

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL – 52nd Session

Item 7:

Israel has long suppressed and criminalized all forms of Palestinian resistance, falsely equating it with terrorism. However, such inherently flawed conflation of Palestinian resistance with terrorism lacks any legal basis in light of the legitimacy of the Palestinian struggle for liberation, their right to resist foreign domination, and ultimately their right to self-determination.

All these rights are perceived as contradictory to Israel's colonial-apartheid project, which is to create an exclusively Israeli-Jewish 'homeland' in the whole of Mandatory Palestine. To do so, Israel colonizes Palestinian land and people, forcibly displaces and transfers Palestinians, and denies their rights to self-determination and return.

BADIL calls on the United Nations Human Rights Council, its member states and international organizations to:

1. Re-emphasize the legitimacy and legality of the Palestinian people's right to resist by all means while they seek their right to self-determination;
2. Recognize Israel's policies and practices as colonization and apartheid;
3. Hold Israel accountable by upholding their responsibility to implement positive and negative measures to halt the ongoing human rights violations and international crimes and ensure the implementation of the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination and return.