

## NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Readers,

This issue of the newsletter, besides reporting on the atrocities committed against Palestinians by the Zionist regime, also highlights the attempt by Israel to silence Palestinian voices to the extent of even campaigning against a film called FARHA, currently streaming worldwide on Netflix. Fortunately, the international community supports the film to ensure it will not be banned or withdrawn.

In this issue, we highlight five books related to the Palestine struggle for freedom and justice.

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- **FARHA filmmakers: We will not be silenced by the Israeli-led campaign against us and the film**



The writer/director and producers of FARHA, Jordan's Oscar submission for Best International Feature in 2023, and currently streaming worldwide on Netflix, stressed that the Israeli-led campaign against the film and the filmmakers will not silence them.

FARHA is the story of a 14-year-old Palestinian girl who watches from a locked room an entire family, including two children, being massacred by Zionist forces during the 1948 war that led to the

creation of Israel through the colonization of Palestine and dispersion of the Palestinian people in what became to be known as the Palestinian Nakba, or catastrophe.

“The film’s writer/director, Darin J. Sallam, had an urge to tell this humane and personal story that she carried with her since her childhood and to share it with the world,” according to the statement by the filmmakers, adding that the film’s producers, Deema Azar and Ayah Jardaneh, “unconditionally support her decision to tell this story and will always back the film and her artistic choices all the way.”

The director and producers of the film said they were “overwhelmed by the amount of support the film is receiving globally and are grateful to everyone who is doing their part to stand up against this attack and ensure the film is spoken about and seen.”

Click [here](#) to watch on YouTube before it is deleted for copyrights

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/132187>

- **UN Special Coordinator ‘Horrified’ by Israeli Execution of Palestinian**



Tor Wennesland, the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, said on Friday that he was horrified by the scene of an Israeli soldier killing a Palestinian in the town of Hawwara, near Nablus.

“Horrified by today’s killing of a Palestinian man, Ammar

Mefleh, during a scuffle with an Israeli soldier near Huwwara in the occupied West Bank,” wrote Wennesland in a tweet, stressing,

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/un-special-coordinator-horrified-by-israeli-execution-of-palestinian/>

- **Three Palestinians killed by Israeli army gunfire in the West Bank**



The Israeli occupation forces shot and killed three Palestinians in the occupied West Bank this morning, one in Beit Ummar in the south of the West Bank, and two others, siblings, near Ramallah, according to the Ministry of Health.

Mufeed Mohammad Ikhilil, 44, was shot in the head and killed during clashes between soldiers and stone-throwing Palestinians in Beit Ummar. Nine others were shot by live bullets, one hit in the chest and the others in the upper and lower limbs and reported to be in stable condition.

In the village of Kufr Ein, near Ramallah, soldiers opened fire at the two siblings, Jawad and Thafer Abdul Rahman Rimawi, 22 and 21, and killed them. Jawad, a new Business Administration graduate from Birzeit University, was shot in the pelvis, and his brother Thafer, a fourth-year Technology student also at Birzeit University, was shot in the chest, said the Ministry of Health.

A general strike was declared in Ramallah as a result.

Full text at: <https://english.pnn.ps/news/45692>

- **Israel Attacks Several Targets in Gaza, Causes Destruction in Rafah, Khan Yunis**



Israeli warplanes attacked multiple targets in Gaza on Saturday night, causing massive destruction and fire in the area, according to local sources.

The Palestine Chronicle correspondent said that Israeli warplanes attacked a target to the West of Khan Yunis and another

site to the east of Rafah, in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Click [here](#) to watch the video

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/israel-attacks-several-targets-in-gaza-causes-destruction-in-rafah-khan-yunis/>

- **France urges an end to violence against Palestinians in West Bank**



France called today for an end of the rampant acts of violence against the Palestinians in the West Bank, and for the competent authorities to hold those responsible for such acts accountable.

The French Consulate General in Jerusalem called in a press statement on all actors to refrain from any

provocative or unilateral actions.

Full text at: <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/132204>

- **Blockade leaves Gaza's firefighters badly equipped**



Kamel Arafa's family is in constant fear that something bad could happen to him. Relatives of the firefighter from the Jabaliya refugee camp in Gaza City have therefore decided to try to stay in constant touch with him during emergencies.

It doesn't quite suit Arafa, 38, even

if he appreciates the concern.

"It is better not to call. I've asked my family to calm down. They just can't. They are right as well. What we go through is brutal."

The father of four has been an emergency responder for 15 years. He joined rescue crews during all recent major Israeli aggressions against Gaza, starting in 2008.

First responders are supposed to be protected under the Geneva Conventions. However, according to al-Khatib, 34 have been killed during Israel's aggressions against Gaza since 2008.

“We have been targeted multiple times even though we always wear our uniforms. Our cars are known to the Israeli side,” said al-Khatib. But, “we cannot trust the Israeli soldiers. We fear the treachery of the occupation forces.”

Full text at: <https://electronicintifada.net/content/blockade-leaves-gazas-firefighters-badly-equipped/36761>

- **Chinese President Xi Affirms Support for Palestine’s Full UN Membership**



President of the People’s Republic of China Xi Jinping affirmed on Friday his country’s support for Palestine’s efforts to gain full membership in the United Nations.

“We firmly support the establishment of a fully sovereign Palestinian state on the 1967

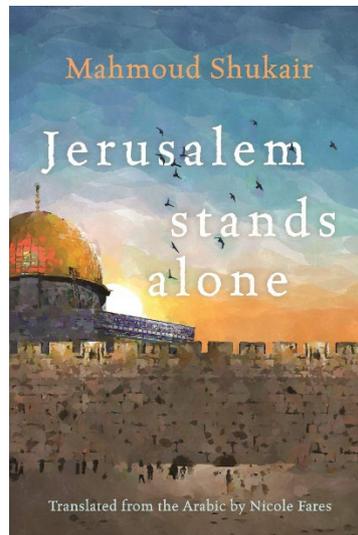
borders with East Jerusalem as its capital,” said the Chinese President in his speech at the China-Arab Summit held in the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

Full text at: <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/chinese-president-xi-affirms-support-for-palestines-full-un-membership/>

## **5 Books: Palestinian Short-story Collections**

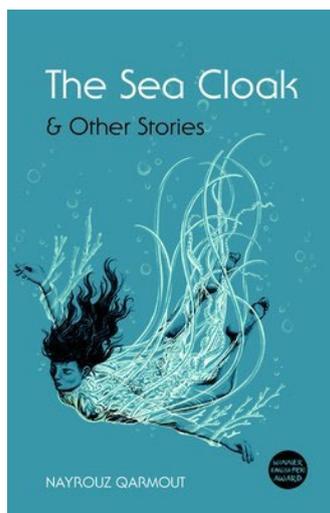
**Mahmoud Shuqair’s Jerusalem Stands Alone, translated by Nicole Fares.**

A series of luminous short-short stories set in occupied Jerusalem by a master of his craft. Shuqair has authored picture books, short stories, and novels for readers of all ages. He is the author of more than forty books, including more than a dozen for children. He excels at complex portraiture in small spaces, and these stories weave together to create a separate and shared portrait of Jerusalem.



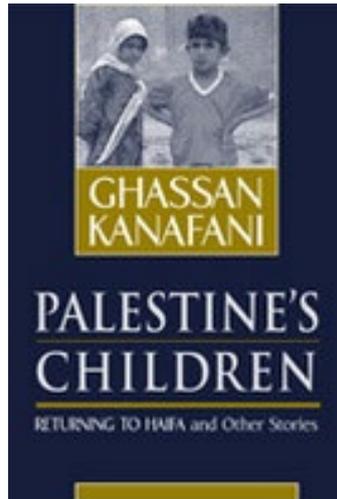
**Nayrouz Qarmout's *The Sea Cloak and Other Stories*, translated by Perween Richards (except for the title story, which was translated by Charis Bredin).**

A collection of 11 stories by author and journalist Nayrouz Qarmout; these women-centered tales are powerful, voice-driven narratives about daily life in Gaza.



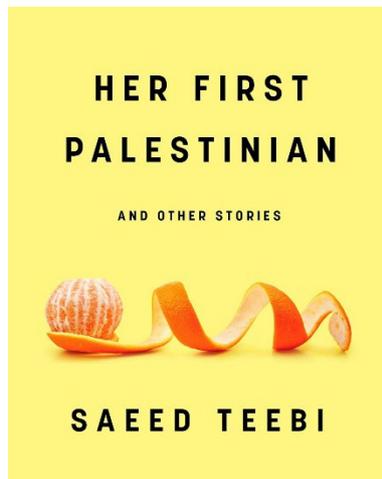
**Ghassan Kanafani's *Palestine's Children: Returning to Haifa & Other Stories*, translated by Barbara Harlow and Karen Riley.**

As the publisher writes, "each story involves a child who is victimized by political events and circumstances, but who nevertheless participates in the struggle toward a better future."



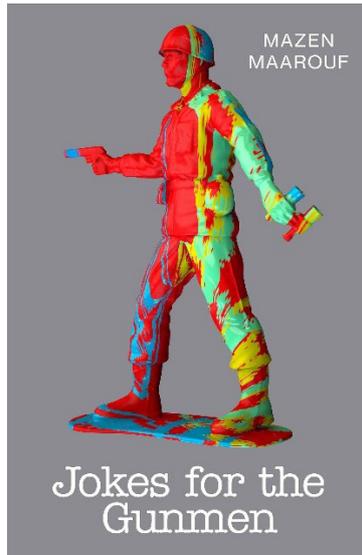
**Saeed Teebi, Her First Palestinian**

Teebi — a writer and lawyer based in Toronto — was shortlisted for the 2021 CBC Short Story Prize for “Her First Palestinian,” the titular story in his debut collection, also titled Her First Palestinian, which centers Palestinians in Canada.



**Mazen Maalouf's Jokes for the Gunmen, translated by Jonathan Wright.**

A fantastic, bizarre, surreal, and too-real collection of stories that won the inaugural Multaqa Prize for the Arabic Short Story and was longlisted for the International Booker.



### Dates for Palestine Solidarity in 2022

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"**



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