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- Issue:** [Working towards a sustainable solution and strengthening the human rights of the population in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.]
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Brief description of the issue

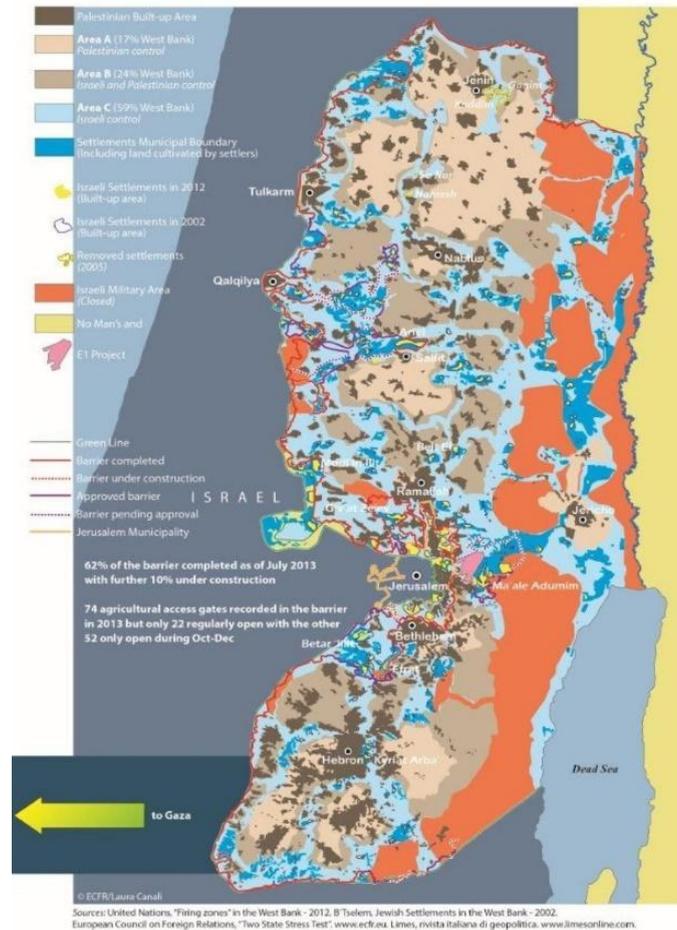
Currently the human rights in the OPTs are less than acceptable. Because of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine and the unclarity of the state's borders many human rights violations occurred. These include accusations against the Palestinian Authority in form of using human beings as shields, torture Palestinians because of their political affiliation and using civilian's houses for building rockets¹.

Background Information

Since 1947, the geographical region historically known as Palestine has been divided into two areas with different religions: the smaller area is the Gaza Strip and the larger is the West Bank. Thus, one area was Jewish and one was Arab. When Israel declared its independence in 1948² and claimed both areas as its territory, conflicts between the Jewish state of Israel and Arab states increased.

¹ <https://www.statista.com/chart/16516/israeli-palestinian-casualties-by-in-gaza-and-the-west-bank/>

² <https://www.history.com/topics/middle-east/palestine>



Although on the 15. November 1988 72% of UN members recognized Palestine as a country and received the status of an observer state from the United Nations on the 29. November 2012.

Still in 1967 Israel occupied Gaza and the Westbank (including East Jerusalem) and has maintained control since then. Those territories are called the occupied Palestinian Territories. Both states have seen this region as their own without a peaceful solution.

In 2013 236 Palestinian children were in Israeli detention, being beaten up, handtied and threatened with death, physical violence and sexual assault³. Without any information these children were kidnapped from their home and held hostage without explanation. UNICEF reported 44 of them being even under the age of 16.

Even though under the international law, Israeli authorities are obliged to respect the right of life, nearly everyday are deaths caused by the Israeli Border Police reported including 2,952 injuries in the West Bank.

³ Twenty-fourth session of the

The Human Cost Of The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Israeli & Palestinian deaths/injuries documented by the UN

■ Deaths ■ Injuries

Palestinian Israeli

Total deaths from

3,202 2008 853



As we can see most of the deaths and injuries were Palestinian due to the Israeli occupation.



Key terms

PLO = Palestine Liberation Organization

OPT = Occupied Palestinian Territories

PNC = Palestine National Council (the PNC is the highest decision-making body in the PLO. With that it is considered as parliament for all Palestinian territories including occupied Palestinian territories and Jerusalem)

Blue Helmets = The Blue Helmets are the United Nations Military personnel on the ground. Since the UN officially doesn't have a force, the Blue Helmets are used to secure the peace in different areas.

Oslo Accord⁴ = agreements between Israeli government and the PLO, signed in Washington, DC 1993.

Possible solutions

“Two-State solution⁵”

In 2013 a resolution from the UN passed with only 6 abstentions and 2 votes against (United States and Israel). This Two-State solution would go back to the discussed borders from the pre-1967 borders. Like the UN said, the two states would live peacefully side by side with controlled borders.

Still since 2013 nothing has changed besides the increasing rate of injuries and conflicts between the two states.

An extra adaptation to this resolution could be the control of the borders not let by the states but by the UN. This border control could be led by the Blue Helmets. Not only would this secure the people but also trigger the peace between the two states.

Major actors

The US is committed to negotiate on a solution even though they were the only UN member besides Israel who voted against the Resolution from 2013. Because of the Oslo Accords the United States provided more than \$7.9 billion in funding of Palestine. This didn't include military aid like they provided for Israel. With that the side splitting of the US showed.

⁴ <https://interactive.aljazeera.com/aje/palestineremix/the-price-of-oslo.html#/14>

⁵ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/two-state-solution>

However this map shows the standing relationship between the US and the PLO which indirectly emphasizes the relationship from the US with Palestine.



How to prepare as a delegate

To have fruitful debates, all delegates need to be well prepared and know his/her/their topics. You should know if your country is a MEDC or a LEDC and furthermore if and how your country is involved/affected by the Israel-Palestine conflict. If yes you should know in which way and the relationship toward either country. Please have a look at the useful sources, since they should help you with doing further research on the issue since the Research Report is only a brief overview of the topic. All delegates are required to write a position paper spanning all three issues prior to the conference. Please send your position MUNNY 2022 paper to your chair before the conference.

Further reading / Other useful sources

PLO website <https://palestineun.org/about-palestine/palestine-liberation-organization/>

Palestinian History <https://www.history.com/topics/middle-east/palestine>

Connection to Israel
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/report-israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/>