

## What we do

- Street leafleting - we're out on the streets of Liverpool at least once a month with publicity in support of the Palestinians
- Public meetings - we organise public meetings on particular issues to do with Palestine and the Middle East.
- Bilin - we are twinned with a West Bank village which is on the frontline of Palestinian resistance
- Cultural events - we support events that feature Palestinian actors, musicians, dancers etc
- Pressure group - we support the 'BDS' campaign to isolate the state of Israel and to promote the cause of the Palestinian people
- Fundraising - we raise money for Medical Aid for Palestinians and the Union of Health Work Committees in Gaza



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# Liverpool Friends of Palestine

## Who we are...

We are a locally-based group campaigning for justice for the Palestinian people. We are not affiliated to any political party in either Britain or Palestine, nor do we have any religious basis. We campaign:

- for the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people
- for the right of return of the Palestinian people
- for the immediate withdrawal of the Israeli state from the occupied territories
- against the oppression and dispossession suffered by the Palestinian people
- in support of the rights of the Palestinian people and their struggle to achieve these rights
- to promote Palestinian civil society in the interests of democratic rights and social justice
- to oppose Israel's occupation and its aggression against neighbouring states
- in opposition to racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice and Islamophobia and the apartheid and Zionist nature of the Israeli state.

### **Palestine Solidarity Campaign**

We are affiliated to the national Palestine Solidarity Campaign. We support their activities and encourage people to join as individual members.

[www.palestinecampaign.org](http://www.palestinecampaign.org)

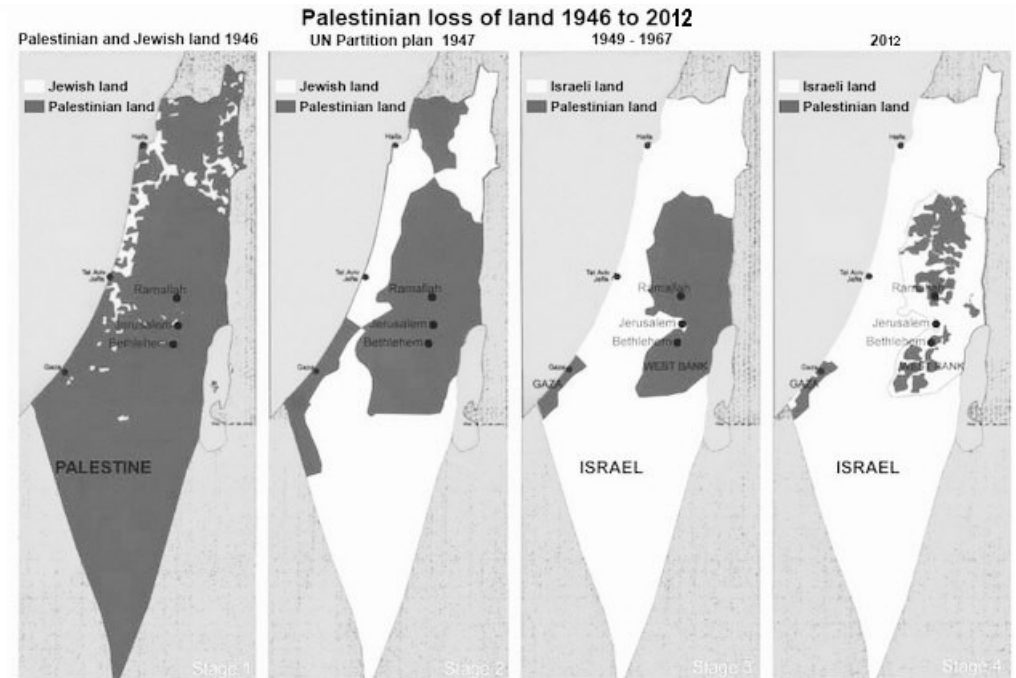


# Palestine – What you should know

Since 1948 the state of Israel has been based on the violent expulsion of Palestinians. The systematic seizure of land and the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians continues to this day.

The majority of world opinion, including many Jewish people, thinks this treatment of Palestinians is wrong.

Foreign powers, however, including Britain, Europe and the United States, still support the Israeli occupation in reality.



### **What are the problems right now ?**

- Palestinians expelled from their homes have to live in refugee camps or in other countries
- The area called the West Bank - never recognised internationally as part of Israel - is subject to Israeli military rule. Over 400,000 Israelis live there in exclusive settlements that are illegal under international law. Palestinian homes and farms are destroyed to make way for them. A further 200,000 Israelis live in occupied East Jerusalem. Palestinians cannot move freely within the West Bank as military checkpoints are often closed without warning.
- The area called Gaza used to have Israeli settlements. The Israelis withdrew in 2005 but have kept the territory under total siege since then; Gaza has been described as an 'open-air prison camp'. There have been several full-scale invasions and frequent bombings destroy buildings and infrastructure.
- Israeli companies control over 80% of water resources and restrict Palestinian access.
- Israel has built an apartheid wall that cuts deep into the West Bank and separates Palestinian farmers from their own land. The Wall is illegal under international law.
- Palestinians within the state of Israel experience daily discrimination and repression.
- Israel maintains a nuclear weapons arsenal outside the control of international treaties.
- Palestinians are subject to arbitrary arrest and lengthy periods of 'administrative detention' without trial. Children as young as 12 can spend several months in custody for no reason.
- Palestinians struggle to win international recognition. They only have 'non-state' membership of the United Nations. Even their membership of UNESCO is opposed by Israel and the USA.