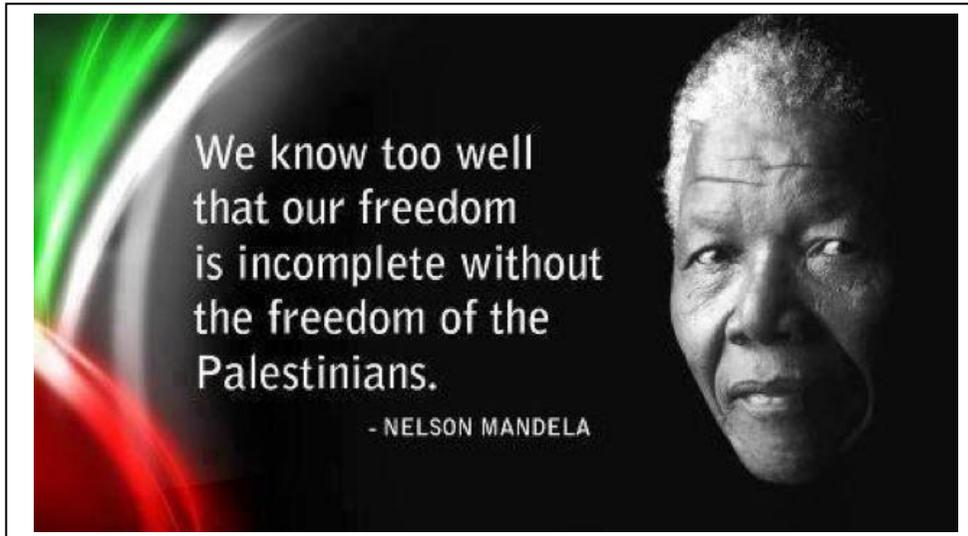


# Palestinians: resisting apartheid



*Nelson Mandela and many other South African leaders have recognised that the oppression of Palestinians is similar to South African apartheid*

**Israel is an apartheid state. The Palestinians have been saying this for years. Now Amnesty International and other human rights bodies agree.**

Amnesty's report, *Israel's apartheid against Palestinians*, was published in February and is based on four years of research. It calls for action by the International Criminal Court, stating clearly that Israel's treatment of Palestinians amounts to apartheid.

## **What is apartheid?**

Apartheid is an institutionalized regime of oppression and domination by one racial group over another. It is illegal under international law.

Unlawful acts which are committed within a system of oppression and domination, with the intention of maintaining it, constitute the crime against humanity of apartheid.

That's what Amnesty have found.

**Online meeting – Tuesday 22 March, 7pm**

**Israel as an apartheid state**

**Speakers from Amnesty International and Palestine**

For link to the meeting, email to [liverpoolfriendsofpalestine.20@gmail.com](mailto:liverpoolfriendsofpalestine.20@gmail.com)

## **Apartheid in practice**

Israel controls all of Palestine from the river Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea. In all areas Palestinians lose out and protests are met with lethal force: \*\*Palestinian citizens of Israel make up about 19% of the population, but are sidelined by a 'nation state law' that gives them a different status from Jewish Israelis. They face many forms of institutionalized discrimination. In Southern Israel, over 68,000 Bedouin live in 'unrecognised villages' cut off from electricity and water supplies. \*\*Palestinians in annexed East Jerusalem have 'permanent residence' instead of citizenship – but that residency can be revoked at any time. Since 1967 over 14,000 have had to leave the city.

\*\*In the West Bank, Palestinians have no citizenship at all and most are treated as stateless. Their villages and schools are being demolished to make way for Israeli new towns (known as 'settlements') that exclude them. They are governed by Israeli military law. \*\* In Gaza, Palestinians have no citizenship. They live under a siege that restricts food and water and limits electricity to only a few hours a day. \*\*Palestinian refugees and their descendants, who were displaced in the 1947-49 and 1967 conflicts, continue to be denied the right to return home. Their exclusion is a



flagrant violation of international law which leaves millions in a perpetual limbo of forced displacement.

## **Others tell the same story**

In June 2020 the Israeli organisation Yesh Din reported that *'the crime against humanity of apartheid is being committed in the West Bank.'*

In January 2021 the Israeli organisation Btselem reported that *'the Israeli regime's rationale and the measures used to implement it are reminiscent of the South African regime'.*

In April 2021 the influential Human Rights Watch concluded that *'the Israeli Government has pursued an intent to maintain the domination of Jewish-Israelis over Palestinians'.*

**Surely it is only a matter of time before the international community wakes up and demands change.**

## **What you can do**

- Urge your MP to speak out in support of the Palestinians
- Ask your trade union, church or community organisation to join the campaign for boycott, disinvestment and sanctions
- Join the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Liverpool Friends of Palestine.
- Boycott Israeli goods and services. Look for the label on products.

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