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Dear readers,

The new Israeli government, which consists of criminals and fascists, is proving to the world what the settler colonialism project is all about. It has no regard for international law and is bent on turning the country into a place exclusively for Jews. It has been responsible for the killings of scores of innocent Palestinians and is proud of that fact. But slowly and indeed, the international community is paying heed to the calls of the BDS movement, as exemplified by the latest development when the mayor of Barcelona decided to end its twinning agreement with Tel Aviv “until the Israeli authorities put an end to the system of violations of Palestinian human rights and fully comply with the obligations imposed on them by international law and the various United Nations resolutions.” Hopefully, more countries and cities worldwide will be inspired by the above action and decide to isolate the racist apartheid regime completely.

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- **Report: Israeli Forces, Settlers Committed over 700 Attacks against Palestinians in January**



The Israeli occupation forces and Jewish settlers carried out more than 700 attacks against Palestinians and their properties during the month of January, according to the Wall and Settlement Resistance Commission.

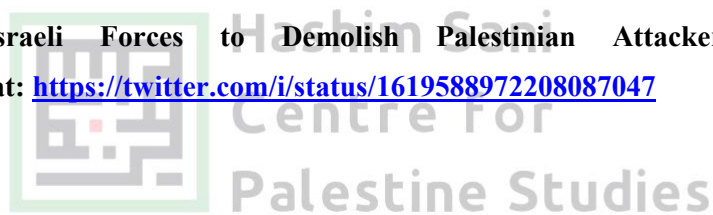
In its monthly report on the Israeli violations and colonial expansion, the Commission said that these

attacks ranged from a direct assault on people, vandalism of property, leveling of lands, uprooting trees, seizure and demolition of property, closures, barriers, and physical injuries.

Most of these attacks were in the Nablus Governorate, followed by Jenin Governorate, then Bethlehem Governorate.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/report-israeli-forces-settlers-committed-over-700-attacks-against-palestinians-in-january/>

WATCH: Israeli Forces to Demolish Palestinian Attacker's Home 'as Punishment' at: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1619588972208087047>



- 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.

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

- **144 attacks by Israeli settlers last night in Nablus**



A total of 144 attacks were carried out last night by Israeli settlers against Palestinian civilians and their property in the occupied West Bank province of Nablus, today said Ghassan Daghlis, a Palestinian official in charge of the settlement file in the province.

Daghlis said that fanatic settler groups hurled stones and partially damaged at least 120 vehicles on roads, while they set on fire six vehicles completely damaging them. At least 22 Palestinian-owned shops were attacked by settlers in the town of Huwwara.

Daghlis said the majority of attacks were focused on the towns of villages of Huwwara, Madama, Qusra, Jorish and Majdal Bani Fadel.

Full text at: <https://english.pnn.ps/news/45817>

- **WATCH: Jewish Settlers Vandalize Church, Smash Jesus Statue in Jerusalem's Old City**



Jewish settlers vandalized a church in the occupied Old City of Jerusalem and smashed a statue of Jesus, the official Palestinian news agency WAFA reported.

The Jerusalem Governorate said in a press statement that three Jewish settlers stormed the Church of the Condemnation,

located at the Second Station of the Via Dolorosa, smashed a statue of Jesus and attempted to set the church on fire.

The guard employed by the church quickly restrained the vandal before he could inflict further damage to the site.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/watch-jewish-settlers-vandalize-church-smash-jesus-statue-in-jerusalem-old-city/>

Watch at: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1621141091310239744>

- **Arab League condemns Israel's "open war" on Palestinian people**



The Arab League condemned today "the open war and the organized Israeli crimes" against the Palestinian people, which led to the death of dozens since the beginning of this year.

Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, warned of the silence about the deterioration in the situation in the

occupied Palestinian territories with the escalation by the Israeli occupation forces in the West Bank.

Aboul-Gheit made the remarks during a meeting in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, with the representative of the European Union for the peace process in the Middle East, Sven Koopmans.

During the meeting, they discussed the latest developments in the occupied Palestinian territories and ways to confront the impasse in the political horizon.

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/133237>

- **Israel kills five in Jericho raid**



Israeli occupation forces killed five Palestinians during a raid in Aqabat Jabr refugee camp outside of the West Bank city of Jericho on Monday.

The raid comes less than two weeks after Israeli forces killed nine Palestinians during a similar operation targeting armed resistance activists in Jenin refugee camp. A

tenth Palestinian died from his injuries days later.

The Jericho area of the West Bank's Jordan Valley has been under siege for more than a week following an attempted shooting attack at a restaurant near Jericho frequented by settlers in late January.

Full text at: <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/maureen-clare-murphy/israel-kills-five-jericho-raid>

- **Israeli occupation forces have killed nine Palestinian children this year: Palestine**



Israeli occupation forces have shot and killed forty-two Palestinians, including nine children, since the beginning of the year, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

The ministry said in a report on Wednesday that the number of Palestinians who have been killed by Israeli forces since the beginning of 2023 has risen to 42, including an

elderly woman and nine children, eight of them during January alone, Palestine's official Wafa news agency reported.

It said the Israeli regime has committed more crimes against Palestinians in the occupied territories in 2023 than any other time in recent years, adding that the new year has so far been particularly hurtful to children.

Full text at: <https://english.pnn.ps/news/45845>

- **BDS welcomes decision by Barcelona mayor to suspend twinning agreement with Tel Aviv**



The Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement welcomed the decision by the Spanish city of Barcelona to suspend ties with the Israeli city of Tel Aviv to protest the Israeli violations against the Palestinian people.

Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau suspended institutional relations with Israel, including the twinning agreement with Tel Aviv, "until the Israeli authorities put an end to the

system of violations of Palestinian human rights and fully comply with the obligations imposed on them by international law and the various United Nations resolutions."

The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), the largest Palestinian coalition, said in a tweet that it "salutes the Mayor of Barcelona, Ada Colau, and the grassroots groups who helped end institutional links with apartheid Israel."

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/133281>

- **With frequent power cuts, winters in Gaza can be deadly**



It is 11:00 p.m. on a cold and dry evening east of Gaza City. The inside of Hani Saleh's home smells of soot — the remains of an entire night's burning of wood and coal in the same room to keep warm. The house is still cold.

The resulting moisture leaves large splotches on the white paint

of the walls. When it dries out, the paint peels off. The family of eight crams into a single living room, barely visible to one another in the dim flickering lights. It's not their bedtime, but the 20-amp battery that supplies their home with power has all but died after working for 10 hours without interruption.

Suddenly, the power comes back on, and everyone in the family jumps up at once, each of them scrambling to go about the tasks they had laid before them in the short power window they've been given. Shahd, still in high school, rushes to her desk in the next room, trying to fight off her fatigue.

"It's too late to focus, especially when it's so cold. I should've been sleeping by now," Shahd says. This is a critical year for her, as her exam grades will determine what major she will be allowed to take in college.

Full text at: [With frequent power cuts, winters in Gaza can be deadly – Mondoweiss](#)

- **ICJ sets dates for submission of statements on Israel's practices in the occupied Palestinian territories**



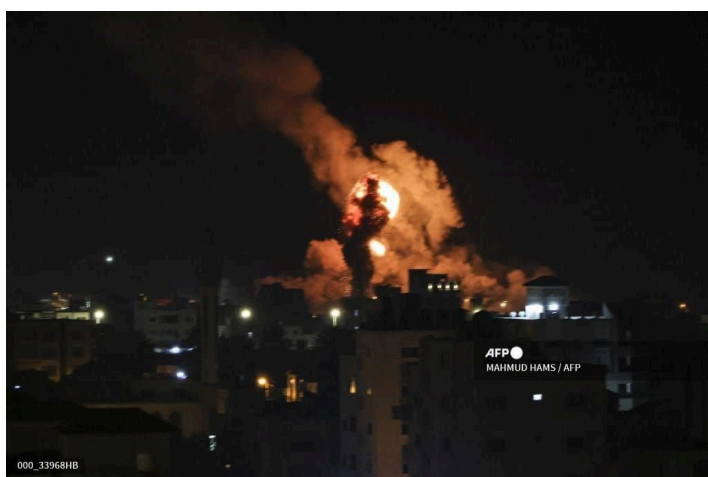
Following the request by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to render an advisory opinion on the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East

Jerusalem, the ICJ has fixed 25 July 2023 as the time-limit within which written statements on the questions may be presented to the Court, and 25 October 2023 as the time-limit within which States and organizations having presented written statements may submit written comments on the written statements made by other states or organizations.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates today confirmed in a press statement that it had received an official letter with the decision of The Hague-based ICJ issued by a special meeting of its judges, which set the dates for the submission of written statements on the questions, and expressed satisfaction with the progress of the procedures regarding the advisory opinion.

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/133284>

- Israel Launches Attacks on Gaza, Bombs and Shells Hamas Targets (VIDEOS)



The Israeli occupation army announced that it has bombed Gaza, claiming that it targeting underground sites belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas.

According to the Israeli military spokesman the targeted sites are allegedly used to produce

missile materials.

The Palestine Chronicle correspondent in Gaza reported that loud explosions were heard south of Gaza City.

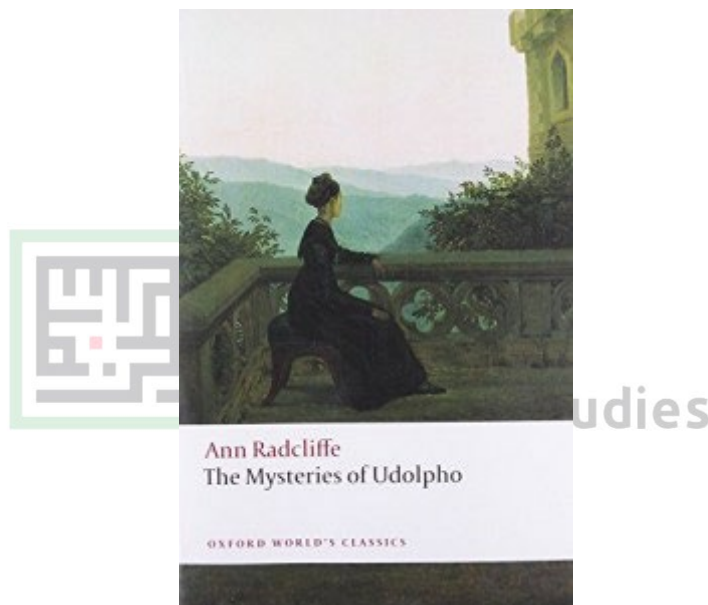
Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/israel-launches-attacks-on-gaza-bombs-and-shells-hamas-targets-videos/>

Watch at: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1624953091106738176>

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

1. The Mysteries of Udolpho by Ann Radcliffe

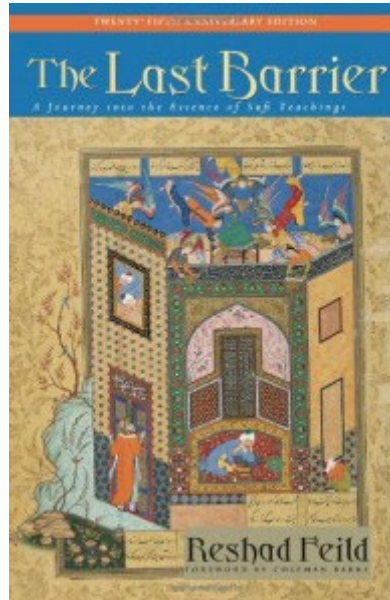


A best-seller in its day and a potent influence on Sade, Poe, and other purveyors of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Gothic horror, *The Mysteries of Udolpho* remains one of the most important works in the history of European fiction. After Emily St. Aubert is imprisoned by her evil guardian, Count 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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features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, voluminous notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

2. 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

30 Mar	Land Day Palestine
5 Apr	Palestinian Childs Day
9 Apr	Deir Yassin massacre - Irgun Terrorism - 107-120 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