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## GAZA CHILDREN

Deserve a better life

### GAZA UNDER ATTACK

On May 20, a ceasefire has been reached, bringing an end to the Israeli onslaught that left 259 Palestinians killed and over 8,000 others injured.

During the aggression in Gaza, Israel mainly targeted children and residence places. Israel bombarded:

- Thirteen factories in Gaza's industrial zone established under agreements with the support of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and the European Union.
- 41 schools destroyed including those run by the UNRWA
- Buildings that housed offices of local and international media organizations including The Associated Press and Al Jazeera
- Residence areas resulting in more than 47,000 displaced seeking protection in 58 UNRWA schools.

### THE STORY OF PALESTINE: SHEIKH JARRAH

Israeli illegal and provocative measures in occupied Jerusalem, including the inhumane threat of eviction of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah from their homes, are pushing tension to dangerous limits. This is an ongoing story of Ethnic cleansing in Jerusalem.

The Israeli Supreme Court ordered the Palestinian owners to reach a deal with Israeli Jewish settlers; requiring them to pay the Israeli settlers rent for their homes until the current owners pass away, and then the properties would be assigned to the settlers, not to their heirs.

The eviction is targeting 28 homes inhabited by 500 Palestinian families to open the way to Jewish settlers to eliminate the Palestinian presence.

This is not a new story it is continuous assaults against Palestinians. The same fate faces Palestinians in Silwan neighborhood among others, due to the colonizing acts and the international silence.

## SHEIKH JARRAH STORY

### You want to know how the story started

In 1956, 28 refugee families who lost their homes during the Nakba reached an agreement with the Jordanian Ministry of Construction and Development and the UN refugee agency UNRWA to provide housing for them in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. At that time, the West Bank was under Jordanian rule (1951-1967). The Jordanian government provided the land while UNRWA covered the cost for constructing 28 homes for these families.

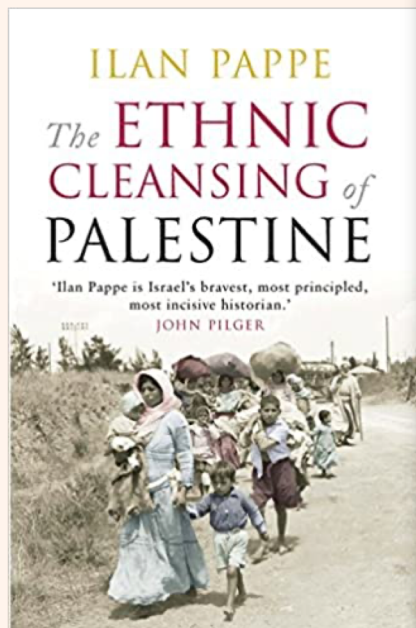
A contract was concluded between the Ministry of Construction and Reconstruction and Palestinian families in 1956, with one of the main conditions stating that the residents pay a symbolic fee, provided that ownership is transferred to the residents after three years from the completion of construction.

This, however, was interrupted by the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, including Jerusalem, in 1967 which prevented the registration of the houses under the names of families, the statement said.

The suffering of the Palestinian families began in 1972, when the Sephardic Committee and the Knesset Committee of Israel claimed that they owned the land on which the houses were built in 1885.

## A BOOK TO READ

### The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine



Renowned Israeli historian, Ilan Pappé's groundbreaking book revisits the formation of the State of Israel. Between 1947 and 1949, over 400 Palestinian villages were deliberately destroyed, civilians were massacred and around a million men, women, and children were expelled from their homes at gunpoint.

Denied for almost six decades, had it happened today it could only have been called "ethnic cleansing". Decisively debunking the myth that the Palestinian population left of their own accord in the course of this war, Ilan Pappé offers impressive archival evidence to demonstrate that, from its very inception, a central plank in Israel's founding ideology was the forcible removal of the indigenous population. Indispensable for anyone interested in the current crisis in the Middle East.

## PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



### EVENTS & MEETINGS

- A statement was issued following the aggressive attacks on Gaza
- Arab Council of Arab Ambassadors issued a statement condemning the attacks on Gaza Strip
- Forwarded identical letters to the Hungarian Parliament and Ministry of Foreign Affairs about Israel's attempt to disrupt Palestinian elections within the occupied city of Jerusalem.
- A meeting was held with the municipality of Budapest to discuss cooperation for Bethlehem Municipality the Capital of Culture 2021

## NAKBA DAY

**MAY, 15**

Nakba Day for Palestinians is not just an historical event; but a continuing process that started as European settlers started moving into Palestine in the 1880s and still ongoing until today.

Today, Palestinians mark the Nakba's 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, which comprises the destruction of Palestinian society and homeland in 1948, and the permanent displacement of a majority of the Palestinian people.



## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### IMPACT OF ISRAELI ATTACK ON GAZA

In fact, no words can explain the impact of the people.

The pictures speak for themselves?! No, it is more than the pictures can show and much more than the physical destruction. It is the lives of each individual living there; and more accurately, it is the lives who are still surviving.



## WE ARE NOT NUMBERS – SOME OF THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIAN STORIES FROM GAZA

### THE SON OF SULIMAN AL-FARA

A child says good bye to his father Suliman Al Farra. The photo itself tells the story.



### THE STORY OF OMAR AL-MANKOUSH

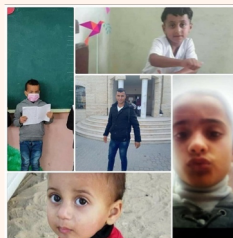
When Omar al-Manakosh was 2, his parents died in a car crash, and he had to raise himself and his brother until he was 20. He pursued a technical diploma and learned smartphones maintenance and wanted this to be his career, until he was killed on May 20<sup>th</sup> by Israeli warplanes Gaza.



### ALMASRI FAMILY LEFT EARTH AND HEADED TO HEAVEN

- Marwan Yousef Atallah Al-Masri
- Ibrahim Yousef Atallah Al-Masri
- Rahaf Mohammed Atallah Al-Masri
- Ahmed Mohammed Atallah Al-Masri
- Yazan Sultan Atallah Al-Masri

As their names indicate, they are related, brothers and cousins. "They were packing straw for livestock to be able to buy new clothes for the Eid," the mother of Ibrahim and Marwan said through tears. Instead of modeling new clothes, they were dressed in blood. They were children, and they were not holding any weapons or rockets; rather, they were holding their dreams for a better life or simply for a new dress.



### WHEN YOU ARE IN GAZA YOU CAN LOSE EVERYTHING OVER AND OVER AGAIN

This is Alaa Shamali, who lost his house twice during two different Israeli attacks. This is what Baraa' Qandeel wrote about him:

Israeli occupation attacks take place everywhere in Gaza so no one is deprived of their evil and destruction. Alaa Shamali is one of the victims' long list, and not only once but twice! Alaa is a reporter and responsible for a 7-member family who lost his house in the Shujaya area, eastern Gaza City, during the 2014 attack. It took him 3 years of suffering to settle again, and even after he rebuilt his damaged house, he decided to buy another apartment in a different area, and he believed it is a safer place for his family.

In fact, he was not safe in this ongoing attack as well. Once again, the Israeli occupation took away his safety and demolished the building that contains his apartment. He has not even paid all of its premiums yet! Alaa also lost his workplace.

### ONE TOUGH NIGHT IN GAZA

Six people are sitting in the living room. Each has his or her phone in hand, with his earphones on, following the news on what is happening in Gaza and Jerusalem. The most urgent question: Where will the next bomb hit? The house feels like it is shaking. At midnight, the sky flares red and my mother nervously tells us to remove our earphones. When we hesitate, she panics and shouts, "Remove them now!" She is afraid the "stereo sound" – the blaring of the news and the boom of the bombs – will harm our ears. <https://wearenotnumbers.org/>



**NUMBERS SPEAK ABOUT THEIR AGRESSION**

FROM 07-05-2-21 TO 20-05-2021

Total number of Martyrs	Total number of injuries	Total number of Health Attacks
259	8011	31

**CASUALTIES: DISTRIBUTION BY LOCATION**

Location	Martyrs	Children Martyrs (under 18 yrs)	Women Martyrs	Injuries	Severe injuries	Moderate injuries	Mild injuries
East Jerusalem	1	-	-	1108	60	420	223
West Bank	28	4	1	5193	100	528	526
Gaza Strip	230	65	39	1710	57	384	1319
Total	259	69	40	8011	217	1332	2068

**HEALTH ATTACKS**

- 91 attacks against health care in the oPt since start of Ramadan, of which 70 occurred in West Bank including East Jerusalem and 21 in Gaza Strip
- In Gaza Strip, 19 health facilities damaged including destruction of Hala Al-Shawa primary health care clinic
- In West Bank, 41 health workers injured, and 21 health vehicles damaged, detained or confiscated

**ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION**

- The Gaza Electricity Distribution Company reported additional damage to feeder lines and networks with the average power supply still reduced to 3-4 hours a day throughout Gaza.

**WATER, SANITATION**

- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities have been severely affected with damage to more than 10,000-metres of underground sewage and water line, as well as wastewater networks, sewage evacuation vehicles, wells and a wastewater pumping station.

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