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***Americas***

· On 16 May, [Adalah](http://adalah.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c0bb759968fd1dcd47869809&id=8d60f62ee6&e=5da6acb745) and the [Center for Palestine Studies](http://adalah.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c0bb759968fd1dcd47869809&id=692309c77c&e=5da6acb745) at Columbia University announced the launch of [The Nakba Files](http://adalah.us4.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=4c0bb759968fd1dcd47869809&id=58ecf6f1da&e=5da6acb745), a new website that will serve as an online space for researchers and practitioners to explore new approaches to law in Israel/Palestine.

· On 24 May, at 10:30 am, the Israel Palestine Working Group is hosting a conversation with Rabbi Ascherman from [Rabbis for Human Rights](http://rhr.org.il/eng/) at the Presbyterian Conference Room in the Church Centre for the United Nations in New York.

· On 27 May, [Silk Road Dabke Troupe](https://www.facebook.com/SilkRoadDabkeTroupe/) and [Palestinian Youth Movement](http://www.pal-youth.org/) are organizing an evening of dance, stories, digital narratives and cultural resistance in commemoration of the Nakba in Oakland, California.

· On 1 June, opening its 16-days “Voices on Palestine: Summer Film Series 2016”, [The Washington DC based Jerusalem Fund](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/) is [screening](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/events/upcoming/9170) the film “On the Bride’s Side”, which records the journey of five undocumented Syrian and Palestinian refugees seeking political asylum.

· On 3 June, [The Jerusalem Fund](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/) is organizing in Washington, D.C., a gallery [exhibition](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/events/upcoming/gallery-exhibition-forbidden-colors) called *Forbidden Colors*, which takes its name from a 1980 Israeli law forbidding art composed of the four colors of the Palestinian flag.

***Europe***

· From 21 to 23 May, several organisations and individuals from across Oxford, United Kingdom, are hosting the second edition of the city’s festival to celebrate Palestinian life and culture: “[Palestine Unlocked Festival](http://palestineunlocked.com/events/)”.

· From 23 May to 5 June, the second edition of the [Festival Ciné-Palestine](http://festivalpalestine.paris/en) is taking place in Paris, aiming at promoting the Palestinian cinematographic work and supporting a new generation of artists in this field.

· On 28 May, the [French Platform of NGOs for Palestine](http://www.plateforme-palestine.org/) is holding a [conference](http://plateforme-palestine.org/Conference-debat-La-de-palestinisation-de-Jerusalem-Est) on “The de-Palestinization of East Jerusalem” in Paris.

· On 2 June, the [Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient](https://www.facebook.com/CPJPO/?fref=nf) is [screening](https://www.facebook.com/CPJPO/posts/517281858479970) the movie *Le Temps Qu’il Reste*, an auto-biography that traces with humour the journey of a Palestinian family of Nazareth from 1948 to nowadays, at 18h30 in Luxembourg.

***Middle East***

· On 14 April, [Defense for Children International Palestine](http://www.dci-palestine.org/) published a new [report](http://www.dci-palestine.org/palestinian_children_in_the_israeli_military_detention_system) “No Way to Treat a Child”, detailing the widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system.

· From 21 to 26 May, the annual [Palestine Festival of Literature](http://palfest.org/) (PalFest) will be held in Ramallah, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Haifa and Nablus as international literary stars perform free, public events.

***United Nations***

· The Palestine, Decolonization and Human Rights Section of the UN Department of Public Information has decided to extend the application deadline for its [annual training programme](http://unic.un.org/palestinemediatraining/) for Palestinian media practitioners until 31 May 2016.

· Civil society organizations can [apply](https://fs22.formsite.com/unngls/form26/index.html) to attend or speak at the President of the UN General Assembly’s High-level Thematic Debate on Human Rights, at UN Headquarters, New York, 12-13 July 2016.

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