ICAHD UK CAMPAIGNS

End Home Demolitions

ICAHD’s calls for the end of Israel’s demolition of Palestinian homes in the Occupied Palestine Territory (OPT) and within the state of Israel. When Israel was established, it systematically destroyed more than 530 entire villages, towns, and urban neighbourhoods, demolishing around 62,000 Palestinian homes. Since the beginning of the Occupation in 1967, Israel has demolished another 58,000 homes in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, in violation of the 4th Geneva Convention. Thousands more continue to be demolished inside Israel itself. All the demolitions illustrate Israel’s apartheid policies where it favours housing for one group over the others: Jews over Palestinians.

The demolition policy is at the heart of Israel’s attempt to transform an Arab country into a Jewish one by replacing the indigenous Palestinian population with a Jewish one which move in from other countries. This is ‘settler colonialism’.

One Democratic State Campaign (ODSC)

ICAHD calls for one democratic state. It has joined with the Palestinian-led ODSC, where ICAHD has played a key role in forging the only programme of liberation, justice, inclusiveness, and equality possible: one that calls for a single democracy over historic Palestine/the Land of Israel, yet which acknowledges the presence of two national groups: Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews. Israel’s apartheid regime must be replaced with a constitutional democracy between the River and the Sea, based on common citizenship and equal civil rights with constitutional guarantees. It calls for the Right of Return for Palestinian refugees.

Resistance, activism, and protest alone will not end Israel’s settler colonialism or restore to the Palestinian their national rights in their historic homeland. Only a clear political programme can do that.
JCB: stop your bulldozers being used for home demolitions in Palestine

In February 2020, the UN Human Rights Office identified JCB amongst 112 companies involved in business activities in settlements in the Occupied Palestine Territory which violate Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. JCB knowingly allows its bulldozers to be used to demolish Palestinian homes to clear land for the construction of settlements, actions in gross violation of international law. JCB is profiting from Israel’s wrecking of Palestinian lives.

NSPCC: sever your tie with JCB

The UK’s largest children’s charity, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) works in child protection however it receives donations from JCB despite knowing that its equipment is being used to demolish Palestinian homes. In detailed correspondence with NSPCC officers and Trustees, compelling reasons for dropping JCB as a donor have been given but remain unheeded. We ask the NSPCC to demonstrate a truly ethical position: cease taking money from JCB and prove that every child matters.

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ICAHD UK’s additional campaigns include Global Palestine, the Atta Jaber family, and opposition to the Jewish National Fund.

Information about all our campaigns can be found on the ICAHD website icahd.org

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