

Another Israeli Annexation

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Charter of the United Nations

1945



**United
Nations**

CHAPTER I: PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

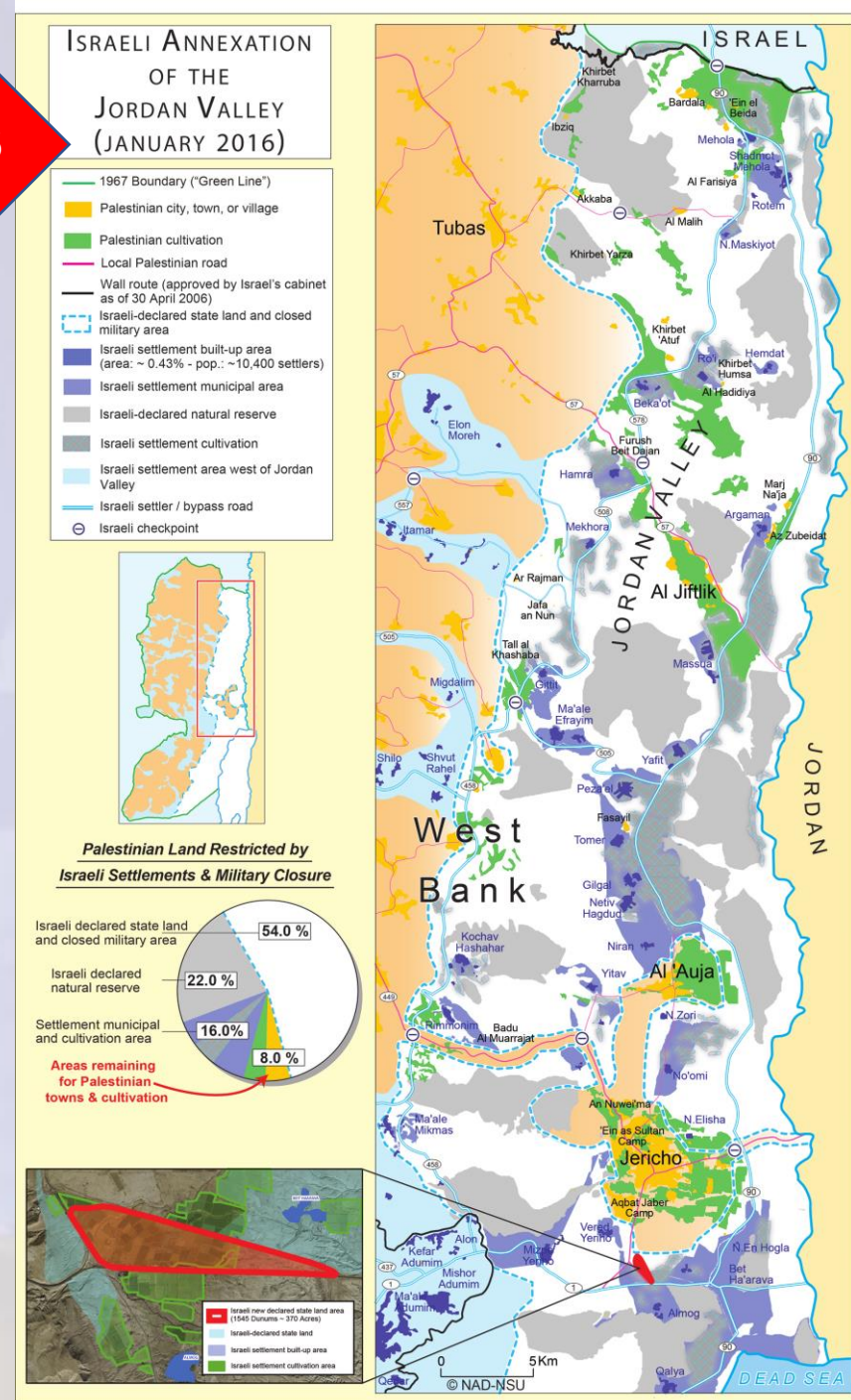
The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles.

2.4 All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.

What is annexation?

PLO's NAD-NSU 1/2016

- 'Acquisition of territory through force'
- This is not the first act of Israeli annexation:
 - **WAR:** 1967 Six-Day War – Moroccan/Mughrabi Quarter (770-year-old neighborhood Old City of Jerusalem), villages of Bayt Nuba, Yalo, and Imwas in Latrun area
 - **PLANNING:** 1967/8 (Allon Plan – proposal to annex approx. ½ of West Bank (Jordan Valley+))
 - **ISRAELI LAW:** 1967 (de facto)/1980 (de jure) (East Jerusalem) + 2017 USA confirmation with Jerusalem is Israel's capital recognition
 - **OCCUPATION:** Ongoing (Settlement Enterprise, Separation Barrier (wall/fence), retroactive laws "legalizing" settlements, reorienting court system, etc.)
- No sane person can claim any act of annexation is legal.



Did annexation wake you up?

If so, you have not been paying attention...

Three of the most outrageous recent examples of “ANNEXATION” and/or “CREEPING ANNEXATION”:

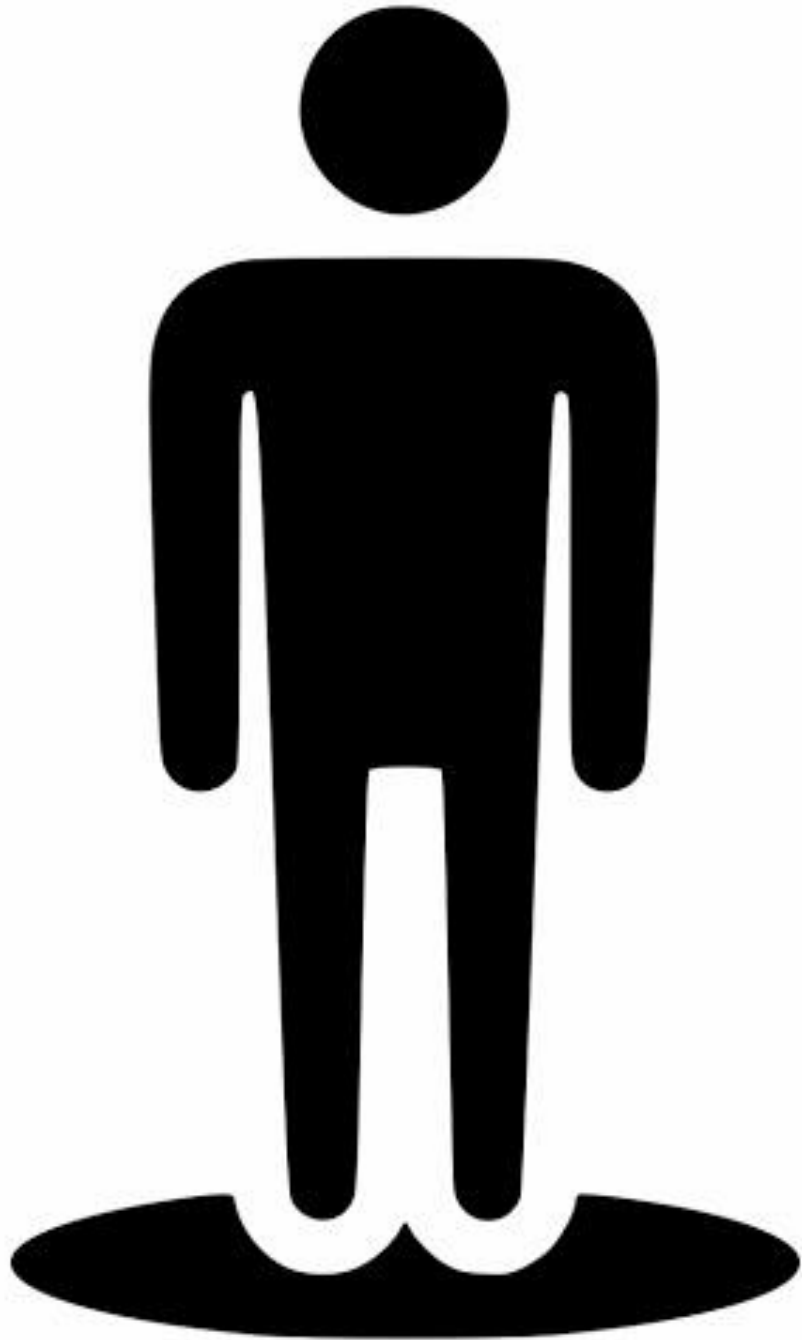
- **Basic Law: Israel Nation-State of the Jewish People** (19 July 2018) – “The Land of Israel is the historical homeland of the Jewish people, in which the State of Israel was established.” & “right to national self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish people” & “The state views the development of Jewish settlement as a national value, and will act to encourage it and to promote and to consolidate its establishment.”
- **Knesset amendment** that transfers original jurisdiction over certain cases concerning the West Bank from the **Supreme Court of Israel (in its capacity as the High Court of Justice) to the Administrative Affairs Court in Jerusalem**. (26 July 2018)
- **Judea and Samaria Settlement Regulation Law** (6 February 2017) - On 9 June 2020, the Supreme Court of Israel revoked the law, ordering the government to cancel its implementation



Palestinians were not surprised at all...

- 72-years of dispossession (1948) and creation of refugee community
- 72-years of structural discrimination against Palestinian Christians and Muslims IN Israel (1948-today)
- 18-years of martial law (1948-1966) and 53-years of military occupation (1967-today)
- An illegal settlement enterprise that has reached approx. 700,000 persons
- Separation Barrier (expected 403 miles in length (650 km) & 25 feet (8m) high
- 700+ UN Security Council / General Assembly Resolutions, latest UNSCR 2334
- 43 US vetoes in the UN to save Israel from diplomatic accountability
- 26-years of the Oslo Accords “Peace” Process as settler population grew 5+x
- Daily humiliation, death, destruction, economic strangulation and so much more...all documented.





“Land of Israel”

**Will the real
Israel please
stand up?**



“Israel in Maps” (not one map, but maps!)

(Source: Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website)

The Twelve Tribes of Israel (ca 1200 BCE)



The Kingdoms of David and Solomon (1004-928 BCE)



The Herodian Period (37BCE - 73CE)



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0 20 40 Miles
0 25 50 75 100 Kilometers

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0 25 50 75 100 150 200 Kilometers

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LEGEND
Approximate Boundaries of the Kingdom of Herod

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Jews in the Land of Israel (73-200 CE)

Jews in the Land of Israel (636-1880 CE)

Jews in the Land of Israel (1880-1914 CE)



First, the implications of another annexation

It is not annexation, per se, that is rocking the boat, it is what annexation in 2020 represents...

- Acceptance of “**MIGHT IS RIGHT**” politics
- Clear Israeli action to **END NEGOTIATED SOLUTION**
- Clear Israeli attempt to **KILL TWO-STATE SOLUTION**, under guise of Trump’s / USA’s Peace to Prosperity vision (a.k.a. Deal of the Century)
- Condemn another generation of Palestinians and Israelis to **PERPETUAL CONFLICT!!!**

JANUARY 2020

PEACE TO PROSPERITY

A Vision to Improve the Lives of the Palestinian and Israeli People



Second, the impact of annexation on Palestinians (depending on actual extent)

• Loss of hope!

• Political

- Increases possibility for internal Palestinian Fatah-Hamas reconciliation
- Increases calls for One State
- Increases calls for revoking the PLO recognition of Israel

• Economic

- Financial/Business feasibility threatened
- Palestinian bread-basket lost
- Loss of more natural resources (land, water, quarries, etc.)

• Security Cooperation

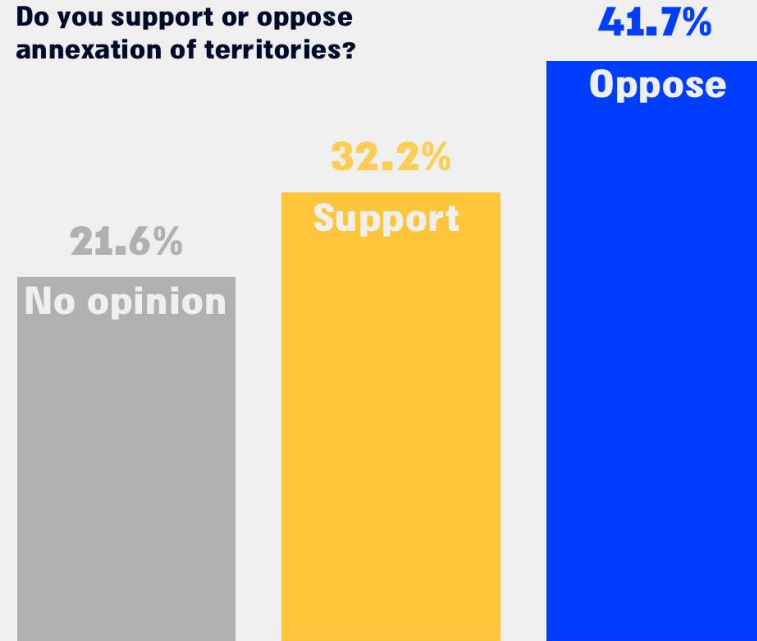
- Palestinian–Israeli collapse resulting in more human right abuses – IN PROGRESS
- Palestinian–USA collapse (final open channel with USA) – DONE?

Third, possible scenarios moving forward

- Tons of condemnations, little action, ultimately slow process of **Palestinian struggle continues** (politically, diplomatically, economically, on-the-ground), including more bilateral state recognitions of Palestine
- Third-party **mediation** (not U.S. alone) to restart negotiations (e.g. Quartet (EU, Russia, USA, UN))
- Jordan and/or Egypt and/or EU **pressure** USA/Israel to not annex, at least not now
- Full-scale **civil disobedience**, which no one can ensure is limited to non-violence
- USA **Reversal** (e.g. November elections), however Congress legislated USA into a corner
- Israel **Reversal** (highly unlikely, given both coalition parties agree on annexation and only have different timing and approaches to same goal), however Bibi's bark is always louder than his bite

The majority of Israelis oppose annexation

Do you support or oppose annexation of territories?

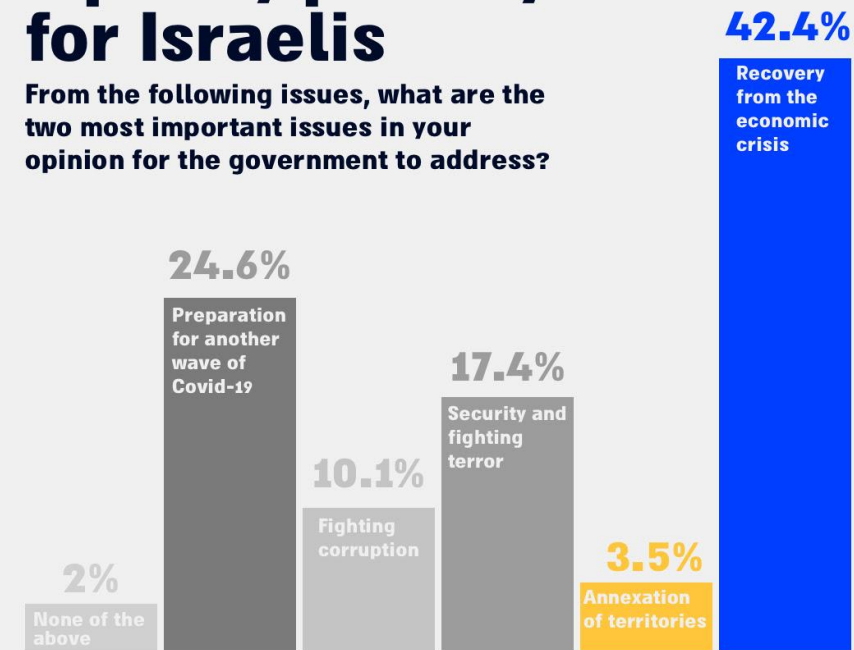


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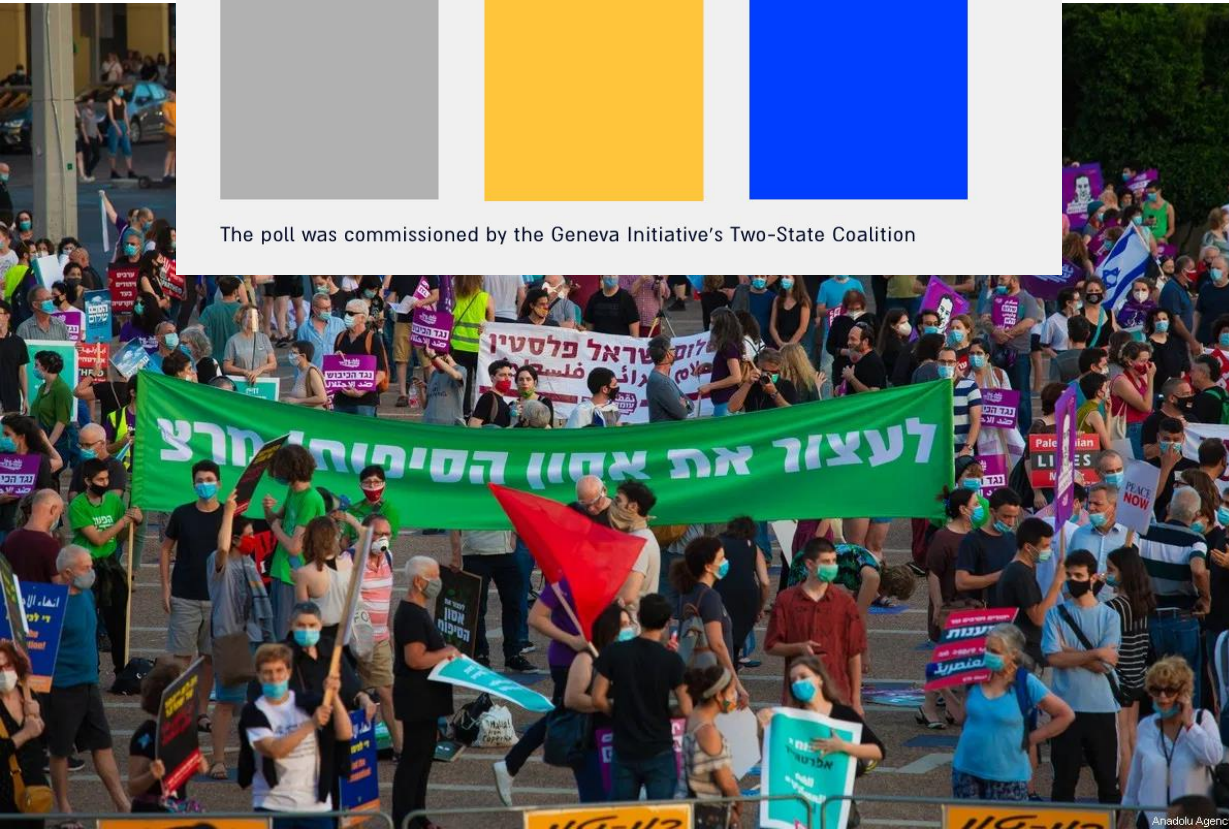


Annexation is not a policy priority for Israelis

From the following issues, what are the two most important issues in your opinion for the government to address?



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Responses...

Joint letter by 1.080 parliamentarians from 25 European countries* to European governments and leaders against Israeli annexation of West Bank

23 June 2020

We, parliamentarians from across Europe committed to a rules-based global order, share serious concerns about President Trump's plan for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the imminent prospect of Israeli annexation of West Bank territory. We are deeply worried about the precedent this would set for international relations at large.



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27 Church Leaders Write to Congress opposing unilateral annexation of the Occupied West Bank

Borrell: Annexation to have 'significant consequences' for EU-Israel ties

Borrell added that he is using all of the EU's "diplomatic capacities in order to put pressure for that not to happen."

By LAHAV HARKOV JUNE 18, 2020 21:35



Josep Borrell, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, holds a news conference in Brussels, Belgium, January 10, 2020. (photo credit: REUTERS)

Steny Hoyer and 115 House Dems sign letter opposing annexation



By Jacob Kornbluh · June 18, 2020



Annexation Would Be 'Serious Violation of International Law,' UN Chief Warns Israel
Guterres and Mideast envoy urge Israel to drop its plan for the West Bank, which 'could dramatically alter local dynamics'

300 ISRAELI COMMANDERS AND SECURITY SPECIALISTS CONCUR:
UNILATERAL ANNEXATION IS A THREAT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY



FOR THE RECORD

**Israeli Defense
Minister Benny
Gantz (23/6/2020)**



**Israel "won't
keep waiting for
the Palestinians"**

Translation

Gantz:

Hey Palestinians, do you accept
being ethnically cleansed?

Palestinians:

No.

WAIT OVER!



Annexation

Israel

Oslo Accords

Palestine

Military Occupation

THEY ALL LEAD TO THE SAME CONVERSATION

Peace to Prosperity

West Bank

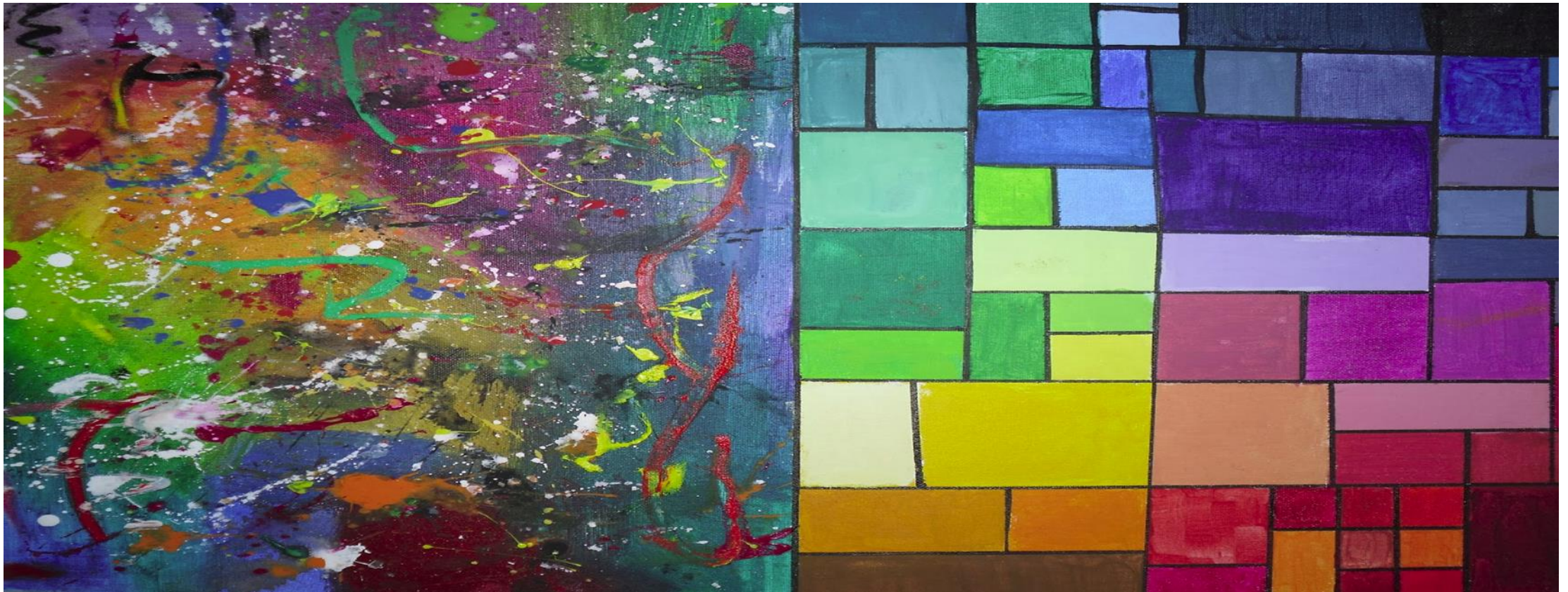
Deal of the Century

Gaza

What world order side are you on in 2020?

Chaos (Pre-WWII)

Rules-based (Post-WWII)

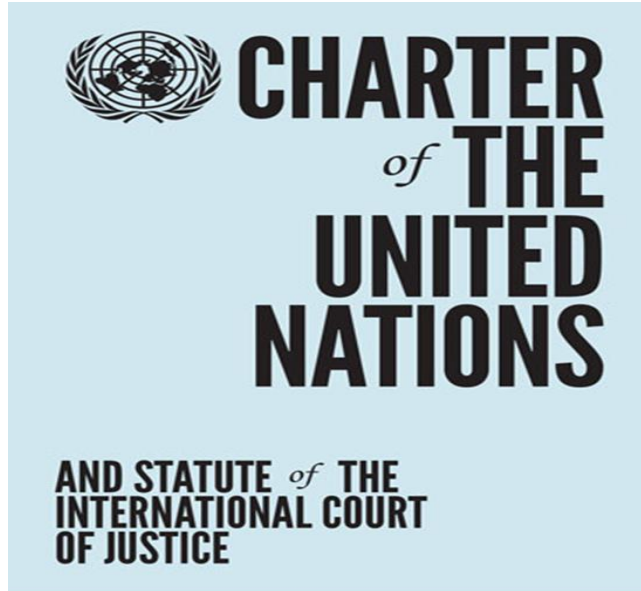


Chaos ethos...
GOD was a real-estate agent



Rules-based ethos...

International law, in all its parts, guides us all



Plus UN Security Council Resolutions, UN General Assembly Resolutions, Conventions, Treaties, etc.



The International Court of Justice, which has its seat in The Hague, is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations

Declarations of Independence

1948



Land of Israel = 1
Eretz-Israel = 10
State of Israel = 7

Latest 1988



The deep injury already done the Palestinian people and therefore aggravated when a painful differentiation was made: a people deprived of independence, and one whose homeland was subjected to a new kind of foreign occupation, was exposed to an attempt to give general currency to the falsehood that Palestine was "a land without a people". Despite this falsification of history, the international community, in article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations of 1919 and in the Lausanne Treaty of 1923, recognized that the Palestinian Arab people was no different from the other Arab peoples detached from the Ottoman State and was a free and independent people.

Despite the historical injustice done to the Palestinian Arab people in its displacement and in being deprived of the right to self-determination following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 181 (II) of 1947, which partitioned Palestine into an Arab and a Jewish State, that resolution nevertheless continues to attach conditions to international legitimacy that guarantee the Palestinian Arab people the right to sovereignty and national independence.

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. [...] Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. [...]

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the community of nations. [...]

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

Chaos

Rules-based

Chaos

Rules-based



Permanent Observer Mission of
The State of Palestine to the United Nations
New York

On 29 November 2012, UN General Assembly resolution 67/19 passed, upgrading Palestine to "non-member observer state" status in the United Nations. The change in status was described as "de facto recognition of the sovereign state of Palestine".

**Israel's historic
missed opportunity!**



How they voted

Yes: 138
Abstained: 41
No: 9

NO VOTES





← UNGA 181 (1947) • UNGA 67/19 (2012) →

The question of **One or Two States** is history, thanks to the Palestinians and the majority of the international community, excluding USA.

Diplomatically, the **State of Palestine** is a fact today, as is the **State of Israel**.





← Israel "Palestine" →

The U.S. maps, alone, speak volumes

It does not look like a state, smell like a state, nor taste like a state...for

Palestine AND Israel!

It's not a Palestinian state, no matter what they call it.



Why can't we just be Palestinians in Palestine, and be left alone?



Dov Weissglass

“... we educated the world to understand that there is no one to talk to. And we received a no-one-to-talk-to certificate. That certificate ... will be revoked only when this-and-this happens - when **Palestine becomes Finland.**”

– Dov Weissglass, an Israeli lawyer, businessman, and an advisor to former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (Haaretz, Oct. 7, 2004)



David Friedman

“... you don't have to live with that Palestinian state, you have to live with the Palestinian state when the **Palestinians become Canadians.**”

– David Friedman, US Ambassador to Israel (Israel Hayom, May 8, 2020)



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