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**NGO ACTION NEWS**

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**EUROPE**

[**Art Base**](http://www.art-base.be)is hosting the virtuoso Palestinian oud player **Adel Salameh** for a concert on **25 October 2014** in Brussels.

[**Breaking the Silence**](http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/) is organizing a conference with co-founder **Yehuda Shaul** at the city hall of Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxembourg) on **1 October 2014** at 8.00pm.

[**CAABU**](http://www.caabu.org/) is inviting its members for a private briefing and Q&A session on the Gaza Strip with **Dr. Aimee Shalan** in [London](http://www.arabbritishcentre.org.uk/contact-us/how-to-find-us/) on **7 October 2014** at 11.00 am. Dr. Shalan is the Director of Friends of Birzeit University and the former Director of Advocacy and Communications at Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP).

[**Café Palestine**](https://www.facebook.com/CafePalestineBrussels) is holding its next [meeting](https://www.facebook.com/events/378976015585578/) on **2 October 2014** at Café Monk in Brussels under the title *What now? Could laughter be the best medicine?*

[**Le Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?cat=10) (CPJPO) released its latest [agenda/newletter](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?cat=10) on **12 September 2014**.

[**The Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) (IPSC) organized its [Annual Sponsored Hill Walk](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/wicklow-ipsc-annual-sponsored-hill-walk-2014-sugar-loaf-mountain) on **28 September 2014**. IPSC will also host on **6 October 2014** a fundraising evening in Dublin featuring a theatrical adaptation of *Returning to Haifa* by Ghassan Kanafani.

[**Maramiya, the Palestinian cultural centre**](http://www.maramiya.be)is organizing a [Palestinian after-work](http://www.maramiya.be/calendar/) in Brussels on **3 October 2014**.

[**Medical Aid for Palestinians**](http://www.map-uk.org) (MAP) is organizing a [fundraiser marathon](http://www.map-uk.org/supporters-stories/running-through-the-checkpoints) on **7 October 2014** in the West Bank. Click [here](https://www.justgiving.com/HayleyandPhilippa/) to support this initiative. MAP also released on **19 September 2014** a new [report](http://www.map-uk.org/downloads/reports/the-impact-of-the-separation-wall-on-the-right-to-health-----map.pdf) entitled *Ten years since the International Court of Justice Ruling: The Impact of the Separation Wall on the Right to Health*.

[**Palestinagruppen i Stockholms**](http://www.palestinagrupperna.se/taxonomy/term/92)(PGS)invites its members for a meeting on **12 October 2014** with **Yvonne Fredriksson** (PGS), **Anna Wester** (PGS Chairperson) and **Gunilla Wettersjö** (BDS activist). For more information and to RSVP contact: [palestinagruppen.stockholm@gmail.com](mailto:palestinagruppen.stockholm@gmail.com).

[**Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.palestinecampaign.org) published on **18 September 2014** a [video](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/eye-witness-horror-dr-mustafa-barghouti/) of the event *Gaza – Eyewitness to Horror* featuring **Mustafa Barghouti**, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and leader of the Palestine National Initiative.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Al-Haq**](http://www.alhaq.org/documentation/weekly-focuses/861-ongoing-demolitions-of-palestinian-property-in-the-west-bank) issued a new [fact sheet](http://www.alhaq.org/documentation/weekly-focuses/861-ongoing-demolitions-of-palestinian-property-in-the-west-bank) on **27 September 2014** entitled *Ongoing Demolitions of Palestinian Property in the West Bank*.

[**BDS Movement**](http://www.bdsmovement.net)released an interactive [timeline](http://www.tiki-toki.com/timeline/entry/28282/BDS-Movement?utm_content=bufferc2df1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer) on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of the BDS call, to charter the key successes of the movement.

[**B'Tselem**](http://www.btselem.org/) issued a [press release](http://www.btselem.org/firearms/20140921_killing_of_khalil_anati) on **22 September 2014** saying that the group found no justification for the use of live fire that killed a 10-year old Palestinian boy in the West Bank’s al-Fawwar refugee camp on 10 August 2014.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org) (PCHR) issued its latest [weekly report](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10659:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-18-24-september-2014-&catid=145:in-focus) on Israeli human rights violations in the OPT on **25 September 2014** covering the period 18 September – 24 September 2014.

[**The Women Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling**](http://www.wclac.org/english) (WCLAC) published a new [report](http://www.wclac.org/english/flip/jerusalem-cd/index.html) on **15 September 2014** entitled *Jerusalem – A Divided City*.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**The Arrival Agency**](http://www.arrivalagency.com/)is organizing in Vancouver on **7 October 2014** a [fundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/events/283811175152493/) for the children of the Gaza Strip.

[**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://www.cmep.org/) (CMEP) organized an event on **22 September 2014** featuring **Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas** who addressed, for the first time, American students at Cooper Union in New York City. The transcript of President Abbas’ speech is available [here](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=RdBNE4GG1LiM%2B3Mz80uT2zB6YaYHP0%2F7). CMEP is also hosting a briefing call on **30 September 2014** with three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee **Archbishop Elias Chacour**. Click [here](https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5575/l/eng/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=72083) for more information.

[**Columbia University**](http://www.columbia.edu)hosted the [event](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/palestine/programs/) *The War on Gaza: Military Strategy and Historical Horizons* on **19 September 2014**. The event featured **Noura Erakat** (George Mason University) and **Rashid Khalidi** (Columbia University)**.** For more information please contact [ml3408@columbia.edu](mailto:ml3408@columbia.edu).

[**Cycling4Gaza**](http://cycling4gaza.com/)issued a [newsletter](http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7d6ffd34635e8aec0f9d1089f&id=f553e612f4) covering its recent US cycling challenge which took place on **19-21 September 2014**.

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.org/) (IMEU) published on **26 September 2014** a photo essay entitled Testimony from Gaza: Witness to a War Crime.

**Jewish Voice for Peace** and **Jews Say No** are organizing the *Stand Up for Palestine* action on **6 October 2014** in New York. Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/events/1535911266625221/) for more information.

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/) (MECA) will also host in Berkeley (CA) on **6 November 2014** the [release](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/berkeley-ca-book-release-celebration-journalist-nora-barrows-friedman?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=c890407ced-Sept-25-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-c890407ced-297983453) of award-winning reporter **Nora Barrows-Friedman**'s new book documenting the emergence and success of the Students for Justice in Palestine movement. **Malihe Razazan**, co-host of KPFA's “Voices of the Middle East” programme, will interview Ms. Barrows-Friedman about her book.

[**Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4513) released on **15 September 2014** an [interview](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4513) with **Brian Avery**, American activist and former International Solidarity Movement member who was shot in the face by the IDF in April 2003.

**The Israel-Palestine NGO Working Group at the United Nations** is organizing a launching event of the book *Palestine: The Legitimacy of Hope* by **Richard Falk** (former UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territory). The event will take place on **21 October 2014** from 1.00pm to 2.30 pm at the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, New York.

**GLOBAL**

[**The Russell Tribunal on Palestine**](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/) (RToP) hosted on **24-25 September 2014** in Brussels an [Extraordinary session](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/sessions/extraordinary-session-brussels) on “Israel’s Crimes in the Gaza Strip during Operation Protective Edge”. It found evidence of war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes of murder, extermination and persecution and also incitement to genocide. The findings of the Tribunal were presented at a [press conference](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBDtcbghfMdtyn99s7a4FkdLM3jRKzqIr) and to the [European Parliament](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4B2D-KTtcI). The videos of the testimonies are available [here](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBDtcbghfMdsKkGO9MFG5MPxC3s8gyGES).

**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 **Professor Noam Chomsky** for a lecture on **14 October 2014** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Professor Chomsky will share his analysis on the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in light of recent events. Stay tuned for more information.

[**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 most recent [Protection of Civilians Weekly Report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2014_9_27_english.pdf) on **15 September 2014** covering the period 16 September - 22 September. OCHA OPT also released a new [fact sheet](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_communities_jerusalem_factsheet_september_2014_english.pdf) entitled *Bedouin Communities at Risk of Forcible Transfer*.

[**The World Bank**](http://www.worldbank.org)released a new [report](http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2014/09/16/palestinian-economy-in-decline-and-unemployment-rising-to-alarming-levels) on **16 September 2014** stating that the Palestinian economy was in decline and the unemployment rising to alarming levels.