

History of Resistance and Solidarity

Why resistance?

[1] Read: [Israel's apartheid against Palestinians: a cruel system of domination and a crime against humanity](#)

Resources to Learn More:

- Read: [Israel's apartheid against Palestinians: a cruel system of domination and a crime against humanity](#)
- Watch: [How Israeli Apartheid Destroyed My Hometown](#) (October 27th, 2022)
- Watch: [What It's Like to Grow Up in an Israeli Settlement | Op-Docs](#) (March 25th, 2019)
- Read history of Palestine [here](#) by Decolonize Palestine

Resistance within Palestine

- [2] [Decolonize Palestine](#) | Introduction to Palestine - Part 2: The mandate years and the Nakba
- [3] [Popular Services Committees in West Bank Refugee Camps: Political Legacies, Formations, and Tensions](#)
- [4] *Middle East Eye* (2021) | [The 1936 Palestine strike: A history of Palestinian revolt.](#)
- [5] *Washington State Classroom Based Assessment* | [Palestine-Israel: The Effects of Occupation](#)
- [6] *Revolutionary Socialism in the 21st Century* (December 2023) | [Palestine 101: A century of Palestinian resistance](#)
- [7] [Palestinian Nonviolent Resistance to Occupation Since 1967](#) | The American Friends Service Committee - Middle East
- [8] *PBS & Peace is Loud* (March 2019) | [What you need to know about the 1987 Intifada](#)
- [9] *Al Jazeera* (September 2020) | [Palestinian Intifada: How Israel orchestrated a bloody takeover](#)
- [10] *Amnesty International* (October 2018) | [Six Months On: Gaza's Great March of Return](#)
- [11] *CounterFire* (January 2024) | [The forms of Palestinian resistance](#)
- [12] *Truthout* (August 2023) | [The Story of Palestine's Colonization, and Resistance, Is Embodied in the Trees](#)
- [13] Legal Resistance: [Adalah's Flagship Cases and International Advocacy](#)
- [14] [Freedom or Martyrdom: Walid Daqqah's fate is in our hands by Palestinian Youth Movement](#) (June 23, 2023, *Mondoweiss*)
- [15] [Palestinian resistance within Palestine](#), from First Intifada to BDS (2018) Audio
- [16] *NPR* (December 2023) [How the watermelon became a symbol of Palestinian resistance](#)

Resources to Learn More:

- The Popular University of the Palestinian Youth Movement Presents [Our History of Popular Resistance: Palestine Reading List](#)
- [100 Years of Palestinian Popular Resistance](#) (May 15, 2024, *The Nation*)
- [Popular Services Committees in West Bank Refugee Camps: Political Legacies, Formations, and Tensions.](#) *Jerusalem Quarterly*, 94, 33-47.
- [How Israel's raids on Jenin only fuel Palestinian resistance](#) (June 2nd, 2024, *Al Jazeera*)
- [Developing a Palestinian resistance economy through agricultural labor.](#) (2017). *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 46(3), 7-26.
- [Freedom or Martyrdom: Walid Daqqah's fate is in our hands by Palestinian Youth Movement](#) (June 23, 2023, *Mondoweiss*)
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- Legal Resistance: [Adalah - 2023 Annual Report](#)
- Legal Resistance: [Adalah's Flagship Cases and International Advocacy](#)

What is BDS?

[1] [BDS Overview](#)

[2] [The Trump Administration is Cracking Down Against a Global Movement to Boycott Israel. Here's What You Need to Know About BDS](#) (Dec 7th, 2020, *Time Magazine*)

[3] The BDS movement was launched in 2005 by around 170 Palestinian grassroots and civil society groups ([Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS](#))

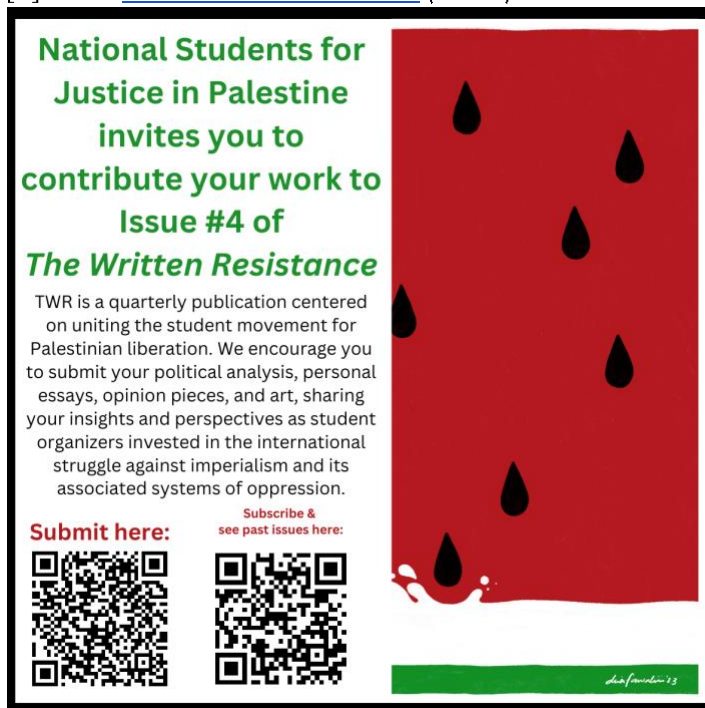
- [4] American Anthropological Association (AAA) [Myths and Facts about BDS](#)
 [5] American Anthropological Association (AAA) [“But, what about...”](#) on Academic Boycotts
 [6] Webinar on “BDS and Academic Boycott” (May 19th, 2024)

Resources to Learn More:

- Learn more about BDS here: [BDS Overview](#)
- [Divesting for Palestinian Rights](#) by The American Friends Service Committee
- American Anthropological Association (AAA) [Myths and Facts about BDS](#)
- [“Collective Action Timeline”](#)
 - *Growth of a Movement* is a project of Visualizing Palestine. This timeline was created to document some of the significant actions, events, and campaigns that have shaped the growth of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement around the world, and allow users to browse and explore this information.
- [The Companies Supplying Weapons to Israel’s Attack on Gaza](#) (December 2023) by Who Profits: Research Center
- [The Role of Big Tech in the Israeli Occupation Economy](#) (May 2023)
- [Tool to find out if your investments are tied to human rights violations](#) | Investigate: A Project of The American Friends Service Committee
- [List of Companies involved in state violence and human rights violations as a part of occupations](#) | Investigate: A Project of The American Friends Service Committee

Students for Justice in Palestine

- [1] SJP [Mission Statement](#)
 [2] SJP’s [The Written Resistance](#) (2023) Newsletter



Faculty for Justice in Palestine

- [1] FJP [Website](#) and Principles of Unity
 [2] [Emergency Resources](#) for Organizing

Jewish Resistance against Zionism

- [1] [History of JVP](#) - FAQ: About JVP; How does JVP relate to being anti-Zionist with care about Jewish safety and Jewish futures?
 [2] [If Not Now](#) - Why we organize?

[3] [JVP's Approach to Zionism](#)

Resources to Learn More:

- JVP - [What is Anti-Zionism?](#)
- JVP - [How does JVP relate to being anti-Zionist with care about Jewish safety and Jewish futures?](#)
- [Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism: Understanding the Difference](#) (Jewish voices on Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism) - Resources from Teach-In

Our Liberations are Tied: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Solidarity

Collective Trauma from Colonization

- [1] [Historical Background: Colonization of Pacific Islands](#)
- [2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decolonisation_of_Asia
- [3] [From Scar to Allyship: A South Korean's Reflection on Israel-Palestine](#) (March 2021)
- [4] [Collective Statement on Solidarity with Palestinian People](#) (November 2023)
- [5] [Japanese Americans draw on heritage and history to support Palestine](#) (*The Guardian*, March 2024)
- [6] [Scholars of South Asia in Solidarity with Palestine](#)
- [7] [South Asia - Timeline of Historical Periods](#) by Asia for Educators, Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University
- [8] [The partition of India through the lens of historical trauma: Intergenerational effects on immigrant health in the South Asian diaspora.](#) *SSM-Mental Health*, 100246. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmmh.2023.100246>
- [9] [Israel's Brutality Is Stoking the Imagination of India's Far Right](#) (*n These Times*, November 28th, 2023)
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- [13] [Vietnamese-English Bilingual resource: Palestinian Futures are Our Futures](#) (Vietlead)
- [14] [6 Events That Laid the Groundwork for the Vietnam War](#) (Updated July 2023)
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- [17] [Gaza war evokes Vietnam's own struggle, past unity with Palestine](#) *Al Jazeera*, March 30, 2024)
- [18] [From Vietnam to Palestine: A CONVERSATION WITH RICHARD LAI, LYNN TA, AND PROMISE LI](#) (*The Spectre*, May 3rd, 2024)
- [19] [The Struggle For Hawaiian Sovereignty - Introduction](#)
- [20] ['Vulture capitalists': Maui's indigenous community fights land grabs after wildfires](#)
- [21] [Colonization's toll on Hawai'i: Lahaina's devastation and the fight for Indigenous resilience](#)
- [22] Said, E.W. (1978). *Orientalism*. Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd.
- [23] [PERSPECTIVES: Why Asian Americans can't afford silence on Palestine](#) by Bianca Mabute-Louie on *The Reckon Report* (May 2nd, 2024)

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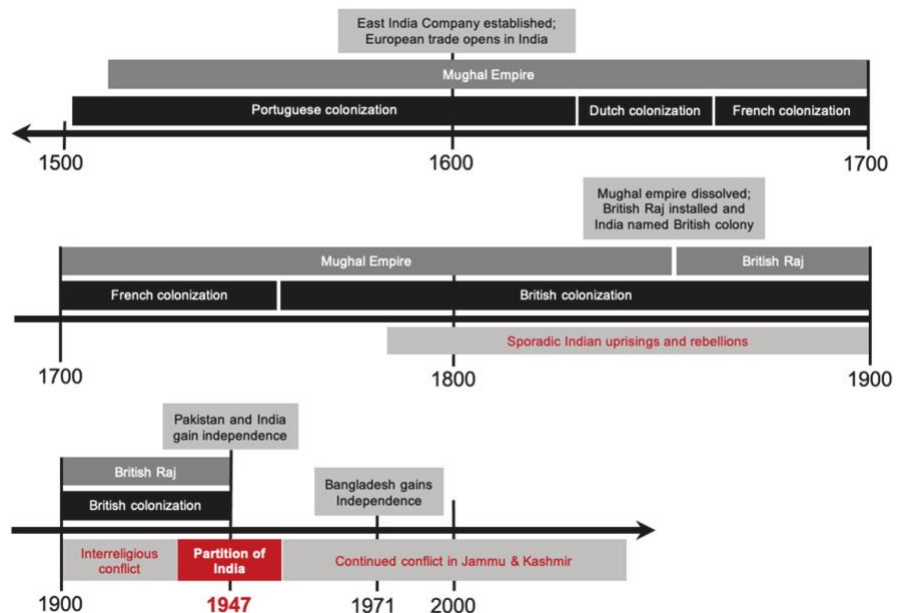
- **Coining "Asian American" as an identity:**
 - 1) "In 1968, UC Berkeley graduate students Emma Gee and Yuji Ichioka coined the term "Asian American" with the Asian American Political Alliance as a rejection of the label "oriental," imposed on by outsiders." ([Mabute-Louie, 2024](#))
- **Orientalism by Edward Said (1978)**
 - 1) Online access [here](#)
- **Edward Said, Palestinian-American academic and political activist, coins the term "Orientalism"**
 - 1) "Edward Said, Palestinian-American academic and political activist, coined the term "orientalism" in 1978 to explain how the West constructed Southwest Asia and North Africa as primitive, static, despotic, perpetually foreign, and objectified." ([Mabute-Louie, 2024](#))
 - Asian Americans adopted his argument about Orientals, as his book primarily focused on Europe's Orient, not America's Orient found in East and Southeast Asia ([Nguyen, 2024](#))
 - Edward Said's discussion centered on Europe's Orient, referred to by Europeans as the Near East and the Middle East, now termed by some as West and Southwest Asia through renaming and reclaiming by writers and scholars with ancestries in those areas ([Nguyen, 2024](#))
- **Orientalism relates to East and South Asians' experiences in the U.S. and internationally**

- 1) “These orientalist representations depended on and upheld Western colonial regimes in the region, and was soon adopted by East and South Asians in the U.S. to describe their experiences domestically and internationally as well.” ([Mabute-Louie, 2024](#))
- **Asian American identity is political**
 - 1) “The Asian American student activists at the time argued that to reject “oriental” and assert Asian Americanness on one’s own terms also demanded a rejection of the U.S. imperialist system that laid the foundations for orientalism, anti-Asian racism, and white supremacy domestically and internationally.” ([Mabute-Louie, 2024](#))
- **Above is pulled from these articles:**
 - 1) [PERSPECTIVES: Why Asian Americans can’t afford silence on Palestine](#) by Bianca Mabute-Louie on *The Reckon Report* (May 2nd, 2024)
 - 2) [Palestine Is in Asia: An Asian American Argument](#) for Solidarity by Viet Thanh Nguyen on *The Nation* (January 29th, 2024)
- **East Asian**
 - 1) [Korean Americans](#)
 - Korea was brutally colonized by Japan for over 30 years between 1910 and 1945, paralleling the colonization of Palestine.
 - (1) Under Japanese occupation, Korea was exploited to maintain Japanese imperialism, and the Korean language and culture were erased.
 - (2) Koreans were pressured to change their names to Japanese names
 - (3) During WWII, Imperial Japanese Armed Forces forced women and girls into the “comfort women” system of sexual slavery
 - 2) Taiwan
 - Taiwan was colonized by Dutch forces (1924-1962), Spain (northern Taiwan; 1926-1942), China (late 17th century), Imperial Japan (1895-1945), and the Chinese Nationalists (1945–1988)
 - <https://newbloommag.net/2023/11/28/palestine-solidarity-statement/>
 - (1) Parallels between Taiwan and Palestine’s struggle for self-determination
 - (2) Many in Taiwan draws comparisons between Taiwan and Israel as beneficiaries of US military power.
 - (a) However, the author of this article argues that such viewpoints overlook that Western powers, which nominally support Taiwan, also fail to fully adhere to democratic values.
 - 3) Chinese Americans
 - The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 restricted immigration to the U.S., targeting Chinese laborers. Chinese Americans faced segregation and discrimination. The Geary Act (1892) extended the Chinese Exclusion Act and required Chinese residents to carry permits
 - Surge of anti-Chinese rhetoric and discrimination following the COVID-19 pandemic
 - 4) [Japanese Americans](#) - experiences of WWII internment camps, forced dislocation, wartime incarceration. Similarities between anti-Japanese propaganda/censorship and the treatment of Palestinians.
 - Examples of solidarity:
 - (1) Nikkei 4 Palestine - Japanese diaspora collective
 - (a) Collectively contacted politicians
 - (b) Demanded Japanese American Citizens League to demand a ceasefire
 - (c) Demanded JACL to drop ties with Zionist groups (Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee)
- **South Asian**
 - 1) **Resources for Learning:**

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2) India

- In 1947, the British empire orchestrated the Partition of the Indian subcontinent, displacing millions of people ([Jamhoor Publication, 2023](#); [Qureshi et al., 2023](#))



- (a) [Qureshi et al. \(2023\)](#) Figure 1: An abbreviated timeline of the European colonization of the South Asian subcontinent
- (b) ***Although periods of colonization are depicted as discrete, they are simplified to represent rough estimates with overlapping dates.

- **Hindutva, a movement aiming to establish a Hindu-supremacist homeland, views Israeli Zionism as a similar struggle ~ Hindu nationalism has become India's leading political ideology over the past forty years (2023)**
 - (1) Both movements are inspired by 20th-century European fascism and each other ([2023](#))
 - (a) In 1991, India withdrew its vote on a UN resolution that termed Zionism as racist
 - (b) In 1992, India established complete diplomatic relations with Israel
 - (c) By the 2000s, Israel was selling more arms to India than to its own military

(d) Since Modi's tenure began in 2014, India's imports of Israeli arms have surged by 175%

(i) This closer relationship is driven by increasing Islamophobia in both nations (2023)

(2) India's settler-colonialist project in Kashmir is similar to Israeli occupation of Palestine (2023)

(a) In 2020, India enacted the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization (Adaptation of Central Laws) Third Order, permitting Indian citizens to buy land in Kashmir

(i) This law allows Indians to move to Kashmir, gain residency rights, and establish Hindu-only settlements, displacing Kashmiris

(b) India uses tactics such as militarization, arbitrary detentions, surveillance, mobility restrictions, and extrajudicial killings

(c) The goal is to attract large businesses and alter the population, ensuring future votes or elections favor India by changing the demographics in support of an Hindu-supremacist homeland for Indians

■ South Asian solidarity arises from shared traumas of genocide within our own regions (Jamhoor Publication, 2023):

(a) The Pakistani army's mass killings in Bangladesh in 1971

(b) The Sri Lankan government's Tamil genocide from 1948 to 2009











(c) The Indian government's atrocities against Sikhs, Dalits, Muslims, and Adivasis

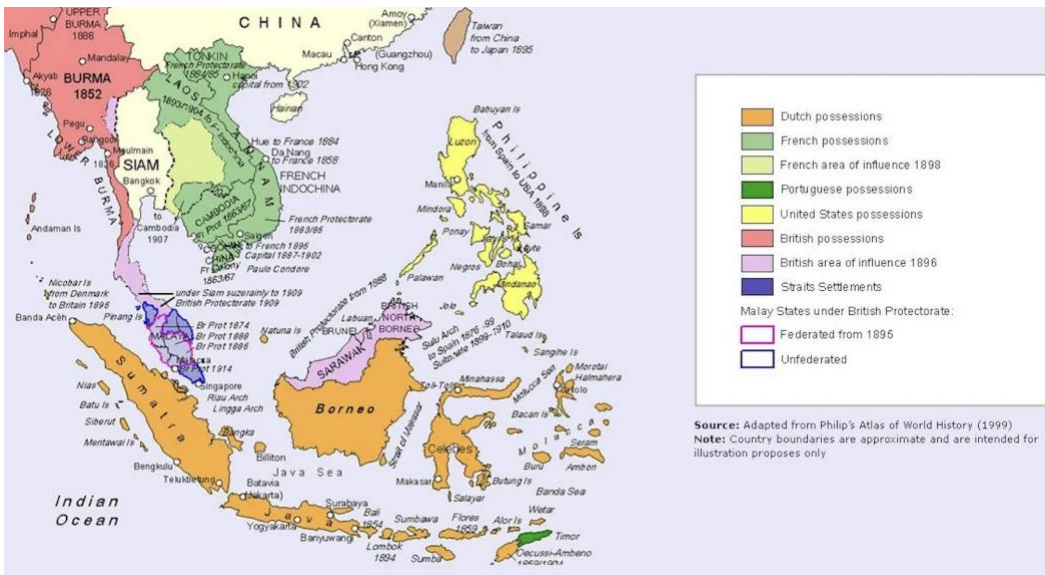
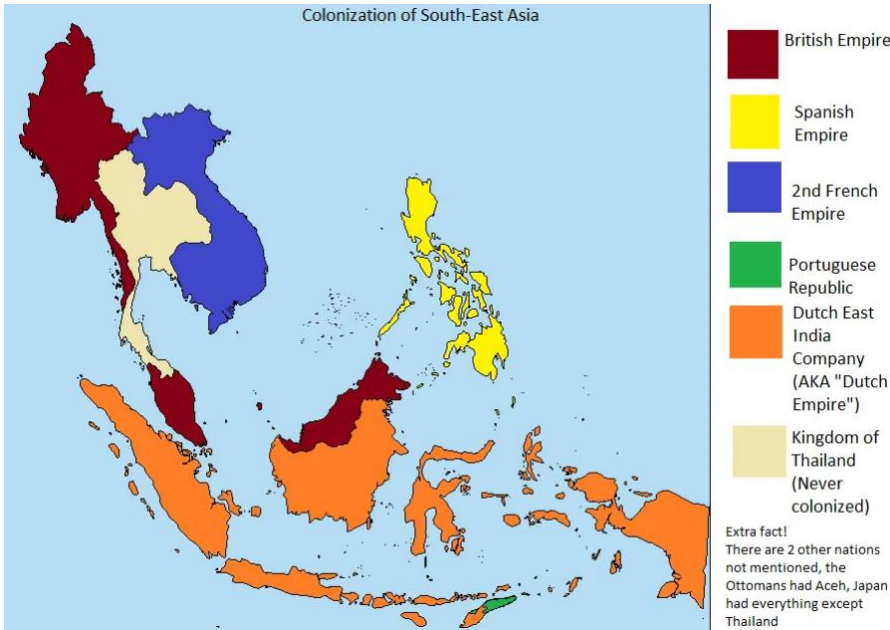
(d) The Bangladeshi government's attacks on Adibashi indigenous tribes

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Israel's biggest arms buyers

Between 2018 and 2022, at least 35 countries imported weapons from Israel totalling \$3.2bn. Here are the top 10:

Country	Imports (million USD)
 India	\$1,197m
 Azerbaijan	\$295m
 Philippines	\$275m
 US	\$217m
 Vietnam	\$180m
 Canada	\$131m
 Thailand	\$121m
 Germany	\$110m
 UK	\$90m
 Singapore	\$73m



● Southeast Asian

1) Resources for Learning:

■ Philippines

- (1) [Israel Sends Weapons to Duterte. Filipinx and Palestinian Struggle Are Linked](#) (Truthout, June 2021)
- (2) [\[OPINION\] #FreePalestine: Thoughts from a Filipina-Palestinian](#) (October 17, 2023)
- (3) [Israel 'tries to hide' arms sales to the Philippines – Report](#) (Rappler, October 19, 2019)

■ Vietnam

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2) Philippines

- “From Palestine to the Philippines, Stop the U.S. War Machine”: Parallels of state-sanctioned violence with authoritarian regime of Rodrigo Duterte (2021)
 - (i) Duterte's "war on terror" facilitated by arms, leading to the Anti-Terror Bill in July 2020 (2021)
 - (ii) Bill effectively a "war on the poor," causing severe human rights violations (2021)
 - Over 25,000 lives lost due to state-sanctioned extrajudicial killings under Duterte's regime
 - Violent displacement of Indigenous communities
 - Arbitrary arrests and "red-tagging" of human rights defenders and community leaders
 - Widespread suppression and surveillance of the media
 - Numerous sexist and misogynistic policies resulting in gender-based violence
 - (iii) Duterte's justification: "It is my job to scare people, to intimidate people, and to kill people." (2021)
- **Israel has been a long-time supporter of Duterte's regime, acting as a significant supplier of arms to the Philippines** (2021)
 - (a) Duterte ordered the military to buy military equipment, especially for intelligence gathering, exclusively from Israel (2019)
 - (i) Duterte praised Israel for not attaching conditions to arms sales and for not spying on Filipinos (2019)
 - (ii) The US withheld an arms sale to the Philippine National Police (PNP) early in Duterte's term after a senator raised concerns about the drug war (2019)
 - (iii) This incident worsened Duterte's negative view of the US (2019)
- **Filipinx Migrant Workers in Israel** (2021)
 - (1) Israel employs thousands of Filipinx workers. Despite this, Israel is quick to deport these workers.
 - (a) Around 8,000 foreign caregivers arrive in Israel annually, mostly from the Philippines.
 - (b) As of December 2020, there are about 55,000 caregivers in Israel, predominantly Filipinx.
 - (c) The number of Filipinx caregivers increased significantly in the late 1980s after the 1987 Palestinian Intifada and a ban on Palestinian entry to Israel.
 - (d) Israel sought workers from the Philippines to address a labor shortage in elderly care.
- **Long history of support between the Philippines and Israel** (2021)
 - (1) The Philippines provided refuge to Jews fleeing Austria and Germany before WWII.
 - (2) The Philippines was the only Asian nation to sign the 1947 UN resolution creating the State of Israel.

3) Vietnam

- Chinese, French, Japanese, and U.S. domination and intrusion of Vietnam ([Asia for Educators, n.d.](#); [Rotondi, 2023](#))
- **Vietnam and Palestinian Relations**
 - (1) Vu Minh Hoang, a diplomatic historian specializing in 20th-century Vietnam and the Asia Pacific, highlighted the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as one of

the few Global South entities openly supporting Vietnam and condemning China's 1979 invasion (2024)

- (i) The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) initiated relations with North Vietnam in 1968 (2024)
 - (ii) After the Vietnam War ended in 1975, a resident representative office was established, which later evolved into the embassy of Palestine in Vietnam (2024)
- (2) Standing with Vietnam led to the PLO losing vital aid and political backing from China, despite maintaining a 14-year friendly relationship (Dang, 2024)
- (a) Vu (diplomatic historian) emphasized the PLO's courageous support for Vietnam during a critical time (Dang, 2024)
- (3) **Understanding shift in stance requires considering financial interests, indicating a potential influence of money on Vietnam's stance (2024)**
- (a) Vietnam ranked among the top three buyers of Israeli arms from 2015 to 2019, making up 8.5% of Israel's total sales during that time, as per Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) data (2024)
 - (b) According to Israel's Haaretz newspaper in 2022, Vietnam bought approximately \$1.5bn worth of defense equipment from Israel in the past decade, including ground-to-air missile systems, phone-hacking technology, and drones (2024)

■ US and Vietnam War Parallels

(1) **The U.S. actively contributed to both conflicts through military advising, weapons, and funding (Pacific Ties, 2024)**

- (a) In the Vietnam War, the U.S. sent troops to defend international democracy for years
- (b) In the Israel-Palestine conflict, the U.S. has supported Israel on a larger scale for decades with funding, weapons, and aid, citing national interests
- (c) The U.S. has played a significant role in international treaties and negotiations, often overlooking the impact of Israeli occupation on Palestine

(2) **Students have been at the forefront of campus activism in both conflicts (Pacific Ties, 2024)**

- (a) In 1965, students responded promptly to the Vietnam War despite opposition
 - (b) Today, students continue to lead activism against the Israeli occupation of Palestine through organized teach-ins, vigils, walkouts, rallies, and protests including the current student encampments
- (3) Young activists in Vietnam have shared having to educate their parents on the parallels of Palestinian oppression with Vietnam as major media outlets in Vietnam are not Israel's carnage and instead showing them as a symbol of economic growth and a "start up nation" (2024)

■ Emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly on October 27:

- (1) **Vietnam** aligned with the majority of member states, **voting in favor of a resolution that called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, protection of civilians, unconditional release of captives, and access to humanitarian aid (2024)**

● Pacific Islander / Native Hawaiian

1) Native Hawaiian

■ Similar histories of occupation and settler colonialism

- (1) Post-colonial contact, estimates of 84 - 97 % of the Native Hawaiian population died due to infectious diseases brought by colonizing forces.
- (2) US illegally overthrew and annexed the Hawaiian kingdom.
- (3) Colonization led to economic and political domination

- (4) Erasure of Hawaiian language, culture, and spiritual practices (e.g., ban of Hawaiian language instruction, hula, burial rites, etc.)
 - Current ongoing impacts of settler colonialism
 - (1) Disenfranchisement and disproportionate rates of homelessness
 - (2) Construction of the thirty-meter telescope on the sacred land of Mauna Kea
 - "The occupation of Hawai'i and Palestine are distinct. But also operate through the same logics of capitalism, imperialism, and settler colonialism. A deeper understanding and new strategies and tactics for freedom emerge as we talk through our struggles together and support and fight together." — Hui Aloha 'Āina o Honolulu
- 2) [Micronesia](#)
- Micronesia includes the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The islands have been colonized by countries such as Germany, Spain, Japan, and the U.S.
 - (1) The U.S. inflicted nuclear weapons testing on the Marshall Islands in 1946, leading to the destruction of atolls and forcing populations to move away from ancestral lands
 - (2) Impacts of colonization on social and economic structures and introduction to diseases.