



SNAPSHOT OF ADALAH'S

2023

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite overwhelming obstacles, Adalah's team was able to secure some remedies and relief for Palestinians both inside Israel and in the Occupied Palestinian Territory during 2023.

A Palestinian minor, citizen of Israel, is arrested during an anti-war protest on 19 October 2023. Photo by Muhammad Khalilia.



A young Palestinian student is arrested by heavily-armed police officers on 18 November 2023.

Image distributed by the Israeli Police.

EMERGENCY WAR WORK

REPRESENTING STUDENTS

Adalah is representing 93 Palestinian students, citizens of Israel, in 33 Israeli academic institutions in disciplinary procedures launched against them for their social media posts, which the universities and colleges allege “support terrorism” or express “sympathy with terror organizations”, following the outbreak of the War on 7 October 2023. Of 42 cases in which decisions have been delivered to date, 17 resulted in acquittals, cancellation, or exoneration on the basis of reasonable doubt.

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REPRESENTING DETAINED PROTESTORS

Since 7 October, Adalah is monitoring hundreds of cases of Palestinian citizens of Israel against whom the police have taken action for social media posts or participating in demonstrations in a draconian crackdown on the freedoms of expression and assembly. In some of these cases we provided legal consultation or representation. To date, Adalah has succeeded to secure the release of 12 detained protestors, and to cancel or shorten orders banishing six others from their hometowns.

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HEALTH CLINICS IN THE NAQAB

Following Adalah’s legal intervention and community pressure, the Clalit Health Fund re-opened all of medical clinics in the unrecognized Bedouin villages, except for Wadi Al-Na’am, which were closed on the order of the Israeli military, citing a lack of air raid shelters at the facilities.

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LAND AND PLANNING RIGHTS



Ibtin, one of the affected villages.

LAND AROUND THREE BEDOUIN VILLAGES IN THE NORTH AVOIDS GREENWASHING

In March 2023, the national planning appeals committee decided to leave parts of an area of land around the three Arab Bedouin villages of Ibtin, Ras Ali and Khawaled designated for agricultural use. The decision follows objections filed by Adalah and Bimkom in 2021 against a plan to include the land in a nature reserve, which threatened to appropriate land in the three villages. The plan threatened to harm the lifestyles and livelihoods of around 4,200 Palestinian citizens of Israel.

PRIVATE PALESTINIAN LAND SAVED FROM LANDFILL PROJECT

In July 2023, the area designated for an Israeli landfill planned in occupied East Jerusalem was drastically reduced from approximately 406 dunams to 100 dunams – much of which is privately-owned Palestinian land – following objections filed against the plan to the planning authorities, including an objection submitted by Adalah and the Civil Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem. As originally drafted, the plan stood to affect around 90,000 Palestinian Jerusalemites. More information

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Photo of the boat returned to Gaza on July 14, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Gisha.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATION RIGHTS

NATIONAL PRIORITY AREAS (NPAS) IN HOUSING

In response to a Supreme Court petition by Adalah and the Arab Center for Alternative Planning, in May 2023, the government included nine Arab towns and villages in the Wadi Ara (“Little Triangle”) region on the list of designated NPAs for housing, for the first time. These localities, including Umm al-Fahem (pop: 60,000), will now be eligible for exceptional state subsidies for housing and mortgages, as well as lucrative benefits for construction and land development. More information

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FIRST PREPARATORY PSYCHOMETRIC COURSE IN ARABIC

In March 2023, the Israel National Digital Agency announced the opening of a preparatory course for students applying for higher education and taking the psychometric exam in the Arabic language, for the first time. Previously, Israel’s Ministry for Social Equality offered a free online psychometric examination preparatory course only in Hebrew, to which Adalah has been objecting since 2018. About 70,000 students in Israel take the psychometric exams every year, around a third of whom take it in Arabic.

GAZA FISHING BOAT RETURNED TO OWNERS

In July 2023, following a motion for an interim order filed by Adalah and Gisha, Israel was forced to return a fishing boat to its owners in Gaza by the Israeli Maritime Court. The boat, owned by four brothers and which provided the primary source of income for about 50 family members, was seized by the Israeli navy in late 2022. Gisha and Adalah are legally challenging Israel’s use of old laws of war to permanently confiscate fishing boats owned by Palestinians in Gaza. More information

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INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

NAQAB TOURS

Over 600 international visitors ‘walked the land’ in the Naqab and ‘cross the Green Line’, participating in 31 tours led by Adalah and partners: Hundreds of PalTrek (US and UK) university students participated in Naqab tours to witness the situation of the unrecognized villages and forced displacement first-hand. Adalah, the Negev Co-Existence Forum and the Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab also frequently led tours for diplomats and international organizations. In 2023, Adalah and B’Tselem also led “crossing the Green Line” tours for journalists and international human rights networks to show similar policies of forced displacement in Israel and in the occupied West Bank.

ANALYSIS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT’S COALITION AGREEMENTS

Adalah issued a position paper in January 2023 in which it analyzed the new government’s coalition agreements, their guiding principles, expected actions and legislation, and their likely impact on Palestinians on both sides of the Green Line. The paper was frequently cited as a resource by think-tanks, news sites and other NGOs such as The Foundation for Middle East Peace, USMEP, The Arab Center in Washington DC, Rosa Luxemburg, Jadaliyya, and Al Haq. Additionally, prominent media outlets Vox, the Nation, and the Washington Post, among others, cited the paper in articles about Ben-Gvir and the new government. More than 100 diplomats and representatives of international organizations attended a presentation convened by Adalah to launch the paper.

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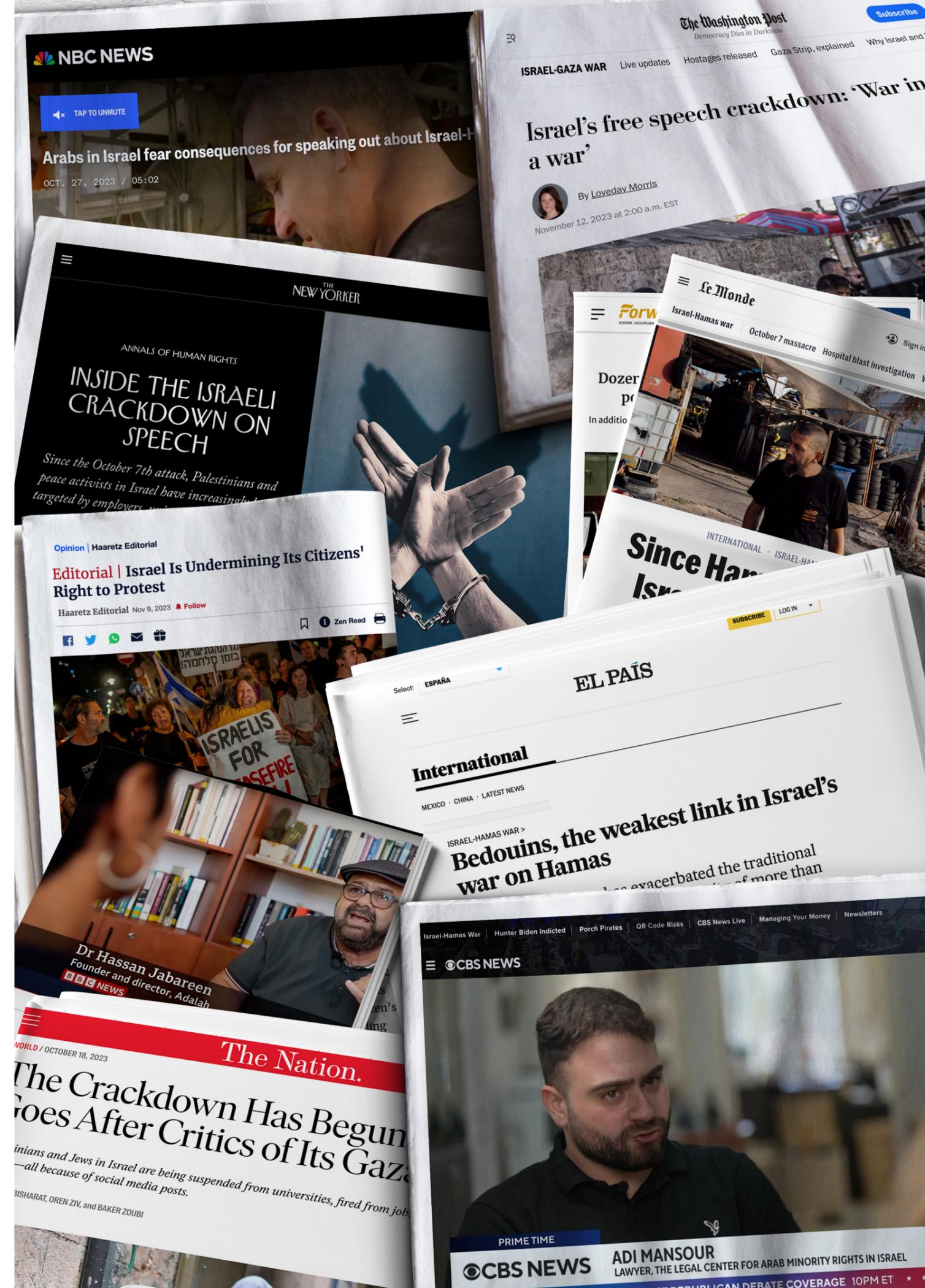
Freij al Hawashleh, from the Bedouin village of Ras Jrabah, talks to journalists on one of Adalah's tours on 17 January 2023.
Photo by Marwan Abu Frieh, Adalah.

MEDIA IMPACT

PALESTINIAN CITIZENS OF ISRAEL AND THE WAR ON GAZA: ADALAH'S PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA IMPACT REPORT

During this emergency period, Adalah's work garnered high-profile media coverage all over the world, and Adalah was a source for journalists on issues including the crackdown on freedom of expression inside Israel, the persecution of the Palestinian political leadership in Israel, and the sweeping impunity that Israel has granted itself for its actions in Gaza. Adalah published a media impact report highlighting some major media coverage of our work.

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A family standing on a destroyed building in Gaza.
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