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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:**

### **Israel captures four of six Palestinian jail breakers, *The New Arab*, Sept 11, 2021**

Israel has recaptured four of six Palestinians who escaped from the high-security Gilboa prison through a tunnel dug beneath a sink in a cell.

### **Rocket fired into Israel after two Palestinian escapees caught, *Al-Monitor*, Sept 11, 2021**

A rocket from the Gaza Strip was intercepted over Israel late Friday night after two escaped Palestinian prisoners were captured. The rocket was intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome aerial defense system, the Israel Defense Forces said in a tweet.

### **Gaza factions suspend popular activities to advance mediation efforts, *Al-Monitor*, Sept 10, 2021**

Palestinian factions in the Gaza Strip agreed to suspend popular activities until mid-September, to allow the mediators' efforts for the reconstruction process to succeed.

### **Israel warns Gaza citizens living next door to Hamas members, *Al-Monitor*, Sept 10, 2021**

Israel reportedly sent text messages to citizens in Gaza warning them that they are living in the same buildings as Hamas members and they may become targets in future fighting.

### **Social media watch group documents 50 anti-Palestinian violations by social media in August, *Wafa News*, Sept 10, 2021**

Sada Social Center, a Ramallah-based social media watch group, said that during August 2021, nearly 50 violations against Palestinian digital content and the rights of Palestinian users have been monitored.

### **Israel police crack down on demonstrations supporting Palestine prisoners, *Middle East Monitor*, Sept 11, 2021**

Arab residents in Haifa and Umm Al-Fahm organised two separate demonstrations to support the prisoners and condemn the Israeli aggression against them. Activists reported Israeli police aggression at the demonstration organised in Haifa and detained Abdullah Bodeer, who was later released after he was beaten.

## **Israel settlers open fire on Palestine homes in West Bank, [Middle East Monitor](#), Sept 11, 2021**

A number of Israeli settlers opened fire on Friday evening on Palestinian homes and vehicles in the Old City of Hebron, south of the occupied West Bank, Anadolu Agency reported.

## **The longstanding complicity of the Israeli Medical Association with torture in Israel, [Mondoweiss](#), Sept 09, 2021**

A principled, evidence-based appeal by 725 doctors from 43 countries regarding medical complicity with torture in Israel has lasted 12 years to date, spanning four WMA Presidencies and two UN Special Rapporteurs on Torture.

## **International:**

### **New lobby group launched for Palestinian rights, [The New Arab](#), Sept 06, 2021**

AJP Action, established in August, will lobby politicians to oppose legislation that supports the Israeli occupation and related violations of Palestinians' human rights. The group is affiliated with American Muslims for Palestine, a non-profit that focuses on education. As a 501c3, AMP is prevented from engaging in politics. With the new group's classification as a 501c4, it can be politically active.

### **Palestinian Authority withdraws from Qatar funding scheme for Gaza - Qatari envoy, [Reuters](#), Sept 10, 2021**

The Western-backed Palestinian Authority has pulled out of an agreement to provide funding from Qatar to the Gaza Strip over concerns its involvement could expose it to legal issues, the Gulf state's aid envoy said on Friday.

### **How The Events Of 9/11 Still Affect The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, [NPR](#), Sept 09, 2021**

At the time, the Palestinian Intifada, or uprising — with militant bombings and shootings, and attacks by Israeli troops — had been going on for one year. The 9/11 attacks made Arafat worried that Palestinians, who considered themselves freedom fighters, would be seen by the West as terrorists.

"Yasser Arafat ... wanted to distance himself from this axis of evil, and the only way to do it was to stop the Intifada," said retired Israeli Brig. Gen. Shlomo Brom. "But it didn't stop, and not because of Yasser Arafat. Because of the Israeli side. We missed this opportunity."

### **Mass protest in Jordan in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons, Wafa News, Sept 11, 2021**

A mass protest was held today in front of the Israeli embassy in Jordan in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. They called for standing in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners who are subjected to continuous oppression and grave violations by Israel in violation of international humanitarian law.

### **Russia ready to facilitate dialogue between Israel, Palestine — Lavrov, TASS, Spt 09, 2021**

Moscow is ready to help establish direct dialogue between Israel and Palestine, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a press conference following talks with Israeli top diplomat Yair Lapid on Thursday.

## **Palestinian refugees:**

### **UNRWA chief calls for just solution to million Palestine refugees, Prensa Latina, Sept 10, 2021**

Addressing a meeting of the Arab League foreign ministers in Cairo, the head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) denounced external attacks on that agency. Lazzarini considered urgent to find a just and lasting solution to the difficult situation that more than 5.7 million Palestinian refugees are currently facing.

## **Publications:**

### **Migration of Palestinian refugees from Lebanon; Current trends and implications, ICMPD, Sept 10, 2021**

Migration of Palestinian refugees from Lebanon is not a new phenomenon, in fact having its roots in earlier migratory movements since the 1960s to Europe and the Arab Gulf region. Nonetheless, recently, increasing numbers have migrated irregularly from the country, and particularly towards Europe. This trend assessment examines this trend, as well as its root causes and implications for key stakeholders in the region and in Europe.

## **Prison Break: A Prisoner's Right? A Crime Deserving Punishment? Or a Moral and Legal Duty?! | Legal Memo, [Law4Palestine](#), Sept 09, 2021**

A person is sent to jail when they have committed – or are believed to have committed – a crime. But can the same be said about breaking out of jail? At face value, this sentence seems fairly plausible, but it's not always the case. Some jurisdictions in fact do not charge escaped prisoners, others nevertheless consider breaking from prison an offence, and in which case prison guards can shoot at escapees, even if they are not armed. These jurisdictional differences on the legality of prison breaks are limited to times of peace. However, in times of war, jurisdictions hardly disagree on prisoner jailbreaks, especially when it comes to prisoners of war.

## **Decolonising journalism: what does it mean, why does it matter and where do you start?, [Journalism.co.uk](#), Sept 08, 2021**

To take a different example, in Palestine, editors could think more carefully about whether using words like "conflict" is really a fair description. She has heard that Palestinian residents complain about media coverage that hides colonialism behind Israel's actions. Doing more to explain the history and power dynamics that have led to this situation in the first place, instead of simply describing the result as though people in Gaza just happen to be poor, could be a path forward.

## **Events:**

### **Nakba, Mob Violence, and Inequality: the Past, Present, & Future of Palestinian Citizens of Israel, [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#), Sept 14, 2021**

FMEP is pleased to invite you to join a conversation featuring Hana Amoury, expert in civil society struggles and resident of Jaffa; Orwa Switat, expert in national minorities and urban planning and resident of Haifa; and Rami Younis, writer and director currently finishing a film about Lyd, his hometown; with FMEP's Director of Programs & Partnerships, Sarah Anne Minkin.

### **The Future of Palestine, [Belfer Center](#), October 07, 2021**

**Dr. Hanan Ashrawi**, a distinguished Palestinian leader, legislator, activist, and scholar who served as a member of the Leadership Committee and as an official spokesperson of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace process, will speak about the future of Palestine from her unique perspective.

### **UNRWA, Its Mandate, Successes, and Challenges, [Belfer Center](#), Sept 16, 2021**



At a moment when public policy and public health are becoming increasingly intertwined, **UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini** will share his unique perspective on UNRWA's past, present, and future strategies for supporting Palestinian refugees.