



# KKL-JNF, a pillar of Israeli Apartheid: Insights and Observations

## In its own words: the KKL-JNF, 2004

“The JNF is not the trustee of the general public in Israel. Its loyalty is given to the Jewish people in the Diaspora and in the state of Israel... The JNF, in relation to being an owner of land, is not a public body that works for the benefit of all citizens of the state. The loyalty of the JNF is given to the Jewish people and only to them is the JNF obligated. The JNF, as the owner of the JNF land, does not have a duty to practice equality towards all citizens of the state.”

## What others say

### Hope Simpson Report, 1930:

“The result of the purchase of land in Palestine by the Jewish National Fund has been that land has been extra-territorialised. It ceases to be land from which the Arab can gain any advantage either now or at any time in the future. Not only can he never hope to lease or to cultivate it, but, by the stringent provisions of the lease of the Jewish National Fund, he is deprived for ever from employment on that land.” The British government knew about the JNF before registering it as a charity in 1939.

### Ilan Pappé, 2006:

“The JNF was the principal Zionist tool for the colonisation of Palestine.”

### Peace Now, 2020:

“In recent years we see that KKL-JNF raised significantly

its involvement in the settlement activity, allocating millions of shekels to the settlements and allowing the settlers to use KKL-JNF to promote their agenda to take over Palestinian properties and to expand the settlements.”

### Ben White, 2016:

“In how many other countries does the state control 93 percent of the land, while affording a significant role in the body that makes decisions about land usage to a private organisation obliged to benefit only one racial or religious group of the state’s citizens? Once again then, it is Israel that ‘singles out’ itself, through its settler-colonial past and present.”



### Ha’aretz Editorial, July 2021:

“Above all, it seems the Jewish National Fund has become the Settlements’ National Fund, and the organisation’s famed ‘blue boxes’ for collecting donations have poured money intended for ‘Jerusalem and the periphery’ into deals meant to serve the settlers both now and in the future. The organisation’s

activities on behalf of the settlements and the inbuilt problems with such activity require us to ask whether there’s any justification for its continued existence.”

## Unitary Nature of KKL-JNF worldwide

The KKL-JNF has branches and offices across the world, many registered as charities, receiving tax benefits. These branches are keen to present themselves as



independent of the parent organisation, in order to deflect criticism of involvement in settlement expansion in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, yet ample evidence exists to disprove this.

See this short film: <https://vimeo.com/418202311>.

### Human Rights Watch 2021:

“A Threshold Crossed; Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution.”

Human Rights Watch’s forensic report explicitly refers to the JNF’s part in the crime of Apartheid, serving the Jewish community and no other constituency, playing a “central role” with bodies like the WZO and Jewish Agency in the state’s discriminatory land policies. HRW also reports that the JNF has acquired 65,000 dunums in the West Bank for illegal colonies and is playing a role in the Judaisation of the Galilee and Naqab.

### Regulatory bodies shielding JNF UK

Complaints have been lodged with the Charity Commission, insisting the JNF UK should be removed from the charities register. The complaints (2013 and

2018) have both been rejected, the complainants being denied “standing” (the right to complain further), including the Palestinian complainants, one of whom has title deeds to land now under JNF UK’s British Park.

### Charity Commission response to Stop the JNF formal complaints:

“In simple terms, the test for charitable status is a test of what a charity was set up to do, not what it does in practice.”

### Fundraising Regulator’s response to 63 Jewish complainants:

The complaint evidenced misleading website publicity but has been rejected in a decision described as “perverse” by one eminent signatory.

- See this short film – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQpU2PV9h1I&t](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQpU2PV9h1I&t) – for background
- and read this article, rejecting the Fundraising Regulator’s report: [www.stopthejnf.org/how-does-the-jnf-uk-get-away-with-it](http://www.stopthejnf.org/how-does-the-jnf-uk-get-away-with-it).



## Find out more

For further information on the background to the campaign, go to “Why the JNF?” – [www.stopthejnf.org/why-the-jnf](http://www.stopthejnf.org/why-the-jnf)

**Call for Action:** [www.stopthejnf.org/call-for-action](http://www.stopthejnf.org/call-for-action)

**Keep the JNF out of COP26:** [www.stopthejnf.org/keep-the-jnf-out-of-cop-26](http://www.stopthejnf.org/keep-the-jnf-out-of-cop-26)

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