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**Global**

- On 28 September, Amnesty International published a [memorandum](https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde15/4812/2016/en/) (“Lethal Force and Accountability for Unlawful Killings by Israeli Forces in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories”) providing details of 20 cases of killings deemed “evidently unlawful” and seeking clarification about the investigations carried out by the Israeli authorities into these killings and the policies governing the use of lethal force.

- On 25 September, in the run-up to the 13 and 14 October Council meeting of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), [Human Rights Watch](https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/09/25/israel/palestine-fifa-sponsoring-games-seized-land) called on the FIFA and the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) to require the Israel Football Association (IFA) to stop holding games inside settlements. On 9 September, [66 Members of the European Parliament](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/alynsmith/pages/2131/attachments/original/1473407339/Alyn_Smith_MEP_European_Parliament_letter_to_FIFA_Israeli_settlements_in_Palestine_Football_09092016.pdf?1473407339) had signed a letter requesting that football clubs based in settlements should either fully relocate inside Israel or be excluded from IFA competitions.

**Europe**

- On 30 September, the London-based Palestine Return Centre, launched its latest [research publication](http://www.prc.org.uk/portal/index.php/) entitled “UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Palestinian People: Challenges and Prospects”.

**North America**

- In its upcoming issue of 13 October, [*The New York Review of Books*](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/2016/10/13/economic-boycott-israeli-settlements/) will feature an open letter signed by over 70 American academics and intellectuals calling for targeted boycotts, limited to settlements, to encourage all parties to negotiate a two-State solution. The letter also requests the US government to exclude settlements from trade benefits accorded to Israeli enterprises.

- From 30 September through 14 October, “Night Raid”, a collection of photographs providing context for operations conducted by the Israeli military in the West Bank village of Bil’in, will be exhibited at the [Jerusalem Fund Gallery Al Quds](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/events/upcoming/night-raids) in Washington. Since weekly Friday demonstrations to protest the building of settlements and the Wall began in 2005, Bil’in has become known as a symbol for Palestinian resilience and non-violent resistance against the occupation.

- On 27 September, the Electronic Intifada reported about a petition signed by over 1,000 members of faculty [condemning the Canary Mission website](https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/against-canary-mission/) which lists students and faculty in the US who defend Palestinian rights, as an effort to intimidate and blacklist activists.

**Australia**

- [Professor John Dugard](https://apan.org.au/), who from 2001 to 2008 served as UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the OPT, will hold on 15 October at the University of Adelaide the 2016 Edward Said Memorial Lecture. In addition, he is invited to speak on 11 October at the National Press Club of Australia in Canberra (*Implications of the US elections for Palestine and Israel*) and on 27 October at the University of Sidney (*Has International Law Failed Palestine?*).

**United Nations**

- Following her visit to Israel and Palestine (12-22 September), [UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women](http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20584&LangID=E) Dubravka Šimonovic called for the full participation of women in a new peace process guided by international law. The Special Rapporteur will present her final findings and recommendations to the Human Rights Council in June 2017.

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