



## Fact Sheet: Land, Colonialism, and the Apartheid Wall

- Since 1967, more than one million acres of Palestinian land have been confiscated in the Israeli colonization process.
- The territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip comprise 22% of pre-1948 Palestine.
- Already in the first stages of construction of the wall, 67 villages are separated from their lands by the wall, which has in effect annexed their agricultural lands to Israel.
- In the first phase of the wall, 100,000 Palestinian olive trees were uprooted.
- 2,800 acres of Palestinian land have been confiscated.
- 35,000 meters of water infrastructure have been destroyed by bulldozers working on the wall.
- All Palestinian property within 60-100 meters of the wall has been destroyed, including a market of over 100 shops in Nazlat Issa, Northern West Bank.
- If the second phase is completed, 400,000 Palestinians will find themselves on the Israel side of the wall, but without Israeli residency permits or citizenship.
- If the wall is completed as planned on the Western side of Palestine, the Palestinians will lose 25% of their land, but this 25% contains nearly 80% of their

fertile land and 65% of their water resources.

- If the wall is completed as planned on the Eastern side, which will create a completely closed enclave out of Palestine, the wall will extend over 700 km. Approximately 55% of the West Bank will be de facto annexed to Israel.
- In July 2002, work began on the wall near Jenin. At first, right wing ministers in the Israeli government furiously opposed the wall, but later began to fight for the wall to include as many settlements as possible. The settlers became the wall's strongest supporters after the right wing government of Sharon was elected in January 2003, and they became actively involved in redesigning the path of the wall to include settlements.

