



NEWSLETTER 6

Dear readers,

This issue of our newsletter presents news that includes incidents during the Nakba in 1948 and those that happened recently. They all highlight the genocidal and brutal nature of the Zionists in their quest to achieve their settler-colonial project in Palestine. Please share this newsletter widely. Hopefully, more and more will be aware of the injustice that has happened and is happening there.

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- **Operation ‘Cast Thy Bread’: Unearthed Documents Reveal Israeli Militias Poisoned Wells during Nakba**



Historians have recovered official documentation proving that Israeli militias poisoned wells to prevent expelled Palestinians from returning to their home villages during the Nakba in 1948, the Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported on Friday.

Testimonies regarding the act of biological warfare have been heard and publicized for decades, but historians Benny Morris and Benjamin Z. Kedar have found Israeli military documentation that has cast any doubt over its occurrence aside and provided new details regarding its scope, according to Haaretz.

“We uncovered a lot of new information,” Morris told Haaretz.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/operation-cast-thy-bread-uneearthed-documents-reveal-israeli-militias-poisoned-wells-during-nakba/>

- **BREAKING: Malaysian Authorities Arrest Mossad Agents, Free Kidnapped Palestinian in Kuala Lumpur**



The Malaysian authorities have reportedly liberated a Palestinian activist from Gaza who has been kidnapped and interrogated by Israeli Mossad agents in Kuala Lumpur, Al Jazeera Arabic reported on Monday.

The pan-Arab news network cited Malaysian sources saying that the activist was kidnapped by Malaysian nationals who have been recruited and trained by the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad, in Europe.

It is also reported that the activist, who is accused by Israel of having links with the armed wing of Hamas, Izzedin Al-Qassam Brigades, was interrogated by Israeli Mossad officers via video in Tel Aviv.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/breaking-malaysian-authorities-arrest-mossad-agents-free-kidnapped-palestinian-in-kuala-lumpur/>

- **Sixty-five organizations urge new High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure justice for the Palestinian people**



65 Palestinian, regional and international organizations sent a joint letter to the new High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, welcoming him in his new position and urging

him to take concrete measures to ensure justice and accountability for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

The letter highlighted some of the recent alarming Israeli policies and practices imposed against Palestinians. Specifically, the letter underscored Israel's 15-year-old closure and blockade of the Gaza Strip; Israel's escalation in its invasive military incursions into Palestinian cities in recent months; and its closure as acts of collective punishment of Shufat refugee camp and Anata; as well as an aggravation in the Israeli occupying forces' use of its 'shoot-to-kill' policy. Furthermore, the letter underlined the increase of Israel's campaign of mass arbitrary arrests and detentions, including in its arbitrary, coercive, and punitive administrative detention policy.

Noting how the Palestinian people have been denied their right to self-determination for decades, the joint letter emphasized that the human rights situation in Palestine should be at the top of the High Commissioner's agenda, including by prioritizing the annual updating of the UN Database on Settlement Business Activities, as mandated.

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/131365>

- **It is official: Australia Drops Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital**



In a move that is expected to rattle Tel Aviv, Australia has decided to drop its recognition of West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, The Guardian reported.

The move is a reversal of a previous policy that was adopted by former Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

After initial uncertainty, the Australian newspaper, the Financial review confirmed the news. It reported on Tuesday that "the Albanese government will reverse the previous government's

recognition of West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Foreign Minister Penny Wong has announced.”

Wong also told reporters that “the Australian government remains committed to a two-state solution in which Israel and a future Palestinian state can coexist in peace and security within internationally recognized borders. We will not support an approach that undermines this prospect.”

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/it-is-official-australia-drops-recognition-of-jerusalem-as-israels-capital/>

- **Singapore opens representative office to State of Palestine**



The Republic of Singapore today opened a new representative office to the State of Palestine in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

In his speech during the opening ceremony, Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Minister Riyadh Maliki stated that the opening of the office was a key milestone in Singapore’s recognition of and relation with the

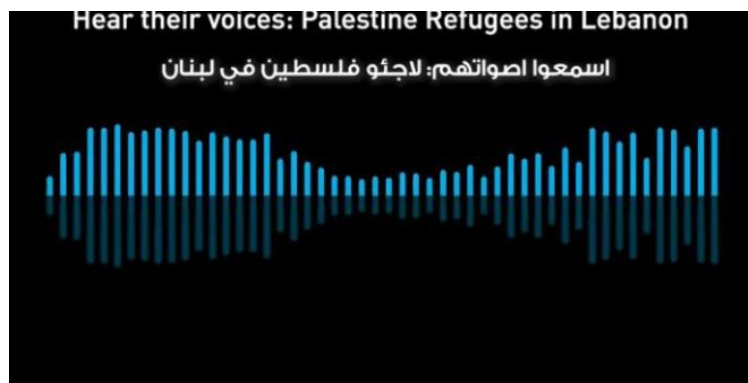
State of Palestine.

He added that he attended the ceremony as a confirmation of what has been agreed upon with Singapore while expressing his desire that bilateral diplomatic relations would reach more advanced stages as soon as possible.

He stressed the depth of the bilateral relations with Singapore and the latter’s role in enhancing the capacities of scores of Palestinian employees and students.

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/131375>

- **Hitting Rock Bottom- Palestine Refugees in Lebanon risk their lives in search of dignity**



“In Lebanon, an increasing number of Palestine refugees tell UNRWA that “anything” is better than their lives today. As the world is looking elsewhere, Palestine refugees continue to take dangerous risks in search of

a better life.

“Unprecedented levels of poverty, skyrocketing unemployment rates and increasing despair are spreading across the country, severely hitting the Lebanese people and Syrian and Palestine refugees. This comes amid one of the worst economic crises in recent history, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, poor governance and an almost total collapse in basic services. Palestine refugees, living in overcrowded camps and marginalized by discriminatory policies, are historically one of the poorest people in the country. They are at the end of their rope.

“Almost every Palestine refugee in Lebanon lives in poverty. The average cost of the food basket has increased six-fold in the last year one of the highest increases the world has recorded this year. The cost of water, fuel, electricity, gas, transport and health care is now three to five times higher. Medicines are increasingly unavailable on the market and families are unable to afford them since government subsidies have been lifted. Too many Palestine refugee families are no longer able to afford secondary health care. Some are skipping lifesaving treatment to avoid accumulating debts.

Full text at: <http://english.pnn.ps/2022/10/22/hitting-rock-bottom-palestine-refugees-in-lebanon-risk-their-lives-in-search-of-dignity/>

- **Report: Over 100 Settler Attacks Documented in Past 10 Days**



More than 100 attacks by illegal Jewish settlers against Palestinians have been documented in the last ten days alone, Haaretz reported on Thursday.

Most of the attacks took place in the north of the occupied West Bank, particularly in the town of Huwara in the Nablus governorate.

The Israeli newspaper reported that older adults, women, and children from settlements are increasingly involved in attacks on Palestinians, quoting an Israeli security official.

“Older adults, women with children are also arriving and simply starting to go wild,” the official said.

All the victims of these assaults were Palestinians.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/report-over-100-settler-attacks-documented-in-past-10-days/>



- **Palestinian journalists are under attack by Israel lobby groups for reporting the truth from Palestine**



Last week, the Thomas Reuters Foundation announced that award-winning Palestinian journalist Shatha Hammad would be the recipient of the prestigious Kurt Schork Local Reporter Award for 2022. Not 48 hours later, Zionist watchdog group Honest Reporting unleashed a vicious smear campaign against Hammad to pressure

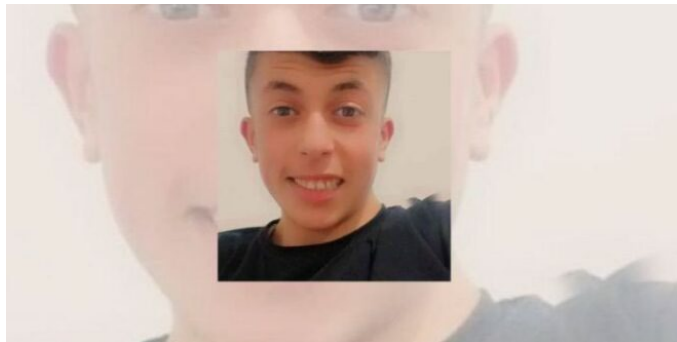
Reuters and the Kurt Schork Fund to revoke the award. The campaign succeeded.

Hammad is just the latest Palestinian journalist to be targeted by such groups. Earlier this month, the New York Times fired Palestinian photojournalist Hosam Salem for expressing support for Palestinian resistance, after Honest Reporting dug through Salem’s facebook posts

to “expose” him to the Times. Honest Reporting is one of many Zionist watchdog organizations whose mission is to rush to the defense of one of the last colonial regimes in the world, effectively functioning as an international arm of Israeli “Hasbara” and providing a smokescreen for the continuous colonization and ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestine.

Full text at: <https://mondoweiss.net/2022/10/palestinian-journalists-are-under-attack-by-israel-lobby-groups-for-reporting-the-truth-from-palestine/>

- **Youth killed by Israeli occupation army gunfire in a village near Ramallah**



A youth was killed early this morning by Israeli army gunfire in the village of Nabi Saleh, north of Ramallah, according to the Ministry of Health.

It said that the Qusai Tamimi, 20, was hit by a live bullet in the chest

during confrontations at the entrance to the village.

Full text at: <http://english.pnn.ps/2022/10/25/youth-killed-by-israeli-army-gunfire-in-a-village-near-ramallah/>

- **Israeli army launches massive overnight assault on Nablus, 6 Palestinians killed**



Six Palestinians were killed overnight in the occupied West Bank, including five people from the city of Nablus during a massive Israeli military operation in the city that lasted into the early hours of the morning on Tuesday.

Shortly after midnight on Tuesday, reports began

coming out of Nablus that large amounts of Israeli troops were raiding the city and heading

downtown towards the Old City of Nablus. Dozens of military jeeps were seen driving down Nablus roads into the city, while Israeli drones could be heard in the skies overhead.

Palestinian media reported that snipers were positioned on rooftops surrounding the Old City, while the army deployed other troops to the mountaintops surrounding Nablus.

Full text at: <https://mondoweiss.net/2022/10/israeli-army-launches-massive-overnight-assault-on-nablus-6-palestinians-killed/>



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