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Today's newsletter looks at UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese and UNRWA, the reconstruction of Gaza, and the difference between Arab and Israeli identity politics.

Today's topics

Albanese and UNRWA. Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur for the Palestinian territories, makes no secret of her antisemitism and hatred of Israel. And when it comes to UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, she is in good company. The new documentary film "UNraveling UNRWA — Exposing UNRWA" shows how UNRWA works towards the destruction of Israel as a Jewish state. FokusIsrael screened the film earlier this week in Zurich at its Swiss premiere for 200 guests, including numerous (centre-right) politicians from the city and canton of Zurich. You can read more about Francesca Albanese and UNRWA here: [From A to U: The UN exposes itself - FokusIsrael](#)

Gaza Peace Council. In Washington, the "Peace Council (Board of Peace)" founded by US President Donald Trump has met for the first time. The meeting focused on rebuilding the war-torn Gaza Strip, for which 17 billion US dollars (13 billion Swiss francs) have already been raised. However, it is uncertain when this money can be deployed.

First, the terrorist organisation Hamas must be disarmed, and it is still unclear how this will be achieved. [Gaza Peace Council meets for the first time – Hamas disarmament remains unresolved - FokusIsrael](#)

Arab identity politics. When people speak of the “Arab world”, that is actually incorrect, writes Arab political analyst Mohamed Diwan in his latest piece for FokusIsrael. For a large part of the Arab world is not Arab at all. Yet for political reasons, diverse ethnic, religious and linguistic identities are suppressed — in contrast to Israel, where multiculturalism is actively cultivated. [The Arab world is erasing its diversity – Israel is protecting it - FokusIsrael](#)

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