

Apartheid Factsheet

Apartheid is a crime against humanity, defined in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.

THE 3 ELEMENTS OF APARTHEID:

1. INTENT to maintain domination of one group over another.
2. A CONTEXT of systematic oppression by one group over another.
3. An INHUMANE ACT or acts.

ISRAELI INTENT TO MAINTAIN JEWISH DOMINATION:

- Israel's Nation-State Law (2018) declared Israel the "nation-state of the Jewish people," enshrined the right to self-determination in Israel as "unique to the Jewish people," and established "Jewish settlement" as a national value.
- Israeli policies designed to "Judaize" maximize Jewish Israeli control over the land through establishment and support of Jewish communities. Meanwhile, Palestinians are dispossessed and concentrated into separate enclaves.

INHUMANE ACTS AGAINST PALESTINIANS:

- Including but not limited to:
- Restriction of movement (through a permit regime, separation barrier, checkpoints, etc.);
 - Large-scale land confiscation;
 - Denial of basic civil rights, political rights, and residency rights;
 - Forcible transfer.

CONTEXT OF SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS:

In the occupied West Bank:

- Palestinians are subject to draconian military law, while Jewish settlers are governed under Israeli civil law.

In the blockaded Gaza Strip:

- Israel imposes extreme limitations on movement of people and goods (including food and medicine) despite humanitarian emergencies.

In occupied East Jerusalem:

- Israel designates Palestinians from East Jerusalem as "permanent residents", a highly precarious status which derives from their physical presence in East Jerusalem. Jewish Israelis from East Jerusalem enjoy full citizenship.

In Israel:

- Palestinian citizens of Israel have an inferior legal status to Jewish citizens.
- Jews from anywhere in the world are entitled to Israeli citizenship, while Palestinians are not.

READ MORE: HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT, "A THRESHOLD CROSSED" AND B'TSELEM REPORT, "THIS IS APARTHEID"

Settlements Factsheet

Israel's settlements are illegal according to international law, and are the main obstacle to the two-state solution.

THE CURRENT SITUATION:




- Israel has established more than 250 illegal settlements and outposts in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

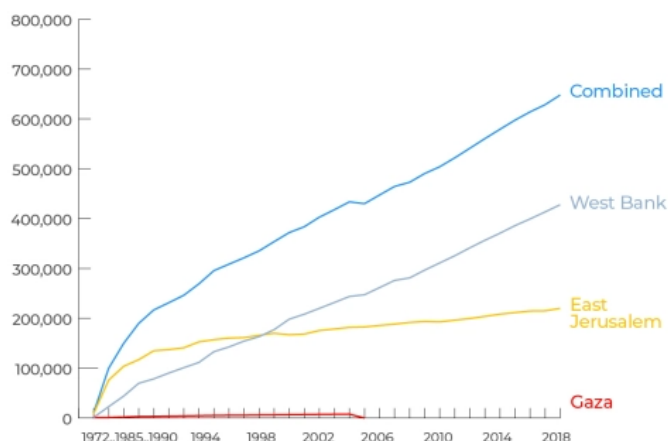
- The Israeli state offers generous incentives to encourage its citizens to move to settlements in order to increase their population and geographical footprint.

- In order to settle its own citizens in occupied territory, Israel displaces the local Palestinian population through methods such as home demolitions and forced evictions.

- Settler violence against Palestinians has become a systematic occurrence. Unchecked violence forces Palestinians to flee their homes, making it easier for the state to take over their land.

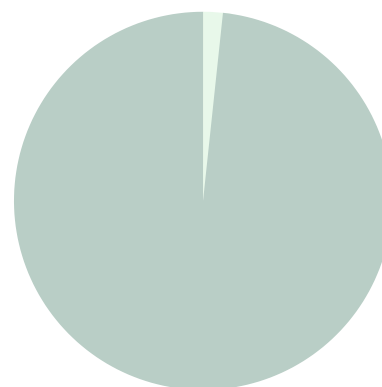
ISRAELI SETTLER POPULATION

 Combined: 683,553  West Bank: 463,353*  East Jerusalem: 220,200[†]



ALLOCATION OF STATE LAND IN OPT SINCE 1967:

0.7% to Palestinians



38% to Israeli settlements

SETTLEMENTS AS AN OBSTACLE TO THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION:

United Nations Security Council resolution 2234 (2016) stated:

"Israel's establishment of settlements in Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, had no legal validity, constituting a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the vision of two States living side-by-side in peace and security, within internationally recognized borders."

READ MORE: B'TSELEM REPORT, "THIS IS OURS - AND THIS, TOO", REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 (A/HRD/47/57), AND PEACE NOW.

Anti-Semitism Factsheet

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Anti-Semitism (IHRA-WDA) has caused controversy by suggesting that criticising the State of Israel is anti-Semitic.

THE IHRA WORKING WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM:

Racism, discrimination, hatred, violence, or intimidation targeting a specific group of people because of their ethnicity, race, or religion, including anti-Semitism, is a serious threat that must be addressed and fought against.

The IHRA-WDA equates advocacy for Palestinian rights with anti-Semitism as a means to suppress any criticism of Israel's violations of human rights and international law.

This undermines both the Palestinian struggle for freedom, justice, and equality as well as the global struggle against anti-Semitism.

The IHRA-WDA trivializes and distorts the grave threat of anti-Semitism; weaponizing it for political purposes. It should not be used as a tool for public policy.

CRITICISMS BY THE AUTHOR:

Kenneth Stern, lead author of the IHRA-WDA, asserts that the definition has been weaponised by rightwing Jewish groups to "restrict academic freedom and punish political speech".

Stern argues that if "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist" is anti-Semitism, then shouldn't "denying the Palestinian people their right to self-determination, and denying Palestine the right to exist" be anti-Palestinianism?

ANTI-RACIST SOLIDARITY:

Anti-Semitism must be fought in all its forms and opposed in solidarity with other anti-racist struggles.

The real fight against anti-Semitism is tied to the struggle for equality and human rights for all oppressed peoples around the world, including Palestinians.

Silencing Palestinians and their supporters, which happen to include countless Jewish organisations and activists, does nothing to help combat anti-Semitism.

READ MORE: APAN AND AJDS JOINT STATEMENT ON ANTISEMITISM, CRITICISM OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN JUSTICE