

## Israel Is an Illegal State. Dr. Ralph Wilde at the ICJ

The Hamas attack of 7 October 2023 was planned at least 3 years before by the US, UK and Israel

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On Monday 26, February 2024, The Arab League, Zambia, and Turkey, addressed the World Court in The Hague, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), on consequences of Israel's occupation of Gaza and the West Bank.

See this video recording of the full Court session (2:42:15 h). Starting with min 00:57 of the Youtube recording, Dr. Ralph Wilde, Sr. Council and Advocate, speaks on behalf of Palestine (26 min):

Dr. Wilde's *plaidoyer* – ALL based on legal facts and international law – completely destroys the legality of Israel, of Israel's existence. Going back by over 100 years to the Balfour Declaration of 1917, all the way to the illegal UK "handing over" of Palestine in 1947 to the United Nations.

Arthur James Balfour was a Conservative British politician, then Foreign Secretary, and formerly UK's Prime Minister (1902-1905).

The Balfour Declaration was a public statement issued by the British Government in 1917 during WWI, announcing its support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a small minority Jewish population about 11%.

The Brits claimed unrightfully – as well-illustrated by Dr. Wilde – having the "Mandate" for Palestine (1918-1948), because of the British occupation of territories previously ruled by the Ottoman Empire.

However, the Peace Treaties that brought the First World War to an end, also established the principle of self-determination that emerged after the war. Meaning that Palestine already in 1918 had the right of self-determination without any mandate of the UK or anybody else over its newly gained sovereignty.

See also this for history on Balfour Declaration.

In November 1947, the UK handed their falsely claimed Mandate over Palestine to the United Nations. The freshly established UN (24 October 1945 in San Francisco), with only 53 members in 1947 passed a Partition Resolution by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), which has no power to ratify legally binding resolutions. Thus, the UNGA vote had no force of international law.

This UNGA Resolution for the establishment of Israel was strongly opposed by the Arab States – but Zionist influence over other UN members was overwhelming. Still, the UN Resolution had no basis in international law.

The UK-supported UN ruling prompted the 1947-1948 Nakba ("catastrophe" in Arabic), referring to the mass displacement of Palestinians by Jews, claiming a portion (almost 80%) of Palestine to become Israel (21,670 km2 of total Palestine, 28,000 km2).

*Nakba* became a massacre and the first ethnic cleansing by what was to become Israel, as displaced Palestinians were deprived of their right to return to their homeland.

During the Nakba, Israel destroyed 531 Palestinian towns and killed some 15,000 Palestinians.

Before the Nakba, Palestine was a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society, living in peace.

On 14 May 1948, Israel declared her independence formally, pronounced by David Ben-Gurion, the Executive Head of the World Zionist Organization, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and soon to be first Prime Minister of Israel (see <u>this</u>).

Ever since, for the last 76 years, Palestinians were considered and discriminated as second or even third-class citizens by racist Israel, with countless indiscriminate killings. Since 2007, the Gaza strip is militarily occupied by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), and has become the world's largest open-air prison with some 2.4 million Palestinians locked into a space of 365 square kilometers (km2).

See this for the extraordinary defense *plaidoyer* by Dr. Ralph Wilde on 26 February 2024 at the International Court of Justice, seated at Peace Palace in The *Hague*:

The Hamas attack of 7 October 2023 prompting the ongoing war, was planned at least 3 years before by the US, UK and Israel. In the last four and a half months it has claimed some 35,000 Palestinian lives – of which 70% women and children.

At present, about 1.4 million Palestinians are amassed in or around Rafah, border town to Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. They are starving, as Israel is preventing international food and water deliveries from entering Gaza. Up to 7 kilometers of trucks with life support for Gaza are reported to be blocked by Israel from entering Gaza through the Rafah gate.

Despite the extreme suffering and massive dying of Palestinians, Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi is adamant in *officially* declaring that no Palestinian refugees shall pass into Egypt. Juxtapose this to the following observations.

Aerial photographs show that massive tent cities have been and are being built in the Sinai desert, leading to the conclusion that the expected Arab and supposedly Palestinian ally, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, has made a secret agreement with Netanyahu to receive the remaining Palestinians of Gaza – up to 1.4 million – *under certain circumstances*.

Expulsion of Palestinians into the Sinai desert would be the ultimate ethnic cleansing of the racist Zionist state of Israel. It would also mean another massacre the world has not seen in recent history.

But what are these *special circumstances*? Despite Egypt's huge debt to the point where the IMF has recently blocked disbursements of a US\$ 3 billion IMF loan, the very same *IMF has just granted Egypt a US\$ 10 billion loan to help alleviating the socioeconomic consequences of the war in Gaza.* In common jargon this would be called blackmail, or simply buying a country. For full details see this.

Even so-called international organizations like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are not only infiltrated by Zionists, they are dominated by them. Same as the FED and the all-controlling financial giants – see <u>this</u>.

Question to be asked is - in a rapidly changing world, who will prevail?

Will it be the omni-power of Zionism, or the positive vibes of the determined, peaceful, and legally steadfast arguments made by Dr. Ralph Wilde, lawyer and advocate for Palestine, at the ICJ on 26 February 2024?

Hope never dies.

And the spiritual leverage of the hundreds of millions, if not billions of people around the world, who with their sheer thoughts support the Palestinian people, is mighty powerful.

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