

## Chronological List of Meetings/Gatherings on the Palestinians' Rights

(Updated on August 18.2010)

Date	Event & Venue	Attendees	Attendees Deliberations & Discussions
14.06.2010	<i>Parliament Extraordinary Session</i>	Members of Parliament	<p>The Parliament voted during its Second Parliamentary Session on the 'Democratic Gathering' draft bill as 'Mu'ajjal Mukarrar' (Pressing Reiterated) – presented by MPs Walid Jumblatt, Elie Aoun and Alaeddine Terro - on granting civil rights to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon (amendment of labour, social security and foreign property ownership laws, to the benefit of Palestinian refugees - posted on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm</a>). This second parliamentary session witnessed heated debates: MPs from the 'Loyalty to the Resistance' Bloc voted in favour of the draft bill, while the Phalange Party, the Lebanese Forces and the 'Change and Reform' blocs voted against. The Speaker of the Parliament, Mr. Nabih Berri referred the PSP draft law on Palestinians to the Parliamentary Commission of Administration &amp; Justice for further study.</p> <p>MP Robert Ghanem told reporters “We will resume studying on July 5 those suggestions and determine on one hand what is acceptable from a humanitarian perspective to improve the inappropriate living conditions of our brothers, but on another hand the state has rights...and should be able to spread its authority over all Lebanese territories.” The following are some of the MPs commentaries during the 2<sup>nd</sup> parliamentary session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Premier Hariri:</b> “We will not accept a daily blood test to affirm that we are against naturalization...There is in Lebanon a group of people who go on maritime trips, to break the siege on the Palestinians living in Gaza, however there will come a day we will witness the World heading for Lebanon to break the siege on its Palestinian residents...Depriving the Palestinians from their rights will constitute an investment in the biggest terrorist project in the coming future...”</li> <li>- <b>MP Akram Shouhayib</b> urged the Parliament to approve the amendment/draft bills: “I believe that this matter is essential in the Arab world, it is not acceptable not to grant social rights for the Palestinian individual.”</li> <li>- <b>MP Nouhad El Mashnouk:</b> “We are discussing a humanitarian facet related to the Palestinians, and we support the proposal.” He then stressed that all people reject naturalization, most specifically the Palestinians, noting that between 1948 and 2002, Palestinians were allowed the right to ownership, nevertheless there was no connotation of ownership on the basis of naturalization: ownership in Mount Lebanon amounted to 2% and in the North 1%only.</li> <li>- <b>MP Ibrahim Kanaan:</b> “As concerns the content (of the PSP proposal), we are with the rights because it contributes to the limitation of terrorism, however this</li> </ul>

			<p>does not refute the fact that the Government needs to formulate a comprehensive proposal/draft bill taking into consideration work and health. And our natural/expected right is to discuss these issues with all the parliamentary blocs.”</p> <p>- <b>MP Walid Jumblatt:</b> “You want to postpone the discussion, to postpone the problem? The siege has failed in Gaza and Hamas was reinforced, and likewise in Lebanon...” MP Jumblatt reminded the parliament of the “160 army martyrs who fell in the clashes of Nahr el-Bared...” Addressing the MPs who were against the proposals, he said: “What will you lose?”...and concluded: “I have never seen anyone in my whole life more stupid than the Lebanese Right-Wing.”</p> <p>- <b>MP Nabil Nicolas:</b> “To whip ourselves today is a wrong discourse. We have to address ourselves to the International Community – being at the origin of the problem. All of us, Lebanese, agree on the fact that Palestinians should be granted their rights. We have to wait for a week or two to have unanimity on that issue.”</p> <p>- <b>MP Hussein Musawi:</b> “We understand the fears from naturalization, however, do remember that we were convinced forty years ago – as was Imam El Sadr – that facilitating naturalization is an assault on the Palestinian people.”</p> <p><i>(As-Safir, ‘Palestinian rights’ divide ‘Allies’: Dangerous Partition amongst supporters...and the ‘fearful’, June 16, 2010)</i></p>
<b>16.06.2010</b>	<i>SSNP Press Conference @ the Syndicate of Journalism</i>		<p>The Syrian Social Nationalist presented in a Press Conference a Draft Bill proposed by the Palestinian Commission (Mu’tamadiyyate Palestine) in the party. The draft bill prepared by Attorney Hamelkart Ataya, leading member of the Political Bureau of the SSNP, was developed and ratified by the Committee representing the SSNP at the Parliament – it represents both Lebanese &amp; Palestinian CSOs. (Arabic &amp; English version of the full text are posted on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm</a>)</p> <p><i>(As-Safir, The Socialist presents a new draft bill on civil rights, June 17, 2010)</i></p>
<b>17.06.2010</b>	<i>The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine Press Conference @ the Syndicate of Journalism</i>		<p>It reiterated that naturalization/tawteen was rejected by both Palestinians and Lebanese, and called on MPs to stop viewing Palestinians as a sect because it was an “insult” to their daily struggle against the Israelis. Mr. Faysal presented a historical overview of the Lebanese regulations and laws that deprive the Palestinian from his right as a human being, starting with the one-sided annulment of the Cairo Agreement “a procedure which reinstated the Civil situation of the Palestinians to what it used to be back in 1969 with regard to their deprivation from the most simple rights.” He then added that “the postponement in granting civil rights to the Palestinians constitutes a prolongation of the policy of subjugation and deprivation”, calling on the Parliamentary Commissions who are supporting the draft bills to “pursue this issue – either through the Parliamentary Commissions, or through the Prime Minister &amp; the Speaker of the House of Deputies and as stated by the latter, through the presentation of draft bills to the Parliament for ratification.”</p> <p><i>(Al-Akhbar, Palestinians placed in the status of 1969, June 18)</i></p>
<b>22.06.2010</b>	<i>Meeting of the Head of the</i>	President Bashar El Assad,	Upon his return, MP Aoun headed a meeting of the Change & Reform

	<b><i>‘Change &amp; Reform’ Bloc with Syrian President Bashar El Assad</i></b>	MP Michel Aoun & Energy Minister Mr. Gebran Bassil	parliamentary bloc and commented on the Palestinians’ rights noting: “Lebanon cannot afford them financially, so we will not allow anyone to overbid us or lead a moral war against us. (Now Lebanon quoting An-Nahar, June 23, 2010)
	<b><i>MTV "With Objectivity" (Bi Maudouiyeh) - Episode on the Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon</i></b>	MPs Antoine Zahra, Nematallah Abi Nasr, Mr. Rami El-Rayess & Ambassador Khalil Makkawi	<p><b>-Antoine Zahra</b> (Lebanese Forces): Stressed that the Lebanese Forces acknowledges the need to discuss the Civil Rights of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, but they were against the hasten nature of the proposal "Mu'ajjal Mukarrar".</p> <p><b>-Mr. Rami El-Rayess</b> (Progressive Socialist Party): In answer to Mr. Zahra's comment, Mr. el-Rayess replied that since the beginning of 2010, the PSP had organized a roundtable to discuss the Civil Rights of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon: "All the Lebanese political parties were represented at the roundtable, expressed their openness to the draft bill. The roundtable was followed by a number of consensus-building meetings wherein the PSP received positive feedback on the draft bill... The ultimate logical step was the presentation of the draft bill at the Parliament."</p> <p><b>-Ambassador Khalil Makkawi</b> (The Discourse on the Palestinian refugees should be re-directed from discussing 'their' right to work to their right to return. During the coming two years, Lebanon should invest in its status at the Security Council to propagate the Right to Return of the Palestinian refugees. H.E. added that he does not see a problem in the employment of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon: UNRWA is employing around 3,500 Palestinians)</p> <p><b>-MPs Nematallah Abi Nasr</b> (Change and Reform): "The 'Settlement' has begun. 62 years has passed and we haven't accomplished one step ahead towards the return of Palestinians. The U.S., Israel and some of the Arab Countries see the solution to the Palestinian 'problem' in their settlement in Lebanon. MP Abi Nasr added that a reconciliation/compromise between Israel and the Palestinians is most likely to happen – one that will eventually lead to "They will consequently throw on us the Arabs of 1948". He then referred to the ultimate solution outlined by the 'Beilin-Abu Mazen Document': "An International entity – other than UNRWA – will take over the rehabilitation of Palestinian refugees, and will collaborate with the Host Countries towards granting the Palestinian Refugees the Citizenship of those countries." We are in a 'Demographic Race' and we have come to realize that we cannot follow the pace of this race... <a href="http://www.mtv.com.lb/Bi_Mawdouiyeh/Palestinian_Refuges?type=1&amp;filter=0">http://www.mtv.com.lb/Bi_Mawdouiyeh/Palestinian_Refuges?type=1&amp;filter=0</a></p>
	<b><i>Meeting of the Head of the ‘Fatah’ Bloc at the Palestinian Parliament &amp; the Head of the Palestinian file in Lebanon –Mr. Azzam el</i></b>	Mr. Azzam el Ahmad, MP Bahia Hariri, Palestinian Chargé d’Affaires at the Embassy of the Sate of Palestine in Lebanon Mr. Ashraf Dabbour + a delegation from Fatah & the PLO	Mr. Azzam El Ahmad praised MP Hariri’s support to the Palestinians’ rights issue and discussed with her the subsequent steps to improve their conditions, and dissipate the fears that drive certain parties to trigger groundless justifications. (As-Safir, <i>Meetings and Reactions to Granting the Palestinians Civil Rights</i> , June 23, 2010)

	<b>Ahmad with MP Bahia Hariri @ Majdelyoun</b>		
<b>23.06.2010</b>	<b>Mr. Azzam el Ahmad's visits to President Suleiman, PM Hariri, Presidents Gemayel &amp; Aoun</b>	Mr. Azzam el Ahmad, President Suleiman, PM Hariri, Presidents Gemayel & Aoun	Mr. El Ahmad stated: "The Palestinians are temporary guests falling under the care/patronage of the Lebanese Law, and not above it. Henceforth, we are certain of the Lebanese Legislator's understanding/thoughtful consideration of the situation, and their efforts towards preventing the magnification of the consequent dangers." (An-Nahar, El Ahmad: <i>The Palestinians are temporary guests</i> , June 24)
	<b>The Lebanese Forces Meeting to discuss the drafting of a Proposal</b>	Members of the Lebanese Forces Bloc in the Parliament	The Draft Bill proposed by the Lebanese Forces to simplify the lives of Palestinians in Lebanon is still undergoing extensive study (preliminary three-article draft was published in Al-Diyar, <i>The Lebanese Forces' Draft Bill to simplify the lives of Palestinians in Lebanon</i> , June 24, 2010 )
	<b>March 14 General Secretariat's regular meeting</b>	Members of the March 14 General Secretariat	The March 14 General Secretariat insisted on the adoption of the 'humanitarian' rights that improve the refugees' living conditions rather than 'civil' rights from a political and administrative perspective. (The Daily Star, <i>Parliament discusses granting basic rights to Palestinians: Draft law would improve refugees' plight but not grant citizenship</i> , June 24, 2010)
	<b>MP Michel El Murr's meeting with the Head of the 'Ba'ath (Resurrection) Arab Socialist' Party in Lebanon in el-Amara</b>	MP Michel el Murr & Former Minister Fayez Shakar	-MP El Murr stated: The position of the Christian Lebanese (vis-à-vis the PSP draft bill) shows cleverness and not stupidity If what is demanded is to own an apartment, membership in the NSSF, and other new burdens, what else is left? The Nationality, so that they would be able to vote? (Al-Diyar, <i>El-Murr met Shakar in el-Amara</i> , June 24, 2010) - Also noted: "Improving the Palestinian living conditions does not come via a hastened and dangerous proposal... The Parliamentary Commissions have to study the draft bill prior to taking an accelerated step ..." (An-Nahar, June 24, 2010)
	<b>Magy Farah's Talk Show "Al-Haq Youkal" (Truth will be said) on the OTV channel at 21:00</b>	MP Sijaan El Azzi (member of the Political Bureau at the Phalange Party), and Nasri el-Sayegh (Writer) with a number of interventions by the Ambassador of Palestine State in Lebanon - Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, MP Alain Aoun (Free Patriotic Movement), MP Oukab Sakr (March 14) and Sheikh Mohamad Nimr Zaamout (Head of the Islamic Palestinian Committee in Lebanon) + Maguy Farah	'Al-Haq Youkal' Talk Show (Truth will be said) – which airs Live every Wednesday on the OTV channel at 21:00 - debated yesterday the Draft Bill proposed by the 'Democratic Gathering' at the Second Parliamentary Session held on June 15, 2010. - <b>Mr. Sijaan El Azzi</b> pointed out that he is with granting Human Rights to Palestinian refugees, however he is strongly against granting them Civil Rights – a procedure that will lead to the 'naturalization'/Tawteen of the Palestinians in Lebanon. He added that he is always 'annoyed' with any discussion debating the status of Palestinians in Lebanon: It is a conflict between two rights – the Lebanese rights & the Palestinians'. "Today the Palestinians are no longer refugees: The camps constitute a safe haven for fanatic factions. The way the PSP/Democratic Gathering's draft bill was proposed was provokingly instigatory, as if it was presented to be refused. As the discussions evolved, El Azzi noted that the Drat Bill was intended to instigate Shiite-Palestinian sedition. If the Draft Bill was to be ratified, granting the Palestinians the right to work will jeopardize the employment of the Shiites in the South.

			<p>El Azzi wondered about the timing of the presentation of the draft bill and the real intention behind it, and called upon Palestinians not to fall in the hands of 'manipulators' that will use them to achieve their goals.</p> <p><b>-Mr. Nasri El Sayegh</b> was "astonished" by the discourse of El Azzi: We definitely live on different planets. It is the Lebanese habit that whenever faced with a dilemma they redirect their attention and that of the people to another dilemma. He added that the Civil Rights are a right that should have been granted to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon a long time ago. Replying to El Azzi's comment on the fact that the camps are harboring fanatics, he pointed out that it is precisely for that reason that the civil rights should be granted. A solution has to be sorted at the earliest convenience – before the Regional Will imposes on Lebanon a more drastic solution.</p> <p><b>-MP Alain Aoun intervention:</b> He stressed the sensitive nature of the issue, criticizing the hasten nature of the PSP proposal "Accelerated/Pressing-Reiterated" (Mu'aajjal Mukarrar), the draft bill should undergo extensive study. He then stated that what was more dangerous than the presentation of the proposal in such a hastened manner was the instigation that occurred later. A solution should be formulated - without recourse to political and sectarian outbidding – noting that the solution of the status of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon should be the joint responsibility of the International Community, Arab States, and Lebanon.</p> <p><b>-MP Oukab Sakr intervention:</b> "Not one MP was against the draft proposal in itself, but against its being presented as 'Mu'aajjal Mukarrar' (Pressing-Reiterated).</p> <p><b>-Ambassador Abdullah Abdullah intervention:</b> H.E. stressed that the Palestinian wants to be able to live in dignity, be productive. A statement which triggered the reply of El Azzi "Lebanon cannot secure this for Palestinians". H.E. automatically replied "Then, expel us".</p> <p><b>-Sheikh Mohamad Nimr Zaamout:</b> "We, Palestinians, do not seek any Land, nor do we seek the allowances of the Lebanese. The Palestinian worker is the only worker who works in Lebanon and spends his salary in Lebanon." He then mentioned the contributions of the Palestinian entrepreneurs in the fields of Commerce and Construction in Lebanon; and the contributions of the expatriates to their families who are residing in Lebanon. "All we are asking for is to be able to live as Humans".</p> <p><b>-Magy Farah</b> quoted General Aoun's statement with regards to the increasing rate of unemployment amongst the Lebanese – especially syndicated professions – and the NSSF being already overburdened with the Lebanese. Hence any solution that will address the Palestinian Civil rights will come to take away job opportunities and other benefits from the Lebanese.</p> <p><a href="http://www.otv.com.lb/web/English/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=96&amp;pageid=26">http://www.otv.com.lb/web/English/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=96&amp;pageid=26</a></p>
27.06.2010	<i>The 'March for Civil &amp;</i>	Network for the 'March for	The March's main slogan was <i>Civil, Social and Economic Rights and Living in</i>

	<p><b><i>Socio-Economic Rights for Palestinian Refugees</i></b></p>	<p>Palestinian Socio-Economic Rights in Lebanon' + Lebanese, Palestinian &amp; multinational activists and supporters of granting Palestinian refugees rights</p>	<p><i>Dignity are an Essential Step in the Journey of Return.</i> “There is a need to re-frame the debate. The humanitarian approach looks at Palestinian refugees as a group of people that need to be fed and sheltered by international relief agencies and charitable organizations, denying their agency as participatory actors in their state of affairs. Instead, we need to adopt a rights-based approach centered on the right to human dignity, out of which all basic human rights stem (the right to work, the right to ownership, healthcare, education, freedom of movement and speech and the right to form and register organizations, etc). These rights are inalienable and need to be looked at as an organic whole, despite the fact that some of them, such as the right to work and the right to ownership, are currently a priority to Palestinian refugees. The March culminated in the delivery of a petition to the Secretary General of the Lebanese Parliament, Mr. Adnan Daher. The petition calls for the right to property, the right to mobility and the elimination of Article 59 of the Labour Law. (Arabic &amp; English version of the petition posted on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm</a>) (Al-Akhbar, <i>The ‘One legged’ March for Civil Rights from their Ghettos to our Streets + Text of the Draft Bill presented to the Parliament + Following the steps of Luther King &amp; Ghandi...</i> , June 28, 2010)  -H.E. Abdullah Abdullah, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Lebanon, stated: “this day is vitally important. Firstly it shows how much Palestinians are determined to live with dignity. Secondly, it gives assurances for all those who have concerns that granting us our rights will not impact on the politics in Lebanon. It does not upset the balance and it will not take anything from the economy of the country.” (The Daily Star, <i>Beirut rally demands Palestinian rights, June 28, 2010</i>)</p>
	<p><b><i>Gatherings organized by the PSP in Rashayya, Wadi Zayneh and Aley</i></b></p>		<p>-Minister Abu Faour emphasized to reporters @ Rashayya’s gathering that there was nothing political about the timing of the PSP draft bills: the timing is procedural and the file has been for a while on a heated fire. The ‘Democratic Gathering’ had forwarded the Draft Bills to the House of Deputies months ago; it was a coincidence that it ended up on the agenda of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parliamentary Session....Contrary to what certain people would like to imply, the Head of the PSP does not wish to trigger a division amongst the Lebanese, we support reconciliation, and we do not want that the Palestinian issue becomes again an internal conflict amongst the Lebanese.” MP Abu Faour added that he believes that “the reconciliation with the Palestinians is part of the Lebanese reconciliation, not division”, stating that “referring the draft bills to the Parliamentary Commission of Administration &amp; Justice is an opportunity to a real national dialogue, and we call for granting the civil rights to Palestinians within the context of reconciliation and not Lebanese division because the era where the Palestinian was an element for partition and hounding is gone. We hope that the discussion that will take place at the Commission of Administration &amp; Justice and in the Parliament be a national one, fair to the Palestinians and secures their dignity, but at the same time reassures</p>

			<p>the Lebanese – or a considerable fraction of the Lebanese – and secures its stability because keeping the camps in their current situation is not in the best interest of the Lebanese. MP Abu Faour then emphasized “the PSP’s rejection of ‘tawteen’, there’s no relationship between what we are proposing and ‘tawteen’, and we do not have any political agenda for ‘tawteen’ which we reject as do the Lebanese and the Palestinians”, criticizing the failure of the Lebanese government in regulating the Lebanese-Palestinian relationships.” (An-Nahar, <i>Abu Faour: We want to grant/pass the Palestinians’ rights within consensus and reconciliation, not within division</i>, June 28, 2010)</p> <p>-Minster Abu Faour denied being assigned the Palestinian File (Al Diyar, <i>Abu Faour denied being assigned with the Palestinian File</i>, June 28, 2010)</p> <p>-MP Aleddine Terro stated @ Wadi el-Zayneh’s gathering that the “we (PSP) stress on the right to return to Palestine and the establishment of the independent State of Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital, we also stress on our rejection to naturalization (tawteen) – as you (Palestinians) do – whereas some people want it as a scarecrow for the Lebanese, or at least a group of Lebanese....We are with you (Palestinians) and support granting you civil and humanitarian rights. Some say that our pace is hasty...With the Lebanese reconciliation being established, we do not want any discord on the Palestinian issue, in the same manner we do not want for this issue to constitute a controversy between the Palestinians and some Lebanese...” (An-Nahar, <i>The PSP organized a gathering in support of the Palestinian Rights – Terro: Some people are using the naturalization as a scarecrow</i>, June 28, 2010)</p> <p>- MP Akram Shouhayib stated at Aley’s gathering stated that what the PSP &amp; the deputies of the ‘Democratic Gathering’ have proposed is a clear draft bill requesting the granting of the fundamentals of a dignified living to people who refused to negotiate their Cause, and who insist on the right to return to their homeland Palestine. It (the proposal) is firstly only a part of the national Lebanese duty, secondly an Arab duty, &amp; at all times a humanitarian duty for Lebanon, the country that believes in human rights and the justice of the Palestinian cause...” (Al Diyar, <i>Gathering in Aley in support of the Palestinians</i>, June 28, 2010)</p>
	<i>Demonstration in support of Palestinians’ ‘humanitarian’ rights in Tyr</i>	Lebanese & Palestinian NGOs and Popular Committees	<p>Mr. Mohamed Abu Rashid, member of the Popular Committees of the Camps in Tyr area, spoke on behalf of the Palestinian organizations calling for the passing of the legislative amendments ASAP to keep danger away from the Palestinian people and the camps until their return to their homeland is made possible. (Al Diyar, <i>A demonstration in Tyr in support of Palestinians’ ‘humanitarian’ rights</i>, June 28, 2010)</p>
<b>28.06.2010</b>	<i>Campaign aimed at the rejection of the PSP draft bill</i>		<p>Christian sources, following closely the Campaign for the rejection of MP Jumblatt draft bill titled “Civil Rights for Palestinians”, explained that this rejection was not based on a denial of the humanitarian rights for Palestinians but rather upon</p>

			<p>information which revealed Arab &amp; International steps in the direction of imposing ‘tawteen’ as ‘un fait accompli’. Based on this information, the Head of the ‘Change &amp; Reform’ Bloc, General Michel Aoun, discussed with Syrian President Bashar El Assad that the repercussions of the Palestinian file go beyond Lebanon, and leniency with regard to the so-called Civil rights will mean approval of the Political rights: A matter which will eventually lead to the dismissal of the right to return hence imposing ‘tawteen’. (Al Diyar, <i>Campaign aimed at the rejection of the PSP draft bill</i>, June 29, 2010)</p>
29.06.2010	<p><b><i>The LPDC meeting titled “The Lebanese-Palestinian Relations: Achievements, Vision and Future”@ the Grand Serail</i></b></p>	<p>Former PM Fouad Siniora, Ministers Tarek Mitri, Mohamed Khalifeh, Jean Ogassapian, and Akram Shouhayib, MPs, the Palestinian Ambassador to Lebanon - H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon – Mr. Michael Williams, the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon - Mr. Salvatore Lombardo, and a number of diplomats</p>	<p>The Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Committee organized, under the patronage of the President of the Council of Ministers, H.E. Mr. Saad Hariri, the “Lebanese-Palestinian Relations: Achievements, Vision and Future” meeting on the occasion of the launching of the LPDC Report titled "<i>Lebanon and Palestinian Refugees: Policy Foundations and Milestones 2005-2009</i>". (The Speakers Notes, and the Arabic &amp; English versions of the Report are posted on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/news.htm</a>)</p> <p>-MP Hariri: The Rights' issue is not subject to back and forth debates and discussions. In Lebanon duties toward the Palestinians, there is no window for the consecration of Settlement/naturalization or the abolition/annulment of the Right of return.</p> <p>-Premier Hariri stated: “The Palestinian rights are the Lebanese state’s duty towards brothers who were expelled from their homeland...As concerns Lebanon’s duties towards our brothers, there is no window for the consecration of naturalization or any procedure that contradicts the Right to return, or the expropriation of Palestine’s identity. (Al-Akhbar, <i>Hariri: The Rights' issue is not subject to back and forth debates and discussions</i>, June 30, 2010)</p> <p>Additional articles can be accessed on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm</a></p>
	<p><b><i>Head of the Phalange Party, President Gemayel, meets with Mr. Salvatore Lombardo</i></b></p>	<p>President Gemayel, Mr. Lombardo, Minister of Social Affairs &amp; Minister of Social Affairs Mr. Selim Sayegh</p>	<p>Following his meeting with Mr. Salvatore Lombardo, the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon, Mr. Gemayel expressed his skepticism concerning the timing of the proposal on the Palestinians’ civil rights, noting that it comes in line with certain talks to resolve the Palestinian issue. He stated that “the right to property is a very advanced step towards naturalization, so is the right to work in professions that are not regulated by laws – an issue that ought to be discussed seriously with the syndicates as it is not feasible to pass decisions without conferring with these authorities – in addition to the fact that certain demands (included in the draft bills) will result in financial burdens to the Lebanese state, at a time when the government falls short of answering the Lebanese demands; an international responsibility that even UNRWA, as stated by its officials, became incapable of fulfilling its duties.” Mr. Gemayel noted that “the Phalange Party had presented draft bills to improve the situation of the Palestinians.” L’Orient-Le Jour, <i>Gemayel: Le droit de posséder un logement est un pas avancé vers l’implantation</i>, July 01, 2010)</p>

	<b><i>Abdullah-Geagea meeting in Mi'irab</i></b>	The Head of the Lebanese Forces, Mr. Samir Geagea & Ambassador Abdullah Abdullah	An-Nahar, <i>The representative of the Palestinian Liberation at Geagea's: Hariri proved his commitment to human rights</i> , June 30, 2010
	<b><i>'The Liberty Front' Regular meeting in Karantina</i></b>	Members of the Liberty Front headed by Mr. Fouad Abu Nader	Al Diyar, <i>The Liberty Front: The 'Rights' is an Israeli demand</i> , June 30, 2010
<b>30.06.2010</b>	<b><i>Meeting of the March 14 Secretariat General</i></b>		The March 14 Secretariat General released a statement following its meeting on June 30: "The issue of humanitarian and civil rights for Palestinian refugees was evoked in a very pressing manner, "and it aimed at highlighting the Lebanese division, more than it aimed at according the refugees their legal rights. What was required instead was pursuing the constructive effort carried out by the former Lebanese government, in cooperation with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, on the basis of the two-legality relationship..." (Posted on the March 14 website on June 30, 2010)
	<b><i>Meeting of the Civil Campaign for the support of Palestine &amp; Iraq with a delegation from the PLO</i></b>		Called for keeping the ongoing efforts on all levels in order to ensure the passing of the legislations that will be discussed at the Parliament, stressing the "need to distinguish between the basic humanitarian rights of Palestinians and the naturalization scheme that is rejected by the Palestinians and the Lebanese, a scheme that is considered as sedition." (As-Safir, <i>The Distinction between the Rights and Naturalization should be drawn</i> , July 01)
<b>01.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Coordination meeting between Forces in March 14 @ the office of the former PM Siniora Head of 'The Future' Parliamentary Bloc</i></b>	MPs Siniora, Fares Soueid (Coordinator of the March 14 General Assembly), Antoine Zahra & Elie Keyrouz (Lebanese Forces), Nouhad el Mashnouk , Mohamed Kabbani, Samir el Jisr, Hadi Hobeish, Atef Majdalani, & Ammar Hourri (The Future Movement)	Attendees discussed the issue of Palestinian refugees' 'humanitarian' rights, noting that it was the first time that the Forces of March 14 and The Future Movement engage in serious discussions on the drafting of a proposal related to these rights, in an attempt to present a unified draft bill to the Parliament, with the possibility of their benefiting from services in the Health and Labour sectors. It was also noted that attendees agreed 1) on the topics of the right to work and the health benefits; 2) to discuss the right to property in another meeting; 3) to broaden their contacts to include all the members of March 14 – deputies & non-deputies – to ensure that all members will participate in the discussions; 4) to select a Sub-Committee to formulate the last version of the topics of work & social security which will stress the Palestinian identity of every Palestinian identity of every Palestinian refugee by stipulating the condition of the work permit and the responsibility of the international community through pushing UNRWA to contribute in the Social Security funding. (An-Nahar, <i>Coordination between Forces in 'March 14' on a draft bill to grant Palestinian refugees' rights, ...2010</i> ) - Commenting on the draft bill that is being prepared by Forces in the March 14 and the Future Movement, MP Nouhad el Mashnouk told Al Akhbar newspaper that the proposal is intended to be a humanitarian draft on a clashing and ambiguous issue; and all the info that is being circulated concerning the draft is not at all precise..." (Al Akhbar, <i>The Rights of Palestinians: A futuristic attempt towards a unified "March" stand</i> , July 08, 2010)

05.07.2010	<b><i>The Democratic Palestinian Front demonstration outside the UN, HQ in Downtown Beirut for the “Granting the Humanitarian rights to Palestinians is the real consolidation of the right of return”</i></b>	The Democratic Palestinian Front	<p>-The Democratic Palestinian Front issued a memorandum calling for the right to work and to own property, as well as for the increase in camp size and the reconstruction of Nahr el-Bared. The memorandum also called for the improvement of the Palestinian-Lebanese relationship: "It is the active interest of the Palestinian people in Lebanon to be in unity with the Lebanese people because it reflects positively on their cause and their right of return."</p> <p>-Mr. Ali Faisal noted: “We are doing this for justice, for the human rights of the Palestinian people without division, without politics...We are not involved between the Christians and the Muslims. We hope they will all take the right way for justice...We are hopeful that the latest negotiations will bring change for our people.” (The Daily Star, <i>Palestinian groups urge civil rights reform</i>, July 06)</p>
	<b><i>Phalange Meeting with Maronite Patriarch in Bkirki</i></b>	President Gemayel & his political aide MP Sij’an Kazzi + Maronite Patriarch	The meeting tackled – according to a statement by the Phalange party "the developments on the Lebanese scene, particularly the incidents which took place at the South and its repercussions on peace in Lebanon. The meeting also discussed the issue of the so-called Palestinian rights and the impact of granting all these demands on Lebanon's unity and its demographic composition, its identity, and its stability. President Gemayel sensed that Patriarch Sfeir a full understanding of all these issues." Following the meeting, President Gemayel commented: "...this issue (granting Palestinians rights) is very perilous, because it will - if ratified as it was proposed – alter the demographic facts of the country..." (An-Nahar, <i>Maronite Patriarch discussed the developments with his visitors – Gemayel: The proposed draft bills for refugees are perilous</i> , July 06, 2010)
	<b><i>MP Michel Aoun meets the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon Mr. Salvatore Lombardo in Rabieh</i></b>	MPs Michel Aoun & Ibrahim Kenaan, and Mr. Lombardo	Attendees discussed the draft bills related to the Palestinian status – presented at the Parliament – and the responsibility of UNRWA vis-à-vis the Palestinians. (As-Safir, <i>Aoun meets the Director of UNRWA Affairs and a Palestinian deputy</i> , July 06, 2010)
	<b><i>Meeting of the Parliamentary Commission of Administration &amp; Justice intended to discuss the 4 draft bills proposed by the Head of the “Democratic Gathering’ MP Walid Jumblatt at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parliamentary Session</i></b>	Headed by MP Robert Ghanem & attended by Ministers Boutros Harb (Labour), Ibrahim Najjar (Justice), the member deputies, the General Director of the Ministry of Justice Mr. Omar El Natour, Ms. Alia Abbas (representing the Ministry of Finance), and Lieutenant Joseph Wehbe (representing the Surete Generale)	<p>The Parliamentary Commission of Administration &amp; Justice noted that “there is no need to amend Article 79 of the Labour Law, since it does not – without any exception whatsoever – exempt Palestinians from the Labour Arbitration Board, and on that basis, the Parliamentary Commission will stress that there is no need for the amendment.”</p> <p>-MP Robert Ghanem stated: “We have discussed the draft bills proposed by the deputies of the ‘Democratic Gathering’, and we debated many questions related to the right to work, the right to social security, and the right to Labour Arbitration Board... There is no need to amend Article 79”</p> <p>-Minister Boutros Harb noted: “The Government’s approach is positive...” (An-Nahar, <i>The Administration (Parliamentary Commission) continued studying the rights of Palestinians</i>, July 06, 2010 &amp; As-Safir, <i>The Administration studied the rights of Palestinians: Neutralization of the controversial articles and plunging in numbers</i>, July 06, 2010)</p>

	<b><i>Follow-up Coordination meeting between Forces in March 14 @ the office of the former PM Siniora Head of 'The Future' Parliamentary Bloc</i></b>	MPs Siniora, Fares Soueid (Coordinator of the March 14 General Assembly), Antoine Zahra & Elie Keyrouz (Lebanese Forces), Nouhad el Mashnouk, Mohamed Kabbani, Samir el Jisr, Hadi Hobeish, Atef Majdalani, & Ammar Hourri (The Future Movement)	Attendees discussed the circulating proposal which includes: 1) Defining the Palestinian refugees in order to 'limit' the beneficiaries...; 2) Define the Labour market that will be open to these refugees...; 3) Distinguish the work permit that might be given to these refugees... (As-Safir, <i>Siniora heads a meeting of the March 14 Forces in the absence of the Phalange: Draft Bill in response to "the stupidity of the Right-Wing"...allowing refugees' employment</i> , July 06.2010)
<b>07.07.2010</b>	<b><i>The Maronite Bishops' Council</i></b>		As stated by the Maronite Bishops: "Rights are tied to responsibilities, particularly to controlling weapons inside and outside refugee camps and placing them under the control of the Lebanese state..." The bishops stressed that the humanitarian rights of Palestinians should be addressed by the Lebanese state to ameliorate the refugees' living conditions. They also expressed fear that humanitarian demands would turn into a political domestic issue and lead to the settlement of refugees as permanent residents: "We fear denying (Palestinian refugees) the right to return and forcing their naturalization at times when the Lebanese are emigrating because of the economic and social crisis as well as Lebanon's small surface." Commenting on the Maronite Bishops' Council stance tying the refugees' rights to the disarmament of Palestinian factions, H.E. stated that "the issue of rights is an essential one that should not be tied to other matters." (The Daily Star, Christian MPs drafting law to give Palestinians limited rights, July 08, 2010)
<b>09.07.2010</b>	<b><i>The Head of the House of Deputies meets Minister of Labour in Ein El Tineh</i></b>	Speaker Nabih Berri & Minister Boutros Harb	Minister Harb stated: "We are working with Berri towards a unified stand vis-à-vis the refugees... the meeting was an opportunity to discuss the draft bills and proposals that are undergoing study, and related to the Ministry of Labour and its authorities - especially the Social Security and the End of Service draft bills...I have agreed with Mr. Berri to give the Ministry time to get back to the House of Deputies with a unified form/version that will be agreed upon by the employers and the employees..." (An-Nahar, <i>Harb: We are working with Berri towards a unified stand vis-à-vis the refugees</i> , July 11, 2010)
	<b><i>A series of talks among March 14 Forces &amp; Coordination with MP Jumblatt and opposition parties</i></b>		A series of talks among March 14 Forces resulted in the formulation of a joint proposal. MP Nouhad El Mashnouk was delegated to coordinate with opposition parties and MP Walid Jumblatt. Mr. El Mashnouk remarked to An-Nahar newspaper on July 11 that MP Jumblatt expressed his understanding to postpone discussions on granting Palestinian refugees the right of property ownership and restrict talks to work and social security rights. -MP Jumblatt expressed to An-Nahar that he has not heard anything about the new proposal and that he is waiting to see the proceedings of the forthcoming parliamentary session scheduled to be held on Thursday July 15) -Minister Boutros Harb noted to An-Nahar: "Ongoing contacts made a big progress

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<b>12.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Chamo'un-Gemayel talks</i></b>	Head of the National Liberal Party, Mr. Dory Chamo'un & President Gemayel	Mr. Chamo'un rejected the 'Future' & 'Lebanese Forces' draft bill on the rights of Palestinians, and added that he agreed with President Gemayel on adjourning the discussions on Palestinian rights stating that “the Lebanese Government does not have the guts to collect the arms outside the camps.” (An-Nahar, July 13, 2010)
	<b><i>Gemayel- Siniora meeting @ the 'Phalange House'</i></b>		<p>MP Siniora stated at the end of the meeting that the July 15 parliamentary session will not be final – noting that the Head of the Parliament might set an additional session – stressing "We are talking about the right to work exclusively; no talks are being held on the right to ownership."</p> <p>On his part, President Gemayel pointed out that the issue of improving the status of the Palestinian refugees is "a continuous Phalange concern", adding that the Phalange's concern is to assure the Palestinians and to grant them all the possibilities to have a dignified life. President Gemayel also noted that this issue should not be addressed in a hasty manner or within constriction; adding "we are fearful of an international pressure on Lebanon to solve the Palestinians' issue in order to facilitate peace projects in the region."</p> <p>(Al Diyar, <i>Gemayel- Siniora meeting: Saving Face</i>, July 13, 2010)</p>
	<b><i>Harb-El Ahmad-Dabbour meeting</i></b>	Minister of Labour, Mr. Boutros Harb + the Head of the 'Fatah' Bloc at the Palestinian Parliament, member of the 'Central Committee' at the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and the Head of the Palestinian File in Lebanon & the Aide of Ambassador Abdullah Mr. Ashraf	El Ahmad stated following the meeting: “We are under/subject to the Lebanese sovereignty.” (Al Diyar, July 13, 2010)

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	<b><i>Closing ceremony of the Lebanese-Palestinian Summer Camp in Chouf</i></b>	MP Jumblatt & Ambassador Abdullah	MP Jumblatt stated that he "will withdraw his proposal if 'The Future Movement' and the 'Lebanese Forces' endorse the right to ownership. The Civil rights are your rights and not a favour granted to you". As for Ambassador Abdullah, H.E. noted that "Let no one think to substitute 'naturalization' by displacement." (Al Diyar, <i>Abdullah: Let no one think to substitute 'naturalization' by displacement</i> , July 13)
	<b><i>'5 Christian Fronts' meeting</i></b>	The 'Lebanese Forces Alumni', the 'Liberation Front', the 'Union for Lebanon', the 'Guardians of the Cedars', and the 'Free Tigers'	A statement released by the 'Lebanese Forces Alumni', the 'Liberation Front', the 'Union for Lebanon', the 'Guardians of the Cedars', and the 'Free Tigers' - following their meeting 'intended to discuss the presentation of the Palestinian issue and the skepticism that it might constitute to the Lebanese in general, with the efforts that are being undertaken towards the launching of a Palestinian state without the Palestinian Diaspora - stressed that "the statement of Maronite Patriarch Sfeir, on the necessity of the distribution of Palestinians residing in Lebanon on the Arab countries that are capable of lodging them and taking care of them, is a serious and realistic matter." (Al Diyar, <i>5 Christian Fronts gathered in a joint statement: Patriarch Sfeir's proposal on the distribution of Palestinians is serious and realistic</i> , July 13, 2010)
	<b><i>Sfeir-Abdullah meeting</i></b>	Maronite Patriarch Sfeir & Ambassador Abdullah Abdullah	Following the meeting, Ambassador Abdullah praised the stand of the Maronite Bishops Council vis-à-vis granting Palestinians rights and the Council's statement that was released last week, and added that "we discussed the joint proposal (Draft bill of Forces in March 14) that will be presented at the July 15 parliamentary session, related in particular to the right to work of the refugees on the Lebanese territories, in the sense that there should not be a discrimination against the Palestinians with regard to the occupations that are available in the Lebanese labour market...We talked about other issues that face the Palestinian on this territory, other than the proposal on the right to work which is going to be presented to the Parliament; I found full understanding from the Patriarch and I gave him all the assurances in answer to his queries..." (An-Nahar, <i>Abdullah communicated a letter (from the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas) to Sfeir on the condition of the Palestinians</i> , July 13, 2010)
	<b><i>Formulation of a draft bill by 'The Future' &amp; the 'Lebanese Forces'</i></b>		A series of talks among Forces in March 14 resulted in the formulation of a joint proposal. MP Nouhad El Mashnouk was delegated to coordinate with opposition parties and MP Walid Jumblatt. Mr. El Mashnouk remarked to An-Nahar newspaper on July 11 that MP Jumblatt expressed his understanding to postpone discussions on granting Palestinian refugees the right of property ownership and restrict talks to work and social security rights. -MP Jumblatt expressed to An-Nahar that he has not heard anything about the new proposal and that he is waiting to see the proceedings of the forthcoming parliamentary session scheduled to be held on Thursday July 15) -Minister Boutros Harb noted to An-Nahar: "Ongoing contacts made a big progress

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13.07.2010	<p><b><i>Weekly meeting of the 'Change &amp; Reform Bloc' @ Rabieh</i></b></p>	Members of the 'Change and Reform Bloc'	<p>Free Patriotic Movement leader, MP Michel Aoun pointed out that "Everything related to the Palestinian rights is stipulated in the Lebanese law; hence no one is entitled to any rights that are not part of this law", adding: "In case someone wants to demand anything that is not part of the Lebanese law, this would be a demand for facilities not rights, and we are open to grant the Palestinians in Lebanon facilities." MP Aoun also stated that "the 'Change &amp; Reform' bloc discussed the legal &amp; constitutional violations of the Government, and decided to address questions to the Government and to follow up on the issue." (An-Nahar, <i>Aoun: the Palestinian rights are stipulated in the law, however we are open to grant facilities that are not part of the law</i>, July 14, 2010)</p>
	<p><b><i>Prime Minister Hariri meeting with MP Nadim Gemayel</i></b></p>	Prime Minister Saad Hariri & MP Nadim Gemayel	<p>MP Nadim Gemayel stated following the meeting: "We discussed a number of issues...As concerns the Palestinian issue, my stand is clear, and the draft that is being debated includes three categories of Palestinians, and today there comes a draft bill that assemble them and legislates the presence of these categories in the same manner – a manner that is not permissible due to the fact that the third category is the responsibility of the Arab States, particularly Jordan and Egypt from which this category came whether via passports or via Palestinian, Jordanian nationalities, or via Refugee ID cards issued in Jordan or Palestine. Hence these two countries should assume their responsibility." Responding to a question on whether the issue of Palestinians' rights will be discussed during Thursday's Parliamentary Session, MP Gemayel noted: "...since no party in Lebanon wishes the occurrence of a problem in the country, the matter might be adjourned." (An-Nahar, <i>Hariri received Nadim Gemayel...</i>, July 14, 2010)</p>
	<p><b><i>Berri-Saad meeting @ Ein el Tineh</i></b></p>	Speaker of Parliament Mr. Nabih Berri & the leader of the Popular	Mr. Osama Saad stated, following the meeting: "the main criteria for addressing the issue of the rights of Palestinians is the stand with regard to the Cause/issue of the

		Nasserite Movement, Mr. Osama Saad	Palestinian people and its struggle to obtain its national rights. And he who does not support this right and this people's struggle...does not have the right to talk about 'humanitarian' rights." (An-Nahar, <i>Berri met with Osama Saad and Wadih El Khazen...</i> , July 14, 2010)
	<b><i>Founding Convention for the Council for Lebanese and Palestinian Youth held in Joun in the Chouf under the patronage of MP Bahia Hariri and H.E. Abdullah Abdullah</i></b>	Lebanese and Palestinian figures	-H.E. Mr. Abdullah stressed that Palestinians were not looking to take away the rights of the Lebanese: "We didn't ask for anything that harmed the rights of the Lebanese and we didn't ask for anything that burdened the budget... What we ask for is our right as Palestinians to live in dignity and not to be treated with discrimination". -MP Bahia Hariri praised those participating in the camp, calling them "a model for brotherhood between Lebanese and Palestinians," adding "the camp could be the start of an Arab initiative to remind youths of the Palestinian cause." And stressed that the right of return didn't only concern Palestinians but rather "all believers in the world."(The Daily Star, <i>Youth Camp discusses rights of Palestinians</i> , July 14)
	<b><i>Ambassador Abdullah's visits to President Michel Suleiman @ Baabda, President Gemayel @ Saifi, PM Fouad Siniora @ Sadat Tower</i></b>		Following his visits to President Michel Suleiman, President Gemayel and MP Fouad Siniora, H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, the Ambassador of Palestine State to Lebanon, stated: "We are concerned with having all Lebanon supporting the issue of the Palestinian people and supporting as well the 'humanitarian' rights of the Palestinian citizen living on this land, a guest with temporary residency until his return to his homeland Palestine." (Al Diyar, <i>Abdullah: Towards a law stemming from a Lebanese-Lebanese consensus</i> , July 14, 2010)
	<b><i>Coordination meetings by MPs Nouhad El Mahsnouk and Elie Keyrouz</i></b>		Following the series of talks held amongst Forces in March 14, MP Nouhad El Mashnouk was delegated to coordinate with the Speaker of the Parliament Mr. Nabih Berri and the Head of the 'Change & Reform' bloc – MP Michel Aoun, and MP Jumblatt; while MP Elie Keyrouz (Lebanese Forces) discussed the joint proposal with Maronite Patriarch Sfeir. MP Jumblatt stated that he received a copy of the Future Movement proposal – "the Future and the Lebanese Forces draft bill, or let's say the Future Movement draft bill, since the Lebanese Forces are part of the Future Movement" - and that he will agree with the articles that intersect with the PSP draft bills – stressing on getting guarantees on the right to ownership and inheritance. MP Jumblatt added that he understands General Aoun's demand to include the Palestinians' right to ownership in Lebanon under the draft bill of the foreigner's ownership. He also stated that he supports the proposal to build new camps in Lebanon and that the construction be horizontal – commenting that it is an old proposal that dates from the period of the late Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, however the implementation of such a project is very complex in view of the difficulty in securing funding. (Al-Akhbar, <i>The Palestinians ' Rights: the right to Work but not Ownership</i> , July 13, 2010)
	<b><i>President Gemayel-Michel Edde meeting @ the</i></b>	President Amine Gemayel and the Head of the Maronite League Mr.	Former Minister Michel Edde stated following the meeting that "the situation is extremely critical, and we all have an interest in keeping the country away from all

	<b>'Phalange House'</b>	Michel Edde	the schemes/plans aiming at the solution of the Palestinian issue at the expense of Lebanon, and also aiming at imposing solutions ultimately leading to losing Lebanon." (Al Diyar, <i>Michel Edde at the 'Phalange's House'</i> , July 14, 2010)
<b>14.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Meeting of the Administration &amp; Justice Parliamentary Commission</i></b>		The Head of the Administration and Justice Commission MP Robert Ghanem pointed out the need for two additional months to discuss the issue of Palestinian rights. The commission did not receive the draft bill on Palestinian rights formulated by the March 14 Alliance. ( <i>As-Safir, The Administration (Commission) requests two additional months...and the General Committee to postpone the rights</i> , July 15, 2010)
	<b><i>Siniora met Khalifeh, Lombardo, and a delegation of the 'Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine'</i></b>		Speaking on behalf of the delegation of the Front, Mr. Ali Faysal stressed on that "though it is the responsibility of the Donor States and the International Community in securing services to our people within the framework of UNRWA, and the need to increase its yearly budget to meet our people's growing needs; this does not disaffirm the responsibility of the Lebanese State – being one of the stakeholders related to our people's issues." (An-Nahar, <i>Siniora met Khalifeh, Lombardo, and a delegation of the 'Democratic Front'</i> , July 15, 2010)
	<b><i>MP Michel Aoun's Press Release</i></b>	Press Office of MP Michel Aoun	In a statement released by the Press Office of the 'Free Patriotic Movement', MP Michel Aoun warned of "attempts to impose naturalization by stirring up trouble..." calling on the great states that exiled the Palestinians to provide funds to build houses for them that will be owned by the Lebanese state." (Now Lebanon, Aoun warns of attempts to impose naturalization, July 15, 2010)
<b>15.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Parliament Session</i></b>		Speaker Nabih Berri postponed to August 17 the parliamentary discussions on the issue of granting rights to Palestinian refugees; noting that he postponed the talks because the Administration & Justice parliamentary commission needs more time to finalize the proposals submitted by MPs on the matter. MP Robert Ghanem noted that the talks were postponed "in order to grant legislators more time to study the draft bill and to find a solution that suits everyone concerned." (Now Lebanon, <i>Berri postpones Palestinian rights talks to August 17 parliament session</i> and <i>Ghanem explains decision to postpone parliament session on Palestinian rights</i> , July 16, 2010) -An-Nahar, <i>An open session which approached the 'fears', the Palestinian rights adjourned to August 17</i> -As-Safir, <i>The Palestinians' rights till August 17: A 'Controlled' Session...</i> -Al Akhbar, <i>'Unanimity' postpones the Palestinians' rights</i>
	<b><i>Two protests at Riad El Solh in support of the Palestinians' rights</i></b>		Dozens of Palestinians staged a protest outside the house of Parliament as legislators debated whether to accord the right to employment, social security, medical care and ownership of property to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. (Now Lebanon, <i>Ghanem explains decision to postpone parliament session on Palestinian rights</i> , July 16, 2010)
<b>20.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Press Conference @ the</i></b>	MPs Ibrahim Kenaan (Change &	For a brief on the Speakers' notes, confer An-Nahar, <i>Kenaan, El Mashnouk, and</i>

	<b><i>Catholic Center for Information in Jal el-Dib</i></b>	Reform Bloc) and Nouhad El Mashnouk (March 14 Bloc) + UNRWA Public Information Officer, Ms. Hoda Samra Souaiby	<i>Souaiby at the Catholic Center for Information</i> , July 21, 2010 – posted on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm</a> )
	<b><i>Patriarch Sfeir meets with a delegation from the Council of the Lebanese-Palestinian Youth @ El-Dimane</i></b>	Patriarch Sfeir; the Director of the 'Saint Sauveur' monastery, Father Abdo Raad and Mr. Nabil Bawwab & Mr. Gaby Jammal (the Council of the Lebanese-Palestinian Youth)	<i>An-Nahar, Sfeir hopes that the Palestinians will be able to return</i> , July 21, 2010
<b>22.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Prime Minister Hariri meets with a delegation from the Council of the Lebanese-Palestinian Youth</i></b>	PM Hariri, the Head of the Development and Dialogue Association, Mr. Emile Iskandar; Ms. Rola Badran from the Palestinian Human Rights Organization (PHRO); the Director of the 'Saint Sauveur' monastery, Father Abdo Raad; and Attorney Ali el-Ghoul	-Prime Minister Hariri stressed on the need for communication and dialogue between the Lebanese and Palestinian Youth, and the mutual understanding of the respective fears. H.E. pointed out that "the current government will work towards a solution of the issue of Palestinian rights in Lebanon, thanking all the persons who contributed to the founding of the Council of the Lebanese-Palestinian Youth, and stressing on the need to solve all the defects/flaws in the Lebanese-Palestinian relations through dialogue." -Mr. Emile Iskandar called for granting the Palestinians their natural human rights. -Ms. Rola Badran pointed out the need to consolidating the values of citizenship and humanity in the Youth, stressing on "the need to grant human rights to the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon". She presented to PM Hariri a memorandum, prepared by 134 organizations working in the Palestinian and Lebanese milieu, related to the Palestinian rights. (Tried to contact Ms. Badran to inquire about the possibility of getting a copy) Attorney Ali el-Ghoul noted that "the Lebanese-Palestinian relations are vital in the lives of each Palestinian & Lebanese", and called "for granting the Palestinians their human rights." -Father Abdo Raad stressed that "compassion is the only weapon that develop people and sets the grounds for their true development", praising the role of MP Bahia Hariri who proposed the founding of the Council. ( <i>As-Safir, Hariri meets with the Founding Convention for the Council of the Lebanese-Palestinian Youth</i> , July 23, 2010)
<b>23-26.07.2010</b>	<b><i>MP Michel Aoun three-day visit to Zahlé</i></b>	Free Patriotic Movement leader and Kesrouan MP Michel Aoun, Energy and Water Minister Gebran Bassil, "General Michel Aoun's Friends" and local delegations from Zahlé	MP Michel Aoun stated that the US was not interested in assuring the security, stability and sovereignty of Lebanon, but rather in sovereignty of Lebanon, but rather in solving the Palestinian problem at the expense of the Lebanese; stressing that naturalizing Palestinians was a "real" rather than a "theoretical conspiracy that has started in 1948." (The Daily Star, <i>Aoun warns of conspiracy to naturalize Palestinians</i> , July 16, 2010)
<b>26.07.2010</b>	<b><i>Meeting of the Administration &amp; Justice Parliamentary Commission</i></b>	MP Robert Ghanem (Chair), Minister Boutros Harb, MP Nawwar Sahili (the committee's	Following the meeting, MP Ghanem noted to reporters that the Committee had finished looking at proposed amendments to the National Social Security law that would improve the working conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, And

		<p>rapporteur), a number of lawmakers and representatives from the General Directorate of the General Security and the Directorate of Palestinian refugees' Affairs</p>	<p>added that Minister Harb had earlier assured a Palestinian delegation that the government was committed to easing the lives and working conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon through exempting them from the work permit fee. Minister Harb has furthermore promised to ease working permit formalities at the Labour Ministry and allow Palestinian craftsmen to obtain a work permit regardless of whether they are employed or not.</p> <p>MP Ghanem also pointed out that Minister Harb and the Palestinian delegation had highlighted the need for the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to continue providing Palestinians with healthcare and social benefits, rather than the National Social Security Fund.</p> <p>(-The Daily Star, <i>Ghanem: Labor Ministry will boost Palestinians' conditions</i>, July 27, 2010</p> <p>-As-Safir, <i>End of the debate on the employment of Palestinians: They are subject to the Labour Law...and the craftsmen without a work permit</i>, July 27, 2010</p> <p>-An-Nahar, <i>The Administration completed studying the proposals on the rights of Palestinians: The End of Service compensation is the responsibility of the employer not the NSSF</i>, July 27, 2010</p> <p>-Al Akhbar, <i>No Social Security for Palestinians even if they pay</i>, July 27, 2010)</p>
<p><b>28.07.2010</b></p>	<p><i>Posting of Statements by Minister Boutros Harb following the July 26 meeting of the Administration &amp; Justice Parliamentary Commission</i></p>		<p>Reflecting on the meeting of the Administration &amp; Justice Parliamentary Commission, held on July 26, Minister Harb clarified that "the House of Deputies has approved the basic principles in the draft bills on the rights of Palestinian workers, since it guarantees the best living conditions for them." And added that "the Palestinian refugees will be included exclusively in the provisions of the Lebanese Labour Law, but not those the Social Security Law, and it was essential for us to retain the responsibility of the international Community through the Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East 'UNRWA'...because the Palestinian refugees' issue is political and particularly in its correlation to the right to return." H.E. also noted that "the Palestinian workers will obtain a work permit while easing its formalities at the Labour Ministry with an exemption from the permit's fees, a procedure that shall establish their legal status as refugees and their national identity as Palestinians: In this lies the expression of our commitment to the content the Ministerial Statement related to working to improve the living and socio-economic conditions of the Palestinian refugees until their return to their homeland is made possible – out of our fraternal solidarity with their just cause." Minister Harb also stated that "the end of service indemnities, as per the Lebanese Labour Law, remains the responsibility of the employer. As concerns the Palestinians' benefiting from the Employment Injury Law, this is stipulated in the provisions of the Employment Injury Law, and through a private insurance policy to be secured by the employer prior to his consent on granting the employee that he has selected the work permit."</p>

			(-An-Nahar, <i>Harb: The Palestinians will obtain work permits</i> , July 28, 2010 -As-Safir, <i>Harb: The Palestinians will be subject to the Labour Law...not the Social Security Law</i> , July 28, 2010)
	<b><i>Posting of an article by the General Director of the Issam Fares Center for Lebanon (IFCL) Ambassador Abdallah Bou Habib, and his Aide Mr. Michel Abu Najm</i></b>		An-Nahar, <i>The priority should be to the residents of the camps not the Palestinians outside these camps</i> , July 28, 2010)
	<b><i>Siniora's meeting with a delegation from the Phalange Party @ Sadat Tower</i></b>	MP Siniora & the delegation from the Phalange Party headed by the Minister of Social Affairs Mr. Selim el Sayegh	Minister el Sayegh handed the remarks and comments of the Phalange Party related to the Palestinian issue - prepared by the party's tri-Committee including Minister el Sayegh, and the party's consultants Joseph Abou Khalil and MP Sija'n el Azzi. And added that a study on the Palestinian presence in Lebanon is underway. (An-Nahar, <i>A delegation from the Phalange Party handed the party's remarks and a study on the Palestinian presence is underway. The Phalange: Handling the refugees' conditions away from the temporary solutions towards a comprehensive vision that protects the human rights &amp; the right to return and keeps away 'naturalization/tawteen', &amp; Siniora met el Sayegh and Nadim Gemayel...</i> , July 29 -As-Safir, <i>Ongoing Efforts towards a Conversion of 'Points of View' on the Rights of Palestinians</i> , July 29, 2010 -Lebanese Kataeb Official Portal, <i>A Phalange delegation visited Siniora: towards improving the situation of the Palestinians while preserving the state's sovereignty and preventing 'naturalization/tawteen'</i> , July 29, 2010) -The Daily Star – quoting An-Nahar, and summarizing the Phalange's remarks – <i>Phalange urges broad solution to Palestinian refugee issue</i> , July 30, 2010: Full text of the Summarized remarks – as per The Daily Star newspaper - can be accessed on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm</a> )
	<b><i>Siniora-Nadim Gemayel meeting @ Sadat Tower</i></b>	MPs Siniora & Nadim Gemayel	MP Gemayel stated, following the meeting, that "I exchanged views with MP Siniora related to a number of issues particularly the Special Tribunal for Lebanon... the Palestinian situation and the proposed draft bills presented at the Parliament, and I believe that something will eventually crystallize in a unanimous consensus on the draft bills, provided it would be later on presented to the Parliament by one team. Insha-Allah we will soon reach a conversion in the points of views."(Lebanese Kataeb Official Portal, <i>Nadim el Gemayel: We have comments on the proposed draft bills regarding the civil rights of Palestinians</i> , July 28)
	<b><i>A delegation from the National Council for Cedar Revolution visits Maronite</i></b>		A delegation from the National Council for Cedar Revolution, headed by its General Secretary Toni Nissi, visited Patriarch Sfeir yesterday in his summer residence at el-Dimane. The delegation circulated a statement following the

	<b><i>Patriarch Sfeir @ el Dimane's</i></b>		meeting pointing out that it has presented a memorandum to Patriarch Sfeir on the status of Palestinians in Lebanon that include "absolute rejection to granting Palestinian refugees any rights in Lebanon", noting that "it is the duty of the Lebanese Government, the Arab League and the International Community to work towards returning these people to their territories in accordance with Resolution 194. Any other procedure would serve the interest of the Israeli State and decimate the Palestinian issue." (An-Nahar, <i>Sfeir discussed the situation with el-Dimane's visitors</i> , July 29, 2010)
	<b><i>Protest of the Union of Democratic Palestinian Youth (ASHAD) @ 13:00 in front of the UN House - ESCWA, Downtown Beirut</i></b>	ASHAD	As-Safir, <i>The Union of Democratic Palestinian Youth (ASHAD) protests in support of the rights of Palestinians</i> , July 29, 2010.
<b>02.08.2010</b>	<b><i>Future Movement-Lebanese Forces meeting @ MP Siniora's Office in Sadat Tower</i></b>	March 14 Secretariat Coordinator Fares Souaid and MPs Antoine Zahra and Elie Keyrouz (the Lebanese Forces), and Atef Majdalani, Ammar Hourri, Nuhad Mashnuq, and Ghazi Youssef (the Future Movement)	The meeting was intended "to discuss a unified stance by the parliamentary majority on the draft law to grant Palestinian refugees their rights and improve their humanitarian and social situation. The meeting was attended by. Talks were also attended by a number of experts on the Palestinian cause, the state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported. The NNA said Siniora is expected to call for several other meetings in a bid to ultimately come up with a unified stance among the parliamentary majority concerning Palestinian rights." (-The Daily Star, <i>Meeting held to discuss Palestinian rights bill</i> , August 03, 2010 -As-Safir, <i>Meeting towards a unified stance on the draft bill to grant Palestinian refugees civil rights</i> , August 03, 2010)
<b>02.08.2010</b>	<b><i>Report prepared by the Beirut Bar Association (BBA) – forwarded to the UN Human Rights Council</i></b>		The report includes a comprehensive review of human rights in Lebanon, as requested by the council from every country and its civil organizations. It covers six topics: equality, right to life, public safety, treatment of humans, status of the judiciary, private and public freedoms, along with a number of basic rights. Concerning the situation of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, BBA called for setting up a special social and health security fund from which they could benefit. According the report, the Lebanese state, the UN Relief and Works Agency and Palestinian refugees in Lebanon should all shoulder the responsibility of securing sufficient funds for such a move. In its final recommendations, the report called on the state to sign all international agreements related to human rights and it attached several protocols, especially those covering civil and human rights. (-The Daily Star, <i>Lawyers' group calls for wide-ranging reforms to boost equality among citizens</i> , August 03, 2010 -As-Safir, <i>The Report of the Beirut Bar Association: Improving Women's</i>

			<p><i>conditions as well as those of Juvenile delinquency, foreigners and workers, August 03, 2010</i></p> <p><i>-Al Akhbar, Lebanon at the human rights' assessment/test: Group Failure, August 09, 2010)</i></p>
05.08.2010	<p><b><i>The LPDC Workshop titled 'The Palestinian Refugee Right to Work: Law v/s Reality' @ the Grand Serail</i></b></p>	<p>The LPDC members, representatives of the Ministries of Justice &amp; Labour, the National Social Security Fund, the Embassy of the State of Palestine, the ILO, the CEP, UN agencies, the Palestinian General Workers Union, researchers, legal experts and activists</p>	<p><i>-The Daily Star, Committee urges census for Lebanon's Palestinian refugees, August 06, 2010</i></p> <p><i>-As-Safir, The Palestinian Refugee's Right to Work at the LPDC workshop, Aug. 06</i></p> <p><i>-An-Nahar, A Workshop on the Refugee's Right to Work, August 06, 2010 and Numbers of the Palestinians living in Lebanon: We are still at point zero, August 12, 2010</i></p> <p><i>-The LPDC Portal, Arabic &amp; English versions of a summary of the workshop sessions are available at:</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.lpdc.gov.lb/Sections/STopics.aspx?id=60&amp;displang=ar-lb&amp;Type=6">http://www.lpdc.gov.lb/Sections/STopics.aspx?id=60&amp;displang=ar-lb&amp;Type=6</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.lpdc.gov.lb/Sections/STopics.aspx?id=60&amp;displang=en-us&amp;Type=6">http://www.lpdc.gov.lb/Sections/STopics.aspx?id=60&amp;displang=en-us&amp;Type=6</a></p>
10.08.2010	<p><b><i>Draft Law seeking to "plug Lebanon's brain drain and protect the working rights of foreigners and Palestinians"</i></b></p>	<p>Labour-rights Lawyer Adeeb Elias Zakhour</p>	<p>As noted by attorney Zakhour: "There are a lot of workers in Lebanon and there needed to be a study. I thought it was important to put a project forward which would let us see the problems faced by migrant workers, Palestinians and Lebanese workers...The draft law sought to encourage more companies to hire Palestinian workers by recommending that half of all work-permit-application fees be subsidized by a dedicated Arab fund...The fund is created to support the government when needed, to cover the expense of work permits for Palestinian workers. The draft law would not, however, seek to open all employment avenues up to migrant and Palestinian workers. "Foreigners and Palestinians are subject to laws and decisions issued by the Labor Ministry, which prohibits foreign workers from exercising certain professions..."</p> <p>The Daily Star, <i>Draft employment legislation seeks to stem brain drain: Proposal aims to boost job prospects of Palestinians, ex-prisoners, August 11, 2010)</i></p>

<p><b>12.08.2010</b></p>	<p><i>Roundtable of the Right to Work Campaign @ Beit Atfal el Soumoud, Mar Elias Camp</i></p>	<p>Minister of State Mr. Wael Abu Faour, Members of the Right to Work Campaign, representatives of the CEP, UNRWA, the LPDC, the Palestinian Federation of Lawyers, and activists</p>	<p>Under the auspices of Minister Wael Abu Faour, the Right to Work Campaign organized "The Rights of the Palestinians in Lebanon between the Draft Proposals &amp; the Actual Rights" roundtable wherein Minister Abu Faour noted that "it's raining proposals: The PSP's, the Future Movement in collaboration with the Lebanese Forces, the SSNP's, and the draft bill presented by MP Sami Gemayel... however this does not imply that there is a Lebanese awakening vis-à-vis the Palestinian issue..."; calling for "granting the civil rights to Palestinians within the context of reconciliation and not Lebanese division because the era where the Palestinian was an element for partition and hounding is gone." He then stressed that there was nothing political about the timing of the PSP draft bills; and added that "contrary to what certain people would like to imply, the Head of the PSP does not wish to trigger a division amongst the Lebanese, we support reconciliation, and we do not want that the Palestinian issue becomes again an internal conflict amongst the Lebanese."</p> <p>Minister Abu Faour added that he believes that "the reconciliation with the Palestinians is part of the Lebanese reconciliation, not division"; and emphasized that there was "an orchestrated excavation towards emptying the draft bills from their contents...and that the debates on the Christian scene are those of overbidding on who will intercept/resist the Palestinians more."</p> <p>Minister Abu Faour concluded that the abundance in the draft bills will diffuse the issue; calling on the attendees (NGOs) to raise the voice prior to the August 17 Parliament Session – date of the confrontation of the blocs – an occasion for everyone to keep his promise." (As-Safir, <i>Roundtable on the Rights of Palestinians at "Beit Atfal al-Soumoud; Abu Faour: The Abundance in the draft bills will diffuse the issue</i>, August 13)</p>
<p><b>16.08.2010</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting intended to formulate a unified draft bill on granting rights to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon @ MP Siniora's office, Sadat Tower</i></p>	<p>Head of the Future Movement Bloc, MP Fouad Siniora, Ministers Boutros Harb &amp; Selim el Sayegh (Labour and Social Affairs), MPs Antoine Zahra &amp; Elie Keyrouz (Lebanese Forces), MPs Mohamed Kabbani, Ammar Hourri, Nouhad el Mashnouq, Atef Majdalani and the Coordinator of the March 14 Forces MP Fares Souaid, and experts</p>	<p>An-Nahar sources reported that a major development took place at the meeting held on the eve of the August 17 Parliament Session, in that the Alliance Parties finalized a unified draft bill on granting rights to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon... a unified draft bill was formulated and agreed upon amongst all the forces represented at the meeting – after an agreement with the Phalange Party was reached, and contacts were made where the Maronite Patriarchy was a key player, adding that talks also included the Free Patriotic Movement...The attendees discussed the unified proposal to which certain amendments were added – including the ones that were proposed by the Phalange Party."</p> <p>A copy of the unified proposal was sent to the Speaker of the House of Deputies, Mr. Nabih Berri, and to Hezbollah. The attitudes regarding the unified bill were described as positive.</p> <p>This was coupled with Minister Harb's memo to the Parliament requesting launching a Diplomatic Campaign to support the Right to Return and the implementation of the decisions pertaining to the seizing of Palestinians' weapons</p>

			inside and outside the camps, as well as establishing UNRWA's responsibility vis-à-vis the camps. (An-Nahar, <i>Two consonant draft bills on the rights of Palestinians and the oil resources</i> , August 17, 2010)
	<b><i>Protests in support of the Palestinians' Civil &amp; Social rights in Baalbeck, Sidon, Tyr, Beddawi &amp; Chatila Camps</i></b>		As-Safir, <i>Protests and moves demanding granting civil &amp; social rights for the Palestinians</i> , and <i>Protest in Sidon: Towards Lifting the Injustice vis-à-vis the Palestinian refugees</i> , August 17, 2010
	<b><i>Memorandum handed by Hamas to Mufti Kabbani</i></b>		As-Safir, <i>Hamas handed Mufti Kabbani a memorandum on the Palestinian rights</i> , August 17, 2010
<b>17.08.2010</b>	<b><i>Parliament Session</i></b>		<p>As noted by a senior official: The Parliament approved a law amendment lifting former restrictions on employment for Palestinian refugees, who will now have the right to work in any field open to foreigners with benefits including social security from their own special fund". (The Daily Star, <i>Parliament grants wider work rights for Palestinians</i>, August 18, 2010)</p> <p>-MP Ghassan Moukheiber noted that the Lebanese Government marched a huge step in the passing of the right to work for the Palestinian refugees, adding that "the debate will continue at the Parliament: There are other responsibilities/obligations that UNRWA, and other concerned stakeholders, has to carry out to improve the living conditions of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon."</p> <p>-The Head of the Lebanese Forces, Samir Geagea, welcomed the passing of the law, but warned in a statement that this law will not resolve the Palestinian humanitarian issue in Lebanon; and the Lebanese Government could not bear further burdens in addition to that passed [today], or else we will fall in one way or the other into the impermissible which is 'tawteen'." He called on the Lebanese government to form a ministerial commission tasked to tour Arab and Western countries to request their help in resolving the Palestinians' humanitarian issues stating "Lebanon cannot solve the Palestinian issue on its own..."</p> <p>"[The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East's] (UNRWA) job has just started even if its budget does not allow it to solve the [Palestinian refugee] camps' medical and environmental matters. That is why we call for forming a ministerial commission that can increase UNRWA's [budget]".</p> <p>(The Kataeb Official Portal, from Al Sharq Al Awsat newspaper, <i>Moukheiber: The Lebanese Government marched a huge step in the passing of the right to work for the Palestinian refugees</i>, &amp; Now Lebanon, <i>Geagea welcomes parliament's</i></p>

			<p><i>approval of Palestinian rights, August 18, 2010)</i></p> <p>-Now Lebanon reported that “the parliament ratified during its Tuesday session a draft proposal to amend Article 50 of the 1946 Lebanese Labor Law to grant Palestinian refugees in Lebanon the right to free-of-charge work permits...The Parliament also approved severance pay for Palestinian employees in Lebanon.” (Now Lebanon, <i>Parliament approves Palestinian labor rights &amp; Now Lebanon, Geagea welcomes parliament’s approval of Palestinian rights, , August 18, 2010)</i></p> <p>-An-Nahar reported the following: "As for the Palestinian rights' issue, the initiative of Speaker Berri to assign Ministers Boutros Harb and Fneish to redraft a unified draft bill, to generating a way out in "the establishment of a separate fund at the NSSF for the subscriptions of the Palestinian workers, provided that neither the Lebanese treasury nor the NSSF shall afford any commitment or financial obligation to their benefit." (An-Nahar, <i>The Parliament overcame the Oil and the Palestinians' impasse...</i>, August 18, 2010)</p> <p>-For further remarks/reactions, consult August 18 newspapers posted on <a href="http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm">http://www.cep-lb.org/articles3.htm</a></p> <p>*As-Safir, <i>"Unanimous" Collusion on the Rights of Palestinians, &amp; Cesarean Delivery for the Oil Bill and Some of the Rights of the Palestinians at the Library of the Parliament</i></p> <p>*Al Akhbar, <i>The Palestinians obtained curtailed rights: Employment and benefiting from Social Security</i></p> <p>*Al Sharq Al Awsat, <i>The Lebanese Parliament Grants the Palestinian Refugees the Right to Work...</i></p> <p>*Now Lebanon, <i>Abdullah praises parliament’s approval of Palestinian labor rights</i></p>
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