



Against Impunity and the Rule of Force

Russell Tribunal on Palestine Follow-up Conference Geneva Friday 17 May 2013, 7pm

Maison des Associations - 15 rue des Savoises - Gandhi conference room

CONFERENCE – DEBATE WITH:

- **Pierre Galand** coordinator of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine (RTP) Organising committee. **Conclusions of the four RTP sessions.**
- **Nurit Peled** cofounder of the RTP Support committee, Professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. **After the Russell Tribunal on Palestine: The role of citizen movements.**
- **Saleh Abdel Jawad** witness at the RTP New York session, History Professor at the Bir Zeit University. **What is sociocide: the case of Palestine.**
- **Raji Sourani** member of the RTP Support committee, Gaza Palestinian Centre for Human Rights Director. **Application of international law and the Geneva Conventions in Palestine: still not a priority for the international community of states.**
- **Leila Shahid** cofounder of the RTP Support committee, Palestine Ambassador to the EU. **Struggle for justice, hope for the Palestinian people.**

Free admission. Contributions to cover costs gladly accepted

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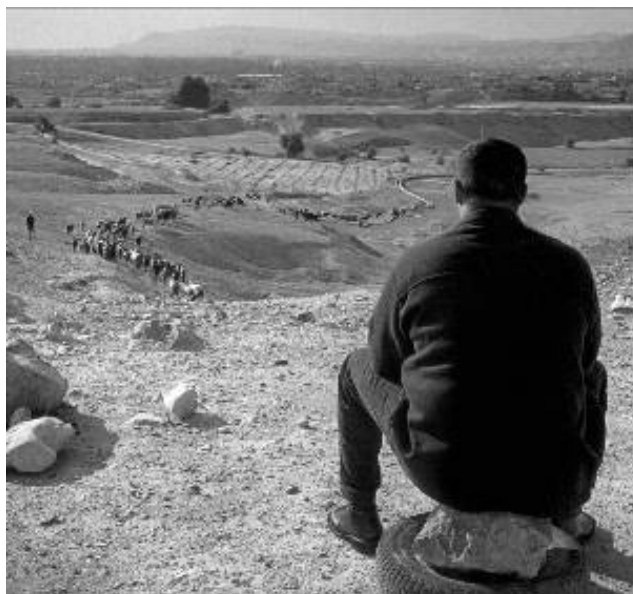
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Detailed session reports and conclusions are available at: www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com

With the Russell Tribunal on Palestine Against Impunity and the Rule of Force

The RTP is an international people's tribunal with no jurisdictional power.

The capacity to sanction and to put an end to the violations of international law and to the complicities established by the Tribunal at the international level depends upon the capacity of citizen movements worldwide to use the conclusions of the RTP to exert pressure on governments, parliaments, corporations and international institutions to change their policies and practices radically.



The four sessions of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine (2010: Barcelona and London, 2011: Cape Town and 2012: New York) examined and established the responsibilities and complicities of states, corporations and international institutions with Israel's occupation of the Palestinian Territories and with the ongoing violation of international law by Israel.

The third and fourth sessions also established that Israel's policies toward the Palestinian people amount to the crime of apartheid as defined under international law and that the process of widespread and systematic destruction of Palestinian social and political structures amounts to a "sociocide" committed by Israel in Palestine, however, sociocide has not yet been defined as a crime under international law.

The RTP follow-up conference in Geneva has a double goal:

- **Communicate the conclusions of the four sessions of the RTP.**
 - Disseminate knowledge about the crimes and violations of human rights and international law committed against the Palestinian People (Geneva Conventions, Apartheid, pillage, denial of Rights ...); governmental responsibilities (USA, EU, UN ...) for the continuation of these violations; and the complicity of corporations who profit from the Israeli occupation.
 - Discuss the characterisation of «sociocide».
- **Contribute to the legitimacy of international civil society action** defending the Rights of the Palestinian People. Present international civil action is largely insufficient to put an end to the crimes and systematic oppression of which the Palestinian people are victim. The findings and conclusions of the RTP significantly strengthen international civil society's actions to defend the Palestinian people's rights.