

IS THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION APARTHEID ?

Compare Outline of Israeli Occupation Legal System with -- Official Legal U.N. Definition of Apartheid --

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1. LAND TAKEN:

- a. Israel has annexed into itself East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights in direct violation of International Law.
- b. Israel builds on confiscated land (now over to 70% of West Bank) illegal Israeli settlements, and other Israeli-controlled facilities, surrounding Palestinian communities, thus isolating them from each other and outside world, strangling their economy, and violating their human rights as they separate workers from their work, farmers from their fields, students from their schools, patients from medical care, and families from each other.

2. DUAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM:

- a. Democratic Government for illegal Jewish-only Settlements:
 - i. Since 1967, Israel has moved approximately 400,000 of its own citizens into Israeli settlements on confiscated Palestinian lands, and has created separate government system for the settlements tying them legally and economically to Israel, which creates de facto annexation of these areas to Israel.
- b. Oppressive Military Government run by Israeli Military Committees & Israeli-Controlled Civic Administration.
 - i. For the Palestinian communities, the Israeli army has replaced all Arab government agencies with Israeli military committees. Palestinians have no democratic input. Appeals are only to other Israeli military controlled committees, or limited appeal to Israeli Supreme Court.
- c. Israeli Exploitation of Palestinian Economy.
 - i. The Israeli military has created a web of permits and licenses over the entire Palestinian economy. Studies have shown that the Israeli government manipulates this web to control the Palestinian economy to the benefit of the Israeli economy.

5. INHUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT & COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT

- a. The Israeli military uses military rule such as the Emergency (Defense) Regulations (1945) which legalizes the use of such inhumane practices as arrest without charges or trial, deportation, home demolitions, censorship, etc., on both individual and collective levels, qualifying as GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
- b. Collective Punishment (settlements, separation wall, checkpoints, military incursions, community-wide destruction & closures, etc.) used to destroy entire communities and their economy, isolate Palestinians on smaller and smaller areas of land, and force them to leave by intimidation or deprivation – FITS LEGAL DEFINITION OF ETHNIC CLEANSING??
- c. Investigations have also found the practice of torture, unjustifiable shooting of civilians, and unenforcement of Israeli Settler Crimes when committed against Palestinians. Israeli military has also repeatedly interfered with medical care, and has allowed malnutrition to spread through areas it controls. THIS FITS LEGAL DEFINITION OF GENOCIDE???

The Above Double-System of Discrimination, Oppression & Exploitation Fits Exactly the **OFFICIAL LEGAL DEFINITION OF APARTHEID...** please see other side... (***...over***)

The **ISRAELI OCCUPATION** (please see other side) exactly fits the **OFFICIAL LEGAL DEFINITION of APARTHEID** given below:

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID (18 July 1976)

Article I

- 1. The States Parties to the present Convention declare that apartheid is a crime against humanity and that inhuman acts resulting from the policies and practices of apartheid and similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination, as defined in article II of the Convention, are crimes violating the principles of international law, in particular the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and constituting a serious threat to international peace and security.
- 2. The States Parties to the present Convention declare criminal those organizations, institutions and individuals committing the crime of apartheid.

Article II

- For the purpose of the present Convention, the term "the crime of apartheid", which shall include similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination as practised in southern Africa, shall apply to the following inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them:
 - a. Denial to a member or members of a racial group or groups of the right to life and liberty of person:
 - i. By murder of members of a racial group or groups;
 - ii. By the infliction upon the members of a racial group or groups of serious bodily or mental harm, by the infringement of their freedom or dignity, or by subjecting them to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 - iii. By arbitrary arrest and illegal imprisonment of the members of a racial group or groups;
 - b. Deliberate imposition on a racial group or groups of living conditions calculated to cause its or their physical destruction in whole or in part;
 - c. Any legislative measures and other measures calculated to prevent a racial group or groups from participation in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country and the deliberate creation of conditions preventing the full development of such a group or groups, in particular by denying to members of a racial group or groups basic human rights and freedoms, including the right to work, the right to form recognized trade unions, the right to education, the right to leave and to return to their country, the right to a nationality, the right to freedom of movement and residence, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association;
 - d. Any measures, including legislative measures, designed to divide the population along racial lines by the creation of separate reserves and ghettos for the members of a racial group or groups, the prohibition of mixed marriages among members of various racial groups, the expropriation of landed property belonging to a racial group or groups or to members thereof;
 - e. Exploitation of the labour of the members of a racial group or groups, in particular by submitting them to forced labour;
 - f. Persecution of organizations and persons, by depriving them of fundamental rights and freedoms, because they oppose apartheid."

(Article X (too large for this flyer) Applies This To Dependent Territories Like Occupations)

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