

Palestine News Forum 10/2/16-16/2/16

1. Palestinian boy killed by Israeli firebombing (10/2/16)

A fifteen-year-old Palestinian boy was killed by Israeli officers during in the West Bank, near the Al-Arroub refugee camp. At the time Israeli troops encountered Palestinians throwing rocks at vehicles and shot one of them.

2. Middle East Quartet Meeting in Oslo (10/2/16)

The Envoys of the EU, Russian Federation, the United States and the UN met with Norwegian Foreign Minister Brende and the Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process, Ambassador Tor Wennesland. The Quartet Envoys highlighted Norway's vital contribution over the years to the pursuit of the Two-State Solution and a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

3. Israel accused by the UN of human rights violation (12/2/16)

The UN Investigator for human rights violations in the Palestinian territories, Makarim Wibisono, urged Israeli authorities either to charge or release Palestinian prisoners, and especially children, detained in Israeli jails under the so-called measure of administrative detention. Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the UN report reflects a blatant anti-Israeli bias. Wibisono, has resigned, saying that Israel had reneged on its pledge to grant him access to the West Bank and Gaza. He also stated that his efforts to fulfill his mandate were "frustrated every step of the way".

4. Federica Mogherini meeting with PM Benjamin Netanyahu (12/2/16)

Federica Mogherini, HRVP, spoke to Israel's PM and exchanged views on EU bilateral relations and Middle East Peace Process. The HRVP reiterated the EU's commitment to the two state solution and pointed out that the notice is without any final status issues including borders, which should be settled in direct negotiations between the parties. The HRVP Mogherini and PM Netanyahu agreed to convene the EU-Israel Association Council at the earliest possible opportunity.

5. Statement by the Quartet's Principals (12/2/16)

The Quartet condemned, in its meeting in Munich on 12 February, all acts of terror and expressed its serious concern over the continuing violence against civilians, the ongoing settlement activity and the high demolitions of Palestinian structures. It emphasized that a robust Palestinian economy and enhanced governance capacity will serve as cornerstones of a Palestinian state, and that genuine Palestinian unity, on the basis of democracy and the PLO principles, is essential to reuniting Gaza and the West Bank under one legitimate, democratic Palestinian authority. The Quartet will prepare a report on the situation on the ground, including recommendations that can help inform international discussions on the best way to advance the two-state solution.

6. Three Palestinians killed by Israeli officers (14/2/16)

Three Palestinian teenagers were killed in a clash in the occupied West Bank during which the Palestinians attacked separately the Israeli soldiers. Since October 2015 the conflicts have cost the lives of 170 Palestinians, 26 Israelis, 1 Eritrean and 1 American.

7. Israeli police officer knocked a disabled man out of his wheelchair (16/2/16)

An Israeli police officer was filmed tipping a disabled Palestinian man out of his wheelchair during a confrontation in the West Bank city of Hebron. The incident took place moments after a 14-year-old Palestinian girl allegedly tried to stab an Israeli police officer. The girl was shot by Israeli forces and the Palestinian man said he was trying to reach her to give her first aid.