

VIOLATED LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

International Law

- Fourth Geneva Convention (1949)
- UN Charter (1945)
- Rome Statute – ICC (1998)
- Genocide Convention (1948)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)
- Apartheid Convention (1973)
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- International Humanitarian & Human Rights Law
- UN Security Council Resolutions (e.g., 242, 338, 2334)

“Where law ends, tyranny begins.” -- John Locke

Israel’s Violations

- War crimes, crimes against humanity
- Indiscriminate attacks, forced displacement
- Targeting civilians, journalists, medics
- Obstructing humanitarian aid
- Apartheid, systemic oppression
- Discriminatory laws, movement/speech bans
- Settlement expansion, aid blockade
- Violations of UN and ICJ orders
- Genocidal act

US Complicity:

Domestic Laws Breached

- Arms Export Control Act (AECA)
- Foreign Assistance Act – §§ 620-I & 502B
- Leahy Law
- Genocide Convention Implementation Act (1988)

National Security Memorandum 20 (NSM-20)

- Conventional Arms Transfer Policy

Board of Peace now has jurisdiction over Gaza



RESOURCES: LEARN, SHARE, ACT

Israel’s deliberate erasure of the people, land, culture, history, and future of Palestinians is unmatched in today’s modern world. Understanding the truth about Palestine is the first step toward justice.

LEARN about Palestinian history & the lived realities of occupation, apartheid, and displacement under illegal Israeli



Handala, a symbol of Palestinian refugees’ struggle, resistance, and hope

“To live in Gaza is to endure siege and loss yet witness the unbreakable spirit of a people who refuse to be erased.”



SHARE silenced truths and build solidarity rooted in justice

“In the chorus of many, truth grows louder — and justice finds its way

ACT to raise awareness, demand justice and accountability, support the right to return. Write/call Congressional representatives



July 2024. JVP sit-in at US Capitol, Washington, DC

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2023-25

ECHOES OF EXILE

Understanding the Ongoing Nakba

The establishment of Israel in 1948 forcibly displaced hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, erased entire communities, seized homes and land, and imposed enduring restrictions on their basic rights, movement, and ability to return. These patterns continue to this day.

Palestinian refugees and their descendants now numbering 7+ million remain scattered across Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and beyond. Their right to return, affirmed by UN in 1948, has never been honored.

A call to uphold international law and American values...

In time of crisis, we are judged not merely by our words but by our commitment to the principles that we claim to hold dear.

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ROOTS & REACH OF ONGONG NAKBA

Displacement, Destruction, Denial of Rights

Late 1800s-1947: Zionist movement gains traction; British Mandate facilitates mass Jewish immigration and. Land acquisition

1947-1949: UN Partition Plan, Plan Dalet, massacres, and mass expulsions. 750,000+ Palestinians displaced

1948: Israel declared. UN affirms Palestinian right of return (Resolution 194). Israel rejects

1949-1967: Refugee crisis, military rule, land confiscation, denial of citizenship

1967-Present: Occupation expands; 300,000+ more displaced; illegal settlements, home demolitions, and apartheid policies

1993-2007: Oslo Accords mask deepening colonization, settlements triple, two-state solution collapses.

2007-2025: Gaza under siege – wars, blockade, starvation, and systematic devastation

Today: Genocide, mass displacement, and erasure continue – fueled by US complicity and global inaction

“The Nakba did not end in 1948. It is a structure, not an event.” --Rashid Khalidi



Generational hope & resistance. Palestinian man in Al-Jalazoun Refugee Camp in West Bank (2012) holds the key to his family's home in Safed.

“We suffer from an incurable malady – hope.”
Palestinian Poet Mahmoud Dawrish

SIEGE/ERASURE: GAZA/WEST BANK, 2023-25*

Gaza: Engineered Collapsed (Oct 2023 – present)

- **72,217+ killed and killings continue; 171,828 injured** with 1000s still buried under rubble
- Gaza now holds the **largest population of child amputees** in modern history; 46,000 injuries require complex reconstructive surgery
- **100%** face crisis or worse food insecurity with famine emerging
- Dozens to potentially 100s of **malnutrition-related deaths** reported. Many more at risk.
- **95%** of **hospitals damaged or destroyed**; a small number remain **partially operational**
- **392+ UNRWA staff** and **270+ journalists** killed (Al Jazeera) —**highest global tolls ever for aid workers and media**
- **80-95% displaced repeatedly** with large areas under evacuation orders or military control

West Bank: Settler Expansion & Expulsions

- **240+ Palestinians killed** in 2025, including **40 children** (UN's OCHA). Killings continue.
- **Thousands of settler attacks** recorded (OCHA); tens of thousands of Palestinians displaced
- **Airstrikes and drone strikes** deployed for the first time – major escalation not seen in years
- **Large-scale raids, sieges, displacement** in Jenin, Tulkarem, Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron
- **80+ schools** under demolition orders, threatening **13,000+ students** (UNICEF, OCHA)

Legal & Moral Ruptures

- **ICC arrest warrants** issued for Netanyahu and Gallant (May 2024)
- **UN officials, genocide scholars** affirm Israel's actions as **legal definition of genocide**.

*As of March 15, 2026

TRAUMA AND GLOBAL SILENCE

TRAUMA

- Intergenerational psychological harm
- Permanent displacement and statelessness
- Economic deprivation and imposed dependency
- Infrastructure reduced to rubble
- Sovereignty and rights dismantled
- Education stalled, futures lost
- Culture erased, history silenced
- Legal invisibility, no protection
- Global isolation and misrepresentation

Sources: +972, UNRWA, ICG, Al Jazeera, HRW, Amnesty Intl, ICJ, OHCHR. UN OCI. UN OPT



Boy sitting in rubble of his UNRWA school

GLOBAL SILENCING



- Palestine advocacy banned on campuses
- Social media censorship of Palestinian voices
- US Congress swayed by multi-million-dollar pro-Israel lobbying
- Record killings of journalists, doctors, and academics