

# Apartheid Israel Requires Palestinians to Report “Romantic Relationships” to Regime

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*While Palestinians are forced off buses for being Arab, apartheid Israel now requires foreigners to notify the regime if they fall in love with a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank. If they marry, they must leave Palestine for a 6-month “cooling-off period.”*

The Israeli apartheid regime is cracking down even harder on the approximately 3 million Palestinians who live in the West Bank, which has been illegally militarily occupied by Israel since 1967.

The [BBC reported](#) this September: “Foreigners must tell the Israeli defence ministry if they fall in love with a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank, according to new rules.”

“If they marry, they will be required to leave after 27 months for a cooling-off period of at least half a year,” the BBC wrote.

The report added that “foreigners [must] inform the Israeli authorities within 30 days of starting a relationship with a Palestinian ID holder.”

Just a few weeks before, in August, the liberal Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that “about [50 Palestinian workers were made to get off the bus](#) in the city of Bnei Brak area in order to accommodate three Jewish passengers who refused to ride with them and demanded the driver to force them off.”

A Palestinian passenger recalled to the outlet, “After a few buses went by and didn’t stop – because Bus 288 is reserved for Jews only – one that was empty of Jews stopped for us and we got on.” Then, “Three Jews boarded in Bnei Brak and demanded that all the Arabs be taken off.”

“The driver told us to ‘get off and figure it out’ who then drove off with the settlers,” the

Palestinian said.

On September 3, [journalist Asa Winstanley reported](#) that the Israeli apartheid regime sentenced a Palestinian aid worker to 12 years in prison “based on a sham conviction in a kangaroo court which relied on entirely fictional charges.”

Mohammed El Halabi, the former director in Gaza of the international Christian charity World Vision, was convicted, but the Israeli court refused to make its ruling public, designating the 254-page document “classified.”

In May, a mob of Israeli far-right extremists threatened Palestinians at Tel Aviv University, waving flags and chanting [“death to the Arabs.”](#)

Zionist extremists went around [@TelAvivUni](#), including dorms where some Arab Palestinian citizens were, shouting “death to the Arabs” among other hateful incitement. Neither the Israeli police nor the university did anything to protect the threatened students [#Apartheid](#) (1/4). [pic.twitter.com/qyZnC9Lu1j](#)

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