

# Israeli Racism and “Apartheid Coffee Shops”: Israel’s “Café Café” Chain Bans Arabic Language

Treating workers and customers based on racial basis is only existed in apartheid Israel

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An Israeli café chain has prevented its Arab workers and visitors from speaking their mother language inside one of its branches.

The ban was issued by a shift manager at Café Café, claiming that speaking Arabic is “threatening” to the customers.

According to a [report](#) in the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*, the shift manager at Café Café claimed that the ban was instituted “after two Arab employees, a man and woman, were speaking Arabic in front of a customer, who thought the two were laughing at her and took offense.”



Israel is an apartheid state where dealing with workers and customers is based on racial basis.

This only exists in this so-called democratic state.

Sawan Zaher, an attorney at Adalah, an Israeli legal rights centre, has written to the café, stating that a “ban on using a mother tongue that is the language of the Arab population, a national minority group in Israel” is “patently illegal.”

Zaher informed Café Café that telling employees “that anyone who does not want to accept your decision should resign” means its workers are being employed under conditions of a threat to end their employment,” illegal and insulting conditions.

Adalah said it has had no response to its letter.

[GR Editor’s Note: Café Café has 112 locations, it’s the largest coffee chain in Israel. It also has coffee shops in Europe.

You do not need to speak Hebrew, the Coffee shop chain accepts English, Russian, German, Spanish, French, Yiddish, Polish and Hungarian...]

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