

Palestine is a CLIMATE JUSTICE issue!



The catastrophic climate crisis is fueled by global inequality and engineered by complicit governments and corporations that put profit before people and planet. Everywhere, the least powerful are the most affected.

Indigenous Palestinians living under **Israeli occupation and apartheid**, with no control over our land or natural resources, are highly vulnerable to the climate crisis. With Israel monopolizing resources, rising temperatures are exacerbating desertification and **water and land scarcity**, and creating **climate apartheid**.

Multinational corporations like **AXA and HSBC**, that invest in fossil fuels, are complicit in Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people. They invest in companies **arming Israel**, financing its **illegal settlements** and pillaging Palestinian land and natural resources.

1 Israel's blockade of and wars on Gaza poison life there

- + Sewage has infiltrated Gaza's aquifer and is flowing into the sea.
- + 97% of Gaza's scarce water is **unfit for human consumption**.
- + Polluted water is a leading cause of **child mortality** in Gaza.
- + Israel prevents Palestinians from using **20% of Gaza's arable land** and targets Gaza's farmland with herbicides.
- + The UN says **Gaza will be unlivable by 2020**, if not so already.

2 Israel is stealing and destroying Palestinian land and water

- + Israel has seized control over exploitation of all the land **illegally appropriated from Palestinians** who were ethnically cleansed and dispossessed in 1948, and of at least 60% of the land in the 1967 occupied Palestinian territory (OPT).
- + In the OPT, Israel's illegal settlements consume **six times more water** than Palestinians.
- + Since 1967, Israel has **uprooted 800,000 olive trees**, some ancient.

3 Israel 'greenwashes' its image, while destroying the environment

- + Israel's racist and false claim, "**making the desert bloom**", is intended to hide its violent destruction of Palestinian society and its **unsustainable agricultural and water use practices**.
- + 97.7% of Israel's electricity production comes from **fossil fuels**, including natural gas extracted in part by **illegally exploiting Palestinian gas resources**.
- + Israel is seeking to **export energy to Europe** to create dependency on its fossil fuel-based and illicitly generated energy sources.
- + Israel generates wind and solar energy in **illegally occupied Palestinian and Syrian land**.
- + **Warfare**, a pillar of Israel's economy, is **one of the world's most polluting industries**.



FACT:

97% of Gaza's scarce water is unfit for human consumption

Israeli apartheid is not 'green'

97% of Gaza's drinking water is unfit for human consumption

26% of all illnesses in Gaza are caused by contaminated water

More than 12% of Gaza's child mortality cases linked to contaminated water

33% of average Gazan incomes goes into purchasing water

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The struggles against colonialism, racism and militarization, and for climate, economic and social justice are **profoundly interconnected**. Palestinians, like people worldwide, seek **climate justice** by holding governments and corporations to account. The Palestinian-led **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS)** movement is one powerful nonviolent means to pressure Israel to end its regime of oppression.

