

**UK Parliamentary Committee Embraces NGO Agenda in Report on
 Development Assistance to the Palestinians**

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Appendix

Ev = Reference to written evidence

Qu = Oral evidence in response to a question indicated by the question number

e.g. Qu 1

NGO (alphabetical order)	Location in Report (fn indicates footnote number)	Quote or Citation
Amnesty International	Cited – fn.120	Report cites to Amnesty commenting on the UN Security Council Resolution 465 of March 1, 1980 calling on Israel to dismantle the settlements. Amnesty claims that "most Israeli settlements in the OPTs have been built since this Resolution was passed, with the majority being built in the past decade."
BADIL	Cited – fn. 25	Report cites to Ev.117 of the BADIL Resource Centre which states that the [2006 Lebanon] "war led to an expansion of illegal outposts."
B'tselem	Cited – fn.116	Report cites to Btselem commenting on the Hague Regulations which "prohibit the occupying power from making permanent changes to the occupied area apart from in relation to narrowly defined military needs or unless the occupied population benefits from such changes."
B'tselem	Cited –fn.123	Report cites to Btselem's report, 'Forbidden Roads: Israel's discriminatory road regime in the West Bank', August 2004. Btselem states that the "road system is based on the assumption that all Palestinians pose security risks for Israel and that it is therefore justifiable to restrict their movement."
B'tselem	Cited –fn.132	Report cites to a Btselem publication: ' A Wall in Jerusalem', Summer 2006 which states that the "separation barrier divides East Jerusalem from the West Bank leaving 220, 000 Palestinian Jerusalemites on the Israeli side of the barrier."
Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association (CAFDA)	Cited – fn.127	Report cites to a background paper by CAFDA stating patients' inability to get through checkpoints for hospital appointments.
Christian Aid (CA)	Cited – fn. 42	Report cites to Question 108 (oral evidence) given by CA which states that "today there is even greater insecurity for Palestinians and Israelis, a worsening humanitarian situation and increased levels of poverty and hardship for Palestinians."

CA	Cited – fn. 55	Report cites to Question 167 given by CA which states that the EU Association Agreement with Israel is not functioning due to the "ongoing restrictions in movement and access faced by the OPT."
CA	Cited – fn. 82	Report cites to Q.109 where CA states that according to their statistics, "20% of the population fell below the poverty line in 1998; by 2005 that had increased to 54%, and by 2006 to 64% across the OPTs and to 78% in Gaza."
CA	Cited – fn.103	Report cites to Ev.98 where CA states that "despite physical withdrawal [from Gaza], because the Gol [Government of Israel] still controls all movement in and out of the Gaza Strip –by land, sea and air – the Israelis remains de facto occupiers."
CA	Cited –fn.121	Report cites to Ev.93 where CA states that in "September 2006, the Gol authorised the construction of 690 settlement housing units"
CA	Cited – fn.203	Report cites to Ev.93 where CA emphasises that whilst financial aid has become a "lifeline" for the Palestinians, it will not "resolve the political conflict over the Israeli occupation or bring about the peace that Israelis and Palestinians so desperately need." CA states that the "solution to Palestinian poverty is an end to occupation and an agreement that recognises the rights of Israelis and Palestinians alike to live in peace and security."
CA	Cited – fn.209	Report cites to Ev.97 where CA comments that the "occupation is the main obstacle that the Palestinians face on a daily basis and that undermines the viability of a Palestinian state." CA states that "the apparatus that supports and perpetuates occupation – the settlements, the separation barrier and the closures - prevents the Palestinians from going about their daily business and denies them their rights and access to their cultural and historical legacies.
Human Rights Watch	Cited –fn.109	Report cites to the HRW News bulletin of November 22, 2006 where HRW "condemned the use of Palestinian civilians as human shields by both Palestinian armed groups and the Israel Defence Force."
Medecins du Monde (MdM)	Cited –fn.67	Report cites to Ev.151 provided by Medecins du Monde which states that "evidence suggests an unemployment rate of 40%."
MdM	Cited – fn. 74	Report cites to Ev.151 provided by MdM stating that the "bombing of the Gaza power plant by Israel has severely restricted access to water in Gaza."
MdM	Cited – fn.194	Report cites to Ev.155 where MdM states that "shortages of electricity and water after the bombing of the Gaza power station have limited the services that are available."
MdM (UK)	Cited – fn.196	Report cites to Ev.155 where MdM state that there has been an "increase in traumatic conditions over chronic conditions in the period between June and July 2006 reflecting, additionally, the psychological impact of continued fighting in Gaza."
Oxfam	Quoted p. 20	Oxfam reports that "transaction costs for Palestinians wishing to export products are up to 70% higher than for Israelis importing the same product. This market benefit is also true of products produced by Israeli settlers in the West Bank who can get direct to markets in or through Israel without the disruptive road blocks and back-to-back transfers faced by Palestinians."
Oxfam	Cited p.25 – fn. 57	Report cites to Ev.105 where Oxfam states that "Palestinians face a range of regulations which do not appear to be related to security"

Oxfam	Cited –fn. 58	Report cites to Qu.168 where Oxfam states that "the Palestinians are obliged to rely on Israeli intermediaries to transport their goods and, therefore, do not pay purchase taxes and customs to the Palestinian Authority (PA), which we have been told creates further losses to the economy of 3% of GDP a year."
Oxfam	Cited - fn.80-81	Report cites to Ev.107 where Oxfam states that "only 7.3% of West Bank land is irrigated" and "the comparable figure of Israeli land is about 50%."
Oxfam	Cited – fn.137	Report cites to Oxfam Ev.106 as additional evidence of the World Bank's claim that it identified "constraints which the olive oil sector faces; in particular, current movement restrictions and closures have significantly increased the costs of production."
Oxfam	Cited – fn.162	Report cites to Ev.101 where Oxfam states that "some governments sought to limit the scope of the [Temporary International] [M]echanism against the wishes of other donors."
Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR)	Cited – fn.151	Report cites to a Palestinian Centre for Human Rights background paper, 'Impact of the Hermetic Blockade on the Gaza Strip' which provided data on the extent to which the Gaza Strip crossings are open. The report states that PCHR's data conflicts with that of the Board of Deputies.
Peace Now	Cited –fn.117	Report cites to an October 2006 Peace Now report entitled 'Breaking the law in the West Bank' which claims that the "property rights of Palestinians have been systematically violated in the course of settlement building. Using data from the Israeli Civil Administration the report found that Palestinians privately own nearly 40% of the land on which the settlements have been built. It also found that over 50% of the land deemed 'state land' by Israel has been declared as such through controversial means and mostly for the benefit of settlements."
Physicians for Human Rights (PHR-I)	Cited – fn.182-3	Report cites to a PHR-I paper entitled "Gaza Strip – State of Disaster' September 2006, which states that "PA employees make up 57% of the Palestinian health care workforce and supply 64% of needs. The PA depends on aid donations and the revenues collected on its behalf by the Gol for nearly 100% of the non-salary operating costs of the health sector."
PHR-I	Cited – fn.195	Report cites to the PHR-I paper on the Gaza Strip (see above) P. 5 where it states that "hospitals have been forced to deal with large number of injured with decreased resources."
PHR-I	Cited –fn.197	Report cites to P. 5 of the above PHR-I paper which reports that the "IDF has delayed ambulance access to the injured for up to two hours"
PHR-I	Cited –fn.198	Report cites to P. 2 of the above report which states that "within the Israeli Government there is a level of indifference regarding the ability of essential civil systems, such as health care, to function."
Save the Children	Cited – fn.19	Report cites to Ev.178 of Save the Children evidence which states that "66% of Palestinian families live below the poverty line. "
Save the Children	Cited – fn.75	Report cites to Ev.180 where Save the Children states that the "bombing of the Gaza power plant ... caused problems for the

		operation of hospitals and there has also been an increase in diarrhoea, particularly in children under 3."
Save the Children	Cited –fn.83	Report cites to Ev.180 where Save the Children states that they report similar poverty figures to those of CA above.
War on Want (WoW)	Cited – fn. 60	Report cites to Ev.197 where WoW states that evidence submitted by them could prove grounds for "suspending Israel's Association Agreement with the EU because of the undermining of human rights and democratic principles by Israel."
	Annex p.61	The report lists all the NGOs that it met with, many of whom were proponents of Durban. They are: PASSIA , MIFTAH , Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights, EJYMCA , PARC , PNGO , B'tselem