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THE VIOLENT CRISIS IN GAZA IS AN
EXPRESSION OF COLONIALISM

Throughout history, all occupiers have had 3 main goals

What happened in Gaza under Operation Protective Edge is an expression of colonialism and a continuation of Israel's occupation of Palestinian land and ethnic cleansing of the native Palestinian population. Mint Press News has been in the forefront of bringing readers, fact-checked news on Gaza.

1. Ensuring its own existence over the existence of its native population

Calls for genocide of Palestinians by Israeli lawmakers, including Ayelet Shaked. "The entire Palestinian people is the enemy," calling for the destruction: "including its elderly and its women, its cities and its villages, its property and its infrastructure."

Targeting of civilians -- about 2,000 people died, most of which are women and children

Destroying the lifeline on which the native people rely on to survive as in destroying the infrastructure and over 10,000 homes: "At least 134 factories were destroyed during Israel's four-week military offensive in the Gaza Strip (...) destroying the infrastructure of the Palestinian national economy by targeting factories which posed no security threat to the occupation."

"What we're seeing in Gaza, is a deliberate action to end the Palestinian people. Genocide does not care whether or not people are good or worthy, it simply cares whether or not a type of people should exist- that is the true tragedy."

- Mnar Chief, Mint Press News



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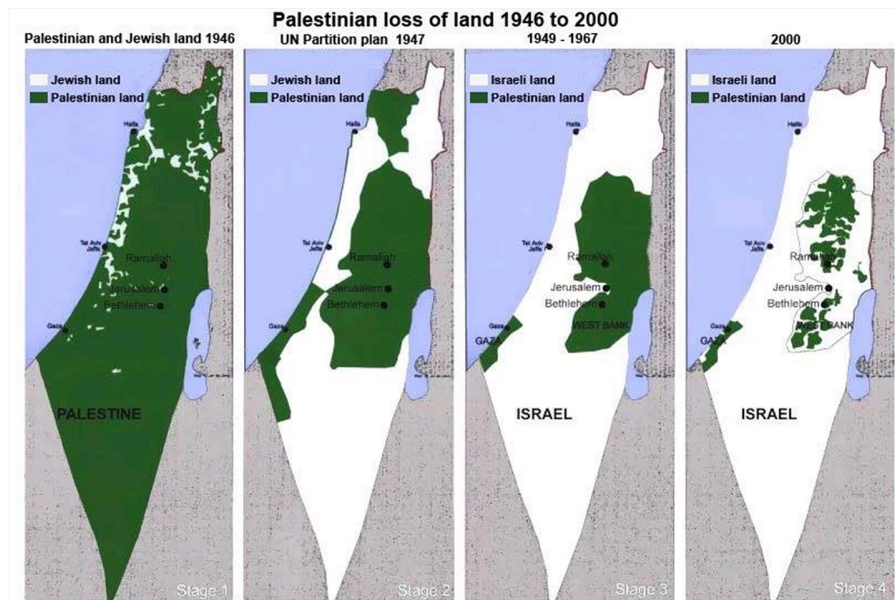
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2. Annexing as much land as possible to continue the occupation and expand the new colony

Protective Edge resulted in Israel annexing a 4-mile buffer zone surrounding the Gaza strip border. This looks very similar to Israel annexing land from the West Bank and the Golan Heights in it's 1967 war.

Israeli buffer zone tightens Gaza chokehold "Israel declared a three kilometre buffer zone inside Gaza's borders last week, an area that represents 44 percent of Gaza's territory. Anyone within the zone has been warned by the Israeli military to leave or risk being bombed."

Since Israel established statehood in has annexed nearly 90 percent of Palestinian land.



3. Crushing any resistance and any sign of strength among the population it's occupying

This resurfacing of aggressive rhetoric coming from Israel towards the Gaza Strip, Palestinians and Hamas came right after Hamas and Fatah declared a unity government. This, to Israel, was a sign of strength on the part of Palestinians

