



DECOLONIZE

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Climate Change

Settler Colonialism: A Primary Driver
of the Climate Crisis in Palestine



Not everyone is
equally impacted by
climate change

**Those who
contribute the least
often suffer the most.**

In Palestine... Same location... Different story...



An Israeli emits
6.13 tons
of CO₂ annually



A Palestinian emits
0.6 tons
of CO₂ annually

Yet, Palestinians experience the
worst repercussions of climate change.

For Palestinians, climate change is both a natural and political phenomenon.

Already vulnerable to **fluctuating rainfall and rising temperatures**, Palestinians live under a **brutal colonial system** that destroys their climate resilience.

Israel's displacement of Palestinians resulted in abnormal population density.



Population density in Gaza (left) and Palestinian lands occupied by Israel in 1948 (right)

5936

persons/km² in
the Gaza Strip

410

persons/km² in the
Israeli colonial entity

Making Palestinians among the world's most vulnerable to climate risks, due to stress on scarce natural resources and infrastructure.

Israel usurps over 85% of Palestinian water and land and destroys wildlife habitats to accommodate illegal settlers.

Settlers enjoy subsidised water-intensive farming and leisure activities (e.g. pools) while 180 Palestinian communities are not connected to water services.



Israelis use **700L/day** for domestic use



420,000 people in the West Bank receive less than **50 L/day**

Israel utilizes stolen water to make ‘the desert bloom’, **depleting the Jordan River and Dead Sea, and harming dependent ecosystems.**

In Gaza, climate vulnerability is augmented under sanctions and systemic bombings

Israel restricts clean water from entering Gaza, while **97% of drinking water isn't potable due to Israel's bombing of water infrastructure and sanctions that ban building material for its rehabilitation.**



The lack of water treatment plants forces sewage to be discharged into the Mediterranean Sea.

Infrastructure is incapable of supporting heavy rainfall and **Israel regularly opens the floodgates, flooding Palestinian property.**

The settler state enforces many policies that accelerate climate change

Israel's permit system restricts the construction of wells, dams, pipelines, and water harvesting systems in the West Bank.

Additionally, Israel blocks Palestinian access to clean energy supplies and solar panels deepening dependence on fossil fuels.





**Israel hampers
climate change
mitigation and
adaptation by**

**uprooting more
than 3 million
climate-resilient
trees since 2000**

**that could have absorbed up to 150
million pounds of carbon dioxide annually.**



When trees are cut down,
captured carbon is released,
**contributing to global
warming, soil erosion,
and desertification.**





They uproot one, we plant ten.

In 2001, the Million Tree Campaign (MTC) was launched to respond to the systemic attack on Palestine's environment. The campaign planted over **2.6 million trees** supporting **30,000 farmers**, and led numerous sustainability projects including the **construction of water collection wells**.

Go to www.apnature.org/en/mtc to plant trees in Palestine and enhance climate resistance.

1 Tree = 7 USD

Join the movement and spread the word.

Let us together plant trees, dignity,



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