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**EUROPE**

[**Café Palestine**](https://www.facebook.com/CafePalestineBrussels)is organizing the [event](https://www.facebook.com/events/420167704791887/?ref=22) *Palestine Refugees: what future lies ahead?* in Brussels on **5 June 2014**. **Matthias Burchard**, Director of UNRWA’s Representative Office to the EU and **Mohammed Khatib**, a Palestinian activist, will speak.

[**The Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) (IPSC) is organizing 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**.

[**Medical Aid for Palestinians**](http://www.map-uk.org)(MAP) is organizing the event [*Cycle for MAP*](http://www.map-uk.org/news/events/london-to-windsor-bike-ride-2014.aspx) to raise money to support Palestinians, on **7 September 2014**. MAP also announced that there were a few tickets left to attend their [Gala Fundraising Dinner](http://www.map-uk.org/news/events/maps-gala-fundraising-dinner.aspx) on **5 June 2014** featuring the American/Palestinian [comedian](http://www.ted.com/speakers/maysoon_zayid) **Maysoon Zayid**. Lastly, MAP took part in a [panel discussion](http://www.map-uk.org/news/surviving-conflicts-are-we-at-the-tipping-point.aspx) about the crisis facing Palestinian refugees at an event on the margins of the 67th World Health Assembly in Geneva on **20 May 2014**.

[**Palestina Solidariteit**](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/)(Belgium)is proposing an [international summer camp](http://www.palestinasolidariteit.be/content/resistance-summer-camp-1-10-august) to explore Palestinian past and present, on **1-10 August 2014**.

[**Rotterdam Voor Gaza**](http://www.rotterdamvoorgaza.nl/)is hosting a screening on **4 June 2014** of the [documentary film](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CVladimir.Shveitser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) *Where Should the Birds Fly*. The film directed by **Fida Qishta** is a first-hand account of the aftermath of the 2008-2009 Operation Cast Lead in the Gaza Strip. The film will also be screened in Amsterdam on **5 June 2014** at an [event](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl/agenda/919) organized by [Nederlands Palestina Komitee](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl).

[**StopG4S**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CVladimir.Shveitser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) is organizing a [protest](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/protest-g4s-annual-general-meeting/) outside the G4S multinational security company’s Annual General Meeting on **5 June 2014** in London. A [petition](http://www.palestinecampaign.org/g4spetition/) calling on G4S to withdraw from Israeli prisons, and end its involvement with Israel’s human rights abuses will be handed over.

[**War on Want**](http://www.waronwant.org) issued a [statement](http://www.waronwant.org/news/latest-news/18149-gates-foundation-sells-bulk-of-its-shares-in-g4s) on **29 May 2014** announcing that the Gates Foundation had sold down its shares in the G4S company.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**The Association for Civil Rights in Israel**](http://www.acri.org.il/en)(ACRI)posted on **28 May 2014** the short [documentary](http://www.acri.org.il/en/2014/05/28/3houses/) *3 Homes* by **Omri Shenhar** which depicts the struggles of three Palestinian families living in East Jerusalem.

[**B’Tselem**](http://www.btselem.org)published a [photo blog](http://www.btselem.org/photoblog/20140529_demolition_in_ideis_community) on **1 June 2014** to document the demolitions of homes of the Palestinian Id’eis community in the Jordan Valley.

[**Defence for Children International Palestine**](http://www.dci-palestine.org/)(DCI-P)updated its *Detention Bulletin* on **2 June 2014**. At the end of April, a [total](http://dci-palestine.us6.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=2806abbe43&id=61939bec7f&e=1e88e066c0) of 196 Palestinian children were imprisoned and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system, a decrease of 3 percent from March 2014.

[**Gisha - Legal Center for Freedom of Movement**](http://gisha.org/) published *Gaza, Tel Aviv, Gaza* a new [short film](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEMwN4iNC0M) by **Itamar Rose** placing ordinary Israelis in the roles of those enforcing the criteria on travel from the Gaza Strip. Gisha also released a new [update](http://gisha.org/updates/2901) on **25 May 2014** about Gaza’s unemployment rate, the highest since late 2009.

[**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.

[**MIFTAH -The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy**](http://www.miftah.org/Display.cfm?DocId=26219&CategoryId=36) posted on **29 May 2014** a [special report](http://www.miftah.org/Display.cfm?DocId=26219&CategoryId=36) about a recent training programme it organized together with [Oxfam-Novib](http://www.oxfamnovib.nl/?id=EN) and entitled *Institutionalizing Security Council Resolution 1325 to Achieve Peace and Security for Palestinian Women*.

[**The Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/) (PCHR) released its latest [Report on Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10346:weekly-report-on-israeli-human-rights-violations-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-22-28-may-2014&catid=84:weekly-2009&Itemid=183) covering the period **22 to 28 May 2014**. It also released its [first quarterly report](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10334:report-on-the-human-rights-situation-in-the-opt-1st-quarter-of-2014&catid=47:special-reports&Itemid=191) on the same issue for the year 2014.

[**The Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling**](http://www.wclac.org/english) (WCLAC) issued its latest [bulletin](http://www.wclac.org/english/etemplate.php?id=1308) on **29 May 2014**.

**Israeli and Palestinian Human rights organizations** along with the **Palestinian Ministry of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs** issued a [statement](http://www.addameer.org/etemplate.php?id=690) on **1 June 2014** requesting the immediate intervention from EU Foreign Policy Chief Catherine Ashton concerning the Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike.

**MIDDLE EAST**

[**Al Jazeera**](http://www.aljazeera.com) posted on **18 May 2014** a new [interactive visual](http://ajinteractive.businesscatalyst.com/GazaLifeofSiegeJazeera/index.html) entitled *Gaza: A Life Under Siege*.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee**](http://www.adc.org)(ADC) is preparing for its [34th National Convention](http://convention.adc.org/). It will be held on **12-15 June 2014** in Arlington, Virginia. **Jeff Halper** (ICADH co-founder), **Johnathan Kuttab** (Al-Haq co-founder), **Noura Erakat** (Jadaliyya e-zine) and **Delinda C. Hanley** (Washington Report on Middle East Affairs) will, among [others](http://convention.adc.org/info/program/speakers/), speak at the event.

[**The** **American Task Force on Palestine**](http://www.americantaskforce.org) (ATFP) will honour the achievements of Palestinian Americans at its [Annual Gala](http://gala.atfp.net/) on **18 November 2014** in Washington.

[**The Arab Resource & Organizing Center**](http://araborganizing.org/)organized the visual and performing art [event](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/san-francisco-ca-our-roots-our-might-palestinian-visuals?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=ce555ee7c7-May-30-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-ce555ee7c7-297983453) *Our Roots and Our Might: Palestinian Visuals* on **30 May 2014** in San Francisco. For more information about the event please write here.

[**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=2XswvFhT9ay2wQiStd16RxKbZlq%2BYiBA) (CMEP) published its latest [bulletin](http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5575/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1294872) on **30 May 2014** under the title *Pope Francis Boosts Morale In Bethlehem*. Also, CMEP’s Board of Director’s Study Tour to Palestine and Israel will take place **8 November - 15 November 2014**. Custom-created by CMEP this dual narrative travel experience offers a unique vantage point on peace building efforts in Israel and Palestine. Brochure is available [here](http://www.cmep.org/sites/default/files/2014CMEPBoardTripBrochure%5Bs%5D.pdf) as well as the [registration form](http://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/cmep-2014/).

[**Go Palestine**](http://www.summerinpalestine.org/)is now accepting [applications](http://www.summerinpalestine.org/enroll.html) for its *2014 Summer Camp* for Diaspora Palestinian youth and friends aged 14-17 years old.

[**Jewish Voice for Peace**](http://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/)(JVP) and [**Middle East Children’s Alliance**](http://www.mecaforpeace.org/events/walnut-creek-ca-miko-peled-generals-son?utm_source=MECA+Master+List&utm_campaign=b612ad5f28-May-9-events&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4bb5a2d06-b612ad5f28-297983453) (MECA) are convening on **6 June 2014** an [event](http://www.qalqilyathefilm.com/skating-in-palestine-spotlight-on-qalqilya-berkeley/) to promote and support a new documentary in production: *Skating in Palestine – Spotlight on Qalqilya* in Berkeley (CA).

[**The Institute for Middle East Understanding**](http://imeu.net)(IMEU) released a new [fact sheet](http://imeu.net/news/article0025168.shtml) on **22 May 2014** entitled *Bethlehem & East Jerusalem: Cities under Siege*.

[**J Street**](http://jstreet.org/) is convening its [National Summit](https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1361176) in San Francisco on **7-8 June 2014**. [Registration](https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventId=1361176) will close on 3 June. The opening night (free event) will begin with a behind-the-scenes look at Mideast diplomacy with **Salam Fayyad** (former Palestinian Prime Minister), **Gabriela Shalev** (Former Israeli Ambassador to the UN) and **Daniel Kurtzer** (Former US Ambassador to Israel and Egypt).

[**The Presbyterian Church (USA)**](https://www.pcusa.org) will decide at its biennial General Assembly held in Detroit on **14-21 June 2014** whether or not to stop investing in Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions and Hewlett-Packard, 3 companies that profit from the Israeli occupation. [Interfaith Partners in Action](http://org.salsalabs.com/o/301/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=15716) launched a petition to support divestment and the [US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation](http://endtheoccupation.org/) is[mobilizing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QZJzpR_5LM_IZuOKz5wDPOw2gZ77-7CZoHQprtTZPcc/viewform) its supporters to assist its allies at the Presbyterian Church.

[**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/).

[**The Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/) posted on **31 May 2014** an [interview](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4437) with Palestinian artist **Rehab Nazzal** about her exhibit titled *Invisible* which features images of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons, among other art pieces that portray the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Currently on display at the [Karsh-Masson Gallery](http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/arts-culture-and-community/arts-theatre-music/current-exhibit-karsh-masson-gallery) of Ottawa’s City Hall, *Invisible* garnered international attention as well as a positive response by the Canadian public and other artists when Israel’s Ambassador to Canada publicly condemned the exhibit.

**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 an 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) has a new [Barrier Portal](http://www.ochaopt.org/content.aspx?id=1010271) focusing on the 2004 ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

[**The**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/udc.htm) **UN Palestinian Rights Committee** held its [361st Meeting](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/gapal1299.doc.htm) at the United Nations on **2 June 2014**, the day a new Palestinian Unity Government was sworn in.

[**The UN Secretary-General**](http://www.un.org/sg) issued a [statement](http://www.un.org/sg/statements/index.asp?nid=7735) welcoming the announcement of a Palestinian Government of National Consensus, on **3 June 2014**.

[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org/) launched on **2 June 2014** its **#giveforfood** campaign to help the over 1 million Palestine refugees who are unable to afford even their minimum food requirements. Please click [here](http://www.unrwa.org/content/giveforfood?utm_source=WRD2014-redcardhunger1-En&utm_campaign=WRD2014_En&utm_medium=email) to
support the campaign which will run until 28 July.

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