

Israel's Violations of International Law and Unjust Oppression of Palestinians

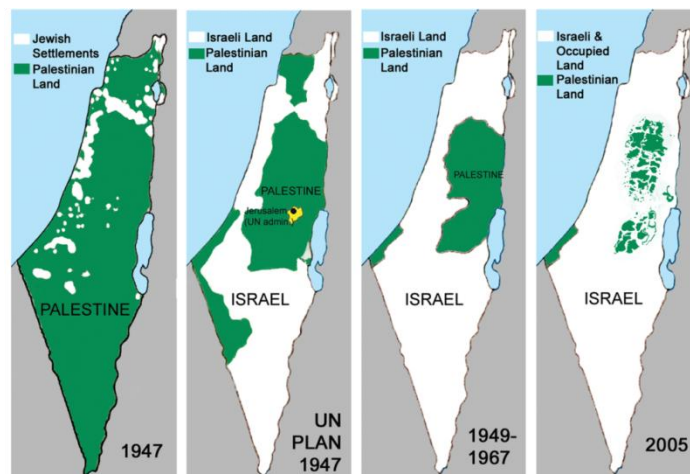
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Not only many Arabs but also many Jews call for a state of their own

The Two-State Solution called for by the United Nations' Mandate 181 in 1947 and approved of by Israel decrees that both Israel and Palestine must have their own independent states within the boundaries of Palestine/Israel. The UN partitioned the lands that must belong to each side: 56 percent for Israel and 43 percent for Palestine. Many Israelis and many Arabs oppose this and work for only one state, the Israelis for a sole Israeli State and the Arabs for a sole Palestinian State. And some on both sides call for the utter destruction of the other. So if one was to disqualify the Palestinians from having a state because many Arabs oppose an Israeli State and many call for the destruction of Jews, then the Israelis must also be disqualified because many Israelis oppose a Palestinian State and many call for the destruction of Palestinians. So that argument cannot be rightly used to justify one side over the other.

Israel's Progressive Illegal Occupation of Palestinian Land

The only difference is that Israel is actually carrying out its plan for one State by illegally occupying Palestinian land and by illegally killing Palestinians. Today, Israel occupies 94 percent of the land and Palestine 6 percent. Here is a chart that shows how the two-state solution (one for Israel, one for Palestine) becomes more and more one state for Israel, as it illegally occupies more and more Palestinian land, which is illegal according to the UN Plan of 1947.



And the land the Palestinians occupy is totally controlled by Israel, and the Palestinians are treated like prisoners. Hence they really do not own any land. They have no independent State. And when the Palestinians strike back, they get blamed as the aggressor and Israel is turned into the defender and victim. For example, if an Israeli kills a Palestinian infant, and then, in retribution, a Palestinian kills an Israeli infant, the press only mentions the infant killed by the Palestinian. It not only presents him as the initiator of the infant killing but pretends that the Israeli did not kill the Palestinian infant.

Israel's methods of illegally occupying land and controlling the Palestinians

Since 1910, in different ways, the Zionists and then Israel have taken Palestinian lands, forced native populations from their land, and then refused the Palestinian landowners or tenants' residency or

employment on them. Following fighting in 1948 and then again in 1967, Palestinian civilians who wished to return to their homes in Israel and the Occupied Territories were forbidden re-entry (right of return), confining them to increasingly smaller areas of Israel and Occupied Territories. The Israeli government enacts laws and employs its military to keep approximately 750,000 Palestinian Arab civilians from returning to their homes following the end of fighting both in 1948 and in the occupied territories in 1967. Israel then violates UN resolutions ordering them to respect Palestinians' right to return to their homes.

“The first UN General Assembly resolution—Number 194—affirming the right of Palestinians to return to their homes and property, was passed on December 11, 1948. It has been re-passed no less than twenty-eight times since that first date. Whereas the moral and political right of a person to return to his place of uninterrupted residence is acknowledged everywhere, Israel has negated the possibility of return... [and] systematically and juridically made it impossible, on any grounds whatever, for the Arab Palestinian to return, be compensated for his property, or live in Israel as a citizen equal before the law with a Jewish Israeli.”¹

“During May [1948], ideas about how to consolidate and give permanence to the Palestinian exile began to crystallize, and the destruction of villages was immediately perceived as a primary means of achieving this aim... [Even earlier,] On 10 April, Haganah units took Abu Shusha... The village was destroyed that night... Khulda was levelled by Jewish bulldozers on 20 April... Abu Zureiq was completely demolished... Al Mansi and An Nagnaghiya, to the southeast, were also leveled... By mid-1949, the majority of [the 350 depopulated Arab villages] were either completely or partly in ruins and uninhabitable.”²

An infamous incident occurred on April 9, 1948 called the Deir Yassin Massacre. “For the entire day of April 9, 1948, Irgun and LEHI soldiers carried out the slaughter in a cold and premeditated fashion... The attackers ‘lined men, women and children up against the walls and shot them,’... The ruthlessness of the attack on Deir Yassin shocked Jewish and world opinion alike, drove fear and panic into the Arab population, and led to the flight of unarmed civilians from their homes all over the country.”³

Immediately following the 1967 war, Israel began building Israeli civilian settlements on Palestinian lands, eventually building over 200 settlements throughout the occupied territories, and settling over 450,000 Israeli civilians in them, displacing hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians from their own legally owned lands. In addition, Israeli citizens live in hundreds of Israeli settlements on occupied land not originally given to them in the UN Partition Plan, displacing hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

After the Six-Day War in 1967 Israel annexed Gaza Strip, the West Bank, the Golan Heights, and the Sinai Peninsula. Military action and occupations are legal only if they are for self-defense, or to directly benefit the native population. Reports show Israel was not just “defending” itself as it develops de-facto annexation with its settlements and separation barrier on occupied land, as it takes over most of the occupied territories and its natural resources for its own use and economic benefit, at the expense of the native population.

¹ *The Origin of the Palestine-Israel Conflict*, The Question of Palestine, by Edward Said, page 10, Published by Jews for Justice in the Middle East and distributed by If Americans Knew.

² *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1947-1949*, by Benny Morris. Contained in *Ibid.* page 12.

³ *The Birth of Israel*, by Israeli author Simha Flapan. Contained in *Ibid.* Page 10.

Collective Punishment

According to the Geneva Conventions IV, Article 33 (1949) and (Protocol I), Article 75(2d) (1977), collective punishment is illegal. When some Palestinians or Arabs strike back against Israel, Israel punishes whole populations indiscriminately and thus even those who did not participate in the attack and even those who opposed it. For example, the Israelis destroy entire neighborhoods of homes, or confiscate communal farmlands, bulldoze homes, block off certain areas, or do not allow civilian populations to leave their houses for extensive periods of time, and they bomb hospitals and churches and other civilian targets. This is called collective punishment because it punishes entire communities for the actions of a few. Take the example of a city of 100,000 people in which 100 of them attack the police and kill some of them. Then the police kill not only the 100 who were guilty but kill many of the other citizens who were not guilty. Well, that is what the Israeli government is doing to the Palestinians.

Now, God, at times, does ordain collective punishments against extremely evil people and thus ordains killing all the men, women, and children of a particular group or nation. But Israel has no such mandate from God because Christ-denying Jews have no right to Israel on religious grounds.⁴ Instead, Christ-denying Israel has a mandate from Satan to occupy all Israel and bring the Antichrist to power. Consequently, the Israelis' treatment of the Palestinians is not only illegal according to the UN but, more importantly, according to the Catholic God.

Lastly, beware, of the Christian Zionists. They are hypocrites and traitors and are not even nominal Christians. While they profess belief in Jesus Christ, they glorify and justify Christ-denying Jews and Christ-denying Israel and in so doing are helping them to bring the Antichrist to power. When apostate Jews are done using them, they will then give them the Palestinian Treatment. They will oppress and kill the Christian Zionists. And I will celebrate in that day even though an evildoer is meting it out. "That they might know that by what things a man sinneth, by the same also he is tormented." (Wis. 11:17)

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⁴ See my letter *Christ-Denying Jews Have No Right to Israel on Religious Grounds*.