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**ASIA**

[**The Kuala Lumpur Palestine Festival**](http://vpm.org.my/events/events/110-kl-palestine-film-festival-2014)will take place **6-7 September 2014**. Laila El-Haddad, journalist and co-author of [*The Gaza Kitchen*](http://www.gazakitchen.com), will be a guest speaker.

**EUROPE**

**ABF Stockholm** and[**Palestinagruppen i Stockholm**](http://www.palestinagrupperna.se/taxonomy/term/92)are organizing a [panel discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/609151959205559/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular) entitled *Palestine - what happens now?* on **8 September 2014** in Stockholm. **Yasser Abu Jamei** from the [Gaza Community Mental Health Programme](http://www.gcmhp.net/en) (GCMHP) will participate in the discussion along with other guest speakers.

[**Association belgo-palestinienne**](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be)(ABP) organized a [national rally](https://www.facebook.com/events/274758886041714/) in Brussels on **17 August 2014** in solidarity with Palestine.

[**Amnesty International UK**](http://www.amnesty.org.uk) (AIUK) and [**CAABU**](http://www.caabu.org)are hosting the [briefing](http://www.caabu.org/events/caabu/gaza-origins-current-crisis-and-where-next-caabu-and-amnesty-international-book-launch-) *Gaza: The Origins of the Current Crisis and where next?* with **Jean Pierre-Filiu**, author of [Gaza: A History](http://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/gaza/) on **2 September 2014** in London.

[**Artistes contre le Mur**](http://www.artistes-contre-le-mur.org), [**Association belgo-palestinienne**](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be)(ABP), [**CNCD 11.11.11**](http://www.cncd.be), [**Fondation Heinrich Böll**](http://www.boell.de/en)as well as other groups are supporting a week of movie screenings, debates, meetings, photo exhibits and concerts on **13-17 September 2014** in Brussels. The event is organized by **Plateforme Watermael-Boitsfort Palestine** under the title *Israel Palestine beyond prejudices*. The programme is available [here](http://www.artistes-contre-le-mur.org/plateforme_wb_palestine_201409/Programme_Au_dela_des_prejuges_201409.pdf).

[**Café Palestine**](https://www.facebook.com/CafePalestineBrussels)will dedicate its next event on **4 September 2014** to discuss the recent attack on the Gaza Strip, and assess the actions of the Belgian Solidarity movement during the Israeli offensive. For more information please contact: cafepalestinebe@gmail.com.

[**The Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu) (CPJPO) will resume its meetings in Luxembourg on **23 September 2014**. For more information contact: paixjuste.lu@gmail.com .

[**The Euro-Mid Observer For Human Rights**](http://www.euromid.org) **[link doesn’t work]** issued on **26 August 2014** an [infographic](http://euromid.org/en/article/605/Israeli-Assault-on-Gaza-by-Numbers-in-50-Days) based on research by the organization entitled *Israeli Assault on Gaza by Numbers in 50 Days*.

**The Last Summer Dance Festival** is taking place in Luxembourg on **30 August 2014**. It will feature a media workshop media with director, multimedia journalist and member of [Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu) (CPJPO) **Charlotte Bruneau**.

[**Medical Aid for Palestinians**](http://www.map-uk.org) (MAP) released on **21 August 2014** a [report](http://www.map-uk.org/news/archive/post/137-map-release-report-from-medical-mission-to-gaza) from its last medical mission to the Gaza Strip.

[**Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.palestinecampaign.org)along with other groupsis organizing a mass lobbying effort of the UK Parliament on behalf of the Gaza Strip on **9 September 2014** in London. Click [here](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/emergency-lobby-parliament-gaza/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+Update%3A+have+you+signed+up+yet%3F&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=More+about+the+day%3E) for more information.

[**Plateforme/Platform Urgence GAZA**](https://www.facebook.com/UrgenceGaza) is organizing a gathering on **5 September 2014** against the Gaza blockade. For more information visit the Platform’s Facebook [page](https://www.facebook.com/UrgenceGaza).

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**The Association for Arab Youth-Baladna**](http://orgs.tigweb.org/baladna-association-for-arab-youth)issued on **11 August 2014** the [report](http://www.scribd.com/doc/236478210/Palestinian-Youth-Voices-Suppressed-during-Gaza-War) *Palestinian Youth Voices Suppressed during Gaza War*.

[**B’Tselem**](http://www.btselem.org) updated on **11 August 2014** its [webpage](http://www.btselem.org/gaza_strip/201407_families) *Families Bombed at Home*.

[**OneVoice Palestine**](http://www.onevoicemovement.org/programs/onevoice-palestine.php)(OVP)launched on **17 August 2014** the [Unity Campaign](http://www.onevoicemovement.org/programs/view/unity-campaign) calling for an immediate end to violence and asking Palestinians to rally around their leadership.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org) (PCHR) updated its [statistics](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10491:statistics-victims-of-the-israeli-offensive-on-gaza-since-08-july-2014&catid=145:in-focus) on “Operation Protective Edge” on **27 August 2014**.

**The Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council** (PHROC) sent on **13 August 2014** a [letter](http://www.infopal.it/phroc-open-letter-to-un-secretary-general-on-hostilities-in-the-gaza-strip/) to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon concerning the hostilities in the Gaza Strip.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**American Muslims for Palestine**](http://www.ampalestine.org/), [**Code Pink: Women for Peace**](http://www.codepink4peace.org/), [**Roots Action**](http://www.rootsaction.org) and [**US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/)launched on **26 August 2014** a [petition](http://www.holdisraelaccountable.org/) to **President Obama** demanding accountability for Israeli leaders as well as [justice](https://www.nlg.org) for the Palestinian people.

[**The Center for Constitutional** Rights](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CJulien.Vaissier%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) (CCR), the [**National Lawyers Guild**](https://www.facebook.com/NLGNational) (NLG) [they don’t have actual websites?] as well as other legal groups sent on **22 August 2014** a [letter](https://www.nlg.org/sites/default/files/Letter%20to%20ICC%20Prosecutor%20Gaza%20FINAL.pdf) to International Criminal Court **Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda**, urging her to use the Court’s power under Article 15 of the Rome Statute to initiate an investigation into war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity committed by the Israeli Government in the Gaza Strip under “Operation Protective Edge”.

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/) (MECA) organized a benefit dinner in Santa Clara (CA) with Dr. Norman Finkelstein, author and scholar, on **25 August 2014 [at which the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was discussed?]**. MECA will also host in Berkeley (CA) on **6 November 2014** the [release](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/berkeley-ca-book-release-celebration-journalist-nora-barrows-friedman?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=6b11456f2b-Aug-25-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-6b11456f2b-297983453) of award-winning reporter **Nora Barrows-Friedman**'s new book documenting the emergence and success of the Students for Justice in Palestine movement.

[**SABEEL-Voice of the Palestinian Christians**](http://www.sabeelcolorado.org/)is organizing an [event](http://sabeelcolorado.org/?q=node/75) with **Richard Forer**, author of *Breakthrough: Transforming Fear into Compassion-A New Perspective on the Israel-Palestine Conflict* on **14 September 2014** in **Denver** (CO).

[**The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/) is organizing its [Annual National Organizers Conference](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=477) in San Diego (CA) entitled *The Mainstreaming of BDS and Continuing Struggle for Palestinian Rights* on **19-21 September 2014**. Click [here](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4100) to see the programme and list of speakers.

[**The Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/)published an [interview](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4500) on **14 August 2014** with human rights activist **Kevin Neish** about the next Freedom Flotilla to Gaza planned for later this year.

**GLOBAL**

[**Amnesty International**](http://www.amnesty.org) and [**Human Rights Watch**](http://www.hrw.org) issued a [statement](http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/08/20/israelegypt-provide-rights-groups-access-gaza) on **20 August 2014** calling on Israel to allow immediate access to Gaza for their staff and other international human rights organizations so they can investigate allegations of serious violations of international humanitarian law by all parties to the conflict.

[**The Association for Women’s Rights in Development**](http://www.awid.org/)(AWID) published on **21 August 2014** an [audio interview](http://yfa.awid.org/2014/08/interview-abir-copty-palestine-feminism-bds-movement/) with **Abir Copty** (Free University of Berlin, former city council member in Nazareth) on Palestine, feminism and the BDS movement.

[**The Russell Tribunal on Palestine**](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/) (RToP) will organize on **24-25 September 2014** in Brussels an [Extraordinary session](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/3960/israels-crimes-in-gaza-during-operation-protective-edge-extraordinary-session-of-the-russell-tribunal) on Israel’s crimes in the Gaza Strip during “Operation Protective Edge”. Like previous sessions the jury will be composed of high-profile legal specialists and human rights activists.

[**The World Council of Churches**](http://www.oikoumene.org/) (WCC) issued a [statement](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/general-secretary/statements/concern-over-violence-in-gaza) on Gaza on **11 July 2014** and another [one](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/general-secretary/statements/gaza) on **22 July**.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm)will host a [briefing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m2UQa2qbTyDiCjmMDHl9mIYmZdLmVSuOT8U41DkIVY0/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link) on Gaza and the current political situation in Palestine with PLO Executive Committee member **Hanan Ashrawi** on **2 September 2014** at the United Nations Headquarters.

[**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!

[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org) issued its most recent [Gaza Emergency Humanitarian Snapshot](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/humanitarian_Snapshot_25_august_2014_oPt_V4.pdf) on **25 August 2014** as well as a [situation report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_sitrep_26_08_2014.pdf) on **26 August**.

[**The Working Group of** **the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/ngo.htm) hosted on **26 August 2014** a briefing on the [extraordinary session of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/3960/israels-crimes-in-gaza-during-operation-protective-edge-extraordinary-session-of-the-russell-tribunal) with **Pierre Galand**, former Belgian Senator and President of the European Coordination Committee for Palestine ([ECCP](http://www.eccpalestine.org/)).

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