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[**The Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) Thailand**](http://www.palestinesolidaritythailand.org)will hold its next [meeting](https://twitter.com/PSCThailand/status/492362590983426048) on **31 July 2014** in Bangkok. For more information please contact palestinesolidaritythailand@gmail.com.

**EUROPE**

[**CAABU**](http://www.caabu.org/)is inviting its supporters to [write](http://www.caabu.org/news/news/help-caabu-lobby-british-politicians-palestinian-rights) to the UK Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary as well as MPs to demand a ceasefire on Gaza, the lifting of the Gaza-blockade, an independent international investigation on the current hostilities, a ban on Israeli settlements trade and a full arms embargo on Israel.

[**Le Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche Orient**](http://www.blog.paixjuste.lu/) (CPJPO) published on **20 July 2014** a [video](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=261251887416303) of the Gaza solidarity event it organized in Luxembourg on 19 July.

[**The Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign**](http://www.ipsc.ie) (IPSC) organized on **27 July 2014** a memorial [vigil](http://www.ipsc.ie/event/blackrock-co-dublin-memorial-vigil-for-gazas-dead-at-the-palestinian-embassy) for Gaza’s victims at the Palestinian Embassy in Dublin.

[**Médecins du Monde**](http://www.medecinsdumonde.org)(MdM) issued a [statement](http://mdm-me.org/blog/doctors-of-the-world-calls-for-an-immediate-halt-to-the-bombing-in-gaza-to-allow-humanitarian-aid-to-be-deployed-and-civilians-treated/) on **22 July 2014** calling for an immediate halt to the bombing in Gaza to allow humanitarian aid to be deployed and civilians treated.

[**Medical Aid for Palestine**](http://www.map-uk.org)(MAP) is inviting its supporters to sign an [open letter](http://www.map-uk.org/campaign-with-us/gaza-crisis-an-open-letter-to-david-cameron) calling on UK Prime Minister David Cameron to urgently use all available diplomatic means to end the collective punishment of the people of Gaza.

[**Nedelands Palestina Komitee**](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl) is organizing a rally to protest against Israel’s offensive against the Gaza Strip on **31 July 2014** in The Hague. Click [here](http://www.palestina-komitee.nl/actie/66) for more information.

[**Palestinagruppen i Stockholm**](http://www.palestinagrupperna.se/taxonomy/term/92) is organizing on **31 July 2014** a Gaza solidarity [event](https://www.facebook.com/events/310631645778273/?notif_t=plan_user_invited) in front of the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm.

**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

[**The Association of International Development Agencies**](http://www.aidajerusalem.org/) (AIDA) and other regional coordination networks, faith-based organizations and UN agencies launched the [Thunderclap campaign](https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/14413-ceasefire4gaza) on **27 July 2014** entitled #Ceasefire4Gaza.

[**The Palestinian BDS Movement**](http://www.bdsmovement.net/) is calling for a military embargo on Israel and issued a [petition](http://www.bdsmovement.net/stoparmingisrael) entitled *Stop Arming Israel*.

[**Palestinian Center for Human Rights**](http://www.pchrgaza.org/) (PCHR) issued on **30 July 2014** its latest [statistics](http://www.pchrgaza.org/portal/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10491:statistics-victims-of-the-israeli-offensive-on-gaza-since-08-july-2014&catid=145:in-focus) on the victims of Israeli Operation Protective Edge on the Gaza Strip started on 8 July.

[**Voices of Gaza**](http://www.voicesofgaza.com/)is a new website recently launched as a resource for journalists covering Operation Protective Edge. It has access to ordinary spokespeople who can speak a variety of languages including English, French and Italian.

**NORTH AMERICA**

[**American Muslims for Palestine**](http://www.ampalestine.org/), [**Council on American-Islamic Relations**](http://www.cair.com), [**Defence for Children International-Palestine**](http://www.dci-pal.org), [**Jewish Voice for Peace**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CWolfgang.Grieger%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) and the [**US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**](http://endtheoccupation.org/)are co-sponsoring the [event](https://org.salsalabs.com/o/641/images/Congressional%20Briefing%20Invitation-1.pdf) *Is Israel complying with US and international laws?* on **1 August 2014** on Capitol Hill in Washington. **Tariq Abu Khdeir**, who was recently brutally beaten by Israeli security forces while restrained and unconscious, will speak at the event. Click [here](https://org.salsalabs.com/o/641/images/Congressional%20Briefing%20Invitation-1.pdf) for more information.

[**The Carter Centre**](http://www.cartercenter.org) called for an immediate [cease fire](http://www.cartercenter.org/news/pr/gaza-072214.html) on the Gaza Strip on **22 July 2014**.

[**Churches for Middle East Peace**](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=2XswvFhT9ay2wQiStd16RxKbZlq%2BYiBA) (CMEP) published **25 July 2014** its [briefing call](https://docs.google.com/file/d/0ByPPKto7C0zwODlSQjNyQUMtQkk/edit) with **Khaled Elgindy**, a fellow at the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution.

[**The Lutheran World Federation**](http://www.lutheranworld.org) (LWF) issued a [statement](http://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/LWF_PR_140723-Statement_on_Violence_in_Gaza.pdf) on **23 July 2014** on the violence in the Gaza Strip entitled *Abide by International Law in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*.

[**Middle East Children's Alliance**](https://www.mecaforpeace.org) (MECA) is hosting the screening of the documentary [*Flying Paper*](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CWolfgang.Grieger%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5C) 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 will feature co-filmmaker **Roger Hill** and MECA’s staff **Ziad Abbas** for a Q&A after the film. 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**. A [programme](http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?id=4100) has been posted online. As well, the US Campaign’s Policy Director, **Josh Ruebner**, will speak on **31 July 2014** at the Mid-Manhattan Library in New York. Please click [here](https://www.facebook.com/events/1499859396898751/) for more information. Lastly the Campaign is inviting its supporters to [write to CBS](http://org.salsalabs.com/o/641/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=16181) because of the “outrageous tirade against Palestinians” made by one of its presenters while on-air.

[**The Voice of Palestine**](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca)posted on **23 July 2014** a new [interview](http://www.voiceofpalestine.ca/?p=4457) with **Joe Catron**, a US International Solidarity Movement activist in Gaza. He has been filing almost daily eyewitness reports of the Israeli bombardment and was one of the volunteers trying to protect Al Wafa hospital.

**Norman G. Finkelstein**, political scientist, activist, professor and author, [gathered](http://mondoweiss.net/2014/07/finkelstein-disobedience-manhattan.html) at least 100 people to protest against Operation Protective Edge outside the Israeli consulate on **29 July 2014** in midtown Manhattan, New York.

**GLOBAL**

[**Freedom4Palestine**](http://freedom4palestine.org/)posted on **28 July 2014** a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxDYiBls99w) featuringprominent Jews and Palestinians as well as others standing for Palestine. **Jonathan Demme** (Oscar-winning filmmaker), **Diana Buttu** (Human rights lawyer), **Chuck D** (hip-hop artist), **Roger Waters** (Pink Floyd) and many others participated in the video.

[**The International Committee of the Red Cross**](http://www.icrc.org/)(ICRC) issued a [statement](http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/statement/2014/07-29-gaza-stop-the-killing.htm) on **29 July 2014** invoking the humanitarian imperative to “Stop the killing!”

[**The Lancet**](http://www.thelancet.com) published an [open letter](http://www.thelancet.com/gaza-letter-2014) for the people in Gaza written by doctors and scientists **Paola Manduca**, **Iain Chalmers**, **Derek Summerfield**, **Mads Gilbert** and **Swee Ang**, on behalf of 24 signatories.
[**Richard Falk**](http://richardfalk.wordpress.com), former Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, published on his blog on **28 July 2014** a [Joint Declaration by International Law Experts on Israel’s Gaza Offensive](http://richardfalk.wordpress.com/2014/07/28/joint-declaration-by-international-law-experts-on-israels-gaza-offensive/).

**UNITED NATIONS**

[**The Bureau of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/com.htm)(CEIRPP)issued a [statement](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/gapal1311.doc.htm) on the situation in the Gaza Strip on **21 July 2014**.

[**OCHA OPT**](http://www.ochaopt.org) issued its most recent [situation report](http://www.ochaopt.org/results.aspx?id=4771426) on the Gaza Strip on **30 July 2014**.

[**The UN Security Council**](http://www.un.org/en/sc/)on **28 July 2014** [expressed](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/sc11494.doc.htm) its grave concern regarding the deterioration in the situation in the Middle East as a result of the crisis related to Gaza and the loss of civilian lives and casualties.

[**UNRWA**](http://www.unrwa.org)‘s Commissioner-General **Pierre Krähenbühl** issued a [statement](http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-strongly-condemns-israeli-shelling-its-school-gaza-serious) on **30 July 2014** strongly condemning Israel’s shelling of a UNRWA school in Gaza. UNRWA is still collecting money for its [Gaza emergency appeal](http://www.unrwa.org/content/gaza-emergency-appeal?utm_source=GazaAttack-2014-EAppeal1-En&utm_campaign=GazaAttack1_2014_En&utm_medium=email) launched on **17 July 2014** to answer to the crisis caused by the escalation of violence with Israel.

[**UN Women**](http://www.unwomen.org)’s Executive Director **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** issued a [statement](http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2014/7/statement-on-the-crisis-relating-to-gaza) on **22 July 2014** on the Gaza crisis.

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