



Another Commemoration, another Catastrophe

Al Naksa (5th of June 1967) marks the second illegitimate forcible displacement of Palestinians after Al Nakba (15th of May 1948) which was the first dreadful landmark of not only the expulsion of around 85% of Palestinians from their homes, but also the control of Israel over 78% of historical Palestine. The aftermath of the 6-day war of 1967 was Israel taking control over the Palestinian-populated [West Bank](#) and [Gaza Strip](#), which were previously annexed by [Jordan](#) and controlled by [Egypt](#), respectively. Just like its precedent defining moment in the history of Palestine, Al Naksa is consistently recurring until this very moment. The occupation's persistent violations and atrocities continue to forcibly transfer Palestinians out of their lands and homes to alter the demographic composition in favor of the expansion of settlements and the creation of a Jewish state. The confiscation of land, siege on Gaza, restrictions of movement, use of state-of-the-art artillery and war-crafts in addition to phosphorus, massacres, and genocides, among other colonial practices are all systematic to ethnically cleanse and create alternative narrative in a reality of apartheid.

Although the UN Security Council resolution 242 was afterwards passed to reaffirm the “inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war,” everything before 1967 was legitimized as irrevocably Israeli while the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem became the “Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT)”. As a result, resolution 242 set the floor for the two-state solution.

The blind support dedicated to Israel by the United States has preached a “peace process” for more than 2 decades but has tremendously failed to accomplish tangible progress on the ground; as a matter of fact, the most recent announcement of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the physical move of the American Embassy to Jerusalem illustrates the US and Israel's agenda for Palestine and the Middle East. Equally atrocious, the internal conflicts and division among Palestinian leadership left it at its lowest point in strategy and vision. Given these facts, Palestinian citizens, in general, and women, in particular, are left vulnerable, unprotected, and uncertain of their statehood.

The Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSO) calls for the immediate and paramount:

- I. Implementation of UN resolution 194 relating to the right of return and compensation of all Palestinian Refugees, alongside its resolutions regarding the establishment of an independent Palestinian State
- II. End of blockade on Gaza
- III. Commitment to the Arms Trade Treaty which entails ending all weapons supply to Israel



- IV. Recognition of the Independent State of Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital, and therefore the cancelation of the American Administration's announcement of Jerusalem as capital of Israel
- V. End of Israel's impunity. The international community must hold Israel accountable for its violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law
- VI. Provision of protection for Palestinian women and girls according to the framework of CEDAW and UNSCR 1325.

Established in 1981, The Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD) is a Palestinian women's, mass, developmental, learning human rights organization that contributes to developing the feminist struggle within social, and developmental dimensions.