

FACT SHEET

A right-wing, repressive government in Israel sends us a delegation of its Knesset members. Whatever the stated reason for this visit, the fact remains the Israeli government has repeatedly refused to abide by international and basic humanitarian law:

- Maintains a brutal military occupation of 2.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank for 68 years;
- Operates over 500 military checkpoints in the West Bank, severely restricting freedom of movement, access to health care, education, and commerce;
- Demolishes Palestinian homes (over 27,000 since 1967), leaving families homeless and desperate;
- Builds illegal, Jewish-only colonies on stolen Palestinian land (over 500,000 now reside in the West Bank in violation of international law and against stated US policy);
- Maintains a Jim-Crow-style system of discrimination with 50 laws that apply only to Palestinian citizens of the State of Israel, relegating them to second-class citizenship, restricting their access to employment, education, and political rights, and denying them equal protection under the law;
- Maintains an apartheid-style occupation in the West Bank with illegal, Jewish Israeli-only colonies and Jewish Israeli-only roads, and disproportionately favorable access to water for Jewish Israelis while access to water for Palestinians is scarce and expensive;
- Regularly conducts violent, warrantless home invasions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
- Detains and tortures Palestinian children as young as 10 years of age
- Cited by internationally-respected human rights organizations for extrajudicial killings of Palestinians;
- Cited by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, National Lawyers Guild, International Red Cross, B'tselem, and the United Nations "Goldstone Report" for targeting and killing thousands of civilians and hundreds of children in Gaza in Operation Cast Lead (2008-2009) and Operation "Protective Edge" (2014), destroying civilian infrastructure, and rendering life all but impossible;
- Built a "Separation Barrier" or "Apartheid Wall" (criticized by the Israeli Supreme Court and condemned by the International Court of Justice) that deviates from the 1967 Green Line, steals Palestinian land, and dispossesses Palestinian land-owners;
- Maintains and administers a deliberate humanitarian disaster – "an open-air prison" – of 1.7 million Palestinians in Gaza through an air-land-and-sea blockade of goods and services.