

INTRODUCTION

Land Confiscation is an Unchangeable Policy.

Since the founding of Israel in 1948, the consecutive Israeli government followed the Policy of confiscating Arab land and expelling its owners and, thus, converting them to refugees either inside the country or abroad.

In 1951, I was nine years old when my tribe, Bani 'Uqba tribe located in 'Araqib area, was exposed, similar to other tribes, to expulsion from their land and residence in Bir Saba' and Naqab districts.

The military authorities used different provocative and terrorist measures against the members of the tribe and promised to allow them to come back to their land after six months when the military finish their training in the area.

Through this suppressing policy, the members of my tribe were scatered and lost their only source of living. Some of them went to work in the slave market as builders and farmers for Jews. Many of them left the country to Jorden looking for a safe place to live in.

A similar thing happened to all Arab villages and cities as what took place to the beduin tribes in the Naqab. The policy of expulsion and land confiscation is consistant and never changes in Israel, on the contrary, it is becoming stronger day after day. The Israeli government achieved its aim through the military government and the military orders and laws.