



Women in Black
London

**JUSTICE
FOR
PALESTINIANS**

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! ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PALESTINIAN LANDS - END IT NOW !

In 1917, over one hundred years ago, the British Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour publicly committed Britain to support the Zionist Movement in the creation in Palestine of a "homeland for Jews" (then only 10% of the population). Controlling Palestine by Mandate between 1920-48 Britain helped create an apartheid state.

In 1947, over seventy years ago, United Nations Resolution 181 partitioned the region to give the Jewish minority (35% of the population) 55% of the land. A year later during the creation of the State of Israel 700,000 Palestinians were expelled and hundreds of villages destroyed: the Palestinian 'Nakba', or 'catastrophe'.

IN JUNE 1967 : OVER 50 YEARS AGO

In 1967, Israel defeated an alliance of Arab countries in a 'Six-Day War', seizing the Gaza Strip and Sinai peninsular from Egypt, the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria, displacing 400,000 Palestinian refugees for a second time and subjecting the remainder to military occupation.

Failed Peace Negotiations... Many attempts have been made to broker a peace agreement and to create a viable and independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel. They have failed largely due to the reluctance of Israeli leaders, which has given rise to two Palestinian uprisings, the intifada of 1987-91, and that of 2000-05.

Jewish Settlement of the West Bank... While holding the Palestinian population under military rule in the walled West Bank and blockaded Gaza Strip, the Israeli State is flouting international law by building settlements for what will soon be a million Jews on Palestinian lands in the Occupied West Bank.

UK Business Interests... In bilateral trade amounting to around £4 billion a year, the UK buys Israel's advanced technology, including armed drones, and sells strategic goods to Israel, including components for the F-16 fighter aircraft and Apache combat helicopters that Israel uses to attack Palestinians.

We urge you to read : *Arming Apartheid - UK Complicity in Israel's Crimes Against the Palestinian People*, published by War on Want, Campaign Against the Arms Trade and Palestine Solidarity Campaign. Please donate to Medical Aid for Palestinians <<https://www.map.org.uk/donate/>>

Please sign and send to: The Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA. With Women in Black, I call on the UK Government to:

- Condemn the construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and call for withdrawal of settlers.
- Insist the Israeli government end the blockade of Gaza and release Palestinian political prisoners.
- Urge fresh negotiations for the creation of a viable independent state of Palestine on occupied lands.
- Join the international regime of boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against the Israeli State.

Signature.....Name.....

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Women in Black holds vigils every Wednesday between 6 and 7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the door of the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2. The vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. **Do join us!**