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**EUROPE**

[**Le Centre national de coopération au développement**](http://www.cncd.be) (CNCD-11.11.11.), [**11.11.11**](http://www.11.be/) and the [**International Federation for Human Rights**](http://www.fidh.org) (FIDH) are still mobilizing for their [Made in Illegality](http://www.madeinillegality.org/accueil?lang=fr) campaign through an online [petition](http://www.change.org/fr/p%C3%A9titions/stop-de-economische-relaties-van-belgi%C3%AB-met-de-isra%C3%ABlische-nederzettingen-stop-aux-relations-%C3%A9conomiques-de-la-belgique-avec-les-colonies-isra%C3%A9liennes).

[**The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine**](http://www.eccpalestine.org)(ECCP) [announced](http://www.eccpalestine.org/g4s-says-it-will-end-contracts-with-israeli-prisons/) on **17 June 2014** that the world’s largest security company G4S will not renew security contracts with Israeli prisons and checkpoints.

[**The Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) (IPSC) is organizing a Parliamentary [meeting](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/end-collective-punishment/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=End+Israel%27s+collective+punishment+-+take+...&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Booking+essential.%C2%A0) entitled  
*Against collective punishment* on **8 July 2014** in London*.* IPSC is also organizing a [youth journey for justice](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/palestine-youth-journey-for-justice-2014-ymca-ywca-jai-palestine) to the West Bank on **2-10 August 2014**. The IPSC is also inviting its supporters to sign a [petition](http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/rt%C3%A9-ireland-s-national-broadcaster-please-break-your-silence-on-palestine) calling on the Irish National Broadcaster to report on human rights violations in the OPT.   
  
[**Medical Aid for Palestinians**](http://www.map-uk.org)(MAP) [reported](http://www.map-uk.org/news/palestinian-ministry-of-health-reports-a-chronic-lack-of-medicines-in-gaza.aspx) on **25 June 2014** that a serious crisis was expected to hit the Gaza Strip as many items of medicine and equipment were set to completely run out. MAP is also organizing the event [*Cycle for MAP*](http://www.map-uk.org/news/events/london-to-windsor-bike-ride-2014.aspx) to raise money to support Palestinians, on **7 September 2014**.

[**Namlebee**](http://www.namlebee.com) is running the crowd-funding [campaign](http://www.namlebee.com/?np=proyecto&pro=87) [*Starving to death in Yarmouk*](http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=23a7a1f085bb08b7c380a3376&id=8f716e939d&e=5b7db42680) to assist the Yarmouk Refugee Camp in Syria which has become a symbol of destruction for the Palestinian community.

[**Palestina Solidariteit**](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/)(Belgium)is proposing an [international summer camp](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/content/resistance-summer-camp-1-10-august) to explore Palestinian past and present, on **1-10 August 2014**.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Adalah – The Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**](http://adalah.org/eng/)posted on **25 June 2014** an interview with **Hassan Jabareen**, Adalah founder and General Director, about force-feeding and Palestinian hunger-strikers. Adalah also issued a [fact sheet](http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=4c0bb759968fd1dcd47869809&id=256ab14c1b&e=) entitled *The Hunger Strikes is Over, But Torture Continues*.   
  
[**The Alternative Information Center**](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/) (AIC) posted on **1 July 2014** an [article](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/regions/hebron/8238-army-and-settlers-attack-palestinians?fb_action_ids=10152489573258468&fb_action_types=og.comments) entitled *Army and settlers attack Palestinians*.   
  
[**Al-Shabaka - The Palestinian Policy Network**](http://al-shabaka.org) published on **26 June 2014** a [commentary](http://al-shabaka.org/israels-west-bank-operation-causes-consequences?utm_source=Al-Shabaka+announcements&utm_campaign=704c5a34f7-Policy_Brief_Announcement+7_19_2011_PA&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a9ca5175dc-704c5a34f7-257272173) by **Mouin Rabbani** entitled *Israel’s West Bank Operation: Causes & Consequences*.  
  
[**Boycott from Within**](http://boycottisrael.info/)posted on **27 June 2014** a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F4NfugmqlY) of a protest against the NBC show DIG filmed in East Jerusalem with support and funding from the Israeli Government.   
  
[**The Israeli Committee Against House Demolition**](http://www.icahd.org) (ICAHD) [rebuilding camp](http://icahdusa.org/projects/summer-camp/) will take place **3-18 August 2014** near Jerusalem. ICAHD is also organizing an alternative study tour in autumn this year. For more information please click [here](http://www.icahd.org/tours/extended-study).   
  
[**The Israel/Palestine Mission Network**](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org) (IPMN) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) announced on **20 June 2014** that the plenary of the 221st General Assembly has voted 310 to 303 to [divest](http://www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org/main/component/content/article/18/278-divestment-vote-press-release) from three US companies that profit from Israel's military occupation of Palestinian land.   
  
[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/) (PCHR) released its latest [Report on Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10432:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory--19-25-june-2014-&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) covering the period **19 to 25 June 2014**. PCHR also issued a [statement](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10434:forcible-feeding-constitutes-torture-crime-pchr-warns-of-israeli-efforts-to-legitimize-forcible-feeding-against-palestinian-detainees-and-calls-upon-the-international-community-to-immediately-intervene&catid=36:pchrpressreleases&Itemid=194) on **29 June 2014** to warn of the serious implications of Israeli efforts to pass a law granting powers to the Israeli prison authorities to forcibly feed Palestinian detainees.  
  
**The Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council** (PHROC) issued a [statement](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10409:phroc-condemns-collective-punishment-of-palestinians-in-response-to-the-disappearance-of-three-israeli-settlers&catid=36:pchrpressreleases&Itemid=194) on **17 June 2014** to condemn the collective punishment of Palestinians in response to the disappearance of three Israeli settlers.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**A People Without A Land**](http://www.withoutaland.com),a new documentary film by **Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon** whichexplores the notion of a one-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, will be premiered at the Manhattan Film Festival on **3 July 2014**. Tickets available [here](http://www.screenbooker.com/view-screening/574/kgxdhxvhen).

[**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=2XswvFhT9ay2wQiStd16RxKbZlq%2BYiBA) (CMEP) had a conference with [Gisha - Legal Center for Freedom of Movement](http://gisha.org/) on **24 June 2014**. You can listen to the conversation [here](https://docs.google.com/file/d/0ByPPKto7C0zwYW5FUUo1T1NMWTQ/edit).

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.org)(IMEU) released a [fact sheet](http://imeu.org/article/israels-west-bank-crackdown) on **27 June 2014** entitled *Israel’s West Bank Crackdown*.

[**Mondoweiss**](http://mondoweiss.net)published on **1 July 2014** a [photo article](http://mondoweiss.net/2014/07/soliders-kidnapping-retribution.html) entitled *Israeli soldiers destroy kidnapping suspects’ family homes in retribution attack*.

[**The Palestine Chronicle**](http://www.palestinechronicle.com)released an [article](http://www.palestinechronicle.com/missing-settlers-become-weapons-in-a-war-on-unity/) by **Ramzy Baroud** on **16 June 2014** entitled *Missing Settlers Become Weapons in a War on Unity*.

[**The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://endtheoccupation.org/) will be holding its [Annual National Organizers Conference](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=477) in San Diego, CA, on **19-21September 2014**. Confirmed speakers include **Ali Abunimah**, co-founder of [The Electronic Intifada](http://electronicintifada.net/) and author of [The Battle for Justice in Palestine](http://www.haymarketbooks.org/pb/The-Battle-for-Justice-in-Palestine), and **Marjorie Cohn**, former President of the [National Lawyers Guild](http://www.nlg.org/).The US Campaign also launched on **24 June 2014** an [activity](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4095) to support the decision of the the Presbyterian General Assembly to divest from three companies profiting from the Israeli occupation.

[**We Divest Campaign**](https://wedivest.org/)is calling for a [National Week of Actions](https://wedivest.org/post/320/planning-local-actions) on **6-13 July 2014** to celebrate BDS victories. The campaign will also host a Summer BDS Camp 10-14 August in North Carolina. Click [here](https://wedivest.org/post/317/apply-bds-institute-2014) for more information.

**A coalition of NGOs including** [**Jewish Voice For Peace**](file:///C:\Users\Wolfgang.Grieger\AppData\Local\Temp\)and[**Women in Black - Union Square**](http://womeninblackunionsq.org/) is organizing an [event](https://www.facebook.com/events/1440054279588041/) on **7 July 2014** in New York to mark the 9th anniversary of the 2005 Palestinian call for BDS.

**The Israel-Palestine NGO Working Group** (IPWG) posted on **29 June 2014** a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm_0TtIz3DU&feature=youtu.be) of **Robert Turner**, UNRWA's Director of Gaza Operations, who describes recent political changes affecting the lives of the 1.7 million people living in the Gaza Strip.

**GLOBAL**

[**AJ +**](http://www.ajplus.net/) posted a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sib5HbdEV4) on **30 June 2014** entitled*Israeli Settlements Explained*  
  
[**Amnesty International**](http://www.amnesty.org/en) published an [article](http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/israel-collective-punishment-will-not-bring-justice-murdered-teens-2014-07-01) on **1 July 2014** entitled *Israel: Collective punishment will not bring the justice that murdered teens deserve*.   
  
[**Avaaz**](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/)has been hosting since **20 July 2014** a [petition](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/European_Parliament_United_Nations_Stop_Israeli_collective_punishment_perpetrated_against_the_Palestinians/?tZIeJbb) entitled *Stop Israeli collective punishment perpetrated against the Palestinians*.   
  
[**Change**](http://www.change.org)is hosting a [petition](http://www.change.org/u/111548490) designed by the [Sack Blair Campaign](http://www.change.org/u/111548490) as **27 June 2014** marked the seventh year that Tony Blair has served as the Quartet Representative to the Middle East**.** Professor Noam Chomsky, British MPs from both major parties and 3 former UK ambassadors to the Middle East support the campaign.   
  
[**Human Rights Watch**](http://www.hrw.org) issued a [statement](http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/07/01/israelpalestine-killings-three-abducted-youth) on **1 July 2014** entitled *Israel/Palestine: Killings of Three Abducted Youth*.   
  
**More than 30 Palestinian coalitions and organizations**, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the benchmark [advisory opinion](http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/index.php?p1=3&p2=4&case=131&code=mwp&p3=5) of the International Court of Justice on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the OPT, are calling on people all across the world to join efforts and make **July 2014** the month [Against the Apartheid Wall](http://icj10.stopthewall.org/joint-call-for-action/). **#STOPIMPUNITY**.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm) is organizing an [event](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dxEd2-Za6xVFbLY_gxZgTdimCCT4BhFHJeBjSE4t5h8/viewform?usp=send_form) at UN Headquarters on **9 July 2014** to mark the 10th anniversary of the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Separation wall.   
  
[**The International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/solidarity.htm)has a [Twitter account](https://twitter.com/IYSPP) and official hashtag **#2014forPalestine**. Share the word and let us know about your International Year plans at [2014forPalestine@un.org](mailto:2014forPalestine@un.org)!  
  
[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org) issued its [*Protection of Civilians Weekly Report*](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2014_6_26_english.pdf) covering the period **17 June-23 June 2014**.   
  
[**The UN Department of Public Information**](http://www.un.org/en/hq/dpi/)opened the application for its annual [training programme](http://unic.un.org/palestinemediatraining/) for Palestinian media practitioners. The programme aims to provide hands-on skills training on different topics, as well as access to UN officials and diplomats. Click [here](http://unic.un.org/palestinemediatraining/ApplicationDataEntry.aspx) to submit your application. Deadline to apply is **14 July 2014**.  
  
[**UNESCO**](https://en.unesco.org)launched on **20 June 2014** a [report](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/resources/publications-and-communication-materials/publications/full-list/assessment-of-media-development-in-palestine/) entitled *Assessment of media development in Palestine*. The document is the result of an 18 months study carried out in partnership with the Media Development Center (MDC) of Birzeit University.   
  
[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org/) is still mobilizing until **28 July** for its **#giveforfood** campaign to help the over 1 million Palestine refugees who are unable to afford even their minimum food requirements. Please click [here](http://www.unrwa.org/content/giveforfood?utm_source=WRD2014-redcardhunger1-En&utm_campaign=WRD2014_En&utm_medium=email) to support the campaign. UNRWA also posted a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h3ma59em90&feature=youtu.be) on **29 June 2014** entitled *What makes Palestine refugees poor?*

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