

People's hearing to highlight outrageous injustices faced by Palestinians

Notes to editors:

Free Palestine: A People's Hearing is taking place on 14 September at 11am-1pm GMT, [register here](#).

****Our high-profile panel of experts and witnesses are available for interview ****

Solicitor **Jawad Boulos**, who represents Palestinian prisoners hunger striking to protest 'administrative detention', an Israeli form of indefinite detention, which is illegal under human rights law, will introduce and question the witnesses.

Witness:

- **Indefinite detention of minors and police brutality – Janna Jihad:** Janna, 15, became the youngest journalist in the world when she was given an accredited press card in 2019. She has been documenting the violations that Palestinian children are subjected to at the hands of the Israeli occupation, since she was aged just 7. She has reported for national media, appeared in international media and broadcasts to her tens of thousands of followers through her social media channels in both English and Arabic.
- **Ethnic forced displacement – Alaa Salaymeh:** Alaa, 25, is a young and leader activist from Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem. Alaa is among 58 people, including 17 children, facing forced and illegal displacement from their homes, where their families have lived for nearly seventy years. Through her social media Alaa has brought the plight of the Sheikh Jarrah families to the attention of international audiences and media.
- **Attacks on freedom of the press – Givara Budeiri:** Al Jazeera Arabic journalist Givara was arrested by Israeli forces in June while reporting on a sit-in to mark the 54th anniversary of the Naksa (setback), which marks the occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in 1967. She has been reporting for Al Jazeera from occupied Palestine since 2001.
- **Violations of the right to health – Dr Adan Radi:** Dr Radi is a consultant and head of the obstetrics and gynaecology department at Al-Awda hospital in Gaza. He witnessed the attacks in May and saw how they had an undeniably detrimental effect on pregnant women, increasing the number of complicated births, caesareans, early deliveries, and miscarriages.
- **Confiscation and exploitation of land and natural resources – Mu'taz Bisharat:** Mu'atz is an activist based in the Jordan Valley, who works for the Palestinian government monitoring and documenting rights violations committed by Israeli occupation. He sends reports to international organisations working in Palestine to update them about attacks against Palestinians in the Jordan Valley. He follows the legal cases raised against occupation and prepares legal documents needed for defending lands, shelters and natural resources in the Jordan Valley.

The Presidium:

- **Dr Hanan Ashrawi, Hanan** is a Palestinian leader, legislator, activist, and scholar who served as a member of the Leadership Committee and as an official spokesperson of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace process. She

held many official and governmental positions and she established three civil human rights organizations. In 1999 she made history as the first woman to hold a seat in the highest executive body in Palestine, she was elected as member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in 2009 and most recently in 2018, from which she resigned in 2020.

- **Luisa Morgantini:** Luisa is a former Vice President of the European Parliament and Italian MEP. She has been a long-standing advocate for the rights of Palestinian people through her work as an MEP and with civil society organisations and grassroots movements.
- **Makarim Wibisono:** Makarim is the former UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967. He resigned in 2016 after Israel refused to grant him access to investigate possible war crimes and human rights violations after the 2014 attacks on Gaza.

The event will be moderated by **Nour Odeh**, who is also available for interview. Nour is a Palestinian political analyst, activist, and researcher. She was occupied Palestine's first ever woman government spokesperson, and a candidate in the cancelled Legislative Council elections. She is also a published journalist and author.

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