



Human rights and international law

These are examples of human rights and international law affecting Israelis and Palestinians.

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| <p>Original:</p> <p>Distinguish between the civilian population and combatants [and direct] operations only against military objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Protocol I of the Geneva Conventions | <p>Simple:</p> <p>In a war or armed conflict, you are not allowed to target civilians, only soldiers and military targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Protocol I of the Geneva Conventions | <p>Original:</p> <p>Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 18, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>You can join groups and meet up with people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 18, Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| <p>Original:</p> <p>The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Geneva Convention | <p>Simple:</p> <p>When your army takes control of somewhere else, you cannot move your own people to live there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Geneva Convention | <p>Original:</p> <p>Children have the right to relax and play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 31: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child | <p>Simple:</p> <p>Children have the right to relax and play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 31: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| <p>Original:</p> <p>Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>Every adult has the right to marry and start a family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Original:</p> <p>No-one shall be subject to arbitrary arrest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 9, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>You can't be arrested and locked up for no reason.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 9, Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| <p>Original:</p> <p>Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>Every adult has the right to marry and start a family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Original:</p> <p>Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 13, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>Everyone is free to move around the country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 13, Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| <p>Original:</p> <p>Any destruction by the Occupying Power of real or personal property... is prohibited, except where such destruction is rendered absolutely necessary by military operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Geneva Convention | <p>Simple:</p> <p>When your army is in control of somewhere outside your own country, you should not destroy homes and people's stuff unless you have to as part of the war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Geneva Convention | <p>Original:</p> <p>Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 38, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child | <p>Simple:</p> <p>Governments must keep all children safe from war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 38, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| <p>Original:</p> <p>State Parties recognise the right of children to education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 28, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child | <p>Simple:</p> <p>Every child has the right to an education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 28, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child | <p>Original:</p> <p>Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 19, Universal Declaration of Human Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>You have the right to think for yourself and tell other people what you believe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 19, Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| <p>Original:</p> <p>The construction of the wall being built by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, and its associated régime, are contrary to international law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Court of Justice ruling, 2004 | <p>Simple:</p> <p>The path of the wall Israel has built in Palestine is illegal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Court of Justice ruling, 2004 | <p>Original:</p> <p>The right to conscientious objection is recognised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 10, EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | <p>Simple:</p> <p>You have the right to refuse to fight in a war if you think it's wrong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 10, EU Charter of Fundamental Rights |



Note on conscientious objection:

Article 10 is related to conscription in Israel. Israel is not part of the European Union, but it is party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which is understood by the United Nations Human Rights Committee to underpin a universal right to conscientious objection.