

Resisting Israel's Ecological The Million Apartheid Tree Campaign in Palestine





Israel is waging war against Palestinian trees.

Since 2000, over <u>3 million trees have</u> been uprooted by Israel.

While at the surface, this appears as just another act of deforestation under the guise of 'development,' the real motive is far more sinister. **The destruction of trees has become a gateway to further Israel's settler colonial project.**





Around <u>100,000 families</u> in Palestine <u>rely on olives</u> as their source of income, with an annual gross value of \$240 million, while the annual **cost of uprooted olive trees exceeds \$64 million.**



Source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. (2015). The besieged Palestinianian Agricultural Sector. New York and Geneva. Source: Marzin, J., Uwaidat, A., & Sourrisseau, J.M. (2019). Study on Small-Scale Agriculture in the Palestinian Territories. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).



To drive farmers out of their lands.

Once Palestinian trees are uprooted, Israel falsifies an old land law **to illegally seize fallow Palestinian lands to <u>build illegal</u> <u>settlements</u>.**





To erase Palestine's heritage.

Trees are living witnesses to Palestine's history. **Most Palestinian orchards are older than Israel**.





To weaponize food.

Palestinian trees are essential in **providing** <u>**nutritious foods</u>** and acting as a source of <u>fodder for livestock</u>.</u>





To expand colonial infrastructure.



Israel deforests Palestinian lands, <u>depleting</u> already <u>scarce resources</u> and <u>destroying</u> thousands of <u>wildlife habitats</u> to make room for illegal settlers.





But trees have become a powerful form of green resistance.







In 2001, **the Million Tree Campaign** was launched to restore Palestine's sovereignty over land, food, and economy. The campaign planted over

2.6 million trees supporting **30,000 farmers**, among numerous projects bolstering food systems.

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to plant trees in Palestine.

 $1 \operatorname{Tree} = 7 \operatorname{USD}$



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