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**NGO ACTION NEWS**

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**ASIA**

[**Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) Thailand**](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/international-solidarity/) will hold its next meeting on **11 December 2014** in Bangkok. Please contact palestinesolidaritythailand@gmail.com for more information.

**EUROPE**

[**L’Association Belgo-Palestinienne**](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be)(ABP) is inviting its supporters to sign a [petition](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be/campagnes/petition-pour-la-reconnaissance-de-letat-palestinien/) calling for the recognition of the State of Palestine.

[**The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine**](http://www.eccpalestine.org)(ECCP)issued a [position paper](http://www.eccpalestine.org/position-paper-the-eu-israel-association-agreement/) on **10 November 2014** on the EU-Israel Association Agreement.

[**The Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) (IPSC) is hosting its Christmas fundraiser lunch inDublin on **14 December 2014**. Click [here](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/dublin-ipsc-annual-christmas-fundraising-lunch-2014) for more information.

[**Medical Aid for Palestinians**](http://www.map-uk.org) (MAP) issued an [appeal](http://www.map-uk.org/notes-from-the-field/archive/article/67-gaza-winter-crisis) on **25 November 2014** to address the winter crisis currently hitting the Gaza Strip.

[**Palestinagruppen i Stockholm**](http://www.palestinagrupperna.se/taxonomy/term/92) is organizing on **21 December 2014** a [panel discussion](http://sodrateatern.com/sv/Program-och-biljetter/Evenemang/Decemberfestivalen/DAM/) entitled *What is happening in Palestine?* with **Catrin Ormestad**, journalist and author of the reportage *Gaza: a love story*; **Pierre Schori**, former UN ambassador and author of the book *Memory and fire,* **Pål Wrange**, Professor of International Law at Stockholm University. The discussion will be moderated by **Lotta Schüllerqvist**, journalist and author of the book *Marnäs secret*. The event will be followed by a concert with the Palestinian hip-hop band [**DAM**](http://www.damrap.com/).

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**](http://adalah.org/eng/) issued a [press release](http://adalah.org/eng/Articles/2343/Is-torture-a-crime-in-Israel-) on **30 November 2014** entitled *Is Torture a Crime in Israel?*

[**B’Tselem**](http://www.btselem.org/) published a [virtual tour](http://www.btselem.org/sites/default/files2/gan_czavim/en.html) of the Tzurim Valley National Park in East Jerusalem to show the “judaization” of the city and the deterioration of the living conditions of its Palestinian residents.

[**Defence for Children International-Palestine**](http://www.dci-palestine.org)issued its latest [detention bulletin](http://www.dci-palestine.org/documents/detention-bulletin-issue-56-october-2014) on 5 December 2014.

[**Gisha –Legal Centre for Freedom of Movement**](http://gisha.org/)published an [update](http://gisha.org/updates/3750) on **26 November 2014** on the Gaza reconstruction.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/) (PCHR) issued its latest [weekly report](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10756:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-27-nov-03-dec-2014-&catid=145:in-focus) on Israeli human rights violations in the OPT on **4 December 2014** covering the period 27 November – 3 December 2014. PCHR also warmly welcomed on **8 December 2014** in a [press release](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10770:the-pchr-praises-the-swiss-governments-bid-to-convene-a-summit-on-palestine-and-calls-for-them-to-stand-firm-in-the-face-of-political-pressure-exerted-by-israel-and-the-uswho-seek-to-subvert-respect-for-the-law-and-deny-justice-to-the-palestinian-people&catid=145:in-focus) the efforts made by the Swiss Government to convene a conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention.

[**The Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling**](http://www.wclac.org) (WCLAC) issued its November [bulletin](http://www.wclac.org/english/etemplate.php?id=1411).

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Church for Middle East Peace**](http://www.cmep.org/) (CMEP) is organizing on its 8th Annual Bethlehem Prayer Service on **20 December 2014** in Washington. Click [here](http://www.nationalcathedral.org/events/ChristmasBethlehem2014.shtml) for more information and streaming.

[**The Foundation for Middle East Peace**](http://www.fmep.org) (FMEP) and [**New America**](http://www.newamerica.org/) are organizing on **10 December 2014** in Washington the [event](http://www.newamerica.org/international-security/the-us-israel-and-the-regional-dimensions-of-an-iran-nuclear-deal/) *The U.S., Israel and the Regional Dimensions of an Iran Nuclear Deal* featuring **Shlomo Brom**, Visiting Fellow, Center for American Progress and former IDF Brigadier General; **Suzanne DiMaggio**,Senior Fellow and Director of the Iran Initiative, New America; and **Ilan Goldenberg**,Senior Fellow and Middle East Security Program Director, Center for a New American Security, former Chief of Staff to the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations Martin Indyk. Click [here](https://regionaldimensionsofiran.eventfarm.com/tokens/sessionAllocate?tr=QfPQDE5XSJGAwBWivEoMAUDsXxajbDRsj7ImbeJtnQukRQ2NVRZVc3) to RSVP.

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.org/) (IMEU) published on **3 December 2014** a new [video](http://imeu.org/video/floods-add-to-gazas-many-troubles) entitled *Floods Add to Gaza’s Many Troubles*.

**The Israel-Palestine NGO Working Group at the UN** hosted Omar Barghouti (BDS Movement) on 3 December 2014 to discuss the recent achievements of the BDS movement. The video is available [here](http://youtu.be/8kxrfJ6dpCE).

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/) (MECA) invites its supporters to the [book launch](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/943495?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=361a878064-Nov-14-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-361a878064-297857661) of [*Palestine – the Legitimacy of Hope*](http://justworldbooks.com/palestine-the-legitimacy-of-hope/) (Just World Books) with **Richard Falk**, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The event will take place on **11 December 2014** in Berkeley.

**GLOBAL**

[**Amnesty International**](http://www.amnesty.org) issued on **9 December 2014** the report [*“Nothing is immune”: Israel’s destruction of landmark buildings in Gaza*](http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE15/029/2014/en).

[**BDS Movement**](http://www.bdsmovement.net) is [calling](http://www.bdsmovement.net/dont-reward-israel) on the UN to adopt a procurement policy that excludes from tenders for the Gaza reconstruction companies profiting from the Israeli occupation.

[**Human Rights Watch**](http://www.hrw.org) (HRW) issued a [press release](http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/11/21/israel-stop-punitive-home-demolitions) on **22 November 2014** calling on Israel to impose an immediate moratorium on its policy of demolishing the family homes of Palestinians suspected of carrying out attacks on Israelis.

[**The International Conference of Governments and Civil Society Organizations in Support of Palestinian Rights**](http://unispal.un.org/databases/dprtest/ngoweb.nsf/f12fded4d0597000852573fc005b9471/1ab5f42d22ed108885257d890052a5c8?OpenDocument) took place in Seville on **2-3 December 2014**. The event was jointly organized by the [Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity](http://www.andaluciasolidaria.org/) (FAMSI), the [UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm) (CEIRPP), [United Cities and Local Governments](http://www.uclg.org) (UCLG) and the Junta of Andalusia, with the collaboration of the Parliament of Andalusia. The representatives of city and local governments, as well as of civil society organizations issued the [Olive Declaration](http://www.un.org/depts/dpa/qpal/docs/2014Seville/olivedeclaration.pdf) at the end of the conference.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org/) issued its most recent [Protection of Civilians Weekly Report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/protection_of_civilians25%20nov_to_5_dec_2014.pdf) covering the period 20 November - 1 December.

[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org) launched on **9 December 2014** an [emergency appeal](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/unrwa-emergency-appeal-calls-us-414-million-support-refugees-occupied) for US$ 414 million to support some of the most disadvantaged Palestinians in the Middle East – Palestine refugees living in the occupied Palestinian territory.