



Palestine Solidarity Alliance
United Against Apartheid Israel



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Israel is a settler colonial apartheid state that is anti-Muslim and anti-Christian

Year after year, Israel's Apartheid regime imposes numerous restrictions on the Palestinians, practising their religion in peace and freedom to observe their religious rights, especially at the Al-Aqsa mosque.

Again, this year and again in the month of Ramadhan, the racist Zionist regime continues to attack Palestinians worshipping in Al Aqsa. From last week they made attempts to bar the entry of Palestinians into the holy compound. Now this right wing racist government is forcefully removing worshippers from the Jerusalem compound and encouraging Zionist settlers to enact violence against the Palestinians and desecrate their place of worship.

This is being done under the guise of "security measures" and with the impunity that the apartheid state enjoys internationally. Nowhere else in the world does anyone need a permit just to enter a Mosque, a place which is revered as the third holiest site in Islam. Similar restrictions have been imposed on Christian Palestinians observing their religious holidays and on their places of worship. All of these restrictions are discriminatory in nature and, in tandem with Israel's occupation, aim to break the spirit of the Palestinians.

As South Africans, our religious freedoms are constitutionally protected, with all religious groups enabled to practice their faith and engage in activities relating to this faith without hindrance. Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Palestinians do not have the right to practice their religions without hindrance from the Zionist occupiers and Israel's Apartheid regime.

In 2022, Palestinian Christians were stopped from entering the Church of Holy Sepulchre with Zionist settlers and Israeli occupation forces attacking Palestinian Christians and priests. Israel imposed restrictions on the entrance of Palestinians into the Church, forcing them to get permits. This is an on-going restriction imposed by Israel's Apartheid state, enforced by its brutal occupation force and enabled by its settlers.

This Ramadan, Muslims in Palestine face on-going violence and restrictions. Palestinian worshippers have been forcibly removed from the Mosque with some being arrested. Israel has imposed further restrictions on the access of Al Aqsa in order to control the number of Palestinians entering the Mosque. Palestinian worshippers were also attacked by settlers and Israeli occupation forces.

We call on the international community to safeguard the Palestinians' human right to religious freedom and speak out against Israel's continued aggression against Palestinians and their places of worship. We also call on all religious bodies and organisations to stand up for the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Palestinians who are continuously barred from practising their religion freely without hindrance or restrictions.

All freedom loving people must stand for the freedom and liberation of Palestine, irrespective of race, religion, and creed. As The Palestine Solidarity Alliance, we call on you to raise your voice for Palestine and to stand up for the human rights of the Palestinians.

We encourage all mosques, churches, sports clubs and community organisations to host an urgent local prayer meeting, picket or protest for Palestine. As the PSA please reach out to us should you require assistance in this regard.

Also let us use social media to expose and condemn Israel as well as hold their supporters culpable for the denial of religious freedoms, islamophobia and anti-Christian bias.

#HandsOffAqsa #Freepalestine #EndIsraeliApartheid

We reiterate our call to the ANC government to hold Israel accountable and take meaningful action to prevent the further ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Jerusalem and from Occupied Palestine in general. The ANC government should enable the breaking of diplomatic, trade and all other ties with apartheid Israel and prosecute those South Africans that join the Israeli Defence Force.

It is up to us to support all efforts to find a meaningful, and viable solution that secures human rights for all and is based on our common struggle values of Freedom, Justice, Equality and Dignity. As Madiba said, "we know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians."

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