

## **International Mobilization Course for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - A Human Rights Based Approach -**

BADIL is an independent, human rights organization committed to defending and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons. Our vision, mission, programs and relationships are defined by our Palestinian identity and the principles of international humanitarian and human rights law. We seek to advance the individual and collective rights of the Palestinian people on this basis.

BADIL's *Course in International Mobilization for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People* is a **10-day program** (including arrival and departure days), designed to educate participants on the root causes of the conflict as well as the policies and practices of the Israeli colonial-apartheid, which impede the access to and realization of the rights of the Palestinian people in Mandatory Palestine and in the diaspora.

The program will include:

- Lectures and discussions with Palestinian and international advocates;
- Field visits throughout Mandatory Palestine, including to refugee camps, villages in Area C, highly segregated cities, and/or isolated areas;
- Working group discussions on practical strategies to understand and strengthen mobilization networks.

### **Who?**

BADIL is seeking up to 30 international participants engaged in human rights, social justice and/or solidarity movements. We are ideally targeting candidates with some experience as advocates, activists, mobilizers, or policy officers in international organizations, solidarity networks and social justice movements. We are also opening the course to any individual interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the core issues and rights that frame the Palestinian struggle. Participants will leave with enhanced abilities to defend, promote, and advance Palestinian rights within the international community. The course will also provide them with a strengthened mobilization network of international organizations and individuals fighting for social justice.

### **Why?**

In the face of unrelenting Israeli policies of forcible displacement, colonization and apartheid, which are designed, among others, to systematically oppress, fragment and marginalize Palestinian voices, experiences, and needs, BADIL is looking for mechanisms to strengthen and unify the discourse on the Palestinian case. This is an opportunity to bring together potential, new and already active, advocates and mobilizers in the international human rights and civil society space, to broaden practical understandings and knowledge of the Palestinian cause within international networks, as well as to expand our reach and connection into those networks. It is also a space to connect with other movements and work in parallel with the struggles they too face.

BADIL hopes to open a discussion on the effectiveness of current international discourse and explore more productive ways of understanding and framing the Palestinian struggle, including:

- Exploration of the structural policies of colonization, forcible transfer, annexation and apartheid that operate to systematically deny Palestinians their rights, and most fundamentally their rights to self-determination and return;
- The challenges to realization of Palestinian rights in the post-Oslo reality, having failed to deliver an end to the conflict and just solutions;
- Discussion on the obligations and responsibilities of duty bearers, including the international community, the United Nations and individual third states;
- Outlining the rationales and shortcomings of other frameworks adopted by the international community, including the humanitarian aid approach and the conflict management approach;
- An understanding of a human rights based approach to addressing and resolving the Palestinian case.

Through these discussions, BADIL aims to lay the groundwork for an international solidarity network that mobilizes to promote and uphold the Palestinian people's rights in a proactive and responsive manner, informed by a practical understanding of the context and having witnessed Israel's systematic policies of forcible transfer, colonization and apartheid.

### **The practicalities**

**When:** 24 July (arrival day) to 2 August (departure day) 2022 in Bethlehem, Palestine.

**Costs:** Registration for the course is \$300, which will cover the cost of accommodation, meals, and travel within Palestine. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their international travel and any insurance or visa fees. Please do not hesitate to contact [leila@badil.org](mailto:leila@badil.org) should you have any difficulties to pay the full amount.

**Apply:** Please fill out the [application form](#) outlining your interest in the course and its relevance to your current work, as well as a copy of your CV. Submissions must be sent to [leila@badil.org](mailto:leila@badil.org) before **16 May 2022**.

**Offer:** Accepted participants will be contacted on or before **23 May 2022**.

**Registration:** Upon acceptance, participants will be required to pay the registration fee in order to secure their place. Participants will also be sent a registration form in order to provide BADIL with further details.

*"Impressive to see and know the reality of the Palestinians surrounded by walls and colonies. It was very important to see with our own eyes the mechanism of colonization."*  
(participant from 2019)