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Boycott Barclays, financing firms
supplying the Israeli military

ICJ: end illegal occupation

On 19 July, the International Court of Justice ruled on the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). Their comprehensive verdict included: the **entire Occupation is illegal** and must end as rapidly as possible, **all new settlement activities must cease** immediately, and **all States must not render aid or assistance** to the Occupation.

The Court did not consider Gaza after 7 October 2023, but it ruled that **Gaza is in the OPT**, because Israel retained “control of the land, sea and air borders, restrictions on movement of people and goods, collection of import and export taxes, and military control over the buffer zone, despite the withdrawal of its military presence in 2005.”

The Court ruled that comprehensive restrictions on Palestinians in the OPT constitute **systemic discrimination** based on, inter alia, race, religion or ethnic origin, which violates the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination including Article 3 which condemns and seeks to eradicate **“racial segregation and apartheid”**.

In relation to East Jerusalem and Area C of the West Bank, the ICJ ruled that Israel's policies and practices amount to **annexation** of large parts of the OPT.

We abhor all attacks on civilians. The slaughter of Israeli civilians on 7 October by Hamas, and some by Israeli forces, does not justify the massive ongoing Israeli slaughter of Palestinian civilians.

Netanyahu clings to power

Israel's coalition government remains, but the national consensus for war has cracked and the boycott is impacting the economy.

Even as Netanyahu made his pitch to Congress, demanding yet more arms and looking forward to a Trump administration, hostage families denounced him in Tel Aviv.

One father said *“I saw that you spoke about unity between Israel and America — you didn't speak about the unity of our people. There is no unity.”*

Over 30 Israeli former national security officials, academics and business leaders told US congressional leaders Netanyahu was an *“existential threat”* to Israel.

Over 46,000 businesses have gone bankrupt, tourism has stopped, Israel's credit rating was lowered, investments are diverted abroad because Israelis do not want their own pension funds, insurance or their own savings to be tied to the fate of the State of Israel.

As economist and BDS activist Shir Hever wrote in Mondoweiss *“As Israel's genocidal war against Gaza continues unabated, the Israeli economy is facing a catastrophe. The physical destruction in Israel from the war has been minimal, but one thing has been destroyed: its future.”*



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