Resisting Israel’s Ecological Apartheid

The Million Tree Campaign in Palestine
Israel is waging war against Palestinian trees.

Since 2000, over 3 million trees have 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.
To destroy Palestinian livelihoods.

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

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 build illegal settlements.
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 nutritious foods and acting as a source of fodder for livestock.
To expand colonial infrastructure.

Israel deforests Palestinian lands, depleting already scarce resources and destroying thousands of wildlife habitats 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.


1 Tree = 7 USD