

# Rights based on IDs: Population Registry Policy Overview

Israel unilaterally controls the population registry, status and Identity cards (IDs) of ALL Palestinians, on both sides of the “Green Line” & in the Diaspora.

5 different ID categories under different administrative systems for Palestinians:

## Palestinian ID Categories



Besides the administrative division among Palestinians, they live in an artificial territorial division, depending on where Israel allows them to live and move, according to their IDs.

## Objectives

- 1- Imposing control over two vital, interconnected elements: the land and the people; in other words the geography, and the demography to ensure the permanence of its prolonged occupation and colonization of Palestine.
- 2- Altering the Palestinian demographic elements to achieve an overall Jewish-Israeli majority on both sides of the Green Line.
- 3- Preventing the geographic and demographic unity of the Palestinian people in achieving their right to self-determination.

## Timeline

Nakba of  
1984



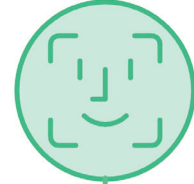
Palestinian Survivors: granted Israeli IDs with systematic discrimination  
Refugees: No IDs, prevented from returning to their lands  
West Bank & the Gaza Strip: IDs from respective governors, Jordan and Egypt

War of 1967



Israel conducted a population census:  
- Palestinian present during census: received IDs  
- Palestinians not present during census (were abroad, fled or displaced as a result of the 1967 war): denied IDs  
- Palestinians in East Jerusalem: given a 'permanent residency' status

1994 Oslo  
Accords



Palestinian Authority "PA" holds no sovereignty over population registry, merely administrative role. IDs for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are still controlled and issued by the Israeli military.

## Impacts

- Millions of Palestinians, on both sides of the "Green Line", in refugee camps and in the diaspora are directly controlled by Israel's population registry policies.
- A wide set of fundamental rights of all Palestinians is systematically violated as a result of Israel's exclusive and discriminatory population control policies, including:  
Right to self-determination, right of return, civil & political rights, Socio-economic rights, freedom of movement and family unification.



For more information, scan to read full report: "Rights based on IDs: Israel's Unilateral Control of Palestinian Population Registry on Both Sides of the Green Line & in the Diaspora"

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