

Injustice Illustrated



A GUIDE TO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE
BY FRIENDS OF AL-AQSA

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Introduction

Palestinians are the longest serving refugees in the world numbering 5 million people. Their lands are occupied; rights to movement restricted; access to water denied as well as education, health and work rights undermined.

All these problems are not due to natural disaster but have been created by Israel's occupation. This is a political problem created by Israeli occupation and you can help end this.

Please remember behind every fact you read there are people who have been suffering at the hands of Israel since 1948.

I hope this booklet will encourage you to look further into the occupation and the plight of the Palestinians.

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We hope these creative pieces give you a greater understanding of the different aspects of illegal Israeli occupation. These illustrative images show how injustice is ingrained in the daily lives of the Palestinian people.

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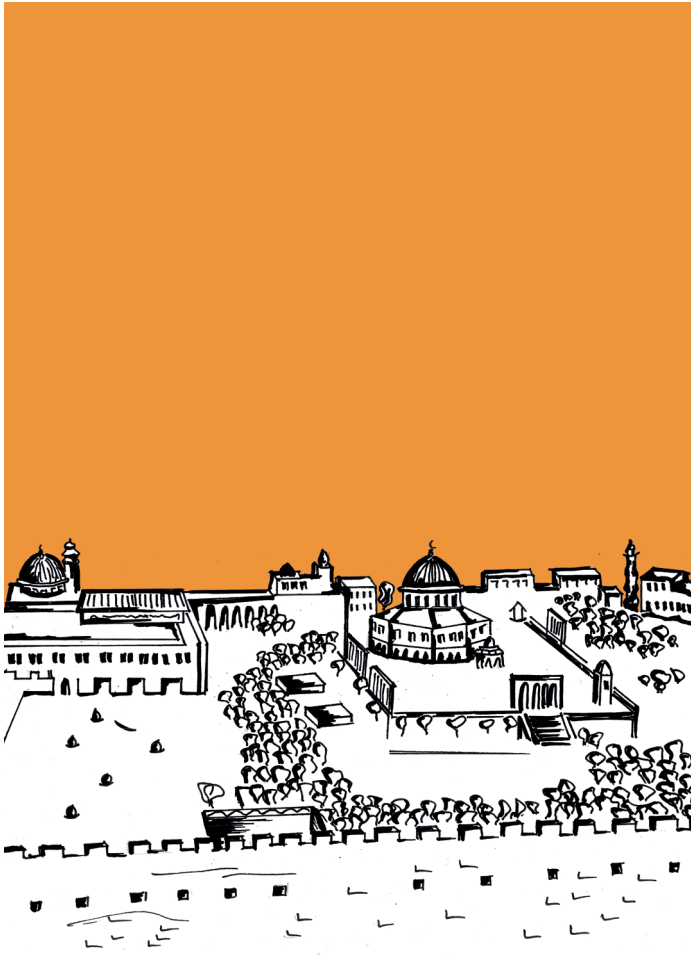
Administrative detention

Administrative detention is a suppressive Israeli policy used to intimidate Palestinians by holding them in prison without charge or trial.

Administrative detainees are unable to challenge the charges against them, which they and even their lawyers are not allowed to see.

This is used against activists who stand up against Israeli occupation including university students, lawyers, journalists and academics.

In 2022 there were over 600 administrative detainees in Israeli prisons.



Al-Aqsa

Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem includes the golden domed Masjid called the Dome of the Rock and the grey domed Masjid called Masjid Al-Qibly. The whole compound that houses both these Masajid is Masjid Al-Aqsa.

Al-Aqsa was the first Qiblah (direction of prayer) for Muslims.

A single prayer in Al-Aqsa is rewarded 500 times more than anywhere else, other than Makkah and Madina.

Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) started the Night Journey in Makkah then travelled to Masjid Al-Aqsa before ascending to the heavens.



Apartheid policies

Apartheid is a system of discrimination based on race. Israel imposes this on Palestinians. Both Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International call what Israel is doing apartheid.

Palestinians living in Israel are treated legally, politically and economically as second-class citizens.

The Israeli Law of Return gives Jews around the world the right to live in Israel. But the same law denies Palestinians the right to return to their ancestral homes.

In the occupied West Bank more than 70km of roads are 'Israeli-only'.



Apartheid Wall

The Apartheid Wall surrounds the occupied West Bank, separating Palestinians from their schools, hospitals, farms and family.

At some points it is 8 metres high, the same as two stacked double-decker buses.

In 2004 the International Court of Justice said that the Apartheid Wall is illegal and should be demolished. But Israel has continued to build it.

When finished the Apartheid Wall will be over 700km long. That's the distance from London to Denmark.



BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) is a political tool used to seek freedom, justice and equality for Palestinians. It was successfully used to end apartheid in South Africa.

Boycotting is the decision not to use or buy something for ethical reasons. It means withdrawing support from companies and organisations that support Israel.

Divestment is withdrawing investment from companies involved in Israel's illegal occupation.

Sanctions call on governments to cut political and economic ties with Israel until it stops breaking international law.



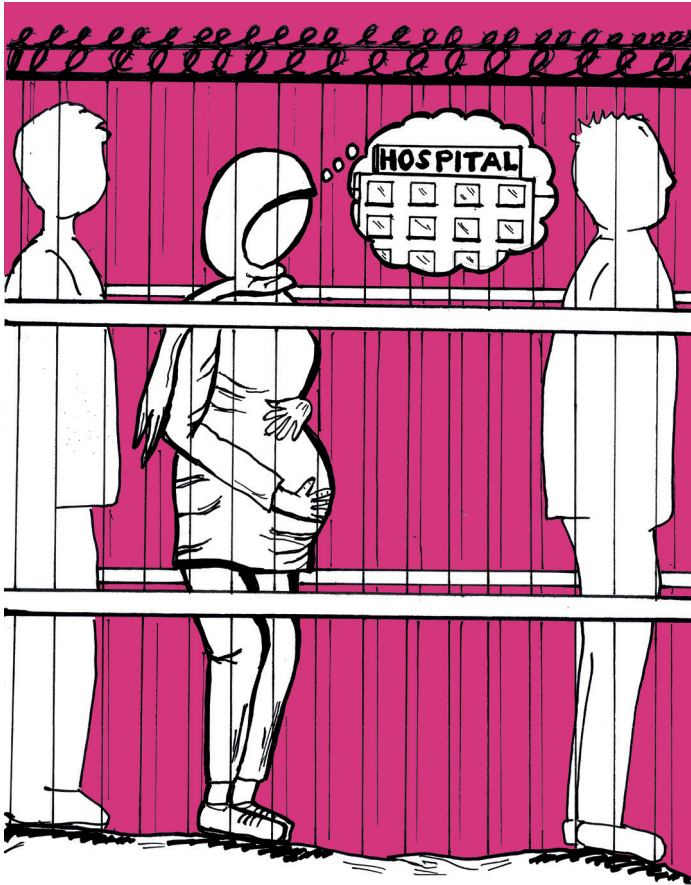
Boycotting is about making an ethical decision not to use or buy something from a company involved with Israel.

Hewlett Packard (HP) provides hardware for Israeli prisons and the Israeli police.

Coca-Cola operates in Atarot, an illegal Israeli settlement that violate international law.

PUMA sponsors the Israel national football team and the Israeli Football Association, which has football clubs in illegal Israeli settlements.

Check the label before you buy any produce - make sure it is not from Israel.



Checkpoints and roadblocks are barriers set up by Israel to deliberately control and restrict Palestinian movement.

There are nearly 600 checkpoints across the occupied West Bank, restricting the movement of around 3 million Palestinians.

Israel's checkpoints mean that pregnant women live in constant fear of not making it to the hospital.

Sometimes women have to give birth at home instead.

Qalandiya is the busiest checkpoint in the occupied West Bank. 26,000 Palestinians pass through Qalandiya every day.

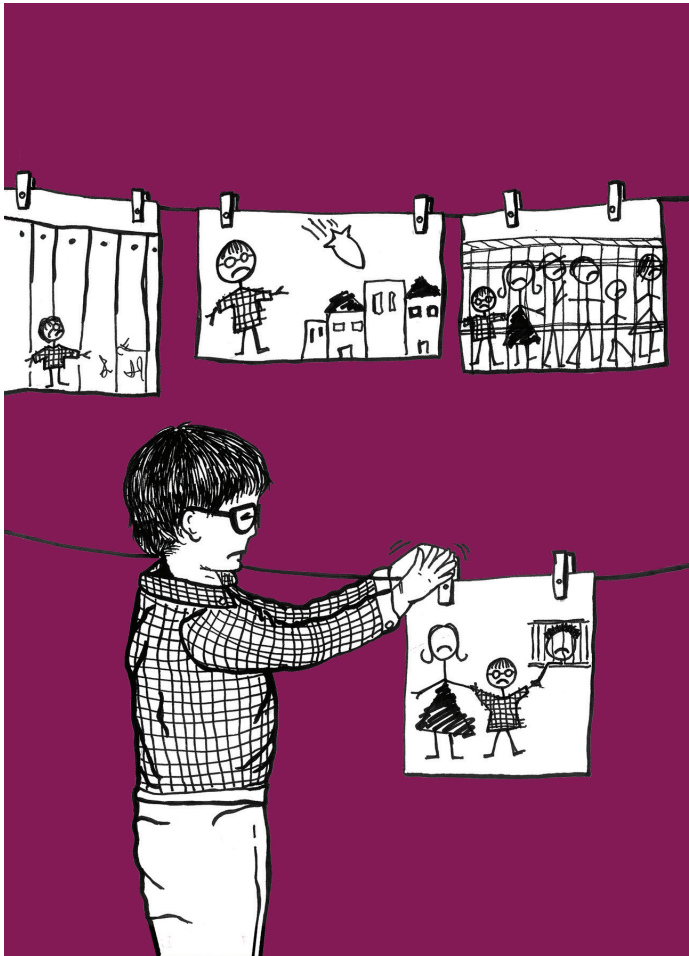


Palestinian children are routinely subjected to night-time arrests, solitary confinement and denied legal representation.

Up to 700 Palestinian children are detained by Israel each year.

4 out of 5 Palestinian children experience physical assault during or after arrest.

Israel prosecutes Palestinian children through military courts. Palestinian children are the only children in the world prosecuted through military rather than civilian courts.



Children in Palestine

Israel's illegal occupation and apartheid policies ruin Palestinian childhoods.

Israel repeatedly kills Palestinian children. On average in 2021 Israel killed a Palestinian child every 5 days.

95% of children in Gaza are traumatised, malnourished and/or suffer severe depression.

4 out of 5 Palestinian children detained by Israel are subjected to humiliating strip searches.



Christians in Palestine are descendants of the world's oldest Christian communities, but they are prevented from visiting the most sacred Christian sites.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the holiest Christian site, is not accessible to most Palestinian Christians.

Bethlehem, the Biblical birthplace of Jesus, has now been surrounded by Israeli roadblocks and checkpoints.

There are around 1 million Palestinian Christians across the world.



Collective punishment

Collective punishment is imposed on a group of people in response to an alleged crime committed by one member of that group. It is illegal under international law.

Israel imposes collective punishment on Palestinians through curfews, checkpoints, home demolitions, mass arrests and military incursions.

Since 1948 Israel has demolished over 131,000 Palestinian homes.

26,000 Palestinians pass through the busiest checkpoint in the occupied West Bank every day.



Denying water

Israel restricts Palestinian access to water.

Israel controls 85% of water resources in the occupied West Bank. This means Palestinians do not get enough water.

In Gaza over 97% of water is unfit for human consumption. As a result more than 50% of Gaza's children suffer from water-related infections.

On average an Israeli consumes 300 litres of water per day compared to only 87 litres per day for a Palestinian.

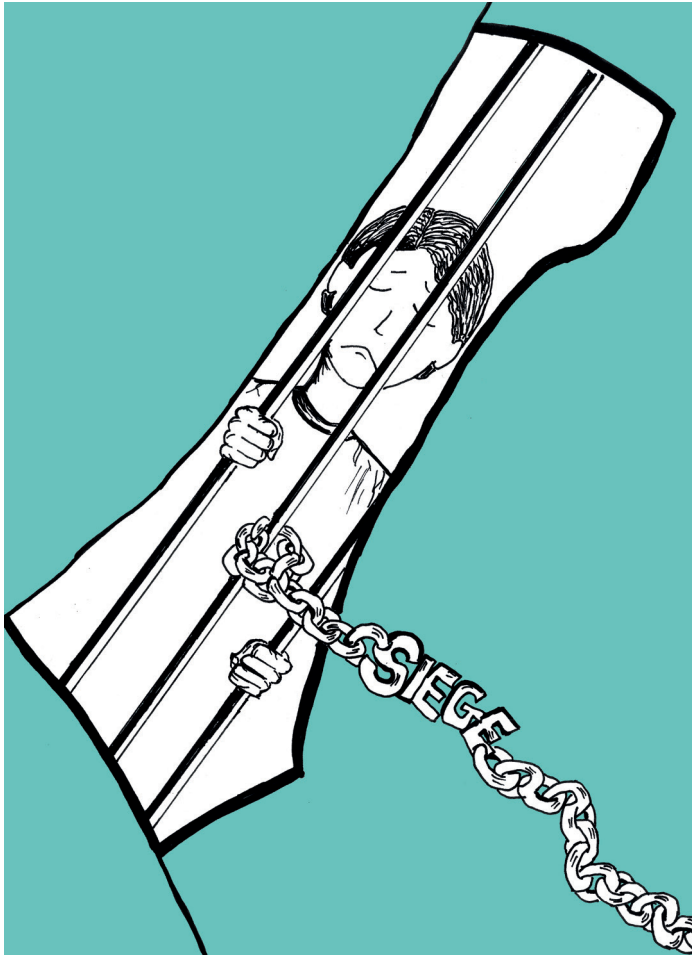


Education of Palestinian children is restricted by checkpoints, the Apartheid Wall, Israeli settler abuse and lack of funding.

In Hebron some Palestinian children have to pass through two checkpoints to get to school.

In Gaza children are forced to study in dark classrooms due to lack of electricity.

In May 2021 Israeli attacks damaged 331 school facilities in Gaza.



Gaza

Gaza has been under Israeli siege by land, air and sea since 2007. This means that nothing can get in or out of Gaza without Israeli permission.

Food, water, medicine and fuel are all scarce. 70% of households in Gaza do not have adequate food.

As a result of Israel's inhumane siege, over 80% of the population needs humanitarian aid.

Gaza is experiencing an electricity crisis. Many households only receive power for a few hours each day.

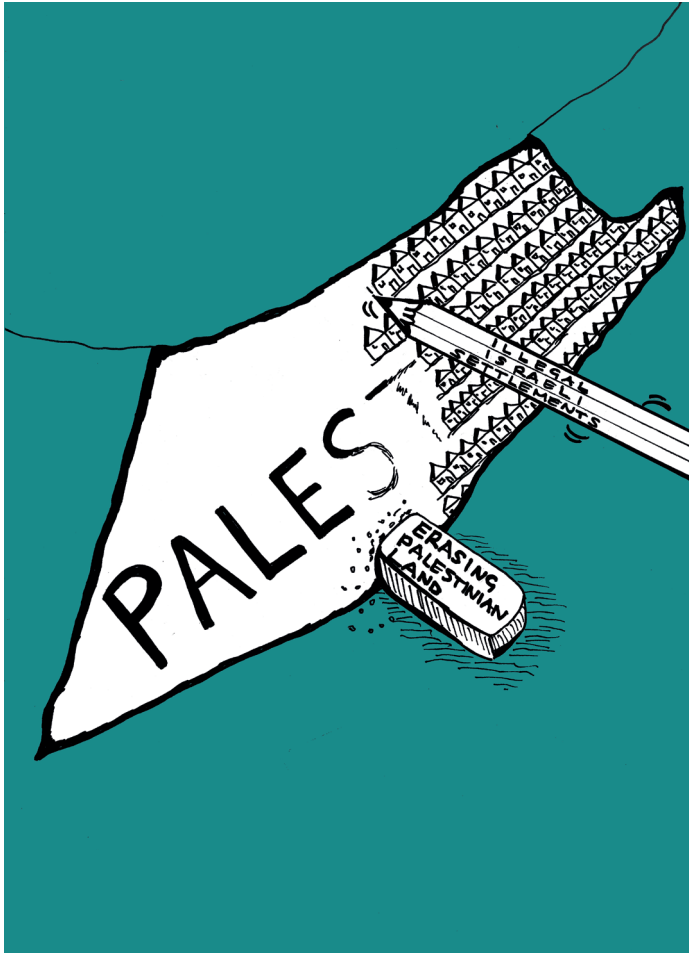


Palestinian access to healthcare is severely limited by Israeli control and discrimination.

In the occupied West Bank, Israeli apartheid means that access to healthcare depends on who you are. Palestinians cannot access the same high-quality healthcare as illegal Israeli settlers.

Ambulances are routinely stopped at checkpoints resulting in delays for patients, causing significant distress and sometimes even death.

Israel's systematic discrimination means that a Palestinian woman in the West Bank is 9 times more likely to die in childbirth than an Israeli woman.

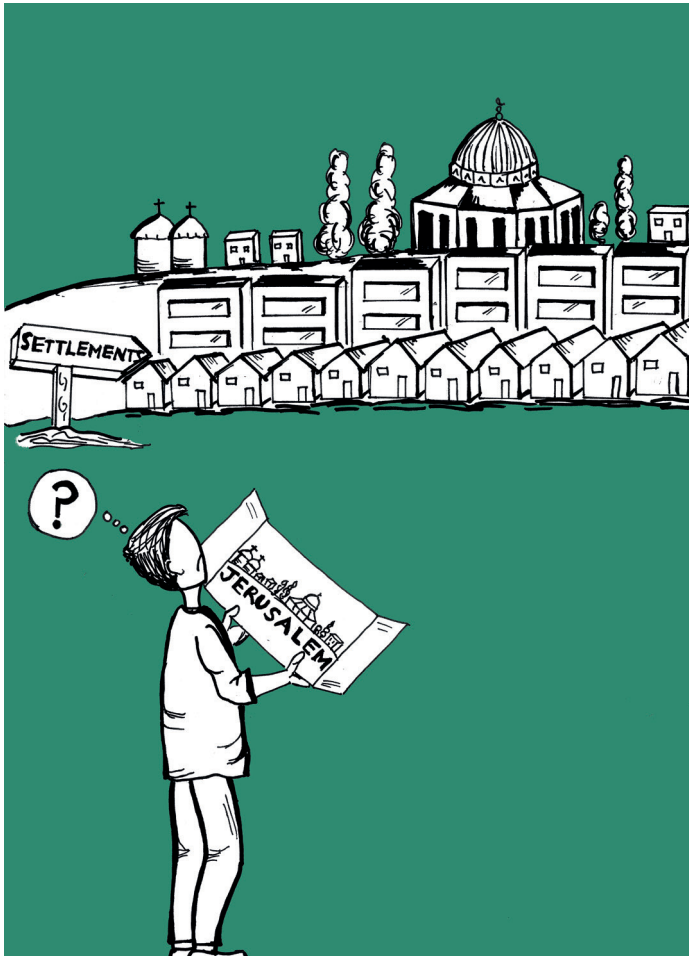


Illegal Israeli settlements are communities established on stolen Palestinian land.

Settlements are illegal under international law because the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits an occupying power from transferring its population into occupied land.

There are currently over 250 settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, occupied by nearly 750,000 Israeli settlers. These numbers are rapidly increasing.

Since 1948 over 131,000 Palestinian homes have been demolished to make way for illegal Israeli settlements.



Since 1967 Israel has illegally occupied East Jerusalem. This means Palestinians in East Jerusalem live under Israeli control.

Palestinians in East Jerusalem are forcibly removed from their homes and their houses are destroyed by Israel.

Since 2004 Israel has made over 3000 Palestinians homeless in East Jerusalem, including 1000 children.

Israel routinely restricts Christian and Muslim access to holy sites in Jerusalem.

The Nakba (catastrophe) refers to the 1948 ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their homes to make way for the state of Israel.

Israel forcibly expelled over half of the Palestinian population, creating 750,000 Palestinian refugees.

78% of Palestinian homeland was stolen and over 500 Palestinian villages were destroyed.

Israel has since denied Palestinians the right to return to their homes.





Right of return

Everyone has the right to return to their country under international law. But Israel denies Palestinians this right and instead allows anyone of Jewish descent to settle on stolen Palestinian land.

There are 800,000 Palestinian refugees in the occupied West Bank.

In total there are 7 million Palestinian refugees worldwide.

The key is an important symbol of the Palestinian right to return. Many Palestinians have kept their keys in the hope of returning home.



A war crime is a violation of international humanitarian law. Israel has a long history of war crimes, including:

In the Nakba (catastrophe) of 1948 Israel committed over 70 massacres.

More recently Israel has committed war crimes in Gaza in 2008-2009, 2012, 2014 and 2021.

In May 2021 Israel targeted Palestinian civilians in Gaza, destroying 152 residential buildings and killing 67 children.



Will you join the movement to help free Palestine?

We hope after a brief introduction to the injustices Palestinians face you can help end the occupation.

FOA needs your support to build a strong movement for Palestine.

Your membership is vital and allows us to consistently and effectively campaign for a Free Palestine.

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