

7 Months of

GENOCIDE



Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it - George Santayana

After over 200 days of the brutal war on the Gaza Strip and the Palestinian people, there are more people killed, more people injured and more people displaced. So what happened in the last month and what is next?

To answer this question we have to start by talking about: what is happening in universities worldwide, the anniversary of the Nakba in less than a week, and what is happening in both the West Bank and Gaza.

1. The student movements in universities

In the last month, many university students in the United States and around the world started establishing encampments and sit-ins in their universities. These encampments are both a show of solidarity and a way to push their universities to divest from the Israeli occupation.

Because of those demands to stop complicity with the genocide and occupation, the students were accused of anti-semitism, were threatened with expulsion, and over 2400 students were arrested, all under the pretense that the students were disturbing the order.

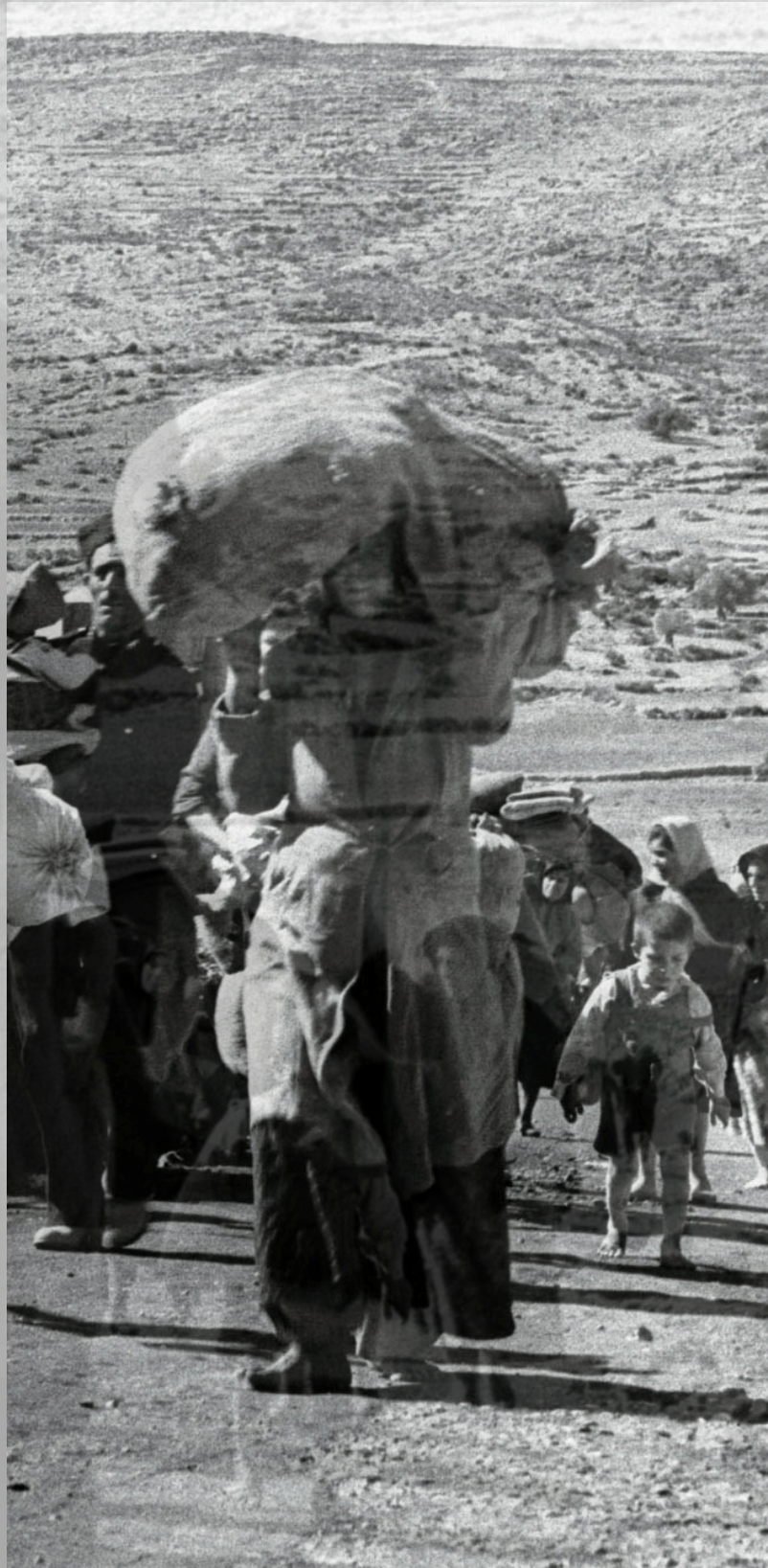
If this situation reminds of you another time in history, you are not alone. The same tactic of encampments was used by student protesters against the Vietnam War, and the same tactics and threats were used by governments to disperse those mostly peaceful protesters, in both the Vietnam War and the civil rights protests.

Here we need to remember the letter of MLK that came from Birmingham jail which says: "I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizens Council or the Ku Klux Klanner but the white moderate who is more devoted to order than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive."



1. THE NAKBA

THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY AND THE PAST DOESN'T END WITH THE PROTESTS, AS IN THIS VERY MONTH IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAKBA OR THE EXPULSION OF THE THREE QUARTERS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES IN 1948. AND THIS NAKBA IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE GAZA STRIP AGAIN AT THIS VERY MOMENT WITH MORE THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION FLEEING THEIR HOMES. WE WOULD DARE SAY THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW MIGHT BE EVEN WORSE. NOT ONLY IS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND DISPLACED IN GAZA MORE THAN THE NAKBA, BUT THIS TIME THE ATROCITIES ARE HAPPENING UNDER THE WATCH OF THE WHOLE WORLD. PEOPLE ARE EITHER IGNORING WHAT IS HAPPENING OR ATTACKING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO STOP IT.





3-WEST BANK

Apartheid is defined as a policy or system of segregation or discrimination on grounds of race and this is the best way to describe what is happening in the West Bank right now. This system has been built over decades but has become more pronounced in the last months. In South Africa, a group of people were forced to live in specific areas, away from the people with power, and they were only allowed to leave this area with special passes, and mostly to work for those people who have the power. At the same time, this segregated group was always talked about as the enemy that can be used as a scarecrow to rally the people of power against, to mostly ensure the stability of the subset of the society that has the power.

Here the connection between both cases becomes even more clear, as the Palestinians in the West Bank are not only forced to live in specific areas (that are getting smaller and smaller by the day), but the Palestinians are used as a rallying point for the illegal Israeli settlers in the West Bank to direct their hate and attack with impunity.

This is exactly what has been happening for years in the West Bank and has only grown since the start of the war, which can be seen clearly by the growing number of attacks on them, just like the one that happened on 13 of April against the people who live in The Northern farm villege

4-The Gaza Strip

When it comes to the Gaza Strip the comparison with one case from history that shows an example of history repeating itself is going to be harder, not because there are no examples, but because there are way too many, nonetheless, no example is enough to describe all of the atrocities committed.

Thus we will be describing the situation over there while letting the reader choose which of the million names and titles it can be called.

As stated by the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor in Gaza on the 3rd of April: 41,496 Palestinian civilians have been killed in the last 6 months by Israel, including 15,370 children and 9,671 women, and hundreds of families were wiped out. Those killed include 136 journalists and 349 healthcare workers. Over 77,250 Palestinians were injured, over 2,000,000 were displaced, and 3,890 were forcibly disappeared.

The atrocities don't end with the killing, injuring, and displacing of people but also include attacking the places that can help them, and the places where they can stay as 301 hospitals/health facilities, 650 places of worship were attacked, and 443 schools, not to mention that 122,500 homes were destroyed, and 269,700 partially destroyed.

So what can all of this be called, and what can be done? That is the real question that we all need to ask ourselves.



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