

## 11/12/2009 Chicago Faith Coalition Update #15



### Informing and Advocating on Israeli/Palestinian Issues

The [home page](#) of the Chicago Faith Coalition website features and retains these email updates. Complete the quiz on the [home page](#) about water in the West Bank and Gaza.

Please email [Ed Thompson](#) with suggested items for inclusion in these weekly updates or with comments about the update.

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#### Action Opportunities

[Let your Representative know your response](#) to his or her vote on H. Res. 867 that calls on "the President and Secretary of state to oppose unequivocally any endorsement or further consideration" of the Goldstone Report.

[Tell the New York Mets to say no](#) to Hebron's racist, violent settlers. Read a [summary of this situation](#) on the *electronic intifada*.

[Gisha reports](#) that the High Court declined to allow Berlanty Azzam to return to her studies at Bethlehem University but will hold another hearing next week.

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#### U.S. Foreign Policy

Media around the world commented about President Obama's and Secretary of State Clinton's failure to hold Netanyahu accountable for a settlement freeze, the U.S. House's burying of the Goldstone report and the announcement of Abbas that he will not run for re-election. Sharply critical articles, reports and blogs included [The Economist](#), [CNI delegation in Jordan](#), [Financial Times](#), [Uri Avnery](#), [New York Times blogs](#), [Al Jazeera opinion on U.S. burial of Goldstone Report](#), [Al Jazeera opinion on Abbas decision](#) and [Jim Wall's blog](#). The [Jerusalem Post reports](#) on the call of Peres and others for Abbas to stay on. [The Economist](#) asks "Will he jump?"

[Haaretz reports](#) on the possibility that Palestinians will declare statehood unilaterally.

The [Wall Street Journal reports](#) that a new mobile venture lifts hope in the West Bank. If the article was intended to be part of the Israel branding campaign its effectiveness was undercut by the revelation that the West Bank company "received just 3.8 megahertz of bandwidth from Israel, instead of the 4.8 megahertz Israel has pledged the company. . . . Israeli officials have said the current bandwidth allocated to Wataniya is sufficient for now and that the remainder will be turned over in the

future." Even Tony Blair's involvement does not guarantee that the Israeli government will deliver as they have pledged.

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Must read or must view or must hear

[Josh Ruebner of the U.S. Campaign](#) provides rich summary material about the House actions on H. Res. 867. He includes links to the video from C-SPAN that televised the entire debate.

[Watch the video](#) of Mohammed Omer's speech entitled "Life is Hell: A Journalist's Account of Life in Gaza."

Read an [overview](#) of a book that describes Israeli covert actions against U.S. military and industrial targets.

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Realities rarely reported in U.S. news media

U.S. media reported on events that celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Berlin wall falling. Palestinians joined in this celebration by removing a section of the wall in [Nil'in](#) and in an [East Jerusalem location](#).

[Josh Healey discusses](#) his being uninvited from the J Street conference.

[MuzzleWatch reports](#) that Kucinich was uninvited from a Palm Beach democratic party fundraising speaking engagement after he voted no on H. Res. 867.

Haaretz reported on a [book published by a rabbi](#) that shows radical ideologies are not confined to Gaza. This newspaper also reported on a [radical Israeli who confessed to murder in the name of God](#).

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