

Boris Johnson Accessory to Israeli Illegal Settlement as Government Strengthens Ties with Persistent State Violator of International Law

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There are now over half a million Israeli citizens who have settled illegally on Palestinian land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in an attempt to ethnically cleanse the whole of former Palestine, in blatant violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2334 that has declared all such settlements illegal under international law and a violation of Article 4 of the Geneva Conventions on Human Rights. That resolution was passed 14-0 on 23 December 2016 by permanent members, China, France, Russia and the United Kingdom (together with non-permanent members: Angola, Egypt, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela).

The resolution states that Israel's settlement activity constitutes a "flagrant violation" of international law and has "no legal validity". It demands that Israel stop such activity and fulfill its obligations as an occupying power under the Fourth Geneva Convention.

For the 14th consecutive year, Israel also continues its illegal air, land and sea blockade of the Gaza Strip, restricting the movement of people and goods in and out of the area, which continued to have a devastating impact on the human rights of Gaza's 2 million inhabitants. Israel stopped the entry of construction materials and fuel into Gaza repeatedly. This shut down the only power plant in Gaza, leading to a further reduction in the supply of electricity, which had already been available for only about four hours a day. Israel also imposed a full maritime closure and repeatedly limited entry of goods to food and medicine only. The measures amounted to collective punishment at a time of increasing COVID-19 infections in Gaza.

Population statistics for Israeli settlements in the Palestinian West Bank, excluding East

Jerusalem, show c.400,000 exclusively Jewish citizens of Israel plus more than 20,000 Israeli citizens still living illegally in settlements on the Golan Heights.

The state of Israel is the only undeclared nuclear weapon state in the world, today, and is estimated to have built between 100-400 nuclear warheads, enough to destroy the whole of the Middle East and Europe. It's underground nuclear silos in the Negev Desert are undeclared to and uninspected by the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

This is the state that is heavily supported by the government of Boris Johnson which grants export licenses to it for military equipment and which now proudly declares increased bilateral trade and political cooperation with a foreign occupation force that is armed to the teeth with undeclared weapons of mass destruction. It is too far-fetched even for a film script – yet, tragically, it is true!

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