

Iyad Burnat

Iyad Burnat is the head of the “Bil'in Popular Committee against the Wall,” a group that glorifies terrorism and organizes violent protests against Israelis and Jews. Burnat spreads anti-Semitic lies in attempt to demonize and delegitimize the only Jewish state.

Burnat and his organization incite and support Palestinian-Arab terrorist attacks against Israelis and discourage any peaceful dialogue.

- **Burnat calls for a third intifada, a wave of terrorist attacks murdering Israeli and Palestinian-Arab civilians.**
 - After organizing a violent anti-Israel protest with the Bil'in Popular Committee-- his organization that claims to be “non-violent”-- Burnat declared that “The third Intifada is knocking on the door.”¹
 - Terrorist attacks during the first and second intifadas resulted in thousands of civilians murdered on both sides.²
 - Here are just a few examples of attacks:
 - A Hamas suicide bomber **murdered 21 civilians (mostly youths)** and injured 120 more outside a nightclub in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001.³
 - A Hamas suicide bomber **murdered 15 civilians** on the evening of August 9, 2001 at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.⁴
 - A Palestinian-Arab bus attacker **killed eight young adults** on February 14, 2001 outside Tel Aviv.⁵
 - Burnat runs a Facebook page entitled “Third Global Intifada” with the description “Global Intefada for freedom. And not by negotiations.”
 - This mission statement is harmful to both Israelis and Palestinians, as it encourages terrorism and discourages peaceful coexistence and dialogue.
- **Burnat praised a Palestinian-Arab terrorist for stabbing an Israeli policeman.**
 - He posted pictures of the dead terrorist with the caption “Palestinian Martyr today mo[u]rning In #al-Quds...” - Burnat via Twitter, June 21, 2015.

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- Burnat equates Israel with the Nazi regime, stating “this is not a conflict. It is a colonization . this is not War it's a Massacre. this is not Jews it's a **Nazi occupation** #WakeUpWorld” - Burnat via Twitter, November 27, 2014.

¹ *Sites of Violent Anti-Barrier Protests Closed*. Maayana Miskin. Arutz Sheva. March 15, 2010.

² *The Second Intifada Begins*. Ziv Hellman.

³ *Suicide Bomb kills 17 at Tel Aviv Nightclub*, The Telegraph. June 2, 2001

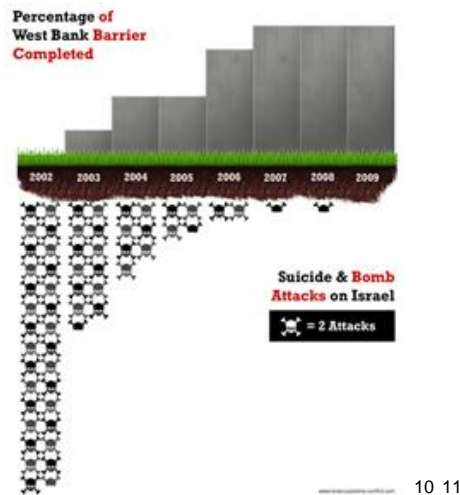
⁴ *The Massacre at the Sbarro restaurant*, The Malki Foundation.

⁵ *Victims of Palestinian Violence and Terrorism since September 2000*. Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Ignoring the robust free society in Israel and comparing its democracy to Nazism are classic examples of anti-Semitic propaganda. In fact, equating the Jewish state with the Nazi Regime is **deemed anti-Semitic by the U.S. State Department.**⁶

Burnat falsely claims that Israel is an Apartheid state. Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a deliberate lie constructed to demonize the only Jewish state and minimize the experiences of those who actually suffered from apartheid in South Africa.

- In reality, minorities in Israel, including Palestinian-Arabs, enjoy equal rights. This makes Israel the opposite of an apartheid state.
- Israel does not rule over Palestinian-Arabs in Judea and Samaria (the 'West Bank'); this is the job of the Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA denies Palestinian-Arabs basic freedoms, but this has nothing to do with Israel, as the PA runs a dictatorship over its citizens.⁷
- After years of Palestinian-Arab terrorist attacks and hundreds of Israeli civilians massacred, Israel had to place certain restrictions on the movement of Palestinian-Arabs living in Judea and Samaria.⁸
 - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.⁹ The following graph demonstrates this:



Burnat supports BDS,¹² an anti-Palestinian movement that is also dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.

- The BDS movement harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel by boycotting companies that employ them. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**¹³
- BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.

⁶ *Defining Anti-Semitism*. U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.

⁷ *Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I'll be Killed*. Times of Israel. May 25, 2012

⁸ *What's the Truth Behind Checkpoints and Crossings in Judea and Samaria?* IDF Blog. May 6, 2013.

⁹ *Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities*. Jewish Virtual Library.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Suicide and Other Bombing Attacks in Israel Since the Declaration of Principles (Sept 1993)*. Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 2013.

¹² *Iyad Burnat: On the 'BDS' movement*. Youtube. December 13, 2015.

¹³ *EU Survey: Palestinians working for Israelis are paid double those working for Palestinians in the West Bank and triple those in the Gaza Strip*. Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik. Palestinian Media Watch. February 26, 2015.

- Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel.¹⁴ **Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?**

¹⁴ Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.