

***Do/Did Zionist Groups & then Israel need  
to practice ETHNIC CLEANSING in order to  
have a Demographic Majority in Israel/Palestine  
(they are a minority in the region) ?***

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1. **6%** - 1910 -1948 Jewish National Fund Acquisitions & Ethnic Cleansing – began buying land from absentee landlords, then evicting the tenant Arab farmers (mostly without compensation), and then imposing the policy of hiring only Jews, then forced surrounding Jewish communities to adopt this same racist policy.
2. **30%** - 1928-1948 British Mandate Government Re-Districting – instituted European-style land registration. Many Arab communities and individual landowners whose land was registered with the Ottoman Empire (in use in the area for over 300 years) thus lost their lands to the British Empire whom had publicly declared those lands would then be passed onto the Jewish State when it came into being. No real effort was made to help Palestinian landowners convert their registration to the new English system.
3. **55%** - 1948 UN Partition Plan – awarded the Zionist organizations more than half the land when at that time they had less than 1/4 the population in the region (16%), and occupied about 6% of the land. This enraged the Arabs, which led to the 1948 fighting.
4. **70%** - 1948 War – over 400 villages destroyed and more than 750,000 inhabitants exiled from their homes creating the largest refugee population today. Research has shown that much of this was implemented by the Zionist military groups before the Arab forces even attacked.
5. **70%** - 1948 – present - Land Laws in Israel – confiscated Arab-owned lands, confining Arabs to a few urban areas and rural ghettos within Israel (**less than 5% of Israel**). One Israeli law – Planning and Building Law (1965) set up land-use board that zoned out of existence more than 40 ancient Arab villages, shutting off essential services such as electricity and sewage system maintenance. UN had to intervene.
6. **88%** - Occupation since 1967 – ETHNIC CLEANSING THROUGH INTIMIDATION AND DEPRIVATION – Israeli government expropriates Palestinian-owned land, surrounding Palestinian communities strangling their economy, separating workers from their work, farmers from their fields, students from their schools, patients from their medical care, families from each other, and allows malnutrition to spread through these lands that they completely control and dominate.
  - Israeli Jewish-only settlements (illegal by international law);
  - Israeli-only network of roads and security fencing/walls;
  - Israeli military compounds and check-points;
  - Wilderness Preserves (some later used for Israeli settlement expansion);
  - Israeli military checkpoints – further harassment of Pal. economy and society;
  - Collective Punishment** (mass imprisonment w/o charges, deportations, demolition of homes, and...)
  - destroyed Palestinian economic assets (office buildings, farm crops, schools);
  - destroyed Palestinian urban infrastructure (streets, curbs, bridges, lighting, etc.);
  - destroyed Palestinian Security Facilities (police stations and jails, so Palestinians could not enforce laws or live up to peace agreements).

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## -- A FEW ZIONIST & ISRAELI QUOTES ON ETHNIC CLEANSING --

Theodor Herzl, founder of Political Zionism, wrote in his diary in 1895,

**“When we occupy the land, we shall bring immediate benefits to the state that receives us. We must expropriate gently the private property on the estates assigned to us. We shall try to spirit the penniless population across the border by procuring employment for it in the transit countries, while denying it any employment in our own country. The property owners will come over to our side. Both the process of expropriation and the removal of the poor must be carried out discreetly and circumspectly.”**

Around 1928, Shabtai Levi, a land purchasing agent for Baron de Rothschild wrote in his memoirs, **“He (the Baron) advised me to carry on in similar activities, but it is better, he said, not to transfer the Arabs to Syria and Transjordan, as these are part of the Land of Israel, but to Mesopotamia (Iraq), He added that in these cases he would be ready to send the Arabs, at his expense, new agricultural machines, and agricultural advisers.”**

Around 1930, Zionist Socialist (Mapai) leader, David Hacoheh wrote, **“... I would not accept Arabs in my trade union, the Histadrut; to defend preaching to housewives that they not buy at Arab stores; to prevent Arab workers from getting jobs there... To pour kerosene on Arab tomatoes, to attack Jewish housewives in the markets and smash the Arab eggs they had bought; to praise to the skies the Keren Kayemet that sent Hankin to Beirut to buy land from absentee effendi (landowners) and to throw the fellahin (peasant farmers) off the land – to buy dozens of dunams – from an Arab is permitted, but sell, God forbid, one Jewish dunam to an Arab is prohibited.”**

In 1930, Menahem Ussishkin, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, and member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, said in a speech to journalists, **“We must continually raise the demand that our land be returned to our possession ... if there are other inhabitants there, they must be transferred to some other place. We must take over the land. We have a greater and nobler ideal than preserving several hundred thousands of Arab fellahin.”.**

In a speech in July, 1938, Ben-Gurion said, **“In the proposal of transferring the Arab population from the area, if it is possible voluntarily and if not by coercion, it would be possible to expand the Jewish settlement...The basic difference with the Commission proposal is that the transfer will be on a much larger scale, from the Jewish to the Arab territory;. If it were possible to transfer Arabs from one village to another within the British Mandate – it is difficult to find any political or moral argument against the transfer of these Arabs from the proposed Jewish-ruled area.... And is there any need to explain the value in a continuous Jewish Yishuv...”.**

In 1943, Eliahu Ben-Horin, editor of a Zionist newspaper and member of the revisionist Zionist movement, wrote, **“I suggest that the Arabs of Palestine and Transjordan be transferred to Iraq, or a united Iraq-Syrian state. That means the shifting of about 1,200,00 persons. (Thus) the Palestinian Arabs will not be removed to a foreign land but to an Arab land...”.**

In 1948, Yosef Weitz, head of the Jewish Agency Population Transfer Committee, met with military and intelligence officers, and said, **“...must direct our war towards the removal of as many Arabs as possible from the boundaries of our state. The guarding of their property after their removal is a secondary question.”**

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