

Israel : IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

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ISRAELI OCCUPATION IS ILLEGAL:

Laws Violated: U.N. Charter, Article 2(4) & 51 (1945); Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations..., Principle 1 (1970).

Israeli Actions: Military action and occupations are legal only if they are for self-defense, or to directly benefit the native population. But studies show Israel is 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 (over 70%) for its own use and economic benefit, at the expense of the native population.

ILLEGAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON OCCUPIED LAND:

Laws Violated: Geneva Conventions IV, Article 49(6) (1949).

Israeli Actions: Immediately following 1967 war, Israel began building Israeli civilian settlements on Palestinian lands, eventually building over 200 settlements throughout the occupied territories, & settling over 400,000 Israeli civilians in them, displacing hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians from their own legally owned lands.

ILLEGAL TO TAKE LAND BY FORCE & CLAIM SOVEREIGNTY:

Laws Violated: U.N. Charter, Article 2(4) (1945); Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations..., Principle 1 (1970).

Israeli Actions: In violation of UN Partition Plan, Israel took extra 15% land in 1948, and then following 1967 war, Israel confiscated East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

ILLEGAL ISRAELI PRACTICE OF ETHNIC CLEANSING:

Laws Violated: Geneva Convention IV, Articles 45, 46 & 49 (1949), UN resolutions 194 (III) (General Assembly; 1948) & 237 (Security Council; 1967).

Israeli Actions: Since 1910, in different ways, the Zionists and then Israel have taken Palestinian lands, and then refused the Palestinian landowners or tenants residency or employment on them, and then following fighting in 1948 and then again in 1967, refused re-entry to Palestinian civilians who wished to return to their homes in Israel and then the Occupied Territories (“right of return”), confining them to increasingly smaller areas of Israel and Occupied Territories, and then forbade some Arab family unifications (in 2002), in order to create an artificial demographic majority for themselves.

ISRAELI APARTHEID SYSTEM IS ILLEGAL:

Laws Violated: International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (1976).

Israeli Actions: Israel’s society-wide system of discrimination and isolation of the

Palestinian people within Israel, and its system of exploitation and oppression and isolation in the occupied territories, fits exactly the official, legal U.N. definition of Apartheid, which is considered to be a “Crime against Humanity”.

MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS (HR):

Laws Violated: U.N. Charter, Article 1 (1945); Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations..., Principle 5 (1970).

Israeli Actions: Studies by U.N., I.C.J., international H.R. organizations have found that Israel violates human rights of Palestinian people on a massive scale – a few examples – torture, imprisonment without charges or trial, land confiscation, harassment at checkpoints, unwarranted civilian shootings, not punishing Israeli settlers’ crimes against Palestinians, unwarranted disruption of medical care & commerce & employment & free movement, destruction of public and private property, family separation, etc.

COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT IS ILLEGAL:

Laws Violated: Geneva Conventions IV, Article 33 (1949); Geneva Conventions (Protocol I), Article 75(2d) (1977).

Israeli Actions: In response to Arab rebellion, Israeli Military takes massive action against entire Palestinian communities, for example destroying entire neighborhoods of homes, or confiscating communal farmlands. This is called Collective Punishment because it punishes entire communities for the actions of a few, and it does not solve the initial problem because it thus turns that entire community against Israel.

ILLEGAL MASSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF LOCAL LAWS:

Laws Violated: Hague Regulations IV, Article 43 (1907).

Israeli Actions: Israel has created a **dual legal system** in the occupied territories – a democratic one linked to Israel for the Israeli settlements, and an oppressive, exploitive one for the Palestinian communities run by Israeli military committees and Israeli-controlled Civic Administrations, replacing all Arab government functions with Israeli military committees, and dismissing or deporting all Arab government officials.

VIOLATIONS OF U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Laws Violated: U.N. Charter, Article 25 (1945); a few sample resolutions - 54, 111, 233, 234, 236, 248, 250, 252, 256, 262, 267, 270, 280, 285, 298, 313, 316, 468, 476, etc.

Israeli Actions: Israel has violated many U.N. Security Council resolutions especially relating to its occupations, land annexations, military aggression, HR violations, etc.

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