

## COMPARISON OF EELAM TAMILS WITH PALESTINE

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	<b>Palestine</b>	<b>Tamils</b>
	<i>(2/5 landmass of Israel)</i>	<i>(1/3 landmass of Island of Sri Lanka)</i>
<b>Annexed with</b>	May 14 1948 Israel	In 1833 - Ceylon
<b>Conflicting People</b>	Israelis vs Palestinians	Sinhalese vs Tamils
<b>Population</b>	97% in Palestine are Arabs	93% Tamil in North-East
<b>Domination by</b>	Jews of Israel, 6 million	Sinhalese of Sri Lanka 18 million
<b>Military Composition</b>	100% Israelis	99% Sinhalese
<b>Colonisation</b>	Palestine by Jews	Tamil hereditary land by Sinhalese
<b>Occupied by</b>	Israeli forces	150,000 S/L force in North-East
<b>Colonised areas</b>	About 4800km <sup>2</sup>	8000km <sup>2</sup>
	<i>(79% of present West Bank and Gaza Strip)</i>	<i>(50% of Tamil hereditary land)</i>
<b>Settlers</b>	400,000 Jews	500,000 Sinhalese
<b>Armed conflict started</b>	1964	July 1983
<b>Freedom fighters</b>	PLO	LTTE ( <i>Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam</i> )
<b>Economic embargo</b>	Not presently	Since 1990 (Embargo on essential items)
<b>Freedom of movement</b>	Denied	Denied
<b>Civilians killed</b>	Over thousand??	More than 100,000
<b>Disappearances</b>	figures not known	Over 10,000 (Highest in the world)
<b>Mass graves</b>	Several	Many
<b>Refugees</b>	3.6 million	Over 300,000 Multiple displacements
<b>Property damaged</b>	209 billion dollars	Over US \$ seven billion
<b>Houses destroyed</b>	8500	500,000
<b>Attack on religious places</b>	figures not known	2000
<b>Villages demolished</b>	531 Villages and towns	More than 400
<b>Political Prisoners</b>	1682 Arabs(8/10/2000)	Over 10,000 Tamils
<b>Detainees torture ratio</b>	85% Palestine	99% Tamils
<b>People mandates</b>	Many	1977 & 2004
<b>UN H/R Special sessions</b>	Several	<b>None</b>
<b>UN Resolutions</b>	Several	<b>None</b>
<b>Countries in support</b>	OIC Countries (57)	<b>None</b>

*For facts on Palestine - Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of Internal Affairs (PASSIA)  
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