

It's the OCCUPATION, People!



Source: B'Tselem - Israel Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories

“When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

– Leviticus 19: 33-34

Fatalities

Sept. 2000 to Nov. 2008

Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces	4781
Palestinians killed by Israeli civilians	45
Israeli civilians killed by Palestinians	237
Israeli security force personnel killed by Palestinians	245
Palestinian minors killed by Israeli security forces	952
Israeli minors killed by Palestinians	123

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“During the ceasefire, the Hamas leadership in Gaza repeatedly offered to extend the truce, even proposing a ten-year period and claimed a receptivity to a political solution based on acceptance of Israel's 1967 borders. Israel ignored these initiatives and failed to carry out its side of the ceasefire agreement.”

– Richard Falk, United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, Huffington Post, Jan. 4, 2009

Call to Action

With thousands dead since 1948, over 1000 in the most recent crisis in Gaza - many of them children and women - and 1.5 million refugees squeezed into 360 sq. km, the Palestinian people are living in an open-air prison. Barbaric air and ground attacks by Israel have left thousands wounded, homeless and starving due to the choking of supplies of food and water by the Israeli army. These brutal attacks in the Gaza Strip are one more chapter in an unprecedented human catastrophe - the disintegration of Palestine.

The Muslim Council of Calgary calls upon civil society bodies in Canada to demonstrate their unreserved solidarity with the Palestinian people through both humanitarian assistance and by protesting in Canada against the violent campaign of discrimination, hate and destruction.

Canada's was the only vote AGAINST the U.N. motion to sanction Israel's "massive human rights violations" on the entire human rights council. WE DEMAND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CONDEMN IN UNAMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE ISRAEL'S EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE IN GAZA.

We urge the international community to work together to end Israel's aggression and to force both sides of this horrendous conflict to deal with each directly and in good faith.

We demand that our nation and its leaders, both government and opposition confirm the priceless value of innocent life, regardless of race, creed or gender.

Finally, we urge the Canadian press to commit to disseminating truth and balanced opinion regarding this complex and difficult issue, and to allow the Canadian people to make informed choices of their own.

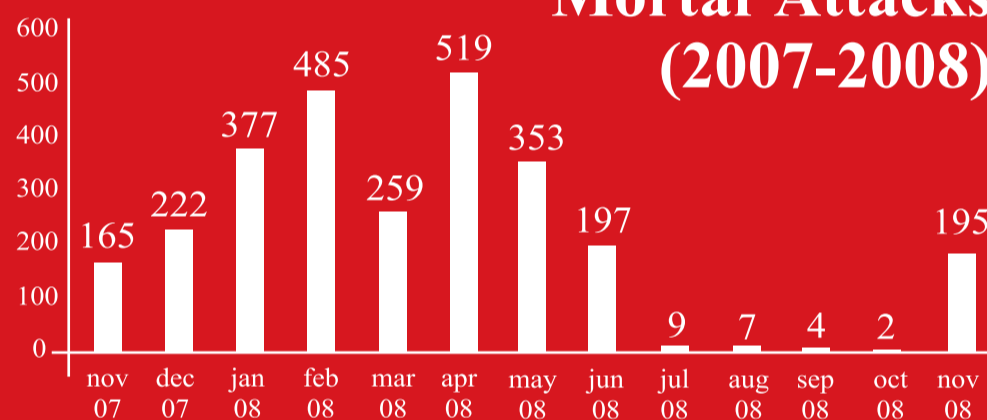
“Defenceless populations are always the ones who pay. Look at the conditions in Gaza: more and more, it resembles a big concentration camp.”

– Cardinal Renato Martino, Minister of Justice & Peace, The Vatican, Jan. 7, 2009

“Yes, Israelis deserve security. Twenty Israelis dead in 10 years around Gaza is a grim figure indeed. But 600 Palestinians dead in just over a week, thousands over the years since 1948 – when the Israeli massacre at Deir Yassin helped to kick-start the flight of Palestinians from that part of Palestine that was to become Israel- is on quite a different scale.”

– Robert Fisk, The Independent, Jan. 7, 2009

Palestinian Rocket & Mortar Attacks (2007-2008)



Source: The Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center at the Israel Intelligence Heritage & Commemoration Center:

“The compulsory transfer of the [Palestinian] Arabs from the valleys of the proposed Jewish state could give us something which we never had, even when we stood on our own during the days of the first and second Temples... We are given an opportunity which we never dared to dream of in our wildest imaginings. This is MORE than a state, government and sovereignty---- this is national consolidation in a free homeland... With compulsory transfer we [would] have a vast area [for settlement]... I support compulsory transfer. I don't see anything immoral in it.”

– David Ben Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel in his diary as chronicled in Righteous Victims: A History of the Zionist-Arab Conflict, 1881- 2001 by Benny Morris



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