



## NEWSLETTER 11

Dear readers,

At this time of writing, 30 Palestinians have been murdered by the Zionist forces in January alone. From the statements of Israeli leaders, it seems they are bent on killing more should the Palestinians continue to resist the actions of the Israeli regime to seize more of their lands and demolish more of their homes. The victims include three children.

Meanwhile, the international community continues to allow Israel to act with impunity. For them, Palestinians' deaths are not as tragic as Ukrainian deaths.

It is high time for people of conscience worldwide to put pressure on their governments to stop injustices everywhere. Innocent lives must be protected, including Palestinian lives.

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- **China Warns Israel to ‘Stop Provocations’, Calls for Justice in Palestine**



Israel must “stop incitements and provocations”, China’s new Foreign Minister Qin Gang said in Cairo following a meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry.

Gang warned against “taking unilateral actions that could worsen the situation”.

China’s top diplomat placed Africa as a top priority when he visited five different nations soon following his appointment to the post. In addition to Egypt, the visit included Ethiopia, Gabon, Angola and Benin.

Meanwhile, in Ramallah, in the occupied Palestinian West Bank, residents buried the latest victim, Ahmad Kahla, who was killed on Sunday morning by Israeli soldiers near the village of Silwad, east of the city.

Kahla, 45, is the 13th Palestinian to be killed by Israel in two weeks, specifically since the start of the new year. Three of the victims were killed yesterday in the Jenin area, in the northern West Bank.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/china-warns-israel-to-stop-provocations-calls-for-justice-in-palestine/>

- **40 percent of Americans think ‘Israel treats Palestinians like Nazis treated Jews’**



If you don’t want to socialize with people who support Israel, or you think Israel treats Palestinians the way Nazis treated Jews, you’re antisemitic, according to a new survey of antisemitism from the Anti-Defamation League.

The survey goes further than ever in the effort by the Israel lobby to brand “highly negative” views of Israel as bigotry. Released last week, and promptly seconded by the American Jewish Committee, the ADL survey reports that 40 percent of Americans believe that Israel treats Palestinians as Nazis treated Jews — a remarkable indication of Israel’s sinking reputation in the U.S.

Americans’ belief in antisemitic ideas of Jewish conspiratorial influence have doubled just in the last three years, the survey alleges, with a “surge” in antisemitic acts. But surprise— the ADL links that increase to Israel.

Full text at: <https://mondoweiss.net/2023/01/40-percent-of-americans-think-israel-treats-palestinians-like-nazis-treated-jews/>

- **ICJ confirms it has received UN request for advisory opinion on Israeli occupation**



The International Court of Justice confirmed today it had officially received a request from the UN General Assembly to issue an advisory opinion on the legal consequences of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories.

The Hague-based Court said in a statement, "The request was transferred to the ICJ through a letter sent by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, on January 17, and the request was registered yesterday, Thursday."

On December 30, the UN General Assembly adopted by majority the draft "Resolution Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People in the oPt, including East Jerusalem".

The draft resolution demands an advisory opinion from the ICJ on the legal consequences of Israel's "occupation, settlement and annexation ... including measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem."

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/132898>

- **Israel kills teacher, resistance fighter in Jenin**



Israeli occupation forces attacked Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank and killed two Palestinians in the early hours of Thursday.

The Israeli military shot and killed Adham Muhammad Jabarin, a 28-year-old member of Saraya al-Quds, the military wing of Islamic Jihad.

He was injured on the doorstep of Jawad Bawaqneh's house.

Jawad Bawaqneh and his son Farid rushed to the aid of Jabarin when Israeli forces opened fire, fatally injuring the 57-year-old father.

Ambulances were barred from entering the refugee camp until the Israeli forces retreated, Farid told media.

Farid described the killing of his father as an "official execution" to local media.

Full text at: <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/tamara-nassar/israel-kills-teacher-resistance-fighter-jenin>



- Israeli occupation army admits killing Palestinian who posed no danger



The Israeli army today admitted its forces have recently killed a Palestinian who posed no imminent danger.

The army confirmed that 45-year-old father of four Ahmad Hassan Kahleh “was unnecessarily shot dead in front of his son” in front of his 20-year-old son, Qusai, outside Silwad town, northeast of the occupied West Bank

city of Ramallah, on the morning of Sunday, January 15.

Kahla was one of dozens of Palestinian commuters stuck in traffic during morning rush hour, caused by an army checkpoint erected at the town entrance. He was shot point blank with a single bullet in the neck during a physical scuffle with Israeli soldiers after the latter forced him and his son to exit their car.

Qusai said that he and his father were on their way to work when the soldiers topped their vehicle, shortly after a sound bomb was fired at the car.

According to him, it was then when the soldiers pepper-sprayed the Palestinian father of four and forced him to get out of the car before he fainted.

Full text at: <https://english.pnn.ps/news/45795>

### • Israeli Government to Demolish All New Palestinian Homes in Area C



Key Israeli cabinet members gathered on Sunday to initiate a new wave of demolitions against Palestinian homes in Area C after a dispute erupted over the rare expulsion of illegal Jewish settlers from a new outpost in the occupied West Bank, The New Arab reported.

Far-right ministers reportedly agreed to forcibly halt all new Palestinian building projects in Area C – which accounts for 60 percent of all land in the West Bank – before they reach completion, according to Israeli media.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/israeli-government-to-demolish-all-new-palestinian-homes-in-area-c/>

- **Health Ministry: Death toll rises to nine, 20 wounded in Jenin raid**



The death toll of the Israeli army raid into the northern occupied West Bank city of Jenin rose to nine and the number of wounded to 20, according to the Health Ministry.

It said that Israeli nine Palestinians were killed by Israeli army gunfire and 20 others were wounded, including four seriously wounded, during the violent raid into the

city and neighboring refugee camp.

The fatalities included an elderly woman, identified as Magda Obaid, 60. Two of the slain youths were identified as Saeb Issam Mahmoud Izreiqi, 24, and Izzidin Yassin Salahat, 26.

The Ministry pointed that all the 16 casualties, including a child, sustained gunshot wounds in the chest, shoulders, abdomen and lower extremities.

During the raid, the soldiers completely destroyed the Jenin Camp Club.

Full text at: <https://english.pnn.ps/news/45806>

- **UN Special Coordinator expresses deep alarm following Israel's killing of 10 Palestinians in West Bank**



United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland, today expressed deep alarm following Israel's carnage in the northern West Bank city of Jenin that resulted in the killing of nine Palestinians.

"I am deeply alarmed and saddened by the continuing cycle of violence in the occupied West Bank. The deaths today of nine Palestinians, including militants and one woman, during an Israeli arrest operation in Jenin is another stark example," Wennesland said in a statement.

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/133022>

- **Siege causes shortage of x-ray machines in Gaza**



Mahdi Amer, 35, lost his father at the beginning of the new year.

Ibrahim Amer was 65. He had a heart attack.

But due to Israel's blockade of Gaza, the emergency equipment he needed and that could have saved him was simply not available in Gaza.

"My father suffered from a blockage in each of his four arteries, resulting in a sudden heart attack," Mahdi said. "Because there was no interventional catheterization device that could save my father, he was referred for treatment."

An attempt was made to have him transported to a West Bank hospital, but it came too late. With all the bureaucracy involved in getting an exit permit from the Israeli military and the time spent traveling, Ibrahim didn't make it in time.

Full text at: <https://electronicintifada.net/content/siege-causes-shortage-x-ray-machines-gaza/37071>

- **BREAKING: Israeli Forces Kill Nine People in Jenin Military Raid (VIDEOS)**



Nine Palestinians were killed and 20 others were wounded by Israeli army gunfire on Thursday morning, during a brutal military raid into the city and neighboring refugee camp, the official news agency Wafa reported.

Among the fatalities, there is an elderly woman, identified as 60-year-old Magda Obaid. Two of the slain youths were identified as Saeb Issam Mahmoud Izreiqi, 24, and Izzidin Yassin Salahat, 26.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said that all 16 casualties, including a child, sustained gunshot wounds in the chest, shoulders, abdomen, and lower extremities.

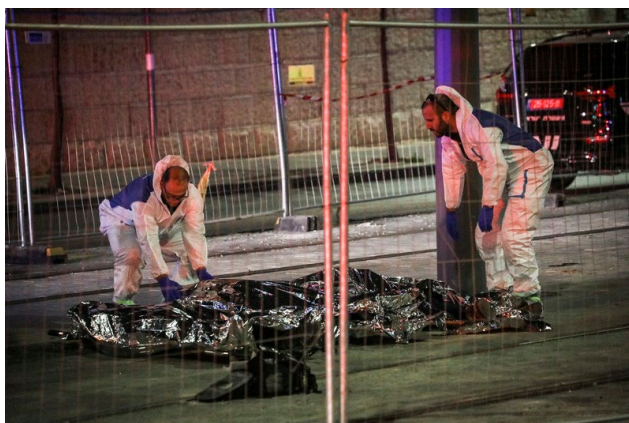
During the raid, the soldiers completely destroyed the Jenin Camp Club.

According to Wafa, a sizable army force barged its way into the flashpoint city and the neighboring refugee camp, where snipers seized positions on the rooftops of houses, triggering violent confrontations.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/breaking-israeli-forces-kill-nine-people-in-jenin-military-raid-videos/>

Watch at: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1618506775854215168>

- **Seven killed in Jerusalem settlement attack**



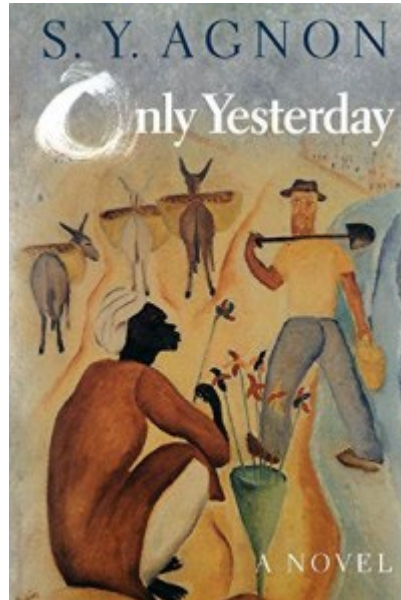
A Palestinian gunman from occupied East Jerusalem killed seven people near a synagogue in a settlement on Friday night, according to Israeli media.

Israeli media identified the alleged attacker, who was shot dead by police, as Khayri Alqam, 21, from the al-Tur neighborhood of East Jerusalem.

Full text at: <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/maureen-clare-murphy/seven-killed-jerusalem-settlement-attack>

## 5 Books: The best books on Israel and Palestine in Art, recommended by Alon Hilu

### 1. Only Yesterday by S Y Agnon

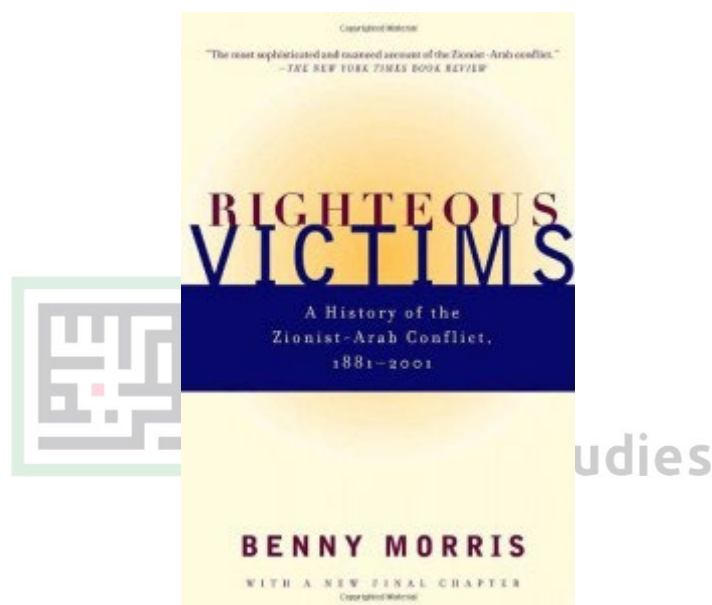


Israeli Nobel Laureate S.Y. Agnon's famous masterpiece, his novel *Only Yesterday*, here appears in English translation for the first time. Published in 1945, the book tells a seemingly simple tale about a man who immigrates to Palestine with the Second Aliya--the several hundred idealists who returned between 1904 and 1914 to work the Hebrew soil as in Biblical times and revive Hebrew culture. *Only Yesterday* quickly became recognized as a monumental work of world literature, but not only for its vivid historical reconstruction of Israel's founding society. This epic novel also engages the reader in a fascinating network of meanings, contradictions, and paradoxes all leading to the question, what, if anything, controls human existence?

Seduced by Zionist slogans, young Isaac Kumer imagines the Land of Israel filled with the financial, social, and erotic opportunities that were denied him, the son of an impoverished shopkeeper, in Poland. Once there, he cannot find the agricultural work he anticipated. Instead Isaac happens upon house-painting jobs as he moves from secular, Zionist Jaffa, where the ideological fervor and sexual freedom are alien to him, to ultra-orthodox, anti-Zionist Jerusalem. While some of his Zionist friends turn capitalist, becoming successful merchants, his own life remains adrift and impoverished in a land torn between idealism and practicality, a place that is at once homeland and diaspora. Eventually he marries a religious woman in Jerusalem, after his worldly girlfriend in Jaffa rejects him.

Led astray by circumstances, Isaac always ends up in the place opposite of where he wants to be, but why? The text soars to Surrealist-Kafkaesque dimensions when, in a playful mode, Isaac drips paint on a stray dog, writing "Crazy Dog" on his back. Causing panic wherever he roams, the dog takes over the story, until, after enduring persecution for so long without "understanding" why, he really does go mad and bites Isaac. The dog has been interpreted as everything from the embodiment of Exile to a daemonic force, and becomes an unforgettable character in a book about the death of God, the deception of discourse, the power of suppressed eroticism, and the destiny of a people depicted in all its darkness and promise.

## 2. Righteous Victims by Benny Morris

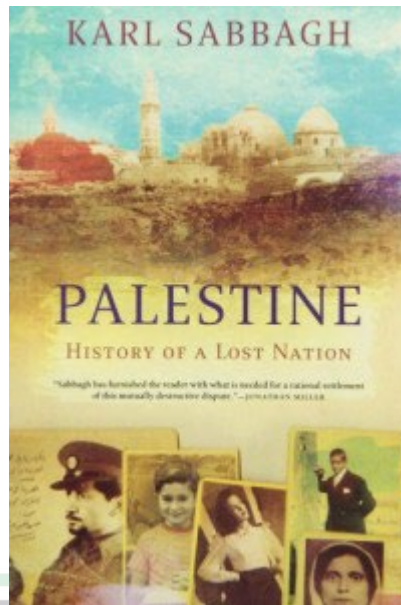


At a time when the Middle East has come closer to achieving peace than ever before, eminent Israeli historian Benny Morris explodes the myths cherished by both sides to present an epic history of Zionist-Arab relations over the past 120 years.

Tracing the roots of political Zionism back to the pogroms of Russia and the Dreyfus Affair, Morris describes the gradual influx of Jewish settlers into Palestine and the impact they had on the Arab population. Following the Holocaust, the first Arab-Israeli war of 1948 resulted in the establishment of the State of Israel, but it also shattered Palestinian Arab society and gave rise to a massive refugee problem. Morris offers distinctive accounts of each of the subsequent Israeli-Arab wars and details the sporadic peace efforts in between, culminating in the peace process initiated by the Rabin Government. In a new afterword to the Vintage edition, he examines Ehud Barak's leadership, the death of President Assad of Syria, and Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, and the recent renewed conflict with the Palestinians. Studded with

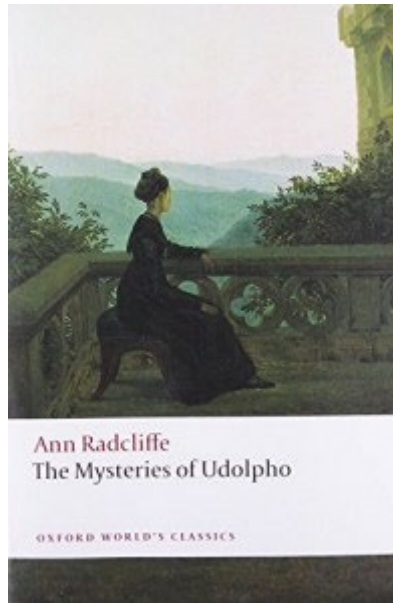
illuminating portraits of the major protagonists, *Righteous Victims* provides an authoritative record of the middle east and its continuing struggle toward peace.

### **3. Palestine by Karl Sabbagh**



From 3000 BC onwards, the area known today as Palestine has been successively controlled by Philistines, Jews, Romans, Arabs, Turks and the British. But for hundreds of years prior to the UN-mandated partition in 1947 and the creation of the state of Israel the majority of inhabitants were the ancestors of today's Arab Palestinians. In the thirty years (and three Arab-Israeli wars) that followed 700,000 Arabs were forced from their homes into refugee settlements on the West Bank, Gaza and further a field. Their desire to return to their homes on the land they feel is rightly theirs continues to create a political impasse. Karl Sabbagh was born to a British mother and a Palestinian father who was the lead broadcaster and war correspondent for the BBC Arabic service. When the war ended, Isa Khalil Sabbagh was sent to New York to cover the fateful UN vote of 1947. Karl Sabbagh's *Palestine: A Personal History* is an attempt to understand and come to terms with his father's, and his people's, turbulent past.

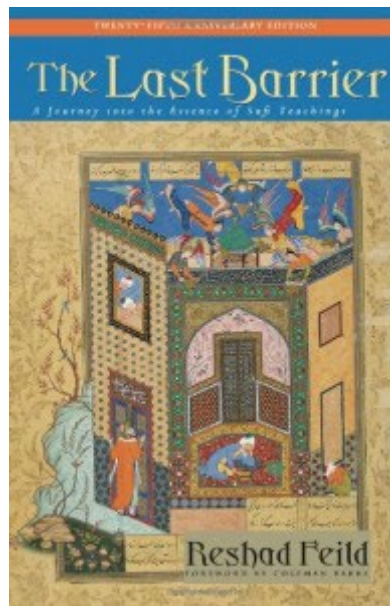
### **4. The Mysteries of Udolpho by Ann Radcliffe**



A best-seller in its day and a potent influence on Sade, Poe, and other purveyors of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Gothic horror, *The Mysteries of Udolpho* remains one of the most important works in the history of European fiction. After Emily St. Aubert is imprisoned by her evil guardian, Count Montoni, in his gloomy medieval fortress in the Appenines, terror becomes the order of the day. With its dream-like plot and hallucinatory rendering of its characters' psychological states, *The Mysteries of Udolpho* is a fascinating challenge to contemporary readers.

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## **5. The Last Barrier by Reshad Feild**



This classic work by Reshad Feild, one of today's best-known Sufi teachers in the West, tells the compelling story of his journey into an ancient and powerful spiritual path. Starting as a London antique dealer, Feild comes into contact with the enigmatic Hamid, a Sufi teacher who leads him into a world of mystery, knowledge, and limitless love. On his journey, which takes him to the mystical sites of Turkey, Feild is forced to confront his own inner weaknesses and falsehoods. Hamid and the events of his search take him again and again into confrontation with the limits of his own being, enabling him to shed the false conditioning that lies between himself and his true nature. This hard-to-put-down adventure is a travelogue in more ways than one. It tells of Feild's exhilarating explorations into mystical Turkey, a land of whirling dervishes and the tombs of great saints, but also a world that opens into the divine love that lies at the heart of all.

### **Dates for Palestine Solidarity in 2023**

#### **28 Mar – 4 Apr Israel Apartheid Week**

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| 30 Mar | Land Day Palestine  |
| 5 Apr  | Palestinian Childs Day  |
| 9 Apr  | Deir Yassin massacre - Irgun Terrorism - 107-120<br>Palestinian men, women and children massacred |
| 17 Apr | Palestinian Prisoners Day   |
| 11 May | World Kufiya Day  |

15 May	Nakba Day – marking the mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Palestine in 1948
5 Jun	Naksa Day - Start of 1967 War - Land Grab – Invasion of Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza, Egypt and Syria - 5 June 1967 – 10 June 1967
20 Jun	Attack on Gaza - 6–21 May 2021 (2 weeks and 1 day)
16-18 Sept	40th anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres
28 Sept	Second Intifada - 28 Sept 2000 – 8 Feb 2005
8/9 October	PSNA National Meeting in Christchurch
2 Nov	Balfour Declaration
29 Nov	United Nations - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
8 Dec	"First Intifada - 8 Dec 1987 – 13 Sept 1993

