

Israelis act in a calculated, deliberate, and ruthless manner, even long before October 7, 2023.

On October 7, 2023, Palestinians launched an incursion into Israel. According to the Times of Israel, at least 1,200 Israelis were killed, roughly 5,000 were injured, and around 250 people were taken captive by Palestinians. This led to an overwhelmingly disproportionate response by the Israelis. At least 50,000 Palestinians lost their lives, meaning that for every Israeli killed, Israel has already killed at least 40 Palestinians (the majority of whom were women and children). Medical personnel, aid workers, and journalists were also targeted, and schools and hospitals were destroyed. On top of the average 4,500 Palestinian prisoners, an additional 4,500 were detained: 18 additional Palestinians imprisoned for every Israeli taken captive. And this genocide, this ethnic cleansing, just goes on and on. So also 'tacitly' on the West Bank (where in the meantime more than 1.000 Palestinians have been murdered). Just as thousands of Palestinians had already lost their lives before October 7 in their struggle for self-determination, such as during the Jaffa Revolt (1919), the uprisings of 1929 and the popular uprising in the years 1935-1939. *Even without knowing the background of the conflict, this glaring imbalance should draw attention. Therefore, a concise summary based on available information.*

Israel blocks essential humanitarian and is committing genocide

Gazans, living in a densely populated area ($\pm 5,750$ people per km²) and being forced to move back and forth from north to south with no safe haven despite Israeli assurances, are suffering from severe shortages of water, food, vaccinations, medicines, shelter, and aid workers — lacking everything.

Nevertheless, Israel does little to no allow aid and relief goods, and has even legislated to prohibit aid to Gaza. As a result, due to bombing injuries, children must undergo amputations without anesthesia. Nevertheless Israel is obligated to adhere to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the laws of war. Yet Israel refuses to comply with international agreements or appeals: it disregards multiple UN resolutions, violates the (self-acknowledged) Universal Declaration of Human Rights, does not recognize the International Court of Justice (ICJ) or the International Criminal Court (ICC), has not signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (but does possess these weapons) and is impervious to pressure from its ally, the USA (which supply a lot of money and arms).

This has fueled the debate on whether Israel is committing genocide. The very existence of such a debate is something a civilized country should seek to avoid. Moreover, the ICJ has deemed it "plausible" that genocide is occurring and stated on May 24, 2024, that Israel must do more to allow humanitarian aid and protect the Palestinian population in the region. And Amnesty, after extensive research, has been certain since December 5, 2024: Israel is committing genocide – see the video. And a UN committee declared, September 16, 2025, that it is indeed a case of genocide.

The stance of some Christian communities and the (former German) pope, who continue to support Zionist Israel and even adapt the Bible in its favor, is striking. Even in the Dutch Parliament, the Christian parties CDA and SGP refuse to endorse ICC orders for arrests. Meanwhile, there is increasing evidence that Israelis are restricting freedom of religion and access to holy sites, with even a proposed law criminalizing the mere mention of Jesus' name.

Palestinians are labeled as terrorists but are freedom fighters

At the start of the 20th century, Islamic ($\pm 96\%$), Jewish ($\pm 4\%$), and Christian Palestinians lived in harmony in what was then part of the Ottoman Empire. However, Britain played a duplicitous role. It first promised its Arab allies that large parts of the Middle East (including Palestine) would become an Arab state. Then it pledged to establish a 'national home' for Jews in Palestine. After defeating the Ottomans, Britain made Palestine a mandate territory — all without consulting the local population. This disregard was further emphasized in the Balfour Declaration (1917), which pretended to safeguard Palestinians by stating, "nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine." Yet, when Jewish settlers ignored this promise, Britain failed to act, even after reaffirming it in the White Paper (1939), which proposed the creation of a unified Arab-Jewish state. So Palestine did not become a trust territory.

Initially, most Palestinians welcomed Jewish immigrants, believing in the harmony and promises of the Balfour Declaration. However, these migrants became increasingly violent, forming armed groups such as Hagana (1920), Etsel/Irgun (1931), and Lechi (1940), which destroyed Palestinian property, displaced Palestinians, and used violence. It seemed as though every trace of Palestinian culture had to be erased. So it was the Zionist Jews who were labeled as terrorists.

the Jewish State of Israel

On May 14, 1948, the immigrants unilaterally declared the Jewish State of Israel (Herzl). The first presidents of this 'terrorist state' were the leaders of the aforementioned armed organizations.

Many countries, including the UN and the Palestinian Authority (PLO), recognized Israel in 1993. However, Israel has never recognized Palestine. At the UN, Palestine participates only as an 'observer', meaning it cannot issue widely recognized passports or allow its citizens to travel freely. A 'laissez-passer' can be requested, but the necessary identity numbers are issued solely by ... Israel.

Nakba

The unilateral declaration of the State of Israel worsened conditions for Palestinians. On PalestineRemembered.com, one can observe how Palestinians mourn the injustices and hardships they have endured. Zionists seized more land and homes, and Israeli settlements expanded into Palestinian territories (see timelines at Palquest.org). The year 1967 was especially catastrophic: Israelis occupied the Gaza Strip and the West Bank by force, destroying even more Palestinian property and cultural heritage. Over 600,000 Palestinians were displaced, and their homes were handed over to settlers. Thousands of homes, shops, churches, and businesses were looted; countless olive groves and over 400 villages were destroyed. It just keeps going ...

Gaza and especially The West Bank became large prisons for Palestinians, with walls, fences, checkpoints, and restricted roads for Jews only. Settlers moved into Palestinian neighborhoods, increasing tensions further, and many Palestinians were arbitrarily detained, tortured, and denied fair trials, appearing only before military courts.

Settlers

Despite United Nations and International Court of Justice rulings (e.g., on July 19, 2024), Israel continues to build settlements in occupied Palestinian territory. Currently, there are at least 280 settlements housing approximately 700,000 settlers, with around 150 unauthorized outposts that even Israel considers illegal (but does not act against). From these settlements, Palestinians are often attacked.

Israel's government has made its position clear: it will not rest until all Palestinian territories are part of Israel. The Likud Party (founded in 1977 by Netanyahu's party) declared in its charter: "Between the Sea and the Jordan there will only be Israeli sovereignty." Today, some Israeli ministers and even the president of the USA still advocate for forced Palestinian emigration from Gaza, with one even suggesting a nuclear solution for Gaza. Israel's actions lead to the destruction of the Palestinian people, directly and indirectly through permanent violence and starvation.

widespread Israeli aversion to Palestinians

Why do so many Israelis harbor such deep-seated hatred and dehumanization toward Palestinians, a feeling that persisted since the early 20th century? Because of the Holocaust? The Palestinians were not to blame for that. Because the Palestinians stand in the way of the desired expansion of Israel? Is hatred intentionally cultivated in Israeli schools and society to make the displacement and killing of Palestinians feel justifiable, while erasing their identity and heritage?

Enough is Enough

When one group (Zionists) harasses another (Palestinians) for over a century with apparent intent to destroy them entirely, it fuels Palestinian nationalism. From nearly every Palestinian family someone has been killed to Israeli actions. Every time a child is detained or shot, Palestinian resentment deepens. Meanwhile, the Israeli Parliament condones any action against Palestinians, granting impunity to soldiers and settlers. As long as the international community fails to unanimously condemn Israel's behavior, and countries like the Netherlands (which didn't support a ceasefire and thus enables massacres) refuse to recognize Palestine, Israel will continue and attack other countries, too.

We can take action. Take a stand in the way that suits you best: research, verify, speak out, protest, donate, boycott. See, e.g., BDSmovement.net. Because there will only be peace once the Israeli aggressor is made to end its destructive behavior — by recognizing Palestine, withdrawing from Gaza and the West Bank, dismantling the illegal settlements, ceasing attacks on other countries, and accepting UN resolutions and international agreements and recognition of the international courts.