



## 2. ISRAELI OCCUPATION POLICIES

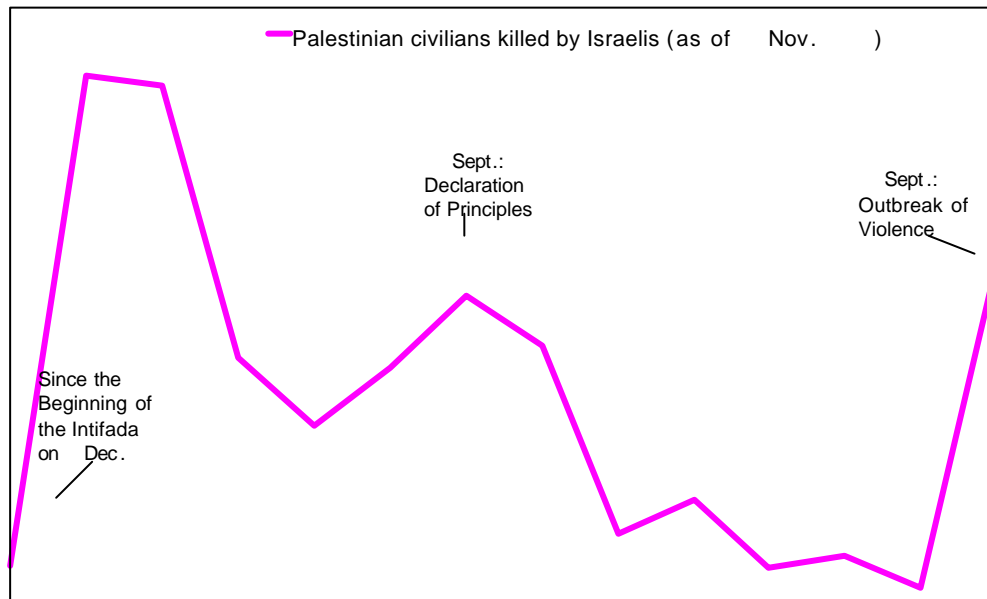
More than seven years have passed since the signing of the DoP, yet Israeli policies and practices *vis--vis* the Palestinians have not changed and human rights violations remain a constant feature of their life.

### ► EXPROPRIATION OF LAND & THE JUDAIZATION OF PALESTINE

Since June 1967, Israel (occupation authorities and settlers) have expropriated some 79% of the West Bank/Gaza territory, incl. East Jerusalem. During Jan.-Nov. 1999, over 7,140 fruit or olive trees were uprooted and some 50,708 dunums of WBGs land was confiscated (LAW, Nov. 1999). During the July 2000 Camp David negotiations alone over 4,200 additional dunums were confiscated in the West Bank. (LAW, Oct. 1999, and updates).

### ► KILLINGS AND INJURIES

The following graph shows the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the outbreak of the *Intifada* in Dec. 1987. In the same period far over 100,000 Palestinians were injured with some 40% suffering permanent physical damage. In the recent Al-Aqsa Intifada, over 8,784 Palestinians were injured as of 20 Nov. 2000 (Red Crescent), many of whom will be permanently disabled.



(Source: B'Tselem, *Oslo: Before and After*. Jerusalem, May 1999, and website updates, 2000.)

**NB:** These figures include some 150 Palestinians killed by Israeli settlers and other civilians. Not included are PA security forces killed by Israeli security forces and Palestinians who died after being delayed in receiving medical treatment (e.g., by being stopped at checkpoints).

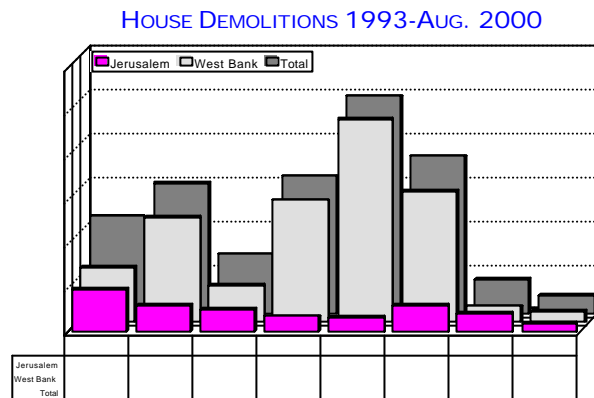


### ▶ ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENT

- Since 1967, over 600,000 Palestinians have been held in Israeli jails for periods ranging from one week to life, over 200 have died while in Israeli jails (*Palestine Times*, No. 83, May 1998).
- During the *Intifada* (1987-1994), Israel arrested some 175,000 Palestinians.
- By 8 Oct. 2000, there were 1,682 Arab political prisoners in Israeli jails: 1,610 WBGS Palestinians, 29 Palestinians from inside the Green Line, 17 from the Golan, and 26 from other Arab countries (5 Jordanians, 1 Egyptian, 1 Syrian, and 19 Lebanese). (Mandela, *Press Release 3/2000*, 8 Oct. 2000). It should be noted that the number of arrested Palestinians increased daily in relation to the Al-Aqsa Intifada, in the course of which the policy of administrative detention - detention without charge or trial for unlimited periods of time - has been re-implemented. There are at least 10 administrative detainees in Israeli jails (Addameer, *Press Release*, 11 Nov. 2000).
- In the first month of the Al-Aqsa Intifada alone, Israel arrested 300 Palestinians in the West Bank, incl. 137 from Jerusalem and 33 children under the age of 16 (Palestinian Prisoners Society, Oct. 2000).

### ▶ HOUSE DEMOLITIONS

Since 1967, the Israeli authorities have partially or wholly demolished over 6,000 houses in the WBGS and over 2,500 houses in Arab East Jerusalem. Houses are demolished (sometimes sealed to various degrees) as a **punitive measure** (e.g., against the families of sus-  
tants) or under the pretext of the **lack of building permits**. It should be noted that Palestinians are prohibited from building in 60% of the West Bank and 87% of Jerusalem (LAW, Oct. 2000).



**NB:** The numbers do not include non-residential structures (e.g., agricultural sheds)  
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### ▶ TORTURE

- Until a landmark decision on 6 Sept. 1999 by the Israeli High Court outlawing the use of arbitrary torture as an interrogation method, Israel that sanctioned torture by law. Methods applied by interrogators of Palestinian detainees included violent shaking, isolation, beating, kicking, sleep deprivation, agonizing positioning and infliction of pain for prolonged periods. B'Tselem estimates that some 85% of Palestinian detainees were tortured during interrogation.
- However, the High Court ruling stopped short of the absolute ban on torture and ill-treatment required by international law and certain forms of physical punishment persist.