



MARCH 30

Palestine Land Day

30th March is 'Palestine Land Day'. Israel announced expropriation of swathes of Palestinian land in the Galilee—an area of historic Palestine now in northern Israel on 11 March 1976. Massive protests erupted to resist this across Palestine, and on 30 March, Israel opened fire on Palestinian protesters. Six Palestinians were killed, over 100 were injured, and hundreds were detained.

The land seized by the Israeli government was used to build several new Israeli villages(settlements) and an army training camp. It was part of a policy the state then referred to as “Judaisation” of the Galilee.





'Land day' was designated to commemorate the resistance and sacrifices of Palestinians against Israel's theft of Palestinian land. Every year on this day, global protests against Israel's occupation are held.



The Great Return March

On 30 March 2018 the Great Return March began—a campaign of weekly demonstrations demanding the right of return for Palestinian refugees. This form of resistance continued for 20 months. Israel security forces—mostly snipers—killed at least 223 Palestinians, 46 of them under the age of 18.



Even now, Israel is engaging in ethnic cleansing, driving Palestinians from their homes and killing them. According to UN OCHA, in the northern West Bank, the ongoing operation by Israeli forces has entered its eighth week. Over the last two years, more than 2,000 Palestinians across the West Bank has been displaced due to heightened settler violence and access restrictions.



49th Land Day

This year, on the 49th anniversary of Land Day, we will protest against Israel's genocide, honour the resistance and sacrifices of Palestinians, and demand the full liberation of Palestine so that Palestinian refugees can return to their homes.

