

SEPTEMBER 2020 PALESTINIAN JUSTPEACE BLOG



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Above, you see an unarmed, 65-year-old Khairy Hanoun who was trying to discourage Israel from building an industrial park on Palestinian village land. On Sept. 1st, he was restrained with an [armored knee to the neck](#). Rev. Dick Gibson, of Mountlake Terrace wrote, “With the upheaval in the USA over...Black Lives Matter, we stand with sisters and brothers...saying Palestinian Lives Matter.”

Since March, when the first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in the occupied West Bank, Israeli forces have [demolished or confiscated](#) almost 400 Palestinian structures. That’s almost 65 per month – the highest average in four years. So far this year, Israel has forcibly [displaced about 700 Palestinians](#) – most of them during the pandemic and half of them children. In [August](#) alone, Israel forced more than 200 Palestinians into homelessness.

And this month’s “peace deal” between the United Arab Emirates and Israel may include an American sale of tens of billions of dollars worth of [American F-35](#) stealth fighters, weaponized drones, and advanced military equipment to the UAE! *Peace thru weapons deals!*

[Facebook](#) has increased takedowns of thousands of pieces of Palestinian content and “imposed severe limitations on freedom of expression and opinion, especially about Palestine.” **Facebook needs to remove hate speech – not censor Palestinians, and advocates of Palestinian rights, for speaking out about Palestinian experiences.**

It’s time for liberal “Zionists to abandon the goal of Jewish–Palestinian separation and embrace one of Jewish–Palestinian equality” says [Peter Beinhart](#), Editor at *Jewish Currents* in NYC advocating a one state solution.

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