

Presentation on the
Nakba (Catastrophe)

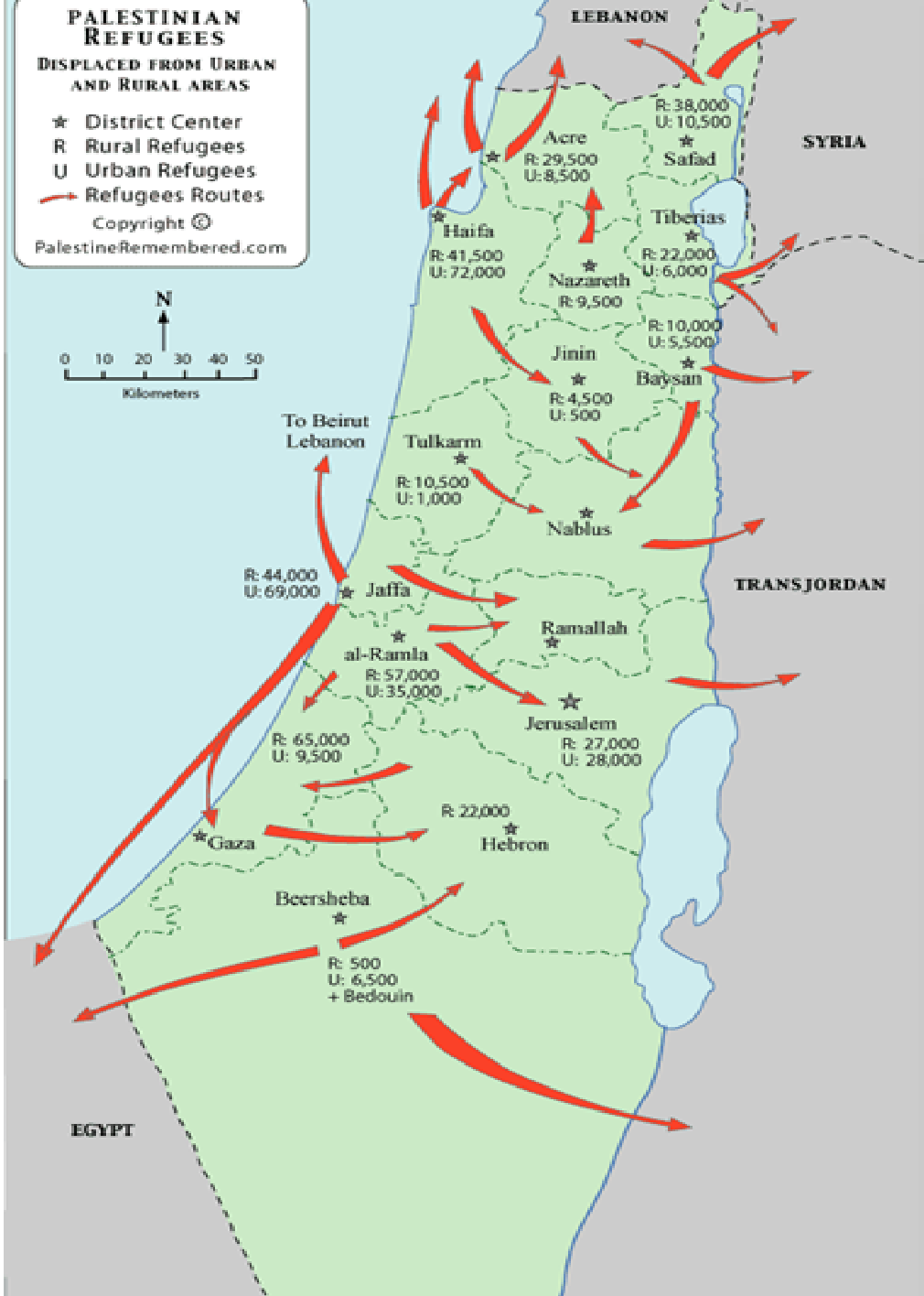
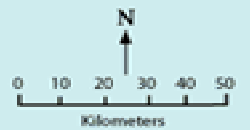
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In 1948, Israel created the Nakba (Catastrophe) and employed four main tools to control the land of Palestine and the Palestinian people.

PALESTINIAN REFUGEES
DISPLACED FROM URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

- ★ District Center
- R Rural Refugees
- U Urban Refugees
- Refugees Routes

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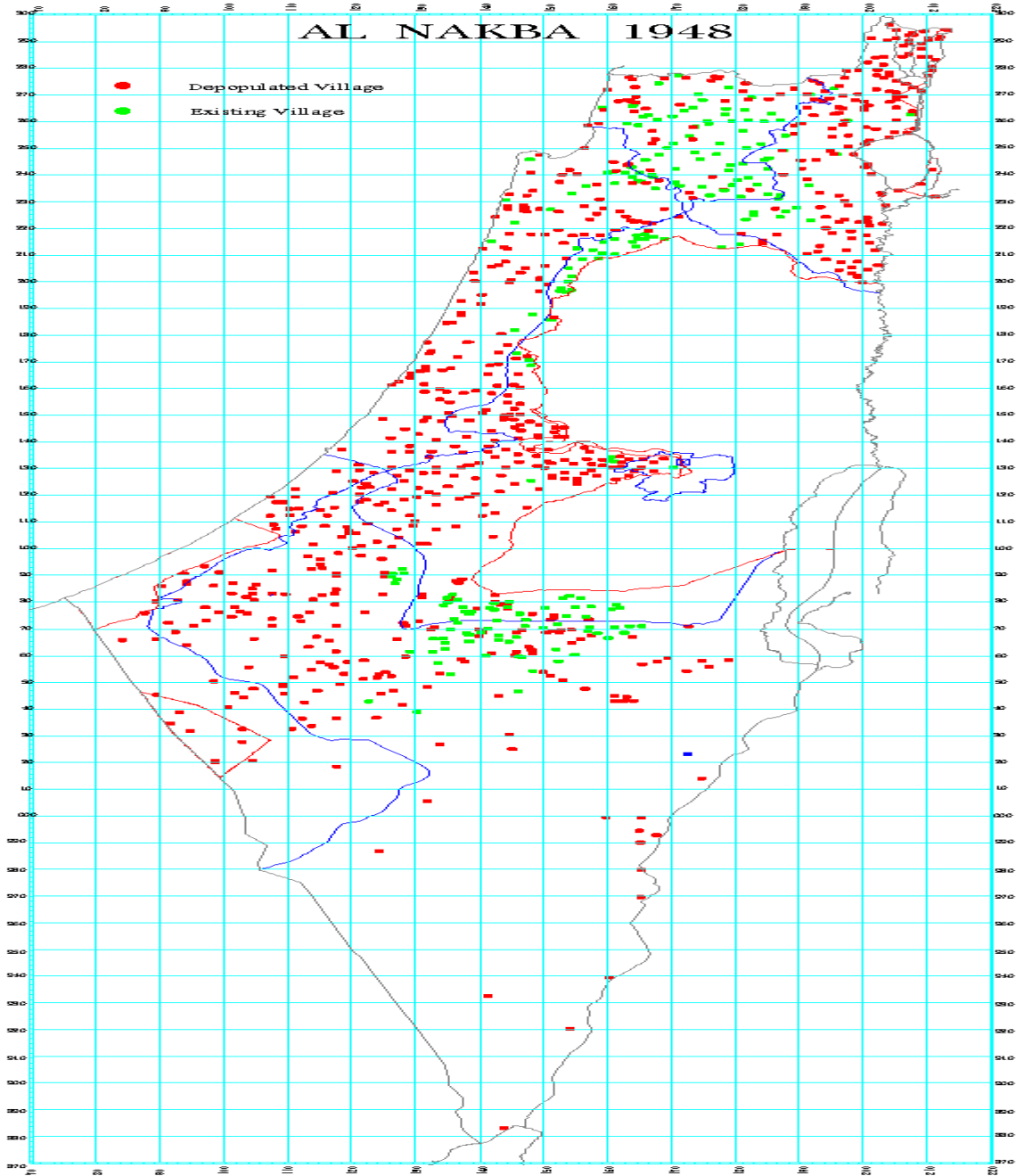


Displacement: creating the problem of the Palestinian refugees, who accounted for around 800,000 Palestinians (85% of the Palestinian population at the time), and who have not been allowed to return to their homes and land.

Land Confiscation: The use of the military regime and the enactment of laws, such as the Absentees Property Law and the Acquisition of Land Law, which retroactively validated Israel's control of land in Palestine. The successive Israeli governments' policies of land confiscations have brought over 93% of the land in Israel under state control.

AL NAKBA 1948

- Depopulated Village
- Existing Village



The Destruction of Villages and the Creation of Internal Refugees: Among the Palestinian minority who remained in Israel are "present absentees" who became refugees in their homeland because the Israeli authorities confiscated their land and destroyed their villages. Today Israel is refusing to allow 250,000 Palestinian citizens of Israel living inside the Green Line who were expelled from their villages during the Nakba to return to their homes and lands.

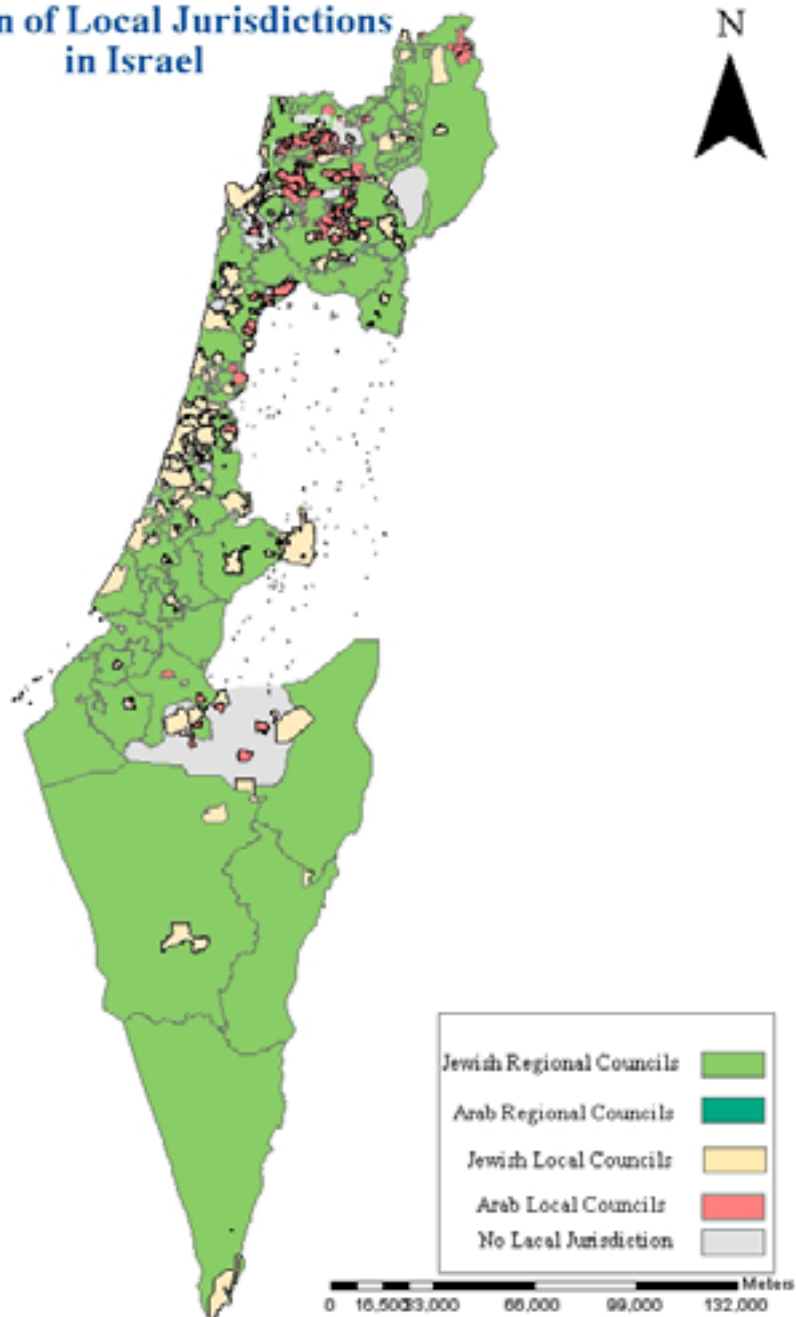
Racial Segregation: As a result of its ideologies and Zionist aims to "render the land Jewish", the Israeli government developed and created a system of racial segregation between Arab and Jewish communities within the state of Israel. To create and maintain the racially segregated land regime Israel used two main tools.

פרישה ארצית של אדמות קק"ל



JNF land for Jews only: The JNF owns 13% of the land in Israel (about 2.5 million dunams). The JNF declared that its loyalty is only to the Jewish people and not to the general public in Israel, and that it operates only for the benefit of Jewish citizens. Although the JNF claims to have purchased the land within its ownership using money donated by Jews from around the world for the purpose of buying land in Israel and its distribution among Jews, 80% (close to two million dunams) of the JNF's land was transferred to it by the state in 1949 and 1953. These two million dunams were lands which Israel had confiscated from Palestinians.

Division of Local Jurisdictions in Israel



Admissions committees for Jews only:

Admissions committees operate in hundreds of local community settlements that fall under the jurisdiction of regional councils all over Israel. They function to exclude Arabs from living in these locations on the basis that the Arab applicants are not "socially suitable". The direct result of this policy is that about 80% of the land in Israel is not accessible to Arab Palestinian citizens.

Since 1948 the state of Israel did not establish a single new Arab town or village. On the contrary, Israel is refusing to recognize tens of Arab Bedouin villages in the south where about 80,000 Arab Palestinian Bedouin citizens of Israel live. The villagers are under the constant threat of having their homes demolished and of being evacuated from their villages. The “unrecognized villages,” referred to by the state as “illegal clusters,” have no official status, are absent from state planning and government maps, neither have local councils nor belong to other local governing bodies, and receive little or no basic services such as electricity, water, telephone lines, educational or health facilities.

The government views the inhabitants of these villages as “trespassers on state land,” although many of these villages are located on the ancestral lands of the Arab Palestinian Bedouin or the inhabitants were forced to move to their current locations by the military government imposed on the Palestinians in Israel between 1948 and 1966. Under current home demolition and evacuation threats, these Palestinian citizens of Israel thus face the threat of expulsion for a second time.

Pictures of unrecognized villages









Adjacent to these unrecognized villages the government is encouraging the development of new Jewish "individual settlements" where single Jewish families or Jewish individuals are allowed to control huge areas of land (hundreds to thousands of dunams each) in order to insure exclusive Jewish control over these lands and to prevent any development of Arab villages on them.

Pictures of individual settlements





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In recent years the government also started to use the planning system to build separation walls between Arab and Jewish towns and even neighborhoods. For example, separation walls exist between the Arab neighborhood of Jawarish and the Jewish neighborhood of Gani Dan in the city of Ramleh; the Arab Pardes Sanir neighborhood in the city of Lod and nearby Kibbutz Nir Zvi; and the Arab village of Jisr al-Zarqa and the nearby Jewish town of Caeserea close to Haifa.







In 1967, Israel occupied the rest of the Palestinian land and the Syrian Golan Heights; and it seems that history repeats itself. In the territories occupied in 1967 we see Israel practicing the same policies as the ones it practiced in Israel since 1948. Israel is not only controlling the land and the people, but is again confiscating Palestinian land to build Jewish settlements, to build roads exclusively for Jews, including in East Jerusalem, and to build the Wall, which racially segregates Occupied Palestinian Territory from the surrounding Jewish settlements.

Since the war of 1948, Israel is continuing to control Palestinian land for the exclusive benefit of the Jewish people and to divide and separate the Palestinian people. The Palestinian refugees were completely separated from their people and lands in 1948 and new Palestinian refugees were created in 1967; the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip became completely separated from those in the West Bank after the disengagement process in 2005; and the Palestinian citizens of the state of Israel were separated from all other Palestinians.

In addition to Palestinians being separated from one another, the severe restrictions on the freedom of movement between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and between the various cities in the West Bank has resulted in the creation of Palestinian cantons within the lands controlled by Israel. In this sense the Green Line becomes imaginary and the Israeli "democracy" remains illusionary.

Maps of historic Palestine

PALESTINE

I. The first Zionist colony in Palestine, 1878.

Coastline _____

Frontier _____

• Zionist colony

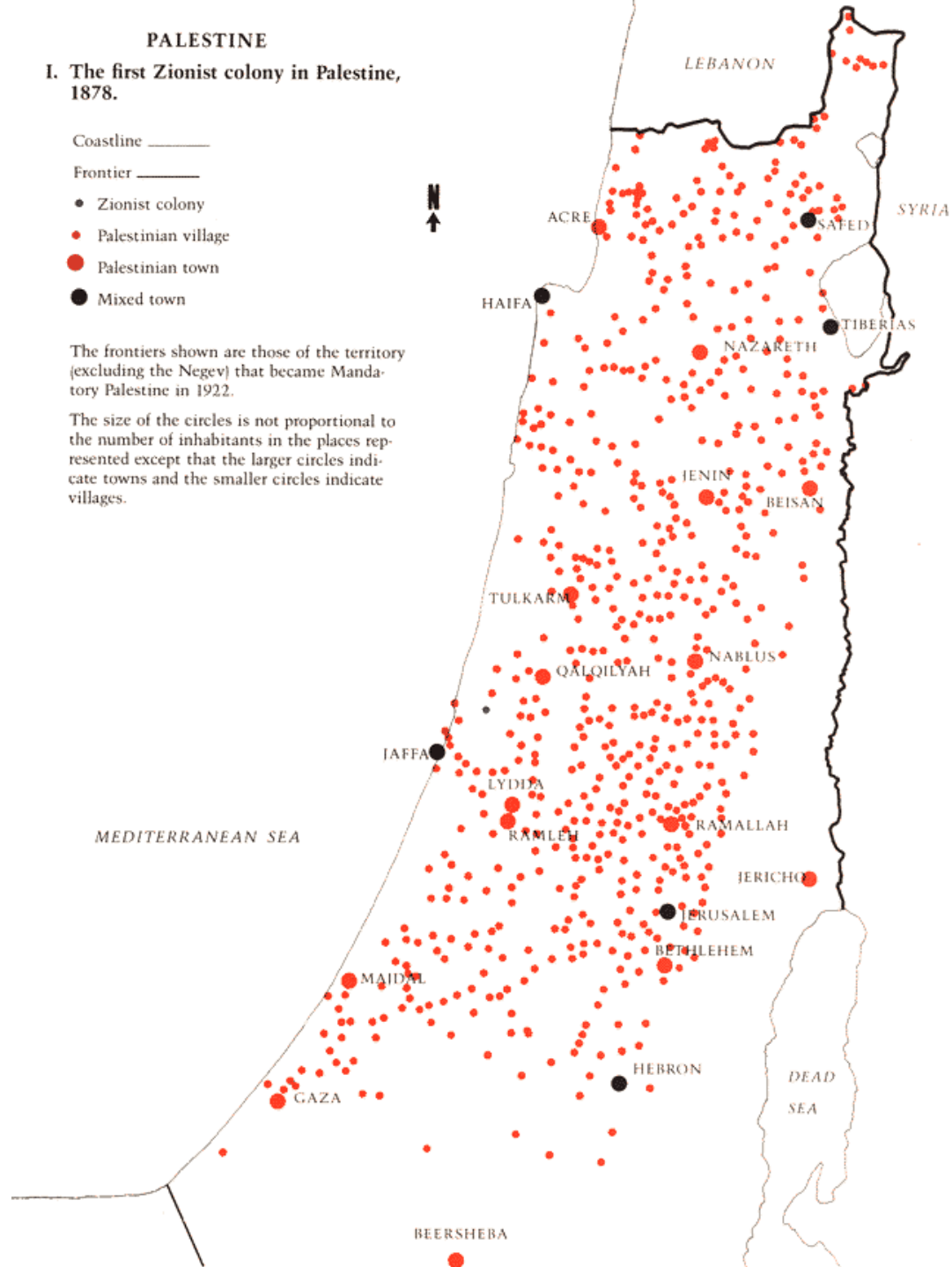
• Palestinian village

• Palestinian town

• Mixed town

The frontiers shown are those of the territory (excluding the Negev) that became Mandatory Palestine in 1922.

The size of the circles is not proportional to the number of inhabitants in the places represented except that the larger circles indicate towns and the smaller circles indicate villages.



Palestinian loss of land 1946 to 2000

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946



UN Partition plan 1947



1949 - 1967



2000



What really remains is:

- **One Jewish regime which controls all of historic Palestine. In this regime about 50% of the community is Jewish and 50% is Palestinian.**
- **One Israeli supreme parliament which functions as superior to the Palestinian parliament.**
- **One Israeli Supreme Court which has jurisdiction over all the territory. For example, Gaza or Ramallah residents who need to move from one location to the other and who are denied permission to do so have to petition the Supreme Court of Israel. Additionally, family unification applications which are denied end up being appealed to the Israeli Supreme Court.**
- **One Israeli superior army.**

What really remains is:

- **Israel is building only Israeli Jewish settlements all over historic Palestine and from both sides of the Green Line.**
- **Freedom of movement is assured and secured for all Jewish people wherever they are in historic Palestine.**
- **Freedom of movement is restricted to the Palestinian people at different levels depending on where they live.**
- **Some Palestinian cantons are created all across historic Palestine.**

This regime has now been in existence for over 60 years, on the basis of a Zionist ideology to control the “Land of Israel”. Therefore, any democratic agenda must strive to challenge this discriminatory project, in order to create a democratic regime for all.