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**15 August 2014**

**EUROPE**

**Association Iceland-Palestine** organized on **31 July 2014** a protest which condemned Israel’s bombardment of Gaza and stressed the United States responsibility in the killings of civilians by enabling Israel to continue its occupation and aggression against Palestine. The protest was held in front of the US Embassy in Reykjavik, Iceland.

[**Palestina Solidariteit**](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/)(Belgium)organized an [international summer camp](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/content/resistance-summer-camp-1-10-august) in Israel (Galilee) to explore Palestinian history, on **1- 10 August 2014**.

[**The Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) (IPSC) organized a [youth journey for justice](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/palestine-youth-journey-for-justice-2014-ymca-ywca-jai-palestine) to the West Bank on **2-10 August 2014**. The IPSC is also inviting its supporters to sign a [petition](http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/rt%C3%A9-ireland-s-national-broadcaster-please-break-your-silence-on-palestine) calling on the Irish National Broadcaster to report on human rights violations in the OPT.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/) (PCHR) issued on **13 August 2014** an [open letter](http://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.nsf/47D4E277B48D9D3685256DDC00612265/68DC087B23E8E68485257D1C005DD0F4) to the U.N. Secretary-General on the hostilities in Gaza asking him to demand that all parties comply with their international humanitarian law obligations. The letter was signed by the twelve member organizations of the Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council (PHROC).  
  
[**Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/) (PCHR) issued on **11 August 2014** a [press release](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Ongoing%20Israeli%20Offensive%20on%20Gaza_6%20Palestinians%2C%20Including%204%20Civilians%2C%20Killed%2C%20and%2085%20Others%2C%20Including%2017%20Children%20and%2011%20Women%2C%20Wounded%3B%2014%20Houses%20and%20One%20Mosque%20Destroyed.pdf) on the ongoing Israel offensive on Gaza which started on 8 July 2014, including a condemnation of the killing of **Anwar al- Za’anin** who is a staff member of **Al Mezan Center for Human Rights**.  
  
[**Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/) (PCHR) issued on **9 August 2014** its latest [statistics](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&id=10491:statistics-victims-of-the-israeli-offensive-on-gaza-since-08-july-2014) on the ongoing Israel offensive on Gaza which started on 8 July 2014.  
  
[**The Israeli Committee Against House Demolition**](http://www.icahd.org) (ICAHD) [rebuilding camp](http://icahdusa.org/projects/summer-camp/) will take place **3-18 August 2014** near Jerusalem. ICAHD is also organizing an alternative study tour in autumn this year. For more information please click [here](http://www.icahd.org/tours/extended-study).

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Adalah-NY**](http://adalahny.org/)organized an event on **14 August 2014**, condemning Israel’s ongoing war crimes against the people of Gaza.

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org) (MECA) hosted the screening of the documentary [*Flying Paper*](file:///C:\Users\Wolfgang.Grieger\AppData\Local\Temp\) by Nitin Sawhney and Roger Hill during a benefit for aid to children in the Gaza Strip on **7 August 2014** in Berkeley. The event featured co-filmmaker **Roger Hill** and MECA’s staff **Ziad Abbas** for a Q&A. Click [here](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/berkeley-ca-east-bay-film-premiere-flying-paper-benefit-aid-children-gaza?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=56466e9682-July-25-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-56466e9682-297983453) for more information.

[**The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://endtheoccupation.org/) will be holding its [Annual National Organizers Conference](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=477) in San Diego, CA, on **19-21September 2014**. Confirmed speakers include **Ali Abunimah**, co-founder of [The Electronic Intifada](http://electronicintifada.net/) and author of [The Battle for Justice in Palestine](http://www.haymarketbooks.org/pb/The-Battle-for-Justice-in-Palestine), and **Marjorie Cohn**, former President of the [National Lawyers Guild](http://www.nlg.org/).A [programme](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4100) has been posted online.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/solidarity.htm)has a [Twitter account](https://twitter.com/IYSPP) and official hashtag **#2014forPalestine**. Share the word and let us know about your International Year plans at [2014forPalestine@un.org](mailto:2014forPalestine@un.org)!  
  
[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org)**:** on **8 August 2014**, the Government of Qatar has pledged $1 million to support the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees [UNRWA] emergency assistance programme in the Gaza Strip. Click [here](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/qatar-sends-help-gaza-through-unrwa) for further details. Also, the Royal Charity Organization of Bahrain has pledged 5.5 million to UNRWA for reconstruction efforts in the heavily damaged Gaza strip on **12 August 2014**  
  
[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org)’s s Commissioner-General **Pierre Krähenbühl** issued a [statement](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-commissioner-general-un-general-assembly-situation-gaza-strip) on **7 August 2014** to the United Nations General Assembly on the situation in the Gaza strip  
  
[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org) issued its most recent [situation report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_sitrep_14_08_2014.pdf) on the Gaza Strip on **14 August 2014**.

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