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**EUROPE**

[**L’Association belgo-palestinienne**](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be) is organizing a conference-debate on *Europe and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict* with **Véronique De Keyser** (Member of the European Parliament) and **David Cronin** (The Guardian, Electronic Intifada) who will take part in a conversation moderated by **Hassan Bousetta** (Belgian senator and professor). The event will take place on **6 March 2014** at 8.00 pm in Liège(Salle Piron, 4th floor, 13 Place Saint-Paul).

[**The Britain-Palestine All Party Parliamentary Group**](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmallparty/register/palestine.htm) and [**CAABU**](http://www.caabu.org/)issued a [joint statement](http://www.caabu.org/news/news/joint-press-release-britain-palestine-all-party-parliamentary-group-bpappg-and-caabu-welco) on **25 February 2014** welcoming the announcement that Israel will establish a pilot scheme to issue summonses to Palestinian children suspected of crimes, instead of using night time arrests.

[**CAABU**](http://www.caabu.org/) is organizing an [event](https://www.facebook.com/events/634288889957668/?fref=ts) ([members](http://caabu.org/members) only) on **7 March 2013** at SOAS University with political and human rights activist **Musheir El-Farra** for the launch of his book [*Gaza: When the Sky Rained White Fire*](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18195923-gaza).

[**La Coalition internationale de femmes contre le blocus de Gaza**](https://www.facebook.com/femmescontreleblocusdegaza)will take part in an international solidarity march with the Gaza Strip on the occasion of International Women’s Day on **8 March 2014**. Watch a video message [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0OLEQiqWlw&list=UUOpwNlygwGzJ560T0Sr1dwg). For more information please contact: [femmesgaza@gmail.com](mailto:femmesgaza@gmail.com).

[**Le Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/)(CPJPO)is screening on **19 March 2014** (Centre Curiel, Luxembourg-Hollerich) the 1998 BBC documentary narrated by **Edward Saïd** *In search of Palestine, Edward Saïd’s return home*. The event starts at 6.30pm. CPJPO also issued its most recent [newsletter](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/?p=11703) on **22 February 2014**.

[**The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine**](http://www.eccpalestine.org)issued on **19 February 2014** a [call to action](http://www.eccpalestine.org/call-for-action-tell-your-government-to-issue-warning-to-business-about-the-involvement-with-illegal-israeli-settlements/) inviting its supporters to ask European Governments to issue warning to business about the involvement with Israeli settlements.

[**Le Mur a Des Oreilles – Conversations For Palestine**](http://lemuradesoreilles.org/) posted on **25 February 2014** a new [podcast](http://lemuradesoreilles.org/2014/02/25/conversation-avec-rabab-khairy-esti-micenmacher-fr/) featuring a conversation with **Rabab Khairy** (CNCD-11.11.11.) and **Esti Micenmacher** (Who Profits?) about the new Belgian campaign [*Made In Illegality*](http://www.cncd.be/Made-in-Illegality-STOP-aux)calling for an end to the trade with Israeli settlements.

[**Théâtre Océan Nord**](http://www.oceannord.org/)presents until **8 March 2014** [*Décris-Ravage*](http://www.oceannord.org/spip.php?article87)*,* a compilation of texts dedicated to the question of Palestine, put together and orchestrated by **Adeline Rosenstein**.

[**The Palestinian Return Centre**](http://www.prc.org.uk), **the General Secretariat of the Palestinians in Europe Conference** and **the Palestinian Forum** announced the launch and preparation for the [*12th Palestinians in Europe Conference*](http://www.prc.org.uk/portal/index.php/centre-activities/conferences/3237-palestinians-in-europe-conference-to-be-held-in-paris)to be held in Paris on **3 May 2014**.

[**Palestinagruppen i Stockholms**](http://www.palestinagrupperna.se/taxonomy/term/92)is co-organizing the festival [2014 Cinema Palestine](https://www.facebook.com/events/602108019876875/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular) on **23 March 2014**.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association**](http://www.addameer.org) issued a [statement](http://www.addameer.org/etemplate.php?id=666) on **25 February 2014** condemning the continued targeting of Palestinian human rights organizations in coordinated night raids by the Israeli forces.

[**Al-Haq**](http://www.alhaq.org) posted on **28 January 2014** a [virtual field visit](http://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/topics/settlements-and-settler-violence/774-virtual-field-visit-e1-area) of the E1 area near Jerusalem.

[**The Alternative Information Center**](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/) (AIC) will organize its next [AICafé](http://www.alternativenews.org/english/index.php/aicafe/7801-aicafe-1-march-2014) on **1 March 2014** with **Ala’ Hilu**, Palestinian environmental activist and creator of [Resign: Recycling design](https://www.facebook.com/Resign.pal).

[**B'Tselem - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories**](http://www.btselem.org/)posted on **19 February 2014** a new [photo blog](http://www.btselem.org/photoblog/20140219_water) focusing on water supply problems in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

[**The Knesset Caucus for Ending the Israeli-Arab conflict**](http://blog.onevoicemovement.org/one_voice/knesset-caucus/)brought over 300 Israeli students to Ramallah for a [meeting](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/17/world/middleeast/abbas-talking-to-israeli-students-about-peace-finds-a-receptive-audience.html?_r=0) with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on **16 February 2014**.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/) (PCHR) released on **23 February 2014** 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=10127:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-13-19-february-2014&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) covering the period 13 to 19 February 2014.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**The Brown University**](http://www.brown.edu/%E2%80%8E)is organizing from **28 February to 1 March 2014** a symposium entitled *2014 New Directions in Palestinian Studies*. RSVP [here](http://palestinianstudies.org/registration/).

[**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://www.cmep.org/) organized on **26 February 2014** a briefing with US Palestinian-Jordanian author and political columnist **Rami G. Khouri** under the title *Making progress or spinning wheels? Analyzing the new US push for Palestinian-Israeli peace*.

[**The Foundation for Middle East Peace**](http://www.fmep.org)published on **24 February 2014** a corrected version of its [Report on Israeli Settlement in the Occupied Territories](http://www.fmep.org/reports/archive/vol-24/no-1/PDF) covering the period January-February 2014.

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.net/)(IMEU)published on **20 February 2014** a [new fact sheet](http://imeu.net/news/article0024911.shtml) entitled *The Ibrahimi Mosque Massacre: 20 Years Later*.

[**Middle East Children’s Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/) (MECA) is hosting the [screening](https://www.facebook.com/events/395405100604520/) of the award-winning documentary [*A World Not Ours*](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2233762/) directed by **Mahdi Fleifel** at Berkeley City College on **5 March 2014**. A brief panel discussion will follow the film.

[**The New York University Students for Justice in Palestine**](http://nyusjp.wordpress.com/) is hosting a [conversation](http://www.haymarketbooks.org/event/3993) between **Ali Abunimah** (Electronic Intifada), **Max Blumenthal** (The Daily Beast, Al Akhbar) and **Lisa Duggan** (NYU) on **10 March 2014**. This event is part of Abunimah’s tour book [*The Battle for Justice in Palestine*](http://www.haymarketbooks.org/pb/The-Battle-for-Justice-in-Palestine).

[**Students for Justice in Palestine at John Jay College**](https://www.facebook.com/JohnJaySJP)are hosting on **4 March 2014** the [screening](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voices-across-the-divide-by-alice-rothchild-tickets-10568094455) of the documentary [*Voices Across the Divide*](http://voicesacrossthedivide.com/documentary/) co-directed by **Alice Rothchild** and **Sharon Mullally**. The film will befollowed by a conversation with co-director Alice Rothchild.

[**Students for Justice in Palestine at UCLA**](http://www.sjpbruins.com/)published at [statement](http://www.sjpbruins.com/2/post/2014/02/israeli-and-jewish-students-on-ucla-campus-endorsement-of-divestment.html) on **24 February 2014** from a group of Israeli and Jewish students at UCLA who officially endorse the divestment bill put forward by [Students for Justice in Palestine](http://sjpalestine.com/) which seeks to directly target corporations that are complicit in the Israeli occupation.

[**The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://endtheoccupation.org/) is organizing a book [tour](http://joshruebner.com/?page_id=700) of [*Shattered Hopes*](http://joshruebner.com/?page_id=687) by **Josh Ruebner**,National Advocacy Director of the US Campaign, throughout the months of February and March. The next event is taking place on **27 February 2014** at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The US Campaign is also [calling](http://org.salsalabs.com/o/641/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=14789) on its supporters to tell TV channel NBC not to produce a new action series set to be shot in East Jerusalem in cooperation with Israeli authorities and an Israeli media company.

**GLOBAL**

[**Amnesty International**](http://www.amnesty.org)publisheda new report entitled[*Trigger-happy: Israel’s use of excessive force in the West Bank*](http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE15/002/2014/en) on **27 February 2014**.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**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 an 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/)released its [Weekly Report on the Protection of Civilians](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2014_02_27_english.pdf) on **27 February 2014**, covering the period 18 to 24 February 2014.  
  
[**The United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/udc.htm) (UNISPAL) published on **19 February 2014** a [presentation](http://unispal.un.org/pdfs/IMF_EconRpt.pdf) by **Udo Kock** (IMF) entitled *Between a Rock and a Hard Place - Recent Economic Developments in the Palestinian Economy*.   
  
[**The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**](http://www.unrwa.org) (UNRWA) is planning to do a [Thunderclap](http://www.thunderclap.it) using the following statement as the basis: “*We demand a peaceful end to this devastating conflict and immediate, secure, substantial and permanent humanitarian access for all civilians in Syria. In the Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in Damascus the parties have shown they can come together in ways that facilitate the work of humanitarian organisations. We urge the parties and the international community to act peacefully together now to halt the march of death, injuries, hunger and suffering in Syria*.” If you would like your organisation to sign up to the statement, please contact UNRWA's Spokesperson, Chris Gunness, [c.gunness@unrwa.org](mailto:c.gunness@unrwa.org), before **3 March 2014**, 10.00 am (Jerusalem time), and provide the exact name of your organization as you would like it to appear on the statement.   
  
[**The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**](http://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/menaregion/pages/psindex.aspx), Richard Falk, presented on **24 February 2014** his final [report](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session25/Documents/A-HRC-25-67_en.doc) during the 25th session of the [Human Rights Council](http://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/hrc/pages/hrcindex.aspx). In the report Mr. Falk recommends that UN Member States should consider imposing a ban on imports of produce from Israeli settlements.   
  
[**The USG for Political Affairs**](http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/about/senior_officials), **Jeffrey Feltman**, [briefed](http://webtv.un.org/watch/the-situation-in-the-middle-east-including-the-palestinian-question-security-council-7118th-meeting/3255385780001/) the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, on **25 February 2014**.   
  
[**The Working Group of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unpfp.un.org/)organized its third meeting on **24 February 2014**. **Brad Parker** ([DCI-Palestine](http://www.dci-palestine.org)) briefed the Working Group members on Palestinian child arrests and ill-treatment by Israeli authorities. Watch the video [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yTkaGpgkEU&feature=youtu.be).

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