

## Illegal Israeli Occupation and Palestinian Human Rights NGOs: Turning into a Higher Level of Power Struggle in Defining Terrorism?

**Richard Falk and Makram Khoury-Machool with Six Palestinian Human Rights Representatives categorized as “Terrorist Groups”.**

**Date:** Monday 15th November 2021 **Time:** 5.30-7.30pm (BST-UK), 7:30-9.30pm (Palestine)

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### **ESTEEMED PANEL:**

**Richard Falk & Makram Khoury-Machool (CCPS)**

### **Speakers/Panelists from the Palestinian NGOs :**

**Ubai Aboudi**

Bisan Center for Research and Development

**Ayed Abu Qtaish**

Defense for Children International/Palestine

**Aseel Al-Bejjeh**

Al-Haq Organisation

**Moayyad Bsharat**

Union Of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC)

**Tahreer Jaber**

Union for Palestinian Women’s Committee

**Rana**

Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association



**About the panelists (In alphabetical order):**

<p>Ubai Aboudi is the Executive Director of Bisan Center for Research and Development. He holds an Msc in Economics, focusing on development and social protection. He is a Human Rights Defender and is also the Editor in Chief of “the Progressive” a peer reviewed journal on development in Arabic.</p>	 <p><b>Ubai Aboudi</b></p>
<p>Ayed Abu Eqtaish – DCIP has worked with DCI - Palestine since 2000 and currently holds the position of Accountability Programme Director. The main focus of Ayed's work is child detention issues, including the documentation of cases of ill-treatment and torture. Ayed studied social work and has a Masters degree in Advanced Studies in Children's Rights from the Fribourg University in Switzerland.</p>	 <p><b>Ayed Abu Eqtaish</b></p>
<p>Aseel AlBajeh is a legal researcher and advocacy officer at Al-Haq, a Palestinian human rights organisation. She completed her LL.M. in International Human Rights Law at the Irish Center for Human Rights at National University of Ireland Galway. In addition to her academic research, which focused on transitional justice and decolonisation in Palestine, she writes opinion articles for several media outlets.</p>	 <p><b>Aseel AlBajeh</b></p>
<p>Dr. Moayyad Bsharat has a master’s degree in Sustainable Development. He has over 11 years’ experience in humanitarian aids and developmental projects. Mr. Bsharat is an expert in the geo-political situation of the Jordan Valley. He has published articles about agro ecology, food sovereignty, crisis and disasters effects on small-scale farmers and relative articles on farmers and herders’ rights. He has participated in many national and international conferences about food sovereignty and climate justice and has working experiences in cooperatives and cooperative work. Moayyad Bsharat is women, youth and peasants’ rights defender</p>	 <p><b>Dr. Moayyad Bsharat</b></p>

Tahreer Jaber: The Executive Director of the Union of Palestinian Women Committees, Women Activist, member of the Engineers Association.



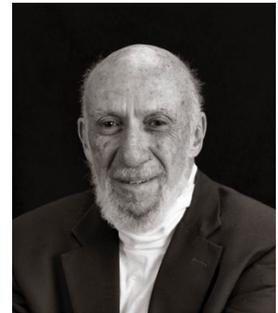
**Tahreer Jaber**

Rana: Programs manager at Addameer. She reports on the organization's work across its four units: providing legal support to political prisoners; conducting advocacy to protect their rights; documenting and monitoring detention conditions and violations of their rights; and building skills and awareness locally. She has been involved in community organizing for over a decade in both Canada and occupied Palestine around issues of prisoner, gender, racial, and environmental justice.



**Rana**

Richard Falk is Albert Milbank Professor of International Law and Practice Emeritus, Princeton University and currently Research Fellow, Orfalea Centre of Global Studies, UCSB. He was UN Special Rapporteur for Occupied Palestine from 2008 to 2014. In 2017 he co-authored a UN report entitled "Israeli Practices towards the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid" which generated controversy and widespread discussion. He is Senior Vice President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and previously Chair of its Board (2005-2012). He directed a project on 'Climate Change and Democracy' under the auspices of the Orfalea Centre at the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB). Professor Falk has served as a member of independent international commissions devoted to the public order of the oceans, Kosovo War, and the International Law Rights of Catalonia. He has published widely on diverse topics including the new global order, a just peace in Palestine and the Vietnam War. He has also published a volume of poetry, *Waiting for Rainbows* (2016). He has been nominated annually for the Nobel Peace Prize since 2008.



**Prof. Richard Falk**

Dr Makram Khoury-Machool is the founding director of the Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies. He is an internationally renowned academic (and Public Intellectual) specialising in International Relations and Political Communications. Dr Khoury-Machool is the author of many academic publications on Palestine, the media and Palestine and Palestinian media; communicating war (such as: kidnap videos; Internet and uprisings; war, audiences and propaganda; Syria and Palestine). As a media practitioner (1980s & 1990s), he was acclaimed as the journalist who announced the outbreak of the first Palestinian Intifada in December 1987. During his coverage of the unfolding events in the Gaza strip, he was shot in the face and rescued under fire. In 1990 he awarded the International Reuters Award for Journalism in 1990. During the academic year 1990-91, Khoury-Machool was a Reuters Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. In 1996 Khoury-Machool was elected by the World Economic Forum (Geneva-Davos) as one of 100 Young Global Leaders (GLTs). Between 1999-2002 he completed his PhD., at SOAS, University of London, where he also taught. Since October 2003 he taught and supervised at the University of Cambridge and other English universities.



**Dr Makram Khoury-Machool**