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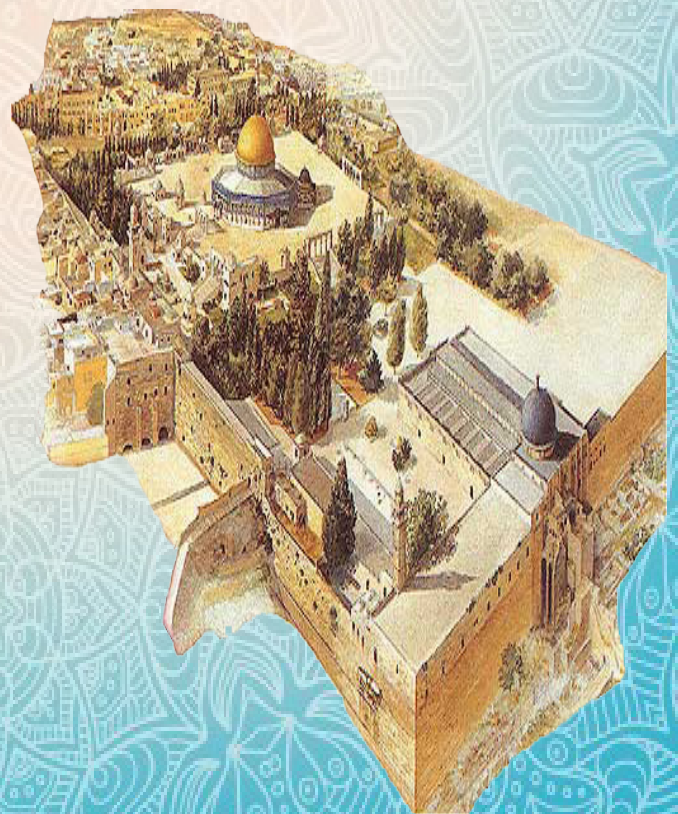
The Palestinian National Council considers any American recognition of the occupied City of Jerusalem as the capital of the Israeli occupation state or the transfer of its embassy to it, is void and illegal. It is a blatant aggression against the rights of the Palestinian people in the capital of its Palestinian State.

The Palestinian National Council (PNC) said in a press statement issued Sunday by the PNC Chairman, Saleem Alzanoun "That the attempt to undermine the legal and political status of the occupied Palestinian City of Jerusalem imposes on the UN Security Council and the United Nations an urgent responsibility to protect its decisions regarding the rights of the Palestinian people in the city of Jerusalem as the capital of the Palestinian state as stipulated in International resolutions and the latest UN resolution 2334".

The PNC stressed that it is the duty of the United Nations in accordance with its Charter and the duty of the countries of the world to protect the security and stability in the world that will be buried in the event of continued persistence of some great powers meddling the fate of the people and their rights guaranteed by international legitimacy, especially in light of the news being circulated by the media that the American Administration intent to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the Israeli occupa-

tion state or transfer its embassy to it.

The PNC called upon all parliaments, regional and international parliamentary associations and the free world to declare their stance openly and stand up to justice, peace and the rights of the people, and to face this aggression and condemn it, those are represented by policies and practices that will lead to igniting further chaos and instability in the Middle East. Specifically, imposing incomplete solutions on the Palestinian people that does not meet the minimum rights stipulated in the resolutions of international legitimacy.



The Inter-Parliamentary Union - US President's decision on Jerusalem undermines the two-state solution

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) confirmed that the decision taken by US President Donald Trump regarding the City of Jerusalem contradicts UN Security Council Resolution 2334 and will have consequences on the peace process in the Middle East.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union, in response to the letter from the Chairman of the Palestinian National Council, Saleem al-Zanoun, with regard to US President's decision, regretted the

decision taken by the US administration to transfer the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The IPU noted that the resolution undermines the legal and political status of a peaceful settlement between Israel and Palestine and any hopes for a two-state solution.

The IPU stressed that it would continue to pursue its efforts to promote dialogue and peace between the two parties, Israel and Palestine, and in the Middle East region.



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The Palestinian National Council rejects the position of the US administration not to renew the operation of the office of the Palestine Liberation Organization

The Palestinian National Council confirmed its strong rejection of the position of the US administration on the non-renewal of the operations of the PLO office in Washington, calling on it to retreat from this step, which is seen as a reward for Israel's continued illegal settlement activities.

The Palestinian National Council said in a press statement issued by its president,

Salim Al-Zanoon on Sunday: He rejects the American attempts to pressure the Palestinian side, and considers this step an unacceptable blackmail that is conflicting with the assumed role of the US as mediator and sponsor of efforts to revive the peace process.

The Palestinian National Council stressed that it is acceptable to link the non-renewal of the operations of the PLO office with the right of the Palestinian people

to join the International Criminal Court and request that the court look into the Israeli war crimes such as settlement, treatment of political prison, impose the facts on the ground and open criminal investigation of Israel's aggression on the Gaza Strip .



PLO

To approve the introduction of the Shuafat and Kufr kab separation law from Jerusalem to vote in the Knesset



Ha'aretz reports that the Law and the Constitution Committee, ratified on 28/11/2017, to amend the Basic Law: Jerusalem, to vote in the second and third readings in the General Assembly of the Knesset. The law, which is being drafted by ministers Naftali Bennett and Zé'ev Kaine, allows the evacuation of the Shu'fat and Kufr Aqab refugee camp from the area of Jerusalem's influence and the establishment of a regional council of their own, thereby reducing the number of Arabs in Jerusalem. He supported nine lawmakers, while seven opposed him. Among those supported by the committee's chairman were Nissan Slomiansky, Benny Begin, Nava Boker and David Betan, of the coalition, while his opponents were Mickey Rosenblatt, Yayel German and Meir Cohen of the opposition.

It is noteworthy that the parliamentary opposition rejects this amendment, out of its rejection of the second part of the law, which specifies the need to support 80 deputies to transfer areas to a foreign political authority, especially the Pal-

estinian Authority, even if these areas are separated from Jerusalem. The law stipulates that this requirement applies to all areas that are today considered as municipal areas of Jerusalem.

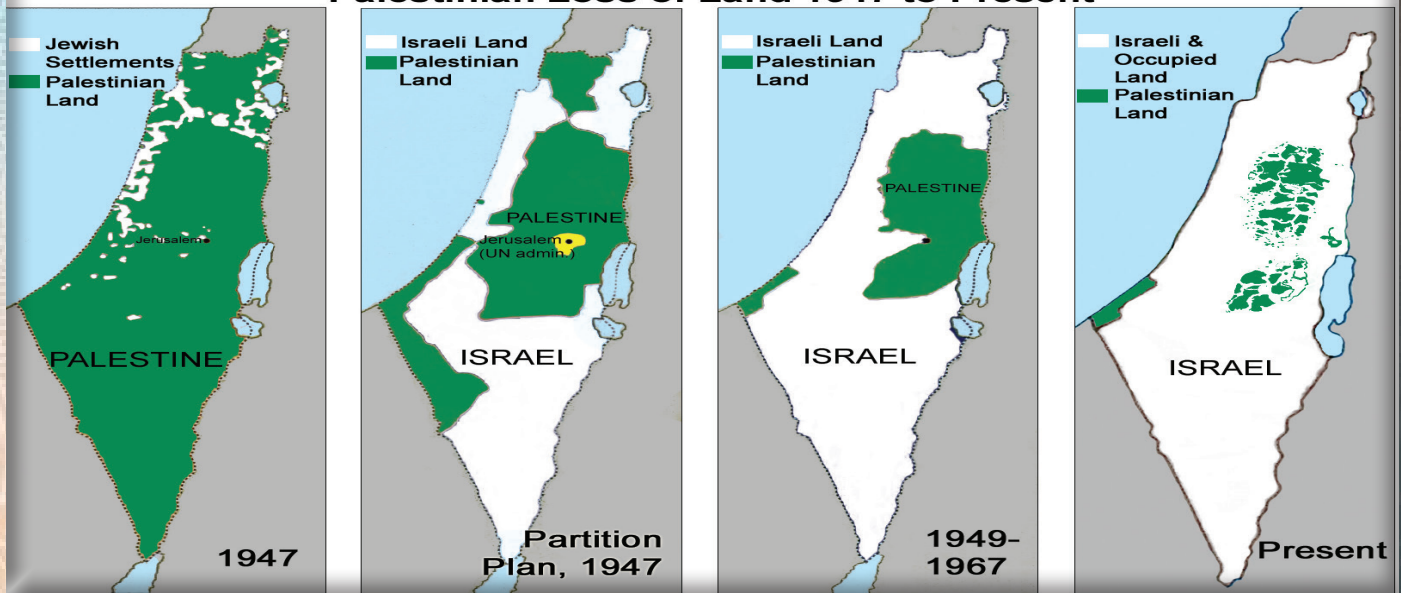
According to a research study conducted by the water and sewage company "Gihon" that the population of Kafr Aqeb and Shuafat up to 140 thousand people, and some of them do not carry the Israeli identity card. Because of the separation of these towns from Jerusalem by the separation wall, the municipality and the police almost do not provide services to their residents, which has contributed to the deterioration of the situation to a large extent. The infrastructure situation in these two towns is very serious. In the absence of supervision of the construction, thousands of houses were built without coordination with the collapsed service networks. The separation of the two towns and their annexation to a separate local authority raises the fear among the population that their status and status have been further aggravated.

Israeli Knesset Discusses Article Allowing “ Jews Only “ Communities

A special Knesset committee set up to prepare the nation-state bill for enactment will hold its discussion or a provision that would allow the establishment of exclusive communities only if they serve a group with unique social or

living in these towns. The law allows these committees to reject applicants deem “ unsuitable to the social life of the community or the social and cultural fabric of the town” thereby legalizing of principle of segregation

Palestinian Loss of Land 1947 to Present



cultural characteristics.

The provision in question would allow the establishment of communities designated exclusively for members of particular religion or ethnic groups.

The Admissions Committee law, enacted by the Knesset in 2011, gives “ admissions committees “ – bodies that select applicants for housing units and plots of land – almost full discretion to accept or reject individuals from

in housing between Arab and Jewish citizens and permits the practice of racism against Arab citizens.

This law is one of the most racist pieces of legislation enacted in recent years, the primary objective of which is to marginalize Arab citizens and prevent them from accessing housing on “ state land in many communities.” The Knesset’s legal advisers say this provision violates the principle of equality.

“ The proposed article has no parallel in any constitution in the world, thus a question arises as to the justification for including it in a Basic law that deals with the state’s fundamental principles “.



The so-called “ Jewish State bill “ is considered by its opponents as one of the most dangerous and discriminatory legislation towards Arab Israelis which denies the legitimate right of the Palestinian people in their historical homeland of Palestine, and claims Palestine as the nation-state of the Jewish people, specifies some of the practical aspects of the state of Israel being the nation – state of the Jewish people.

Most Israel’s Arabs have no public bomb shelters.

Arabs have suffered disproportionately in recent Israeli wars, as a result of the poor civil defense infrastructure in Israel’s Arab communities. In the 2006 Israeli aggression against Lebanon, 44 Israeli civilians were killed, including 19 Arabs. Only 15% of Arab communities in the north have public bomb shelters.

So when it comes to civil defense, the situation in Arab localities mirrors the situation in virtually all other aspects of life there. They lag behind Jewish municipalities and are dependent on funding and assistance from the national government to move things forward. It is all the product of a number of factors :

discrimination by the national government, severe poverty that prevents local Arab governments from allocating the necessary funding . The large number of Arab Israeli casualties in the 2006 Lebanon war, in which rockets were being rained onto northern Israel from Lebanon, revealed the seriousness of the problem and discrimination against Arab communities.

The Palestinian National Council, PNC calls upon the international community to translate its resolutions and solidarity into actions that end the Israeli occupation



The PNC called on the international community and its institutions to translate their decisions and statements into actions that end the Israeli occupation and restore freedom for the Palestinian people and enable them to choose self-determine, calling for the revival of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid. The PNC reminds that the resolution of the partition of Palestine No.181 issued by the General Assembly of the United Nations on November 29, 1947, was issued against the will of the Palestinian people, followed in 1977 by another UN resolution that declared November 29th of each year as a day of global solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The PNC affirms in a press release issued on this occasion that the true solidarity and practical support for the Palestinian rights will obligate the Israeli occupation to implement the resolutions of the international legitimacy that the United Nations must defend and implement, so that our people will have full rights to return and establish their independent State with Jeru-

salem as its capital of June 1967.

The PNC stresses that the failure of the international community to punish Israel for its continued violations of international law and the rights of the Palestinian people, has enabled it to impose apartheid through racist legislation, policies and practices racial discrimination, and to punish its perpetrators.

The PNC affirms that the Israeli occupation continues to defy international resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 2334, which considered Israeli settlement actions in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, illegal and must be stopped immediately. Israel also continues to arrest thousands of our people. In response to this challenge, the PNC calls upon the United Nations to assume its responsibilities to establish the Palestinian State as it is stated in the second part of the partition resolution of Palestine No. 181, calling on the countries of the world that have not recognized the State of Palestine to recognize it.

The PNC appeals to the parliaments of the free world to support the just rights of our people to get rid of the occupation and to live in dignity on the same land as the rest of the people of the earth.

The PNC called on the regional and international parliamentary associations, governments, institutions and individuals to support the international boycott initiatives and impose sanctions on Israel's occupation and its parliament to dismantle the Apartheid system practiced in Palestine.

Statement PNC Demand International Community Translate its Decisions into Actions

The Palestine National Council demands the international community translate its decisions and positions into actions with aim of ending Israel's occupation, restoring freedom to the Palestinian people and enabling them to exercise the right to self-determination calling to restitute UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The National Council reminds that this date was chosen because of its significance to the Palestinian people. On that day in 1947, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 181 (11), which came to be known as the Partition Resolution. The resolution provided for the creation in Palestine of a " Jewish State " and an" Arab State , " with Jerusalem as a corpus separatum under a special international regime. Israel's State exists. Yet , the Palestinian people are denied their internationally recognized right to self-determination.

The International day of Solidarity reminds the international community that the question of Palestine, the oldest on the UN agenda, remains unresolved, the Palestinian people are still suffering . However, while the Jewish state was established, the Palestinian in fact was not, and from the moment its people experienced the wars massacres and exodus in their history.

The PNC has been working constantly to draw the attention of the relevant UN

bodies and the international community towards these violations as well as towards the perpetual refusal of Israel to comply with UN resolutions. The shocking lack of accountability for the crimes committed in Palestine is what has allowed and will allow their perpetration throughout the decades, unless urgent and definitive action is taken. The observance of this important anniversary is to show deep solidarity with the Palestinian people, to remember the appalling human rights violations they were subjected to for decades and to call for the ultimate halt of Israeli illegal apartheid regime over the strained, yet always hopeful land.

The PNC stresses that it is important to intensify the political pressure on and boycott Israel in order to isolate its government and hold it responsible for its criminal, unjust and illegal actions and have it abide by the UN resolutions and international law, and respect the rights of Palestinian people.

The PNC expresses its increasing concern over Israel's ongoing violations of international law and international legitimacy, particularly after the adoption of the UN resolution No. 2338 which declares that settlements including the ones in Jerusalem have no legal validity. Israel's illegal practices were entrenching a one-state reality of an apartheid nature.

The Council calls upon United Nations, international community to uphold their responsibility to ensure justice, and to ensure that the Palestinian people could enjoy freedom, independence and protection within their own sovereign state, on the 1967 borders with Jerusalem as its capital.

A record of some Israeli violations of The Human Rights Charter in Palestine

1994-2016



Confiscated Land

741,245
Dunums



Uprooted Trees

689,960
Tree



Demolished Houses

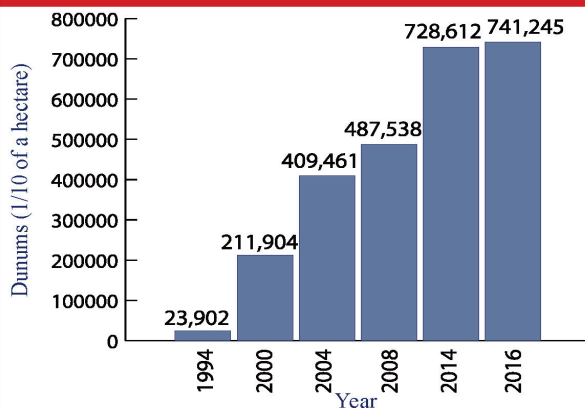
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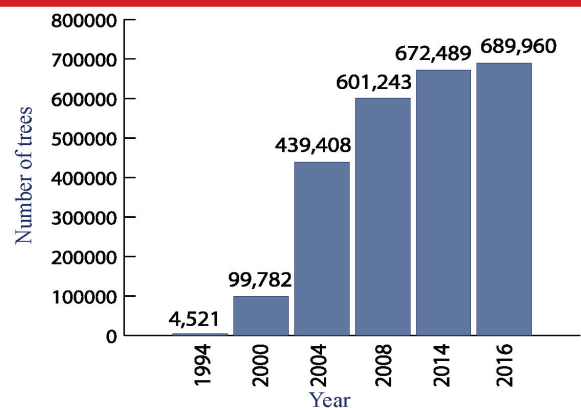
Threatened Houses

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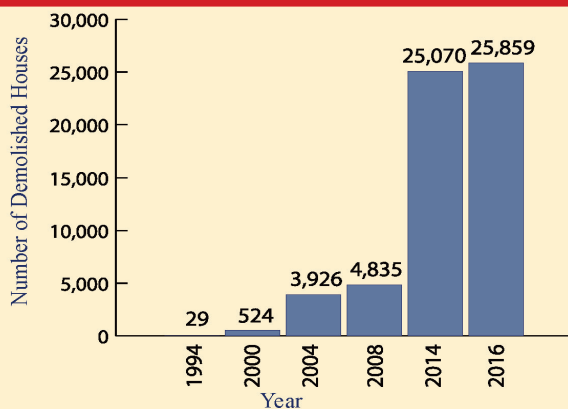
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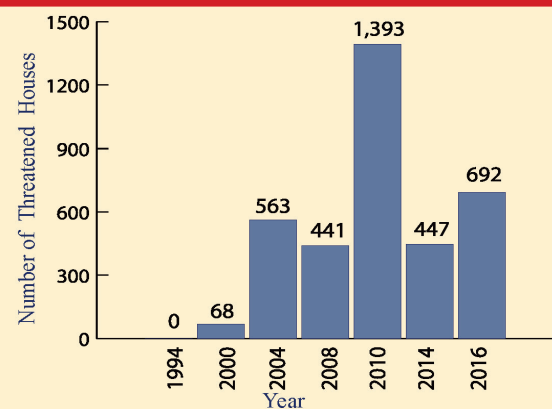
Cumulative Number of Uprooted Trees



Cumulative Number of Demolished Houses



Number of Houses Threatened by Demolition



Since the signature of the OSLO accord in 1993, consecutive Israeli violations of the Human Rights Charter including land confiscation, uprooting trees and house demolition, have turned the Palestinian land and communities into disconnecting cantons ravaged by the frequent collective punishment of closures, house demolitions, uprooting of trees and land confiscations.



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