

FORCIBLE TRANSFER

Israeli policies over occupied East Jerusalem and its Palestinian population

In 1967, Israel unlawfully annexed East Jerusalem and 28 surrounding villages. UN Security Council and General Assembly condemned this annexation and consider East Jerusalem an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territory. Israel implements several policies of ethnic cleansing/ forcible population transfer, colonialism and Apartheid against Palestinian population of East Jerusalem. These policies constitute violations of Human Rights and serious breaches of peremptory norms of International Humanitarian Law. They also may amount to crime against Humanity, war crime or crime of Apartheid.

1. Residency rights denial and revocation

Palestinian Jerusalemites have the status of “permanent” residents, but their permits can be discretionally canceled by Israeli Ministry of Interior. Since 1967, more than 14,000 Palestinians’ permits were revoked on the ground of alleged change of their center of life or disloyalty to Israel. 40 % of those revocations took place after 2008. Family reunification and registration of spouses and children as residents of Jerusalem municipality have been seriously constrained, leading to the violation of their right to family life. As a result, 10,000 unregistered children live in East Jerusalem with restricted access to education, health and social services.

2. Expropriation and eviction of Palestinian residents

Israeli laws allow for confiscation of Palestinians’ private properties for public purposes; security reasons; if the owner was not present in East Jerusalem in 1967 (Absentee Property Law); if property was allegedly owned by Jews prior to 1948; or if heirs do not live within Jerusalem municipality. In the last 10 years, hundreds of Palestinian houses have been expropriated for the use of Israeli settlers (i.e. Sheikh Jarrah, Old City) or for the purpose of establishing green areas surrounding the northern and eastern parts of the Old City (i.e. Silwan, Mount Scopus National Park).

3. Housing restrictions and home demolitions

More than 94% of all Palestinian housing permit applications have been rejected in recent years. At least 33% of all Palestinian homes in occupied East Jerusalem lack building permits. Since 1967, Israeli authorities have demolished more than 2,000 houses in occupied East Jerusalem, in many cases without prior notice.

4. Harassment of Palestinian people

Palestinian Jerusalemites are targets of attacks by Israeli settlers and extremists, soldiers’ brutal home incursions, Israeli Police’s abusive behaviours and ill-treatment during detention and interrogation. Over 91 % of all investigations into complaints of criminal offences against Palestinian people and properties are closed without indictment being served.

5. Denial of civil and political rights of Palestinian people

Palestinian Jerusalemites do not hold Palestinian or Israeli passport. They are residents, not citizens, of an Occupying State. Palestinians can vote in Israeli Jerusalem municipal elections but refuse to legitimize occupation (less than 1% in 2013). Israel deprived 123,000 Jerusalemites from their right to vote for the last Palestinian legislative elections and hindered the all electoral process.

COLONIALISM

6. Separation and annexation of Palestinian territory

Israel has furthered annexation of Palestinian land and separated Palestinian neighborhoods from the rest of West Bank through colonialist urban planning, building of settlements and roads, Apartheid Wall and associated regime of gates and military checkpoints. Isolation of East Jerusalem from the rest of West Bank hinders economic development and access to social services, including health and education. 60 km² land annexed by Ma’aleh Adumim settlement and E-1 area cuts West Bank into southern and central clusters, making inviable any future Palestinian state.

7. Construction of Israeli settlements and infrastructure

Since 1967, Israel has built 15 settlements in Occupied East Jerusalem. In the 2nd semester of 2013, while allegedly negotiating an agreement under US leadership, Israel published tenders for a total of 3092 units only in East Jerusalem. Plans were approved for 2422 units. To connect Israeli settlements in Greater Jerusalem, Israel has developed transport infrastructure in East Jerusalem (i.e. Jerusalem Light Rail, Eastern Ring Road, A1 Train and extension of the Begin Highway in Beit Safafa).

8. Transfer of Israeli settlers

In 1967, East Jerusalem was populated exclusively by Palestinians. Nowadays it is the place of residence for more than 200,000 Jewish settlers. At the beginning of 2012, about 2,000 settlers lived in Palestinian homes in the heart of Palestinian neighborhoods, generally located in the “Holy Basin”.

9. Israeli public institutions in East Jerusalem

In order to change the status of East Jerusalem in breach of Resolution 478 of UN Security Council and Article 64 of Fourth Geneva Convention, Israeli public institutions settled on the eastern side of the Green Line. Examples of this colonial policy are the Hebrew University students residence, Israeli Ministry of Justice Headquarters located in Salah Addin street and Israeli Police compound located in the area of Sheikh Jarrah.

10. Israeli companies in settlements

Hundreds of Israeli companies are located or have activities in East Jerusalem, taking benefit from its illegal annexation and the settlements.

Most of Israeli companies label their products as originating from “Israel”, including those wholly or partially produced in settlements. Atarot settlement industrial Park is built on approximately 1,500 acres of East Jerusalem. It hosts over 180 factories (including the new waste transfer station of Jerusalem) and 4,500 employees.

11. Proclamation of Jerusalem as capital of Israeli state

In an attempt to change the status of the city, Israel proclaimed Jerusalem as indivisible and eternal capital of Israel (Israeli Basic Law, 1980). Although international community does not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, many European representatives visit East Jerusalem under Israeli protocol.

12. Imposition of Israeli education curriculum on Palestinian children

Jerusalem Education Administration (JEA) recently substituted Palestinian Authority school books with Israeli curriculum, which has been censored of all references to Palestinian national history and Muslim or Christian identity. Imposition of Israeli curriculum and narrative on Palestinian children contravenes Art. 50 of Fourth Geneva Convention, Art. 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

13. Colonial tourist policy

Israeli Ministry of Tourism and Municipality of Jerusalem developed Israeli touristic projects in East Jerusalem seeking the Judaization of all city. Tourist sites in East Jerusalem along the lines of the “City of David” visitors’ center have been handed over to the extremist settlers’ organization called E’Ad.

14. Judaization through archeology

Archaeological excavations are aimed at emphasizing the Jewish cultural heritage while disregarding or undermining the rich heritage of other millenary cultures. Excavation of tunnels underneath Silwan, the Muslim Quarter and in the immediate vicinity of the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount endanger historic and religious compound.

15. Restriction of access to holy places

Israel restricts Palestinians’ access to Christian and Muslim holy sites in the Old City of Jerusalem, which is located on the eastern side of the Green Line, in violation of their religious rights.

APARTHEID



16. Apartheid wall and its associated regime

Approximately 60,000 Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem have been physically separated from the urban center and services. The wall segregates between Palestinians and Israelis. It excludes densely populated Palestinian neighborhoods of East Jerusalem and annexes territory for Israeli settlements expansion in and around East Jerusalem.

17. Segregationist and discriminatory urban planning

Although Palestinians represent 65% of the population settled in East Jerusalem, only 13 % of the land is allocated for Palestinian use (most of which is already built-up), while 35 % has been expropriated for Jewish settlers. Since 1967, Israeli Authorities have built over 60,000 units throughout occupied East Jerusalem but only 600 hundred units were for Palestinian residents.

18. Discriminatory laws and jurisdiction

Israeli laws like turn out to be discriminatory for Palestinian Jerusalemites (i.e. Citizenship and En-

try into Israel Law or Absentee Property Law). Palestinians are detained and interrogated under military orders and hold prisoners under administrative detention. They are often victims of physical and psychological abuse and ill-treatment.

19. Deprivation of adequate education and health public services

The amount spent by Jerusalem Municipality for each Jewish child in the elementary school is 4 times higher than its budget for a Palestinian child. There is an estimated shortage of 1000 classrooms in East Jerusalem, resulting in 49 % of Palestinian children compelled to attend religious or private schools. Israeli closure and financial cut off endanger the sustainability of hospitals in East Jerusalem.

20. Persecution of Palestinian CSOs

Social activities organized by Palestinian CSOs are frequently banned and public meetings suspended by the Israeli Police, especially when they can be critical about Israeli policies. Since 2001, more than 30 Palestinian institutions and Community based organizations have been closed by Israel in East Jerusalem.



Civil society demands to the European Union and Member States

As third States, European Union and its Member States have the political and moral DUTY, but also the legal OBLIGATION to put an end to Israeli policies of forcible population transfer, colonialism and Apartheid. In order to enforce their alignment with their duty and obligation, European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine DEMANDS:

- EU to suspend the EU- Israel Association Agreement on the grounds of the systematic and deliberate gross violations of Palestinian Jerusalemites' Human Rights internationally recognized in the Human Rights Treaties, as allowed by articles 2 and 79 of the Agreement, and the serious violations of peremptory norms of International Law, as recommended restrictive measure in the EU Guidelines on promoting compliance with international humanitarian law.

- EU and Member States to adopt a systematic policy of no official visits with Israeli representatives or under the Israeli protocol in Occupied East Jerusalem including Israel Police Headquarters, Israeli Ministry of Justice, Hebrew University or Tzipi Livni's office.

- EU and Member States to sever or refrain from giving aid or assistance, including through Horizon 2020, to any Israeli public or private institution based in Occupied East Jerusalem, including Israel Police Headquarters or Israeli Ministry of Justice or Hebrew University.

- EU and Member States to sever or refrain from giving aid or assistance, including through Horizon 2020, to any public institution or private company responsible for other serious breaches of IHL and peremptory norms of International Law in Occupied East Jerusalem, like construction or maintenance of the Wall (like Elbit and IAI), building of roads, tramways and settlements in Occupied East Jerusalem (like Veolia), home demolitions and eviction of Palestinian people (like Israeli Antiquity Authority and Jerusalem Development Agency).

- EU to exclude from EU funding Israeli national public institutions and individuals located in Occupied East Jerusalem in order to ensure that EU won't render aid or assistance to Israeli settlements in Occupied East Jerusalem.

- EU Member States to adopt all legislative, administrative, diplomatic and logistical measures to ensure strict and full compliance of the principle of not rendering aid or assistance to the settlements

in Occupied East Jerusalem by Israeli applicants and beneficiaries of national grants, prizes and financial instruments.

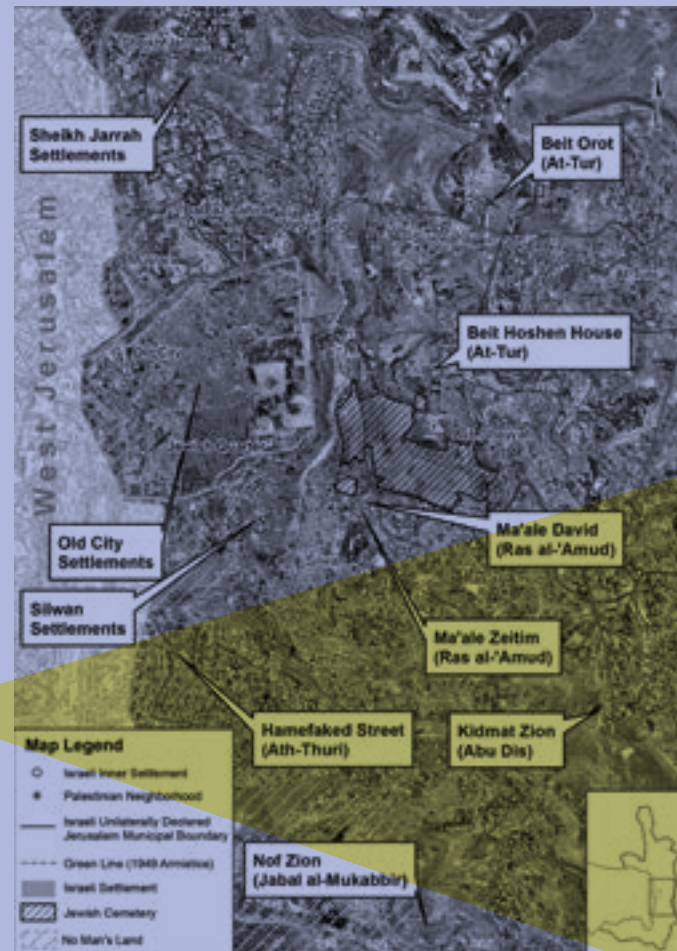
- EU and Member States to encourage and fully support Palestinian Authority accession to the Rome Statute, as well as the filing of complaints for alleged crimes against humanity and war crimes to the International Criminal Court and to cooperate with this Court in its efforts to end impunity.

- EU and Member States to impose an effective ban on importation of settlements products, including those partial or totally produced in Occupied East Jerusalem, as recommended by the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, in his last report.

- EU and Member States to comprehensively investigate the business activities of companies and financial institutions registered in their own respective countries, which profit from Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the rest of Occupied Palestinian Territory and from other unlawful Israeli policies, and take all effective measures to end such practices and ensure appropriate reparation for affected Palestinians.

- EU and Member States to effectively prevent all European private companies and public entities including tourist agencies, banks and Universities, from profiting from the settlement activity in Occupied East Jerusalem, by the mean for example of Guidelines or recommendations published on official Journals and websites.

- EU member States to strip or not to grant JNF-KKL charitable status neither tax exemptions on the ground of its policies of forcible population transfer, colonialism and apartheid in East Jerusalem and to effectively prevent European citizens from transferring funds to settlers organizations which are responsible for the "judaization" of Jerusalem, eviction of Palestinian's people from their homes and attacks on Palestinian people, like Elad, who might be found guilty of war crimes or crimes against humanity.



East Jerusalem: settlements in Palestinian residential areas. Source: United Nations OCHA oPt

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