' Syndicate (PJS) revealed in a report released on Friday.

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 137 | 14 – 20 Aug. 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), August 21, 2022.