Many Palestinians, individuals and organisations both, have long used the word "apartheid" to describe the situation that has existed in historic Palestine since 1948. Their voices have often gone unheeded; but over the last year, three Human Rights organisations of a stature that is hard to ignore have described how the regime from the river to the sea does, indeed, constitute apartheid: B’Tselem, Human Rights Watch and now Amnesty International.

Our concern is with the role of the JNF (KKL in Hebrew) in this situation and there is much to be concerned about. So, in the Amnesty International report - *Israel's Apartheid Against Palestinians* - the section headed "Dispossession of Land and Property", gives a detailed account how the KKL-JNF acquired millions of dunams of Palestinian land, both in its own name and as a major force in the Israel Land Authority. Read the full report [HERE](#). For the report’s sections on the KKL-JNF [see here](#).

**JNF : A History of Deceit, Subterfuge and Pretence**

As one of the principal fundraising arms of the Zionist movement, the Jewish National Fund has led a chameleon-like existence, adapting to political developments as it attempts to sustain its credibility as a benign force above the political fray. The JNF has played a key role in establishing an apartheid an apartheid state by acquiring land for the building of the state on the principle of privileging one ethnicity, Jews. (contd, below)

Pre-World War 2, Zionism's appeal to Jewish communities drew on the imperialist imaginary that European colonisation could take modernity to “backward” parts of the world. It claimed for Jews the mission to take on the “white man's burden” in Palestine. Since the 1970s, with outright colonisation largely discredited, the JNF switched to claiming to protect and nurture the natural environment. Behind this much trumpeted claim, lies a long and sordid history of complicity in ethnic cleansing. Read more [HERE](#).
"The JNF UK is nothing to do with the KKL-JNF in Israel." -

This is what the UK wing of the NGO for apartheid tells the Charity Commission. They may be called the same thing, they may raise money for projects in Israel that require official sanction to go ahead, but they are separate organisations. Really!? Accordingly, the main KKL-JNF website states: "JNF UK... is a wholly independent legal entity registered in England and Wales and with the UK Charity Commission. It operates completely separate (sic) with its own Board of Directors..."

Why this assertion, when the JNF UK is there on the list with all the other branches of the KKL? A clue is in the following: “The JNF is not and cannot be loyal to the entire Israeli public. The JNF's loyalty is reserved for the Jewish people alone - for whom it was established and for whom it acts.” (Affidavit in 2004 from KKL to Adalah.)

The above statement quite openly shows a commitment to differentiate activities according to ethnic/religious affiliation. This would be illegal in the UK and unacceptable practice for a "charity".

However, as we reveal below, two senior JNF UK members have found themselves in hot water with the Charity Commission, which has opened a "regulatory case" with regard to them.

JNF UK Leadership upset their own apple-cart

Recently, Gary Mond (right) senior Vice-President of the Board of Deputies was forced to resign his post following the discovery of Islamophobic postings on his social media accounts. Mond is also the "Honorary Treasurer" of the JNF UK, so it remains to be seen whether he will be forced to step down from that position as well.

As if this weren't bad enough, according to the Jewish News more than 40 members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews have called for the resignation from the Board of JNF UK chairman Samuel Hayek (pictured below) following his comments in an interview in the Israeli media that rising numbers of Muslim immigrants threatened the future of British Jews.

Hayek must have been surprised at the commotion. The whole purpose of the JNF since its inception has been to reduce the numbers of Palestinian Muslims (and Christians, for that matter) in "Eretz Israel". Why should a comment about Muslims in the UK cause such a fuss, he must be wondering. Read more HERE

JNF - "A Pillar of Apartheid."

These 2 short factsheets illustrate the development of the JNF's role over time and, in the second factsheet, we note some observations and quotations; these further support the proposition that the JNF has significantly contributed to Israel's system of cruel and inhuman apartheid.

Stop the JNF Apartheid Timeline

Stop the JNF Apartheid Observations and Insights
British Park Campaign Gathers Momentum: “NOT IN OUR NAME”

JNF UK’s leisure facility in what is now Israel, British Park, is a crime scene, created on the lands of 7 Palestinian villages, emptied in the Nakba. After 1948, the JNF helped Israel dispose of the stolen lands by creating parks and forests: 46 of JNF’s 68 parks or forests are on ethnically cleansed land. The rightful Palestinian owners still claim their Right of Return.

Stop the JNF’s British Park team has joined with Palestinian partners (Badil, Stop the Wall, Zochrot and grass roots activists) to expose and challenge the crimes of the JNF and the complicity of the British state.

Join the campaign and say “NOT IN OUR NAME” to the JNF and Israel.
Email england@stopthejnf.org   Find out more here about British Park.

Above left - the chutzpah of the JNF UK: giving what they didn't own

Shorts

Take Action: if you haven't already, sign this Open Letter which will be handed in to the Charity Commission.

Coming soon: Launch of the Balfour Forest Campaign - late March

Another crucial aspect of JNF and Israeli crime: Water Apartheid.

See this 5 minute film

For more articles and background material visit www.stopthejnf.org