

9th of July – One year after the ICJ decision

The struggle against the ghettoization of the Palestinian people continues

In Palestine, popular resistance against the Apartheid Wall and Occupation continues in the streets and in the villages. Mass demonstrations are held on land being confiscated and destroyed for the Wall and the expansion of settlements. Protests block the work of the Occupation bulldozers that raze our land, demolish our homes and imprison us in ghettos. Children are martyred while defending their right to exist and confronting the Occupation's aim to enforce a third Nakba.

A year has now passed since the Court ruled the Apartheid Wall illegal and urged it be torn down, instructing the international community “**not to render any aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by it.**” Yet such a resounding verdict seems to have had no more impact than the hundreds of UN resolutions before it that have remained unfulfilled.

Apartheid Israel has continued relentlessly and with impunity the construction of the Apartheid Wall. The prison gates to Tulkarem, Qalqiliya, Bethlehem and Jerusalem are now constructed and the transfer system of goods and Palestinian “permit holders”, whose lives are under complete Israeli control, is being shaped. “Disengagement” has revealed its true meaning to be the ghettoization of our people. Thus, the colonial regime has successfully stepped up its efforts to foster international support for its project to render the Occupation of the West Bank permanent by turning our communities into a series of Bantustans and expelling the Palestinian people from their lands.

On the one year anniversary of the ICJ decision, we ask you to emphasize what this verdict - if it is to be of any help to the Palestinian struggle for justice - really needs to mean: No aid or assistance to Israel and its racist ghettoization project!

Since the ICJ ruling and its subsequent adoption by the UN General Assembly in resolution A/ES-10/L.18/Rev.1:

- The UN has taken no further action to secure the implementation of the ICJ decision. Instead it has treated the Apartheid Wall's existence as de facto and a matter of mere compensation and humanitarian aid - rather than as a political issue intrinsic to Israel's project of colonization and expulsion that needs to be stopped and reversed. UN reports produced even go so far as to adopt and give legitimacy to the Israeli position by not considering the Wall anymore an “internal closure”, thus opening the way for it to be recognized internationally as the “external closure” of the Palestinian ghettos. No surprise, then, that Kofi Annan during his latest visit to Palestine refused even to see the Apartheid Wall.
- Governments globally have not taken any concrete and effective measures to pressure Apartheid Israel to comply with the ICJ decision. International aid continues to flow – often directly sustaining the illegal Wall and checkpoint system; military and trade agreements have been maintained and/or renewed and strengthened; and diplomatic ties remain strong.
- The World Bank has outlined a comprehensive strategy and action plan that maintains and develops the Israeli apartheid infrastructure. Such plans are now guiding the discourse and "development projects" of major donors, resulting in projects whose main result is to guarantee the sustainability of the Apartheid Wall and the Zionist aims of ghettoization and expulsion.

This strengthened support for Apartheid Israel goes in tandem with the myths of an “opening for peace talks” and Israeli “concessions”. Yet, the devastating reality on the ground shows that such claims are nothing more than a cover up to give Israel the time and means for further colonization of Palestinian land and to ghettoize and expel our people.

On the 9th of July, popular mobilization all over Palestine will escalate resistance against the Apartheid Wall!

The Palestinian grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign calls upon you to mark the ICJ anniversary:

- ⇒ **Target the UN! Target your governments! Stop the World Bank and agencies funding Israeli Apartheid! Boycott Apartheid Israel!**

Only the isolation of Apartheid Israel can bring effective support to our struggle and achieve what international governments refuse to do: The end of the Apartheid Wall and the Occupation. On the ICJ decision's first anniversary, the call for boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigns against Apartheid Israel is today shared by the whole of Palestinian civil society:

The seeds for a global campaign to isolate Apartheid Israel are now deeply rooted among movements and civil society worldwide. Consumer, academic, sports and cultural boycotts are growing. Divestment campaigns are involving students, churches and entire towns. Sanctions are being called for at all levels.

Such action needs ever greater strength in numbers to be able to effectively pressure Israel to dismantle the Apartheid Wall and end Israeli Occupation and colonization
Israel must be pressured to respect international law!
Apartheid can never survive without international support!

Tear Down the Apartheid Wall!

For Free Palestine!

Isolate Apartheid Israel!

Against international support for the Apartheid Wall and the ghettoization and expulsion of the Palestinian people