

A journalist in Hezbollah uniform, as seen in an IDF video.
Credit: IDF Spokesperson's Unit

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What you don't learn in Switzerland

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Question: ***You Killed a Journalist. Why Did You Photoshop Him Wearing a Hezbollah Uniform?*** **Answer:** ***It's an Illustration*****. On the line with Lt. Col. Shoshani, the IDF's international spokesperson.**
Haaretz, Nir Gontaz, April 11, 2026

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The Strategy Behind the West Bank Pogroms: Deir Yassin

Haaretz (quotes)

From 1948 to today, a brutal truth underlies the pursuit of Israeli supremacy. In a rarely quoted part of David Ben-Gurion's remarks in the Knesset in April 1949, Israel's founding prime minister and defense minister in fact explained well the borders of the land while weighing in on a different topic – the Deir Yassin massacre on April 9, 1948.



Bullet-riddled cacti are seen in Deir Yassin, where more than 100 Palestinians, mostly women, children and the elderly, were massacred by Irgun-Stern raiders, April 1948 [AP Photo]

Ben-Gurion said: "A Jewish state without Deir Yassin throughout the country can only be in a dictatorship of the minority." In plain words, Ben-Gurion explained that there is no effective ethnic cleansing without massacres like the one that took place in Deir Yassin in 1948. He told his critics in the Knesset that if they wanted both "the entire Land of Israel" and "a Jewish state," more massacres were needed. We must perpetrate "Deir Yassin throughout the country" to expel the Palestinian population from more and more parts of the Land of Israel: "A Jewish state in the current reality, even just in the western part of the Land of Israel, without Deir Yassin, is impossible if it is to be democratic, for the number of Arabs in the western part of the Land of Israel is larger than the number of Jews."
Hagai El-Ad, April 1, 2026

A Palestinian Family Is Gunned Down and No One Will Be Questioned

Haaretz Editorial (quotes)



Palestinians mourn at the funeral of four members of the Odeh family who were killed in their car by Israeli security forces during an army operation in Tammun, West Bank, Sunday.

Haaretz Editorial, March 23, 2026
Nine days after the killing of members of the Bani Odeh family in the town of Tamun, none of the Border Police officers who took part in the heavy

Haaretz Editorial, March 23, 2026
Neun Tage nach der Tötung von Angehörigen der Familie Bani Odeh in der Stadt Tamun wurde noch keiner der Grenzpolizisten, die an dem heftigen Beschuss des Fahr-

gunfire at the vehicle – carrying four young children, one of them blind, and their parents – have been summoned for questioning. Sources familiar with the investigation said that the Justice Ministry department that probes allegations of police misconduct decided not to question the officers because the evidence supports their claim that they fired "out of fear for their lives."

It's unbelievable. An undercover unit hides behind a wall at night, a car whose passengers are unaware of the policemen emerges – witnesses say the car was driving slowly, its windows open, so that it was easy to see who was inside – and the Border Policemen shower it with bullets. The officers did not call on the car to stop, did not fire into the air or at the vehicle's tires; rather, they immediately began shooting dozens of bullets at innocent passengers. Waad Othman Bani Odeh, her husband Ali Khaled Bani Odeh and their sons Othman, 7, and Mohammed, 5, died at the scene. Khaled, 11, and Mustafa, 8, survived. Khaled told Haaretz later that the officers beat him after they killed his parents and his two youngest brothers.

zeugs beteiligt waren – in dem sich vier kleine Kinder, darunter ein blindes, sowie deren Eltern befanden –, zur Befragung vorgeladen. Mit den Ermittlungen vertraute Quellen sagten, die Abteilung des Justizministeriums, die Vorwürfe wegen polizeilichen Fehlverhaltens untersucht, habe beschlossen, die Beamten nicht zu befragen, da die Beweise ihre Behauptung stützen, sie hätten *„aus Angst um ihr Leben“* geschossen.

Das ist unglaublich. Eine verdeckte Einheit versteckt sich nachts hinter einer Mauer, ein Auto, dessen Insassen die Polizisten nicht bemerken, taucht auf – Zeugen sagen, das Auto sei langsam gefahren, die Fenster seien offen gewesen, sodass man leicht sehen konnte, wer drinnen sass – und die Grenzpolizisten beschiessen es mit Kugeln. Die Beamten forderten das Auto nicht auf anzuhalten, schossen nicht in die Luft oder auf die Reifen des Fahrzeugs; vielmehr begannen sie sofort, Dutzende von Kugeln auf unschuldige Insassen abzufeuern. Waad Othman Bani Odeh, ihr Ehemann Ali Khaled Bani Odeh und ihre Söhne Othman (7) und Mohammed (5) starben noch am Tatort. Khaled (11) und Mustafa (8) überlebten. Khaled erzählte Haaretz später, dass die Beamten ihn schlugen, nachdem sie seine Eltern und seine beiden jüngsten Brüder getötet hatten.



The conclusion that Border Policemen are drawing is clear: **Palestinian lives – innocent adults, children, people with disabilities – are cheap, their blood may be spilled with impunity**. Did you kill without justification? Nothing bad will happen to you; you won't be troubled even with a questioning to determine the motives and circumstances of your despicable crime.

Die Schlussfolgerung, zu der die Grenzpolizisten gelangen müssen, ist eindeutig: ***Das Leben von Palästinensern und Palästinenserinnen – unschuldige Erwachsene, Kinder, Menschen mit Behinderungen*** *– ist nichts wert, ihr Blut darf ungestraft vergossen werden*. Hast du ohne Rechtfertigung getötet? Dir wird nichts Schlimmes passieren; du wirst nicht einmal mit einer Befragung belästigt, um die Motive und Umstände deines verabscheuungswürdigen Verbrechens zu klären.

Children of the Bani Odeh family. Othman (with his eyes closed) and Mohammed (center) were fatally shot

The Silence of the Cannon Fodder as Israel's Stasi State Takes Shape

Haaretz (quote)

Why aren't Israelis rebelling? Because the majority is willing to accept a messianic and ultra-nationalist state, or doesn't care. Yossi Klein, March 27, 2026

Israel isn't Ukraine. We can't ride out a six-year war of attrition, which, let's assume, is the time needed to topple the regime in Iran. Even though they've told us a thousand times that we're a nation of heroes with the

Israel ist nicht die Ukraine. Wir können keinen sechsjährigen Zermürbungskrieg durchstehen – und genau so lange würde es vermutlich dauern, das Regime im Iran zu stürzen. Auch wenn man uns schon tausendmal erzählt hat, wir seien eine Nation von Helden mit der Widerstandskraft von Elefanten,

resilience of elephants, TV panelists know the truth. They ask how Iranians will withstand another month of war but don't ask how we'll do it.

Nobody asks if the dead and wounded, or the tens of thousands of people who have lost their homes, are reasons to stop the war. After all, such a question is a sign of weakness or even treason. Nobody asks if we'll withstand a war of attrition because nobody cares. We're cannon fodder in this war. The role of cannon fodder isn't to ask questions but to remain silent and pray that the missile falls on somebody else.

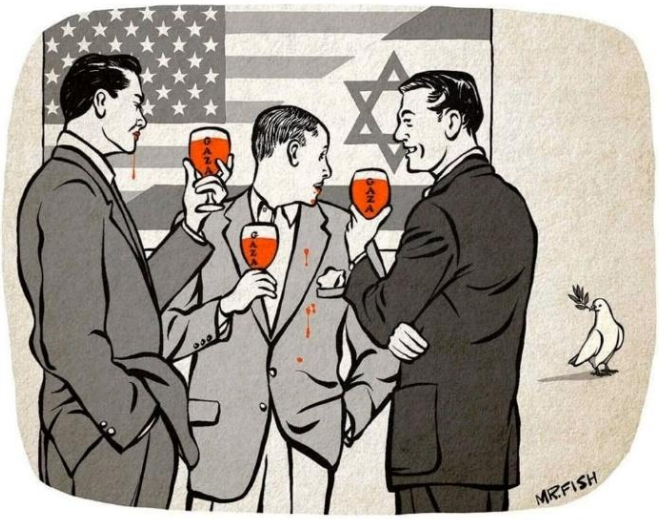
Read the opinions shaping debate in Israel and beyond. Complaints of people falling while running to a shelter are negligible. Journalists won't allow the euphoria that accompanies the war to be tarnished by pogroms in the West Bank. These reporters are detached. I don't believe them or their integrity. They're only mediums for delivering messages from above. How do they handle tough questions? They don't. Any criticism is tantamount to treason; any doubt is equivalent to incitement. Anyone posing a question is stabbing the nation in the back. The argument isn't between opinions but between traitors and loyalists.

It's Udi Ronen, the head of the police's counter-incitement unit, who follows online anybody asking what the war's goals are. Be careful, the Stasi is watching you! If you change Operation Roaring Lion to Operation Squeaking Mouse, you might be detained by Ronen as he searches a select body cavity. We can't allow the Stasi to become a fact and the war to become routine. The routine they want to impose on us is a war in which the pilots are victorious over Iran while we at home are the losers.



Credit: Eran Wolkowsk

kennen die Fernsehkommentatoren die Wahrheit. Sie fragen, wie die Iraner einen weiteren Monat Krieg überstehen sollen, fragen aber nicht, wie wir das schaffen sollen.



"Who invited that lousy anti-Semite?"

Niemand fragt, ob die Toten und Verwundeten oder die Zehntausenden Menschen, die ihr Zuhause verloren haben, Gründe sind, den Krieg zu beenden. Schließlich ist eine solche Frage ein Zeichen von Schwäche oder sogar Verrat. Niemand fragt, ob wir einen Zermürbungskrieg durchstehen werden, weil es niemanden interessiert. Wir sind Kanonenfutter in diesem Krieg. Die Rolle von Kanonenfutter besteht nicht darin, Fragen zu stellen, sondern zu schweigen und zu beten, dass die Rakete auf jemand anderen fällt.

Lesen Sie die Meinungen, die die Debatte in Israel und darüber hinaus prägen. Klagen darüber, dass Menschen auf dem Weg in einen Schutzraum stürzen, sind vernachlässigbar. Journalisten lassen nicht zu, dass die Euphorie, die den Krieg begleitet, durch Pogrome im Westjordanland getrübt wird. Diese Reporter sind distanziert. Ich glaube weder ihnen noch ihrer Integrität. Sie sind nur Sprachrohre, um Botschaften von oben zu übermitteln. Wie gehen sie mit schwierigen Fragen um? Gar nicht. Jede Kritik kommt Verrat gleich; jeder Zweifel ist gleichbedeutend mit Aufwiegelung. Wer eine Frage stellt, sticht der Nation in den Rücken. Der Streit findet nicht zwischen Meinungen statt, sondern zwischen Verrätern und Loyalisten.

Es ist Udi Ronen, der Leiter der polizeilichen Einheit zur Bekämpfung von Aufwiegelung, der online jeden verfolgt, der fragt, was die Ziele des Krieges sind. Vorsicht, die Stasi beobachtet dich! Wenn du die Operation „Roaring Lion“ in „Operation Squeaking Mouse“ umbenennst, wirst du vielleicht von Ronen festgenommen, während er eine bestimmte Körperhöhle durchsucht. Wir dürfen nicht zulassen, dass die Stasi Realität wird und der Krieg zur Routine. Die Routine, die sie uns aufzwingen wollen, ist ein Krieg, in dem die Piloten über den Iran siegen, während wir zu Hause die Verlierer sind.

Judge: Palestinian Minor Who Died in Israeli Prison Was "Likely Starved," but Case Closed

Haaretz (quotes)

Walid Ahmed, 17, died in Israel's Mediggo prison a year ago, after suffering extreme malnutrition. Investigation into his death was closed due the fact that an autopsy could not determine causal connection to his death. His body is still held by Israel. Hagar Shezaf, March 24, 2026

The judge hearing the case into the cause of death of Waleed Ahmad, a Palestinian minor who died in Megiddo Prison in March 2025, ruled that he was likely starved. *"The fact that he was likely starved cannot and should not be concealed,"* Judge Ehud Kaplan wrote in the ruling.

Despite this, Kaplan ruled that the case be closed because, following an autopsy at the National Institute of Forensic Medicine (Abu Kabir), it is impossible to establish a causal link between his poor physical condition – including being severely underweight, scabies and infection – and his death. *"Given this state of affairs, the investigation into his death is exhausted,"* the judge wrote. Ahmad's body is still being held by Israel, though Haaretz was told as early as August that this was no longer necessary.

The report (from Forensic Medicine) said that he had suffered a loss of fat tissue and that his body mass fits the definition of *"sickly underweight."* It further noted that he suffered extreme weight loss in the months prior to his death, which could reasonably lead to the failure of his immune system.



Israeli prison officers humiliate Palestinian detainees in the security wing the Megiddo Prison, during a drill, in September 2024. Credit: Haaretz



Khalid Ahmad holding a poster of his 17-year-old son, Walid, who died in an Israeli prison. The autopsy showed severe malnutrition. Credit: Nasser Nasser/AP

Der Richter, der den Fall zur Todesursache von Waleed Ahmad verhandelte – einem palästinensischen Minderjährigen, der im März 2025 im Megiddo-Gefängnis starb –, entschied, dass er wahrscheinlich verhungert sei. „Die Tatsache, dass er wahrscheinlich verhungert ist, kann und darf nicht verschwiegen werden", schrieb Richter Ehud Kaplan in seinem Urteil.

Dennoch entschied Kaplan, den Fall abzuschließen, da es nach einer Autopsie am Nationalen Institut für Rechtsmedizin (Abu Kabir) unmöglich sei, einen Kausalzusammenhang zwischen seinem schlechten Gesundheitszustand – einschließlich starkem Untergewicht, Krätze und Infektionen – und seinem Tod herzustellen. „Angesichts dieser Sachlage sind die Ermittlungen zu seinem Tod abgeschlossen", schrieb der Richter. Ahmads Leichnam wird nach wie vor von Israel einbehalten, obwohl Haaretz bereits im August mitgeteilt wurde, dass dies nicht mehr notwendig sei.

Der Bericht (der Gerichtsmedizin) besagte, dass er einen Verlust an Fettgewebe erlitten habe und dass sein Körpergewicht der Definition von „krankhaftem Untergewicht" entspreche. Weiterhin wurde festgestellt, dass er in den Monaten vor seinem Tod einen extremen Gewichtsverlust erlitten habe, was vernünftigerweise zu einem Versagen seines Immunsystems hätte führen können.

Ahmad, ein brasilianischer Staatsbürger aus der Stadt Silwad im Westjordanland, befand sich vor seinem Tod seit sechs Monaten in Haft und war wegen des Werfens

Ahmad, a Brazilian national from the West Bank town of Silwad, had been in detention for six months prior to his death and was indicted for throwing a firebomb. Authorities in Brazil are involved in efforts to secure the release of his body. A petition filed by attorney Nadia Daka, demanding that the body be released, is currently being heard by the High Court of Justice. Attorney Dakka says she was never given a decision authorizing the withholding of the body.

"This boy died because he was starved to death by Israel's Prison Service, which held him in conditions that led to his death," Dakka told Haaretz. *"This has been repeating itself and conditions do not change – while prisoners have continued to die after him under similar circumstances. State authorities and the courts are not responsive to harsh prison conditions."*

einer Brandbombe angeklagt. Die brasilianischen Behörden bemühen sich derzeit um die Freigabe seiner Leiche. Ein von Rechtsanwältin Nadia Daka eingereichter Antrag, in dem die Freigabe der Leiche gefordert wird, wird derzeit vom Obersten Gerichtshof geprüft. Rechtsanwältin Dakka sagt, ihr sei nie eine Entscheidung vorgelegt worden, die die Zurückhaltung der Leiche genehmigt hätte.

„Dieser Junge starb, weil er vom israelischen Strafvollzugsdienst ausgehungert wurde, der ihn unter Bedingungen festhielt, die zu seinem Tod führten", sagte Dakka gegenüber Haaretz. „Dies wiederholt sich immer wieder, und die Bedingungen ändern sich nicht – während nach ihm weiterhin Gefangene unter ähnlichen Umständen sterben. Die staatlichen Behörden und die Gerichte reagieren nicht auf die harten Haftbedingungen."

The only Palestinian children's rights organization closes following years-long Israeli campaign against it

Mondoweiss



***"After 35 years of defending Palestinian children's rights, we are not able to overcome operational challenges resulting from Israel's targeted criminalization of Palestinian human rights organizations,"* said DCI-P General Director Khaled Quzmar.** Jeff Wright April 10, 2026

Defense for Children International – Palestine's office door outside Ramallah after Israeli forces conducted a raid and declared the organization closed on August 18, 2022. (Photo credit: AFP / Abbas Momani via DCIP)

Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P) has ended its extraordinary work with the children of Palestine as a result of unending threats from the State of Israel. Despite having been designated by Israel as a terrorist organization in 2023, DCI-P had continued its groundbreaking work of investigating, documenting and exposing human rights violations against Palestinian children as well as providing legal services to children and holding both Israeli and Palestinian authorities accountable to principles of human rights as described in international law.

The closure comes after DCI-P reported just last month that of the 351 Palestinian children detained in Israeli prisons at the end of 2025 - 51

Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P) hat seine aussergewöhnliche Arbeit für die Kinder Palästinas aufgrund der anhaltenden Drohungen seitens des Staates Israel eingestellt. Obwohl DCI-P im Jahr 2023 von Israel als terroristische Organisation eingestuft worden war, hatte die Organisation ihre bahnbrechende Arbeit fortgesetzt, indem sie Men-rechtsverletzungen gegen palästinensische Kinder untersuchte, dokumentierte und aufdeckte, Kindern Rechtsbeistand leistete und sowohl israelische als auch palästinensische Behörden zur Einhaltung der im Völkerrecht verankerten Menschenrechtsgrundsätze zur Rechenschaft zog.

Die Schliessung erfolgt, nachdem DCI-P erst letzten Monat berichtet hatte, dass von den 351 palästinensischen Kindern, die Ende 2025 in israelischen Gefängnissen

percent of the total - are held in administrative detention without charge or trial, the highest number and proportion on record since the NGO began monitoring the numbers.

Defense for Children International -Palestine - the only Palestinian NGO focused specifically on the rights and needs of children - served as an independent “national section” of Defence for Children International, a child-rights move-ment and non-governmental organization with over 35 sections around the world and an international secretariat in Geneva.

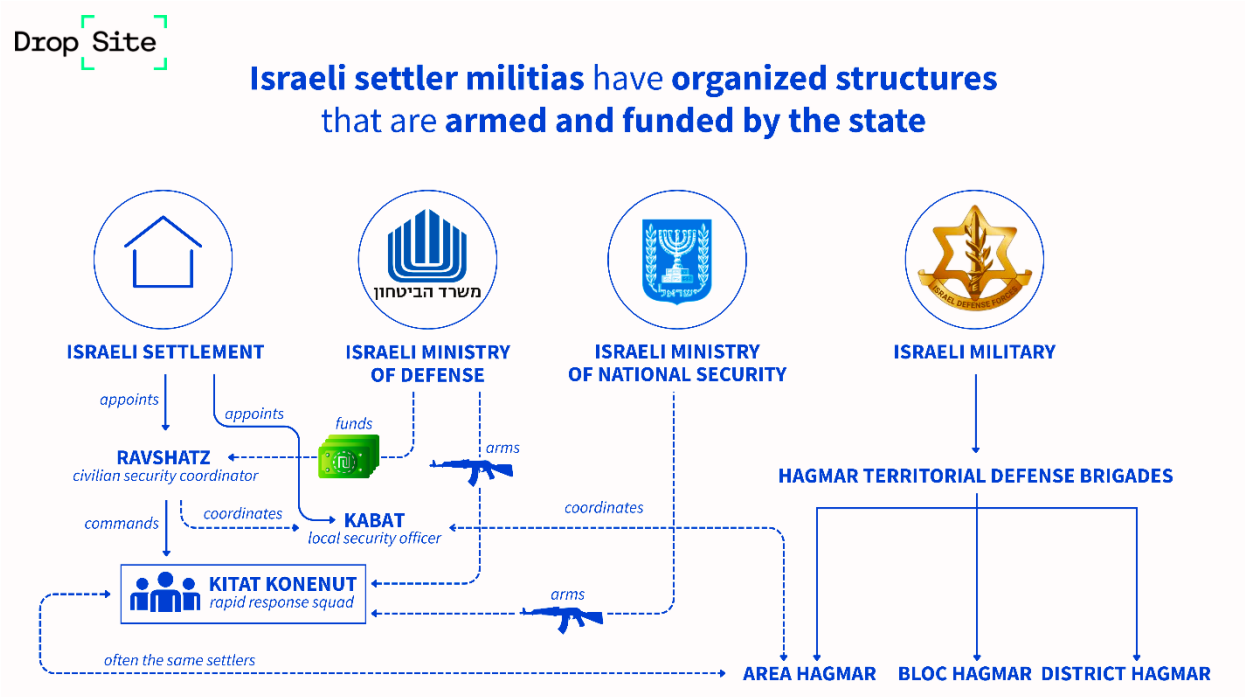
inhaftiert waren – das sind 51 Prozent der Gesamtzahl –, 51 Prozent ohne Anklage oder Gerichts-verfahren in Verwaltungshaft gehalten werden; dies ist die höchste Zahl und der höchste Anteil seit Beginn der Erfassung durch die NGO.

Defence for Children International-Palestine – die einzige palästinensische NGO, die sich speziell auf die Rechte und Bedürfnisse von Kindern konzentriert – fungierte als unabhängige „nationale Sektion“ von Defence for Children Internationall, einer Kinderrechts-bewegung und Nichtregierungsorganisation mit über 35 Sektionen weltweit und einem internationalen Sekretariat in Genf.

Under cover of the war with Iran: Settler militias are increasing their lethal shooting of Palestinians as part of the ethnic cleansing in the West Bank

B’Tselem and Drop Site

Settler-militia attacks, which until today were primarily directed against small, isolated communities in Area C (many of which have already been displaced), are increasingly being directed toward these large population centers in Area B. The combination of the increasing and lethal use of live fire by Israeli militias and the expansion of attacks on large, established Palestinian communities indicates the intensification of Israel's ethnic cleansing efforts under cover of the war with Iran. B’Tselem, March 9, 2026



Graphic credit: Meghnad Bose

How Israel Organizes and Arms Settler Militias to Terrorize Palestinians in the West Bank. What often appears as sporadic settler violence is in fact an organized system with an official structure fully operating as intended. Drop Site, David Schutz, December 10, 2025

Data on Killings in the Westbank from October 2023 to March 23, 2026

- total Palestinians killed by Israel: **1045**
- By settler militias: **At least 27**
- by unknown Israeli sources (settlers/soldiers): **14**

2025:

- total Palestinians killed by Israel: **221**
- by settler militias**: 9**
- by unknown Israeli sources: **4.**

January to March 23, 2026:

- total Palestinians killed by Israel**: 20.**
  since the outbreak of the war with Iran to March 23: **10**
- by settler militias: **4**
- by undercover police: **5**
- by the military: **1**



Masked Israelis clash with Palestinian olive harvesters in the village of Beita, south of Nablus, Credit: JAAFAR ASHTIYEH / AFP

"Sohab Al Ard": Egyptian drama exposes Gaza's suffering, provokes storm in Israel

Daily News Egypt (quotes) and +972



During the 2026 Ramadan season, the Egyptian drama "Sohab Al Ard" became more than just a television series; it evolved into a cultural and media phenomenon that documented the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza amidst the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Premiering amidst the backdrop of the genocide committed by Israel since October 7, 2023, the series not only captivated millions of Arab viewers with its portrayal of Palestinian suffering but also stirred intense reactions in Israel, where the drama was seen as a direct challenge to the Israeli narrative.

Produced by United Media Services, "Sohab Al Ard" goes far beyond typical entertainment. It brings to life the story of Nasser, a Palestinian man who loses his brothers in an Israeli airstrike and assumes responsibility for his injured nephew, Younes, as they navigate a Gaza under siege. Through its unflinching portrayal of life amidst devastation, the series emphasizes resilience in the face of overwhelming hardship, focusing on the human cost of war: injured children, families clinging to their land, and volunteers risking their lives to provide aid. Kadry Al-Haggar, ***Daily News Egypt***, March 4, 2026

Sohab Al Ard (Arabic, with English Subtitles)

Review in +972 (Link)

Suggested for further reading: "Honor" as a Weapon, Feminism as an Alibi. The Colonial Playbook

This Week in Palestine

When feminism arrives as a donor agenda that structurally erases occupation, land theft, incarceration, and siege, it is experienced not as solidarity but as intrusion – demanding internal reform from Palestinian society while leaving the colonial system untouched. In this configuration, women are conscripted as symbols of progress within a reality engineered to deny collective freedom, normalizing domination by managing its symptoms rather than confronting its cause.

Politics must be grounded in the indivisibility of justice, recognizing domination as intersectional, structural, and mutually reinforcing. Gender liberation is not a secondary project but inseparable from the struggle for collective freedom and national liberation. Aida Qleibo, This Week in Palestine, issue 332, March, 2026. (Link to article).

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5 Things to Know About Israel's Oppression of Christian Palestinians

IMEU



Palestinian Christians at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Easter. Credit: IMEU

1. **Israel systematically denies religious freedom to millions of Palestinians, including preventing Christian Palestinians from accessing their holy sites in Jerusalem at Easter.**
2. **The Israeli government and violent Jewish extremists are suffocating Christian Palestinian communities in places like Jerusalem and Bethlehem, driving Christians out of the Holy Land.**

3. **Israel has virtually wiped out the small Christian community in Gaza with its siege and campaign of genocide and ethnic cleansing.**
4. **Christian Palestinians comprise some of the oldest Christian communities in the world and have played a prominent role in Palestinian society historically.**
5. **Israel's denial of freedom of religion and oppression of Christian Palestinians is part of the apartheid system Israel has imposed in all of Palestine/Israel.**

More Details

By IMEU, March 31, 2026

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