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A weekly round-up on the latest news, developments, relevant publications and upcoming events on the QoP. This round-up 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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Latest Developments:

Six Palestinian prisoners escape Israeli jail through tunnel, [*BBC*](#), Sept 06, 2021

Israeli authorities have launched a manhunt after six Palestinian prisoners escaped from one of the country's most secure jails overnight. The men are believed to have dug a hole in the floor of their cell at Gilboa prison, then crawled through a cavity and tunnelled beneath the outer wall.

Bennett Rejects Peace Process With Abbas, Focuses on Palestinians' Practical Needs, [*Haaretz*](#), Sept 01, 2021

On three separate occasions this week, Israeli government representatives said that the diplomatic process with the Palestinian Authority will not be pursued, and that Prime Minister Naftali Bennett does not plan to meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Tet Bennett is advancing concrete initiatives to improve living conditions for Palestinians

Netanyahu Is Gone. Netanyahu-ism Still Reigns, [*Foreign Policy*](#), Sept 01, 2021

The Israeli leader left Washington on Sunday having accomplished what he set out to do. He had a warm meeting with the president of the United States, who spoke of Washington's "unwavering commitment ... to Israel's security" without giving anything up or altering his policies on Iran, the Palestinians, or the region more broadly. If Netanyahu has any perspective, he will surely grasp the importance of what Bennett did while he was in Washington.

Israel Is Taking Important Steps to Strengthen the Palestinian Authority, [*Haaretz*](#), Sept 05, 2021

This government won't bring peace, solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, revive the two-state-solution or even hold peace talks with the Palestinians (not a great loss in light of recent experience). Leftists with dreams and rightists with fears are invited to chill. It won't happen. Not on this watch. Not in the coming years. If ever....

Boxed in: Bennett, Abbas can't win despite 'goodwill gestures', [*Al-Monitor*](#), Sept 03, 2021

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett followed through on his promise to US President Joe Biden at their White House meeting on Aug. 27 to improve conditions for the Palestinians and de-escalate political tensions. These goodwill gestures, including \$155 million in aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA), have so far fallen flat. What are considered compromised or halfway measures have given no political bounces for Bennett and PA President Mahmoud Abbas, who are boxed in by domestic politics.

Israeli Forces Injure 70 Palestinians in Beita, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), Sept 03, 2021

At least 70 Palestinians were injured by the Israeli occupation army during clashes at Jabal Sabih mount, near the village of Beita in the occupied West Bank, according to the Palestinian Red Crescent (PRC).

Israel Asks for Extension to Present Plan for Khan al-Ahmar Eviction, [Haaretz](#), Sept 05, 2021

Israel says that there has been 'significant progress' in coming up with a plan to evict Khan al-Ahmar that would be acceptable to all parties

July saw second-highest Israeli demolitions of Palestinian homes: UN report, [The New Arab](#), Sept 04, 2021

Occupying Israeli forces demolished, seized or forced Palestinians to demolish 126 structures across the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Israeli military court frees pregnant Palestinian security prisoner on bail, [Times of Israel](#), Sept 05, 2021

An Israeli military court decided Thursday to immediately release pregnant Palestinian security prisoner Anhar al-Deek to house arrest on around \$12,500 bail. Al-Deek's case featured prominently in Palestinian media, as she was set to give birth in jail. The last Palestinian prisoner to give birth while in custody was Gaza resident Fatima al-Ziq in 2008.

'Dangerous and Humiliating' Conditions: Hamas Rejects US-UNRWA Framework Agreement, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), Sept 03, 2021

Hamas has rejected the framework agreement signed between the United States and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) regarding the restoration of US funding for the agency. Hamas pointed out that the agreement, signed on July 15, contains "dangerous and humiliating" conditions imposed by Washington on the agency in return for funding.

Israel Lifts Further Gaza Restrictions, Expanding Water Supply and Fishing Zone, [Haaretz](#), August 31, 2021

Israeli officials also expanded entry permits for Gazan business people and the renewed the entry of badly needed building materials, despite the launch of incendiary balloons and the killing of a Border Policeman

Palestine's Abbas, Israeli defence minister hold first high-level talks in years, [The Week](#), August 30, 2021

The meeting between Benny Gantz and Mahmoud Abbas signalled a possible shift of direction after after the near-complete breakdown of communication between Abbas and Israeli leaders in recent years, under former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Palestinian-Israeli LGBTQ+ activists protest in Haifa, [The New Arab](#), Sept 06, 2021

Dozens of Palestinian-Israeli activists participated in a pro-LGBTQ+ protest in the city of Haifa on Sunday. The protest, dubbed, "Queer Cry for Freedom 2021", attempts to confront the violence and marginalisation that queer Palestinians face.

[International:](#)

Israeli President Secretly Visited Amman to Meet Jordanian King, [The Palestine Chronicle](#), Sep 05, 2021

At the king's invitation, new President Isaac Herzog met King Abdullah II at his palace in the Jordanian capital, Amman, Herzog's office said in a statement. The two discussed a series of political and economic issues including energy and sustainability.

Egypt's Sisi to host Israeli PM Bennett at Sharm El-Sheikh meeting: report, [The New Arab](#), Sept 02, 2021

Egyptian President Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi will host Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennet at Sharm El-Sheikh this week, after a meeting with Palestinian and Jordanian leaders concludes, according to reports.

Labour apologises for telling youth section it could not invite Palestine Solidarity campaigners to speak at conference, [Morning Star](#), Sept 03, 2021

THE Labour Party has been forced to apologise after wrongly telling its youth section that it could not invite members of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign to speak at a conference event. Activists from the campaign today questioned how they could have been considered as an illegitimate group, following reports that they would be prevented from taking part in Labour Party conference.

Positive Palestinian response to US plan of reopening Jerusalem consulate, [Al-Monitor](#), Sept 03, 2021

Palestinians reacted positively to the US plan to fulfill one of President Joe Biden's promises of reopening the US mission in Jerusalem, which will be providing services and a liaison to the people of Palestine.

Activists launch campaign to boycott Duty Free Americas over support for Israeli settler organizations, [Mondoweiss](#), Sept 03, 2021

The South Florida Coalition for Palestine is calling for a boycott of Duty Free Americas over the Miami-based company's connection to illegal Israeli settlements and the forced expulsion of Palestinians. According to a 2019 AP investigation the Falics have donated \$5.6 million to settler groups over a ten-year period. They've also lent financial support to racist, ultra-nationalist Jewish groups in Hebron.

Leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Palestinian Authority meet in Cairo, [Al-Jazeera](#), Sept 02, 2021

Mahmoud Abbas says the PA is ready to take 'confidence-building steps' and achieve calm in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The Israeli Military Sends African Asylum Seekers Back Across Lebanon Border, [Haaretz](#), August 31, 2021

The Israel Defense Forces is turning back African asylum seekers who cross into Israel from Lebanon. The High Court of Justice ruled against such a practice when it was used against asylum seekers who crossed into Israel from Egypt.

Canadian Charities Are Funding Israeli Apartheid, [Jacobin](#), Sept 04, 2021

Under the cover of charity, organizations in Canada are bilking unknowing Canadian taxpayers out of public money and directing it to Israel. These charities support settlements in the West Bank and the Israeli military — they do not deserve tax exemptions.

Palestinian refugees:

Being/longing: visualizing belonging with Palestinian refugee children, [Social & Cultural Geography](#), Sept 02, 2021

This paper examines how Palestinian refugees reproduce a sense of collective belonging within the physical space of the camp and through material practices of care. This research centers the voices of Palestinian children to understand how they view their inherited refugee identities in the context of multi-generational displacement. Using participatory digital storytelling, this research illustrates how, for some Palestinian refugee children, a sense of longing for a future return to their past homeland motivates acts of care in the present that produces a sense of belonging in the camp.

Palestinian refugee students return to UNRWA classrooms in Jordan, *The New Arab*, Sept 06, 2021

Palestinian refugee students in Jordan returned to schools after a year of remote learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which forced classrooms to shutter in a bid to halt the spread of the virus.

Publications:

New publication: "Sounds of Resistance," in Voices of the Nakba, *Pluto Press*, Sept 2021

Voices of the Nakba collects the stories of first-generation Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, documenting a watershed moment in the history of the modern Middle East through the voices of the people who lived through it.

Government of Austria Signs Agreement for EUR 2 Million in Support UNRWA 2021 Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal, *UNRWA*, Aug 31, 2021

The Government of Austria signed a EUR 2 million agreement towards the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal in 2021.

Events:

Palestinian Protests and the Future of the Palestinian Struggle, *The Foundation for Middle East Peace*, Sept 05, 2021

The Middle East Institute (MEI) and Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP) are pleased to invite you to join a public webinar featuring: Dr. Hanan Ashrawi - Palestinian leader



and critic of the PA's repression of Palestinian popular protest - together with Fadi Quran, a prominent activist who was among those recently detained by the PA.