

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (IOPT)

Relevant notes, links and information:

Amnesty International UK

To join the mailing list and receive monthly newsletters including updates on key events and opportunities to take part in AI actions (letter writing/social media, etc.) contact the IOPT Country Coordinator Garry Ettle:

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Breaking the Silence:

To find out more information, sign up for email updates and read / download testimonies use this link:

<https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/>

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel UK & Ireland (EAPPI UK&I):

To find out more information, sign up for blogs from the field and receive urgent action notices use this link:

<https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/>

To discover more about the imminent expulsions in Masafer Yatta (South Hebron Hills) and hear an eyewitness account contact Jessica to arrange a speaking presentation:

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Link to one of Jessica's blogs from the field about Masafer Yatta (from March 2022):

<https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/let-us-live-our-lives/>

Glossary of terms used in the context of IOPT:

<https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/glossary/>

Please sign and share this Petition:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/625771>

Take action to prevent expulsion of residents from Masafer Yatta. With 10,000 signatures UK Government has to write a written response.

Links to local Palestinian and Israeli organisations:

<https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/localorganisations/>

Center for Jewish Non-Violence (CJNV):

<https://cinv.org/hineinu-blog/>

Haaretz newspaper (also do a podcast):

<https://www.haaretz.com/>

UK groups and organisations:

Na'amod:

<https://naamod.org.uk/>

Jewish Voice for Labour:

<https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/>

UK Policy:

Excerpts of statement by Ambassador James Kariuki (Deputy Permanent Representative, UK Mission to the UN, New York) at the UN Security Council briefing on the situation in the Middle East 26 May 2022:

“... We also saw the advancement of over 4000 settlement units in the West Bank, and the increased risk of eviction of over 1000 Palestinians in Masafer Yatta. We are clear that in all but the most exceptional of circumstances, settlements, demolitions and forced evictions are illegal under International Humanitarian Law. We call on the Israeli government to halt all settlement expansion and evictions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

... And, we reaffirm, as we did with our partners at the G7 meeting of Foreign Ministers this month, “our commitment to a negotiated Two-State solution, which envisions both Israel and a viable Palestinian State, living side by side in peace and security and mutual recognition.”

Link to House of Commons short debate 14 March 2023:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2023-03-14b.671.3&s=Palestine>

Link to House of Lords short debate 7 March 2023:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2023-03-07a.766.4&s=Palestine>

Write to your MP – find them using this link:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/>

Other useful links and information:

UN Special Rapporteur report to UNGA September 2022:

https://www.un.org/unispal/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/A.77.356_210922.pdf

UNGA Report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel September 2022

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/coiopt/2022-10-19/Report-COI-OPT-14Sept2022-EN.pdf>

B'Tselem letter to ICC October 2022:

https://www.btselem.org/download/201301_south_hebron_hills_map_eng.pdf

https://www.btselem.org/press_releases/20221006_icc_preventive_intervention

https://www.btselem.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/ICC_preventive_intervention_eng.pdf

https://www.btselem.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/Incidents_in_Firing_Zone_918_June_September_2022_eng.pdf

B'Tselem position paper:

<https://www.btselem.org/apartheid>

Bimcom brief October 2022:

https://bimkom.org/eng/wp-content/uploads/Firing-Zone-918_Masafer-Yatta_ToolsForSettlementExpansion_102422.pdf.pdf

Amnesty information:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2022/07/israel-opt-immediately-halt-forced- eviction-of-more-than-1000-west-bank-residents-and-stop-demolitions-of-bedouin-homes-in-the-negev-naqab/>

Human Rights Watch:

<https://www.hrw.org/middle-east/north-africa/israel/palestine>

OCHA:

<https://www.ochaopt.org/>

Attacks against Palestinian activism / criticism of State of Israel. Further reading, webinars and information:

<https://www.ijvcanada.org/unveilingthechillyclimate/>

<https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/statement/antisemitic-misconduct/>

<https://jewishnetworkforpalestine.uk/Activities/Events/?fbclid=IwAR0vkKM4Z4PjyT1JRotGUuRI5EiSjO2PWqw-gntdKSUg8I30BWuRcidDjRQ>

<https://jerusalemdeclaration.org/>

The Desmond Tutu guide to being called an antisemite with Andrew Feinstein:

<https://twitter.com/DoubleDownNews/status/1478750245718794244>