

#### **Palestine in the News**

#### A weekly overview of the most relevant developments on Question of Palestine (QoP)

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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

### Presidency: Israeli Occupation Tampering with Security, Stability, <u>WAFA</u> **News Agency**, September 28, 2022.

Following today's Israeli army killing of three Palestinians and wounding of 44 others in an Israeli army raid in Jenin, the Presidency warned that the Israeli occupation is tampering with security and stability.

### Abbas Calls Gantz with Holiday Greeting, Discusses West Bank Security, THE TIMES OF ISRAEL, September 26, 2022.

Defense minister said to stress PA's responsibility in maintaining order in West Bank; phone call comes amid clashes in East Jerusalem and on Temple Mount.

### Israel Threatens A 'Diplomatic War' Over Booking. com's New West Bank Safety Guidance, Mondoweiss, September 26, 2022.

Israeli officials are threatening a "diplomatic war" against a digital travel company over its new warning on its listings in the illegally-occupied West Bank.

### Israeli Police Force Broke into The Muslim Holy Place, <u>THE Peninsula</u>, September 26, 2022.

Large Israeli police force this morning broke into the Muslim holy place, Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City in order to remove Muslim worshippers and provide a safe ground for Jewish fanatics seeking to change the decades-old status quo at the holy site and to roam the area freely as they mark the Jewish New Year amidst warning by Palestinian officials of serious repercussions if the status quo at the Mosque is touched.

### Presidency Condemns Israeli Police and Settlers Storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque, WAFA News Agency, September 26, 2022.

The Palestinian presidency today condemned the Israeli occupation forces and settlers storming the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City and attacking and arresting worshippers.

# President Abbas's Speech Before UNGA A Significant Step Toward Addressing Challenges, Threats Facing Palestinian National Project - Spokesman, WAFA News Agency, September 25, 2022.

Presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh today said that President Mahmoud Abbas's speech before the UN General Assembly provided a clear picture of the possibility of achieving peace and stability in the region, describing his speech as a significant step toward addressing the challenges and threats facing the Palestinian national project.

### Israel No Longer 'Partner' For Peace, Palestinian President Abbas Tells UN, THE JORDAN TIMES, September 24, 2022.

Israel is deliberately impeding progress towards a two-state solution and can no longer be considered a reliable partner in the peace process, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told the United Nations on Friday.

#### Mahmoud Abbas' UN Speech Gets Mixed Response from Palestinians, ARAB NEWS, September 24, 2022.

Israel is deliberately impeding progress toward a two-state solution and can no longer be considered a reliable partner in the peace process, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told the UN on Friday.

#### 47 EU Lawmakers Urge EU Foreign Policy Chief to Cancel Upcoming EU-Israel Association Council Meeting, <u>WAFA News Agency</u>, September 23, 2022.

A group of 47 influential Members of the European Parliament has called on European member states and the EU Foreign Policy Chief Joseph Borell to cancel the upcoming EU-Israel Association Council meeting, as Israeli occupation authorities are going ahead with the forcible transfer of Palestinians in Masafer Yatta area.

## Abbas at UN: Israel Is Not a Partner for Peace, It's Working to Destroy Two-state Solution, HAARETZ, September 23, 2022.

Acknowledging Lapid's UN speech on Thursday, Abbas says Israel should return to negotiations with Palestinians to show its commitment to a two-state solution.

#### Lapid to Call for Two-state Solution in UN Speech, <u>HAARETZ</u>, September 21. 2022.

The longstanding solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been sidelined by governments led by Benjamin Netanyahu and Naftali Bennett.

#### Palestine/Israel

## Jewish Settlers Attack Home, Injure Two Palestinians near Nablus, <u>THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE</u>, September 28, 2022.

Two Palestinians were injured on Wednesday in a Jewish settler attack on a Palestinian family in the village of Madama, near the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, the official Palestinian news agency WAFA reported.

### Palestinian Gunmen 'Planning Significant Attacks' Killed in Jenin Clash with Troops, THE TIMES OF ISRAEL, September 28, 2022.

Officials say brother of Ra'ad Hazem, who killed 3 in April Tel Aviv attack, and 2nd gunman had already carried out shooting attacks; 3rd gunman, a PA security officer, also killed.

#### Israeli Army Kills 3 Palestinians, Wounds 16 in Jenin, <u>THE ARAB NEWS</u>, September 28, 2022.

Following the Israeli attack in Jenin, violent confrontations erupted between Palestinian youths and Israeli soldiers, as loud explosions echoed throughout the camp.

### Palestinian Militant Killed in Clashes with Israeli Forces in Nablus, HAARETZ, September 25, 2022.

A relatively new Palestinian military group called 'the Lion's Den' are reporting that the man was one of its members.

#### Occupation Forces Shut Down Entrance to Beit Ummar for Second Day, WAFA News Agency, September 25, 2022.

Israeli occupation forces shut down today the main entrance to the town of Beit Ummar in the occupied West Bank province of Hebron, denying access to Palestinians into the town and out of it through its main road, according to local sources.

#### Israeli Navy Attacks Fishermen in Southern Gaza Strip, <u>THE Peninsula</u>, September 24, 2022.

The Israeli navy yesterday attacked Palestinian fishermen offshore Rafah city in the southern besieged Gaza Strip.

According to Palestine News Agency, Israeli navy ships fired heavy machine gunfire at and surrounded three Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Rafah, forcing the fishermen to flee for their safety.

#### Palestinian In West Bank Rams Into Cop Car In Alleged Attack, Is Shot Dead, THE TIMES OF ISRAEL, September 24, 2022.

Military says soldier fired at the driver who plowed into police vehicle near Havat Gilad outpost, calls the incident an attempted ramming.

#### Instead of Helping Him, Israeli Police Kill a Palestinian Man Who Lost Control of His Vehicle, WAFA News Agency, September 24, 2022.

Israeli police officers gunned down a Palestinian driver today after he lost control of his vehicle near the village of Jit, to the west of Nablus in the occupied West Bank, according to local sources.

#### Regional

### Egypt Condemns Israeli Settlers' Escalating Violations Against Al-Aqsa Mosque, WAFA News Agency, September 26, 2022.

The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned today the repeated and escalating violations of Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli settlers, with the support and protection of the Israeli occupation police.

### Oman Calls During UN Address for Peace and Progress in Yemen and Palestine, <u>ARAB NEWS</u>, September 26, 2022.

The head of the Omani delegation to the UN, Mohammed Al-Hassan, told the 77th session of the UN General Assembly on Monday that the sultanate "continues to spare no effort, through constructive cooperation with all parties, to achieve peace in brotherly Yemen."

### Jordan Condemns Israeli Settlers' Escalation in Violations Against Al-Aqsa Mosque, WAFA News Agency, September 26, 2022.

Jordan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates today condemned the Israeli settlers' storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif Compound in Jerusalem under heavy protection of Israeli police, according to Petra news agency.

### UAE Hails Lapid's Support For 2-State Solution, Backs Palestinian State On '67 Lines, THE TIMES OF ISRAEL, September 25, 2022.

Premier gets shoutout in Emirati minister's speech to UN General Assembly, which also includes line noting importance of Abraham Accords.

### Qatar Participates in Ministerial Meeting of UNRWA Main Partners, <u>THE</u> Peninsula, September 24, 2022.

The State of Qatar participated yesterday in the ministerial meeting of the main partners of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which was held on the sidelines of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

### King Directs International Attention Towards Palestinian Cause At UNGA, <a href="https://example.com/html/> THE JORDAN TIMES">THE JORDAN TIMES</a>, September 24, 2022.

His Majesty King Abdullah's speech at the 77th United Nations General Assembly session directed the international community's attention to their responsibility to take meaningful action towards realizing the two-state solution, guaranteeing the rights of Palestinians and preserving the Hashemite Custodianship over holy sites in Jerusalem, according to analysts.

#### International

Japan Urges against Moves Harming Palestinian 'Peace Process', Including Illegal Settlements, THE PALESTINE CHRONICLE, September 29, 2022.

Japan's Prime Minister urged on Wednesday against any move that would harm the Palestinian peace process, including illegal Jewish settlements, Anadolu News Agency reported.

### EU and Spain Provide €28.5M For Payment of Social Allowances to Poor Palestinian Families, WAFA News Agency, September 27, 2022.

The European Union and Spain provided €28.5 million for the payment of social allowances through the National Cash Transfer Program benefitting 111,000 vulnerable Palestinian families, said the Office of the European Union Representative in a press release.

Palestinian and European Civil Society Organizations Call on EU To Hold Israel Accountable for Its Acts, Not Reward it, <u>WAFA News Agency</u>, September 27, 2022.

Palestinian and European civil society organizations called on the European Union to hold Israel accountable for its acts in the occupied Palestinian territories and not reward it for these actions.

#### Irish Human Rights Groups Call to Stop EU-Israel Association Council, WAFA News Agency, September 26, 2022.

In an open letter issued today, 18 Irish human rights groups, civil society organisations and trade unions called for the Irish government to act to stop the reconvening of the EU-Israel Association Council scheduled for next month, according to the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

## EU Reaffirms Support for a Two-State Solution in Palestine, <u>WAFA News</u> Agency, September 24, 2022.

The European Union stressed yesterday its commitment to a negotiated two-state solution as the best way to ensure a just and lasting peace, secure, ty and prosperity for both Palestine and Israel.

At the UN, Biden Reaffirms their Commitment to a Two-State Solution for Israelis, and Palestinians, <u>THE TIMES OF ISRAEL</u>, September 22, 2022.

US president says proposed peace strategy is best for both peoples; accuses Russia of violating tenets of global body's charter with 'brutal, needless' invasion of Ukraine.

#### **Palestinian Refugees and UNRWA**

IOM, UNHCR, and UNRWA: Latest Tragedy at Sea Off Syria Must Prompt Action, UNRWA, September 23, 2022.

The shipwreck off the coast of Syria late Thursday is simply tragic.

The boat had reportedly set off towards Europe on Tuesday from the port of Miniyeh, near Tripoli, Lebanon, carrying between 120 and 170 migrants and refugees, mostly Syrians, Lebanese, and Palestinians. Passengers included women, children, men, and elderly people.

# Remarks By UNRWA Commissioner General Philippe Lazzarini, Ministerial Meeting Co-Hosted By Jordan And Sweden On The Margins of The General Assembly High-Level Segment, UNRWA, September 22, 2022.

Mr. Secretary-General, thank you for your passionate and emotional testimony and advocacy on behalf of Palestine refugees. Thank you for bringing a human face to the plight of Palestine refugees.

Minister Safadi, Minister Linde, your resolute leadership in mobilizing the international community in support of UNRWA has been simply remarkable over the last few years.

#### UN Member States And Secretary-General Convene In New York To Address UNRWA Financial Crisis, UNRWA, September 22, 2022.

Ahead of UNRWA mandate renewal later this year, Jordan and Sweden co-hosted a meeting in the presence of UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on the sidelines of the 77th United Nations General Assembly to explore lasting solutions for closing the chronic funding gap of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

#### **Analysis & Opinions**

#### How Powerful is the Israel Lobby? (Philip Weiss), <u>Mondoweiss</u>, September 27, 2022.

The Israel lobby just led an attack on Rashida Tlaib to stop any criticism of Israeli colonization of Palestinian land. What else can it do? It has helped stop the Iran deal and promoted Abraham Accords, bribery of Arab monarchies to normalize Israel and overlook Palestinian human rights. But surely the biggest sign of the lobby's power is that it is not scrutinized in the press. When it is called out for corrupting influence, it says the criticism is antisemitic.

### Abbas Makes the Case for A Two-State Solution at the UN, But Is Anyone Listening? (Daoud Kuttab), <u>THE ARAB NEWS</u>, September 26, 2022.

Following Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas' speech at the UN where he reinforced the case for a two-state solution, it is time for the US and other member states who support this plan to finally enact it, writes Daoud Kuttab.

### Mountain of Fire: How Nablus Became the Heart of the Palestinian Struggle, (Qassam Muaddi), THE ARAB NEWS, September 26, 2022.

In-depth: At the centre of recent tensions in the West Bank, Nablus has historically always been a focal point of the Palestinian struggle. This is the story of a city caught between Israel's occupation and the will to survive.

#### Gaza's Children Can Only Dream of What Yair Lapid's Daughter Has, (Gideon Levy), HAARETZ, September 25, 2022.

Prime Minister Yair Lapid has a daughter with special needs. Her name is Yaeli and she is autistic. Lapid talked about her in his address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York Thursday.

#### My Freedom Ticket out of Gaza, (Doaa Alremeili), Mondoweiss, September 25, 2022.

I guess it's the time that I've always feared, but was sure would come.

On the second day of this month, at about 3:30 p.m., I received my acceptance letter to an MA program at Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul. I was lucky enough to be offered a full scholarship. A mix of feelings was roiling behind my ribs — happiness, excitement, fear, gratitude, relief, and something close to freedom.

### Abbas's Speech to The UN Did Not Bring Any New Notions - Analysis, (Khaled Abu Toameh), THE JERUSALEM POST, September 24, 2022.

Despite the promises of a "pivotal" speech, Abbas's speech provided no new vision, idea, or information.

#### Palestinians Are Not Israel's 'Neighbors': 11 Corrections for PM Yair Lapid's UN Speech, (Amira Hass), HAARETZ, September 24, 2022.

The prime minister is not the first in the history of the UN to give a speech filled with slogans and lies. In UN reports on Israel's domination over the Palestinians, leaders and their aides can find information to refute them. The following remarks are meant to help them navigate between the details.

### Rashida Tlaib's Historic Face-Off with Israel Lobby Over 'Apartheid', (Philip Weiss), Mondoweiss, September 23, 2022.

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### When Lapid Talks About Two-state Solution, He Isn't Talking to Mahmoud Abbas, (Yossi Verter), <u>HAARETZ</u>, September 23, 2022.

Rashida Tlaib's comment that "you cannot claim to hold progressive values yet back Israel's apartheid government" is turning into a defining moment in the progressive wing of the Democratic Party.

#### **Publications and Statements**

Palestine's Legal Scene | Issue. 142 | 18-24 Sept 2022, <u>Law for Palestine</u>, September 25, 2022.