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# Occupation in Numbers

- 10 Palestinians killed (2 women and 3 children)
- 42 administrative detentions
- 2 homes demolished
- Hundreds of settlers storm Al-Aqsa mosque on several occasions
- 370 olive trees uprooted
- 1 settlement expanded south Jerusalem
- 1 Bedouin village demolished for the 199<sup>th</sup> time
- 5 new settlement plans in Negev
- 1 new settlement outposts established between Ramallah and Jericho
- 5 kiosks of vegetable and fruit harvest confiscated after demolishing the farms.

# ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS ON UNESCO HERITAGE SITE

Israeli settlers tried to establish a new outpost near the Palestinian village of Battir, an area that is declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The settlers prevented the Palestinian owners from accessing their land.

The Battir cultural landscape encompasses ancient terraces, archaeological sites, rock-cut tombs, agricultural towers, and most importantly an intact water system, represented by a collection pool, channels, etc. In 2014, UNESCO declared Battir a World Heritage Site, a decision made in an expedited process due to plans at the time to build a fence around the village.

### UN: ISRAEL VIOLATES HUMANITARIAN LAW

United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet announced that Israel continues violating humanitarian law in Palestine.

Bachelet presented three reports to the UN Human Rights Council's 49th session concerning the human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories, stating: "The human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory deteriorated further during the reporting period, and violations of international humanitarian continued and increased... Israel's continued use of collective punishment practices, expressly by international prohibited humanitarian law, violated a number of human rights," citing the blockade of Gaza, which has entered its fifteenth year.

# PALESTINE & COVID-19

### **CURRENT STATUS**

There have been so far over 581,678 confirmed cases of COVID, 575,613 recovery cases and 5,352 deaths.

### MEET ROFESSOR BASSAM DALI



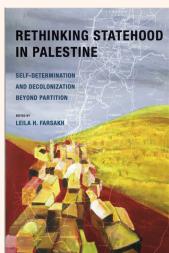
Professor Bassam Dally is a Palestinian professor at the University of Adelaide, Australia, and is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Energy Technology, CET. For the last 28 years, he has contributed to a variety of energy related topics including, combustion science and engineering, renewable energy, renewable fuels, hybrid energy systems and applied laser diagnostics. He is a co-inventor of two patents.

He is the co-author of three major review papers and has published in excess of 300 research papers in energy related topics. Prof Dally is a Fellow of the Combustion Institute and is the vice chairman of the Australia and New Zealand section. He has received many awards over the years, and in 2016 he was named "Energy Professional of the Year" by the SA Branch of the Australian Energy Institute. This year he was announced among the list of the best 2% of scientists in the world for the year 2021.

### A BOOK TO READ

RETHINKING STATEHOOD IN PALESTINE

SELFDETERMINATION
AND
DECOLONIZATION
BEYYOND PARTITION



LEILA FARSAKH

The quest for an inclusive and independent state has been at the center of the Palestinian national struggle for a very long time. This book critically explores the of meaning Palestinian statehood and the challenges that face alternative models to it. Giving prominence to a of diverse young set Palestinian scholars, this groundbreaking book shows how notions of citizenship, sovereignty, and nationhood are being rethought within the broader context of decolonization. Bringing forth critical and multifaceted engagements with what modern Palestinian selfdetermination entails. Rethinking Statehood sets the terms of debate for the future of Palestine beyond partition.

### PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



### **EVENTS & MEETINGS**

- H.E. Ambassador Elhusseini participated in the flag raising and celebrations of the Hungarian Revolution and War of Independence of 1849-1849
- Acting Head of Mission received at the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Budapest H.E. Mr. Jose Felipe, Ambassador of the Republic of Angola
- Held a meeting at the Ministry of Innovation and Technology for potential academic cooperation
- Ambassador Elhusseini attended the meeting of the Council of Arab Ambassadors in Hungary, held at the Residence of Egypt
- Met with H. E. Ms. Modupe Enitan IRELE Ambassador of Federal Republic of Nigeria

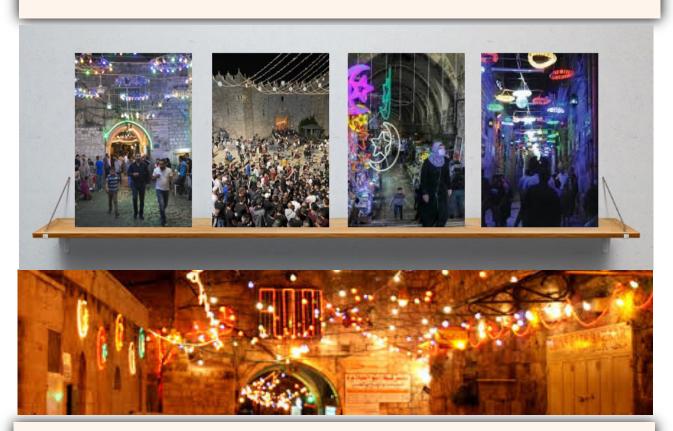
### WHO IS RACHEL CORRIE

Rachel Corrie was a 23-year-old American peace activist from Olympia, Washington, who was crushed to death by an Israeli bulldozer on 16 March 2003, while undertaking nonviolent direct action to protect the home of a Palestinian family from demolition.



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### PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### THIS IS HOW WE CELEBRATE RAMADAN IN JERUSALEM

On April 4, thousands of Jerusalemites participated in the lighting ceremony of the Jerusalem Ramadan lantern in the courtyards of the Burj Al-Luqluq Community Association in Bab Hitta neighborhood in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem, on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan,



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### **SPORTS**

### PALESTINE MARATHON

On March 18, the Palestinian International Marathon was held with more than ten thousand participants of which 51% were females and over 500 participants from Europe. This is the third time for a European team to participate the Marathon, showing solidarity with the Palestinian cause and demonstrating active support for Palestinians' basic human rights, including the right to movement in their own country. In 2017, the Palestine Marathon was approved as an international marathon by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF), and in 2018, it was recognized by the Association for International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS). Its route extends over 42.195 kilometers and offers runners different outlooks on Palestinian everyday life.



### ARAB JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP

Palestinian Judo player Nizar al-Zir won the silver medal in the Arab Judo Championship.



### **AGRICULTURE**

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL FOR LETTUCE

 Artas held its special annual festival for lettuce aiming to introduce its totally organic products. The festival brought together tradition, embroidery, music, Dabkeh and organic food.



# PALESTINIAN FOOD INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION 2022

The Palestinian Food and Agricultural Industries Federation concluded the Palestinian Food Industries Exhibition 2022, which lasted for three days during the period 29-31/3/2022 in Nablus Governorate. More than 40 companies specialized in the Palestinian food industries from different governorates participated in the exhibition and presented a large number of products.



# TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH

### PALESTINIAN PROFESSOR ONE OF THE TOP ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS

Mustafa Jarrar, a professor of computer science has been named one of the top 30 Arab experts in artificial intelligence in the first edition of the "Leading Arab Experts in AI" listing, published by MIT Technology Review Arabia.

Jarrar has led several important research projects, especially in Arabic computational linguistics, such as the Lexicographic Search Engine, which includes an Arabic linguistic ontology and 150 digitized Arabic-multilingual dictionaries, and the Palestinian Dialect Corpus.



### PALESTINIAN RESEARCHER WINS L'ORÉAL-UNESCO AWARD FOR ARAB WOMEN IN SCIENCE

The Palestinian researcher Nirmeen Elmadany, who earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy at Al-Azharr University in the Gaza Strip, her Ph.D. in Germany and is now a postdoctoral researcher there, has won a L'Oréal-UNESCO prize for her brain cancer research.



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