



Palestine Solidarity Campaign Resource Pack

www.palestinecampaign.org/nakbaweek

“Expelling people from their homes is a war crime. As well as preventing them from returning. Israel didn’t just commit a war crime in 1948 but continues to commit one to this day.”

Salman Abu Sitta, author,
Atlas Of Palestine 1948



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Introduction to the Nakba Week of Action

Palestine Solidarity Campaign will be launching a series of events to mark the 68th anniversary of the Palestinians' loss of their homes and land when the state of Israel was created in 1948.

The loss, known by Palestinians as the Nakba or 'Catastrophe', was a violent dispossession and removal of the native Palestinian population from their towns and villages.

Israel's violence and land theft continues to this day.

This pack has been put together to assist you in facilitating your own Nakba week events. It contains suggestions of films for film screenings, and videos and articles for sharing.

For the full list of our Nakba Week of Action events please see: www.palestinecampaign.org/nakbaweek

“Without a homeland,
something will
always be missing.
We'll never have
dignity.”

Moneeb Sobhiyya,
Palestinian Refugee



What you can do

Use the resources in this pack to talk to your friends, colleagues, family about the Nakba.

- Share the information in this pack during Nakba Week by email or on social media: Facebook, Twitter etc.
- Join us at the events held around the country, the full list is here: www.palestinecampaign.org/events/nakba-week-events
- Get involved with PSC to campaign for Palestinian Human Rights all year round!

Join PSC and take action for a new mass anti-Apartheid movement for Palestine

- Help us build international support and a mass movement
- Join one of sixty local PSC branches
- Raise the issue of Palestine in your area/club/union – we can supply resources: materials, speakers, etc
- Join our events, such as lobbying, demonstrations and talks
- Support the campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions on Israel
- Tell your MP to take action, use our easy e-tools: www.palestinecampaign.org
- Follow PSC on Facebook and Twitter
- Share the articles, infographics and videos on social media

Nakba factsheets

Palestine Solidarity Campaign:

Israel's 'Independence' and Palestine's catastrophe

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights:

- 1) *What you need to know about Palestinian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*
- 2) *The Biennial Survey on Palestinian Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*
- 3) *Palestinian women narrate displacement*
- 4) *Further factsheets*

Infographics and maps

An Ongoing Displacement
(Visualising Palestine)

Nakba Fact Sheet
(Middle East Eye)

Palestine 1948
(Salman Abu Sitta)

Shrinking Palestine
(Visualising Palestine)

“If the Israelis and others want to know why the conflict still persists today, they can review the information here [*The Atlas of Palestine 1948*] and wake up from their collective amnesia about what really happened in Palestine in 1948.”

Salman Abu Sitta, author,
Atlas Of Palestine 1948



Recommended articles on the Nakba

Ben White: *The Nakba: From 1948 to Today*

Umar al Ghubari: *How Israel Erases Arabic from the public landscape*

Eitan Bronstein Aparicio: *From Gaza to Salameh: A Palestinian refugee's journey home*

Lisa Goldman: *Classified: Politicizing the Nakba in Israel's state archives*

Bernard Regan: *The Palestine Nakba*
(book review)

Karina Goulordava: *Scores of Palestinian books – the Nakba's lesser known victims*

Short videos and testimonies

Zochrot: Testimonies and **Badil: Resource Center** have many video testimonies from refugees.

Al Jazeera: Al-Nakba (4-part series)

[Episode 1](#)

[Episode 2](#)

[Episode 3](#)

[Episode 4](#)

Everyday Nakba by Mohammad al Azza

[Link](#)

Set in Aida refugee camp, it opens with the sound of dripping water. The narrators explain how Palestinian water is redirected to Israel and the illegal settlements. A man examining an empty, dry and rusted storage tank swears to God his main concern is “the water and the water, every night... Yesterday we commemorated the Nakba, every day we have the Nakba, this is the biggest Nakba...”

Our Story by Dr. Mustafa Barghouti

[Link](#)

A definitive account of Palestinian history, charting occupation and displacement from 1948 up until today. This documentary features shocking accounts from the Gaza war and daily acts of aggression and apartheid against the Palestinian people. By Dr. Mustafa Barghouthi.

The Nakba from a feminist perspective

[Link](#)

A monthly Social TV panel with Tammi Molad Hayo, Nahed Sakis, Dr. Safa Aburabia and Rawan Bisharat discusses the Nakba as it relates to women, militarism and peace.

“We must do everything to insure they [the Palestinians] never do return... The old will die and the young will forget.”

David Ben Gurion, 1948



Land grabs and ethnic cleansing continue with the building of the Wall, deemed illegal by the International Court of Justice and the UN

Suggestions for film screenings

Below is a list of recommended films on the subject of the Nakba. Films may be subject to availability and screening fees.

***Encounter With A Lost Land* by Maryse Gargour (2013)**

French citizens who lived in Palestine from the 1920s recall life before 1948 through previously unseen personal and diplomatic archives. Drawing on private and consular correspondences, rare audio-visual records, newspapers, diaries, and first-hand testimonies, Maryse Gargour (*The Land Speaks Arabic*, 2007) delivers a rich portrait of the cultural and social life of Mandate Palestine as experienced by French nationals – the sons and daughters of diplomats, priests, surgeons, and traders who lived in Palestine between the 1920s and 1950s. These rarely heard testimonies provide a unique perspective on cosmopolitan life in the wealthy urban centres of Jaffa, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem during the colonial era.

***All That Remains (Ma Tabqa Lakum)* by Nada El Yassir (2005)**

Palestinian Arab Bedouins once peopled the entire Naqab (Negev) Desert, a region which accounts for 60% of historic Palestine. With the creation of Israel in 1948, the majority of these Palestinians were uprooted. Those who remain are either being forcibly concentrated within one of seven designated townships or, if they refuse to abandon their lifestyle and economy, end up living in one of 46 'unrecognised villages' lacking water, electricity, schools, roads or medical services.

Chronicles of a Refugee **by Perla Issa, Aseel Mansour and Adam Shapiro, 2008**

Filmed in 17 countries, 18 refugee camps, 36 cities, with more than 300 interviews, *Chronicles of a Refugee* gives voice to Palestinian refugees displaced in 1948 and their descendants. It is a 6-part documentary film series looking at the global Palestinian refugee experience over the last 60 years, and includes a wide range of age, socio-economic status, cultural and education levels.

The Time That Remains **by Elia Suleiman, 2009**

It gives an account of the creation of the Israeli state from 1948 to the present. In four episodes, Suleiman recounts family stories inspired by his father Fuad's private diaries starting from when he was a resistance fighter in 1948, and his mother's letters to family members who were forced to leave the country during the same period. Suleiman also combines his own memories in an attempt to provide a portrait of the daily life of the Palestinians who were labeled 'Israeli-Arabs' after they chose to remain in their country and become a minority.

Voices Across the Divide **by Alice Rothchild, 2014**

Explores the history of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict through rarely heard personal stories from 1948 and 1967. The Director interviews Palestinian refugees who directly experienced al Nakba in 1948, and younger family members whose families were forced out of their homes into refugee camps and other Middle Eastern countries (where they were born) before coming to Canada or the US.

Recommended books on the Nakba

Ilan Pappe: *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*
Nur Masalha: *The Palestine Nakba: Decolonising History, Narrating the Subaltern, Reclaiming Memory*
Ghada Karmi: *Return, A Palestinian Memoir*
Salman Abu Sitta: *The Return Journey*
Salman Abu Sitta: *Mapping My Return*
Susan Abulhawa: *The Blue Between Sky and Water*

Further reading list:

[Nakba day – a verso reading list](#)



“[T]he story of 1948... is the simple but horrific story of the ethnic cleansing of Palestine... Retrieving it from oblivion is incumbent upon us, not just as a greatly overdue act of historiographical reconstruction or professional duty; it is... the very first step we must take if we ever want reconciliation to have a chance, and peace to take root, in the torn lands of Palestine and Israel.”

Ilan Pappe, Israeli historian,
The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine

Poems and music on the Nakba

Remi Kanazi: *Return*

Gerald Clark: *Nakba*

Checkpoint 303: *In 1948*



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