UNDER AN OLIVE TREE IN PALESTINE

“Here We Stand...
Here We Remain...
With One Purpose...
With One Goal... TO BE”

Mahmoud Darwish (1941-2008)

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

• The Israeli occupation of Palestine has been one of the longest in modern history and is one of the very few remaining military occupations in the world today.

• Israel, through its occupation and practices, has violated more United Nations resolutions than any other country in the world.

• At least one in four refugees in the world is Palestinian.

• Palestinian displacement is one of the longest in modern history, extending to three generations.

• More than half of the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation are refugees who were displaced from their homes and lands since 1948.

“...No protected persons may be punished for an offence he or she has not personally committed. Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited.”

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Resilience and Determination

In spite of all obstacles and hardships inflicted by the occupation... 

• In 2015, 10,000 children from the Gaza Strip flew 8,483 km simultaneously breaking a record previously registered by China in April of the same year.

• University students from the Palestine Polytechnic University (Haifa) created Palestine’s first solar electric car.

• These 16-year-old Palestinian girls from the Askar Refugee Camp (Nablus) received awards for developing the first infrared wireless camera able to detect holes in the ground and alert blind people of obstacles and drop-offs, using 2005worth of material.

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Occupation Regimes: Settlements and Sentiment Violence

• The settlements in the West Bank are Israeli encroachments on territories seized under the Oslo Accords of 1993-1995. 

• Some roads and routes in the occupied West Bank are used by Israeli traffic only. 

• The number of Israeli settlers in West Bank settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory has more than doubled since the beginning of the process in 2002, making the Saudi peace process no more than a declaration of intent to continue with the occupation. In 2011, all Israeli settlers in West Bank settlements were demanded to be living in 300 settlement enclaves in the West Bank.

• In 2009, the number of occupied land in Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory was twice that of occupied territories in the West Bank.

• 300 incidents perpetrated by settlers against Palestinians and their property were recorded between February 2019 and February 2021.

• No international events were held by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory, even when international crimes were committed.

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Occupation Regimes: Disproportionate Use of Force and Arbitrary Detention

• About 1,740 Palestinian children were killed by Israeli soldiers and settlers in the occupied Palestine territory between 2000 and 2019. 

• 83 Palestinians, including 9 children, were killed by Israeli forces and settlers in 2019 alone (up to 22 September).

• Israel denies administrative detention, whereby the detainee is denied all rights without any charge or trial, suspending the use of administrative detention.

• More than 19,000 Palestinians, including 10,000 women and 11,000 children have been detained by Israeli forces for various periods of time between 2001 and 2018.

• 10,000 Palestinian children were forcibly detained by July 2019.

• Around 700 Palestinian children are prosecuted in Israel, which are not even registered, documented and dealt with by the Israeli army.

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Occupation Regimes: Blockade, Settlements and the Wall

• The blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip since June 2007 is considered an act of collective punishment, harming civilians disproportionately, thus violating the international humanitarian law.

• Among other restrictions, Israeli卜mposes a 10-km barrier within the Gaza Strip comprising between 2 and 12 km, thereby blocking Palestinians access to 35 per cent of their land, including 27% of the country’s agricultural land.

• More than 150 blockades, checkpoints, and other restrictions to the West Bank interfere and sometimes prevent the movement of Palestinians and their goods.

• Israel established a wall in the West Bank that includes 51,000 Palestinians, covering 12 per cent of the West Bank, affecting more than 10,000 Palestinians and completely severing access from Jericho to the rest of the Palestinian territories.

• The Palestinian Red Crescent Society reported 159 cases where medical services were blocked or delayed for more than 313 cases.

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Occupation Regimes: Social and Economic Impact

• 12,000 of the 115,000 residents of the Palestinian territories live in poverty. In the occupied territories, the average income of 2002 workers is 24.5 per cent of the income of 2003 workers.

• 120,000 Palestinians suffer from food insecurity.

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• The Israeli Army in the Gaza Strip has failed to prevent exploitation of medicinal drugs and medicines, as well as medicine for the population.

• 1,200 health centers in the Gaza Strip are operated without adequate facilities to accommodate the number of patients, due to the significant number of closed buildings.

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Occupation Regimes: Human Rights, Land Confiscation and Displacement

• The Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands has led to a systematic process within the Israeli occupation regime, common to both Palestinian and Israeli communities.

• At least 16,200 Palestinians have been forced from their homes as a result of home demolitions since 2004.

• Israel has confiscated, for its own use, 6,000 square km of Palestinian land in occupied East Jerusalem since 1967, while the current Palestinian administration allowed to build in approximately 1,500,000 square km of land in the West Bank.

• 3,000 residents of the village of Al-Tantura were forced to evacuate their homes in a land expropriation between 1967 and 2013.

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