

# The Catastrophe



In 1948, under the political project of Zionism, the state of Israel was established. In order to establish the state, nearly 750,000 Palestinians were forced from their land and their homes without a right to return. This became known as the Nakba, which means "the catastrophe" in Arabic.

Several wars were fought under the Zionist Israeli regime. The government had powerful Israeli militias that were financially backed by the West in displacing Palestinians from their land. Eventually, all that was left were the small areas of the West Bank and Gaza.

In 1967, 1956, and 1973...



So, what changed?

The political movement known as **Zionism** created division and stability between the Jewish people, Muslims, and Christians of the land.



From then on, the goal of the Zionist political movement was to establish a majority Jewish population. The government pushed others out, mostly Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims.



From 1897-1948, the primary goal of the political movement known as Zionism, was to establish a "homeland" for Jewish people. Many places were considered, but Palestine was the place that was officially chosen.



For hundreds of years, Jewish people, Muslims, and Christians lived together and thrived in relative stability in the land of historic Palestine.

Did you know?

The Israeli military controlled the West Bank and Gaza, and they also controlled the lives of the Palestinians who were forced into these areas. Zionist settlers also came and built illegal settlements on Palestinian land. Israel continues to enact violence against Palestinian civilians every day.

The Israeli government has created an apartheid over Palestinians. **The Palestinian people live under occupation, divided by walls, and within open air prisons.**

Palestinians are imprisoned without trial or cause, and are prohibited from moving freely. Many of the Palestinians that are impacted by the violence and occupation are innocent civilians, including children.



Israel is able to continue occupying Palestine because they are supported politically and financially by Western powers, **including our tax dollars in the United States.**

Palestinians will always resist occupation. We **must** join in global solidarity behind Palestine in their struggle for liberation.



**Call for freedom and justice against oppression and occupation!**



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