

**Palestine News Forum 27/4/16-3/5/16**

**1. Chabon: Israeli occupation is worse than apartheid (3.5.2016)**



*Source: Al-Arabiya*

The American Jewish author, Michael Chabon, after his trip to the Palestinian territories, decided to raise awareness of the situation deriving from Israel's occupation. Hence, he decided to engage in campaigning against the occupation. Making a point, Chabon said that for people who went through "such a horrific, prolonged persecution" this was much more "dismaying than apartheid." At the same time, Chabon denied any hostility to Israel.

**2. Haniyeh: Hamas to continue anti-Israel 'resistance' (29.4.2016)**



*Source: Al-Arabiya*

Hamas says it is determined to continue "resistance" against Israel as it warns of an "explosion" amid Tel Aviv's crippling blockade on the Gaza Strip. Addressing thousands of residents in Gaza on Thursday, top leader Ismail Haniyeh said, "Hamas and the sons of Hamas are

committed to resistance and determined to pursue the intifada (uprising).” “We say to the Zionist occupier that our people can no longer stand the blockade” which Israel imposed on Gaza in 2006. “It is our right to have a port and an airport,” in Gaza, he added. Haniyeh warned that there “will be an explosion” unless the regime in Tel Aviv lifts its blockade on the enclave of 1.8 million people.

### 3. UN: Israel cement ban suspends Gaza reconstruction aid (28.4.2016)



*Source: Al-Arabiya*

The UN says reconstruction aid to more than 1,350 Gazan families has been suspended due to a dire shortage of building materials, after Israel blocked private imports of cement into the enclave. The Gaza Strip has been chronically suffering from the dearth of construction materials caused by an Israeli blockade that has been rigorously enforced upon it since 2007. The inadequacy was exacerbated after Tel Aviv prevented the cement imports earlier this month, accusing the Gaza-based Palestinian resistance movement Hamas of diverting the supplies.

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