



The Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem (CCRPJ)

The Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem (CCPRJ) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that was established in 2005 in order to contribute to effective mobilization and cooperation of civil society vis-à-vis Israeli policies that undermine Palestinian rights, identity and presence in occupied East Jerusalem. CCPRJ's members are Palestinian NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs) working in the fields of human rights (including the rights of children, youth, women and Palestinian political prisoners and detainees), development, urban planning, and culture.

Vision: to promote and protect Palestinian rights in Jerusalem and combat Israeli government violations of their human rights.

Mission: to mobilize efforts, capacities and resources of Palestinian civil society in order to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of Palestinians in Jerusalem as enshrined in international human rights and humanitarian law.

Legal Status: CCPRJ is governed by its General Assembly composed of its member organizations and supervised by an elected Board. Since 2014, CCPRJ is registered as an independent, non-profit union with the Palestinian Authority. Prior to that, the Coalition had legal status via members serving as hosting organizations.

East Jerusalem headquarters: the Coalition's work is coordinated by the CCPRJ executive office in East Jerusalem. Based on three-year strategic plans, the executive office also carries out a program which is designed to complement the activities of its members, and to amplify their impact.

Primary Objectives:

- **Monitoring and raising awareness of Israeli policies, laws, and regulations:**

Monitor the Israeli government's schemes and human rights violations and increase the awareness of the Jerusalemite Palestinians on their legal, civil, economic, social and cultural rights through providing them with information and consultancy

- Public awareness raising about human rights and Israeli policies that undermine Palestinian rights and identity in occupied East Jerusalem;
- Production and presentation of educational materials, workshops, cultural events, press conferences;
- Hold meetings with the local communities in the quarters regarding Israeli plans;
- Enhance local awareness on the Palestinian national identity;
- Hold and organize workshops and conferences;
- Lead extra-curricular class trips for Palestinian students and teachers to sites of Palestinian heritage and culture in and around Jerusalem;
- Develop and issue studies, [fact sheets](#), press release, and news reports on issues of Palestinian human rights in Jerusalem, and produce and print the map of Palestine "Greater Jerusalem";



- Maintain a social media presence regarding CCPRJ's work as well as highlighting Israeli human rights abuses.
- **Legal Intervention:**
Legal aid to East Jerusalem communities at risk/affected by land confiscation, discriminatory urban planning and forcible displacement, including:
 - Legal support in general, to groups, and for individual cases as part of a public cause, in the context of Israeli schemes that target the different quarters in the city of Jerusalem. Individuals usually represent local councils and residents' committees in public interest/group cases that affect entire communities;
 - CCPRJ's legal team (3 lawyers) alone and in cooperation with others, handles 10 – 15 cases annually in [Sheikh Jarrah](#), [Silwan](#), Issawiya, Shu'fat, Beit Safafa and elsewhere. Cases include home demolition, eviction, an residency revocation;
 - Opposes plans to erect and expand settlements, as well as infrastructures such as roads and home demolition and erection of parks which all aim to confiscate the lands and Judaize the city of Jerusalem.

- **Advocacy:**
Coordinating and activating advocacy and lobbying through networking on Palestinian individual and collective rights issues. Enhancing advocacy and lobbying on the violations and challenges facing the city of Jerusalem

- **Local Advocacy:**

- Networking and coordinating for the purpose of lobbying and advocacy with the community organizations on Jerusalem issues
- Formation of local community councils that support varying projects in Jerusalem
- Supports the establishment of CBOs and local committees in particular in communities at risk/affected by Israeli policies causing forcible displacement;
- Provides material support, trainings, networking and outreach support, in order to enhance the capacity of CBOs and committees to serve and protect their communities;
- Works with Palestinian students, parents, teachers, schools and authorities in order to protect the right of Jerusalem children to quality [education](#), including the right to learn about their Palestinian heritage and culture;



- **International Advocacy:**

- Develop analyses of Israeli violations of international humanitarian and human rights law
- Promote the legal framework in the context of population transfer including settler implantation in Jerusalem;
- Increase pressure on the [international community](#), including the UN and the EU, states, and foreign businesses, to meet their legal obligations vis-à-vis Israel's violations of International Law.;
- Collaborate and network with Palestinian NGO's, scholars, and legal researchers to carry out research and produce advocacy materials, [fact sheets](#), or [reports](#);
- Receive delegations and conduct briefings for diplomats and aid agencies in Palestine and abroad;
- Maintain close cooperation with international bodies. Draft [submissions](#) for to the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, and the ECOSOC Committee, among others.

Main partners and donors: CCPRJ core partners are Palestinian CBOs, the Palestinian Council of Human Rights Organizations (PHROC), the Palestinian Civic Commission on Jerusalem and the [European Coordinating Committee of NGOs on Palestine \(ECCP\)](#). CCPRJ also meets regularly with Palestinian authorities, in particular those charged with Jerusalem affairs, and the PLO [Negotiation Support Unit \(NSU\)](#), and participates in the UN-led protection and education clusters, for consultation, coordination and advocacy. CCPRJ executive office and program operations have been supported mainly by the [Norwegian Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority](#), [UNDP](#), the Islamic Bank, [Cordaid](#), ICCO and [the Human Rights and IHL Secretariat](#).