



Palestine

BY LIFE WITH DEEN





⊕ OVERVIEW

Zionism is not the same as Judaism.

Judaism is a religion. Zionism is a political ideology which is based on the premise of establishing a national homeland for Jews in Palestine. Its policies have tortured, massacred, displaced and ethnically cleansed millions of Palestinians over the last century.

Up until the beginning of the 20th century, it is generally believed that Jews found refuge under Muslim rule whilst the European world was persecuting them. There was no conflict between the Muslims and Jews.

All Jews are not Zionists. There are some Jews who strongly oppose Zionism. Some have written books against Zionism and the ethnic cleansing of Palestine



What comes to your
mind when you hear the
word **Palestine**?





Learning Objects

01

INVESTIGATE

The root causes of
the Palestine–Israel issue

02

DISCUSS

THE IMPORTANCE OF AL-MASJID
AL-AQSA
AND THE BLESSED LAND

03

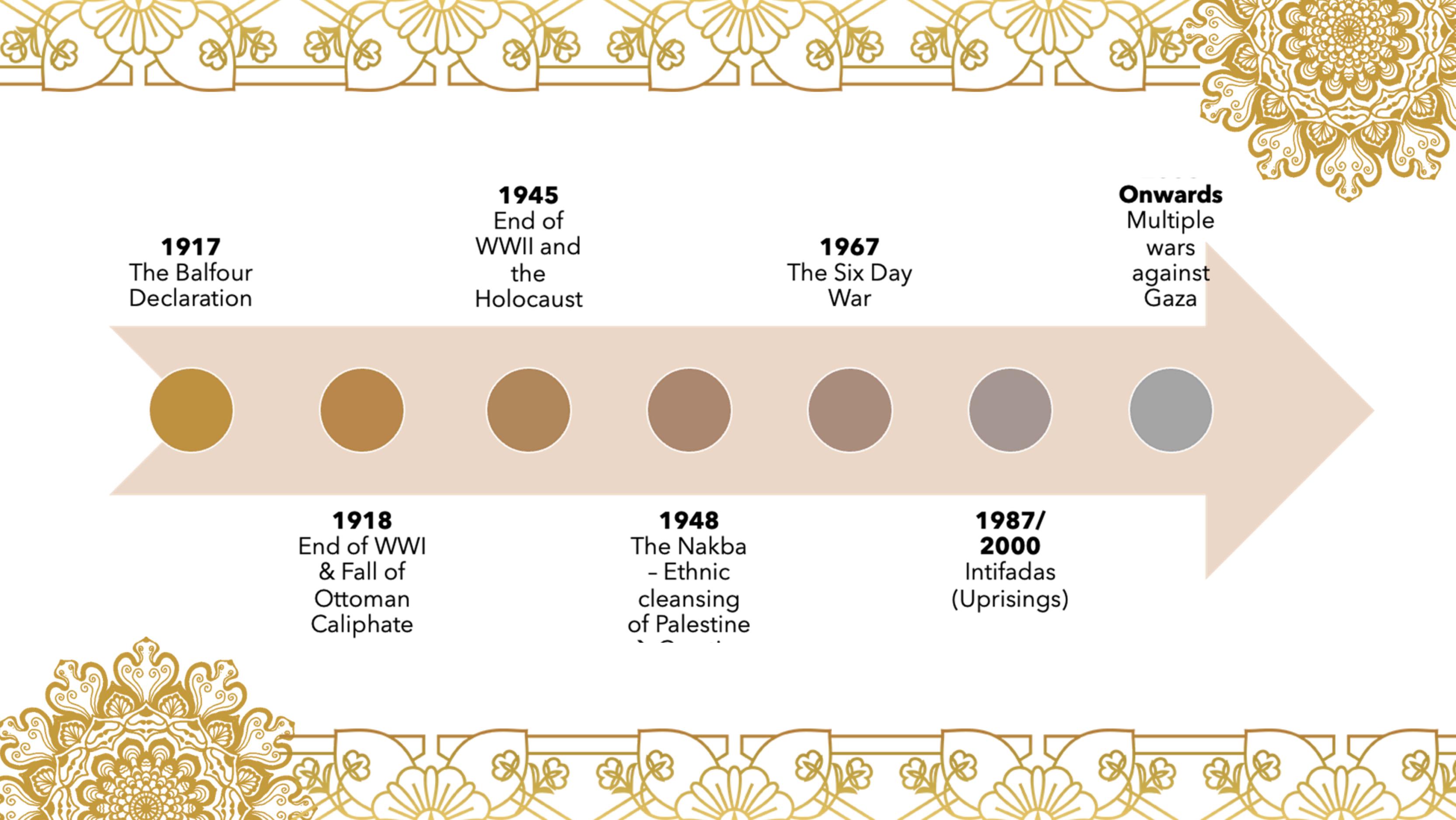
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LIFE IN THE WEST BANK &
GAZA THROUGH THE LENS OF A CHILD

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EXAMINE

THE IMPACT OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION
UPON THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE



1917
The Balfour Declaration

1945
End of WWII and the Holocaust

1967
The Six Day War

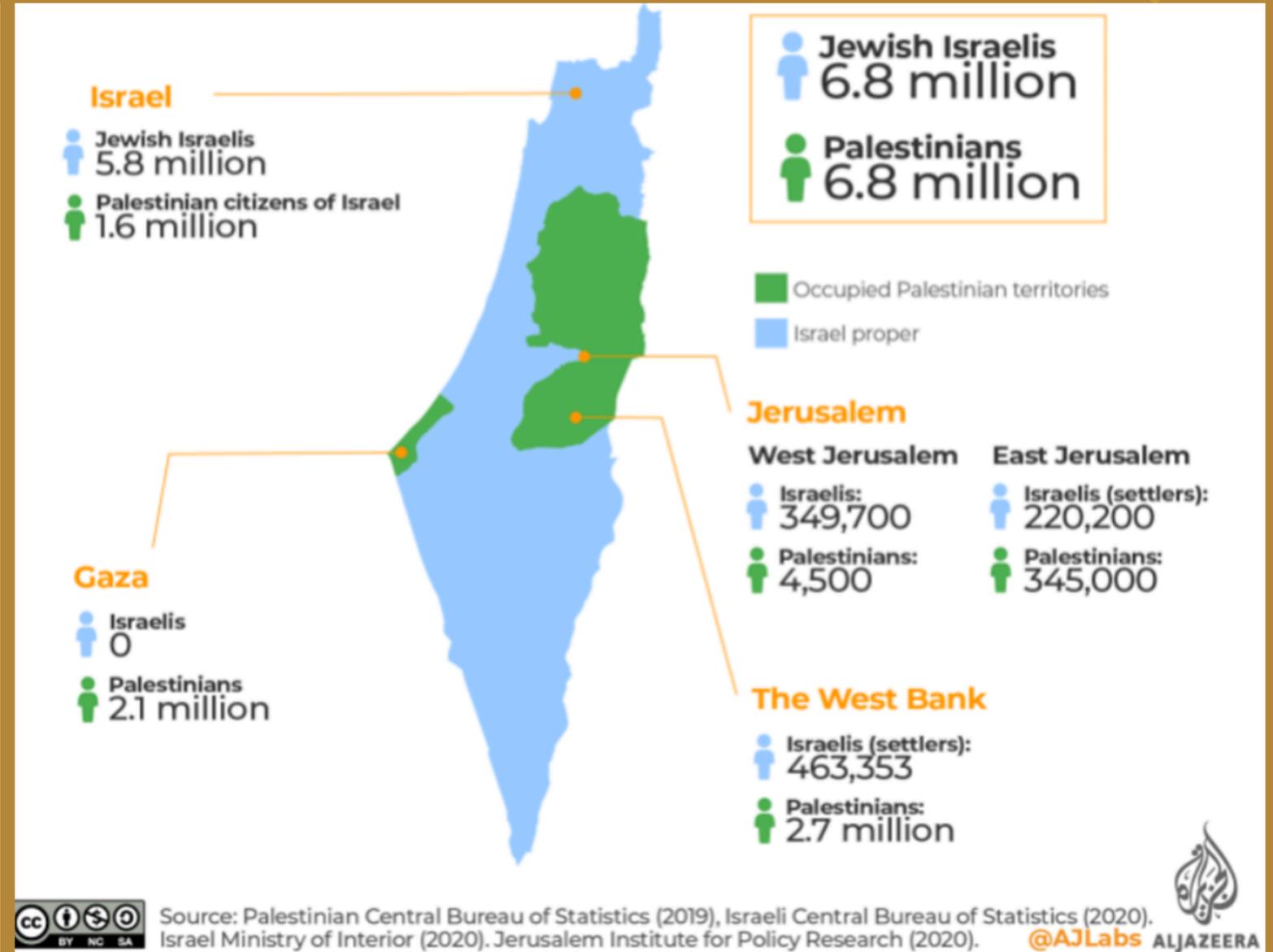
Onwards
Multiple wars against Gaza

1918
End of WWI & Fall of Ottoman Caliphate

1948
The Nakba - Ethnic cleansing of Palestine

1987/2000
Intifadas (Uprisings)

The Land GRAB





Before the 1947 UN Resolution

6.5%

Zionist ownership of Palestinian land

AFTER THE 1947 UN RESOLUTION

55%

Zionist ownership of Palestinian land

A DAY IN THE
LIFE OF AHMAD
FROM
PELESTINE

Meet Ahmad Alnajjar, aged 12.

He lives in a refugee camp in Jenin (West Bank)
with his four siblings, parents and Siti (grandmother).



3:30am

Sharing with Siti

Ahmad shares his bedroom with Siti (his grandma), as their flat only has two bedrooms. As usual, Ahmad stirs slightly in his sleep as he hears her performing her tahajjud (the night prayer).

Ahmad catches her praying against the occupiers and oppressors.

Siti was orphaned in 1948 when her parents were butchered in the Deir Yassin massacre as part of the Nakba. She was only 6 years old.



The Nakba

What year was the Nakba?

- Zionist gangs uprooted 60% of the Palestinian people (800,000 out of 1.4m)
- 530 out of 580 Palestinian villages destroyed
- 34 massacres, killing 15,000 Palestinians
- **By the time ceasefire was announced, Israelis had occupied 78% of Palestine**

WHAT WAS PROMISED

Dec 1948: UN passed Resolution 194.
Refugees wishing to return to their homes should be permitted to do so at the earliest practical date & compensation should be paid.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

Law of Return 1950: The resolution was **totally ignored by** the Israelis and instead they granted automatic rights of citizenship of Israel to all Jews in the world.

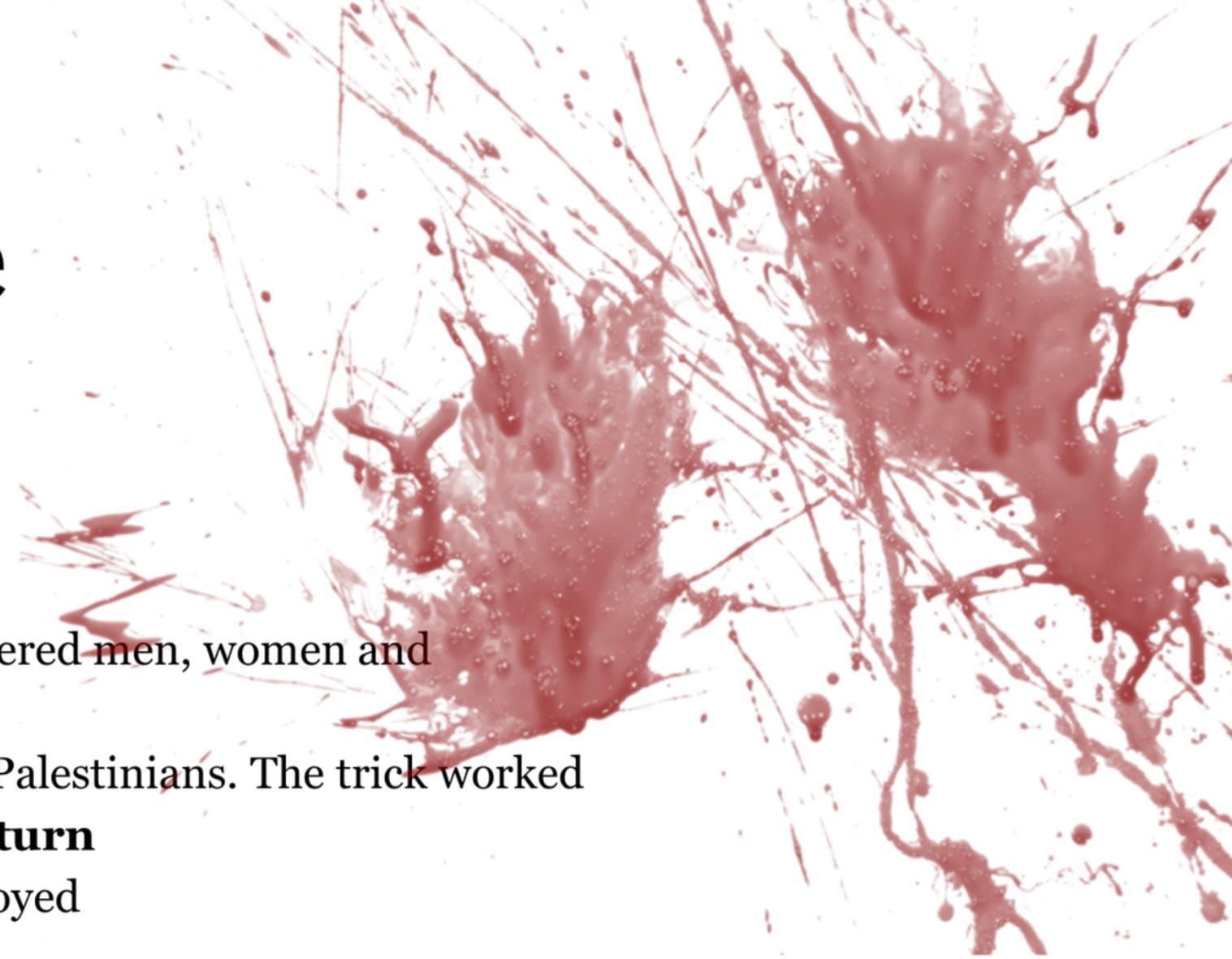
THE NAKBA

1948



Deir Yassin Massacre

April 1948



- Friday 9th April at 4:30am: Zionists surrounded Deir Yassin and butchered men, women and children along with raping women
- News spread to other villages and was also exaggerated to frighten the Palestinians. The trick worked and thousands of Palestinians began to flee for their lives, **never to return**
- Deir Yassin is now an Israeli village: cemetery and mosques were destroyed

250
murdered!



25 pregnant women whose bellies were cut open and unborn children murdered.



52 innocent children were slaughtered in front of their mothers, with their heads chopped off.

4:15am

Leaving for work

Ahmad then hears his brother Esam getting ready to leave for work.

To make it in time for his 7:30 am start,
his brother must leave now as he has a checkpoint to cross.

His brother is lucky –

more than 30% of Palestinians in the West Bank are unemployed.



The checkpoints await his brother...

- There are 593 checkpoints within the West Bank
- At checkpoints: overcrowding, physical inspections, injuries & harassment
- 70,000 Palestinians with Israeli work permits make the daily commute due to the high unemployment rate within the West Bank
- Purpose: **Control and limit** the free movement of Palestinians

“Between 4am and 6am every day, the checkpoints begin to fill up as thousands of people squeeze into cage-like lanes. Many arrive at 3am or earlier to secure their place in line, more than an hour prior to the opening of the checkpoint. Restricted by a time limit on their Israeli permits, they must make their journey back home after the day’s end. Some, however, decide to take the risk of sleeping at their workplaces due to the conditions at the checkpoints. In turn, they only see their families on the weekend.”

Harassment & intimidation at the checkpoint



7:30a

Ready for school

Ahmad is now awake, getting ready to go to school.

It's harvesting season. Ahmad's Baba leaves to go for work on the olive farm owned by his family for over 400 years - he is one of the lucky ones. Last year, Israeli settlers burnt down Baba's best friend's olive tree farm.

The illegal wall has divided Baba's house and his farm. He is unsure of whether the Israeli authorities will open the gates of the wall to allow him to go to his farm or not.





Have you heard of apartheid?



- What does 'Apartheid' mean?
- Why is Israel an **Apartheid State**?

9:00am

Yearning to visit

Ahmad has reached school safely Alhamdulillah. He always feels tense on the way to school as he passes by the spot where his neighbour Ali was shot last year by an Israeli sniper.

His school is poorly built, underfunded and crowded. Today, he is learning about the virtues & history of Jerusalem and al-Masjid al-Aqsa. It is only 1.5 hours away from him but he has never been there as Israel won't allow him. Ahmad yearns to visit the blessed mosque, and pray in the place where thousands of Prophets prayed.



What are the virtues of
al-Masjid **al-Aqsa**?





The Blessed Land

Which Allah Himself has sanctified in the
Qur'an

On which the second Masjid on Earth was
built

Which contains the Masjid in which 1 Salah
= 500 Salahs

From which the Messenger ﷺ was taken up
to the Heavens to meet Allah

In which the Messenger ﷺ lead ALL the
Prophets in Prayer

Which was the the 1st Qiblah
Over which the Angels of Allah are
spreading
their wings over until today



Jerusalem & al-Masjid al-Aqsa

Jerusalem (the capital of Palestine)
was separated into East & West in
1948

West was for Israel, and East was
for Palestine

1967 – Israel began occupying the
East too (al-Masjid al-Aqsa)

Settlements built around the East
of Jerusalem to partition it from the
West Bank - 229,000 illegal Israeli
settlers live in East Jerusalem

Palestinian males (ages 12-55) living in
the West Bank
are not allowed to visit al-Masjid al-Aqsa.

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Al-Aqsa is our collective duty: They have defended it for us

- Al-Masjid al-Aqsa has been under illegal Israeli occupation since 1967
- Some Israeli groups wish to build a Jewish temple in the place of al-Aqsa
 - The Israeli government encourage these groups to visit al-Aqsa, accompanied by Israeli Occupation Forces (known as incursions)
- The number of incursions at al-Aqsa and attacks on Palestinian worshippers have rapidly increased over the last few years

During Ramadan 2022, Palestinian worshippers at al-Aqsa were attacked 7 times in the space of 10 days. Over 250 worshippers were injured, including women, children and the elderly.



12:00

Missing Esam

Ahmad is in the playground. He is missing his best friend, Esam.

Esam, only 13, is in an Israeli prison. He was arrested for throwing stones at the Israeli military who carried out a major attack on the Jenin Camp this July.



How many Palestinians are illegally imprisoned by Israel?

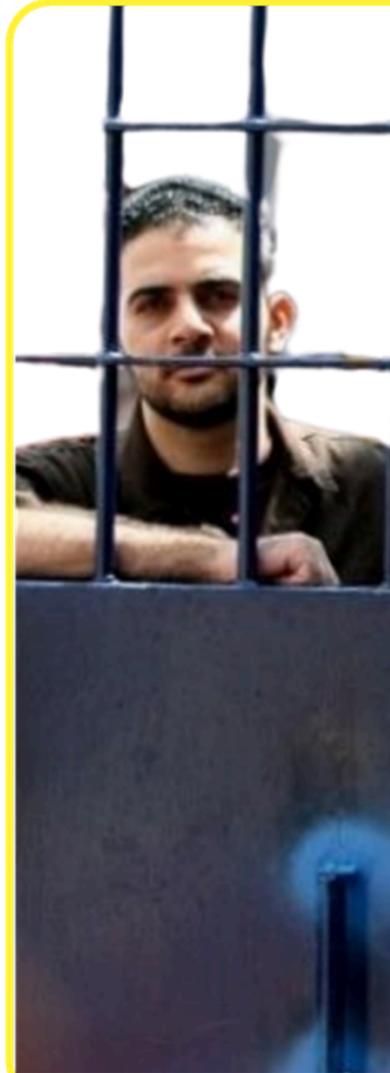
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12,000

**Children Arrested
since 2000**

Most of the child prisoners were charged with “throwing stones”, a crime punishable under military law by up to 20 years in prison.



4,450

**Palestinian Political
Prisoners**

- 160 child prisoners
- 32 female prisoners
- 549 serving life sentences
- 499 serving sentence >20 years

3:30pm

Returning to rubble

Ahmad has just received a WhatsApp message from his older sister Arwa in Hebron, sending a picture of their house which has been reduced to rubble by an Israeli digger.

They were only given a one-hour notice to collect all their belongings and leave.



Settlers & demolitions: daylight robbery

Since 1967, Israeli authorities have **demolished over 30,000** Palestinian homes in the occupied territory. Palestinian homes are demolished to make space for settlers who come from all over the world.

Nearly **750,000 Israelis** live in 300 illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank.



Ahmad's neighbourhood



This is where Ahmad's family had to move to after their land was stolen!

VS



Thieves' neighbourhood



Villas of illegal Zionist settlers coming from all over the world, living on Ahmad's family's land.

6:00PM

BABY ON THE WAY

AHMAD'S AUNT RAMLA, IS PREGNANT AND
HAS BEEN HAVING CONTRACTIONS DURING
THE DAY.

SHE IS IN EXTREME PAIN!

SHE RUSHES TO THE HOSPITAL WITH HER
HUSBAND,

BUT SHE IS STOPPED ON THE WAY!



Plight of

women!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the Balfour Declaration?
- How is Ahmad's life different to a young person in your country?
- Why are the events of 1948 called the Nakba?
- Why do Palestinians in the West Bank have to wake up very early for work?
- What do you think is the significance of the wall blocking the Palestinians?
- In what ways is Israel an apartheid state?
- Why is al-Masjid al-Aqsa so special?
- Why do you think Israeli groups repeatedly make incursions in the grounds of al-Masjid al-Aqsa?
- What do you think it must be like to be a child and throw a stone at a tank?
- How would you feel if someone destroyed your house, stole your land and then built their own villa on it?



7:00PM

AHMAD CALLS IMAD

AHMAD IS VIDEO CALLING HIS COUSIN
IMAD, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE ISN'T
BACK FROM WORK YET.

AHMAD HAS NEVER SEEN IMAD IN
PERSON, EVEN THOUGH THEY ONLY
LIVE 1.5 HOURS APART.



Meet Imad Albarghouthi.
Aged 12, he lives in the largest
concentration camp known in history
(Gaza).

GAZA: AN OPEN-AIR PRISON

- ISRAEL'S LAND, AIR AND SEA BLOCKADE HAS TRAPPED MORE THAN 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE INSIDE THE GAZA STRIP SINCE 2007
- 80% OF GAZANS ARE DEPENDENT ON HUMANITARIAN AID TO SURVIVE
- GAZANS FACE ELECTRICAL BLACKOUTS FOR 12-16 HOURS EVERY DAY
- 97% OF WATER IS NOT SAFE FOR CONSUMPTION



 THE UN HAS DECLARED
GAZA IS NOT FIT FOR
HUMAN HABITATION

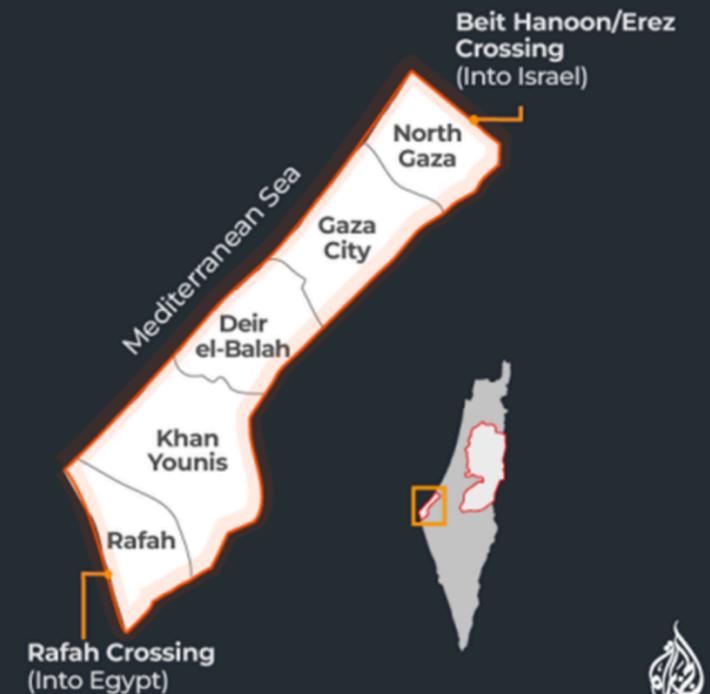
Gaza: 16 years of living under blockade

Israel's land, air and sea blockade has trapped more than two million people inside the Gaza Strip since 2007. No portion of Gaza's society or economy has been left untouched.

Population	Area	Unemployment rate	Food insecure households
 2.3m	 365 km ²	45%	64%
One of the most densely populated areas in the world		Among the highest in the world	Especially affecting rural households

Israel has launched five military assaults on Gaza

- 1 **2008-09**
Lasted 23 days
- 2 **2012**
Lasted 8 days
- 3 **2014**
Lasted 50 days
- 4 **2021**
Lasted 11 days
- 5 **2023**
October 7 - ongoing



Source: UN | October 9, 2023

(Al Jazeera)



7:30PM

‘I’M EXHAUSTED!’

IMAD HAS JUST COME BACK FROM WORK. HE IS EXHAUSTED. HE USED TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT SINCE THE WAR, HE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO. HIS DAD WAS KILLED IN THE 2018 WAR BY AN ISRAELI BOMB SO NOW HIS FAMILY DEPEND ON HIM. HIS JOB IS TOUGH: 11-HOUR SHIFTS AT HIS UNCLE’S BAKERY.



10:00PM

A DEAFENING BLAST

IMAD IS GETTING READY TO GO TO BED. IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY AND HE IS EXHAUSTED. SUDDENLY, THE BLOCK OF FLATS HE IS IN BEGINS TO SHAKE.

VIOLENTLY. IMAD IS TERRIFIED.

HE KEEPS REPEATING THE SHAHADAH.

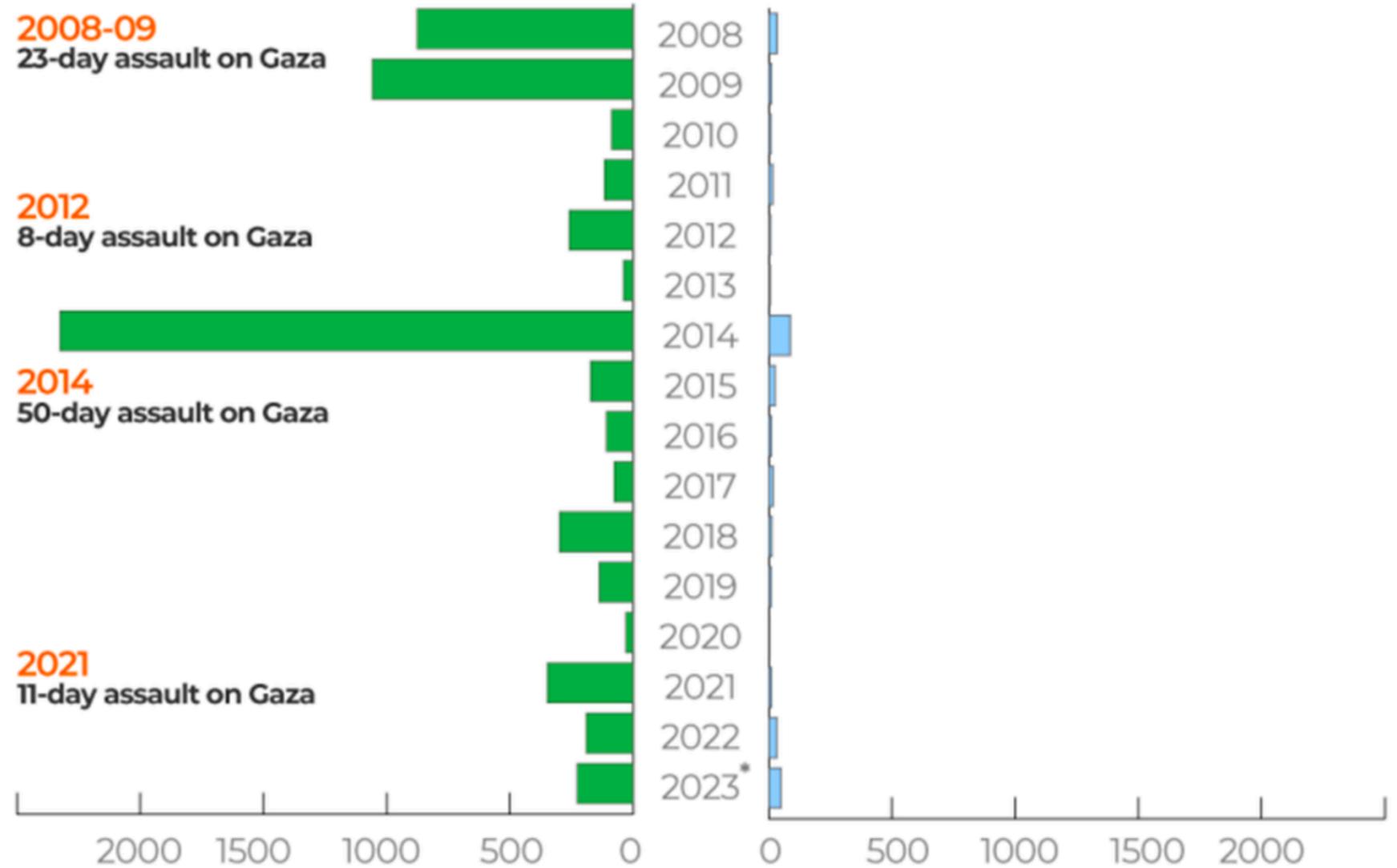


The human cost - from 2008 to 2023

IMAD HAS
LIVED
THROUGH 3 WARS

Palestinian deaths
6,407

Israeli deaths
308



At least 152,560 Palestinians and 6,307 Israelis were injured



*Until August 31, 2023

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs | October 7, 2023



THIS IS THE 4TH

ONE. AND THE

MOST DEADLY

DROPPING OF ILLEGAL WHITE PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS..THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME!





PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS DISFIGURING INNOCENT CIVILIANS & CHILDREN

FIRST FORCE THEM OUT
OF THEIR HOMES & THEN
BOMB
THEM!



Israel told 1.1 million Palestinians to leave their homes.



Then the Israeli army bombed the road that it said was a "safe route."

An aerial photograph of Gaza City before destruction. The city is densely packed with multi-story apartment buildings in various shades of beige and white. Some buildings have red-tiled roofs. In the foreground, a building has solar panels on its roof. A large plume of dark smoke rises from the city into a clear blue sky.

GAZA BEFORE

An aerial photograph of Gaza City after destruction. The same area shown in the 'Before' image is now a vast field of rubble and debris. Most buildings are reduced to skeletal remains or completely destroyed. The sky is overcast and grey. A building in the foreground has Arabic text on its facade.

GAZA AFTER

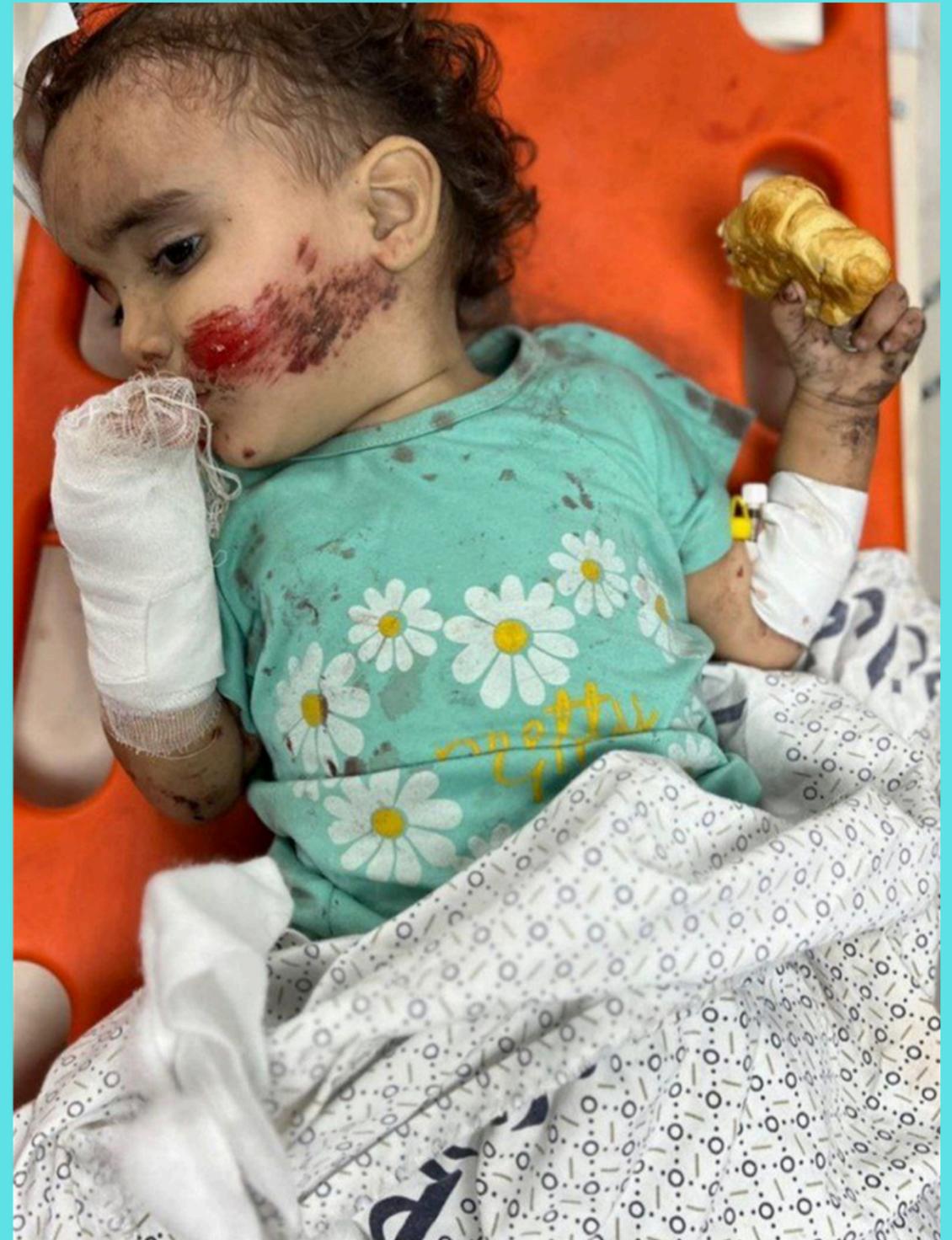
“GAZA WON’T RETURN TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE. WE WILL ELIMINATE EVERYTHING.” - ISRAELI DEFENCE MINISTER

“I HAVE ORDERED A COMPLETE SIEGE ON THE GAZA STRIP. THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRICITY, NO FOOD, NO FUEL, EVERYTHING IS CLOSED. WE ARE FIGHTING HUMAN ANIMALS AND WE ARE ACTING ACCORDINGLY.”

-YOAV GALLANT (ISRAELI DEFENCE MINISTER)

500+ MURDERED

IN ONE INSTANT!



‘HUMAN
SHIELDS

’:

BOMBED, MURDERED, INJURED



1500+ INNOCENT
CHILDREN

MURDERED

*Figures updated 19/10/23

ALLAH NEVER FORGETS!

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفْلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ إِنَّمَا
يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ

“DO NOT EVER THINK THAT ALLAH IS UNAWARE OF
WHAT THE OPPRESSORS DO. HE ONLY POSTPONES THEM
UNTIL A DAY WHEN THE EYES WILL STARE (IN
HORROR).” (14:42)

What can YOU do?

01

DU'A & ISTIGHFAR

Turn to Allah with a broken heart. Re-assess your life & stop sinning

02

LEARN

Educate yourself & your loved ones about the history of the conflict & importance of al-Aqsa

03

SPREAD TRUTH

Like, follow, retweet & repost videos/images to show the reality

04

SPEAK

Speak to people: colleagues at work & neighbours and convey the reality to them

05

PROTEST

Attend demonstrations & lobby your MP; call in & write complaint emails

06

BOYCOTT

Boycott Israeli goods & businesses: HP, Coca-Cola, Starbucks, McDonalds & PUMA

07

DONATE

Don't belittle any good deed

08

CONNECT TO QUR'AN

Strengthen your iman and develop a Quranic-worldview

09

HELP THE DIN

Allah will help the Ummah if you help the din of Allah

MEDIA

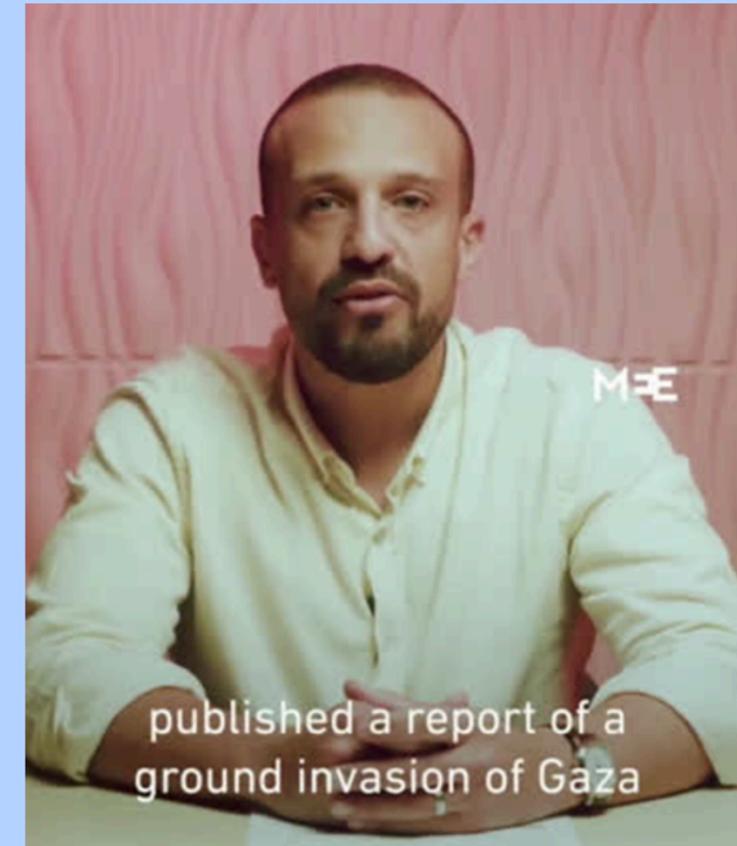
MANIPULATION

& OUTRIGHT LIES

Closure of Facebook Pages, Instagram & TikTok Accounts.



What are you being 'fed' / What may you be subconsciously absorbing?



published a report of a ground invasion of Gaza



Further Resources

[This slide will be shared with you on
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Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEdGcej-6D0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-63JijB_Vw

<https://youtu.be/6foH3Zc82ZQ>

Non-fiction Books:

Palestine, Beginners Guide (Ismail Adam Patel)

The Question of Palestine (Edward Said)

The Palestinian Issue (Mohsen Saleh)

Instagram accounts to follow:

eyeonpalestine, sbeih.jpg, friendsofalaqsa, ajplus,
khaledbeydoun, middleeasteye, ahmedhijazee,
motaz_azaiza

Fiction Books:

Mornings in Jenin (Adult)

Where the Streets Had a Name (YA)

