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*Welcome to our 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.

LAST CALL FOR SUMMER KITE
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WE WILL PUBLISH ONE MORE SUMMER
ISSUE OF KITE, ON MONDAY JULY 27.

WE'LL RESUME WITH F26'S WEEKLY
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Since our last newsletter:

- **Monday June 29** "The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) changes its definition of who qualifies as a journalist, to exclude murdered Palestinian and Lebanese journalists who worked for government-funded media outlets." [Mohamed El-Kurd](#) When she proposes an alternative, *Dropsite* publisher Nika Soon-Shiong is removed from CPJ Board. [Ali Abunimah](#) "One after another, establishment liberal institutions supposedly committed to important values are demonstrating that they lack the courage and moral clarity--and political/financial independence--to live up to those values." [Alex Karakatsanis](#)
- "CPJ launched a new data management system in 2025, made possible by the generous support of

the Leon Levy Foundation, to improve how we track and publish information on killed, missing, and imprisoned journalists." In 2024 the Levy Foundation donated \$750K to CPJ, with \$636K more approved. Other recipients of Levy Foundation funds that year: American Friends of Tel Aviv University (\$30K), American Friends of the Israel Museum (\$85K), Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation of America (\$200K), and Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority (\$1M). [CPJ](#)

"This is Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft. He makes \$96.5 million a year. A whistleblower has revealed that Microsoft aids Israel in the hunting and killing of Palestinians. Those Israeli strikes where they kill an entire family, knowing children are in the house, when honing in on an alleged Hamas target? Microsoft is complicit in genocide." [Anthony Zenkus](#)

Rights groups link Israeli use of white phosphorus and glyphosate in Lebanon to German chemical and pharmaceutical giant Bayer, which acquired the US-based agricultural company Monsanto in 2018. Investigator Jan Pehrke: "There is strong evidence that phosphorus used in the Middle East war comes from Bayer's glyphosate production facility in Soda Springs, Idaho." [Cradle](#)

On the 'security annex' to Israel-Lebanon agreement: "This is not a [security annex](#). It is a mechanism for placing Lebanese sovereignty under Israeli judgment and American supervision. Israel decides the zones, the threats, the verification, the timing of withdrawal and the conditions for return. The United States supervises the army, the maps, the financial system and the implementation. Lebanon is left to execute. If this document is made public, the earthquake in Lebanon will not come from surprise. It will come from recognition: the public framework was only the diplomatic cover. The real concessions were buried in the secret security annex." [Elijah J Magnier](#)

"The child Amir Ahmad Jawad Jaber, 15 years old, was martyred after being shot in the head and once in the chest by occupation soldiers during their raid in the Umm al-Sharayit neighborhood in Al-Bireh, near the West Bank city of Ramallah. The Israeli military said in a statement that during a military operation 'a violent riot began, during which rocks were hurled toward IDF soldiers. The soldiers responded with fire toward a suspect in the area. A hit was identified.'" [LeMonde](#)

"It's not just Argentina. Now Israeli colonizers have descended on Peru, where they're covering trail markers with photos of IOF soldiers, demanding no one else enter 'their' land." [Wyatt Reed](#)

New York Times hires Yair Rosenberg, "central to denying, downplaying and obfuscating genocidal statements made by Israeli officials in the early days of the genocide" : "Like Feldman, Rosenberg insisted that the 'human animals' comment by Defense Minister Gallant was 'stripped of essential context' because Gallant was talking about 'Hamas,' 'not Gaza or Gazans.' As it happens, this excuse is the exact same defense used by Hutu propagandists running Radio Télévision Libre des Mille

Collines, when they were put on trial by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for their role in fueling the genocide against the Tutsi in 1994." [Adam Johnson](#)

New York City Councilwoman Vickie Paladino after the election of pro-Palestinian democratic socialists to represent New York City: "There was a time in our history, not too long ago, when the CIA/FBI would've made sure unabashed revolutionaries like this were neutralized one way or another. In fact, that was basically the entire point of having them." [Darializa Avila Chevalier](#)

Israel bombs a tent in Khan Younis and kills a young mother and her baby: Diana Abu Draz (23) and Siwar (1). [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

• **Wednesday July 1** *A Predatory State: Israel's Systematic Sexualized and Gendered Violence Against Palestinians*: "A Predatory State reflects the PFC's ethical commitment to a decolonial feminist praxis in research and is rooted in respect for the Palestinian people, one that recognizes that Palestinians are not merely victims of colonial violence, but stewards of a land besieged, and active agents engaged in a just struggle for liberation." [PalestinianFeministCollective](#)

[Hanan Ashrawi](#): "Not only has the 'Board of Peace' adopted Israel's discourse & agenda, they have given it total support as it continues to expand the 'yellow line,' cramming Palestinians into less than 30% of Gaza while it continues to bomb, shell & murder the besieged Palestinians daily. The crossing points are closed, & no mobile units or even tents were allowed in; food is minimal & medical supplies & food are severely restricted. The National (administrative) Committee has not been allowed in, & no reconstruction, or even clearing of the rubble, is in sight. The genocide continues & the world is silent."

"Back in 2024, Columbia University offered all of the Palestinian students full scholarships during negotiations if we stopped the encampment early. We all said no. They thought scholarships would erase the impact of a genocide." [Layla](#)

Berlin's Wieland Hoban, International Jewish Collective for Justice in Palestine: "But what about when it's not about history? What about when it's not what happened 80 years ago, but what's happening now? Can you summon the moral fiber to to speak out now the way you might like to think you would have spoken out in the 30s or 40s? Because that's the test. The test isn't how good is the museum or the archive." [Jadaliyya](#)

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin on New York Democratic primary winner and Columbia Gaza encampment organizer Darializa Avila Chevalier: "I'm sorry, you absolutely have no place to be serving in Congress." [Aaron Rugar](#)

Democratic nominee for Colorado's 1st Congressional district Melat Kiros, who unseated a 29-year incumbent: "When I wrote a letter defending students' rights to protest the genocide in Gaza, my law firm told me, 'Take it down or you're fired.' I didn't flinch, because I stood by every word and I always will." [DropSite](#)





- *Thursday July 2* After passing two death penalty laws in six weeks, Israel is investing hundreds of millions of dollars to try to execute Palestinians on live TV. Unanimous support for the laws shows that Israeli society can unite around "death to Palestinians." [Mondoweiss](#)

Israel starting settlements in Syria. [Shaiel Ben-Ephraim](#)

"Today marks the 1,000th day of this war—1,000 days of killing, destruction, hunger, poverty, and the loss of humanity. For 1,000 days, the entire world, including those who claim to stand for human rights and humanity, has watched as we die from hunger and lose our loved ones to relentless bombing and violence. Enough. Enough. Enough. When will this war end? History, whether ancient or modern, has rarely witnessed such prolonged suffering. Please speak about us. Do not remain silent. Keep telling our story every day, and help our voices reach the world." [Mohammed Massry](#)

Anwar, a child from Gaza, to his amputated leg: "A letter to my dear leg, Today, with you in front of me, I wanted to tell you: I was sad, and I felt weak and ashamed when I lost you, because something

in me was missing and I felt I was less than other people and would never do anything again. But today I have become a strong person, and I feel confident every time I look at you. I went out and sold things, I made friends, and I started walking long distances. I do things that people with two legs cannot do. I love you so much." [Jehad Abusalim](#)

- **Friday July 3** Hillary Clinton, [Financial Times](#): "There is no alternative to Trump's Gaza plan."

Israeli National Security Minister Ben-Gvir cancels New York trip as protesters threaten legal action and call for his arrest. [AlJazeera](#)

- **Saturday July 4** Former Guantámo prisoner [Mansoor Adayfi](#): "250 years of what you call independence. I have no idea what Independence means. All I know is your history started with a genocide against the Indigenous people whose land this was—and it never really stopped. It just changed shape. In Guantánamo they denied me a book about US history. I didn't need one. I lived it. I watched it. For 25 years, from a cage. CIA black sites. Torture. Indefinite detention. No charge. No trial. No apology. All of it was built on a lie you called the 'War on Terror.' That prison is still open. 24 years later. Now it cages migrants too. This year alone, you killed Cuban soldiers and dragged a foreign president out of his own country in Venezuela. You attacked Iran and killed children in their school. You kept arming Israel's genocide in Gaza. You helped erase a sixth of Lebanon from its own homes. Same flag. Same lies. Same bodies. Two hundred and fifty years, and you still haven't run out of people to point the guns at. You call this freedom. I call it an empire that finally admitted, on its own anniversary, that it never stopped."

"For your information, this video was taken just an hour ago. It shows Israel blowing up buildings east of Khan Younis. Again and again, shame on Western media that continues to call this a "ceasefire."" [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

Physicians for Human Rights Israel has warns that Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza, is now in immediate danger of being killed in Israeli occupation custody. [TranslatingFalasteen](#)

Beirut streets with no streetlights but multiple video screens showing American flags and Happy 4th of July wishes. [Habib Battah](#): "Beirut tonight. Over 4,000 lives lost, 12,000 injured, 90,000 homes destroyed, 1 million made homeless and we are celebrating the country that made and supplied the weapons that did this."

- **Sunday July 5** Meet war crimes judge Gila Kanpi Steinitz, who ordered the continued detention of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya without charge or trial, while he remains subjected to torture and conditions that place his life at imminent risk. [Ramy Abdul](#)

"All solidarity with the humane doctor Hussam Abu Safiya and all efforts to save his life. *Haaretz*. 'Hussam Abu Safiya suffers fainting daily as a result of his exposure to violent torture...this may be the last visit before his killing." [Mustafa Barghouti](#)

The same organization MI6 used to topple Syria just arrived in Venezuela Alongside them: an IDF military delegation and 900 US SOUTHCOM troops. [Combate](#)

• **Monday July 6** "My nine-year-old son Mohammad, killed by Israeli soldiers, is not just another number," Aliyah Abdel Majid al-Halaq: "Today, I understand occupation differently. There was a soldier who pulled the trigger and killed Mohammad. But there is also a system that protects those responsible, conceals reality and almost never holds anyone accountable. And there is a world that remains silent." [Guardian](#)

Interview: Ben Gurion University Academic Ofek Reimer says that the exclusion of Israeli scholars from the academic world is harmful to all parties.

[Linda Mamoun](#): Your academic institutions provided the military, administrative and moral infrastructure that allowed Israel to destroy every university in Gaza and murder tens of thousands of scholars and students.

• **Tuesday July 7** The Presbyterian Church (USA) votes 454–15 to recognize Israel's actions in Gaza as a genocide, divest from Palantir and GE Aerospace, lobby Congress for an arms embargo, and boycott certain products. They also say that criticism of the Israeli government is not inherently antisemitic. They're the first major Christian denomination in the USA to formally label Israel's actions in Gaza a genocide. [@davenewworld 2](#)

Israeli forces kill Director of the Egyptian Humanitarian Relief Committee in Gaza, Mohamed al-Wahidi, organizer of [screenings of World Cup matches in Gaza](#), just before the game between [Egypt and Argentina](#) begins. Two brothers aged 8 and 10 and another man near the site of the attack are also killed. Al-Wahidi, 57, the director of the Egyptian Committee in Gaza, had worked for years on aid and development projects. Recently he had organized the screening of World Cup games across Gaza. The Israeli military confirmed the strike, saying al-Wahidi had not been its intended target, and that the missile had been aimed at a 'terrorist in Hamas' military wing.'" [Guardian](#)

"They killed him because he had prepared areas that were full of garbage, cleaned them up, and set up a large screen and chairs, making the area suitable so that the people of Gaza could watch the Egypt-Argentina match, to have some joy, to be like the people of the rest of the world. However, the occupation refused this and assassinated him." [Nizar Almasre](#)

• **Wednesday July 8** An Israel soldier shoots and kills Ahmad Nasser Saleem, a Palestinian driver delivering aid to Gaza, in what witnesses described as a "field execution." Based on accounts from three witnesses, *The Guardian* [reported](#) that Nasser Saleem was shot in the head at close range

shortly after his convoy entered Gaza to deliver food supplies from the World Central Kitchen. [CommonDreams](#)

54 years ago today, the Mossad killed [Ghassan Kanafani](#) & his niece in Beirut. "A commando who never fired a gun, whose weapon was a ball-point pen and his arena the newspaper pages," wrote the *Daily Star* for his obituary. Kanafani was born in Acre/Akka and expelled at the age of 12. [Lorenzo Kamel](#)

Egypt national team head coach Hossam Hassan delivered a powerful message during the post-match press conference after the Argentina game, condemning the silence of football stars over the killing of children in Gaza. He said children wearing Argentina, Barcelona, Messi, and Real Madrid shirts grow up loving football and its stars, yet they are being killed while the world remains silent. [QudsNews](#)

Pro-Palestine activists disrupt a presentation by Werner Vogels, Amazon vice president and Chief Technology Officer, at the UN's "AI for Good" summit in Switzerland. Palestinian civil society strongly condemns the UN International Telecommunication Union's shameful partnership with criminal tech companies in this summit, particularly Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Cisco, Oracle, and IBM. In providing cloud infrastructure and AI technologies to the Israeli war ministry, these companies are deeply complicit in Israel's military occupation, apartheid and genocide against Indigenous Palestinians. Project Nimbus, the joint \$1.22 billion contract between Google and Amazon signed in 2021, provides cloud and AI tech services to the Israeli government and the Israeli military. It enables the Israeli military to run deadly AI programs such as Lavender and Gospel — crucial to its ongoing, livestreamed genocide in Gaza. We call for global pressure on the UN and its member States to end all UN partnership and contracts with these and similarly complicit corporations, and on Amazon and Google to drop their genocidal Project Nimbus. [BDS](#)

Isabella Hammad, "Standing on the Rubble: On Gaza, ruins and mourning": "Last year's documentary film *The Encampments* provided a record of the day-by-day development of the 2024 protest movement at Columbia University. In the spring of that year, students demanded that their university disclose their investments and divest from the arms trade and Israeli surveillance companies. The film follows the student protesters' negotiations with the university administration and the escalation of violent counter-protest, as well as how the encampment ignited a student movement across the country, and then across the world. Striking to observe is how skilfully and sensitively the footage is balanced between the Columbia encampments themselves and the Israeli destruction of Gaza. "There is no footage of burned bodies or dismembered children, those images we 'witness' online. Rather, to see the rubble of Gaza on the big screen, in a room with other people, instead of on your phone or on your laptop, alone, is powerfully moving. To see it given as much space as the campus, as huge as New York City. To see the journalist Bisan Owda speaking charismatically to camera, sitting on a high chair, describing the response of Palestinians in Gaza to news of the protests. The film

achieved visually what the students were insisting upon: that these geographies cannot be separated. That this is how they ought to be viewed, spliced together." [Equator](#)

We need to be clear that what is happening in Cuba right now is Gaza in slow motion. [Danny Valdes](#)

Iran says if the US attacks again, it will withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty, completely change its nuclear doctrine, and fully close both the Bab el-Mandeb and Strait of Hormuz, per an Iranian Parliament National Security Commission spokesperson. [HormuzLetter](#)

Iran releases footage showing it shot down a US MQ-9 drone in the Strait of Hormuz earlier today. The MQ-9 costs the US around \$34 million. [HormuzLetter](#)

The US has begins striking Iranian bridges, hitting the Aq Tekeh Khan Bridge, in the Golestan Province of Northern Iran, and the Gorgan railway line, per Fars, and Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant city. This is the deepest US strike into Iran since March and the first US strike on Iranian transportation infrastructure since the April ceasefire. [HormuzLetter](#)

Ignazio Marino, Italian MEP and Vice-Chair of the Greens/EFA Group, Mayor of Rome from 2013 to 2015: "I was in the West Bank with other members of parliament, in the occupied Palestinian territories...We cannot go on like this. I saw those people being treated in exactly the same way that Jews were treated during the Second World War. We must impose sanctions on Israel and suspend all relations with Israel, because at this moment its government responds only to strength." [Paolo Mossetti](#)

"'israel' has murdered 10 Palestinians so far today. It's 10pm in Gaza." [Dr Rahmeh Aladwan](#)

• **Thursday July 9** It's been over 5 weeks since the Israeli military kidnapped 20-year-old U.S. citizen Sama Safi from her family's home in the West Bank. She is being held without charge in Israeli military detention where her family cannot access or contact her. [AIPACTracker](#)

A University Rule Punished Students for a Silent Protest. Was That Legal? "FIU moved to revise its regulations to exclude most 'expressive activities' indoors in May 2024, as student protests over Israel's war in Gaza roiled college campuses—including at FIU. Under that policy, even indoor demonstrations that weren't considered disruptive could be sanctioned." [Chronicle](#)

Dinaw Mengestu resigns as president of PEN America, barely seven months after he was elected, in the wake of PEN's publication of a report on Israeli and Jewish writers who "[face] rising isolation and exclusion." The report reiterated PEN America's "longstanding position" against cultural and academic boycotts—a stance formed in opposition to Palestinian and pro-Palestinian political speech. [WAWOG](#): "We salute Mengestu's principled decision. We also take this opportunity to remind PEN America that

the normalization of Zionism will never again be tolerated by the literary community they claim to serve."

[Rahm Emanuel](#) in Tel Aviv: "The two-state solution has stalled for thirty years. The future requires a 23 state solution: merging Israel's need for security, the Palestinian people's desire for self-determination, and the Arab world's desire for regional stability. That is the path to an Israel that stands as an ally, not a dependent; an Israel with full diplomatic relations across the Arab world; an Israel that is no longer isolated, but central to the most important trade corridor on earth. That is Israel's future. That is the alliance's future. And that is the foundation for a stable Middle East." [Murtaza Hussein](#): "Emanuel wants to triangulate some way to maintain the special relationship despite detestable Israeli behavior that has made a supermajority of his party and a majority of Americans now hostile to Tel Aviv. He is a slick political operator and while his words and proposals should be viewed with suspicion and hostility it is a notable sign of how quickly political Zionism is deteriorating in America."

Today marks the beginning of Israel's largest ethnic cleansing operation in 1948. It targeted Al Lydd & Ramleh. [Xavier Abu Eid](#)

In 18 months, the *New York Times* is the only major US outlet that has not published a single article about Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, although he wrote an op-ed for them. [Laila Al-Arian](#)

- **Friday July 10** "The latest report on Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya's state of health is deeply alarming and has escalated global calls for his release. The Palestinian pediatrician and neonatologist who was the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in Gaza reportedly told his attorney that he was in lethal danger during their latest visit. This came following his transfer to Rakefet, an interrogation facility within Nitzan Prison named to indicate its location underground. Dr. Abu Safiya said, 'This is the last time you will see me...They brought me here to kill me. I do not see myself leaving here alive. This is the end.'" [Lara Kilani](#)

- **Saturday July 11** Congressman Ro Khanna visits the destroyed village of Zanuta and the site of an EU-funded school burned down by Israeli settlers, who detain him, wielding American-made rifles. The Israeli soldiers appear and back up the settlers, not the congressman. [Cameron Kasky](#) Ro [Khanna](#): "In Palestine, I felt first as someone who was brown. We really saw the apartheidlike conditions, the inequality. No American would support this if they knew the details of what was going on here."

"Today, on the one-year anniversary of settlers beating 20-year-old Palestinian American Sayfollah Musallet to death in his own olive fields, I accompanied his father, Kamel, to visit his grave and then to try to reach the spot where he was killed. We were attacked by settler." [Jasper Nathaniel](#)

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz on Lebanon: "I said that Southern Lebanon would become Gaza. We would apply the Rafah model. We would destroy everything there. We would deal with them in exactly that way. And that is what we did. The infrastructure has been destroyed. Homes in 24 villages along the border—villages that had existed for hundreds of years and were used by Hezbollah as military outposts against Israel—have been demolished. The army systematically flattened the villages with bulldozers and explosives. Ninety percent of