



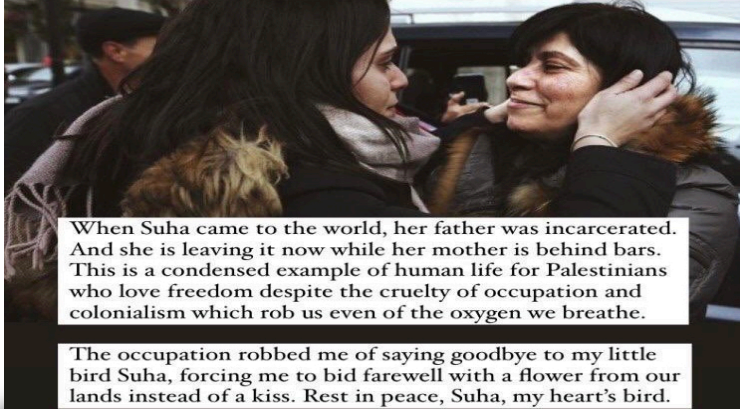
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Israel bars jailed Palestinian politician from attending her daughters funeral



When Suha came to the world, her father was incarcerated. And she is leaving it now while her mother is behind bars. This is a condensed example of human life for Palestinians who love freedom despite the cruelty of occupation and colonialism which rob us even of the oxygen we breathe.

The occupation robbed me of saying goodbye to my little bird Suha, forcing me to bid farewell with a flower from our lands instead of a kiss. Rest in peace, Suha, my heart's bird.

UNICEF: GAZA CHILDREN AT RISK

The United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has called for allowing an immediate delivery of urgent humanitarian assistance to the besieged Gaza Strip. "Gaza has 1 million #children, many are in need of assistance. We call for the immediate delivery of unimpeded humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip, many children need urgent health, water and education," UNICEF Palestine tweeted. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator of the occupied Palestinian territory Lynn Hastings warned that the Israeli ban on bringing supplies to the besieged Gaza Strip puts vital sectors in the enclave at risk.

She said without a return to the regular entry of goods into Gaza, the capacity of the UN and its partners to deliver critical interventions is at risk, as are the livelihoods of and basic services for the people in Gaza.

UN OFFICIAL DECRIES "WAR CRIMES" IN OPT

Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank amount to a war crime, a UN official said, calling on countries to make clear to Israel that its "illegal occupation" cannot be cost-free, Reuters reported. Michael Lynk, UN special rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory, was addressing a session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, boycotted by Israel which does not recognize his mandate or cooperate with him. Lynk has previously called out Israel's use of collective punishment, which he said can be "most strikingly seen" in its ongoing 15-year closure of Gaza, "which now suffers from a completely collapsed economy, devastated infrastructure and a barely functioning social service system."

OCHA: ISRAEL TARGETS THE JORDAN VALLEY

For the first time since February 22, the Israeli Civil Administration (ICA), accompanied by the military, returned to the Palestinian herding community of Humsa Al Bqai'a in the Jordan Valley and demolished 27 residential and animal structures along with several water tanks. 11 households of around 70 people, including 36 children, were displaced. The Palestinian population in the area remains at heightened risk of forcible transfer, according to a report by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the occupied Palestinian territory.

According to OCHA, Israeli authorities confiscated food parcels and unassembled structures, leaving the community with no food and water. They also confiscated all personal belongings, including food, milk for children, clothes, hygiene materials and toys. Also, their livestock is left without fodder and water.

PALESTINE & COVID-19

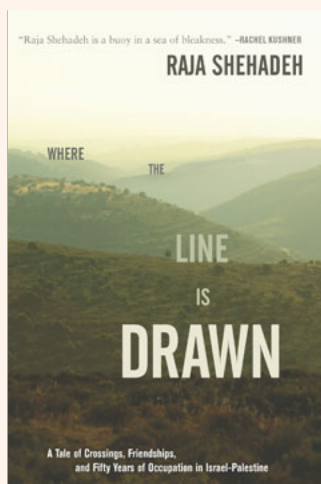
CURRENT STATUS

There have been so far over 315,000 confirmed cases of COVID, 310,000 recovery cases and 3,582 deaths.

- Palestine recorded 50 new COVID-19 cases of Delta variant in eight districts in the West Bank. This raised the total number of the Delta cases recorded in the West Bank to 72.
- Fully vaccinated persons in Palestine amounts to 385,000, number of doses given is 922,000. Thus, the percentage of population fully vaccinated amounts to 8.2%.
- The WHO risk assessment remains high, despite a drop in active cases across the oPt as a whole. COVID-19 infections in the Gaza Strip still account for almost all cases, at 93%.
- In the West Bank, the situation has significantly improved, with just 267 active cases, while testing has increased again with positivity dropping right down to 1.5%

A BOOK TO READ

Where the Line is Drawn



Where the Line Is Drawn: A Tale of Crossings, Friendships, and Fifty Years of Occupation in Israel-Palestine. In what has become a classic of Middle Eastern literature, Raja Shehadeh, in *Palestinian Walks*, wrote of his treks through the hills surrounding Ramallah over a period of three decades under Israeli occupation. In *Where the Line Is Drawn*, Shehadeh explores how occupation has affected him personally, chronicling the various crossings that he undertook into Israel over a period of forty years to visit friends and family, to enjoy the sea, to argue before the Israeli courts, and to negotiate failed peace agreements.

Raja Shehadeh is the author of *A Rift in Time*, *When the Bulbul Stopped Singing*, *Strangers in the House*, described by the Economist as “distinctive and truly impressive,” and *Palestinian Walks*, for which he won the 2008 Orwell Prize.

PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Acting Head of Mission meets with Dr. BENCSIK Dávid, Deputy State Minister of Agriculture
- Acting Head of Mission participates in the FAO Scholarship Closing Ceremony
- Acting Head of Mission participates in the commemoration of the bicentenary of the Battle of Carabobo, at the invitation of the Venezuelan Embassy in Hungary, and a wreath was laid in the name of the State of Palestine.
- Acting Head of Mission participates in a working breakfast organized by the opposition Jobbik Party, organized for the diplomatic corps accredited in Budapest.

ANNEXATION OF JERUSALEM

JUNE, 28

Israeli annexation of the Palestinian Territories did not start recently and did not stop. In 1948, the annexation started and since then it is still undergoing.

On June 28 1967, Israel annexed Jerusalem and announced its settlement program.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



THE WALLED OFF HOTEL BANKSY'S HOTEL WITH 'THE WORLD'S WORST VIEW'

The Walled Off Hotel is a boutique hotel designed by London-based artist Banksy alongside other creatives and notable academic Dr. David Grindon. It is located in Bethlehem located opposite to the apartheid wall separating Bethlehem from Jerusalem. The hotel is billed as having “the worst view of any hotel in the world.” All of its 10 rooms face the apartheid wall, and none receives more than 25 minutes of sunlight a day.



CULTURAL HERITAGE

CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL

The 15th edition of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2021 started on July and will extend until July 16th. The festival is organized by the Sareyyet Ramallah, under the slogan "Far from you is near", in the Ramallah Cultural Palace. The festival included a video presentation that brought together many Arab artists and dancers, who expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people and support for their legitimate rights to liberation and salvation from all forms of domination, colonialism and oppression. The "Stereo 48" band from Nablus presented the opening show "Journey to Jerusalem."

BETHLEHEM SITE- SPECIFIC THEATER FESTIVAL

Al-Harah Theater is launching the very first "Bethlehem Site-Specific Theater Festival", to celebrate the city of Bethlehem as the Capital of Arab culture 2020. The festival extended from 8-11 July in historical sites and buildings in Star Street in Bethlehem and in the Old City of Beit Jala.

EVENTS

FOURTH PALESTINE FORUM FOR ARABIC NOVELS

The Minister of Culture, Atef Abu Seif, launched the Fourth Palestine Forum for the Arabic Novel, coinciding with the anniversary of the Palestinian novelist Ghassan Kanafani, with the participation of 39 novelists and writers from Palestine and 13 Arab countries.

ASHTAR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE FESTIVAL

The 5th edition of Ashtar International Youth Theatre Festival, which also marks the 30th anniversary of Ashtar for Theatre Productions and Training took place from the 5th to the 7th of July. The opening play was "The Brainwashers Conference" by Bertholt Brecht, adapted by Iman Aoun and Khalil Batran and directed by Khalil Batran. The festival ran with live performances in Ramallah and Oxford, in partnership with the Mandala Theatre Company.

PALESTINE PARTICIPATES IN THE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

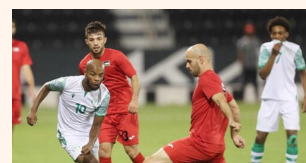
The State of Palestine participated in the 52nd Cairo International Book Fair under the slogan "Reading is Life" in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, and its activities will continue until July 15th.

SPORTS

PALESTINIAN NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFIES FOR THE FINALS

The Palestinian national team qualified for the group stage of the Arab Cup/ FIFA Qatar/ 2021, after it managed to beat Comoros by five goals to one in the match that brought them together at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium in Al Sadd Club.

By qualifying, the Palestinian team joins the third group, which includes Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.



EVENTS

"MORALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING" WEBINAR

"Morally Responsible Investing" is a webinar organized by Sabeel as part of the Kumi Now project that focuses on building connections between organizations that work for peace and justice in Palestine and activists around the world.

FILM SCREENING

200 Meters is a 96-minute film, it tells the story of a Palestinian family that is separated by the Israeli apartheid wall, with the father now living in the Palestinian side and the mother and children on the Israeli side.

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