

The Apartheid Wall: Stealing Land, Stealing Lives

The Zionist occupation government of Ariel Sharon is building a wall through Palestine, cutting through the West Bank and Gaza. This wall is 25 feet high, studded with armed watchtowers and surrounded by military zones 30-100 meters wide around it. It is a concrete barrier that is slicing through the West Bank, that, when complete, will imprison Palestinians on only 12% of historic Palestine - one of the largest Israeli land grabs in the history of the colonization of Palestine. The wall creates three ghettos in the West Bank, imprisoning Palestinians - and stealing ever more of their land.



Over 14,680 dunums of Palestinian land - often fertile agricultural land- have been razed to make way for the apartheid wall. Over 100,000 trees-some over 700 years old-have been uprooted. The Wall means environmental devastation for Palestinians. 51 villages are losing most of their fertile land, and over 200 buildings in the West Bank have been destroyed.



The city of Qalqilya has long been prosperous. Now, surrounded on three sides by the Apartheid Wall, its only entrance and exit a military checkpoint, Qalqilya is being strangled. The city of 41,600 residents has seen 4,000 of those leave since the completion of the Wall. 75% of Qalqilya's residents now depend on humanitarian assistance for basic needs. Only 500 dunums of open land currently are left to the city-all of which will be confiscated for the Wall's "buffer zone."

The wall is the continuation of a long process of colonization, dispossession and expulsion of Palestinians, intensifying and worsening the conditions of apartheid under which Palestinians live. 5 million Palestinian refugees are prevented from returning to their homes - those who remain in Palestine live either under military occupation or as second-class citizens. The Wall is designed to drive as many out as possible - and imprison those who remain. The Wall is a racist attack on Palestinians' very existence. and the logical output of over 55 years of occupation.

Say NO! to the Apartheid Wall and the colonization of Palestine! Every day, the US gives \$15 million to aid the state of Israel in its colonization of Palestine and its oppression of Palestinians. Our money is constructing this wall. We can - and must - demand:

**TEAR DOWN THE APARTHEID WALL!
END ISRAELI APARTHEID!
RIGHT OF RETURN FOR
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES!**

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