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Week 29: The Israeli Apartheid Wall

Resolution ES-10/15

July 20

ES-10/15. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem*

Dear Kumi Now supporter,

Resolution ES-10/15 doesn't, in name, sound like much. But it was a United Nations resolution passed on July 20, 2004 that acknowledged the illegality of Israel's separation barrier under international law. Years later, Palestinian communities in the occupied territory are still being torn apart due to the construction of the separation barrier, otherwise known as the Apartheid Wall. As the wall is built, Israel is effectively annexing more and more Palestinian land to itself. Join us this week as we face this illegal wall in Tuesday's online gathering:

Next Online Gathering

July 18: Week 29 - The Israeli Apartheid Wall

[Full information on the gathering is here.](#)

Our guest will be **Claire Anastas** of **Bethlehem**, whose home is surrounded by the wall.

Time: Tuesday, July 18, at 6:00pm East Jerusalem, Palestine time (UTC+3) That's...

- Pacific (Seattle/Vancouver): 8am
- Central (Chicago): 10am
- Eastern (New York/Toronto): 11am
- Atlantic: 12pm
- Newfoundland: 12:30pm
- Greenwich (London): 4pm

- Central Europe (Paris/Stockholm): 5pm
- South Africa: 5pm
- Manila: 11pm
- Sydney: 1am (+1 Day)
- Auckland: 3am (+1 Day)

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (There might be a quick registration form for this one, and please set an alarm for yourself for Tuesday.)

Remember, if you'd like to receive a reminder about the gathering an hour before it begins, please use the [registration form at the bottom of the page](#).

This Week's Entry

Kumi Week #29: Israeli Apartheid Wall

Week 29 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#). In May 2002, hundreds of Israeli bulldozers entered Palestinian agricultural land and started large scale destruction for what later would turn out to be the start of the construction of Israel's over-700 kilometers wall. The wall in urban areas is up to eight meters tall, while in rural areas it takes the shape of a maze of fencing, razor wires, patrol roads, watchtowers, and sensors. Together with the military-closed zones and the settlements, Israel uses the wall to prohibit Palestinians access and use of some 60% of West Bank land, including the water sources located there. The wall cuts off villages from each other and bars access to schools, hospitals, and other services for communities that are isolated by the wall and checkpoints. Here's what we can do so that together we can *rise up* for Palestine.

Please read the essay on this issue and the stories of Khalid Yousef Zeet, George, and the village of Wad Rahal. You can find last year's gathering [here](#). And here are a few more facts for you:

Understanding the Israeli Apartheid Wall: Just the Facts...

- 85% of the Wall is located in the West Bank.
- The Wall is not built on the Green Line, but rather cuts deep into the West Bank.
- Some 12% of Palestinians in the West Bank will be "outside" the Wall, stuck in the de facto annexed areas between the wall and Israel.
- The Wall's total length will be over 700 km, more than twice the length of the 1949 Armistice ("Green") Line.
- 1,661 km of settler-only roads connect settlements and settlement blocs and complement the Wall system.
- 634 checkpoints or other military obstructions including trenches, roadblocks, metal gates under Occupation control.
- Checkpoints may have very limited hours, and can be closed without notice.
- Around 11,000 Palestinians living in 32 communities located between the Barrier and the Green Line depend on the granting of permits or special arrangements to live in their own homes.
- Approximately 150 Palestinian communities have land located behind the Barrier, forcing residents to seek special permits or 'prior coordination' to access it.
- As a result of the wall and checkpoints, farmers often have to travel hours to reach their own land, located just meters from their homes.

This week's facts come from:

- **Stop the Wall's** [fact sheet](#).
- **OCHA oPt's** ["The Humanitarian Impact of the Barrier"](#)

Learning More

To learn more you can start by reading **Stop the Wall's** [full page on the wall](#) and watch **AJ+'s** ["Israel's wall: Security or apartheid?"](#)

To go deeper, we are developing an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week's entry as well as a [YouTube playlist](#) on the subject.

Once you understand the situation you'll want to get involved. Here's the Kumi Action for this week:

Kumi Action



Send an empty small cardboard box to the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee with a note reading: "Opening checkpoints is as easy as opening this box. Take down the Apartheid Wall!" Send it to the following address:

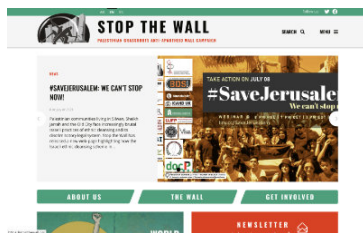
The Knesset
Attn: Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee
Jerusalem 9195016
Israel

Or send an email that reads "Opening checkpoints is as easy as opening this email. End checkpoints within Palestinian territory and take down the Apartheid Wall!" to the committee's email address: v_bitachon@knesset.gov.il.

Share a picture of your box and one of the short videos or other items listed under Additional Resources (on the website) on social media. Include a link to [this page](#) of the Kumi Now website, a link to [the Stop the Wall campaign](#), and the hashtags #WorldwithoutWalls, #KumiNow, and #Kumi29

You Should Know

One or two people, companies, or organizations generally related to the issue of the week you should know, and how you can follow them online.



Stop the Wall

The Palestinian grassroots organization **Stop the Wall** was formed almost immediately after Israel started construction of the wall. Based on the spontaneous formation of local committees that formed to protest and stop the bulldozers from destroying Palestinian land and property, this national coordination body was formed.

You can find Stop the Wall on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

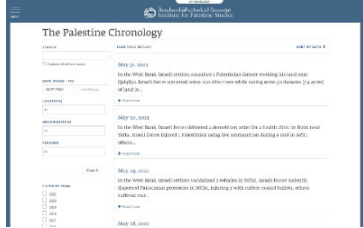


Amos Trust

Amos Trust is "a small creative human rights organisation committed to challenging injustice, building hope and creating positive change." They work with local partners on grass-roots projects in Palestine, South Africa, Nicaragua, Burundi, India, Tanzania and

beyond, working to develop local solutions to global issues.

You can find Amos Trust on their [website](#), specifically their page on [Palestine Justice](#), and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).



The Palestine Chronology

The Palestine Chronology is an online database from the Institute for Palestine Studies. Or, rather, it is a way to access the daily data that the institute has been gathering since the beginning of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982. These day-by-day summaries are based on Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international sources. Prior to August 2018, the chronology was published quarterly in the Journal of Palestine Studies. It is now updated monthly on this online platform.

The platform features a full-text search engine and tags that correspond to the most cited locations, organizations, and persons. This platform promises to be a very important tool for studying the history of Palestine and the conflict.

You can find the Palestine Chronology on its [website](#). In regards to this week's Kumi Now issue, there are [995 items regarding the wall around the West Bank](#).

Upcoming Weeks

And here's what we have coming up in July so you can plan ahead and decide how you want to be a part of Kumi Now:

KUMI NOW ONLINE: JULY, 2023

Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30
			
July 4 <i>Kumi Relaunch (no webinar)</i>	July 11 <i>Morally Responsible Investing</i>	July 18 <i>Israeli Apartheid Wall</i>	July 25 <i>Family Unification</i>

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Each week below will have an online gathering with a guest or guests speaking on the topic. The time and Zoom link are the same each week.

The weekly newsletter will always contain reminders of the upcoming online gatherings and the Zoom link. But if you're like me and need a reminder right before the sessions begin, you can [register to receive a reminder email one hour prior to each online](#)

[gathering](#). And no more digging through your inbox looking for the Zoom link! Just [use the registration form at the bottom of the page](#).



July 23 to 29: Week 30 - Family Unification

[Read the full entry online.](#)

On July 31, 2003 Israel passed the Nationality and Entry into Israel Law, making the lives of thousands of Palestinian individuals and families even more precarious and complex.

For our Kumi Action we will send the Prime Minister and his cabinet paper dolls to move around and play with.

Final Thoughts

On Tuesday **Charlotte Marshall** of **Sabeel-Kairos UK** gave us an update on their work and helped us learn how our own organizations can participate in morally responsible investing. The replay of the session is now available on [YouTube](#) and [on our website](#). The website includes Charlotte's bio, the advocacy instructions, and links shared during the gathering.

We hope to see you in the online gathering on Tuesday, after which you'll receive another newsletter next Sunday, focused on our next topic, [Family Unification](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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