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**Middle East**

On 30 November, the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme reported about a five-day training course for child psychologists (“Mental Health for Children”), conducted with support from War Child Holland. To mark [World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse](http://www.gcmhp.com/en/news.aspx?id=1531) on 19 November, the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme had earlier organized a workshop addressing the psychological impact of the 2014 Gaza war on children.

According to information published by Addameer on 30 November, between 1 January and 30 November 2016, a total of 1586 [administrative detention](http://www.addameer.org/news/israeli-forces-issue-1586-administrative-detention-orders-january-2016) orders had been issued, among them 588 new orders and 998 renewed orders.

On 29 November, [Peace Now](http://peacenow.org/) issued a new report (“The Grand Land Robbery: Another Step toward Annexation”) analyzing the potential political implications of a bill that, if passed in the Israeli Knesset, would retroactively legalize settlement outposts.

On 23 November, Aid Watch Palestine organized in Ramallah a photo exhibit entitled [“Gaza Incomplete”](http://alternativenews.org/index.php/features-02/274-aid-watch-palestine-raises-awareness-on-failed-reconstruction-efforts-in-gaza)raising awareness of failed reconstruction efforts in Gaza since the 2014 war.

Kairos Palestine released a 2016 Christmas [Alert](http://www.kairospalestine.ps/images/Kairos%20Palestine%20Christmas%20Alert%202016%20Email.pdf) calling attention to the plight of the Palestinian children.

**North America**

To mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people in Vancouver, on 2 December, the [Canada Palestine Association Vancouver](http://www.cpavancouver.org/index.php/2016/11/08/vancouver-marks-intl-day-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinians/) will be hosting a screening of the film “Occupation of the American Mind”.

On 30 November, [Al-Shabaka](https://webmail05.un.org/mail/npalesti.nsf?OpenDatabase) – The Palestinian Policy Network posted a new policy brief by Nur Arafeh entitled “Economic Collapse in East Jerusalem: Strategies for Recovery”, focusing on tourism and commercial markets of the Old City.

On 23 November, a webinar covering prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace in President Obama’s remaining months in office was held in Washington DC. Rev. Mae Cannon (Churches for Middle East Peace), led the discussion with Lara Friedman (Americans for Peace Now), Matthew Duss (Foundation for Middle East Peace) and Dr. James Zogby (Arab American Institute) which can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzhIte6cyKg>

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On 29 November the UN [observed](https://unispal.un.org/DPA/DPR/unispal.nsf/solidarity.htm?OpenForm) the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Ms. Suhad Babaa of Just Vision spoke on behalf of civil society at the special meeting of the UN Palestinian Rights Committee in New York.