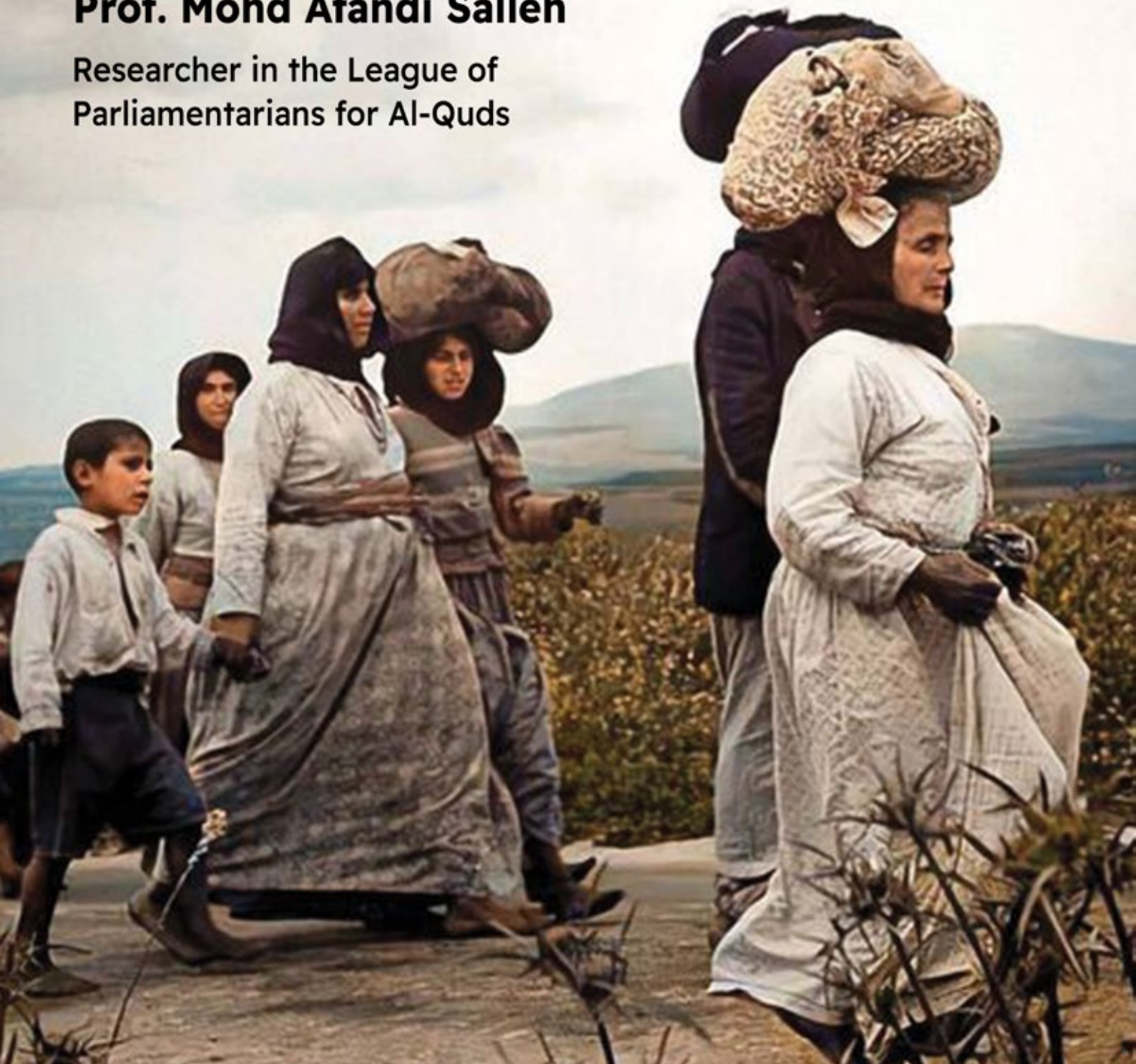


# Report on

# The Palestinian Nakba

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## The Palestinian Nakbah

May 15th marks the 75th anniversary (1948) of the Nakbah event or the Day of Catastrophe. It was a black day in the history of Palestine in particular and humanity in general. Whereas the Apartheid in South Africa (which ended in 1990) that started in the same year of the Nakbah lasted only for 42 years, the Nakbah for Palestinians still has no ending sign and even the situation is getting more serious.



Today, the Jewish population in Israel (originally the Palestinian Land) is more than 7 million people. The fact shows that in 1918, the Jewish population in Palestine was only around 50 thousand people and in 1948 when Israel was

illegally established, with the help of the British who brought in Jewish immigrants from Europe, their population increased to 650 thousand. In 1948 when the illegal State of «Israel» was established, it was estimated not less than 750,000 Palestinians were driven out of their forefather land and 78% of the Palestinian land was seized illegally by Israel. The remaining 22% of the land was then divided into two - the West Bank and Gaza. Consequently, the Palestinians became stateless and mostly settled down as refugees in countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the surrounding areas. From that date, Israeli government is systematically continues to expel Palestinians from their land.



Recently, According to the report of The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNCHR) released on March 2023, «Israel» is increasingly expelling Palestinians from their land by force and systematically replaced them by illegal Jewish Settlements.

In a period of 10 years (2012-2022), the population of illegal Jewish settlement in the Occupied Palestinian area has been increased from 520,000 to 700,000 especially in the West Bank, Golan Heights and East Jerusalem.



Amongst others, «Israel» imposes its law and regulation to drive out Palestinians from their land by declaring the land as "state land" and later on will be allocated for the illegal Jewish settlement. In addition, by using the "Regularization Law" Israel seized Palestinian lands on the pretext of building small military camps (outposts). The authority will drive the Palestinian population away from the area under the name of "security reason".

In 2020 this law was challenged in an Israeli court on the grounds that it was against the Israeli Constitution, but in 2022, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled otherwise. To date there are 147 small settlements have been built on Palestinian land in the West Bank alone. In the same manner, Israel also seizes Palestinian lands and converted them into "military areas for various purposes". Until 2022, at least 1,765 million Dunams (1 Dunam equals to 1000 square meters) of Palestinian land had been confiscated for that military purpose. In 1980, the UNCHR has estimated that not less than 40% of the land in the West Bank had been turned into the property of Israel in the name of 'military areas for various purposes'. After that, Palestinians are banned from entering the area forever.



The next method is by declaring the Palestinian land as the Israeli National Park. To date, there are 48 Palestinian land that equivalent to 384,000 Dunams (7% of the area of the West Bank) have been declared as "Nature Reserves" and became part of the Israel's National Park. Israel also uses land confiscation methods in the name of 'archaeological' justification. For instance in 2019, the Israeli government issued an order to destroy 118 Palestinian villages in the West Bank for their 'archaeological studies'.

It should be noted that Israel's insidious methods above all are to forcibly evict Palestinians from their lands which will then be occupied by illegal Jewish immigrants.

These methods are against all principles, international laws and the current practice of international human rights. Although many resolutions and reports against these violations of have been made by various international agencies, however none of them have been able to change the brutal actions of the Israeli government. The fact is, the Palestinian 'Nakba' still continue and the process of expelling Palestinians from their lands takes place in a more cunning and systematic way.

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