

# Palestine

# Educators'

## notes

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### **Resources required:**

- Post it notes
- Speaker
- Projector
- Wifi
- Flipchart Paper
- Pens

*Ahmad and his family are fictional characters, however they are based on real life accounts and lived experiences of Palestinians.*



***Zionism is not the same as Judaism.***

*Judaism is a religion. Zionism is a political ideology which is based on the premise of establishing a national homeland for Jews in Palestine. Its policies have tortured, massacred, displaced and ethnically cleansed millions of Palestinians over the last century.*

*Up until the beginning of the 20th century, it is generally believed that Jews found refuge under Muslim rule whilst the European world was persecuting them. There was no conflict between the Muslims and Jews.*

*All Jews are not Zionists. There are some Jews who strongly oppose Zionism. Some have written books against Zionism and the ethnic cleansing of Palestine (for e.g. Ilan Pappé, Avi Shlaim etc).*

**What comes to your  
mind when you hear  
the word Palestine?**



# Learning Objectives

01

## INVESTIGATE

the root causes of the Palestine-Israel issue

02

## DISCUSS

the importance of al-Masjid al-Aqsa and the Blessed Land

03

## ANALYSE

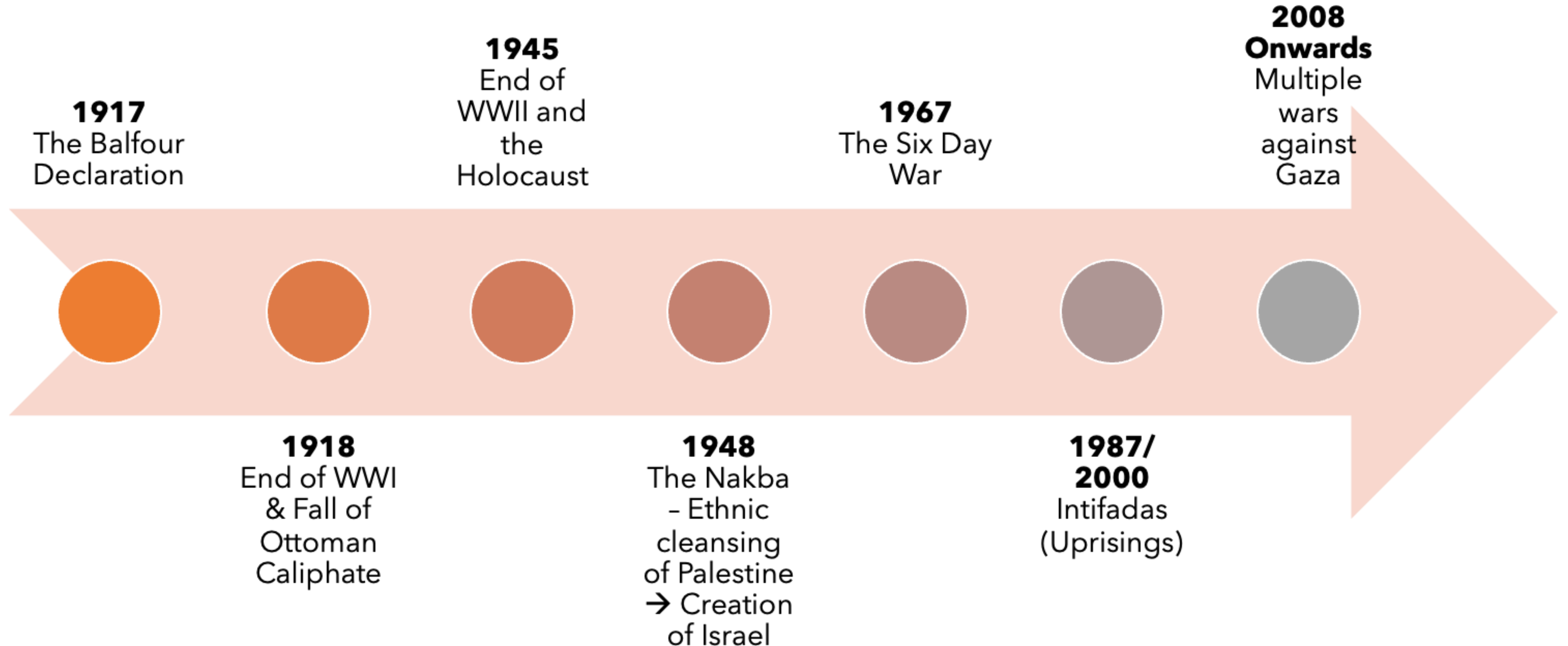
life in the West Bank & Gaza through the lens of a child

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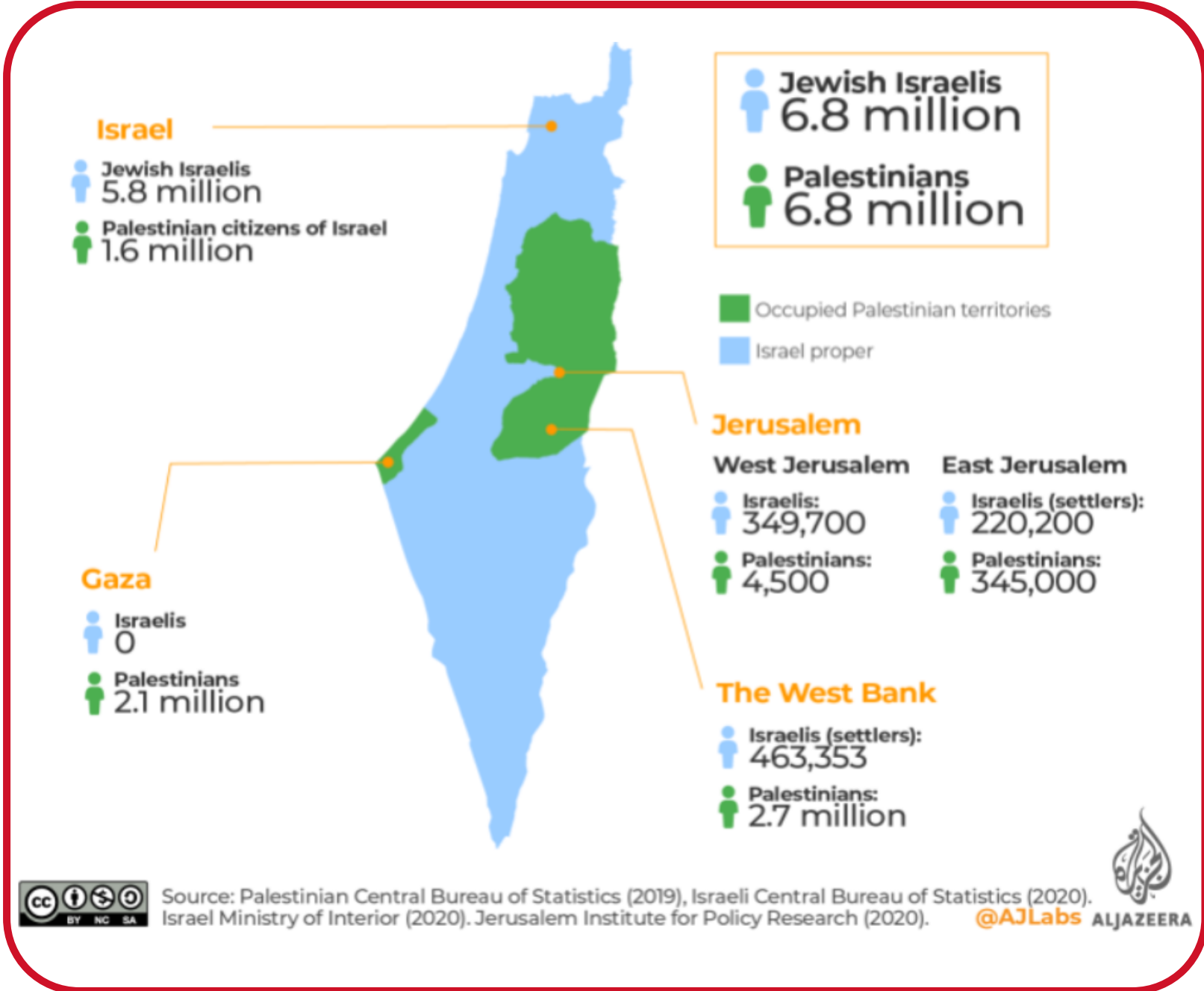
## EXAMINE

the impact of Israeli aggression upon the Palestinian people

# Going back in time



# The land grab



**Before the 1947 UN Resolution**

**6.5%**

*Zionist ownership of Palestinian land*

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**After the 1947 UN Resolution**

**55%**

*Zionist ownership of Palestinian land*

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# What is the land grab?



How would you feel if someone did this to you?



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# A day in the life of Ahmad from Palestine

Meet Ahmad Alnajjar, aged 12.

He lives in a refugee camp in Jenin (West Bank)  
with his four siblings, parents and Siti  
(grandmother).



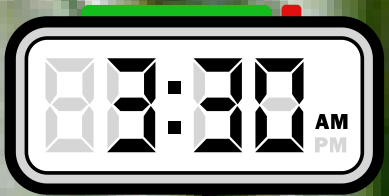


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## Sharing with Siti

Ahmad shares his bedroom with Siti (his grandma), as their flat only has two bedrooms. As usual, Ahmad stirs slightly in his sleep as he hears her performing her tahajjud (the night prayer). Ahmad catches her praying against the **occupiers and oppressors**.

Siti was orphaned in 1948 when her parents were butchered in the Deir Yassin massacre as part of the Nakba. She was only 6 years old.



# The Nakba

☞ What year was the Nakba?

- Zionist gangs uprooted 60% of the Palestinian people (800,000 out of 1.4m)
- 530 out of 580 Palestinian villages destroyed
- 34 massacres, killing 15,000 Palestinians
- **By the time ceasefire was announced, Israelis had occupied 78% of Palestine**

## WHAT WAS PROMISED

***Dec 1948:** UN passed Resolution 194. Refugees wishing to return to their homes should be permitted to do so at the earliest practical date & compensation should be paid.*

## WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

***Law of Return 1950:** The resolution was **totally ignored by the Israelis** and instead they granted automatic rights of citizenship of Israel to all Jews in the world.*



## The Nakba 1948





# Deir Yassin Massacre

## April 1948

- Friday 9th April at 4:30am: Zionists surrounded Deir Yassin and butchered men, women and children along with raping women
- News spread to other villages and was also exaggerated to frighten the Palestinians. The trick worked and thousands of Palestinians began to flee for their lives, **never to return**
- Deir Yassin is now an Israeli village: cemetery and mosques were destroyed

**250**  
**murdered!**



*25 pregnant women  
whose bellies were cut  
open and unborn  
children murdered.*



*52 innocent children were  
slaughtered in front of  
their mothers, with their  
heads chopped off.*



**4:15am**

## Leaving for work

Ahmad then hears his brother Esam getting ready to leave for work. To make it in time for his 7:30 am start, his brother must leave now as he has a checkpoint to cross.

His brother is lucky - more than 30% of Palestinians in the West Bank are unemployed.





# The checkpoints await his brother...

- There are 593 checkpoints within the West Bank
- At checkpoints: overcrowding, physical inspections, injuries & harassment
- 70,000 Palestinians with Israeli work permits make the daily commute due to the high unemployment rate within the West Bank
- Purpose: **Control and limit** the free movement of Palestinians

***“Between 4am and 6am every day, the checkpoints begin to fill up as thousands of people squeeze into cage-like lanes. Many arrive at 3am or earlier to secure their place in line, more than an hour prior to the opening of the checkpoint. Restricted by a time limit on their Israeli permits, they must make their journey back home after the day’s end. Some, however, decide to take the risk of sleeping at their workplaces due to the conditions at the checkpoints. In turn, they only see their families on the weekend.”***

## Harassment & intimidation at the checkpoint





**7:30am**

## Ready for school

Ahmad is now awake, getting ready to go to school.

It's harvesting season. Ahmad's Baba leaves to go for work on the olive farm owned by his family for over 400 years - he is one of the lucky ones. Last year, Israeli settlers burnt down Baba's best friend's olive tree farm.

The illegal wall has divided Baba's house and his farm. He is unsure of whether the Israeli authorities will open the gates of the wall to allow him to go to his farm or not.





# The illegal wall blocking

## Baba...

- The wall is 8m high – with watchtowers and a “buffer zone” 30-100 meters wide for electric fences, trenches, cameras, sensors, and military patrols
- 85% of the wall is in the West Bank, annexing 46% of the land
- Wall surrounds Palestinian farmland: Israel has created agricultural “gates” in the Wall; Palestinians are beaten, detained, shot at and humiliated
- The wall blocks Palestinians from visiting al-Masjid al-Aqsa

### ISRAEL/PALESTINE

### Separation wall

Since 2002, Israel has been constructing a wall that stretches for more than **700 kilometres**. **85 percent of the wall falls within the West Bank** rather than running along the internationally recognised 1967 boundary, known as the Green Line.



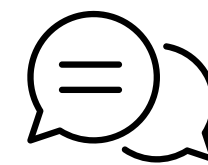
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# Have you heard of apartheid?



- What does 'Apartheid' mean?
- Why is Israel an **Apartheid State**?



**9:00 am**

## Yearning to visit

Ahmad has reached school safely Alhamdulillah. He always feels tense on the way to school as he passes by the spot where his neighbour Ali was shot last year by an Israeli sniper.

His school is poorly built, underfunded and crowded. Today, he is learning about the virtues & history of Jerusalem and al-Masjid al-Aqsa. It is only 1.5 hours away from him but he has never been there as Israel won't allow him. Ahmad yearns to visit the blessed mosque, and pray in the place where thousands of Prophets prayed.



**What are the virtues  
of al-Masjid al-Aqsa?**





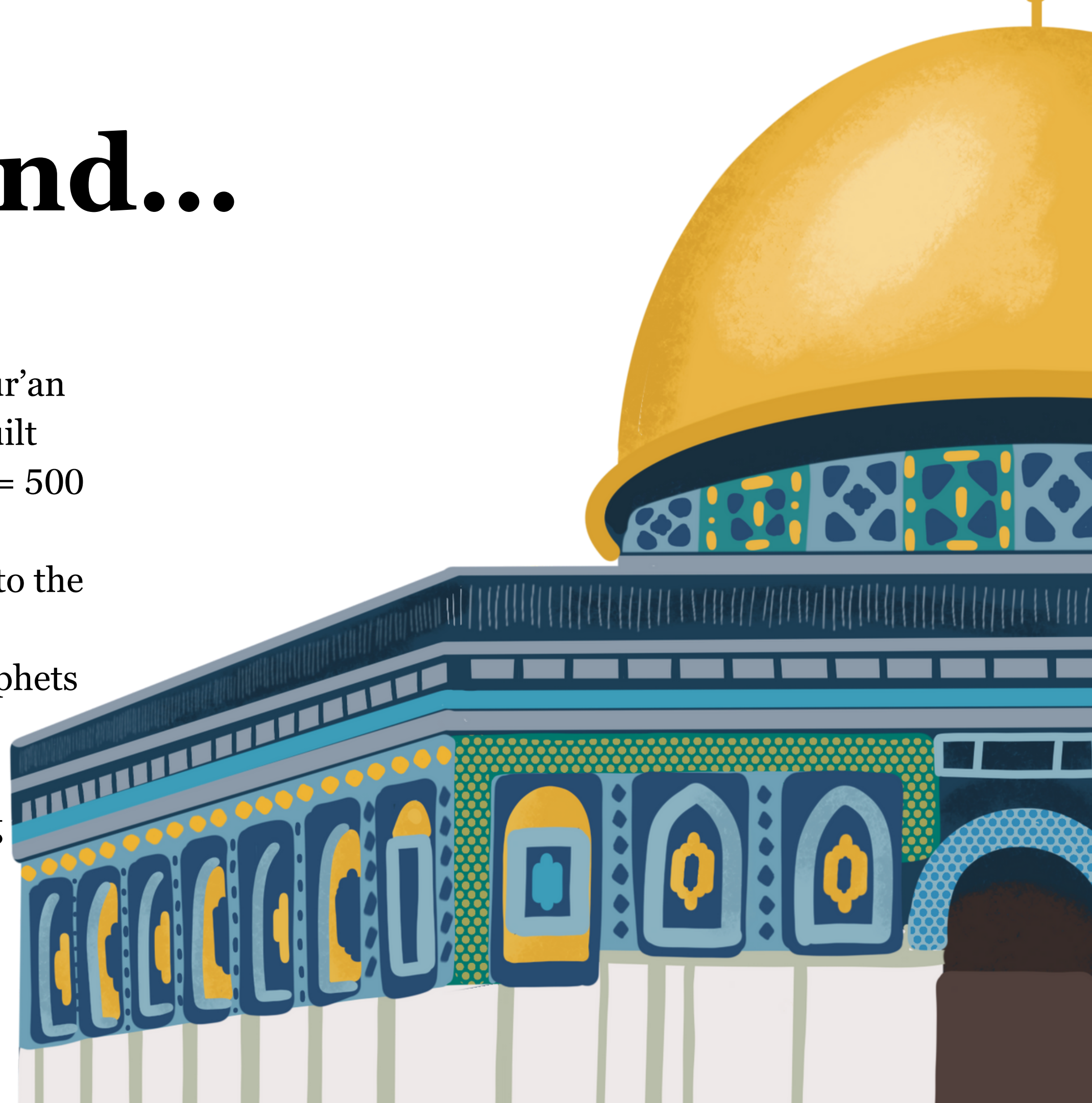
**Aerial view of al-Masjid al-Aqsa**





# The Blessed Land...

- Which Allah Himself has sanctified in the Qur'an
- On which the second Masjid on Earth was built
- Which contains the Masjid in which 1 Salah = 500 Salahs
- From which the Messenger ﷺ was taken up to the Heavens to meet Allah
- In which the Messenger ﷺ lead ALL the Prophets in Prayer
- Which was the the 1st Qiblah
- Over which the Angels of Allah are spreading their wings over until today



# Jerusalem & al-Masjid al-Aqsa

- Jerusalem (Capital of Palestine) was separated into East & West in 1948
- West was for Israel and East was for Palestine
- 1967 – Israel began occupying the East too (al-Masjid al-Aqsa)
- Settlements built around the East of Jerusalem to partition it from the West Bank - **229,000 illegal Israeli settlers live in East Jerusalem**

**!** *Palestinian males (ages 12-55) living in the West Bank are not allowed to visit al-Masjid al-Aqsa.*

**!** *Only 400,000 out of the 7 million Palestinians can visit al-Masjid al-Aqsa.*



# Al-Aqsa is our collective duty: They have defended it for us

- Al-Masjid al-Aqsa has been under illegal Israeli occupation since 1967
- Some Israeli groups wish to build a Jewish temple in the place of al-Aqsa
- The Israeli government encourage these groups to visit al-Aqsa, accompanied by Israeli Occupation Forces (known as **incursions**)
- The number of incursions at al-Aqsa and attacks on Palestinian worshippers have rapidly increased over the last few years

**During Ramadan 2022, Palestinian worshippers at al-Aqsa were attacked 7 times in the space of 10 days. Over 250 worshippers were injured, including women, children and the elderly.**



**NEWS UPDATE**



**12:00 PM**

## Missing Esam

Ahmad is in the playground. He is missing his best friend, Esam.

Esam, only 13, is in an Israeli prison. He was arrested for throwing stones at the Israeli military who carried out a major attack on the Jenin Camp this July.



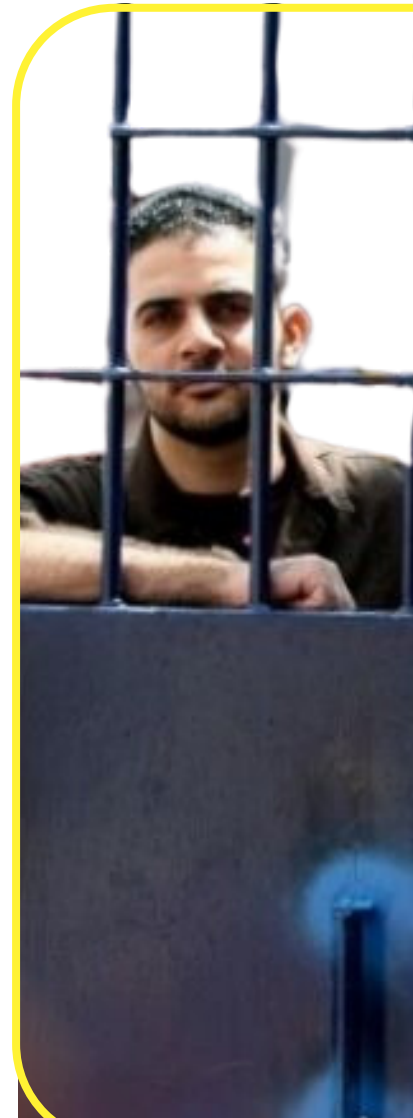
# How many Palestinians are illegally imprisoned by Israel?



**12,000**

**Children Arrested  
since 2000**

*Most of the child prisoners were charged with “throwing stones”, a crime punishable under military law by up to 20 years in prison.*



**4,450**

**Palestinian Political  
Prisoners**

- 160 child prisoners
- 32 female prisoners
- 549 serving life sentences
- 499 serving sentence >20 years

**3:30 PM**

## Returning to rubble

Ahmad has just received a WhatsApp message from his older sister Arwa in Hebron, sending a picture of their house which has been reduced to rubble by an Israeli digger.

They were only given a one-hour notice to collect all their belongings and leave.





# Settlers & demolitions: daylight robbery

Since 1967, Israeli authorities have **demolished over 30,000** Palestinian homes in the occupied territory. Palestinian homes are demolished to make space for settlers who come from all over the world.

Nearly **750,000 Israelis** live in 300 illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank.



■ OCCUPIED WEST BANK

They destroy  
and we build!

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## Ahmad's neighbourhood



*This is where Ahmad's family had to move to after their land was stolen!*

*vs.*

## Thieves' neighbourhood



*Villas of illegal Zionist settlers coming from all over the world, living on Ahmad's family's land.*



6:00 PM

## Baby on the way

Ahmad's aunt Ramla, is pregnant and has been having contractions during the day. She is in extreme pain!

She rushes to the hospital with her husband, but she is stopped on the way!



# Plight of women!

Fayzeh Abu Dahouk went into labour  
late at night. As she



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# Discussion Questions

1. What was the Balfour Declaration?
2. How is Ahmad's life different to a young person in your country?
3. Why are the events of 1948 called the Nakba?
4. Why do Palestinians in the West Bank have to wake up very early for work?
5. What do you think is the significance of the wall blocking the Palestinians?
6. In what ways is Israel an apartheid state?
7. Why is al-Masjid al-Aqsa so special?
8. Why do you think Israeli groups repeatedly make incursions in the grounds of al-Masjid al-Aqsa?
9. What do you think it must be like to be a child and throw a stone at a tank?
10. How would you feel if someone destroyed your house, stole your land and then built their own villa on it?



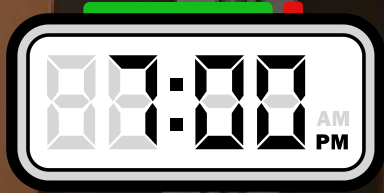


**7:00 PM**

## Ahmad calls Imad

Ahmad is video calling his cousin Imad, but it seems like he isn't back from work yet.

Ahmad has never seen Imad in person, even though they only live 1.5 hours apart.



***Meet Imad Albarghouthi.***

Aged 12, he lives in the largest concentration camp known in history (Gaza).



# Gaza: an open-air prison

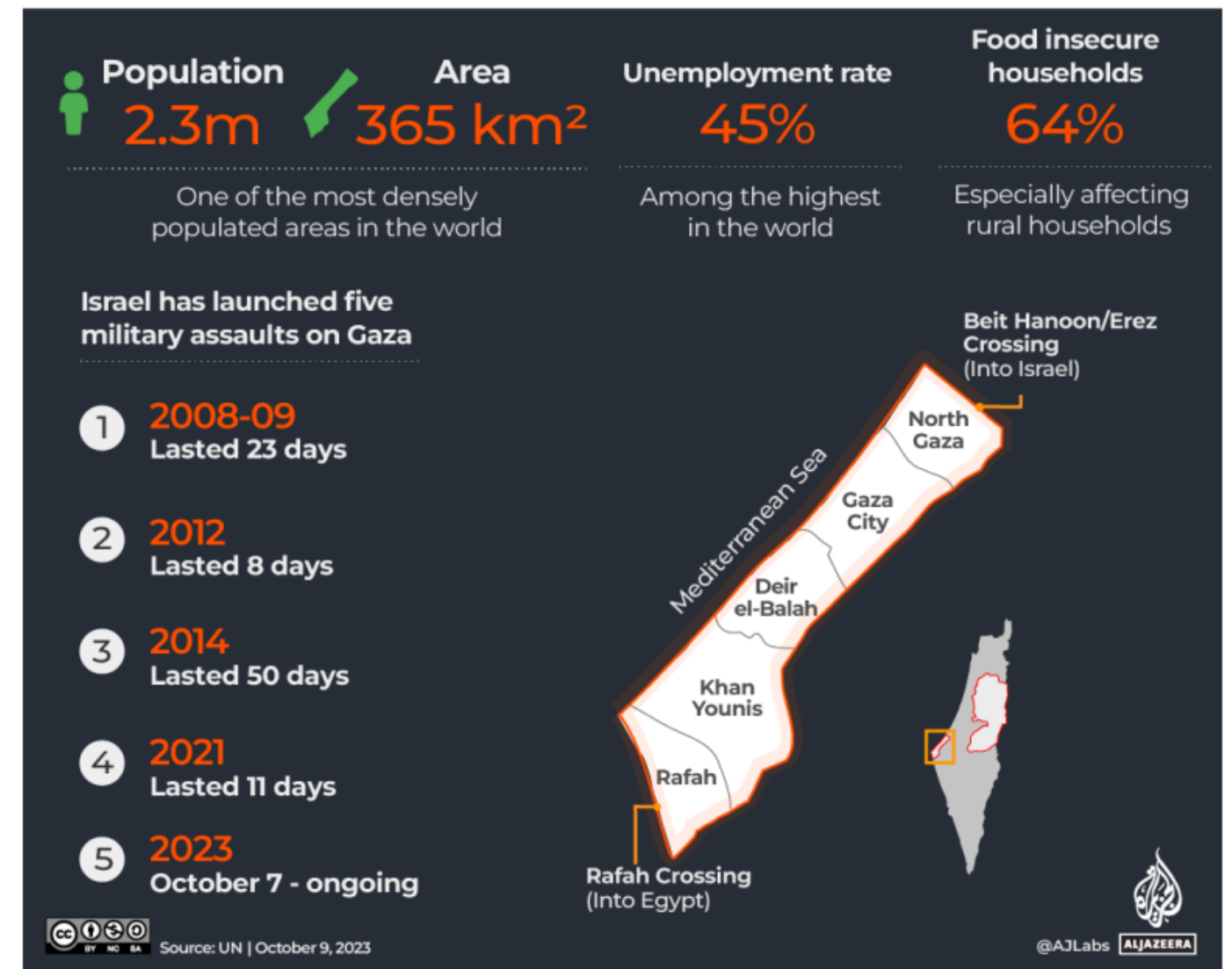
- Israel's land, air and sea blockade has trapped more than 2.3 million people inside the Gaza Strip since 2007
- 80% of Gazans are dependent on humanitarian aid to survive
- Gazans face electrical blackouts for 12–16 hours every day
- 97% of water is not safe for consumption



**The UN has declared Gaza is not fit for human habitation**

## Gaza: 16 years of living under blockade

Israel's land, air and sea blockade has trapped more than two million people inside the Gaza Strip since 2007. No portion of Gaza's society or economy has been left untouched.



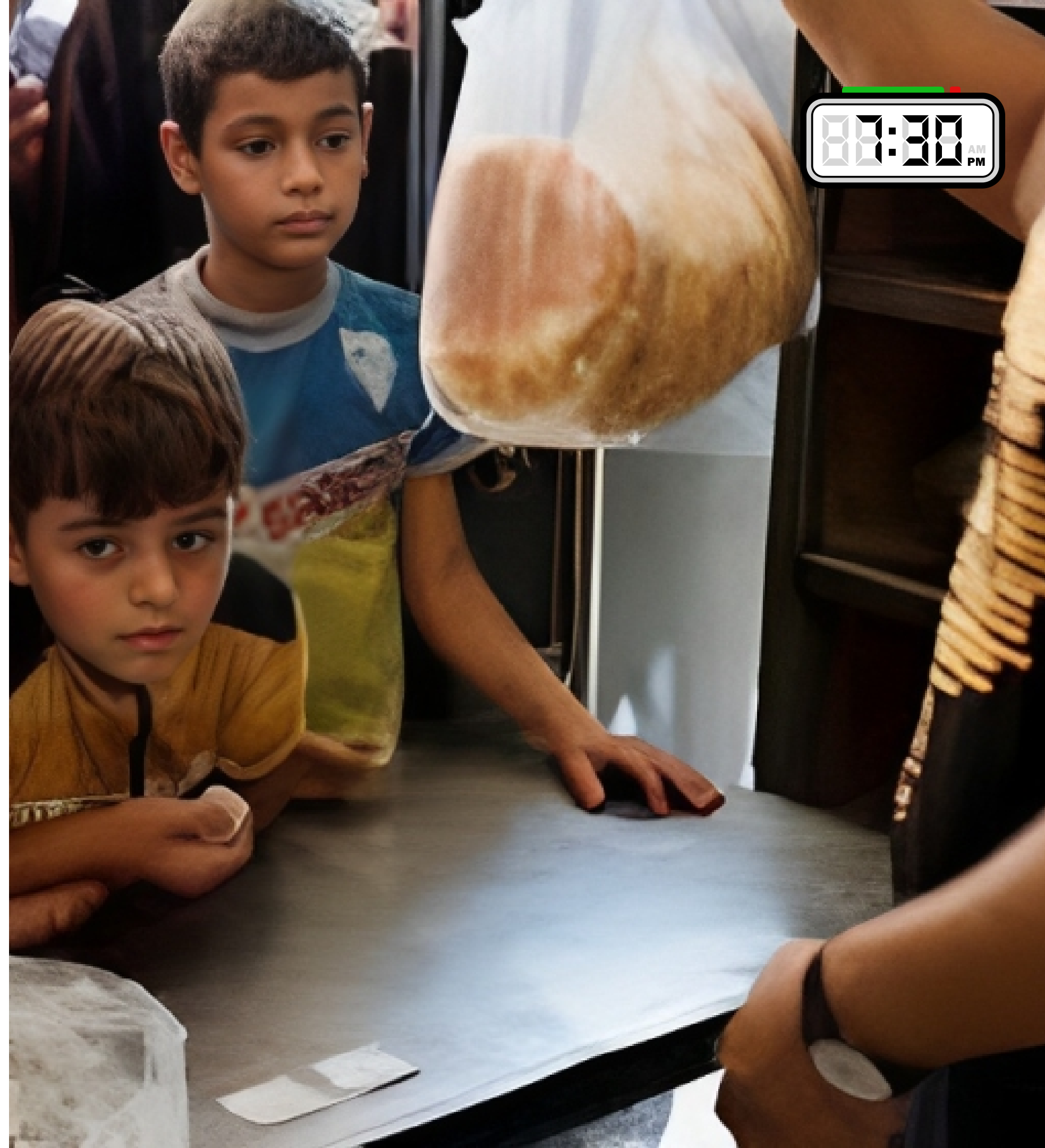
(Al Jazeera)

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## ‘I’m exhausted!’

Imad has just come back from work. He is exhausted. He used to go to school, but since the war, he is no longer able to.

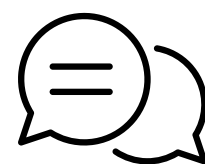
His dad was killed in the 2018 war by an Israeli bomb so now his family depend on him. His job is tough: 11-hour shifts at his uncle’s bakery.





# The children

- Children make up 47% of Gaza's population, with over 800,000 having never known life without the blockade
- Children killed or permanently injured
- Orphans
- Trauma of war - depression, fear, panic attacks, suicidal thoughts, involuntary urination & bed wetting, reactive mutism
- Forced to work in dangerous jobs



*Why are some of the children not able to attend school?*



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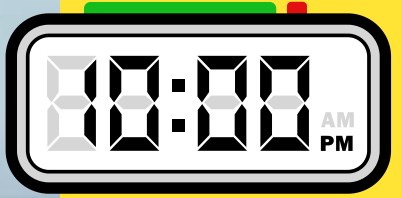


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## A deafening blast

Imad is getting ready to go to bed. It has been a long day and he is exhausted. Suddenly, the block of flats he is in begins to shake. Violently. Imad is terrified.

He keeps repeating the Shahadah.



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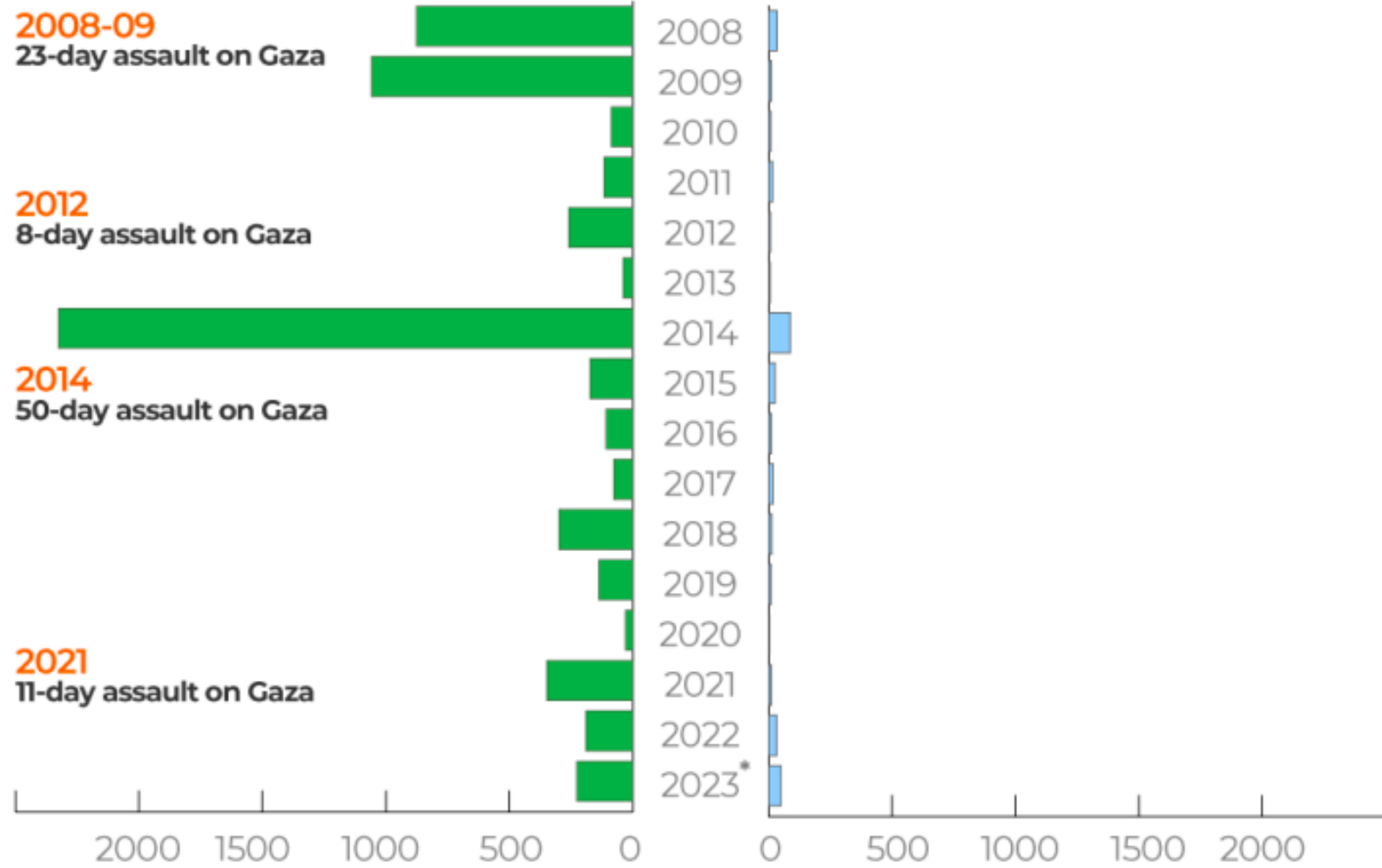


ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

The human cost - from 2008 to 2023

Palestinian deaths  
**6,407**

Israeli deaths  
**308**



At least 152,560 Palestinians and 6,307 Israelis were injured



\*Until August 31, 2023

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs | October 7, 2023

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Imad has  
lived  
through  
3 wars

**This is the 4th one.**  
**And the most deadly.**

**Dropping of illegal white phosphorous bombs...This isn't the first time!**





**Phosphorous bombs disfiguring innocent civilians & children**





First force  
them out of  
their homes  
& then bomb  
them!

*70 killed - mainly women & children*



**“Gaza won’t return to what it was before. We will eliminate everything.” - Israeli Defence Minister**

**GAZA  
BEFORE**



**GAZA  
AFTER**





**Ethnic cleansing**  
**& mass genocide**

**“I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we are acting accordingly.”**

**-Yoav Gallant (Israeli Defence Minister)**



# Targeting ambulances & killing paramedics

## Warning

Some viewers may find the following footage distressing.

The Guardian

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# Lies upon lies!

*At first, Israel gloated over what they had done. And when they realised how this could turn many against them, they had the audacity to blame the massacre on a Palestinian resistance faction who apparently 'misfired' a rocket.*



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**500+** *murdered*  
**in one instant!**



**Innocent murdered children**



*Children who committed no crime killed in the most brutal way.*

**Innocent injured children**



*Children left with permanent injuries, and often left as orphans.*



# ISRAEL-GAZA WAR

Latest casualty figures | October 19, 14:20 GMT

## Israel

## Palestine

GAZA

OCCUPIED WEST BANK

### KILLED

AT LEAST

1,403

AT LEAST

3,785

AT LEAST

72

Including at least 1,524 children, at least 1,000 women and 11 journalists

### INJURED

AT LEAST

4,629

OVER

12,493

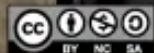
MORE THAN

1,300

Israeli captives: 203 (civilians and military)

including 2,000 children and 1,400 women

More than 860 arrested



Source: Al Jazeera, Palestinian Ministry of Health/Gaza, Israeli army, Palestine Red Crescent Society | October 19, 2023 | 14:20 GMT

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‘Human shields’:  
bombed,  
murdered,  
injured



**1500+ innocent  
children murdered**

*\*Figures updated 19/10/23*

Allah never  
forgets!

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَافِلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ  
الظَّالِمُونَ ۚ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ  
فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ

*“Do not ever think that Allah is unaware of what the oppressors do. He only postpones them until a Day when the eyes will stare (in horror).” (14:42)*



# What can YOU do?

01

## DU'A & ISTIGHFAR

Turn to Allah with a broken heart. Re-assess your life & stop sinning

02

## LEARN

Educate yourself & your loved ones about the history of the conflict & importance of al-Aqsa

03

## SPREAD TRUTH

Like, follow, retweet & repost videos/images to show the reality

04

## SPEAK

Speak to people: colleagues at work & neighbours and convey the reality to them

05

## PROTEST

Attend demonstrations & lobby your MP; call in & write complaint emails

06

## BOYCOTT

Boycott Israeli goods & businesses: HP, Coca-Cola, Starbucks, McDonalds & PUMA

07

## DONATE

Don't belittle any good deed

08

## CONNECT TO QUR'AN

Strengthen your iman and develop a Quranic-worldview

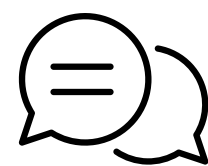
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## HELP THE DIN

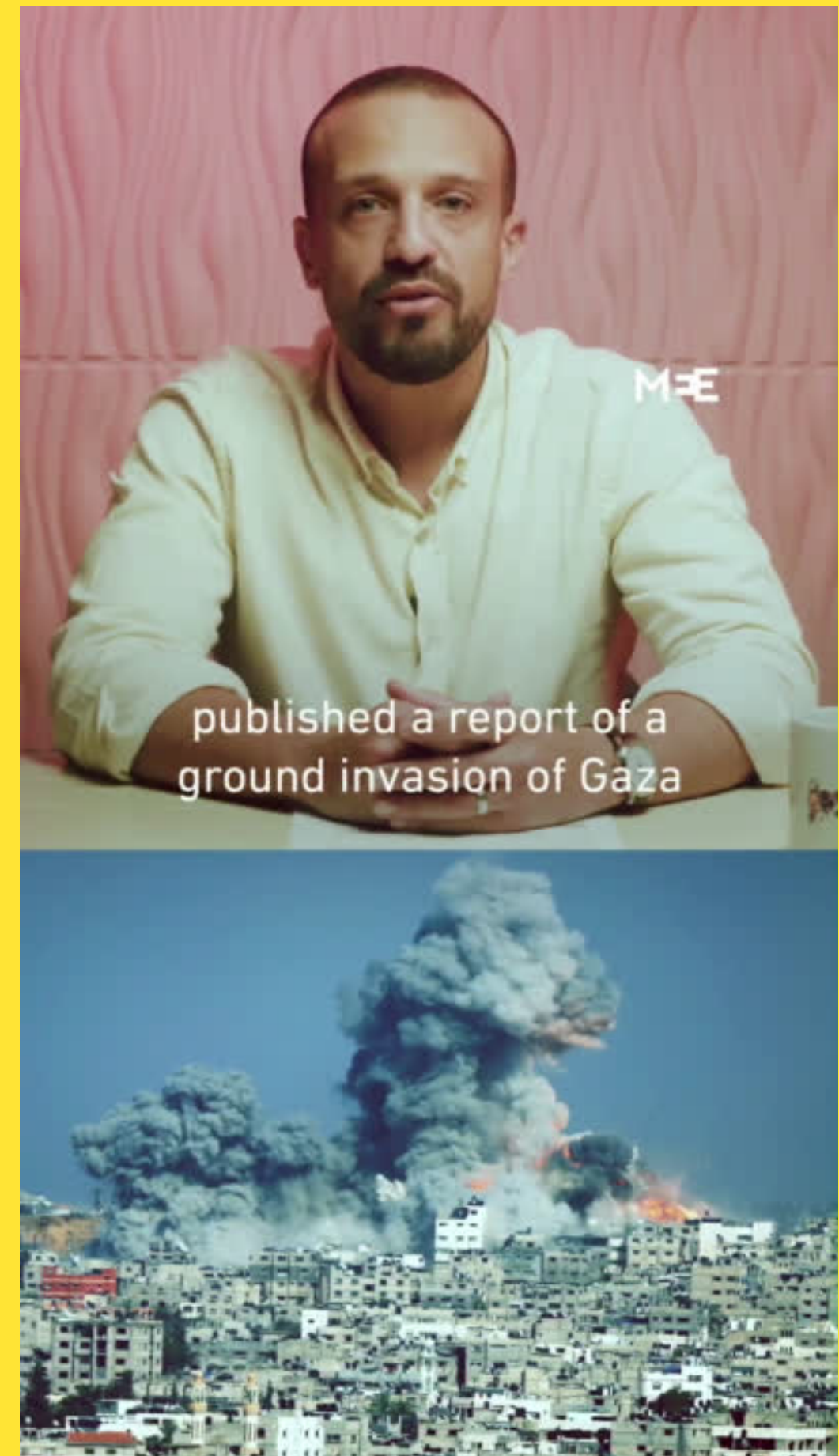
Allah will help the Ummah if you help the din of Allah

# Media manipulation & outright lies

Closure of Facebook Pages, Instagram & TikTok Accounts.



*What are you being 'fed' / What may you be subconsciously absorbing?*



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# Quiz time - kahoot



[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE QUIZ](#)



# Further Resources

*[This slide will be shared with you on Email/WhatsApp]*

## **Videos:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEdGcej-6D0>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-63JijB\\_Vw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-63JijB_Vw)

<https://youtu.be/6foH3Zc82ZQ>

## **Non-fiction Books:**

Palestine, Beginners Guide (Ismail Adam Patel)

The Question of Palestine (Edward Said)

The Palestinian Issue (Mohsen Saleh)

## **Instagram accounts to follow:**

*eyeonpalestine, sbeih.jpg, friendsofalaqsa, ajplus, khaledbeydoun, middleeasteye, ahmedhijazee, motaz\_azaiza*

## **Fiction Books:**

Mornings in Jenin (Adult)

Where the Streets Had a Name (YA)



# Any Questions?

Jazakallah Khayra for your participation!  
May Allah bless you all. May He liberate the blessed  
lands and may the eyes of the oppressors never sleep.



Life With Allah