RESISTANCE & THE POLITICAL PROCESS
RESISTANCE TO OCCUPATION UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION

• **Article 64**: The Occupying Power may...subject the population of the occupied territory to provisions which are essential to enable the Occupying Power to fulfil its obligations under the present Convention, to maintain the orderly government of the territory, and to **ensure the security of the Occupying Power**, of the members and property of the occupying forces or administration, and likewise of the establishments and lines of communication used by them. *(4th Geneva Convention, 1949)*

• **Example**: Art. 78. If the Occupying Power considers it necessary, for imperative reasons of security, to take safety measures concerning protected persons, it may, at the most, subject them to assigned residence or to internment.
RESISTANCE AND TERROR I

• 1. Politicization of “Palestinian problem” — UN recognition of PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people in November 1974.

• 2. PLO formed in 1965 but its most active wave of terror attacks is in the 1970s.

• 3. Attempts to change regimes in Jordan (Black September of 1970) and in Lebanon (1982 Israeli invasion) and exile to Tunis in 1982.

• 4. When is violence (including terror) effective?

- Part of wave of democratic revolutions
- Precipitating event & background
- Leadership (United National Leadership of the Uprising)
- Strategy
- Israeli “Iron Fist”
- Fatalities: 1,200 Palestinians & 100 Israeli civilians & 60 soldiers
OSLO DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES (SEPT 13, 1993)

- *Impact of First Intifada on Israeli society*
- *Weakness of PLO*
- *Madrid Conference & International involvement*
- *Secret Oslo Channel (inter-Palestinian rivalry)*
- *Interim Agreement*
OSLO ACCORD (1993)

• 1. MUTUAL RECOGNITION.
• 2. WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS.
• 3. CREATION OF ELECTED PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY (PNA OR PA).
• 4. FIVE YEAR TIME FRAME.
• 5. NO FINAL DESTINATION.
OSLO DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES (SEPT 13, 1993) II

• **ARTICLE V\nTRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND PERMANENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS**

• **The five-year transitional period will begin upon the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho area.**

• **Permanent status negotiations will commence as soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of the third year of the interim period, between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian people representatives.**

• **It is understood that these negotiations shall cover remaining issues, including: Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, security arrangements, borders, relations and cooperation with other neighbors, and other issues of common interest.**

• **The two parties agree that the outcome of the permanent status negotiations should not be prejudiced or preempted by agreements reached for the interim period.**
POST-OSLO YEARS (1993-2000)

• *Both Jewish settler and Likud & Palestinian Hamas & Islamic Jihad opposition.

• *Massacre in Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron by Baruch Goldstein (February 1994)

• *Hamas suicide bombing wave within Green Line

• *Continued talks & colonization

• *Oslo 2 (division of West Bank into Areas A – 18%, B – 22% & C – 61%) approved in Knesset by narrow margin of 61:59.

• *Rabin’s Vilification & Assassination (November 4, 1995) & repercussions.
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SECOND INTIFADA (200-2003/5)

• SECOND INTIFADA, PEAKS OF VIOLENCE
• SUICIDE BOMBINGS
• WHEN IS TERROR WAGED?
Israel's goal in building the Wall is twofold:
(1) to confiscate Palestinian land in order to facilitate further colony expansion and unilaterally redraw geopolitical borders and
(2) to encourage an exodus of Palestinians by denying them the ability to earn a living from their land, by denying them adequate water resources, and by restricting freedom of movement to such an extent as to make remaining in their town or village an unviable
SEAM ZONE IN QULQILIYA
DOUMANI, NABLUS UNDER SIEGE I

• Outside of Jerusalem Nablus is “old capital” & largest and most militant Palestinian city.

• Physical siege & sense of claustrophobia

• Entrance Control.

• Outdoor nightlife & Israeli raids.

• Rhythm of Life: Funeral & wedding.
DOUMANI, NABLUS UNDER SIEGE II

• **Internal Social Divisions (class, camps, & Samaritans).**

• “...the slow and cruelly systematic asphyxiation of an entire social formation...to precipitate major demographic shifts...” (48-49)