

### Abu Dis—cut off from Jerusalem

Abu Dis is a little town in the East Jerusalem suburb. Like the rest of the West Bank in Palestine, it has been under Israeli Occupation since 1967.

In 2002, Israel decided to build a Wall, which it said was to separate Israel from the West Bank. But the route of the Wall runs not along the Green Line between Israel and the West Bank, but deep into the West Bank. In Abu Dis, the Wall is eight metres high. It runs through the town and cuts it off from Jerusalem.



### Births and deaths at the checkpoint

The checkpoints in the Wall create serious problems every day for the Palestinian people. Many sick people have been stopped by soldiers and women have even had their babies at the checkpoint. Others have been arrested, beaten and even killed when trying to go through the checkpoints. More on these issues in the CADFA book "Voices from Abu Dis."

### Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association

*works to promote human rights and respect for international humanitarian law in Abu Dis + Palestine*

### Please join us

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Tick as appropriate:

I would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_  
to CADFA  
*(please make cheques payable to Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association)*

I would like to join Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association (CADFA)  
 I would like to make a standing order to CADFA

My bank account number is \_\_\_\_\_  
Sort code is \_\_\_\_\_

Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank address \_\_\_\_\_

To the bank manager:  
Please make a monthly payment to CADFA  
(Sort code 08-92-99  
Account number 6518 0334)

of \_\_\_\_\_ (sum in figures)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (sum in words)

With the first payment on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

I am a UK taxpayer and would like CADFA to be able to recover tax paid on my donations

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to  
**CADFA,**  
**PO Box 34265,**  
**London NW5 2WD**

*Charity no. 1112717*

# THE ISRAELI SEPARATION WALL



Against international law  
Annexing land and water  
Violating people's human rights



**Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association**  
[www.camdenabudis.net](http://www.camdenabudis.net)

## The International Court found that:

In July 2004 the International Court of Justice in The Hague gave its opinion on the legality of the Wall.

**They said the Wall is illegal because:** it is an annexation of Palestinian land which violates the Palestinian right to self-determination and ....

## the Wall breaches international humanitarian law

**It is a breach of international humanitarian law in the fourth Geneva Convention, which applies in the occupied territories, because:**

- it is intended to assist settlements and the settlements violate Article 49 of the Convention
- restrictions placed on Palestinians between the wall and the Green Line violate Article 49
- taking control of private land to build the wall violates Articles 46 and 52 of the Hague regulations of 1907 and Article 53 of the Geneva Convention

## ... and international human rights law

It is a breach of international human rights law which, the Court said, applies in its entirety in the occupied territory.



In particular the Court said that the wall:

- breaches the **right to freedom of movement**
- breaches the **right to privacy and the right to family life**
- breaches the **right to work**
- breaches the **right to an adequate standard of living, health & education**

## The ICJ said that Israel must :

- **stop** building the Wall
- **dismantle** the Wall built inside the West Bank
- **revoke** the Orders to construct the Wall
- **compensate** the Palestinians affected by the Wall

## The ICJ called on the international community to:

- refrain from assisting the unlawful situation created by the Wall
- take legal measures to stop Israel's violation of international law
- ensure enforcement of the Fourth Geneva Convention



## Imprisoning the Palestinians

The majority of residents of Abu Dis are prevented from going to Jerusalem. There are major checkpoints in the Wall—like international frontiers—but most Palestinians are not allowed to pass. People have to have a special permit to travel to Jerusalem and most cannot get one. The Wall and the permit system have cut Abu Dis people off from their work, schools, hospitals and land.

## Linked to a discriminatory pass system

Hundreds of families have been separated by the Wall and the harsh ID system that the Israelis operate for Palestinians.

Israel is now building a new section of Wall which will come round the east of Abu Dis, which, combined with a checkpoint on the south is “building us into a cage,” say people there.