

Item 7: Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the
Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (A/HRC/25/67)

1. Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (MRAP)
2. Badil - Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
3. France Libertés - Fondation Danielle Mitterrand
4. Institute for Policy Studies
5. Union of Arab Jurists
6. General Arab Women Federation (GAWF)
7. International Educational Development, Inc.
8. Arab Commission for Human Rights (ACHR)
9. International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD)
10. Habitat International Coalition
11. American Association of Jurists (AAJ)
12. International Association Against Torture (IAAT)
13. International Youth and Student Movement for the UN (ISMUN)
14. United Towns Agency for the North-South Cooperation
15. Arab Lawyers Union (ALU)
16. Defence for Children International (DCI)
17. Al-Haq
18. International Coalition Against House Demolition (ICAHD)

The following NGOs, without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement:

1. International-Lawyers.Org - Switzerland
2. Terre et Liberté pour Arauco - France
3. Association of Humanitarian Lawyers (AHL) - USA
4. Fondation Franz Fanon - France
5. Collectif Interuniversitaire pour la Coopération avec les Universités Palestiniennes (CICUP) - France
6. SANABEL - Switzerland
7. Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law (SSIHRL) - Spain
8. Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft e.V. - Germany
9. Union Juive Française pour la Paix (UJFP) - France
10. Finnish-Arab Friendship Society - Finland

11. AssoPacePalestina - Italy
12. Al-Awda Coalition - USA
13. Arab Group, Tamkeen - Switzerland
14. Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem
15. Palestinian Community in Greece - Greece
16. Zagros Human Rights Center - Switzerland
17. Al-Dammeer - State of Palestine
18. Kurdocidewatch-(Chak) Center - Switzerland
19. Kuala Lumpur Foundation to Criminalise War - Malaysia
20. Geneva International Centre for Justice (GICJ) - Switzerland
21. Al-Mezan - State of Palestine
22. Arab Lawyers Association- UK
23. Belgian Peace Movement - Belgium
24. The International League of Iraqi Academics (ILIA) - UK
25. Women Will Association (WWA) - Iraq
26. Willie Nelson Peace Research Institute - USA
27. Studies Centre for Human Rights and Democracy - Iraq
28. The Perdana Global Peace Foundation - Malaysia
29. International Coalition against War Criminals (ICAWC) - Malaysia
30. Medical Aid for the Third World - France
31. The International Network of Arab Human Rights NGOs - Switzerland
32. Ikraam Center for Human Rights - Jordan
33. Iraq Solidarity Association in Stockholm - Sweden
34. Palestinian Human Rights Council - State of Palestine
35. Meezaan Association for Human Rights - Israel
36. Palestinian Centre for Human Rights - State of Palestine
37. Alquds Foundation of Developmet - Israel
38. Ufree Network - Norway
39. Yosef Alsedek for Prisoners Protection - Israel
40. Association Belgo Palestinienne - Belgium
41. European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine - Belgium
42. US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation - USA
43. American Muslims for Palestine - USA

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Mr. President,

We commend Professor Richard Falk for his last report to the Human Rights Council as it illustrates the persistent and severe violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law by the State of Israel. The report details the root causes and consequences of the long standing occupation of the Palestinian territories and demonstrates the danger for the international community to allow a single State to undermine international law.

By placing the rule of law above particular strategic and political interests, this final document has to be considered, along with the report of the UN Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict. It has huge significance, not only for the protection and promotion for the human rights of the Palestinian People but indeed for mankind at large and plays a major contribution to the protection, promotion and the development of international law. Professor Richard Falk is an upstanding and intellectual man and the Jewish community should be as proud of him as much as we are.

It is certainly due to his dedication and commitment to the defence of International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law and International Law in general that the Palestinian People and all human rights victims around the world, and those who choose to defend them are in debt to his lifelong contribution and effort.

Professor Falk, your presence will be sorely missed here at the UN.

As a prominent human rights advocate, you have shown that intellect and eloquence can shake and destabilize a highly militarized, powerful Government such as Israel, which not only continues to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity with impunity, but also enjoys the support of those who wish to undermine the foundation of international law and order and did nothing to protect you against heinous attacks.

Professor Richard Falk, please accept our deep gratitude and appreciation for all your work over the years. We wish you every success and happiness in your future endeavours.

I thank you for your attention.

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