

## **December 2011 Fact-finding Delegation: investigating the denial of Palestinian land rights**

From **28 December 2011 – 1 January 2012**, the Stop the JNF Campaign is running a 5-day fact-finding visit to Israel-Palestine to provide an overview of the issues affecting Palestinian land rights, the modes of illegal appropriation of Palestinian land and the role of para-statal organizations, especially the Jewish National Fund (JNF), in supporting and maintaining Israel's apartheid policies.

We will study the human cost of Israel's ongoing project of colonization and ethnic cleansing. We will hear first-hand from Palestinians who continue to face denial of access to land and services, forced eviction and dispossession.

The tour will include field visits to the areas currently most affected by land confiscation, the Naqab, the Galilee and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, especially localities in which the JNF has played a prominent role in appropriating Palestinian land. We will visit depopulated and destroyed Palestinian villages from 1948 and receive briefings from academics, legal experts and community organizations that are working to end the ongoing dispossession of Palestinians.

We invite participation from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, including activists, representatives of civil society environmental and anti-racist organizations, trade union and others. An important element of this fact-finding visit will be discussions between the Stop the JNF Campaign and participants on how we can develop solidarity work in our localities to challenge Israel's ongoing dispossession of the Palestinians.

**Participants, particularly from the US and Canada, are also invited to stay on until 6 January for 5 additional days of educational visits, activism and organizing.**

### Ground rules

Participants are asked to register their interest in taking part in this tour. Please note that there are limited spaces and organizers will give priority to ensure broad representation of organizations on the visit. We will confirm your place as soon as possible following registration to ensure flights can be booked in plenty of time.

It is essential that delegates act safely and responsibly to keep themselves and those around them safe, i.e. fellow delegates and the local community. All delegates must:

- understand and agree to the aims of the tour
- be sensitive to the local customs of the community
- agree to adhere to group decisions

### How much will it all cost?

A non-refundable £100 (US \$160) registration fee will be used to cover group transportation costs and lunch over the course of the 5-day visit. Participants wishing to stay on until 6 January are required to submit an additional fee of £100 (US \$160). Any funds remaining at the end of the tour will be donated to the Stop the JNF Campaign.

#### *- Flights & Accommodation*

The organizers are volunteers, representing grassroots campaigning organizations and are unable to cover the costs for participants. Participants are therefore required to cover flights, accommodation and subsistence.

Hostels and hotels rates begin from £15 (US \$25) upwards per night but may be higher due to the Christmas period. Stop the JNF will arrange a block booking of suitable accommodation for all confirmed participants who will be required to make payment on arrival.

A daily living allowance of £15 (US \$25) for food and other expenses is recommended, although costs can be less should delegates stick to eating cheap, local cuisine.

#### *- Travel guidance*

Participants will be given advice on travel to Israel and on practical questions related to the visit.

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**REGISTRATION – please email completed forms to [delegation@stopthejnf.org](mailto:delegation@stopthejnf.org)**

Your Details			
First Name		Last Name	
Address			
City		Postcode/Zip Code	
Home Tel. No.		Mobile Tel. No.	
Email			

Please confirm:
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join the December 2011 tour
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree with the aims of the delegation
<input type="checkbox"/> If my place on the visit during the period 28 December–1 January is confirmed I agree to submit £100 (US \$160) registration fee and understand this fee is non-refundable
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to participate in the activities arranged for 2-6 January, agree to submit the additional £100 (US \$160) registration fee and understand this fee is non-refundable

Please summarize why you would like to join the tour; what you hope to achieve and what hopes and concerns you have about the trip.

Contact in emergency			
First Name		Last Name	
Address			
City		Postcode/Zip Code	
Home Tel. No.		Mobile Tel. No.	
Email			
Relationship to you			

Please give details of any medical condition you have or of any other health matters/issues we need to be aware of.

Is there any other information that you believe the tour organizers should be aware of?

Signed: .....

Print name: .....

Date: .....