

ISRAELI OPPRESSION & EXPLOITATION OF THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

The Israeli government has awarded to its Military the administration of the occupied Palestinian Territories. It does so through ‘Military Orders, Proclamations and Pamphlets’.

1. Palestinian-owned Lands & Resources expropriated in such a way that isolates and strangles Palestinian Communities & Economy –
 - i. Israel has annexed into itself East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.
 - ii. Israel builds on confiscated land (now up to 60% of West Bank) Israeli settlements, a web of Israeli-use only highways, separation wall/fence, military compounds, wilderness preserves, which destroy and isolate Palestinian communities from each other and outside world.
 - iii. They separate workers from their work, farmers from their fields, students from their schools, patients from medical care, and families from each other.

2. Separate Democratic Government, Legal & Security Systems for Jewish-only Settlements tied to Israel –
 - i. Since 1967, Israel has moved approximately 400,000 of its own citizens into Israeli settlements on confiscated Palestinian lands, and has created separate government system for the settlements tying them legally and economically to Israel, which creates de facto annexation of these areas to Israel.

3. Arab Judicial & Gov’t Agencies replaced by Israeli Military Committees
 - i. For the Palestinian communities, the Israeli army has replaced all Arab government agencies with Israeli military committees or Israeli military controlled ‘Civic Administration’. Palestinians have no democratic say in this administration over them. Appeals are only to other Israeli military controlled committees, with limited appeal to Israeli Supreme Court.

4. Palestinian Economy Exploited through Israeli Military Permit System to benefit Israeli Economy –
 - i. The Israeli military has created a web of permits and licenses over the entire Palestinian economy. Studies have shown that the Israeli government manipulates this web to control the Palestinian economy to the benefit of the Israeli economy. For example, building permits are not issued in order to support expansion of Israeli settlements, and agricultural permits are only issued to supplement or not compete with Israeli agricultural activity.

5. Israeli Military enforces law by Inhumane Means
 - i. The Israeli military uses military rule including the Emergency (Defense) Regulations (1945) which legalizes and regulates the use of such inhumane practices as arrest without charges or trial, deportation, home demolitions, censorship, etc., on both an individual and collective level.
 - ii. Collective Punishment (settlements, separation wall, checkpoints, military incursions, community-wide closures, etc.) used to destroy entire communities and their economy, isolate Palestinians on smaller and smaller areas of land, or force them to leave – ethnic cleansing by attrition.
 - iii. Investigations have also found the practice of torture and shooting of civilians.

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