



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE RELEASE OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

Geneva – 12 September 2026

Sessions, Themes and Content

OPENING SESSION {11:00–11:30}

- **Opening address by the organizing body:** Delivered by Mr. Adel Mejri (General Secretary of Association of Torture's victims).
- **Address on behalf of the guests:** Delivered by Ms. Alima BOUMEDIENE THIERY (Former French senator and a French Lawyer)

BREAK {11:30–11:50}

SESSION I {11:50–12:50}

**Theme I: Palestinian Prisoners within the Framework of International Law:
Legal Status and the Limits of the Occupying Power's Authority**

Moderator: Youssef Chiheb

1. Ms. Astrid Wagner (Austrian lawyer)

“Extraterritorial Criminal Jurisdiction under Austrian Law and Its Potential Application to International Crimes Committed against Palestinian Prisoners.”

2. Dr. Mr. Halit Serhan Ercivelek (Professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law, Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University)

“Administrative Detention and Arbitrary Detention of Palestinians: Between Security Considerations and the Prohibition of Arbitrary Deprivation of Liberty.”

3. Mr. Abdelmajid Mrari (Head of the MENA Section at EFDI and Moroccan lawyer)

“Israel's Responsibility and the Obligations of Third States: Pathways to International Criminal Accountability and European Jurisdiction for the Protection of Palestinian Prisoners' Rights.”

4. Ms. Alima BOUMEDIENE THIERY (Former French senator and a French Lawyer)

“The International Diplomatic Track on the Prisoners' Issue: From the Human Rights Council to European Capitals.”

5. Ms. Julie Février (French lawyer)

“Corporate Criminal Liability: Legal Mechanisms for Prosecuting Companies Supporting the Occupation.”

6. Mr. Fabio MARCELLI (Italian lawyer)

“The Legal Status of Palestinian Prisoners and Detainees in Light of the Geneva Conventions and the Rules of International Humanitarian Law.”

BREAK {12:50–14:50}





SESSION II {14:50–15:40}

Theme II: Patterns of Violations in Prisons and Detention Centres: From Documented Facts to Legal Characterization

Moderator: Hatim ACHIKHAN

1. Mr. Ala Adas (Doctor of Law, Lawyer at the Lyon Bar)

“The Battle over Narrative and International Awareness: Building an Effective Human Rights and Media Discourse on the Palestinian Prisoners’ Issue.”

2. Ms Janan Abdu – Remote (Palestinian lawyer)

“Children and Women within the Israeli Detention System: Special Protection and Compounded Violations.”

“From Individual Testimony to a Pattern of Violations: What Do the Testimonies of Prisoners, Lawyers and Families Reveal about the Reality of Detention?”

3. Mr. Raslan Mahajna (Lawyer for Palestinian prisoners)

“The role of lawyers abroad in relation to lawyers representing prisoners.”

4. Ms. Sahar Francis – Remote (Addameer Prisoners Support and Human Rights Association)

“Torture and Ill-Treatment in Israeli Places of Detention: Documented Patterns and International Evidentiary Standards.”

“Medical Neglect and Deaths in Prison: Legal Responsibility for the Denial of Treatment and the Right to Life.”

5. Mr. Hussein Al-Arid – Remote (President of the International Foundation for Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners)

BREAK {15:40–16:00}

SESSION III {16:00–17:00}

Theme III: From Documentation to Accountability: International Mechanisms for Pursuing Violations against Prisoners

Moderator: Aysheh Maslamani

1. Ms. María del Pilar Barrado Liesa (Spanish magistrate)

“Universal Jurisdiction as a Pathway for Prosecuting Perpetrators of Crimes against Palestinian Prisoners before European Courts.”

2. Mr. Khaled Mahajna (Lawyer for Palestinian prisoners)

“Building an International Evidentiary Case File on Violations of Prisoners’ Rights: From the Collection of Testimony to Chain of Custody and Attribution of Responsibility.”





3. Mr. Filali Chafik (Delegate Municipal Councillor in charge of International Relations and Town Twinning, City of Vaulx-en-Velin)

“From Human Rights Documentation to Political Decision-Making: Tools Available to European Parliaments to Protect Prisoners and Hold Those Responsible for Violations to Account.”

4. Ms. Dominique Cochain (president of AJPO Lawyers for Justice in the Middle East)

“The Fundamental Rights Violated by the Law Providing for the Execution of Palestinians.”

5. Mahmoud Gaber (President of the organization Justice for Human Rights)

The death penalty in the occupying State from an international human rights perspective:
“Arbitrary Execution and Violation of the Right to Life.”

6. Ms. Olivia Zemor — Remote (French political activist)

“How Can We Build a Sustainable International Human Rights Campaign on Palestinian Prisoners? From Documentation to Advocacy and Influence.”

BREAK {17:00–17:20}

CLOSING SESSION {17:20–17:50}

Announcement of the conference recommendations addressed to the relevant stakeholders.

Coalition of Organising Organisations

The conference is jointly organised by a coalition of international non-governmental organisations:

- Association of Victims of Torture — Geneva
- EFDI International — Brussels
- Justice for Human Rights — Türkiye
- SAM for Rights and Liberties — Geneva
- Solidarity for Human Rights — Geneva
- Alkarama — Geneva
- International Foundation for Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners
- Lawyers for Justice in the Middle East



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