JIHAD, HOLY WAR and URBICIDE
Destruction and Construction in the Occupied Territories

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According to Bevan:
“Between 1967 and 2004 Israel demolished approximately 12,000 homes, evicting an estimated 50,000 people.” (p.140)
He notes further that the rate of destruction increased radically in the 3.5 years up to May 2004 when “more than 3000 homes, hundreds of public buildings and private commercial properties were destroyed by the IDF in Israel and the Occupied Territories” (p.140). Graham quotes a figure of 4,000 houses demolished between 2000 and 2003 (Graham).
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Plate 10.3 Bill Cook’s satirical cartoon depicting Ariel Sharon, the “Bulldozer.” Source: www.counterpunch.org May 2002, used with permission.
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According to Graham:
“140 multi-family blocks were completely destroyed, 1500 were
damaged and 4000 people made homeless” with many civilians
buried alive in the rubble.

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OLIVE INTERLUDE
HOLY WAR (Source: Weizman)
HOLY WAR OF SETTLEMENTS  (source Weizman)

1. SETTLERS IN THE WEST BANK

2. CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING UNITS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

3. NUMBER OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK

Note: Diagrams do not include four Jerusalem.
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STATISTICS

Israeli settlers living in the West Bank = 500,000
Israeli settlers living in East Jerusalem = 200,000

The population has grown between 4-6% in the last 20 years compared to an Israeli average growth rate of 1.5%.

385,000 live in 80 settlements between the Green Line of 1967 and the Separation Barrier or Apartheid Wall (source www.palestinemonitor.org).

Robert Bevan further notes that:

“in 2003 …. building work in the illegal Jewish settlements increased by 35% according to Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics. Yet building work within Israel was at its lowest rate for 10 years.” (Bevan, R. Destruction of Memory, p.??)
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Settlements and International Law

Israeli settlements are illegal under every basic reading of international law:

**Article 46 of the Hague Convention prohibits confiscation of private property in occupied territory.** Article 55 of the same Hague Convention stipulates “the occupying state shall be regarded only as administrator and usufructuary of public buildings, real estate, forests, and agricultural estates belonging to the hostile State, and situated in the occupied country. It must safeguard the capital of these properties, and administer them in accordance with the rules of usufruct”.

**Article 49, paragraph 6 of the Fourth Geneva Convention** explicitly stipulates that “the occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies”.

**UN Security Council Resolution 465 (1980-unanimously adopted)** made it clear that “Israel’s policy and practices of settling parts of its population and new immigrants” in the Occupied Territories constitutes “a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East”. The Security Council called upon Israel to “dismantle the existing settlements and in particular to cease, on an urgent ba-sis, the establishment, construction or planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem”.

**The 2004 ruling of the International Court of Justice in The Hague** declared that “Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, are illegal and an obstacle to peace and to economic and social development”.

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CONCLUSION

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