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Week 46: Children's Rights



Dear Kumi Now supporter,

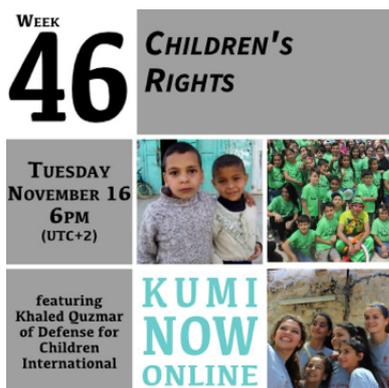
World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

The 20th of November is an important date as it was on this date in 1959 that the UN General Assembly adopted the [Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#). And it is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

You can learn more about World Children's Day on the [UN website](#).

This week, as people around the world celebrate Universal Children's Day on November 20, we are reminded that Palestinian children are denied the human rights and opportunities available to children elsewhere in the world and only a short distance away in the settlements and Israel. Please join us for our next online gathering as we examine the severe limits placed on the rights of Palestinian children:

Next Online Gathering



November 16: Week 46 - Children's Rights

[Full information on the gathering is here.](#)

Our guest will be **Khaled Quzmar**, general director of **Defense for Children International**.

Time: Tuesday, November 16, at 6:00pm East Jerusalem, Palestine time (UTC+2) That's...

- Pacific (Seattle/Vancouver): 8am
- Central (Chicago): 10am
- Eastern (New York/Toronto): 11am
- Atlantic: 12pm
- Newfoundland: 12:30pm
- Greenwich (London): 4pm
- Central Europe (Paris/Stockholm): 5pm
- South Africa: 6pm
- Manila: 12am
- Sydney: 3am (+1 Day)
- Auckland: 5am (+1 Day)

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (There might be a quick registration form, and please set an alarm for yourself for Tuesday.)

Remember, if you'd like to receive a reminder about the gathering an hour before it begins, please use the [registration form at the bottom of the page](#).

This Week's Entry

Kumi Week #46: Children's Rights

Week 46 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#). The concept of children's rights was defined globally with the 1989 Conventions on the Rights of the Child (CRC). 196 countries are party to the CRC. The treaty requires governments to act in the best interests of children, respecting their rights related to safety and health, access to education and opportunity, and a stable family life. Israel is, of course, one of those countries that ratified the CRC. Its actions, however, in regard to Palestinian children are often contrary to both the spirit and law of the treaty.

Please read the essay on this topic along with the story of the teenager Ahmad H. And here are some facts for you:

Understanding Children's Rights. Just the facts...

- 83% of Palestinian children in East Jerusalem live below the Israel-defined poverty line.
- In 2019, 5,289 permits were issued to minors in Gaza allowing them to travel to obtain medical treatment; only 4,165 permits were issued to their parents, leaving

- 100s of children without their parents while receiving medical treatment.
- In Hebron, Palestinian children living and/or studying in schools in the Old City must walk through up to 4 Israeli military checkpoints just to reach school.
- 62% of Gazan children are depressed or feel chronic anxiety and fear.
- 500 to 1,000 Palestinian children are detained each year by Israeli forces; over 50% are arrested at night and report physical and psychological abuse during arrest, transfer, and interrogation.
- In 2021, 78 Palestinian children were killed as a result of Israeli military and settler presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. These are children that were not involved in hostilities.
- Over 30 Palestinian children have been killed in 2022 so far as a result of Israeli military and settler presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Source

- [“West Bank | East Jerusalem: key humanitarian concerns”](#) from **OCHA oPt**
- [“Forced Separation: How Israel’s Permit Regime Separates Children Undergoing Medical Treatment from Their Parents”](#) from **Physicians for Human Rights**
- [“Children in the State of Palestine”](#) from **UNICEF**
- [“Gaza: The Dead Zone”](#) from **Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor**
- **Military Court Watch's "Factsheet"**
- [“Distribution of Palestinian Child Fatalities by Region”](#) from **Defense for Children International Palestine**

Learning More

We suggest you look at the resources listed above and watch the documentary [War Child: Children Of Gaza](#).

To go deeper, we will be developing an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week’s entry as well as a [YouTube playlist](#) on the subject.

Once you understand the situation you'll want to get involved. Here's the Kumi Action for this week:

Kumi Action



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Israel ratified the U.N.’s Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1992. But the Israeli government has had difficulties identifying just what a “child” is, as it argues that the Convention does not apply to the West Bank. Furthermore, while non-Palestinian children in Israel and around the world don’t become adults until they are 18, it treats Palestinians as adults at 16.

We need to help Israeli politicians learn what a child is. In celebration of World Children’s Day on November 20, share a photo of yourself as a child, along with messages such as:

- “Hey Israel! When I was 16 I was still a child. Let Palestinian youth enjoy their childhoods!”
- “A six-year old is a child. Period. Treat Palestinian children like children.”

Feel free to [look at the Convention on the Rights of the Child treaty](#) and remind Israel which parts of the treaty they are breaking.

A powerful way to share these photos and messages would be for your class or club or church group to post the childhood photos in a hallway, inviting others to identify who is in each photo. Or, simply share them on social media. Include a link to [this page](#) of the Kumi Now website along with the hashtags #KumiNow and #Kumi46.

You Should Know

One or two people, companies, or organizations generally related to the issue of the week you should know, and how you can follow them online.



Defense for Children International Palestine

Defense for Children International Palestine (DCIP) provides direct and free legal aid to Palestinian minors in the Israeli military court system and the Palestinian juvenile justice system and works to limit incarceration periods. DCIP exposes grave human rights violations, including torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, against Palestinian minors under the jurisdictions of the Israeli military court system and the Palestinian juvenile justice system and holds perpetrators accountable. DCIP also conducts evidence-based advocacy in support of policy changes that increase protections and advance access to justice for Palestinian minors.

You can find DCIP on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming Weeks

And here's what we have coming up in November so you can plan ahead and decide how you want to be a part of Kumi Now:

KUMI NOW ONLINE: NOVEMBER, 2022

Week 44	Week 45	Week 46	Week 47	Week 48
				
November 1 <i>Anti-Muslim and Anti-Islamic Discrimination</i>	November 8 <i>Antisemitism</i>	November 15 <i>Children's Rights</i>	November 22 <i>Gender-Based Violence</i>	November 29 <i>The Kairos Document</i>

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Each week below will have an online gathering with a guest or guests speaking on the topic. The time and Zoom link are the same each week.

The weekly newsletter will always contain reminders of the upcoming online gatherings and the Zoom link. But if you're like me and need a reminder right before the sessions begin, you can [register to receive a reminder email one hour prior to each online gathering](#). And no more digging through your inbox looking for the Zoom link! Just [use the registration form at the bottom of the page](#).



November 19 to 25: Week 47 - Gender-Based Violence

[Read the full entry online.](#)

Women in the occupied Palestinian territory face persistent gender-based violence through night raids, settler violence, collective violence towards their families, humiliation and assault from occupation forces, and the restrictions of a patriarchal society. This week, the United Nations observes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25.

For our Kumi Action we write and send flowers to the U.N. Women's office asking why the U.N. is not keeping Israel accountable to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

November 26 to December 2: Week 48 - The Kairos Document

[Read the full entry online.](#)

In 1985, theologians around Soweto, South Africa issued the first Kairos Document. Twenty-four years later, theologians in Palestine issued a like-minded document. This week, as the world observes International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian



People on November 29, the Kumi Now community is focusing on spreading the message of the Kairos Document, bringing Christians and non-Christians together to stand for justice and peace everywhere.

For our Kumi Action we will be reading and sharing the Kairos Palestine document.

Closing Thoughts

First, could you please take two minutes of your time to help Sabeel-Kairos UK? From their November newsletter:

"We would be so grateful if our members and supporters could take 2 minutes (that's really all it takes!) to fill in the simple form online to nominate us. You can click [this link](#) to be taken straight to the form: [Nominate a Charity](#). You have until the 16th of November to do this!

Please note: when putting in the charity name, you will need to use Friends of Sabeel UK, as this is still our registered name with the Charity Commission. If you type this in, it will come up with '1116817 - FRIENDS OF SABELL UK (FOSUK)' which is the correct charity!

As a small charity, any donations and grants can make a big difference to our work, so please nominate us! Thank you!"

Second, on Tuesday, **Hadar Cohen of Malchut** spoke about antisemitism, particularly with regards to Christianity and Palestine. The replay of the session is now available on [YouTube](#) and on [our website](#). The website includes the advocacy instructions and links shared during the gathering.

We hope to see you in the online gathering on Tuesday, after which you'll receive another newsletter next Saturday, focused on our next topic, [Gender-Based Violence](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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