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**AFRICA**

[**The Ahmed Kathrada Foundation**](http://www.kathradafoundation.org) endorsed on **27 October 2013** an [international campaign](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Free-Marwan-Barghouthi-and-all-Palestinian-prisoners/400192043422318?directed_target_id=0) for the *Freedom of Marwan Barghouthi and All Palestinian Political Prisoners*. **Archbishop Emeritus Desmond** **Tutu** also [expressed](http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/b0908900419dc49981ddfb497dcc6d00/Tutu-hopes-Barghouthi-release-would-bring-freedom-for-Palestinians) his support to the campaign.

**EUROPE**

[**L’Association belgo-palestinienne (ABP)**](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be), the [**BDS-Belgium campaign**](http://www.badil.org/en/al-majdal/item/83-bds-in-belgium)**,** the [**European Coordination Committee for Palestine (ECCP)**](http://www.eccpalestine.org/), [**Intal Palestine Bruxelles**](http://www.intal.be/fr/bruxelles-palestine%C2%B2) and [**Palestina Solidariteit**](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/%C2%B2) are organizing a public meeting with **Noura Erekat** (Beasley School of Law, human rights attorney and activist) and **Leila Farsakh (**Palestinian political economist, Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Massachusetts Boston) on **7 November 2013** at the Café Monk in Brussels. Event starts at 7.00pm. Space limited.

[**Le Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.paixjuste.lu/)is organizing several different [artistic events and conferences](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?p=7357) throughout the month of **November 2013**.

[**Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)**](http://www.map-uk.org) is organizing a [fundraiser](http://www.map-uk.org/news/events/scottish-medical-aid-for-palestinians-fundraiser.aspx) in Edinburgh on **9 November 2013**. **William Parry**, MAP's Communications and Media Officer, will take part in the event.

[**Le Mur a Des Oreilles**](http://lemuradesoreilles.org/)recorded on **24 October 2013** an exclusive [interview](https://soundcloud.com/lmado/exclusive-interview-with-ken) about Palestine with the British director **Ken Loach**.

[**L’Union des Progressistes Juifs de Belgique**](http://www.upjb.be)is hosting on **15 November 2013** in Brussels a [conference](http://www.upjb.be/activites/a-l-upjb/article/gaza-dans-l-etau-un-temoignage-et-une) with **Marianne Blume** (ABP member) who will talk about her recent visits to the Gaza Strip.

**MIDDLE EAST**

[**Visualizing Palestine**](http://visualizingpalestine.org/infographic/Admin-Detention) published on **31 October 2013** their latest [visual](http://visualizingpalestine.org/infographic/ICJ-Separation-Wall-Legality) *Where Law Stands on The Wall*, focusing on the on-going construction of Israel’s barrier in the West Bank.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Adalah-NY**](http://adalahny.org/)issued a [press release](http://adalahny.org/press-release/1095/israel-philharmonic-patrons-perturbed-musical-protest-ny-fundraiser) on **29 October 2013** about their musical protest against the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in New York. Photos of the event are available [here](http://adalahny.org/photo-gallery/1094/pictures-israel-philharmonic-orchestra-protest-oct-29-2013).

[**The American Friends Service Committee**](http://afsc.org/story/monster-mash-remix-boycott-sodastream)released on **28 October 2013** a [Monster Mash Remix - Boycott SodaStream](http://afsc.org/story/monster-mash-remix-boycott-sodastream) song. You can listen to the performance [here](https://soundcloud.com/danny-kaplan-3/the-sodastream-smash-monster).

[**Boycott Israeli Apartheid Campaign**](http://www.boycottisraeliapartheid.org/)is organizing a [protest](https://www.facebook.com/events/656296974392451/) in frontof London Drugs in Vancouver on **3 November 2013** to ask the store to stop selling SodaStream products. This demonstration is part of the Canada-wide SodaStream boycott campaign of the Canadian Boycott Coalition.

[**Brooklyn For Peace**](http://www.brooklynpeace.org)is organizing an [event](http://brooklynpeace.org/brooklynforpeace/events/?p=5132) at the Friends Meeting House in Brooklyn on **6 November 2013** with **Professor Rashid Khalidi** who will be speaking about his new book, [*Brokers of Deceit: How the US Has Undermined Peace in the Middle East*](http://www.amazon.com/Brokers-Deceit-Undermined-Peace-Middle-ebook/dp/B008ED6BAI).

[**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://action.cmep.org) is running a campaign to support the current peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians. Find out more [here](http://action.cmep.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=15603).

[**The JCC in Manhattan**](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/) is presenting the [7th Annual Other Israel Film Festival](http://www.otherisrael.org/press/press_release/7th-annual-other-israel-fiml-festival-announces-official-line-up-opening-ni) taking place in New York City from **14 to 21 November 2013**.

[**J Street U Georgetown**](https://www.facebook.com/pages/J-Street-U-Georgetown/234762103245637), [**Georgetown Israel Alliance**](https://www.facebook.com/hoyas4israel) and [**Students for Justice in Palestine Georgetown**](https://twitter.com/GeorgetownSJP) are hosting a [screening](https://hoyalink.georgetown.edu/organization/jstreetugeorgetown/calendar/details/313633) of the film *The Other Son* by **Lorraine Lévy** at the ICC Auditorium of the Georgetown University on **6 November 2013**.

[**Jewish Voice for Peace**](http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/) and [**Mondoweiss**](http://mondoweiss.net/) have put together a [collection of articles](http://mondoweiss.net/forum-state-paradigm) to mark the 20 years since the signature of the Oslo Accords, entitled *What Comes Next?: A forum on the end of the two-State paradigm*, investigating the current state of thinking about one-State and two-State solutions. Their latest [article](http://mondoweiss.net/2013/10/existing-institutions-paradigms.html) *We need the courage to do away with existing institutions, policies, and paradigms* has been published on **30 October 2013**.

[**Jewish Voice For Peace – Boston**](http://jvp-boston.org/)is [screening](http://jvp-boston.org/event-items/jvp-film-series-pressure-points/) the documentary [*Pressure Points: Israel, Berkeley, and the Divestment Resolution*](http://metierhumanrights.org/productions/pressure_points_israel_berkeley_and_the_divestment_resolution) on **11 November 2013**. JVP Boston’s Organizer, **Liza Behrendt**, will describe the work done in the Boston area on divestment after the screening.

[**The Palestine Children's Relief Fund**](http://www.pcrf.net/)organized a [gala](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/pcrf-san-francisco-bay-area-chapter-benefit-gala) in San Francisco on **3 November 2013** with **Dr. Hanan Ashrawi** (PLO member).

[**St. Louis Dump Veolia**](http://www.dumpveolia.org/)issued a [press release](http://www.dumpveolia.org/) on **29 October 2013** stating that Veolia Water North America withdrew itself from consideration for a contract to consult with the St. Louis Water Division, following almost a year of public protest of the corporation over, among other things, its complicity in Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights.

[**The United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC)**](http://nepajac.org)calls on its supporters to [take action](http://nepajac.org/UNAC_102813.html) against the arrest of Palestinian community leader **Rasmea Odeh** on **22 October 2013** over immigration fraud charges.

[**The Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/)presented on **30 October 2013** its new [programme](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4087) featuring a discussion with **Charlotte Kates** from the Vancouver-based [**Palestine Awareness Coalition**](http://palestineawarenesscoalition.wordpress.com/).

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**](http://adalah.org/eng/)and the[**Society of St. Yves**](http://saintyves.org/)presented a [photographic exhibition](https://www.facebook.com/events/629567547063616/), *Families Interrupted*, on **23 October 2013**. The exhibition explores the devastating effects of Israel’s ban on family reunification on Palestinian families.

[**Al-Haq**](http://www.alhaq.org)issued on **31 October 2013** a [weekly focus](http://www.alhaq.org/documentation/weekly-focuses/753-settler-violence-continues-across-the-west-bank) entitled *Settler Violence Continues Across the West Bank*

[**The Alternative Information Center (AIC)**](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/) will organize its [21st international political camp](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/politics/activism/7042-join-aic-political-camp-22-27-december) from **22 to 27 December 2013**.

[**Al Shabaka – The Palestinian Policy Network**](https://unispal.un.org/Wolfgang.Grieger/AppData/Local/Temp/notesEE516C/l-shabaka.org) released on **24 October 2013** a new [policy brief](http://al-shabaka.org/policy-brief/politics/activating-palestines-unesco-membership?page=show) on Palestine’s UNESCO Membership.

[**Breaking The Silence**](http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il)will go on a month-long [US book tour](http://www.friendsofbts.org/book/tour) (West Coast) starting **12 November 2013** in Tacoma, WA, to present [Our Harsh Logic: Israeli Soldiers' Testimonies from the Occupied Territories, 2000 – 2010](http://www.amazon.com/Our-Harsh-Logic-Testimonies-Territories/dp/B00DEZ2UT2/ref%3Dtmm_hrd_title_0). **Yehuda Shaul**, Co-founder and Co-director of Breaking The Silence, will take part in the tour.

[**The European Union Mission in Jerusalem**](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/westbank/index_en.htm)is organizing the [Euro-Palestinian Water film festival](https://www.facebook.com/events/177908595734345/) from **21 October to 7 November 2013** in different Palestinian cities.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR)**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/) released on **31 October 2013** its weekly [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=9880:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-24-30-october-2013-&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) covering the period from 24 to 30 October 2013.

**20 Palestinian organizations as well as individuals** released on **21 October 2013** a [statement](http://www.stopthewall.org/2013/10/21/palestinian-ngo-statement-world-bank-sponsored-red-dead-sea-canal) calling on the PLO and Palestinian Government to halt all forms of cooperation with the World Bank-sponsored Red Sea - Dead Sea Conveyance Project (RSDSCP) and to take an unequivocal public stance of rejection to the project.

**GLOBAL**

[**The Christian Science Monitor**](http://www.csmonitor.com)published a new series of [infographics](http://www.csmonitor.com/Photo-Galleries/Infographics/Why-do-Israeli-settlements-expand-more-during-peace-talks) entitled *Why Israeli Settlements Expand More During Peace Talks?*

[**Human Rights Watch**](http://www.hrw.org)called on the IDF, in an [article](http://www.hrw.org/news/2013/10/27/israel-military-harassing-rights-group-staff) published on **27 October 2013**, to stop harassing members of [Addameer](http://www.addameer.org/%C2%B2), a rights group that provides legal services and advocates for the rights of Palestinians in detention. HRW reported that the Israeli military imposed severe restrictions and penalties on Addameer’s staff, either without even alleging any violent activity, or without due process.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**OCHA oPt**](http://www.ochaopt.org/) released on **31 October 2013** its latest [Protection of Civilians report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2013_10_31_english.pdf) covering the period from 22 to 28 October 2013. The September issue of their [monthly Humanitarian Bulletin](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_the_humanitarian_monitor_2013_10_30_english.pdf) was published on **30 October 2013**.

[**The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/countries/ps/mandate/index.htm), **Professor Richard Falk**, presented its latest [report](http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/469/94/PDF/N1346994.pdf?OpenElement) to the General Assembly in New York on **30 October 2013**. The report bears a particular emphasis on corporate responsibility in international crimes related to Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory.

**The United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator**, **Mr. James W. Rawley**, [called](http://acu.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_01_11_2013_press_release_english.pdf) on **1 November 2013** for urgent action to address the power crisis affecting the 1.7 million Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip.

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