

Press release

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Israel – Palestine. The Occupation is Walling up the Future

As it releases its report Israel- Palestine. The Occupation is Walling up the Future. Survey on the threats of the colonization system and the resistance of the civil society, La Cimade sheds light on the daily oppression experienced by the Palestinians. A deadly drift, which also undermines the Israeli people from the inside.

During its mission in February 2014, La Cimade noted that the colonization steamroller empties the content of the peace process. It has led to the unfortunate - though predictable- failure of the negotiations led by the American State Secretary John Kerry until April 2014.

The West-Bank and East-Jerusalem are suffering from a demographic war from the Israeli government and from rampant urbanization; both have led to serious breaches of Palestinians' rights. Though it is illegal with regards to the international Law, the occupation policy is carried out by the Israeli government without any attempt from the international community have Israel abide by this law. The European Union, and more specifically France, who does not condemn strongly the occupation, holds a major responsibility in the current political blockage where daily injustices become the first obstacle to peace.

La Cimade met with Israeli and Palestinians field actors. Under terrible conditions they carry out remarkable jobs: information and data gathering, advocacy, protective presence, peaceful protests. These lucid men and women from both sides now call for active solidarity, specifically within the collective action "Boycott- Divestment- Sanction"

Beyond testimony it is urgent to support the civil society's organizations fighting against occupation. It is also urgent to support associations defending the refugees and asylum seekers' rights, whose treatment is contrary to international rights and unveils another dark side of Israeli policy.

As the occupation is walling up the future in Israel and Palestine, it is more than ever urgent to act. La Cimade provides the French government with a list of recommendations, as well as for the European Union and the civil society's organizations.

[Download the report Israel – Palestine. The Occupation is Walling up the Future](#) here in French.

The English version will be ready soon.

