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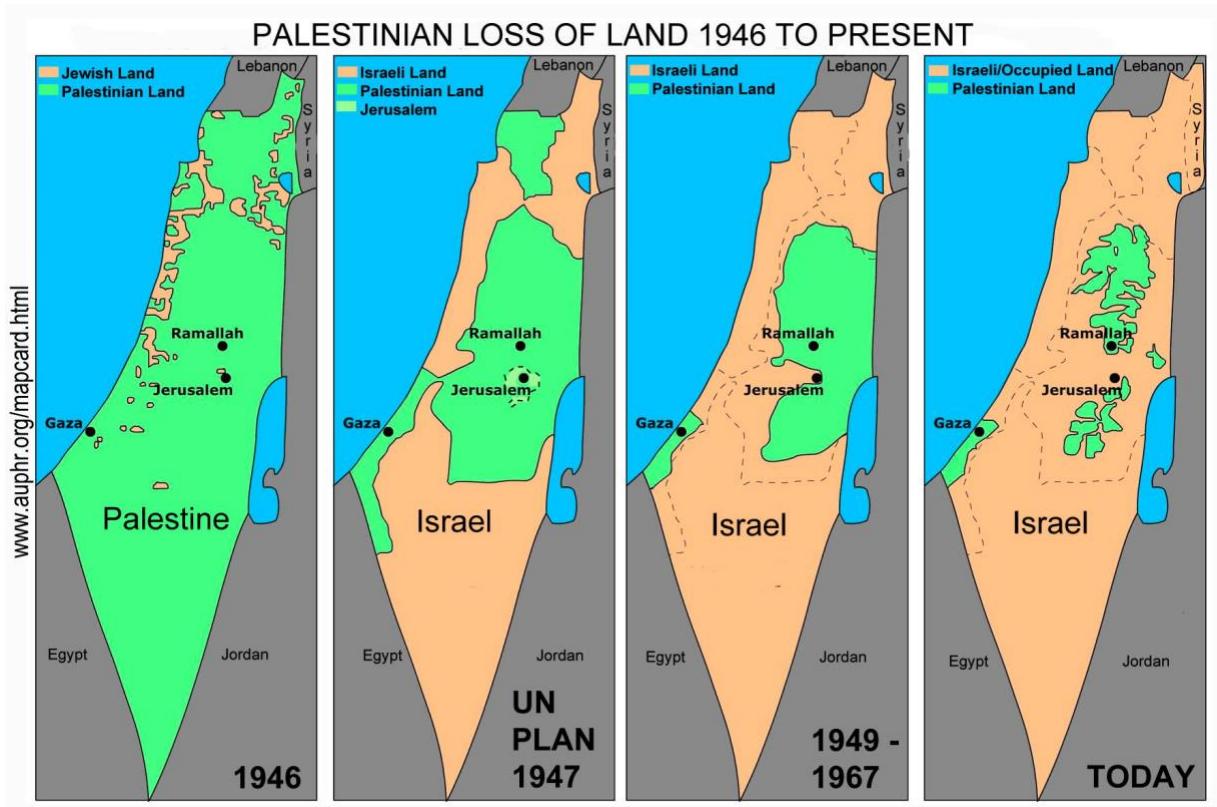
# **BULLY'S IMMORALITY**



## **A CROW WILL NEVER BE A FALCON**

Under no circumstances Washington has the right to open Embassy in Jerusalem, Palestine. It's disputed area, occupied by Israel. If, at all America wants its embassy in Jerusalem, it should be recognition of Palestine, as an independent state, isn't it so? Trump can't bully around and terrorize the innocent unarmed citizens of Palestine. **Trump; if thinks that he understands everything, he is misinformed and badly mistaken.**

It's for sure that on Bully's backing, Israel's defense minister Avigdor Lieberman has said that he will fast-track construction of 2,500 houses in new West Bank settlement homes in 2018, an announcement likely to further ratchet up tensions between Israelis and Palestinians.



This clearly shows his aim to expand construction in the West Bank settlements, including some remote outposts and the Jewish settler enclave in the West Bank city of Hebron.

As per Lieberman's statement, besides the 2,500, he will advance another 1,400 units that are in preliminary planning stages.

The announcement came two days after Palestinians urged the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, to open an investigation into Israeli policies in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, accusing Israel of systematic crimes, including apartheid in the occupied territories. The request includes the recent round of bloodshed in the Gaza Strip, where Israeli fire killed over 100 Palestinians during mass protests along the Gaza border.

Israel has called the Palestinian move at the ICC "legally invalid." Israel is not a member of the court and argues the court does not have jurisdiction.

Israel captured the West Bank and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war and has since built dozens of settlements there. Over 600,000 Israelis now live in east Jerusalem and West Bank settlements, areas Palestinians seek for their future state.

Most of the international community views the settlements as illegal and an obstacle to peace. The referral to the ICC would seem to further diminish prospects of success for an expected U.S. peace plan. The last round of U.S. brokered Israeli-Palestinian peace talks broke down four years ago without any visible process, and mistrust between the two sides is running high.

Israeli watchdog group “Peace” now reported that settlement construction has surged under the Trump administration, which has taken a softer stance than his predecessors. Trump has asked Israel to show restraint, but has avoided strong condemnations of Israeli settlement construction.

“Peace” now responded to Lieberman's announcement, calling it a “scandal” and saying on Twitter that the messianic right-wing government has distorted priorities, and is proud to approve thousands of new housing units over the Green Line, and gives an incentive to continue creeping annexation.

We appeal to the entire international community to undertake serious and concrete measures to bring about a full cessation of all settlement activities and to hold Israel accountable with punitive measures and sanctions before it is too late.

We also urge the Muslim world, to stop bloodshed amongst them, get together and beat the bully, which ultimately will beat the Israel and its annexation planning.

## **CAN'T MUSLIM WORLD BE TOGETHER TO COUNTER THE BULLY?**

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