

## The JNF Supports Israel's Discriminatory Policies

The JNF also has a direct role in implementing Israel's discriminatory policies against its Palestinian citizens, continuing the dispossession of Palestinians still living inside Israel (20% of the population). 93% of the land in Israel is public land that is allocated as either property of the state, the JNF, or the Development Authority.

13% of the land in Israel is under the control of the JNF, and the JNF has much influence over the control of the further 80% of land in the state. Under the JNF's charter, it is prohibited from selling or leasing land to *non-Jews*.



## The JNF- Historic and Present-day Land theft

Established as the principle Zionist tool for controlling land in Palestine, the JNF was actively involved in Palestinian dispossession prior to the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948:

*"...The only solution is to transfer the Arabs from here to neighbouring countries. Not a single village or a single tribe must be let off."* **Yossef Weitz (Head of JNF Settlement Dept) 1940**

Today, the JNF is complicit in Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian lands, supporting West Bank settlements and settlers in East Jerusalem.

The JNF funds infrastructure for illegal settlements in the Jordan Valley—located deep in the West Bank. While these settlements expand with the aid of the JNF, more **water and lands are being stolen from the Palestinians.**

In illegally-annexed East Jerusalem, the JNF, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Himnuta, has been evicting Palestinians from their homes and providing these properties to the settler organization, Elad.

## Support Human Rights and Social Justice: Don't Support the JNF!



### What Is the JNF?

The **Jewish National Fund** was created in 1901 at the Fifth Zionist Congress in Switzerland. Its purpose has always been to 'acquire' land "for the purpose of settling Jews on such land". Crucially, this land could never again be sold or leased to *non-Jews*.

Today the JNF enjoys charitable status in over 50 countries worldwide, including Canada. While it claims to be an environmental charity, it operates as a quasi-governmental body in Israel.

## Canadian Tax Dollars Fund Illegal JNF Activities

Because JNF-Canada has official Canada Revenue Agency charitable status, it provides tax credits for donations, meaning that up to 25% of their budget effectively comes from our taxes.

### Canada Park: An Egregious Example

JNF-Canada raised \$15 million after the 1967 war to build **Canada Park**, a 3200 hectares park between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Shamefully, this “tribute to Canada and the Canadian Jewish community” was built on the lands and ruins of three peaceful Palestinian villages - **Beit Nuba, Imwas and Yalu** - after the Israeli military razed the villages and expelled their 5,000 residents, all in violation of the *Fourth Geneva Convention*.

A 1986 UN Special Committee reported to the UN Secretary-General that the villagers were being denied their right of return to their land now occupied by this park built by JNF-Canada.

## Uprooting Bedouin to Plant Forests...

Palestinian Bedouin residents in the Naqab (Negev) are being forcibly relocated and refused access to their villages and lands. The Bedouin village of Al-Araqib has been destroyed over 60 times. It is through the Praver Plan, a proposed law that aims to destroy 35 ‘unrecognized’ Bedouin villages and confine between 40,000 and 70,000 Bedouin into confined urban townships, that Al-Araqib is repeatedly destroyed.

The JNF, through its project ‘Blueprint Negev’, is planting forests and establishing Jewish-only settlements over the ruins of these Bedouin villages. With support from Christian Evangelical ‘God-TV’, the JNF has already planted trees on land claimed by the villagers of Al-Araqib, and plan on using the land that the village is on for a ‘God-TV forest’.

The Praver Plan has been condemned by the European Union, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, over 90 Canadian authors, and many others.



### What Can YOU do?

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