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**ASIA**

[**The** **Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) Thailand**](http://www.palestinesolidaritythailand.org) is holding its next meeting on **18 September 2014** in Bangkok. For more information contact palestinesolidaritythailand@gmail.com for more information.

**EUROPE**

[**Artistes contre le Mur**](http://www.artistes-contre-le-mur.org), [**Association belgo-palestinienne**](http://www.association-belgo-palestinienne.be)(ABP), [**CNCD 11.11.11**](http://www.cncd.be), [**Fondation Heinrich Böll**](http://www.boell.de/en)as well as other groups are supporting a week of movie screenings, debates, meetings, photo exhibits and concerts on **13-17 September 2014** in Brussels. The event is organized by **Plateforme Watermael-Boitsfort Palestine** under the title *Israel Palestine beyond prejudices*. The programme is available [here](http://www.artistes-contre-le-mur.org/plateforme_wb_palestine_201409/Programme_Au_dela_des_prejuges_201409.pdf).

[**Café Palestine**](https://www.facebook.com/CafePalestineBrussels)will dedicate its next event on **2 October 2014** in Brussels. For more information please contact: cafepalestinebe@gmail.com.

[**The Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient**](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu) (CPJPO) will resume its meetings in Luxembourg on **23 September 2014**. For more information contact: paixjuste.lu@gmail.com .

[**The Ondaatje Theatre – The Royal Geographical Society**](http://www.rgs.org/VenueHire/Rooms%2Bfor%2Bhire/Ondaatje%2BTheatre.htm)is hosting an exclusive London [screening](http://www.openbethlehem.org/an-exclusive-screening-of-the-new-feature-documentary-open-bethlehem/) on **24 September 2014** of the movie *Open Bethlehem* by acclaimed Palestinian British filmmaker **Leila Sansour**. The screening will be followed by a Q&A moderated by broadcaster and author **Melvyn Bragg**.

[**Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.palestinecampaign.org) is organizing a Labour Party Fringe [event](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/psc-labour-party-fringe-event/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CORRECTION+PSC+update%3A+TUC+to+step+up+the+...&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=Read+More) on **21 September 2014 on Palestinian human rights** in Manchester. **Chi Onwurah** MP, **Richard Howitt** MEP, **Dr. Mona El Farra** (Gaza Projects) and **Kamel Hawwash** (PSC) will speak at the event.

[**The Tottenham Palestine Literature Festival**](http://www.hjfp.org.uk/wordpress/tottenham-palestine-literature-festival/) will take place on **18-20 September 2014**. Download the full programme [here](http://www.hjfp.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Lit-Fest-programme-final.pdf).

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**The Adva Centre**](http://www.adva.org)released a [report](http://www.adva.org/default.asp?pageid=1002&itmid=816) on **9 September 2014** entitled *Inequality in Central Government Transfers to Municipalities* highlighting that residents of Israeli settlements have received a disproportionate amount of State funds over the past 20 years.

[**B'Tselem**](http://www.btselem.org) issued a press release on **10 September 2014** saying the group expected the Israeli investigations into the Gaza hostilities to be a whitewash.

[**B'Tselem**](http://www.btselem.org) and [**Yesh Din**](http://www.yesh-din.org/) issued a joint [statement](http://www.btselem.org/press_releases/20140905_failure_to_investigate) on **4 September 2014** under the title *Israel is unwilling to investigate harm caused to Palestinians*.

[**Combatants for Peace**](http://cfpeace.org/)launched on **3 September 2014** a petition on [AVAAZ](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/European_Union_and_European_Commission_Stop_the_new_Israeli_settlement_near_Bethlehem) calling on the European Union and European Commission to demand that Israel reverse the confiscation of 1,700 dunums of Palestinian land for a settlement.

[**J-Street**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CVladimir.Shveitser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C)is inviting its supporter to sign a [petition](http://act.jstreet.org/sign/the_i_word_1click?t=1&akid=3287.142646.yiZ29M) for the US to call Israeli settlements illegal and for a thorough review of American policy regarding settlements.

[**SAWA**](http://www.sawa.ps/en) is running a [campaign](http://namlebee.com/index.php?np=proyecto&pro=94) on [Namlebee](http://namlebee.com) until **15 September 2014** to collect funds for their psycho-social Helpline project in the Gaza Strip.

[**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=10625:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-28-aug--03-sep-2014&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) on Israeli human rights violations in the OPT on **4 September 2014** covering the period 28 August – 3 September 2014.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**Columbia University**](http://www.columbia.edu)hosted the [event](http://events.columbia.edu/event/gaza-war-strategic-and-political-dimensions-73618) *The Gaza War - The Strategic and Political Dimensions* on **11 September 2014**. The event featured **Professor Efraim Inbar** who discussed the attrition strategy adopted by Israel's Government toward Hamas in Gaza. For more information please contact ml3408@columbia.edu.

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.org) (IMEU) released on **10 September 2014** the [fact sheet](http://imeu.org/article/50-days-of-death-destruction-israels-operation-protective-edge) *50 Days of Death & Destruction: Israel’s “Operation Protective Edge”.* IMEU also published on **4 September 2014** an [Expert Q&A](http://imeu.org/article/expert-qa-palestinian-national-unity-the-schism-between-fatah-and-hamas) with **Diana Buttu** (Al-Shabaka) and **Mouin Rabbani** (Institute for Palestine Studies) on *Palestinian National Unity and The Schism Between Fatah and Hamas*.

[**The Foundation for Middle East Peace**](http://www.fmep.org) (FMEP) is co-organizing the event *Palestinian-Israeli Initiatives for a Better Future*with **Ali Abu Awwad**, Palestinian activist and pacifist, on **16 September 2014** in Washington. The registration form can be found [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/palestinian-israeli-initiatives-for-a-better-future-tickets-12919517625).

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/) (MECA) is [screening](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/oakland-ca-man-who-tall-happy-animated-conversation-noam-chomsky?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=f2fbc82a6d-Sept-10-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-f2fbc82a6d-297983453) **Michel Gondry**’s documentary *Is the Man Who Is Tall Happy?* featuring **Noam Chomsky** on **17 September 2014** in Oakland (CA). Benefits will go to the children of Gaza. MECA will also host in Berkeley (CA) on **6 November 2014** the [release](https://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/berkeley-ca-book-release-celebration-journalist-nora-barrows-friedman?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=6b11456f2b-Aug-25-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-6b11456f2b-297983453) of award-winning reporter **Nora Barrows-Friedman**'s new book documenting the emergence and success of the Students for Justice in Palestine movement.

[**SABEEL-Voice of the Palestinian Christians**](http://www.sabeelcolorado.org/)is organizing an [event](http://sabeelcolorado.org/?q=node/75) with **Richard Forer**, author of *Breakthrough: Transforming Fear into Compassion-A New Perspective on the Israel-Palestine Conflict* on **14 September 2014** in **Denver** (CO).

[**The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/) is organizing its [Annual National Organizers Conference](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/section.php?id=477) in San Diego (CA) entitled *The Mainstreaming of BDS and Continuing Struggle for Palestinian Rights* on **19-21 September 2014**.

**GLOBAL**

[**Caritas**](http://www.caritas.org)updated on **5 September 2014** its Gaza Conflict [infographics.](http://www.caritas.org/2014/09/middle-east-crisis/)

[**Human Rights Watch**](http://www.hrw.org/) (HRW) published an article on **11 September 2014** focusing on the three Israeli attacks that damaged Gaza schools housing displaced people during “Operation Protective Edge”.

[**The Russell Tribunal on Palestine**](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/) (RToP) will organize on **24-25 September 2014** in Brussels an [Extraordinary session](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/sessions/extraordinary-session-brussels) on “Israel’s Crimes in the Gaza Strip during Operation Protective Edge”. Read their latest [press release](http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/sessions/extraordinary-session-brussels/press-corner/press-release-11-september-2014).

**Aid agencies, the UN and the Government of Palestine** issued an [emergency](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/Joint_press_relase_Gaza_Crisis_Appeal_English_final_9_Sep.pdf) appeal on **9 September 2014** requesting US$551 million for urgent humanitarian needs for civilians affected by the Gaza Crisis. The full text is is available [here](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/Gaza_Crisis_Appeal_9_September.pdf).

**42 Palestinian, Israeli, and international organizations** issued a joint [press release](http://www.scribd.com/doc/239404431/World-leaders-must-stop-Israeli-forced-transfer-of-Palestinian-Bedouins) on **11 September 2014** to urgently call on world leaders to stop Israeli plans to forcibly transfer thousands of Palestinian Bedouins out of their communities in the central part of the West Bank and into a designated township.

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm)hosted a briefing on Gaza and the current political situation in Palestine with PLO Executive Committee member **Hanan Ashrawi** on **2 September 2014** at the United Nations Headquarters. Watch the video [here](http://webtv.un.org/search/committee-on-the-exercise-of-the-inalienable-rights-of-the-palestinian-people-363rd-meeting/3763667856001?term=ashrawi). Ms. Ashrawi also took part, together with Palestinian Ambassador **Riyad Mansour,** in a [press conference](http://webtv.un.org/search/dr.-hanan-ashrawi-member-of-the-executive-committee-of-the-palestine-liberation-organization-and-of-the-palestinian-legislative-council-press-conference/3763205216001?term=ashrawi).

[**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!

[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org/) issued its most recent [Protection of Civilians Weekly Report](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_protection_of_civilians_weekly_report_2014_9_4_english.pdf) on **2 September 2014** covering the period 26 August-1 September.

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