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A weekly newsletter on the latest news, developments, relevant publications, And upcoming events on the QoP. This newsletter aims to help the members of the Global Network on the Question of Palestine (GNQP) to stay informed of legal, academic, political, and humanitarian developments, and be ready for action when needed.

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In the Spotlight

Lapid to Back Two-State Solution In UN Address; Is Slammed By Rivals And Some Allies, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), September 22, 2022.

Prime minister slated to offer ‘hope and vision through strength’; right-wing ministers criticize intended remarks, while lawmakers from left support move and urge talks with Abbas,

President Abbas Meets Jordan’s King on Sidelines of UN General Assembly, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 21, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas Tuesday met with Jordan's King Abdullah II on the sidelines of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

Seeking Full Membership, Abbas Says It’s UN’s ‘Last Chance To Salvage Peace Role, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), September 20, 2022.

The military denies the accusation, calling the paper by blacklisted organization Al Haq ‘biased and misleading.

New Evidence Emerges Showing Israel Deliberately Targeted Shireen Abu Akleh as Family Files ICC Complaint, [Mondoweiss](#), September 20, 2022.

New forensic analysis shows Shireen Abu Akleh was “deliberately and repeatedly targeted” by an Israeli military sniper taking “precise and careful aim.”

Palestinian Rights Group Claims Evidence Shows Abu Akleh Intentionally Killed by IDF, [THE TIMES OF ISRAEL](#), September 20, 2022.

PA president presents a letter to UN chief in meeting ahead of General Assembly, pushing doomed bid for Palestine’s full-member status given US plan to block it in Security Council.

President Abbas Holds Talks In New York With Spanish Prime Minister, UN Chief, Other Officials, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 20, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas held talks yesterday in New York, where he arrived to attend the United Nations General Assembly meetings, with the Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Peter Maurer, and Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress.

Palestinian Parents, Students Protest ‘Israelization’ Of Curriculum, [Arab News](#), September 19, 2022.

Palestinian parents and students succeeded in closing most schools in East Jerusalem on Monday in protest at attempts by the Israeli Ministry of Education to force them to accept a censored version of the Palestinian curriculum.

Israel Revised its West Bank Travel Restrictions in Hopes of Obtaining a US Visa Waiver, But They Still Discriminate Against Palestinians, [Mondoweiss](#), September 19, 2022.

"Allowing Israel into the U.S. Visa Waiver program in spite of this mistreatment would amount to an endorsement by the Biden administration of this discrimination," says Americans for Justice in Palestine Action Advocacy Director Ayah Ziyadeh.

Palestinian Schools in Jerusalem to Go on Strike against Israel's Attempts to Impose Textbooks, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), September 18, 2022.

The Palestinian schools in occupied East Jerusalem are scheduled to go on a one-day strike on Monday, in protest of the Israeli occupation's attempts to impose its textbooks, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Palestinian Parents Protest Israeli Attempts to Impose 'Distorted' Textbooks in East Jerusalem Schools, [THE ARAB NEWS](#), September 18, 2022.

Palestinian parents say that Israeli authorities are attempting to 'distort' facts about Palestinian identity and history in amended textbooks across a number of Palestinian schools in east Jerusalem, including Al-Iman.

Foreign Ministry Urges World Not to Miss Peace Opportunity Presented by President Abbas, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 18, 2022.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates called today on the international community not to miss the peace opportunity presented by President Mahmoud Abbas.

Shireen Abu Akleh Nominated for Top EU Human Rights Award, [THE ARAB NEWS](#), September 17, 2022.

Dozens of members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have nominated slain Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh for the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, the EU's highest honor for human rights defenders.

President Abbas Meets Irish Counterpart, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 17, 2022.

President Mahmoud Abbas met this evening with his Irish counterpart Michael Higgins shortly upon his arrival at Dublin International Airport.

Israel's Denial of Accountability for Abu Akleh Killing May Require Cutoff of Aid — Leahy, [Mondoweiss](#), September 16, 2022.

Sen. Patrick Leahy said that Shireen Abu Akleh's killing on May 11 was intentional, and if Israel does not hold anyone accountable, "then the Leahy Law must be applied."

Remembering the Sabra and Shatila Massacre 40 Years On, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 15, 2022.

On these days 40 years ago, several thousand Palestinian refugees and Lebanese civilians were being brutally massacred by a pro-Israel militia group immediately after the Israeli army under Ariel Sharon had occupied the Lebanese capital, Beirut, where the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps are located.

Palestine/Israel

Suffocation injuries during Israeli assault on schools near Nablus, Ramallah, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 21, 2022.

A number of Palestinian students Wednesday suffered from suffocation after Israeli forces fired tear gas bombs at a school in the village of Burqa, northwest of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, local sources said.

Gunfights, Tear Gas, Brawls Between Warring Palestinian Factions in Nablus, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 20, 2022.

Palestinian Authority's security forces entered Nablus to arrest Hamas operative Musab Shtayeh, but encountered resistance raids.

Palestinian Authority Operation Sparks West Bank Clashes, [ARAB NEWS](#), September 20, 2022.

A rare operation by the Palestinian Authority security forces to arrest a Hamas member sparked clashes in the West Bank city of Nablus on Tuesday, multiple sources said.

Israeli Occupation Forces Detain 23 Palestinians Mainly in Hebron and Jerusalem Districts, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 19, 2022.

The Israeli occupation forces detained today and last night at least 23 Palestinians in the occupied territories but mainly from the Hebron and Jerusalem districts, according to the Palestinian Prisoner Society (PPS).

Israeli Forces Raid Home of Al-Aqsa Mosque Director, Detain Him, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), September 19, 2022.

Israeli forces broke into the home of the director of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Sheikh Omar Kiswani, in occupied East Jerusalem on Monday and detained him, the official Palestinian news agency WAFA reported.

Palestinian Parents, Students in Jerusalem Protest Israel's Attempts to Impose Deformed Textbooks, [WAFA News Agency](#), September 17, 2022.

Palestinian parents and students in occupied East Jerusalem today held protests in several neighborhoods against attempts by the Israeli occupation authorities to prevent the school from teaching the official Palestinian textbooks and rather use the distorted Israeli-issued textbooks.

Regional

Malki Discusses Escalated Israeli Measures Against Palestinian People with His Dutch and Finnish Counterparts in New York, [WAFA News Agency](#), September 21, 2022.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Riyad Malki met today with his Dutch and Finnish counterparts on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly meetings in New York where he discussed the latest political developments, including the ongoing escalated Israeli measures against the Palestinian people and their land in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem.

Before Meeting Lapid, Jordan's King Warns Of 'Undermining Jerusalem Status Quo' at UN, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 20, 2022.

Jordan's King Abdullah II warns against "undermining" the status quo in Jerusalem in his opening address to the UN General Assembly, ahead of his meeting today with Prime Minister Yair Lapid.

Lapid to Meet with King Abdullah in NY Amid W. Bank Tensions, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 20, 2022.

This will be the second meeting between Prime Minister Yair Lapid and King Abdullah II as violence takes over Nablus' streets.

Jordan's Safadi Says Israel Needs to Stop Unilateral Measures, [WAFA News Agency](#), September 17, 2022.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi called yesterday on Israel to stop all its unilateral measures that undermine the prospects of a potential two-state solution.

UAE's First Rabbi: Jewish Life Can and Is Flourishing Here, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 17, 2022.

At a time when many of his peers were still living at home or focused solely on their studies, he was busy building the Jewish infrastructure that years later would help the Abraham Accords flourish.

International

British PM Tells Lapid She Is Reviewing Relocation of UK Embassy to Jerusalem, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 22, 2022.

In meeting at UN, Liz Truss says she's weighing 'current location of the British Embassy in Israel'; had already vowed to consider move while serving as foreign secretary.

Gantz, UAE FM Bin Zayed: What did they discuss about Palestinians, Iran? [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 18, 2022.

Gantz and bin Zayed discussed the relations between the two countries, focusing on policy, security and economic issues.

Lapid, Erdogan to Meet at UN In First in Israel-Turkey Relations Since 2008, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 17, 2022.

Lapid's speech to the UN is expected to focus on the Iran nuclear threat and Israel's opposition to the proposed return to the 2015 nuclear deal.

The Vatican Affirms Continuation of Dialogue and Cooperation to Achieve Peace in The Region, [Wafa News Agency](#), September 17, 2022.

The Vatican affirmed in a letter to the Presidential Committee for Church Affairs its eagerness to continue dialogue and cooperation to achieve peace among the countries of the region, and that the Pope calls in his prayers for peace to all countries and peoples of the region.

Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA

UNRWA Commissioner General Intervention, Transforming Education Summit, [UNRWA](#), September 19, 2022.

Last year, I met with Maria, a 15-year-old Palestine refugee living in Ein el Helweh camp in Lebanon. She shared with enthusiasm her dream to study at Oxford.

Unexpectedly, she broke down in tears.

More Than Half a Million Palestine Refugee Children Go Back to UNRWA Schools, [UNRWA](#), September 19, 2022.

During the month of September, more than 550,000 Palestine refugee students went back to learning in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, in 706 schools of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

New Zealand Renews Longstanding Multiyear Support to UNRWA, [UNRWA](#), September 16, 2022.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and New Zealand have signed a three-year agreement (2022-2024) totaling NZD 3 million (US\$ 1.8 million) to support core UNRWA programmes for Palestine refugees across the Middle East.

Analysis & Opinions

Jordan's King Abdullah Jerusalem Comments Were Hypocritical and Dangerous - Editorial, [TEHE JERUSALEM POST](#), September 22, 2022.

We earnestly hope that Lapid took Abdullah to task in private for his outrageous remarks, and urged him to carefully weigh his words regarding Jerusalem.

Brad Sherman's Mindboggling Argument Against Apartheid Label for Israel, [Mondoweiss](#), (Philip Weiss), September 19, 2022.

Rep. Brad Sherman says Israelis and Palestinians live side by side, like the Dutch and the Germans, so to call Israeli rule apartheid is an "extreme and ridiculous conclusion."

Abraham Accords is Creating New Mideast Regional Architecture - Opinion, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), (Alon Ushpiz), September 19, 2022.

Two years on from the Abraham Accords, the director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry reflects on dreams becoming reality.

Why Jews and Arabs Are Not Long Lost Cousins, [HAARETZ](#), (Seraj Assi), September 19, 2022.

The Abraham Accords is the latest attempt to legitimate the eccentric myth that Arabs are descended from Ishmael – and are thus share ancestral kinship with Abraham's other children, the Jews.

'We are Going to Be Professionals about It': The Role of Education in the Palestinian Struggle for Justice, [THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE](#), (Paul Salvatori), September 18, 2022.

Recently I was sifting through an older video of Irwin Cotler, Canada's Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism. I was specifically looking for an observation he makes on the nature of calling someone a racist.

The Abraham Accords brought success - What are the Challenges Israel Faces Ahead? [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), (Seth J. Frantzman), September 18, 2022.

The importance reaches far beyond the UAE and Israel, to Israel's ties to India; as well as peace with Morocco, Bahrain and other countries.

40 years After the Massacre: My Trip to Sabra & Shatila, (Amena Al-Ashkar), [Mondoweiss](#), September 18, 2022.

Amena al-Ashkar avoided writing about the Sabra and Shatilla massacre even though she grew up a kilometer away. On the massacre's 40th anniversary, she finally makes the painful pilgrimage to the camp.

Palestinians Have Hope at UN Despite its 'Missteps', (Ramzy Baroud), [ARAB NEWS](#), September 17, 2022.

In his much-anticipated speech at the UN General Assembly on Sept. 23, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas is expected to, once more, make a passionate plea for the recognition of Palestine as a full member.

From Violence to Collapse: Palestinian Authority Faces Critical Weeks, (Amos Harel), [HAARETZ](#), September 16, 2022.

All eyes are on Mahmoud Abbas's UN speech next week A lavish event for the outgoing army chief can't hide the reality in the West Bank Is Israel getting closer to a Jenin op?

Abraham Accords: Israel is a Role Model for Arab Countries - Opinion, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#), (David M. Weinberg), September 16, 2022.

The Abraham Accords constitutes an ideological breakthrough of biblical magnitude for Israel as the Jewish state formed ties with new Arab allies.

Where do the Abraham Accords Leave Jordan? (Emily Milliken and Giorgio Cafiero), [THE ARAB NEWS](#), September 15, 2022.

As the second Arab country to have formalised diplomatic relations with Israel, Jordan has a unique perspective on the region's trend toward normalisation with Tel Aviv.

Sabra and Shatila Massacre: 40 Years of Trauma, (Emad Moussa), [THE ARAB NEWS](#), September 15, 2022.

Forty years since the Sabra and Shatila massacre during which over 3000 people were killed by Israel's Lebanese militia allies, Emad Moussa explains what this dark chapter meant for Palestinians as the trauma lives on amongst refugees.

Abbas to Demand Recognition of Palestinian State at UNGA, (Daoud Kuttab), [AL-MONITOR](#), September 13, 2022.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is expected to address the United Nations General Assembly meeting with details of a new initiative defending the two-state solution.

Publications and Statements

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 141 | 11-17 Sept 2022, [Law for Palestine](#), September 18, 2022.