

PALESTINE ADVOCACY GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

The Charity Commission permits UK charities to engage in political activity and public debate that will support the work of the charity and the beneficiaries it serves. It furthermore states that,

“Charities are free to use emotive and controversial material to highlight a particular issue or campaign, so long as the material is backed up with evidence, is factually accurate, and furthers or facilitates their charitable work.”

This resource is designed to support charities to be able to use its platforms, influence, and voice to speak out against the injustices the Palestinians are facing and have been facing for 75 years.



KEY MESSAGES

“Western governments who have supported and financed Israel are equally responsible for the ethnic cleansing and genocide of the Palestinian people”

“We call for an end of the 75 years of illegal occupation of Palestine by the Israeli Apartheid Regime”

“Palestinians remain resilient despite brutal occupation for over 75 years. We support their strive for self-determination, freedom of movement, and resistance against illegal occupation”

“The British Government must end its unilateral support of Israel, and stop being an enabler of Genocide”

“Israel must be held to account for its war crimes against the Palestinian people”

“The illegal occupation, apartheid regime and settler colonialism imposed by Israel violates international humanitarian law. The Palestinians have the right to strive for self-determination”

FACTS & FIGURES

Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine

Under international law, and in line with the United Nations Human Rights body, Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory is unlawful due to “its permanence and the Israeli Government's de-facto annexation policies”. [Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention](#) states: “The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.” It also prohibits the “individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory”.



Before the British Mandate for Palestine, Jews made up 6% of the total population. By 1948, after the forced expulsion of 750,000 Palestinians and seizure of 78% of their historic land, the Jewish population rose to 33%. The next century saw the Palestinians being pushed out by thousands of [illegal Israeli settlers](#).

Israeli Settler Colonialism

Israel forcefully expelled millions of Palestinians from their homes

It has been 75 years since Palestinians were forcefully dispossessed of their homes and land by Israeli militia. May 15 1948 marked the 'Nakba' ('The Catastrophe'), a brutal day which saw the [ethnic cleansing of Palestine](#). This day is a reminder of the violent process in which the State of Israel came into being, expelling hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. Zionist forces carried out mass atrocities including the destruction of 530 villages and cities and the [massacre of around 15,000](#) Palestinians.

Amnesty International describes Israel as an ["institutionalised regime of oppression and domination against the Palestinian people"](#). "Through massive seizures of land and property, unlawful killings, infliction of serious injuries, forcible transfers, arbitrary restrictions on freedom of movement, and denial of nationality, among other inhuman or inhumane acts, Israeli officials would be responsible for the crime against humanity of apartheid, which falls under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC)".

Palestinians living under an apartheid system

Daily life under oppression and occupation

Every facet of Palestinian's lives are monitored and controlled under a system of surveillance by the Israeli military. The Israeli military have imposed [checkpoints](#), roadblocks, "settler only" roads and a 'permit regime' across the West Bank and occupied territories. This affects their ability to complete daily tasks such as going to work, school or the hospital. Israelis enjoy access to safe and clean water being used to water large lawns and swimming pools, while Palestinians barely have enough to cook, drink, or shower.

WRITTEN RESOURCES

Israeli settlements and international law:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2017/06/israel-occupation-50-years-of-dispossession/>

Oppression and occupation of Palestinians:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/report-israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/>

Israel's illegal occupation:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/10/commission-inquiry-finds-israeli-occupation-unlawful-under-international-law>

The Nakba / The Catastrophe since 1948:

<https://www.foa.org.uk/resources/categories/reports>

Report: Israeli crimes of apartheid and persecution:

https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution?fbclid=IwAR1vemDLhtDoUjhiTfXU_f6Q8wYRflz_mtadJjIUayXtHr5-8-TEs-Wtjx0

VIDEO RESOURCES

How the State of Israel was created:

https://youtu.be/kl_spMxp6t8?si=dgA5KAzLL9MW0ilq

Israeli occupation of Palestine:

<https://youtu.be/6uuD0cGKu1Y?si=MhaMPgeYDIOkylsx>

Crash course on Palestine:

https://youtu.be/1wo2TLIMhiw?si=z4Nhy_H1Bk5CL_M

The Nakba – documentary:

https://youtu.be/H7FML0wzJ6A?si=vSzB3JLjDN_6RBo3