

Statement by Israeli citizens calling Israel an apartheid state

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The statement below was signed by 94 citizens of Israel to express support for the various resolutions put at the world conference against racism in Durban, South Africa, denouncing Israeli apartheid. The signatories are either Jewish citizens of Israel, designated to be the beneficiaries of Israel's inequality, or Palestinian citizens of Israel, designated as its victims.

We, citizens of Israel, applaud the various declarations coming out of Durban that Israel is an apartheid state. After 53 years of racism and discrimination, it is time for the world community to organize and publicly challenge Israeli policies against the Palestinian people. Even as we write, Israeli politicians unabashedly declare their support for Jewish supremacy and Judaization of the land, in an attempt to sustain Jewish control over 7 million Palestinians through military occupation, as second-class citizens or denial of return to their homeland.

Especially because we are citizens of this state, we see our struggle as no less than ending such apartheid and discrimination and attaining, simultaneously, political, social and economic equality for all.

Your support from Durban is consistent with our view that the struggle to liberate Palestine from this regime and to return the Palestinian refugees to their homeland is part of the global struggle to end racism, political and economic oppression, and to terminate the colonialist project in the Middle East. We call on you to continue your loyal solidarity with us, as we strive for freedom and dignity for every person in Palestine.

Signatories

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