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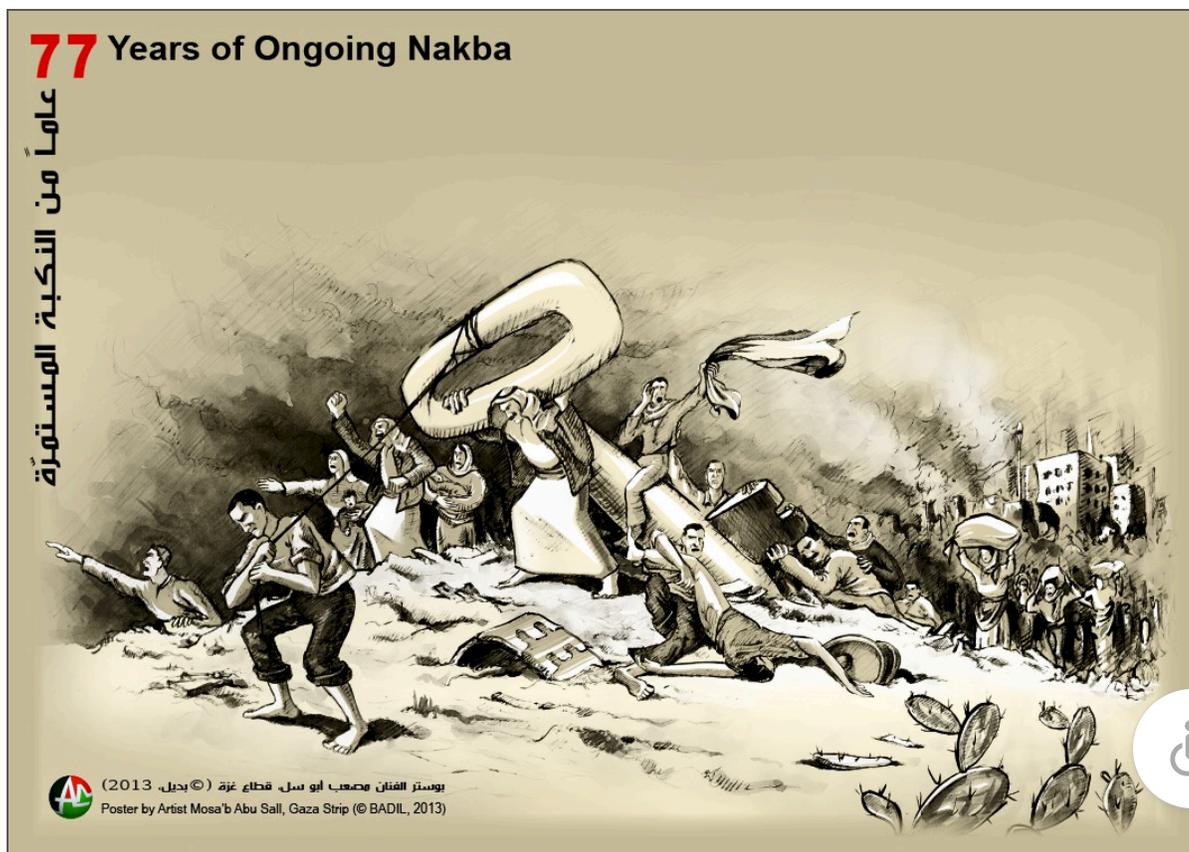


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For decades, the Israeli regime has perpetuated the ongoing Nakba, based on three main pillars: colonization, forced displacement and transfer, and apartheid. This May, as we mark 77 years since the 1948 Nakba and as the genocide in Gaza enters its 19th month, the Israeli regime has been brutally advancing its forced displacement pillar: pushing for the ethnic cleansing of the Gaza Strip, escalating its suppression campaign in the West Bank (particularly in refugee camps), and enforcing an all-out elimination campaign against UNRWA. The Israeli regime's actions, which have been enabled and bankrolled by Western, colonial states, have served to further widen the protection gap faced by

Palestinian refugees. However, in the face of the denial of their inalienable rights and perpetual forced displacement, the Palestinian people remain steadfast and unwavering in their resistance to the Israeli colonial-apartheid regime.

The ongoing Nakba has resulted in the most protracted refugee population, with Palestinian refugees and internally displaced



persons (IDPs) now numbering 9.76 million, constituting 65.5 percent of the Palestinian people. Today, Palestinians in the Gaza Strip—of whom 80 percent are 1948 refugees and their descendants—face the largest [displacement](#) since the 1948 Nakba: 1.9 million, making up 90 percent of the population, have been forcibly displaced multiple times and crammed into fragmented areas, comprising [one-third of the Strip](#). The genocide in Gaza is not an aberration or an isolated event, but rather a component of the ongoing Nakba, resulting from 77 years of impunity, facilitating the Israeli regime's ultimate goal to control the maximum amount of Palestinian land with the minimum number of Palestinians.

Critically, in addition to the genocide, the Israeli regime is advancing an [agenda of ethnic cleansing](#) of Gaza under the guise of 'voluntary migration'—including the formal establishment of a 'Bureau of Voluntary Migration.' The US has [echoed and supported this policy](#), calling for the forced displacement of

Palestinians from Gaza into Jordan and Egypt, under the pretext of turning Gaza into the so-called '[Riviera of the Middle East](#).' These are calculated displacement plans designed to facilitate Israeli (and American) colonization of the Gaza Strip. The EU, France, Germany, the UK, and other states have resorted to shallow condemnations of the forced displacement of Palestinians. At the same time, [reconstruction plans for Gaza](#) overlook the ongoing Nakba and refugees' right to reparations, reducing the Palestinian question to a mere humanitarian issue and promoting the two-state solution as a panacea.

Similarly, in the West Bank, the Israeli regime has stepped up its [suppression campaign](#), with the intent to forcibly displace Palestinians and further expand colonial domination. It has tightened and increased movement restrictions, strangling the West Bank with checkpoints, and vehemently intensified land confiscations and colony construction, having already approved an all-time high of [15,190 colony units](#) since the beginning of 2025. In refugee camps in the north of the West Bank, the Israeli regime has been carrying out and expanding "Operation Iron Wall" for more than 100 days, so far forcibly displacing over [40,000 Palestinians](#). The Israeli regime's goals are clear: destroy refugee camps as the living symbols of the ongoing Nakba, suppress Palestinian resistance and its popular cradle, and erase Palestinian rights.



In 1948 Palestine, the Israeli regime has continued to intensify repression to suppress dissent, by increasing mass arrests, bans on protests, punitive firings and suspensions, and invasive surveillance technologies designed to crack down on Palestinians.

The broader attack on the Palestinian refugee issue has long included an Israeli-led, decades-long [campaign against UNRWA](#), in pursuit of its elimination. This campaign culminated in the Israeli regime's official ban on UNRWA in late January 2025 and has been enforced brutally ever since. This is particularly detrimental, jeopardizing a [vital support system](#) for 5.9 million Palestine refugees across the region, including 3.7 million who depend on it for life-saving emergency aid. Palestinian refugees worldwide, particularly those in camps across Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon, continue to face a significant protection

gap. In Lebanon, this is compounded by a discriminatory legal framework that strips Palestinian refugees of their civil, social, and political rights—which has led [70 percent of Palestine refugees](#) to be dependent on UNRWA cash assistance as a primary source of income.

Beyond the provision of aid and services, UNRWA plays a crucial role in the protection of the Palestine refugee question, as it is mandated to operate until the application of UNGA [Resolution 194](#)—i.e., the right to reparations (including return, property restitution, compensation and non-repetition). Fundamentally and politically, the elimination of UNRWA is part of a broader campaign to eliminate the Palestinian refugee issue at large.

The ongoing Nakba has long been upheld by Western colonial powers that continue to provide the Israeli colonial-apartheid regime with unconditional support and sweeping impunity. In direct violation of their legal and moral obligations, these states have deepened their complicity through sustained political, economic, and military backing to the Israeli regime amid a genocide. On the international level, states have consistently endorsed and advanced the Israeli regime's colonial agenda, [sabotaging protection mechanisms](#) for Palestinian refugees, vetoing resolutions, and paralyzing accountability mechanisms. States' support for the Israeli regime also seeps into their [policies at home](#), repressing, silencing, and criminalizing any and all forms of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

In the face of more than 77 years of the ongoing Nakba, the Palestinian people remain steadfast in their [resistance](#) against the Israeli colonial-apartheid regime in pursuit of their liberation. Palestinian resistance in all of its forms, in Mandatory Palestine and abroad, has been met with overwhelming solidarity from people of conscience across the globe. The efforts, determination and humanity of the global solidarity movement stand in stark contrast with clear moral and legal bankruptcy of colonial states and their leaders.

Now, more than ever, a comprehensive [rights-based decolonization framework](#) that ensures the Palestinian people's inalienable rights to self-determination and return is the only solution to the

ongoing Nakba. Palestinian resistance, combined with the [sustained and strategic efforts](#) of the global solidarity movement, is the only way through which the genocidal war on the Gaza Strip will end, the Israeli colonial-apartheid regime will be sanctioned and dismantled, and colonial states will be held accountable for their complicity.

**A statement by BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights and the Global
Palestinian Refugee Network (GPRN).**

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1. 'Aqbet Jaber Youth Center
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3. Abna' Al Ard – Sakhnin
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5. Abna' Al Batuf – 'Arraba
6. Abna' Al Birweh Committee
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10. Al Aroub Women's Center
11. Al Awda Center
12. Al Fawwar Youth Center
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14. Al Houla Association
15. Al Jalil Association
16. Al Karmel Sport Club
17. Al Majd Association
18. Al Mustaqbal Association
19. Al Qadisiya Scout Group
20. Alliance for Water Justice in Palestine
21. Alternative Information Center
22. Ansar Center
23. APDHA-Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
24. Arizona Palestine Solidarity Alliance (APSA)
25. Askar Women's Center
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27. Association France Palestine Solidarité (AFPS)
28. Australia Palestine Advocacy Network
29. Australians for Palestine
30. AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development)



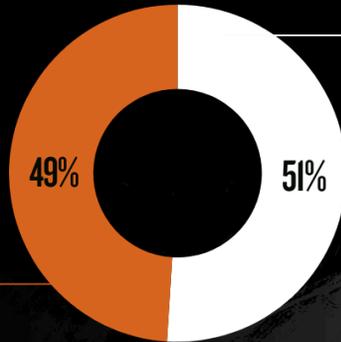


THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

IN NUMBERS

By the end of 2024

14.9 MILLION PALESTINIANS WORLDWIDE



7.6 million in Exile

📍 Arab Host Countries
6.4 million (43%)

📍 Around the World
1.2 million (8%)

7.3 million in Palestine

📍 Palestine Colonized since 1948
1.8 million (12%)

📍 Palestine Colonized since 1967
5.5 million (37%)

The West Bank
3.4 million
The Gaza Strip
2.1 million
200,000 decrease due to the genocide

9.76 MILLION DISPLACED PALESTINIANS

65.5% of the Palestinian people

● **Refugees**
8,880,400 (59.6%)

1948 refugees
7,466,400

1967 refugees
1,415,200

In 2023, only **5.97 million** are registered with UNRWA

● **Internally Displaced Persons**

878,400

1948 IDPs
458,720

1967 IDPs
419,680

Excluding the internally displaced in the Gaza Strip



- 31. Azanian Section of the Fourth International
- 32. BADAYL
- 33. Baladi Center for Culture and Arts
- 34. BDS Almeria
- 35. BDS Madrid
- 36. BDS País Valencià

37. BDS Vancouver/Coast Salish Territories
38. Belgian Academics and Artists for Palestine (BA4P)
39. Brighton & Hove Palestine Solidarity Campaign
40. Cairdeas Falasteen Chonamara
41. Cambridge Solidarity Campaign
42. Campaign Against Misrepresentation in Public Affairs, Information and the News (CAMPAIN)
43. Canada Palestine Association
44. Canadian BDS Coalition & International BDS Allies
45. Centre for Global Education
46. Child Cultural Center
47. Children and Youth Association
48. Collectif Urgence Palestine
49. Comhlamh Justice for Palestine
50. Confédération Syndicale des Forces Productives - COSYFOP
51. Cultural Center for Children's Development
52. Disabled Rehabilitation Committee
53. Edmonton Small Press Association
54. Edward Said Forum
55. EUROPALESTINE FRANCE
56. Extinction Rebellion Gauteng
57. Extinction Rebellion Vaal
58. Fahmawi Coalition
59. Fraternity Association for Social and Cultural Work
60. Friedens-und Flüchtlingsbegleitgruppe Herford
61. Fundación Atabal
62. Galway Palestine Solidarity Campaign
63. Global south united
64. Good Shepherd Collective
65. Haifa Cultural Center
66. Handala Film Club - Freiburg
67. Human Call Association
68. Ibdaa' Foundation for Child Development
69. Indiana Center for Middle East Peace
70. Indo Palestine Solidarity Network
71. International Movement for a Just World
72. International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD)
73. Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign
74. Jewish Network for Palestine
75. Jewish Voice for Labour
76. Jewish Voice for Peace
77. Joint Advocacy Initiative
78. Just Peace Advocates
79. Juthour Center
80. Kairos Palestine
81. Kangaroo Sport Club
82. KwaZulu-Natal Palestine Solidarity Forum
83. KZN PAL ART



84. la Vera con Palestina
85. Lajee Celtic
86. Lajee Center
87. Ligue Algérienne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme
88. Loud Jew Collective
89. Majed Abu Sharar Media Foundation (MASMF)
90. Makan Rights
91. Malden for Palestine
92. Migrantifa Berlin
93. Movement for Liberation from Nakba (MLN)
94. Muslim Counterpublics Lab
95. Nación Andaluza
96. National Action Front - Majd al-Krum
97. National Democratic Alliance
98. National Lawyers Guild
99. Not in Our Name ASH
100. Not to Forget
101. Nuwat Association
102. NZ All Out for Gaza
103. Ontario Palestinian Rights Association
104. Palestinarekiko Eranztzukizuna
105. Palestine Charity Association for Women and Children
106. Palestine Forum of New Zealand
107. Palestine Solidarity Alliance
108. Palestine Solidarity Alliance Youth league
109. Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) - South Africa
110. Palestine Solidarity Campaign UK
111. Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa (PSNA)
112. Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU)
113. Palestinian Awareness and Change Forum
114. Palestinian Center for Arts and Heritage
115. Palestinian Cultural Society of the University of Western Australia
116. Palestinian Youth Forum
117. Pax Christi Victoria
118. Plataforma Córdoba con Palestina
119. Plataforma Extremadura con Palestina
120. Popular Aid Association for Relief and Development
121. Popular Arts Center
122. Portugal-Western Sahara Friendship Association
123. Potch for Palestine
124. Psychological and Social Development Association
125. Py placements
126. Red Universitaria por Palestina (RUxP) nodo AUPA Alicante
127. Red Universitaria por Palestina (RuxP) Nodo UIB
128. Red Universitaria por Palestina (RUxP) Nodo Universidad de Zaragoza
129. Red Universitaria por Palestina (RuxP) Nodo Universitat de València
130. Refugee Rights Center – Aidoun



131. Sare Lesbianista
132. Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign
133. Serapeng sa Dithlare and Environment NPC
134. Sexual Rights Initiative
135. Sheffield HW 4 Palestine
136. Sheffield Palestine Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid
137. Sheffield Palestine Cultural Exchange
138. Sheffield PSC
139. SJP Amsterdam
140. Social Media Center – AJYAL
141. Social Rehabilitation Association
142. Social Rehabilitation Association – Al Far’a Refugee Camp
143. Social Rehabilitation Center
144. Solidaridad para el Desarrollo y la Paz (SODePAZ)
145. Solidarity Rising
146. South Africa Palestine Movement
147. South African BDS Coalition
148. TADAMON
149. The International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN)
150. The Palestinian Forum for Chess
151. The Popular Theatre
152. The RedAnt Collective
153. The Regional Coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders in South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA)
154. Trinity College Dublin Students' Union/ Aontas Mac Léinn Choláiste na Tríonóide Mc
155. Tulkarem Youth Center
156. Tulkarem Youth Center
157. Tzedek Collective
158. Union of Students in Ireland
159. Visualizing Palestine
160. Women’s Activity Center
161. Women’s Program Center
162. Workers & Socialist Party (WASP)
163. Yafa Cultural Center
164. Young Christian Students Movement South Africa
165. Youth Development Center

