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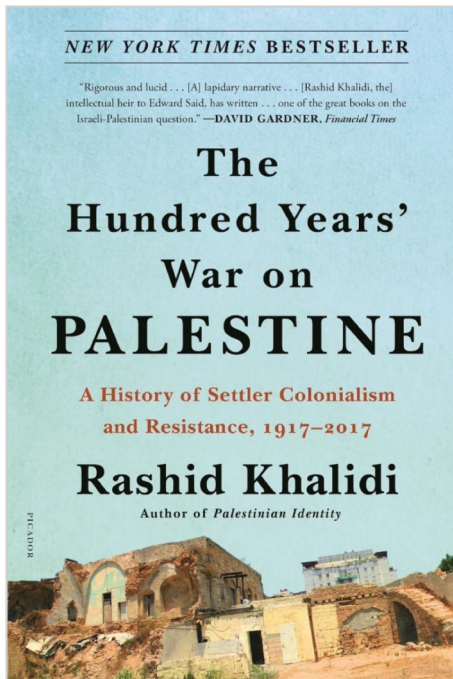
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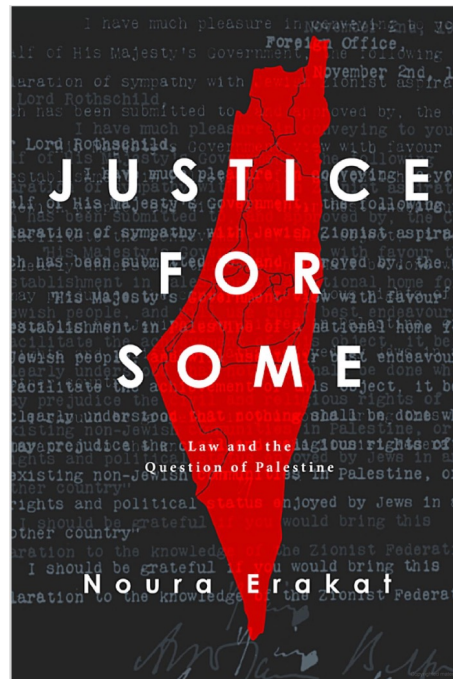
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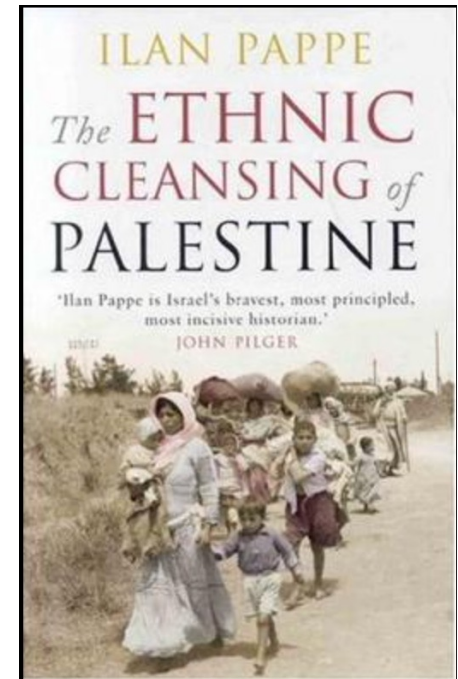
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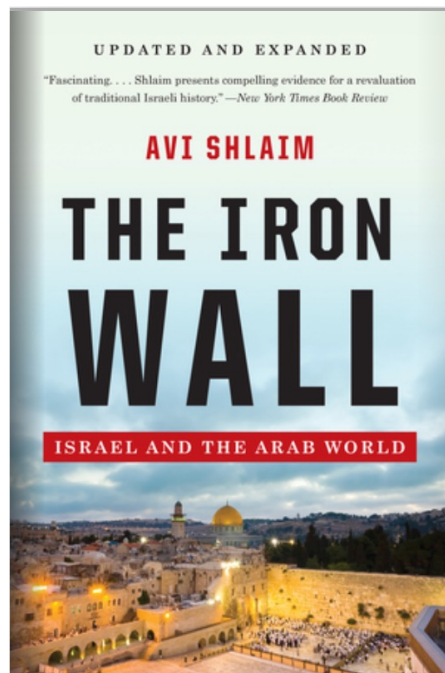


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1. Occupied Territories in Israel c. 2022-2023

What is an Occupied Territory?



Population Levels (2023)

Occupied Territories

Gaza Strip - 2.3 Million Palestinians

West Bank - 4.1 Million Palestinians

East Jerusalem - 350,000 Palestinians

Total number of people: ~ 7 million people

Israel's Sovereign Territory

7.2 Million Jewish citizens

2.0 Million Palestinians & "Arab" residents

Occupied Territories – Gaza and West Bank, c. 2022



About 2.2 million people lived in Gaza strip and 2.5 million in West Bank. Gaza's water, electricity, telecommunications, and food supplies are controlled by Israel.

Leading politicians in Israel have since 1948 refused to recognize Palestinians as having equal rights of citizenship and sovereign control over their land, thus UN human rights observers compare it to Apartheid South Africa (1948-1994).

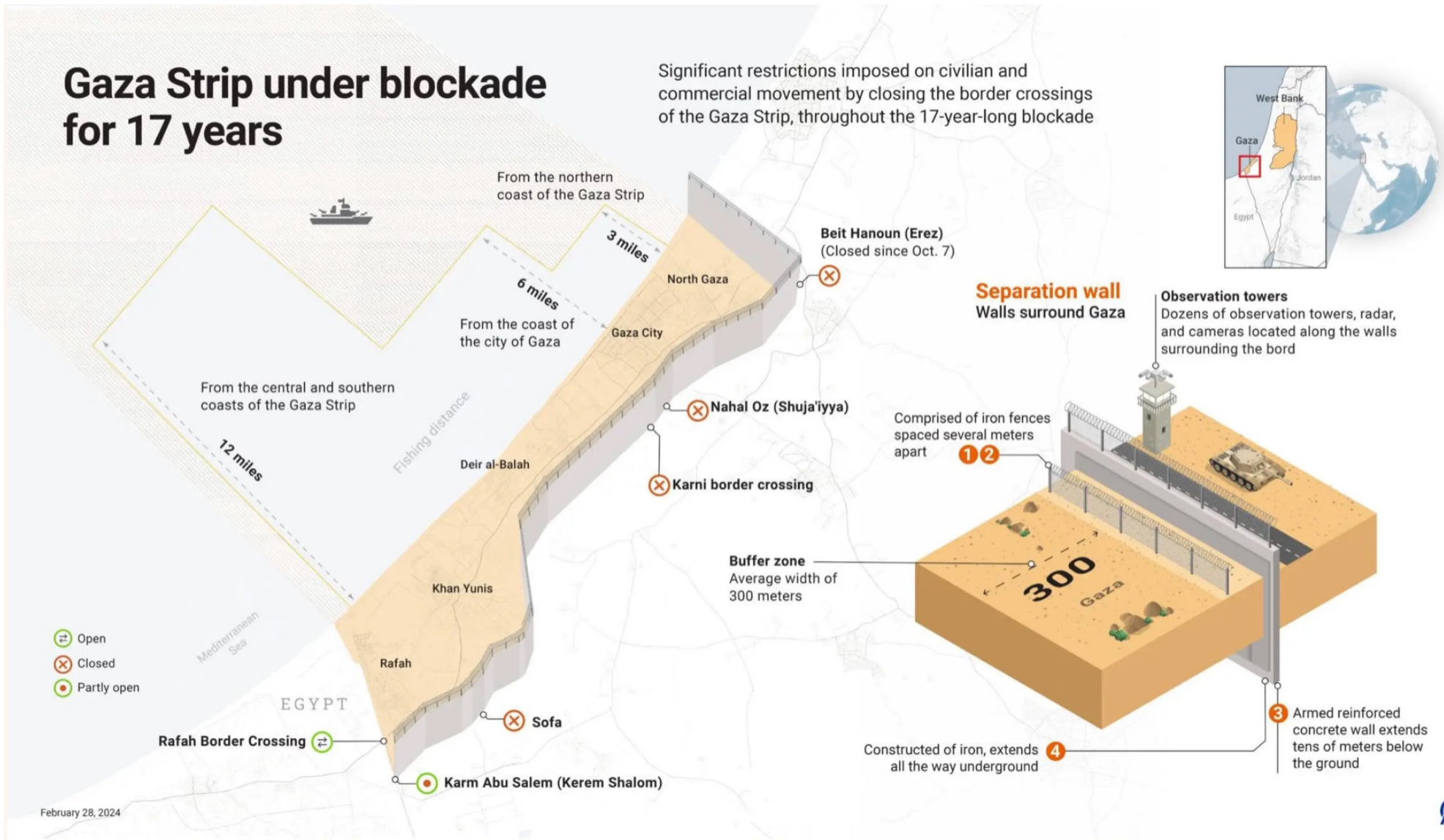
Just under 10 million people live in Israel, 74% of whom are Jewish.

The last election in Gaza was 2005. Hamas achieved less than 50% of the vote. Israel began a blockade in 2007. Median age was 18 in 2020.

Israel imposed a travel & commercial blockade in 2007 that has been ongoing.

Gaza Strip under blockade for 17 years

Significant restrictions imposed on civilian and commercial movement by closing the border crossings of the Gaza Strip, throughout the 17-year-long blockade



Significant restrictions imposed on civilian and commercial movement by closing the border crossings of the Gaza Strip, throughout the 17-year-long blockade [Omar Zaghloul/Anadolu Agency]



Israel Knesset (Parliament) Passed New “Nation-State” Law in 2018

Made Hebrew national language. Two of its articles stated:

“The right to exercise national self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish people.”

“The state views the development of Jewish settlement [in occupied territories] as a national value and will act to encourage and promote its establishment and consolidation.”

When Israeli Palestinians proposed different legislation, the Knesset refused to debate it because it included “several articles that [were] meant to alter the character of the State of Israel from the nation-state of the Jewish people to a state in which there is equal status from the point of view of nationality for Jews and Arabs.”

Fundamentals of International Law

- A state that is recognized as occupying and ruling over subordinate populations does not have the same “rights to self-defense” as other states because these rights apply only between sovereign powers.
- People living in “occupied territories” are the ones who have the “right to self-defense.”
- Palestinians thus have rights of self-defense, rights of return, and even rights to reparations under international laws.
- Forcefully removing large numbers of people in an ethnic group from a region is called “ethnic cleansing.”
- Depriving large numbers of people of food, water, shelter, electricity, and medical supplies in times of conflict is called “collective punishment” and is considered a crime against humanity.
- Israeli and other Jewish nationals who forcibly create new settlements in the West Bank are breaking international laws.

Israel and Occupied Territories: Oct 7, 2023

- Representatives of Hamas left the occupied territory of Gaza and entered the sovereign space of Israel.
- The Israeli military made a snap decision to enact its “Hannibal directive,” meaning its officers deliberately fired on and killed some of its own citizens rather than risk having them taken hostage.
- Hamas representatives captured more than 250 hostages, the bulk of whom had Israeli citizenship.
- A total of 1,189 people in Israel were killed that day, including 803 civilians and 379 military officers.
- About 5,200 Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank, including teens, were already being held without due process in secret detention centers and prisons in Israel. Twice that number were held by end of month.
- The Israeli government has refused to undertake a full investigation. Hamas leaders have called for the ICJ to undertake a full investigation, including of its soldiers to rule on “war crimes” committed.

Expressions of Genocidal Intent (Selection)

Flatten Gaza. Without mercy! (Oct 7)

Bring down buildings! Bomb without distinction!! Stop with this impotence. You have ability. There is worldwide legitimacy! Flatten Gaza. Without mercy! This time, there is no room for mercy.

Tally Goltiv
Member of the Israeli Knesset



Those are animals, they have no right to exist. (Oct 9)

Those are animals, they have no right to exist. I am not debating the way it will happen, but they need to be exterminated. This [attack] is not enough, there should be more, there should be no limits to the response. I said it a million times, until we see hundreds of thousands fleeing Gaza, we, the IDF has not achieved its mission

Yoav Kisch
Israel's Education Minister



Erase Gaza...Don't leave a child there, expel everyone. (Oct 9)

Erase Gaza. Nothing else will satisfy us. It is not acceptable that we maintain a terrorist authority next to Israel. Don't leave a child there expel everyone.

Nissim Vaturi
Deputy speaker of Israel's Knesset



It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. (Oct 13)

It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. This rhetoric about civilians not aware, not involved, it's absolutely not true. They could've risen up, they could have fought against that evil regime.

Isaac Herzog
Israel's President



Destroy a neighborhood in Gaza everyday the abductees are in their hands. (Oct 23)

Destroy a neighborhood in Gaza everyday the abductees are in their hands. If we blink, we run out of global credit. Every day that the abductees are with them, a neighborhood must be destroyed on its inhabitants.

Almog Cohen
Member of the Israeli Knesset



Without hunger and thirst among the Gazan population, we will not succeed in recruiting collaborators, we will not succeed in recruiting intelligence, [or]... in bribing people with food, drink, medicine, in order to obtain intelligence.

Tally Goltiv
Member of the Israeli Knesset



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Nakba to the enemy now! This day is our Pearl Harbor. We will still learn the lessons. Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48. A Nakba in Gaza and a Nakba for anyone who dares to join

Ariel Kallner
Member of the Israeli Knesset



I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals, and we are acting accordingly.

Yoav Gallant
Israel's Defense Minister



Humanitarian aid to Gaza? No electrical switch will be turned on, no water hydrant will be opened, and no fuel truck will enter Gaza until the Israeli abductees are returned. No one will preach morals to us.

Israel Katz
Israel's then Economy Minister and current Foreign Minister



I don't care about Gaza. I literally don't care at all. They can go out and swim in the sea. I want to see dead bodies of terrorists around Gaza.

May Golan
Israel's Minister for the Advancement of the Status of Women



We cannot go back to the same conception... we need to exact a territorial price from them, including returning Jewish settlements at least to the north of Gaza Strip

Ohad Tal
Member of the Israeli Knesset



Nakba [disaster] to the enemy now!...A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48. (Oct 8)

We are fighting human animals, and we are acting accordingly. (Oct 9)

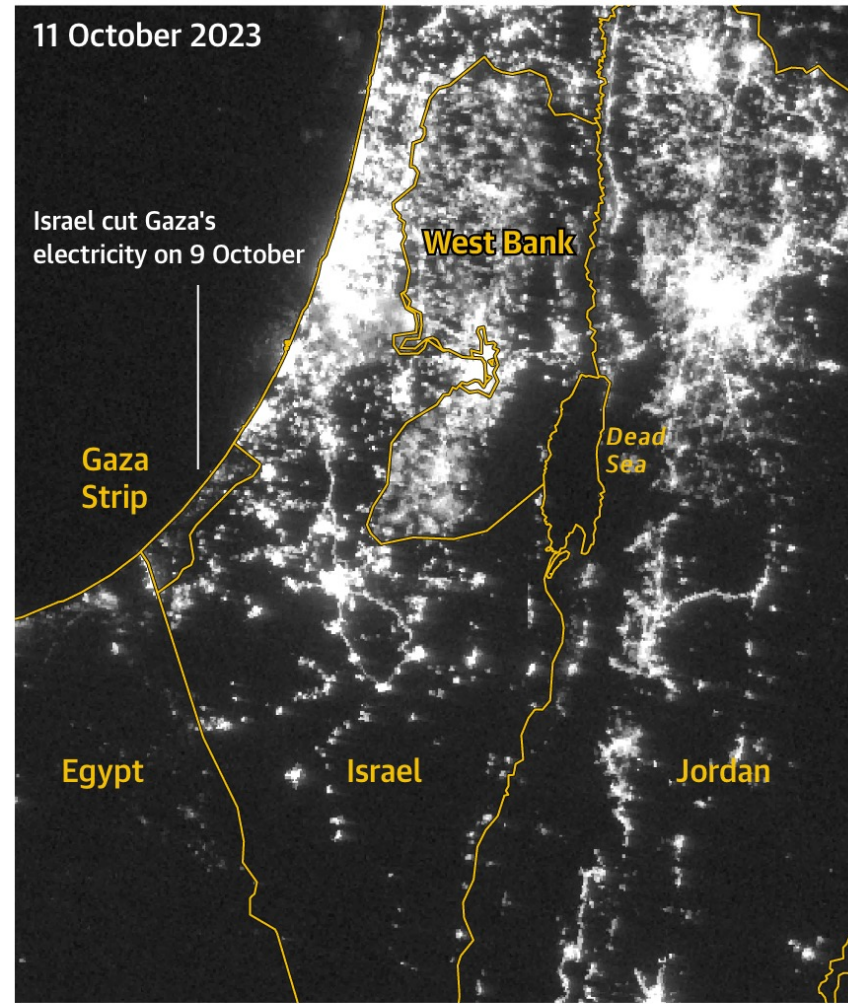
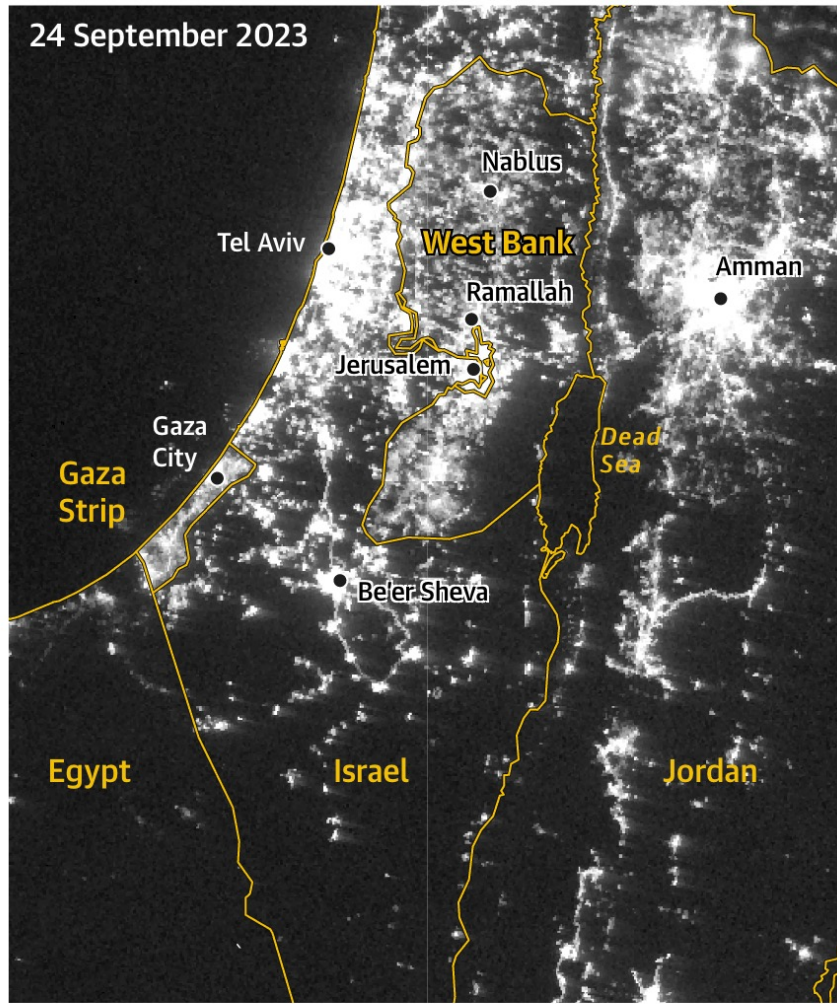
No electrical switch will be turned on, no water hydrant ..., and no fuel truck will enter Gaza. (12 Oct)

I don't care about Gaza...I want to see dead bodies of terrorists around Gaza. (Oct 13)

[W]e need to exact a territorial price from them, including returning Jewish settlements...to north Gaza strip. (23 Oct)

Wednesday 11 October

Gaza's sole power station runs out of fuel amid a tightening siege, as the Israeli bombardment continues. This satellite image composite shows the impact of Monday's power cut:



25 km
25 miles

Genocide Convention (1948)

153 Countries are Signatories

Article I The Contracting Parties confirm that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law which they undertake to prevent and to punish.

Article II In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- (a) Killing members of the group;
- (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Article III The following acts shall be punishable: (a) Genocide; (b) Conspiracy to commit genocide; (c) Direct and public incitement to commit genocide; (d) Attempt to commit genocide; (e) Complicity in genocide.

Moral Clarity and Genocides



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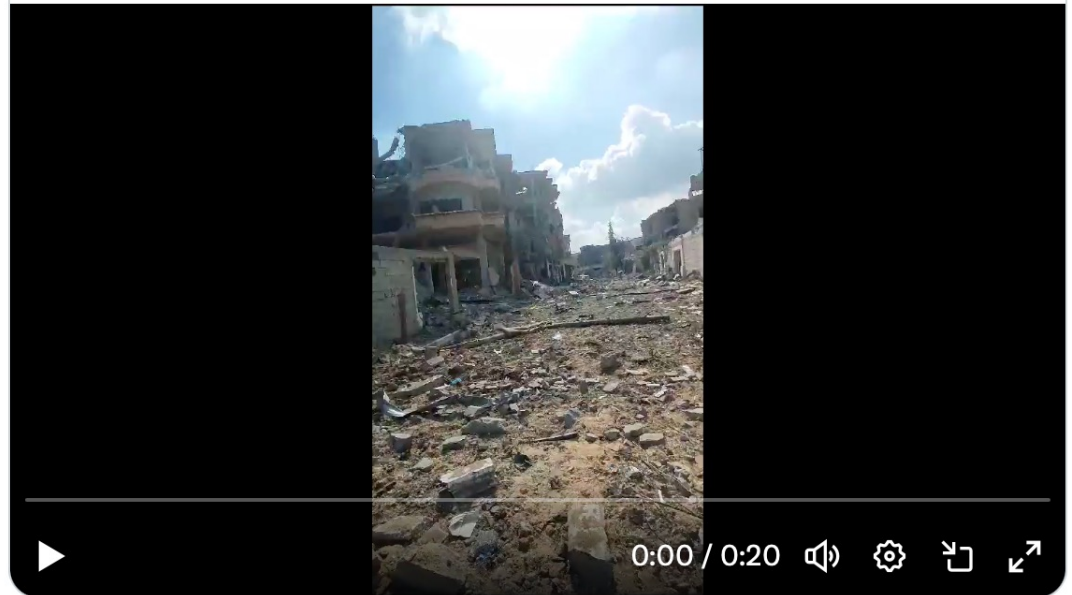


One day, when it's safe, when there's no personal downside to calling a thing what it is, when it's too late to hold anyone accountable, everyone will have always been against this.



Muhammad Smiry 🇸🇦 @MuhammadSmiry · Oct 25, 2023

This is Gaza.



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International Law: Does it Matter?

Jan 26 2024 – International Court of Justice Ruling on Genocide

- Found sufficient evidence of “plausible” genocide in Gaza

Israel’s own judge on the ICJ voted in favor of final judgment requiring Israel to “*prevent and punish direct and public incitement to commit genocide.*”

Genocide convention focuses on *intent*. Signatories are obliged to act when genocidal intent is agreed upon in order to prevent genocide.

July 19 2024 – ICJ Issues Advisory Ruling on Occupied Territories

Reports that Israel has repeatedly violated the Hague and Geneva conventions relating to laws of war, humanitarian obligations to occupied populations, and human rights laws.

Israel Has Created a Medical Apocalypse in Gaza

The hospital system is barely functional. Disease is running rampant. Medical workers are being kidnapped, tortured, and killed. And the world is letting it happen.

MARY TURFAH

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Many of Gaza's Medical Workers Have Been Detained or Killed

Out of a prewar total of about 20,000 health workers, 500 have been killed in the war, according to the W.H.O., and more than 300 are in Israeli detention, Gaza's health ministry says.



By Anjana Sankar

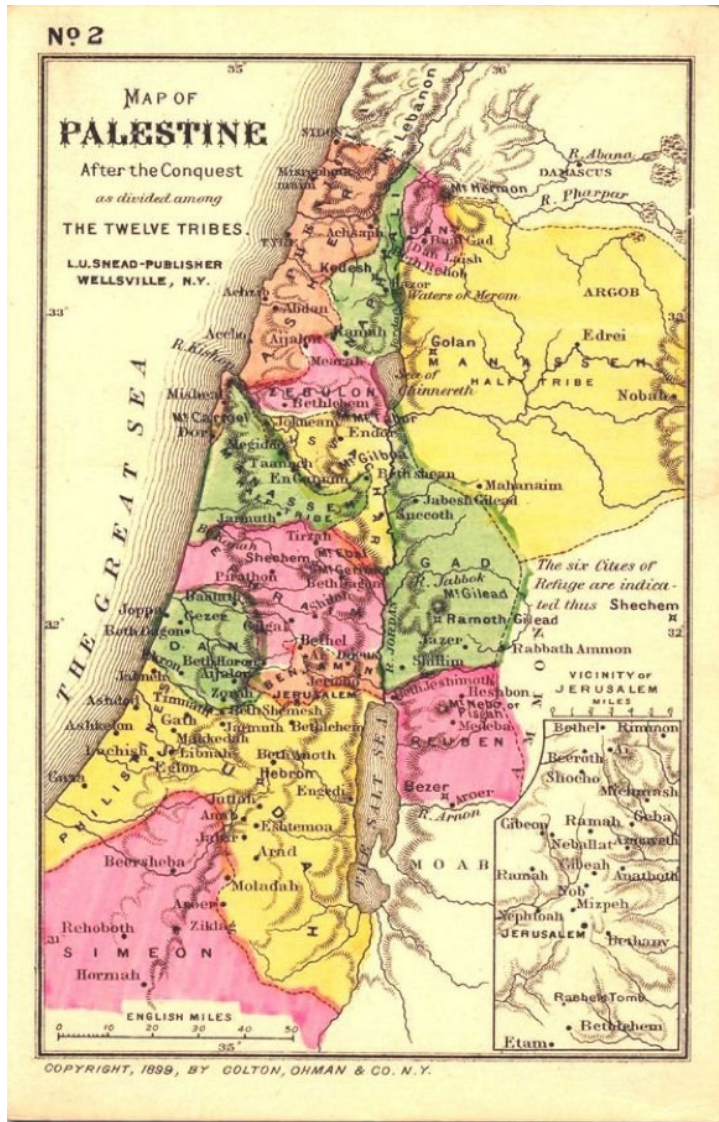
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As a result of the Israeli military campaign in Gaza, between 7 October 2023 and 1 August 2024:²

- (a) 35 of 36 hospitals in Gaza have gone out of service at one or more points during this time.³
- (b) 31 of 36 hospitals have been targeted by Israeli military attacks.
- (c) 11 of 36 hospitals have undergone a siege.
- (d) 10 of 36 hospitals have been invaded by Israeli personnel.
- (e) 5 hospitals have been besieged twice.
- (f) 4 hospitals have been invaded twice.
- (g) 1 hospital (Patient's Friends Society Hospital) has been attacked and forced out of service twice, having rebuilt and reestablished operations.
- (h) 27 hospitals are within areas that received evacuation orders.⁴
- (i) 4 field hospitals have been forced out of service and to evacuate.

2. Palestine and Israel: Maps, History, and Demography

From Ottoman Palestine to Mandate Palestine: First World War a Tipping Point



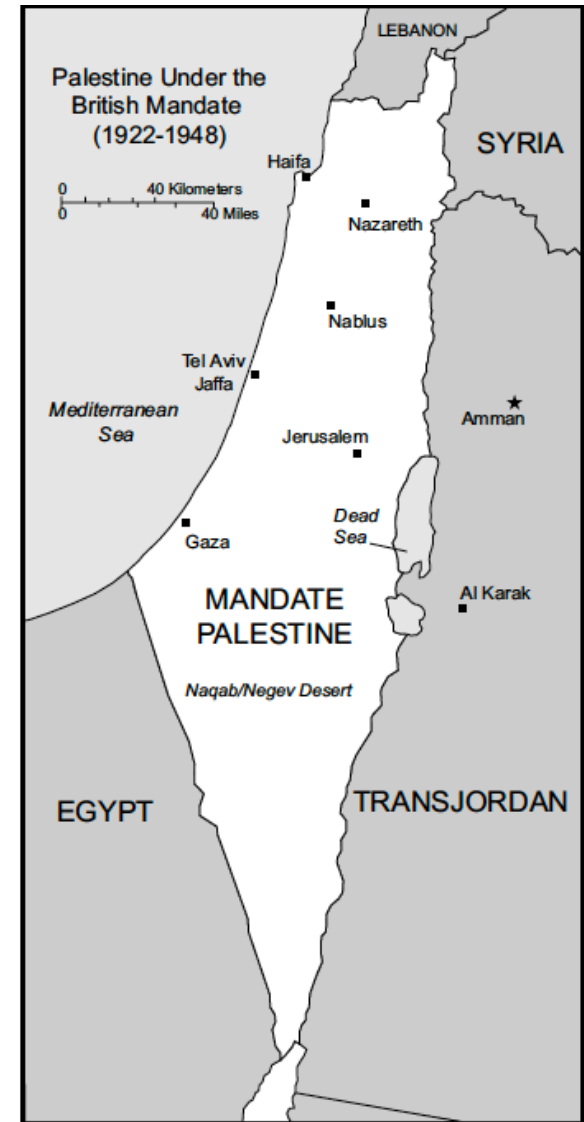
Map of Palestine - 1899

1878/1882 – First Zionist colony established in Palestine.

1903-04 – World Zionist Congress decides Ottoman Palestine is the right place for a Jewish State, after ruling out Uganda.

Called Palestine: *“A land without a people for a people without a land.”*

1914 – 30 Zionist “colonies” had been set-up with about 60,000 Jewish residents.



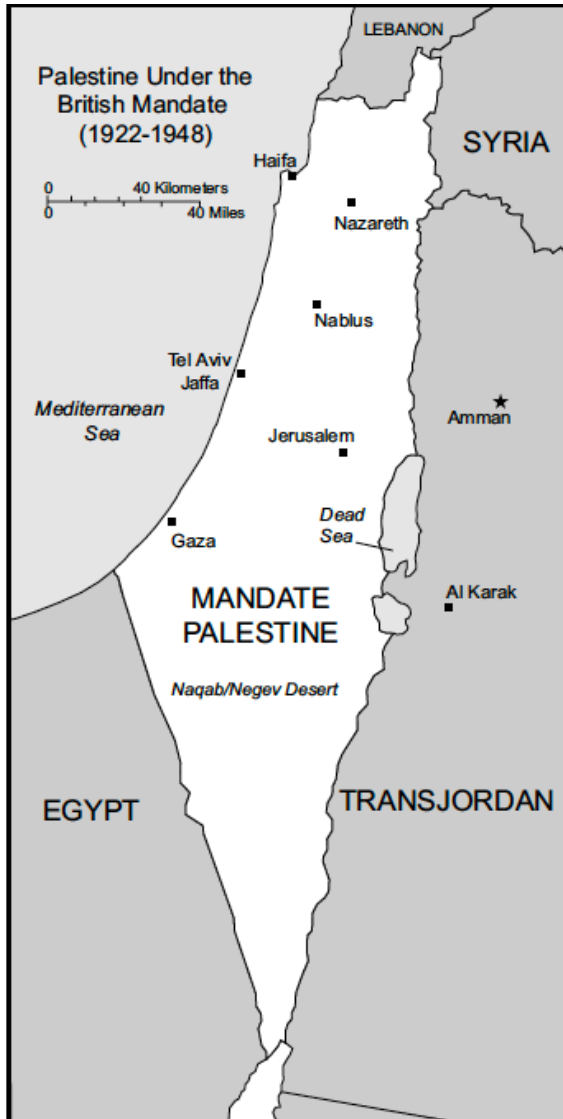
Mandate Palestine
(1922-48)

Origins of the Palestine “Mandate” Territory

- 1905** **British Parliament passes** Aliens Act, which prevented European Jews from seeking safe-haven in the UK when fleeing pogroms in central Europe.
- 1917** **Balfour Declaration** – Arthur Balfour announces British support for “a national home” for the Jewish people in Palestine.
- Edwin Montagu**, only Jewish member of British cabinet, objected, saying “I wish to place on record my view that the policy of His Majesty’s Government is anti-Semitic in result [and] will prove a rallying ground for anti-Semites in every country in the world...[W]hen the Jews are told that Palestine is their national home, every country will immediately desire to get rid of their Jewish citizens...Palestine [will] become the world’s Ghetto...Why should the Russian give the Jew equal rights?” [Aug, 1917]
- 1918** Palestinians petitioned British Government protesting Declaration
- 1920-21** Palestinians march in Jerusalem (1920) and Jaffa (1921) to urge British to protect their homes, land, and equal rights.
- 1922** League of Nations makes Great Britain the Trustee of Palestine and Iraq. France is made Trustee of Syria and Lebanon. Britain and France govern territories as colonial dependencies.

How Nazi and Antisemitic Policies Shaped Mandate Palestine c. 1865 to 1939

Approximately 7% Jewish up to 1922 • 18% Jewish in 1932 • 31% Jewish by 1939



- 1933** Genocidal Nazi policies begin in Germany
- 1936-37** Palestinians launch a national strike to protest British designation of Palestine as site of Jewish re-settlement.
- 1933-39** US and Britain refuse to take in most Jewish migrants.
- 1937** **David Ben Gurion** (dir Jewish Agency): “We must expel Arabs and take their places...And, if we have to use force...to guarantee our own right to settle those places – then we have force at our disposal...[O]nly a state with at least 80 percent Jews is a viable and stable state.”

A Holocaust and a Nakba (disaster): Israel's Statehood (1948)

- 1948 March: USA suggests Palestine remain a mandate of the UN
- April: Jewish leaders accelerated a plan to resist this transition
- May: Zionists launched 13 full-scale military operations, forcing
 250,000 Palestinians from their homes
- May 14: Israel declares its independence.
- May 15: Great Britain relinquishes mandate and recognizes Israel
- David Ben Gurion becomes first Prime Minister of Israel
- 1949 March – nearly 1 million Palestinians were forcibly removed
 & 400 villages destroyed. UN admits Israel as new country.

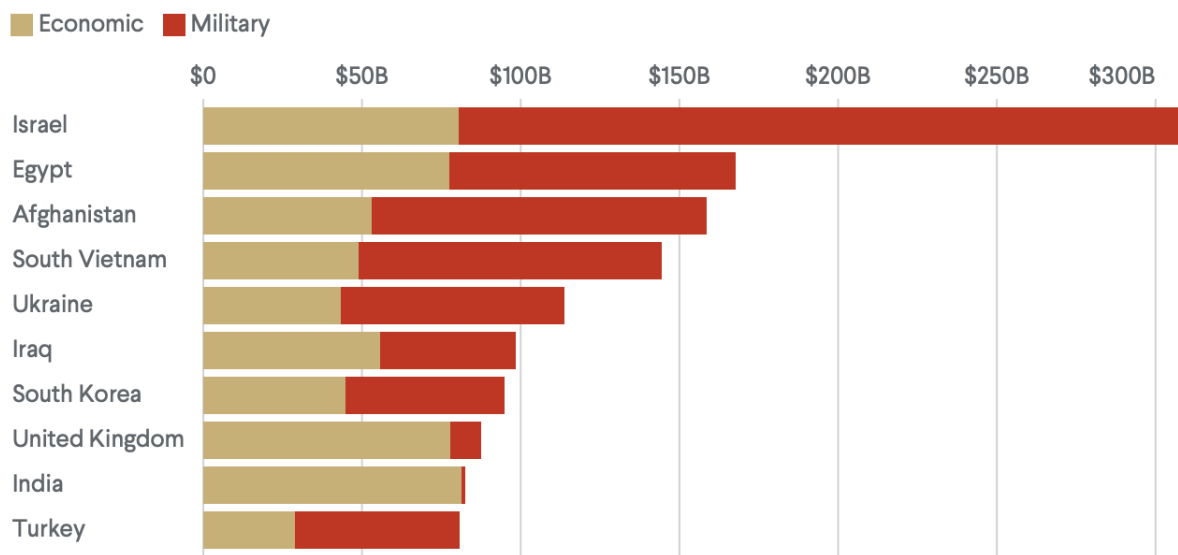
US Foreign Assistance Act

Section 502B of the US Foreign Assistance Act prohibits security aid to any government engaged in a consistent pattern of gross human rights violations.

Section 620I of the same act prohibits security assistance or arms sales to any country that restricts U.S. humanitarian assistance.

Israel Is the Largest Cumulative Recipient of U.S. Aid

Total aid from fiscal years 1946 to 2024* (constant 2022 dollars)



*Data for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 is incomplete.

Notes: Data for Israel for FY 2024 is from the March 23 appropriations bill and April 26 aid bill. Military aid for Israel includes missile defense starting in 2006. For Ukraine, data for FY 2022 to 2023 is from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and data for FY 2024 is from the April aid bill. South Vietnam existed as a country until the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

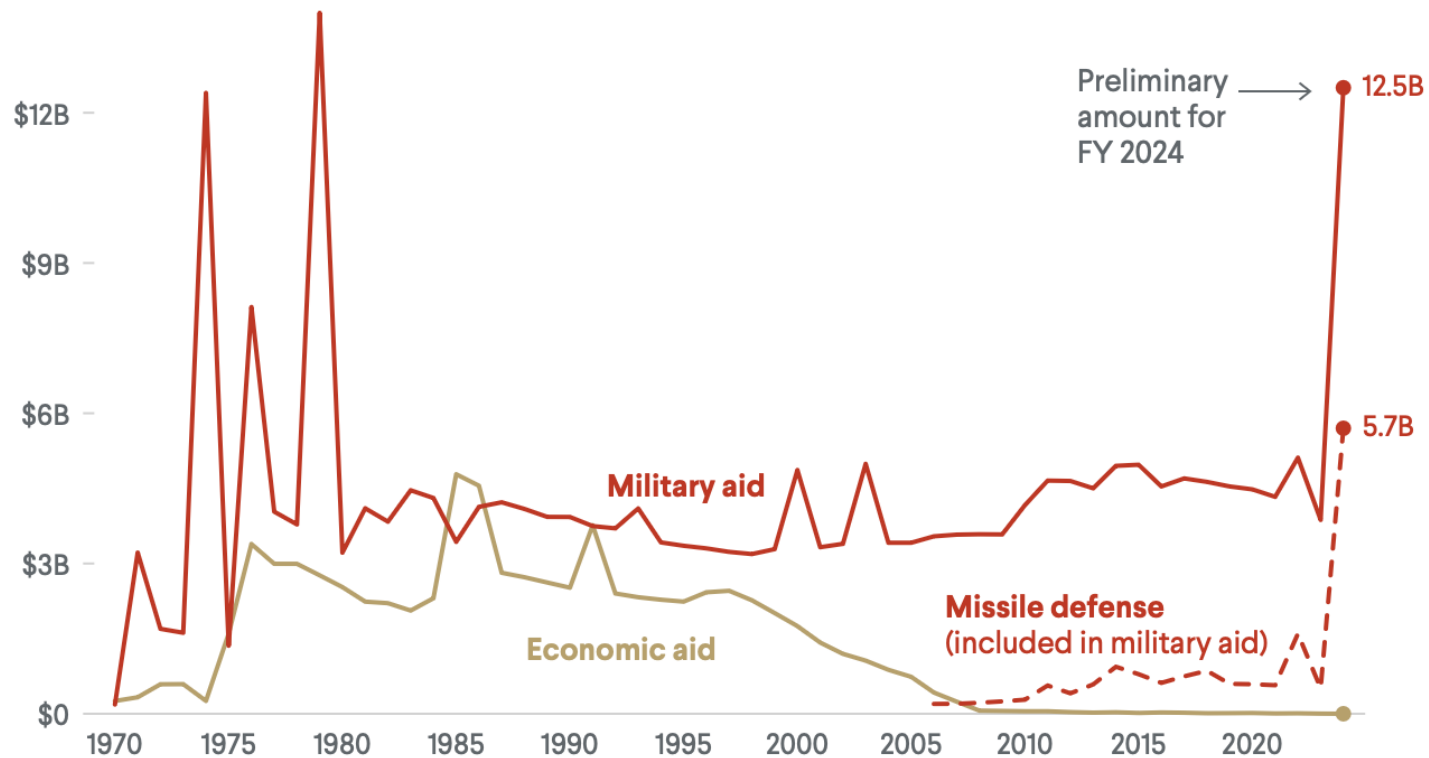
Sources: United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Congressional Research Service; Antezza et al., Ukraine Support Tracker, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

US Military Aid to Israel since 1949: \$228 Billion

US Economic Aid to Israel: \$80 Billion

The U.S. Has Provided Significant Military Aid to Israel Since the 1970s

Aid by fiscal year (adjusted for inflation*)



*Data is adjusted to constant 2024 dollars using the price index for the first half of fiscal year 2024.

Note: Amounts for FY 2024 are from the March 23 appropriations bill and April 26 aid bill and are preliminary. The April bill included an additional \$5.4B for procuring and replacing weapons in U.S. stocks which is not included in this chart. Data for prior fiscal years is from foreignassistance.gov, with missile defense included starting in 2006 using data from the Congressional Research Service.

Sources: USAID; Congressional Research Service; Bureau for Economic Analysis via Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.