

# ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AFFECT EVERY ITEM ON THIS TABLE

## WATER

Israel controls West Bank water and routinely demolishes water infrastructure; Gaza water 97% contaminated.

## BLACK GOATS

Banned, seized, and slaughtered, 1950-2017, decimating subsistence base of Bedouin communities.

## MILK, EGGS

Israeli quota system restricts market share of Palestinian farmers in Israel (1948 territory); Israeli products dominate market in West Bank & Gaza.

## FISH

2,265 attacks by the Israeli navy on fishers in Gaza's restricted fishing zone, 2007-2021.

## ZA'ATAR, SAGE, 'AKOUB

Foraging banned; fines or prison time.

## GRAPES, EGGPLANTS, TOMATOES, ONIONS

In West Bank, subject to restrictive military orders since 1980s; discriminatory policies harm farmers' ability to compete with produce from illegal Israeli settlements.

## TOMATOES, STRAWBERRIES

Israel controls all imports and exports; restricts Gaza produce from reaching markets.

## VEGETABLES

35% of Gaza farmland is inaccessible; 13,000 dunums damaged by herbicides.

## OLIVES

Up to 1 million olive trees up-rooted by Israeli military since 1967; in 2021 settlers vandalized or stole harvest from 1,600 trees.

## MUSHROOMS

By holding up imports and charging port storage fees, Israel shut down a Palestinian mushroom farm in 2016.

## WHEAT, MILLET, BARLEY

Israeli-controlled imports are overtaking locally adapted varieties and reducing biodiversity.



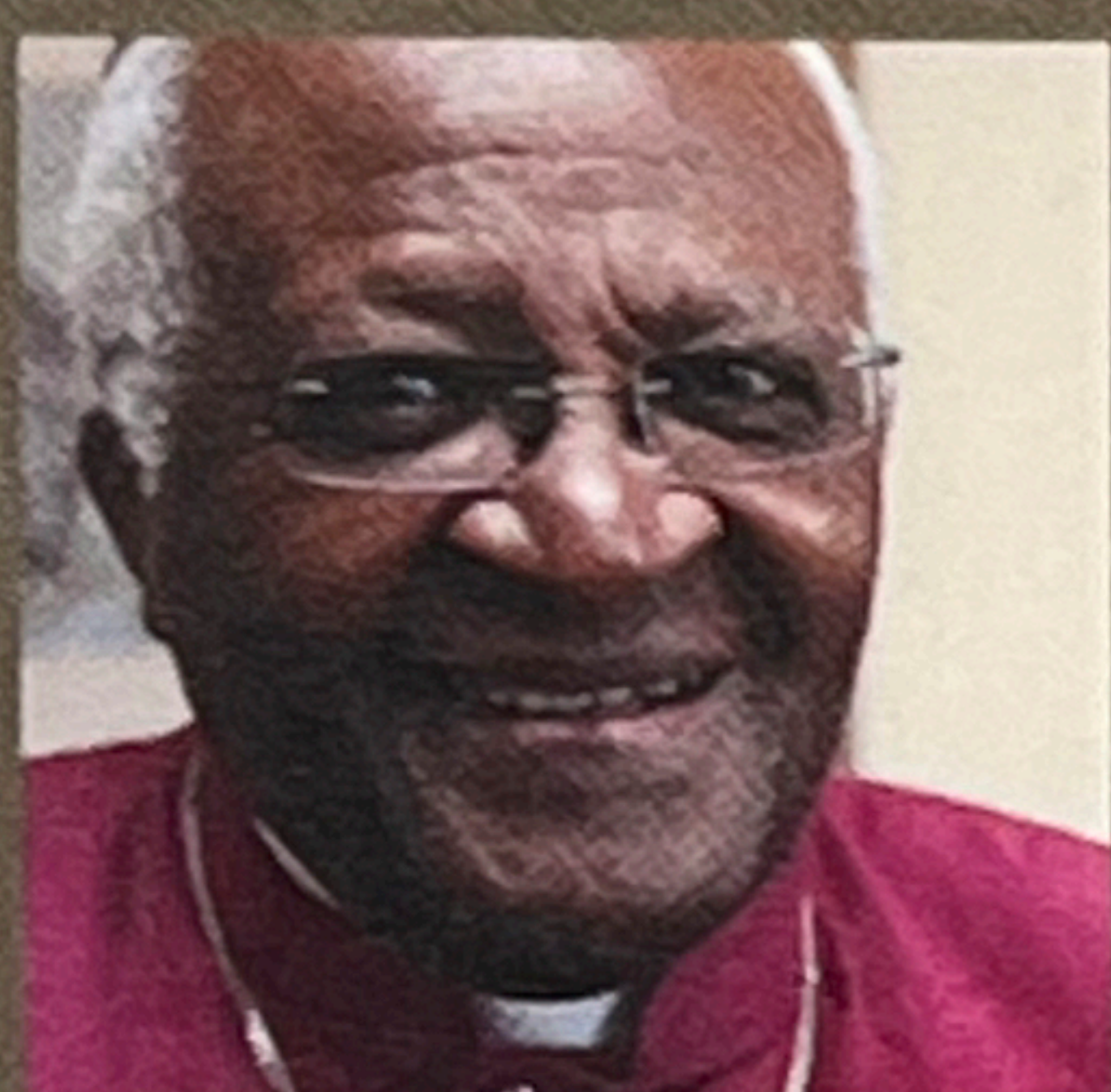


## APARTHEID - A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

The International Criminal Court's 2002 Rome Statute defines apartheid as:

*"inhumane acts... committed in the context of an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups and committed with the intention of maintaining that regime."*

Numerous leading human rights organisations - including **Amnesty International**, **Human Rights Watch** and Israel's leading human rights organisation **B'Tselem** - have concluded that Israel is guilty of the crime of apartheid due to its racist policies against the Palestinian people.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu – a leader in the struggle for freedom in South Africa – knows apartheid when he sees it:

*"I know first-hand that Israel has created an apartheid reality within its borders and through its occupation. We learned in South Africa that the only way to end apartheid peacefully was to force the powerful to the table through economic pressure."*

## BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT & SANCTIONS (BDS)

In 2005, Palestinian civil society called for a peaceful international campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), to compel Israel to:

- *End its occupation and colonisation of all Arab lands and dismantle the apartheid wall.*
- *Recognise the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality.*
- *Respect, protect and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties, as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.*

Inspired by the successful campaign against the South African apartheid regime, this is a peaceful way to compel oppressive regimes to respect human rights.

To support the Palestinians in their struggle for justice, simply refuse to buy Israeli produce, and complain to management if you see Israeli produce on sale in shops.

You can find out about our work, and take action to help, by visiting our website.

## IRELAND-PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

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