More than 500 Palestinian villages were depopulated and later destroyed to prevent the return of the refugees.

In the districts of Jaffa, Ramla and Bir Saba’ not one Palestinian village was left standing.
1948

Approximately 750,000 Palestinian refugees were displaced beyond the borders of the new state to West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and beyond.
In 1948, 85% of Palestinians living in what is now the state of Israel became refugees. 130,000 Palestinians remained in the areas of Palestine that became the state of Israel. Around 40,000 of these were internally displaced. Israel refused to allow these IDPs to return to their homes and villages.
Ongoing Displacement 1948-1967

Naqab/ Negev

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Examples:
- Absentees’ Property Law
- Planning And Building Law
Population transfer and internal displacement

1967

Over 400,000 Palestinians, approximately 35% of the Palestinian population of the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip, were forcible expelled.
Ongoing Displacement
2011

Examples:
Law Of Return
Nationality Law
Keren Kayemet Le-Israel/ JNF Law
Military Orders

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Which direction?
I dream of us no longer being heroes or victims; we want to be ordinary human beings. When a man becomes an ordinary being and pursues his normal activities, he can love his country or hate it, he can emigrate or stay. However, for this to apply there are objective conditions which are not in place. As long as the Palestinian person is deprived of his homeland, he is obliged to be a slave for that homeland.

- Mahmoud Darwish-

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