

Resolution by the annual convention of the EL&IT of Norway

Statement on Palestine and Israel

The EL&IT are of the opinion the Palestinians and Israelis have the right to live in peace and security. The government of Israel must bear the responsibility over this not being the case. The refugee problem must be solved according to the UN resolution no 194. Norway must contribute to the UN following up on the resolutions it has made on Palestine.

In the midst of Palestinian land the Israeli state is constructing illegal settlements. As a result of the Israeli state subsidizing the housing in the occupied areas many chose to move there. This is intended policy by Israel in order to drive the Palestinians away one step at a time and this documents an absence of the will to peace by the Israelis.

The wall of shame is built to prevent attacks from the occupied areas. The wall prevents Palestinians from travelling freely between their homes, schools, place of work, the West Bank and Israel. Also, it is far inside what is internationally recognized as being Palestinian land, preventing many from doing their every day chores, for instance in agriculture.. Where Israelis can travel freely in occupied land in high-grade motorways, without any controls, the Palestinians are relegated to low class roads, as well as countless check points where they are subject to suppression by Israeli soldiers on a daily basis.

Throughout later “wars” Israel has chosen to do the utmost damage to the occupied areas. The use of force indicates the Israelis have a wish to punish the civil population. The Israelis have done their utmost to destroy power supplies, electric installations and other necessary life supporting infrastructure. A bombed out infrastructure only leads to the civil population being made victims. The costs of repairing the infrastructure are high, while the civil population suffers a long time after the cessation of combat, through the destruction of power supplies.

The EL&IT demands:

- Israel must cease its illegal occupation of Palestine, respecting the UN resolutions concerning the rights of the Palestinians.
- A two state solution based on the borders of June the 4th of 1967 must be established.
- The wall of shame must be demolished.
- The illegal settlements must cease and be given to the Palestinians.
- Norway must recognize a Palestinian state within the pre 1967 boundaries.
- LO must break with Histadrut.
- Consumers must not buy Israeli goods.
- Norway must stop the import and export of weaponry and other military equipment to and from Israel. Nor shall such import and export take part from third countries.
- End to all research cooperation with Israel
- Norway must propose sanctions against Israel in the UN