

PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN CANADA: A LEGAL & TACTICAL GUIDE



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA

Canadian BDS Coalition
<https://bdscoalition.ca/>

- See member organizations <https://bdscoalition.ca/coalition-members/>
- This includes national organizations, as well as regional, and local organizations. Also, see other organizations that are friends of the Coalition.

Canada Palestine Association
<http://cpavancouver.org/>

Just Peace Advocates
<https://www.justpeaceadvocates.ca/>

Palestinian and Jewish Unity
<http://pajumontreal.org/fr/>

Canadian Foreign Policy Institute
<https://www.foreignpolicy.ca/>

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network (international organization)
<https://samidoun.net/>

Canadian Federation of Students
<https://cfs-fcee.ca/>

Independent Jewish Voices Canada (IJV)
<https://www.ijvcanada.org/>

Canadian Palestinian Congress
<http://www.pcc-cpc.ca/>

Quebec BDS
<https://www.bdsquebec.ca/>

Canadian Friends of Sabeel
<https://friendsofsabeel.ca/>

Canadian Arab Federation
<https://www.facebook.com/CAF50/>

EXCELLENT RESOURCES TO CHECKOUT

Zatoun
<https://zatoun.com/learn/>

Nakba 70 Action
<https://nakba70action.org/links/>

ORGANIZATIONS IN PALESTINE

PASSIA (Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs) *provides the most comprehensive info about all organizations in Palestine <http://www.passia.org/>

Al-Haq www.alhaq.org

Institute of Palestine Studies (IPS)
<https://www.palestine-studies.org/>

Defence for Children International Palestine
<https://www.dci-palestine.org/>

BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights www.badil.org

The Civic Coalition for Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem (CCPRJ)
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Non-Governmental-Organization--NGO-/Civic-Coalition-for-Palestinian-Rights-in-Jerusalem-317320764997516/>

Al-dameer Association for Human Rights
www.aldameer.org

Palestinian Non-Government Organizations (PNGO) <http://www.pngo.net/>

B'Tselem - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
www.btselem.org

Adalah - The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel www.adalah.org

LEGAL AID - PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL

Alberta
Alberta Legal Aid
<https://www.legalaid.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

British Columbia
Legal Services Society
<https://lss.bc.ca/>

Manitoba
Legal Aid Manitoba
<https://www.legalaid.mb.ca/>

Newfoundland and Labrador
Legal Aid Newfoundland and Labrador
<https://www.legalaid.nl.ca/index.html>

New Brunswick
New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission
<http://www.legalaid-aidejuridique-nb.ca/home/>

Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Legal Aid
<https://www.nslegalaid.ca/>

Northwest Territories
Legal Aid Offices of NWT
<https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/legal-aid/>

Nunavut
Legal Services Board of Nunavut
<http://nulas.ca/en/>

Ontario
Legal Aid Ontario
<http://www.legalaid.on.ca/>

Prince Edward Island
Prince Edward Island Legal Aid
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/legal-aid>

Quebec
Commission des Services Juridique
<https://www.csj.qc.ca/commission-des-services-juridiques/>

Saskatchewan
Legal Aid Saskatchewan
<https://www.legalaid.sk.ca/>

Yukon
Yukon Legal Services Society
<https://legalaid.yk.ca/>

PLAIN LANGUAGE LEGAL INFORMATION - PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL

Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta
<https://www.cplea.ca/>

Justice Education Society of British Columbia
<https://www.justiceeducation.ca/>

People's Law School (British Columbia)
<https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/>

Community Legal Education Association Manitoba (CLEA-Manitoba)
<https://www.communitylegal.mb.ca/>

Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS-NB)
<http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/en/>

Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
<https://publiclegalinfo.com/>

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS)
<https://www.legalinfo.org/>

Steps to Justice - Your Guide to Law in Ontario
<https://stepstojustice.ca/>

Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO)
<https://www.cleo.on.ca/en>

Community Legal Information Association of PEI (CLIA)
<https://www.legalinfopei.ca/en/home>

Éducaloi
<https://www.educaloi.qc.ca/en>

Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan
<https://www.plea.org/>

Yukon Public Legal Education Association
<http://yplea.com/#>

LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST

Arab Canadian Lawyers Association
www.canarablaw.org

Canadian Association of Lawyers for International Human Rights www.claihr.ca

Movement Defense League
<https://movementdefense.org/>

Pro Bono Canada (PBC)
<https://probonocanada.org/>

Probono Ontario (PBO)
<https://www.probonoontario.org/>

Public Legal Education Association of Canada
<https://www.pleac-aceji.ca/en/home>

ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT RELATED TO DISCRIMINATION

National Council of Canadian Muslims
<https://www.nccm.ca/>

- Report discrimination: <https://www.nccm.ca/programs/incident-report-form/>

Canadian Muslim Lawyers' Association
<https://www.cmla-acam.ca/>

National Security Student Support Hotline
(416) 978-8409

- The National Security Student Support Hotline is a support service for students, co-sponsored by the Institute of Islamic Studies at the University of Toronto, the Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association, the National Council of Canadian Muslims, and Downtown Legal Services Clinic. The Hotline supports students who have been approached by an agent of a Canadian national security agency, such as Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for an informational interview unrelated to criminal investigations or prosecution. Read more <https://islamicstudies.artsci.utoronto.ca/research-labs/the-national-security-student-support-hotline-national-security-student-support-hotline-nat-secssh/>

CIVIL LIBERTIES ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Civil Liberties Association
<https://ccla.org/>

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
<https://bccla.org/>

Ontario Civil Liberties Association
<http://ocla.ca/>

Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre
<http://www.aclrc.com/>

Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties
<http://www.marl.mb.ca/>

American Civil Liberties Union
<https://www.aclu.org/>

LAW UNIONS

Law Union of British Columbia
<http://www.bclawunion.org/>

Law Union of Ontario
<https://www.lawunion.ca/>

PROVINCIAL, TERRITORIAL, AND FEDERAL HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION

Alberta
<https://www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca/>

British Columbia
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/human-rights/human-rights-protection>

Manitoba
<http://www.manitobahumanrights.ca/v1/>

Newfoundland and Labrador
<https://thinkhumanrights.ca/>

New Brunswick
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/nbhrc.html>

Northwest Territories
<http://nwthumanrights.ca/>

Nova Scotia
<https://humanrights.novascotia.ca/>

Nunavut
<http://www.nhrt.ca/splash.html>

Ontario
<http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en>

Prince Edward Island
<http://www.gov.pe.ca/humanrights/>

Quebec
<http://w4.cdpdj.qc.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx>

Saskatchewan
<https://saskatchewanhumanrights.ca/>

Yukon
<https://yukonhumanrights.ca/>

Federal (Canadian Human Rights Commission)
<https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/eng>

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Federal
Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Online Request
<https://atip-airpr.tbs-sct.gc.ca/en/Home/Welcome>

Alberta
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act)
<https://www.servicealberta.ca/foip/>

British Columbia
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/open-government/open-information/freedom-of-information>

Manitoba
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fippa/index.html>

Newfoundland
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/atipp/>

New Brunswick
Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/office_of_the_chief_information_officer/content/rti.html

Northwest Territories
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP Act)
<https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/access-to-information-held-by-public-bodies/>

Nova Scotia
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP)
<https://novascotia.ca/nse/dept/foipop.asp>

Nunavut
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPP Act)
<https://www.gov.nu.ca/eia/information/how-place-atipp-request>

Ontario
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-make-freedom-information-request>

Prince Edward Island
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP)
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/freedom-information-and-protection-privacy-foipp>

Quebec
Commission d'accès à l'information
<https://www.cai.gouv.qc.ca/english/>

Saskatchewan
The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/your-rights-and-the-law/make-a-freedom-of-information-request>

Yukon
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPP)
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/your-rights-and-the-law/make-a-freedom-of-information-request>

NOTE that municipalities have separate legislation, which will need to be researched separately. For example, in Ontario, the municipalities are covered under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

ABOUT

Just Peace Advocates is a Canadian, independent organization promoting the human rights of the Palestinian people and those that stand in solidarity for the human rights of the Palestinian people. Its vision is to provide a civil society voice focused on governmental, institutional, and societal accountability to the rule of law, and the standards of international human rights and humanitarian law for the rights of Palestinian people.

The work of Just Peace Advocates is accomplished through research, monitoring, education, communications, advocacy, programs, and service provision.

DISCLAIMER

This guide is meant to provide basic information on legal issues that Palestinian rights activists may face, and tips on how to navigate them. It provides some generally applicable information and some campus-specific information for student activists. Any legal information in this resource is intended for general educational purposes and is **NOT a substitute for legal advice** – federal and provincial laws differ, laws may change, and the application of all laws depends on the specific facts of a case. Make sure to consult with a lawyer before relying on any information you find here.

For legal advice on your campaign or about a specific issue you are facing, or to report incidents of repression of your activism, please email info@justpeaceadvocates.ca.

We are also glad to provide workshops or schedule meetings to discuss your particular needs, whenever possible.

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