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The Separation Wall- Annexing justice

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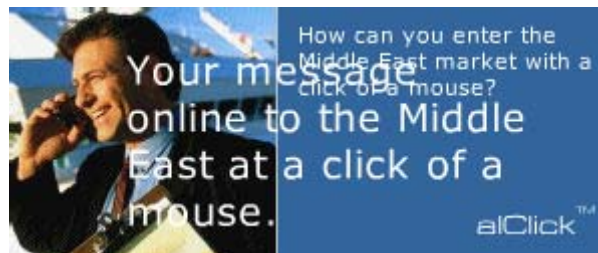
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After 38 years of unwarranted occupation, the Palestinian people deserve to live peacefully in the remaining 22 percent of historic Palestine.

The expansion of the Annexation wall is the newest obstacle in the Palestinian's quest for legitimacy. The Israeli cabinet has finalized plans to surround Jerusalem with this encompassing barrier, which isolates the

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200,000 Palestinian residents of the city from the West Bank.

The incendiary design will cut off 55,000 East Jerusalem Palestinians from hospitals, school, work, and farmland in the West Bank. 11 barriers will be setup in East Jerusalem to strain any consistency and contiguousness in Palestinian life. While the 55,000 Palestinians have residency rights and pay municipal taxes, the consideration of their fate has been absent in the matrix of Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak accelerated the building of illegal settlements before the final negotiations at Camp David. The expansion of the settlements created "human obstacles," which altered the possibility of a Palestinian state based on the entirety of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

Keeping the world's mind off the West Bank with the disengagement of Gaza, Sharon is maximizing the appropriation of lush Palestinian land, while keeping the indigenous population out.

The current situation is a clear example of why justice is a necessity for Palestinian survival. One year after the International Court of Justice found Israeli settlements and the Wall to be illegal, Israel moves ahead with its campaign against the Palestinians.

The further the Wall expands, and as additional checkpoints and roadblocks are set up, the paralysis of Palestinian movement intensifies. This will increase already high unemployment and poverty rates, and will further stifle



The further the Wall expands; the paralysis of Palestinian movement intensifies

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the opportunity for education. According to conservative CIA estimates, the poverty rate is 60 percent in the West Bank, while unemployment stands at about 30 percent. The conditions are far worse in the Gaza Strip.

Sharon's vision for annexation does not comply with international law, peace, or security.

The main players in the U.S. and their counterparts in Europe have to step up and follow through with their responsibilities of ensuring protection to an occupied land and its people's rights to self-determination. The first step in doing this is to enforce UN resolution 242, which calls for the, "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict."

The Occupation is illegal, the settlements are illegal, and the construction and finalization of the Wall in Jerusalem are clearly illegal.

The voices of the world must be clear, their resolve must be strong, and the implementation of justice must be immediate.

Reader's Comment

the last desperate act of a dieing empire ven engenering invasion of iraq as a distraction from israeli war crimes wont save zion kingdom the writing is the"wall",love and peace

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

free from terror IP

Reader's Comment

when does a wall to keep people out begin to keep people in? when those behind the wall think only they are the world.am not anti semitic..what a dumb term.. but the wall has always been the hebrew tradition no matter the land they lived within. it excludes all except the chosen people as they refer and are refered to as by us x s. not condemning or condoning just stating, that has allowed them to remain a people united through the centuries, without borders defined by others. their borders wall out thoughts and no matter your kindness, wealth, color of skin you cannot enter unless your mind converts to their theological ideal and even then not until, by book, so many generations, exmp reform judaism. putting up a physical wall is from fear of body and maybe a little fear of soul. for this time, now, they have the capability to enforce both socioeconomics and theology within a confining space, once again. walls are not always made of brick, the ones of the mind are harder to breach.

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M. Chattick Sr. from OLD United State 

Reader's Comment

m.chattick said,"walls are not always made of brick, the ones of the mind are harder to breach." that s a powerful statement chattick and one that is so true and very appropriate for the times we now live in.

Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Lexi from US of A 

Reader's Comment

the wrtiter uses the phrase "unwarranted occupation". in 1917 the british who were the colonial rulers at the time wanted out of me and promised both the and the pals a homeland. as the went about establishing a de facto state the arabs attacked them. they attacked again with some frequency over the yrs but the attacks in 1947 cost them dearly. as everyone knows to the victor go the spoils. the pals have made just about every wrong move they could make that cost them their land, people and resources. this is now 88 yrs later and the pals are nothing more than small groups of marauding anarchists who, instead of taking postive steps to better themselves strive to take back what they lost in unfair fights they started and lost. just hearing them use the word occupier is grating because they humiliate themselves so much in doing so. the only thing they are really good at creating is turmoil.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

MARKS from USA 

Reader's Comment

the wall will halt all israeli expansion eastward. nobody ever addresses this. it also imprisons israel between the wall and the sea. if the wall were to completely surround palestine, that would be one thing. but access to palestine from the east will be open, more open than it is now. i just looked at the latest maps, most of the jordan river valley will be included on the palestinian side of the barrier. this is no prison, no ghetto. it is somewhat of a prison for residents far west, like in qalqilya, and for people who will be cut off from their farmland, but the barrier for the most part follows the green line. the stickiest issue is jerusalem. i dont have any answers for that question, only worries.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Chef from Sweden 

Reader's Comment

the wall is a grest idea. has anyone ever called the great wall of china a "land grab". israel can build whatever wall it wants. if the pals have a problem with that, then no suicide bombers and negotiate. as long as hamas is armed no peace and big wall.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

Sara from UK 

Reader's Comment

the jews picked the fight by trying to steal the land from the pals. the pals

historically treated the jewz very well. the jewz that were driven from spain during the inquisition settled in palestine and often commented how wel they were treated better than in kristan lands. and in the thirties many more came and many pals took care of them feeding them clothing them, i have spoken to many older pals about this, and what do they do steal thier land, keel thier children, ethnically cleanse the pals from their land. may gd bless the pals for their courage in staying the course and meeting and tacklinfg israeli oppresion. i pray to gd that one day the pals live in peace. the wal is illegal it shoud be torn down, thier land is not theirs to build on, this will only further an escalation in the conflict. if peace is to come then there are many other issues that are problematic, this one more we dont need.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

saif from earth 

Reader's Comment

when hilter began his ethnic cleansing of from europe, he originally wanted to send the to palestine. he did not want to destroy all of them, he just wanted them out of europe. hilter was good friends with husseini, the mufti of jerusalem. husseini did not want all of them coming to palestine, so he convinced hilter to find another way to dispose of them. in a not so indirect way, the religious palestinian leadership was responsible for hilters final solution. saif, it is true that they were treated better in palestine than in europe. but they still had to endure the occasional pogrom, massacres, and live with absolutely no political representation or ability to own land. on top of that, after the war it became clear that they needed their own land with their own army where they wield the political power.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

Spiders from Mars 

Reader's Comment

wall is reversible but life is not. stop inciting hatred,bombing and no need of wall is felt. how can one oppose the wall when it promises to save lives of both side from some miscreants?they r definitely not sympathisers of pals cause and an independent nation for pals.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

main hoon naa from asia 

Reader's Comment

main hoon naa, many people who claim to side with palestinians actually do not care for their plight. their main obsession is antagonizing and ultimately dismantling israel. peace is a hindrance to this goal. they do not see the disengagement as a positive step because it has the possibility of being mutually beneficial. it is the same with the wall.

Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Spiders from Mars 

Reader's Comment

while what happened in two is indefensible, but just because the jews at the time suffered at the hand of the nasis doesn t warrent them a state. so how does taking arab land solve anything you empower the victim. you are removing an injustice to

create another form of injustice. jews suffered pogroms and such fine, but the pals have been suffering for a much longer time, and the severity of the policies aimed against them are much more deadly than the ones aimed against the jews in palestine in the thirties and most of the forties. as for pal society how do you think ppl will turn out surrounded by tanks, machine guns, and barbed wire. the occupation is the source of the problems remove the idf back to the sixty seven borders and you will see that pals will be more more flexible ppl to deal with. but izreel will not do that, naturally a pal diis there will be retribution. the weak cant to make concessions, pals nothing to offer but pce the strong t take steps and share pwr.

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

saif from earth 

Reader's Comment

if anybody was to build a fence on any of u peeples land and claim it as theirs, i dont think most of u will take to kindly to it. erz is just putting those berlin walls on pals land to steal mor. f they want peace just build it on the forty land. erz nation has more excuses to talk pals land than ush and co did for invading and occupying iraq with their offensive li war. god save the world. peace to the world.

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Space People from Milky Way 

Reader's Comment

spiders yes i am familiar with sheikh huseini, but i dont think he was the main reason hitler decided to carry out his policy of mass extermination and ethnic cleansing as you term it. is not driving ppl off their land in order to wipe out there ure on a whole or in part isnt that genocide, or forcibly moving ppl because of there rel or ethnic make up doesnt this make the guilty of both genocide and ethnic cleansing. and if you believe sheikh husseini did something wrong you cannot lay that on the ppl people today everybody is responsible for themselves you lay collective blame on a ppl because you do not like them.

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

saif from earth 

Reader's Comment

saif, most of what you say is true. the palestinians have been suffering longer but lighter at the hands of the israelis. the suffering of the jews does not warrant a state. not even the un granting them a state warrants it. what does warrant it is the fact that they came to the land, established their state, and fought for it successfully. also, israel occupies less than two percent of arab land but it does occupy all of palestinian land. you do not know that israel will never withdraw. they are trying it right now, and believe me there will be more. also, i blame the problems the palestinians have not on them but on their leaders, husseini, arafat, nasser, asad, baathism, pan arab nationalism. all these are guilty of attempted genocide and ethnic cleansing. the palestinian people are merely pawns.

Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Spiders from Mars 

Reader's Comment

hey saif do u keep ur doors open and sleep at night? in which world r u leaving? u know if someone will steal u will take care and that is pretty logical nce a hypothetical society in which u r dreaming is attained definitely there will be no need of doors and walls.

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jon from real world 

Reader's Comment

how come nobody complains about how syria, lebinan, and jordan have brutalized the palestinians? in lebinan, palestinians can t become citizens, get jobs, and are even forced to live in ghettos. how could arabs treat the palestinians so poorly and at the same time the jews for doing the same? nobody cares about the palestinians, people just need a reason to the jews.

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Jordan from Canada 

Reader's Comment

is not the majority of historic palestine in jordan? do we not condemn jordan for keeping the vast majority of palestine from the people we call palesinians? is it because jordan is mosly izslamic and not gooish?

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Austin from Powers 

Reader's Comment

sara from uk, i am traumatised by your very illogivcal comment and i found it the funniest comment ever. you desperately wanted to make a connection between great wall of china and anexation wall in palestine. very well, as long as british like you vote, we can not expect much from the leaders that are chosen. great wall of china in fact was abot 1500 years older and it ws definitely an annexation for most of its route, and the people they wanted to stop are still being discriminated and you should know it, but also there were not many people living just 50 meters away from the wall who had their land and hospitals on the other side. if you think the 1500 year old mind is appropriate for todays world, then may be we should bring back the romans to palestine who will terminate the jews.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

^igin from Turkey 

Reader's Comment

the article calls for implementation of resolution 242. by all means lets implement it. in addition to israeli withdrawl it calls for arab recognition of israel within the 67 borders. arabs have refused to do this since the resolution was passed. yes lets implement it, get the palestinians a state so that the money can pour in and they can build their own hospitals, and get the palestinians out of the camps and absorbed into palestine cuz they are not going to israel. the ball has been in the palestinian court since they rejected baraks offer with violence which is their usual response to offers of statehood.

Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

SAB from Canada 

Reader's Comment

this is the destiny for murders and terrorist to be in prison. since most of the palestine are so israel build a big jail and put them into without paying the expenses of transportation. they do not have the encourage enough to become a democratic country. it is easier to live under a feudal system as it is now. it is too heavy for them to assume the responsibility to decide

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

ARI from ARGENTINA 

Reader's Comment

the wall being built is not a security wall at all. it typifies the j mentality of living in a ghetto, take the jew out of a ghetto and he is lost.

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Black Ops from UK 

Reader's Comment

the separation wall is based on a design used in poland and see how well that one worked. could this one work as well?

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Hirum of Tyre from UK 

Reader's Comment

the biggest obstacle to palestinian legitimacy is that they continue to purposefully murder women and children, and they continue to rationalize these barbaric acts. there is no respect for law and order among the palestinians and their legitimate quest for statehood has been hijacked by the terrorists who will not settle for less than the extermination of israel.

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Holly from UK 

Reader's Comment

the israelis complain disengagement is giving into terrorism. my answer is terrorism is not giving into occupation.

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Rosenberg from Florida 

Reader's Comment

black ops, you can read into it as much as you want, but don't reject the fact that this is a security barrier. i cannot deny that a certain ghetto mentality exists among j wish people, the modern form of the religion was formed in the ghetto. but the separation barrier is only to keep out palestinians, not the rest of the world. are you one of those people who claim that people live in ghettos because they want to?

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Chef from Sweden 

Reader's Comment

marks dummy of usa, so who gave the brits the right to cut up a land and place marginalised, disgruntled ethnic europeans geuws there. if you had done so to put indigenous geuw there, perhaps that would have made sense if the geuws in pal were oppressed. same as they cut off a piece of arabia, called it jordan and placed their former p.ro.xy there. same as they cut off a piece of iraq, called it kuwait and installed the saba family. same as.. want me to go on?

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abe parker from south africa 

Reader's Comment

the wall is pure evil on the part of the israelis, sad they have no forgiveness in their hearts. when will the isrealis get over it and live in peace. how did they live with palestinians prior 1947, both lived there prior that time.

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cj from usa 

Reader's Comment

cj, this conflict has been going on for about eighty five years. it accelerated rapidly after the second war, the un partition, and the meddling of american and russian interests.

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Memok from Manalapan 

Reader's Comment

chef from sweden, the barrier being illerally built is as much about security as was the ghetto in poland. it is all about self isolationism. also remember it is j e w i s h gangs who are the largest smugglers of drugs in europe. who controls the banking, garment and diamond industry in america. try being a non j e w in those businesses and see how long you survive

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Black Ops from UK 

Reader's Comment

jordan if the other countries give the pals citizenship then those pals will not have the right of return. this is their main goal. and the lebanese have welcomed them in to their own country but not as citizens. there was blood shed but as u do not know the fighting was done with the lebanese they were the ones killing the pals, along side the israelies. do not blame the s for those killings. and many of hte pals that were killed were due to israelies bombing them. israel is in war with everyone not just the pals. they have destroyed many countries. israel wanted lebanon at one time, i m sure they will still try to get it. but how can u fight a ppl that have the blessing of america. the arab world is not something ucan just give away. it has ppl that love the land just as much as u and i love canada. u would fight for ur country with ur life just as the arabs do. because it is their home.

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helen from canada 

Reader's Comment

i fully agree with the building of the wall. it seems that the wall is a powerful tool against terrorism. my only fear is that they build it far too slow. it should have been built many years ago, we would have less victims now.

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G. from B^ium 

Reader's Comment

black ops, maybe if you changed your attitude you would be able to hold a job. it sounds like you are jealous that you havent been as succesful as some other people. are you saying that they put themselves in the ghetto in poland? if so this conversation is over.

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Chef from Sweden 

Reader's Comment

i know the fence is bad and is abused by the right wing to take more lands and rights from the pals. but there is one serious thing that prevents me from supporting the romval of the fence, and that is the sad fact that by removing the fence i will be saccrifficiing several dozens of israeli civillians and children per month. so i t have a better option before i support its removal. and by referring to myself, i refer to the larjest political bloc in israel. the one that can remove the fence.

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israeli from israel 

Reader's Comment

hit ler once said that people in the future would thank him for his final solution of the j e w i s h problem. would middle east be better off if they had all perished in the gas chambers?

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

Marcus from Sweden 

Reader's Comment

would the middle east be better off if hilter had not dispossessed ten million gooish people? his attempt at the final solution helped create the problems the middle east is facing.

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Chef from Sweden 

Reader's Comment

the reason bush has taken a long vacation is because he knows the will hit the fan for him in september. this will end up being a day for him to remember, he will be formally charged with war crimes along with many other troubles from war protesters.

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Jason from London 

Reader's Comment

get real, the biggest obstacle to peace is radical arabs who would rather see the palestinians continue to die than have their own land. look who is a threat to peace as soon as it looks like peace may be achieved, fatah or hamas begins a round of violence. with these second generation nazis, the israelis desire for a barrier is understandable. renounce hitler and the need for the wall will be removed.

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clueyou from in 

Reader's Comment

nobody need the land with crazy pals, even though the land dont belong to pals, it is only way to suevive from peciful pals , but it should also put , mine fields, to increase our chance to survive.

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Jonny from Israel 

Reader's Comment

why dont the palastinians just say, o.k to h ell with the independent state business,in 10 years we will be in the majority,why dont we do a nelson mandela.lets agree to live at peace with our j brothers,immediately stop the slaughter of innocents on buses and in bars, and all we will ask for is, not even our own state but just the vote.now if palastinians did this, im sure for a start israel would stop the incursions and hassles and ssinations etc and if israel did deny the right of these people who reside in the land of israel the vote how could this be possible justified by anyone, even the us.its just an idea, because the only thing being gained at the moment is more death on both sides and it continues, and will continue. i understand the j peoples fight to protect themselves and the homeland they fought so hard and long to get and i understand the palastinians wanting to live where there ansestors have lived for generations as well. it sound simplstic,but it might ork

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eds from canada 

Reader's Comment

if my neighbors were attacking me and my family, i would bomb them back. israel is being polite by just mearly seperating their neighbors with a wall

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Avraham from United States 

Reader's Comment

abe parker. the british did everthing they could to appease the arabs and limit the influx of jews during their mandate. in fact they limited it to such an extent that the holocaust was worse than it was due to the removal of this last escape route for the european jews after all other countires turned them down. the british were far more interest in maintaining arab support for the impending wa r than j .

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SAB from Canada 

Reader's Comment

avraham s childish as you are i actually fell sorry for you and everyone else who really believes the rediculous comment you posted on this article.the fact of the matter is that israelis have been violently killing and torturing innocent palestinians for decades while illegally occupying and stealing rightfully owned palestinian land and homes.the wall is just a last resort to prove israeli erdness.

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khalid ibrahim from arizona^sa IP


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