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**EUROPE**

[**Café Palestine**](https://www.facebook.com/CafePalestineBrussels)is organizing its [monthly gat\_blankhering](https://www.facebook.com/events/1435030870048370/) in Brussels on **5 December 2013**. It will be dedicated to the life and experiences of young Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The short documentary *Not a dreamland: artists and alternative subcultures in Gaza* (Anne Paq and ActiveStills crew of photographers documenting the occupation) will be presented. A discussion with **Rania Kharma** (Palestinian student), **Inge Neefs** (Belgian activist) and **Anne Paq** (ActiveStills) will follow the screening.

[**Caabu**](http://www.caabu.org)issued a [press release](http://www.caabu.org/news/news/press-release-britain-should-lead-international-action-end-blockade-gaza-it-too-late) on **28 November 2013** urging the British Government to push towards a resolution to the dire humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip.

[**The Cambridge Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.campalsoc.org/?page_id=41), [**Cambridge University Palestine Society**](http://www.cusu.cam.ac.uk/societies/directory/palestine/) and [**One Democratic State in Palestine**](http://odsinpal.wix.com/onestatepalestine) are organizing a [meeting](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/meeting-dr-ghada-karmi-dr-ilan-pappe/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+Will+you+join+the+Day+of+Rage%3F&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) with Palestinian doctor and author **Ghada Karmi** and Israeli historian **Ilan Pappé** on **2 December 2013** in Cambridge.

[**Le Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.paixjuste.lu/)is currently hosting the [exhibit](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Expo_UniLu_Vernissage.pdf) *Palestine, terre de non-Droits de l’homme* at the Rectorat of the Campus du Limpertsberg in Luxembourg until **12 December 2012**.

[**The** **European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine**](http://www.eccpalestine.org)(ECCP)and[**the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions**](http://www.icahd.org)(ICAHD)issued a [joint statement](http://www.eccpalestine.org/recent-demolitions-and-the-announcement-of-more-israeli-settlement-units-in-the-occupied-west-bank/) on **29 November 2013** focusing on the recent demolitions and announcement of more Israeli settlement units in the West Bank.

[**The Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) hosted on **29 November 2013** an [event](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/dublin-palestine-and-the-art-of-resistance-an-exhibition-and-lecture-to-commemorate-international-day-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinian-people) exploring how Palestinians and internationals use art as a method of both cultural and political resistance to the Israeli occupation, apartheid and colonialism. The renowned Irish artist and political activist, **Robert Ballagh**, took part in the activity.

[**Medical Aid for Palestinians**](http://www.map-uk.org)is hosting on **5 December 2013** the London [launch of a new research](http://www.map-uk.org/news/events/the-health-of-palestinians-inside-and-outside-occupied-palestinian-territory.aspx) paper by the [Lancet-Palestinian Health Alliance](http://www.thelancet.com/health-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-2012) (LPHA) entitled *The health of Palestinians inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territory*.

[**The Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/)is organizing the [event](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/reporting-palestine-bias-bbc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PSC+update%3A+Will+you+join+the+Day+of+Rage%3F&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) *Reporting Palestine – bias in the BBC?* on **5 December 2013** in London. Former BBC correspondent in the Gaza Strip, **James Rodgers** and **Amena Saleem**, journalist and activist, will take part in the event.

[**War on Want**](http://www.waronwant.org), [**School of Law at SOAS**](http://www.soas.ac.uk/law) (School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London) and the [**Russell Tribunal on Palestine**](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com)are hosting on **13 December 2013** at SOAS eminent feminist scholar-activists **Angela Davis** and **Gina Dent** for a [discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/536414173118583/) on Justice for Palestine and the Stop G4S campaign.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Adalah-NY**](http://adalahny.org/)will hold its 7th annual [*Anti-Apartheid Holiday Carolling Choir*](http://adalahny.org/event/1097/anti-apartheid-holiday-caroling-levievs-2013)on **14 December 2013** in front of Lev Leviev's jewellery store in NYC. This event is to protest against Mr. Leviev’s companies’ involvement with on-going Israeli settlement construction and expansion in Palestine.

[**Adalah-NY**](http://adalahny.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=2760&qid=104293), [**Jewish Voice for Peace – NY**](http://adalahny.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=2761&qid=104293), and [**Park Slope Food Coop Members for BDS**](http://adalahny.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=2762&qid=104293) are organizing a [musical protest](https://www.facebook.com/events/238550579640401/) against SodaStream on **7 December 2013**.

[**Americans for Peace Now**](https://unispal.un.org/ngoactionnews.nsf/AppData/Local/AppData/Roaming/Microsoft/Word/peacenow.org), [**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://action.cmep.org/), [**Foundation for Middle East Peace**](http://www.fmep.org) and [**the Middle East Institute**](http://www.mei.edu)are hosting on **6 December 2013** in Washington a [conversation](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/israel-and-palestine-whats-next-tickets-9425282273) between **Akiva Eldar** (Senior political columnist, Al-Monitor news site’s Israel Pulse) and **Ori Nir** (Americans for Peace Now) under the title *Israel and Palestine: What’s Next?*

[**Jewish Voice for Peace**](http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/) and [**Mondoweiss**](http://mondoweiss.net/) 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/2013/11/struggle-fighting-assert.html) *The struggle we are fighting for is the right to assert what our life will look like* by **Frank Barat** (Russell Tribunal), **Leila Farsakh** (Palestinian economist) and **Noura Erakat** (adjunct professor at Georgetown University) has been published on **27 November 2013**.

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](http://www.mecaforpeace.org)is organizing its[11th Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar](http://mecaforpeace.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4850389ae3e2d55804103e6af&id=8507df655a&e=2c2e337210) in Berkeley on **7 and 8 December 2013**, featuring handmade products by a Bedouin women's cooperative in the West Bank, pottery from Hebron, and ceramic Handala cartoon character magnets.

[**The United Church of Canada**](http://www.united-church.ca) is inviting its members and supporters to hold acts of public witness on **3 December 2013** in Vancouver at the London Drugs retail stores (Granville and Georgia) from noon to highlight the need for a just peace in the Holy Land. This activity takes place within the United Church campaign [*Unsettling Goods: Choose Peace in Palestine and Israel*](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/unsettling-goods).

[**The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/)is calling on supporters to help in their [*2013 Boycott SodaStream Days of Action*](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=456). Demonstrations against SodaStream (see list of activities [here](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=3716)) are being planned to focus on Target retail stores and will be held from **2 December** to **10 December 2013**. As well, the Campaign launched a [petition](http://blog.endtheoccupation.org/2013/11/tell-bartell-stop-selling-sodastream.html) on **26 November 2013** to ask Bartell Drugs in Seattle to stop selling SodaStream products.

[**The Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/) presented on **26 November 2013** a new [interview](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4171) with the human rights activist **Eva Bartlett** discussing the situation in the Gaza Strip.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**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-Haq**](http://www.alhaq.org), in conjunction with [**Act Alliance**](http://www.actalliance.org),[**the Centre Catholique International de Genève**](http://www.ccig-iccg.org), [**Fastenopfer**](http://www.fastenopfer.com/?lang2=en),[**Franciscans International**](http://www.franciscansinternational.org) and [**MISEREOR**](http://www.misereor.org/en/misereor-org-home.html%C2%B2) is hosting on **3 December 2013** in Geneva a [side event](http://www.alhaq.org/images/stories/PDF/2012/Brochure_final_3Dec.pdf) entitled *Addressing Justice, Due Diligence and Access to Remedy in the Context of Extractive Industries: Cases in the Philippines, Mozambique, southern Africa, Palestine and Thailand*.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR)**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/), on **28 November 2013**, released 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=9948:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-21-27-nov-2013-&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) covering the period from 21 November to 27 November 2013. PCHR also published on **26 November 2013** the [second report](http://www.pchrgaza.org/files/2013/PCHR-throggh%20womesns%20eyes%202.pdf) of its kind, entitled *Through Women’s Eye*. The report focuses on the gender-specific implications and consequences of the 2012 Israeli “Operation Pillar of Defense” on the Gaza Strip.

[**The Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations Network**](http://www.pngo.net/%C2%B2), [**Al Dameer Association for Human Rights**](https://unispal.un.org/ngoactionnews.nsf/AppData/Local/AppData/Roaming/Microsoft/Word/englishweb.aldameer.org),[**Al Mezan Center for Human Rights**](http://www.mezan.org/en)and[**the Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/)issued a [joint statement](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9946:joint-press-release-pngo-and-human-rights-organizations-calls-for-immediately-ending-suffering-of-civilians-due-to-electricity-outages&catid=131:new) on **27 November 2013** calling for an immediate end of the suffering of the people in the Gaza Strip caused by the regular electricity outages.

[**The Palestinian Peace Coalition**](http://www.ppc.org.ps/)will hold a *Conference on Negotiations: Prospects and Challenges* on **5 December 2013** at the Grand Park Hotel in Ramallah.

**GLOBAL**

[**The Right Livelihood Awards**](http://www.rightlivelihood.org)have been presented on **2 December 2013**. **Raji Sourani** (PCHR), the first Palestinian to receive this award, took part in the official ceremony and delivered a [speech](http://www.rightlivelihood.org/fileadmin/Files/PDF/2013_Laureates/speeches/RS_speech_for_print.pdf) at the Swedish Parliament.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm), [**the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations**](http://palestineun.org/)and [**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org/)co-organized a special concert with Palestinian artists on **25 November 2013** in the ECOSOC Chamber to mark [the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/solidarity.htm) (29 November). **Nai Barghouti** (singer-songwriter) and **Mohammad Assaf** (2013 Arab Idol and UNRWA Youth Ambassador) performed on stage and attracted an enthusiastic audience of 500+ delegates, UN staff and NGO representatives. Watch the full concert [here](http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/other-meetingsevents/watch/concert-featuring-palestinian-singers-on-the-occasion-of-the-international-day-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinian-people/2868976278001).

[**The UN General Assembly**](http://www.un.org/en/ga/) adopted on **26 November 2013** [four resolutions](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/ga11460.doc.htm) under the agenda item “Question of Palestine”. By the resolution on the CEIRPP, **the Assembly proclaimed 2014 the International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People** and requested the Committee to organize activities around that observance, in cooperation with Governments, the UN system, IGOs and NGOs. The text was adopted by recorded vote of 110 in favour to 7 against (Australia, Canada, Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, US), with 56 abstentions.

[**The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/solidarity.htm) was observed on **25 November 2013** in New York under the auspices of the [Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm). Please click [here](http://www.un.org/depts/dpa/qpal/docs/Committee/SD2013/Annotated%20list%20of%20speakers.pdf) for a comprehensive list of speakers and [here](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/gapal1281.doc.htm) for a summary of the event.

[**OCHA oPt**](http://www.unocha.org/)released its [Weekly Report on the Protection of Civilians](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2013_11_29_english.pdf) on **29 November 2013** and its monthly [Humanitarian Bulletin](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_the_humanitarian_monitor_2013_11_25_english.pdf) on **27 November 2013**.

[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org/)unveiled on **28 November 2013** the first part of its [newly digitized media archive](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/%E2%80%98-long-journey%E2%80%99-digitizing-palestine-refugee-experience), which consists of over half a million negatives, prints, slides, films and videocassettes covering all aspects of the life and history of Palestine refugees from 1948 to the present day.

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