

# Dismantling “Illegal Jewish Settlements”

## Is it a necessary step to achieve peace or is it a call for Ethnic Cleansing of Jews and creation of the Apartheid State of Palestine?

Regardless of whether you consider Judea, Samaria (West Bank) and Gaza to be disputed lands or occupied territories the demand to “remove all Jewish settlers from the Palestinian land” is nothing more than a demand to Ethnically Cleanse 250,000 Jews from their homes in order to create Ethnically pure, Arab-only Apartheid State of Palestine.

Consider the facts:

**Jews lived in Judea, Samaria and Gaza long before 1967 war, or before State of Israel was established in 1948.**

- ❖ Jews lived in Hebron continually from the 9<sup>th</sup> Century BCE until 1929 when the Jewish population of about 1500 (out of the total 7-8 thousand) was Ethnically Cleansed by the Arab mob.
- ❖ Jewish community in Gaza city existed at least from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century CE until 1904 when it was also Ethically Cleansed by Arabs.
- ❖ “Gush Etzion” block of four Jewish villages south of Jerusalem was founded in 1935. It was Ethnically Cleansed by Jordanians in 1948. All four villages were totally destroyed. The Arabs murdered 240 men and women, with another 260 being taken into captivity.

**Many of the Jewish Holy Cites are located in Judea and Samaria.** The “Cave of The Patriarchs” in Hebron is Judaism’s second holiest cite. The tomb of the biblical for-mother Rachel in Bethlehem is also highly revered. Other cites include the tomb of Joseph in Shchem (Nablus), the tomb of the prophet Samuel in Samaria and so on. All throughout the conflict the Arab side was consistently destroying and desecrating Jewish Holy cites and denying Jewish worshipers access to these places. All 18 synagogues in the Old City of Jerusalem were blown-up by Jordanians in 1948. The Tomb of Joseph was desecrated and burned in 2000. Until 1967 Jews were never allowed to enter the Cave of the Patriarchs, and PA officials openly state that they would bar the Jews from entering again should the cite come under their control.

**Palestinian Authority along with the states of Jordan and Saudi Arabia have Racist-Apartheid laws that prohibit Jews to own land on their territories.** In PA areas the punishment for selling land to a Jew is death. Dozens of Palestinian Arabs were convicted and executed for that “crime” by Palestinian Authority since 1993.

**In other ethnic conflicts around the World such as Bosnia and Kosovo, the International Community goes into great efforts to preserve multi-ethnic societies.** Thousands of NATO troops are deployed in Bosnia to protect Bosnian Muslims living in the Serb-dominated areas, and in Kosovo Serbs living in Albanian-dominated areas.

**Why should the Jews be treated differently?** One million Palestinian Arabs lives in Israel as a minority and enjoys full rights of the citizenship. Even if a Palestinian State were to be created in West Bank and Gaza, why can’t the Jews continue to live there as citizens or permanent residents? And should not, the International Community guarantee the safety, freedom of movement, property rights and access to the holy cites for Jews in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, just as it does it in other conflict zones?

**SAY NO TO ETHNIC CLEANSING OF JEWS AND TO PALESTINIAN RACISM AND APARTHEID**