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70 Years of Israeli Occupation: Now is the time for Palestine to be
free



This week marks what Israel calls its Independence: 70 years ago, the coercive, illegal and unjust displacement and occupation of innocent Palestinians first began. 70 years ago this week the state of Israel was founded on premises that were, and continue to be to this day, in flagrant violation of the basic pillars of human rights, and justice.

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The 70th anniversary has been portrayed in Western and pro-Israeli media as a something to celebrate. To celebrate the past 70 years of bloodshed, deprivation of basic rights, deprivation of the right to freedom of movement, freedom of speech, of the death of children, and the curtailment of their futures is a terrible thing. The media outlets who celebrate this would should be ashamed, and mourn with Palestine over the atrocities done to it. The continued hypocrisy by the West and its media outlets must end.

We demand action by the international community, and all relevant stakeholders: we do not want another 70 years to pass by, and to be celebrated by the West and Israel. These atrocities must end; Palestine has suffered too much. Israel must be held accountable for its explicit and continuous violation of international law and international humanitarian laws, including the recent cold blood shooting of peaceful protesters during the Great Return March by Israeli military snipers. These murders are in clear, inarguable violation of basic values of human rights, and international laws and norms. The impotence of the UN to keep Israel accountable is an international shame, and we must not cease in acting to put pressure on those in power to act with more accountability.

ICSFT is in solidary with Palestine, and mourns with Palestinians during the 70th anniversary of their occupation by Israel. Regardless of how pervasive or impactful the western propagated narrative of Israel's right the Palestinian territory, we know the truth: that the land belongs only to Palestine, and always has, and will We are with Palestine in their fight, and recognize their strength, perseverance, and humanity in the face of this inhuman oppression.

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