

## International Humanitarian Law – with regard to Israeli treatment of Palestinians

([http://itisapartheid.org/Documents\\_pdf\\_etc/IsraelViolationsInternationalLaw.pdf](http://itisapartheid.org/Documents_pdf_etc/IsraelViolationsInternationalLaw.pdf))

- Illegal to acquire land by force (UN Charter, Article 2(4) & 51 (1945))
  - De jure annexation of East Jerusalem and de facto annexation of West Bank, Gaza, Golan Heights
- Illegal to colonize occupied land or transfer non-indigenous population to that land (Geneva Conventions IV, Article 49(6)(1949))
  - Displacing approx. 300,000 Palestinians
  - Transfer of over 450,000 Israeli civilians in > 200 settlements on
- Illegal to take land by force & claim sovereignty (UN Charter 2(4) (1945); Declaration of Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations...Principle 1 (1970))
- Illegal to forbid civilian populations right to return to their homes following end of armed conflict (Geneva Convention IV, Articles 45, 46 & 49 (1949))
- Illegal to practice legalized discrimination against a population (International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (1976))
  - Acts "committed in the context of an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups and committed with the intention of maintaining that regime."
- Other violations of Human Rights Law (UN Charter, Article 1 (1945); Declaration of Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations...Principle 1 (1970))
  - Torture, imprisonment without charges or trial, land confiscation, harassment at checkpoints, unwarranted civilian shootings, not punishing settler crimes vs Palestinian civilians, unwarranted disruption of medical care, commerce, employment, free movement, destruction of public and private property, family separation
- Illegal to submit population to collective punishment (Geneva Conventions IV, Article 33 (1949))
  - Punishment of entire communities for actions of a few e.g. Destroying entire neighbourhoods of homes, confiscating communal farmlands, bulldozing homes, blocking off certain areas, not allowing civilians populations to leave houses for extensive periods
- Illegal to massively transform local laws (Hague Regulations IV, Article 43 (1907))
  - Dual legal system in occupied territories (much more repressive than those applying to Israeli citizens)
- Illegal to erect separation barrier (International Court of Justice 2004)