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*Welcome to our weekly newsletter KITE, from
the Sarah Lawrence Coalition for Palestine.*

*KITE is open to contributions from within and beyond our
Sarah Lawrence community. If you or someone you know would like to contribute—an event*

*announcement, an event report, an opinion piece,
a response to something we've published, a quote, a poem—
please send to sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.*

Copy deadline is Sundays at noon. Thank you.

Since our last newsletter:

• *Monday June 1* Israel demolishes three buildings in Tyre and wrecks the Jabal Amel hospital. [Wyatt Reed](#)

"In the early hours of today, the IDF came in and rigged this school with C4 and detonated it...This school was privately owned. It wasn't a Lebanese government school. It was possibly the only school for disabled children in the country. And now it's gone. And what I want to know is: Who keeps allowing the IDF to come in, in the middle of the night, to these villages, and rig homes, and detonate them? Because this is quite a far distance to come in. So somebody must have known." [Courtney Bonneau](#)

Israeli MK Avigdor Lieberman: "It is unacceptable that northern Israel has been under heavy bombardment for days. Soldiers are being wounded and killed, and Israel's prime minister is waiting for Trump's approval to bomb Dahiye. We are not a banana republic. Dahiye must be flattened now, and we must not stop until the last building there has been brought down." [Cradle](#)

"San Diego Über Alles," Esmat Elhalaby: "If Muslims are subjects of violence in San Diego, they've often arrived there already having been subjected to American violence abroad. The irony, of course, is that violence is produced by the same source. 'Indeed,' Abumaye continues, 'three of the largest refugee groups in San Diego—Vietnamese, Somalis, and Iraqis—were displaced by US wars in their respective countries.'" [Parapraxis](#)

- **Tuesday June 2** Israeli forces raid the women's dormitory at Birzeit University and abduct four students: Jolan Abu Awwad, Natali Abu Dayya, Laila Nael Khalil, and Sama Safi, an American citizen. Abu Dayya is a former member of Palestine's under-18 women's national soccer team—as is Rand Halawani, arrested after being summoned for questioning in Jerusalem. [SuppressedNews](#)

30 Israeli strikes across Lebanon after Trump says he told Netanyahu to call off attacks on Beirut. Iran suspends talks with US amid Israeli attacks on Lebanon. [Guardian](#)

Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel [Smotrich](#): "It's either us or them. There is no middle ground. We are killing the idea of a Palestinian state."

Dr Adam Hamawy, decorated former US Army trauma surgeon who traveled to Gaza to treat victims of Israeli attacks, wins Congressional primary election in New Jersey. [DropSite](#)

Letter signed by more than 10% of the professoriate in Belgium urges Belgian universities to cut ties with Israel. [AlJazeera](#)

- **Wednesday June 3** Israel burns the Labeled family to death in their apartment in Gaza: Manar Ibrahim Labeled, Hassan Rabah Labeled, Mohammed Hassan Labeled, Rafah Hassan Labeled, and Tamim Hassan Labeled. [DropSite](#)

Israel plans massive illegal occupied West Bank settlement push: "The new homes would 'strengthen our hold on the land, reinforce Israel's security, and establish clear facts on the ground,' said Smotrich." [NewArab](#)

The World Food Programme (WFP) informs about 600,000 Palestinian households in the Gaza Strip that their personal information was exposed in a "security-related incident", according to reporting by [The New Humanitarian](#). The WFP said the compromised data came from a self-registration application used by Palestinians applying for food and cash assistance.

WFP has also come under fire for its relationship with Palantir, the US military contractor and big data analytics firm that is also highlighted in the "economy of genocide" [UN rights report](#) naming companies accused of sustaining Israel's occupation of Palestine. Humanitarian organisations [risk losing their protection](#) under international law by partnering with military-linked technology

companies, according to Access Now, a digital rights advocacy group that has documented the [WFP-Palantir relationship](#).

Israeli authorities transfer detained Gaza doctor Hussam Abu Safiya to solitary confinement at Nafha Prison after his legal team challenged the extension of his detention. His lawyer says the transfer was punitive and has left Abu Safiya without necessary medical treatment. Healthcare Workers Watch says at least 83 Palestinian healthcare workers are currently being held by Israel, including 75 from Gaza. [DropSite](#)

"The Anti-Defamation League and the Racial State," Emmaia Gelman, hosted by Dylan Rodriguez: "The reason why this book exists is because the ADL, the Anti-Defamation League, is wreaking havoc. It's not just an organization that we're interested in. We're interested in it because it's an agent of chaos and harm, often racial harm. And at the moment, particularly military harm.

"I started writing this ten years ago. So it's not like the genocide, or the moment when the ADL called for the National Guard to come to campuses and start brutalizing students and faculty who were protesting genocide, was the moment of origin for this. It starts much earlier, actually." [UCR Center for Ideas & Society](#)

'We were attacked as bad Jews': Columbia faculty who supported Gaza protests file claims with Trump's antisemitism fund. Faculty who support Palestinian rights are applying for compensation, claiming they faced harassment as Jews for their positions. "In half a dozen filings shared with the Guardian, excerpts of which were [also made public](#), faculty alleged that [Columbia](#) indeed enabled a hostile climate for Jews. But they argued that the hostility they faced stemmed from their support for Palestinian rights and student protests. They criticized what they view as Columbia's implication that all Jews identify with the state of Israel as 'textbook antisemitism,' and argued that by repressing pro-Palestinian speech in the name of Jewish safety, the university turned Jews into 'scapegoats.' 'I no longer consider [Columbia University](#) a safe place to work for Jews who dare to dissent from the political agenda of its most ardently pro-Israel and anti-Palestinian donors and trustees,' wrote Joseph Howley, a classics professor, in his claim." [Guardian](#)

"I had 20 patients in my Pediatric War Injuries Clinic today, for follow-up care. Of the 20 children, Israel had killed one or both parents of 19 of them." [Ghassan Abu Sitta](#)

Israeli president [Isaac Herzog](#): "Our ambition has never been for conquest, but for safety. And we carry the moral calling that has defined us as a people throughout the ages. To be a source of creativity, blessing, and ethical purpose for the world at large."

UN verifies rape of Palestinians, but still cites no Israeli victims. [ElectronicIntifada](#)

• **Thursday June 4** Israeli attack on four residential apartments in Gaza City kills nine Palestinians, including an entire family, and injures dozens. One child survived. [AlJazeera](#)

Hezbollah rejects a ceasefire plan agreed on by the Lebanese and Israeli governments in US-mediated talks: "Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem said the negotiations were shameless, rejecting the Washington declaration as 'a roadmap for the annihilation of a section of the Lebanese people and the enslavement of the rest. As long as the occupation exists, the resistance will continue,' he said in a written statement. An Israeli official, however, said that Hezbollah is not one of the parties involved in the negotiations." [JerusalemPost](#)

Three Lebanese hospitals hit by Israeli forces in under a week. Airstrikes in the south kill nine and wound another 150, most of them medical staff. [Jonathan Cook](#)

Iran's Revolutionary Guard warns "there will be no calm in the region" if Israel continues its occupation of Lebanon. [AlJazeera](#)

Vijay Prashad, "The desolation of the word 'ceasefire'": "There are moments in history when words lose their meaning. Not because dictionaries are rewritten, nor because language itself changes, but because political power empties words of the realities they once described. The word *ceasefire* has increasingly acquired this desolate quality when used by Israeli and US officials. What was once understood to mean the suspension of violence, the silencing of guns, and the creation of political space for peace has become something else entirely: a managerial term for the continuation of war by other means." [BTNews](#)

"Here is why we sanctioned Hillel at the New School and why students everywhere should follow our lead. In May, the New School's Student Senate sanctioned its Hillel chapter for its ties to Israeli war crimes and violations of international law. With 850 chapters worldwide, students everywhere should join the campaign to 'Drop Hillel.'" [Mondoweiss](#)

The Real "Divide" Among Democrats Over Israel Is Between Party Leadership and Voters: "Supporting Israel is now a fringe position among Democratic voters. Why does the media keep covering it like a 50/50 issue?" [Intercept](#)

Israel's curriculum for 'influencing public consciousness': Leaked Defense Ministry tender lays out the army's training program for manipulating public opinion in Israel and abroad. [+972](#)

"Prisoner Profiles: Umer Khalid: The research director of CAGE International writes about his imprisoned friend," Asim Qureshi: "Even at that first protest, I noticed that he walked with a slightly askew gait, but I did not understand the significance of his limp. A moment came outside the courthouse when the British police arrested a fellow activist and quickly bundled him into their van. Whenever I think of Umer on the outside, it's always in that moment. Before anyone else could move, and regardless of his slight impairment, he had already placed himself in front of the police van, refusing to allow it to move and gathering us all around the vehicle to support the detained. There, in front of militarized police, he stood in a long white thobe, Palestine Action hoodie, megaphone in hand, exhorting us to hold the line until the detained brother was released. For Umer, solidarity isn't performative: it's about turning up regardless of the difficulty. That was his stubbornness in action—a resolve that mobilized all of us in that moment. Less than a year later, we would be outside the same court, protesting for him." [TheKey](#)

How (Not) To Cope : A poet lives through Israel's bombardment of Lebanon from afar, Zeina Hashem Beck:

"You lose your mind. Calmly. Someone—at work, at Trader Joe's—asks how you are. You reply you're good and talk about the weather. You place your rage in your handbag and order it to behave in front of strangers.

"You hug your daughters. Everything you've inherited, all the Augusts and Octobers, all the beautiful, failed uprisings, all the cities, all their ghosts—perhaps your daughters could carry a diluted version?"

But wouldn't this be abandonment, therefore disappearance, therefore death? Are you saying you must teach your daughters grief? Yes, you are saying you must teach your daughters grief, therefore memory, therefore dance.

"You decide not to drink too much wine. You drink too much wine. This messes with your antidepressants.

"You don't call your mother – you're afraid of her sadness.

"You lose your mind. Loudly. On the sofa. M. urges you to drink water. Your daughters repeat, 'It's OK, mama.' You wonder whether your daughters' vocabulary would also include the word Merkava.

"You make coffee. You call your mother – you're afraid of her sadness. She jokes, 'Shh don't mention *them*, or they'll explode my phone.' You both laugh. Except you're not laughing." [TheKey](#)

• **Friday June 5** "So far this morning, Israel has continued with attacks on south Lebanon, including a wave of aerial and artillery bombardments. The attacks began at dawn with a powerful explosion in the city of Bint Jbeil alongside a drone strike targeting the Al-Buraq area. Israeli fighter jets have already bombed multiple towns including Zibdine, Shoukine, Majdal Zoun, and Kfar Dounine. The district of Nabatieh has faced relentless, successive strikes by warplanes and drones, including on Nabatieh al-Fawqa, Harouf, Aabba, and Haboush. A drone strike targeted a motorcycle in Nabatieh in close proximity to Al-Najda Hospital, while a separate vehicle was struck in Kfar Rumman amid heavy artillery shelling that also targeted Kfar Tebnit. Most recently, Israeli warplanes launched an airstrike directly targeting the village of Kfar Fila. Concurrently, Israel has rapidly escalated its psychological warfare and forced displacement campaign, issuing two sweeping orders in a matter of hours. These orders first targeted residents of Arnaba, Anqoun, and Kfar Fila, before expanding to the residents in Sarafand, Tefahta, Babliyah, Qa'qa'it al-Snoubar, Marwanieh, and Saksakiyeh." [Roqayah Chamseddine](#)

'We're Done Apologizing': Inside the Israeli Far-Right's Big Weekend Out in New York [Ha'aretz](#)

CAIR Condemns House Advancement of NDAA Section 224, Urges Senate to Remove Provision Deepening U.S.-Israel Military Integration [CAIR](#)

Zionists annex huge swaths of Bethlehem. [GoodShepherd](#)

'Server in the Sky': How Israeli Drones Became a 'Target and Intel Generator' Over Gaza: "On Tuesday, the Defense Ministry revealed that Israel's defense exports broke a record last year, surging 30 percent to nearly \$20 billion. Sales of drones and quadcopters – helicopters with four rotors – totaled \$800 million. Most of the quadcopters were made by the three big arms firms Elbit, Israel Aerospace Industries and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems." [Ha'aretz](#)

'We call it the P-word': Chicago professor suspended after assignment mentions Palestinians. "A tenured art therapy professor at the School of the Art Institute of [Chicago](#) (SAIC) was suspended from teaching and placed under investigation following a student's complaint about an assigned case study that mentioned violence against Palestinians." [Guardian](#)

- **Saturday June 6** Israeli airstrikes on southern Lebanon kill three members of the Lebanese military. [DropSite](#)

Father of Baby Shot Dead by IDF in Hebron: I Stopped When Asked, Then They Opened Fire: "The soldier was about ten meters away from me. He saw me, he saw my wife and the children. The car windows were not dark, it was daylight and everything was clear. You can't say he didn't see that it was a family." [Ha'aretz](#)

Lara Kilani, "Greek Symbols of Solidarity": "A brief trip to a Greek island left me with more photos of graffitied solidarity than I ever expected." [TheCall](#)



**STOP
GENOCIDE**

• *Sunday June 7* Iran launches missiles at Israel in response to Israeli strikes on Beirut in violation of "ceasefire." [Guardian](#) Israel bombs Gaza and Iran at the same time. [Daniel Mayakovski](#) Israeli drone strike kills at least four Palestinians in Gaza. [AlJazeera](#)

Israel bans the entry of food and medical supplies into Gaza following Iran's retaliation for Israeli attacks on Lebanon. [DropSite](#)

"Israel was created through legal means and it can be dismantled through legal means. Apartheid South Africa was also ended through legal means. Absolutely no violence is involved. This kind of overdramatic whining is so pointless. Israel is in violation of about 1000 international laws and legally owes reparations to millions of Palestinians. Enforce the laws and reparation requirements *already on the books* and Israel is immediately dismantled in total peace." [Heidi N Moore](#)

[Trita Parsi](#): "The magnitude of what just happened may take some time to sink in. This is the first time Iran has struck Israel after Israel struck another country's territory (that is, not Iran). This means that the battle lines have been moved. Iran's deterrence had already been restored in the sense that Israel knew that any strike on it would be responded to. But now, Iran has proven that it will also respond to Israeli strikes on Lebanon. This is the first time in decades that a regional power has the means, capacity, and willingness to put hard power against Israeli military maneuvers or aggression against a third party."

"A *Post* reconstruction of Amal Khalil's final hours in Lebanon found that Israel's military denied rescuers access to her during a key period when she was still alive." [WaPo](#)

[Courtney Bonneau](#): "Fuck you, [@washingtonpost](#). Amal did not 'die,' she was deliberately targeted and murdered after receiving threats from the Israeli army. She was in touch with us, her colleagues, during this situation. We all know exactly what happened. Shame on you for intentionally diminishing

the criminality of the actions of the Israeli army with this headline. Shame on all of you and your correspondents in Beirut. I hope to see you on trial for your propaganda in my lifetime."

Central America and Zionist Counterinsurgency [InsurgentThoughts](#)

- **Monday June 8** Israeli strike targeting civilians in Anwar Aziz Square in northern Gaza's Jabalia refugee camp kills three Palestinians, including 8-year-old [Jad Suleiman](#), whose relatives said was on his way home from school, and 70-year-old Ismail Abu Dan. [DropSite](#)

Israeli strike in front of the Red Cross Center in Tyre kills five people and wounds eight, including four medics. [Courtney Bonneau](#)

Iranian official: "If any member of the resistance axis is attacked, there will be a response." [AlJazeera](#)

Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "The United States bears responsibility as a party to the April 8 ceasefire understanding. Whatever happens in the region, whether the US itself violates the ceasefire by attacking Iranian commercial ships or targeting southern parts of the country, or whether violations are carried out through the Zionist regime in Lebanon with US complicity, the direct responsibility of the United States is clear, and the consequences of any escalation will also fall on Washington." [DropSite](#)

- **Tuesday June 9** "According to the Lebanese Ministry of Health, the Israeli army has killed at least 17 people and wounded approximately 50 more in the city of Tyre. This morning, the Israeli army again sent a forced displacement order for the entire city, this time including the Christian quarter, which had not been previously included in displacement orders. Currently they are bombing all over the city. I just received a report that the densely populated al Buss refugee camp was bombed so the casualty toll from today is sure to rise." [Courtney Bonneau](#)

US strikes hit two drinking water tanks in Sirik, southern Iran, cutting off all drinking water in the district. Iran warns it will immediately place all regional Gulf energy infrastructure under continuous missile fire, and with this US attack, water desalination infrastructure, which the Gulf depends on for over 90%, would specifically become major target. [HormuzLetter](#)

Judge Colleen McMahon of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York dismisses lawsuit brought by the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law and Torridon Law on behalf of two Columbia University employees. The Brandeis Center argued that it constituted anti-Semitic hatred for The People's Forum to engage in free speech to support encamped students, call for divestment from Israel, and condemn Israeli violence. The PCJF argued that the Brandeis Center was conflating anti-Zionism, a protected political viewpoint, with anti-Judaism, in an effort to repress and suppress those who oppose Zionism or who condemn Israeli crimes and genocide. The ruling is a vindication of the right of The People's Forum (TPF) and others to engage in political speech condemning US-backed Israeli war crimes and genocide, and to call for support of encamped student activists demanding divestment. The Partnership for Civil Justice Fund (PCJF) represented The People's Forum in the litigation. [PCJF](#)

The Israeli government has hired Daniel Rosenberg, the producer of Spike Lee's "Inside Man," on a \$900,000 contract to produce pro-Israel social media content to "influence the U.S. public."

Rosenberg's firm, Piro, is set to hire a director and hold casting for on-camera talent. [Nick Cleveland-Stout](#)

"One is stripped first of political humanity before one is stripped of life itself. The communist and the criminal, the organizer and the addict, the activist and the terrorist collapse into a single disposable category." [ProgressiveInternational](#)

• *Wednesday June 10* Israeli forces kill 17 in Lebanon. [BBC](#)

US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt applauds Meta decision to ban the critical use of the term 'Zionist.' [JNS](#)

Bari Weiss's