

Recognizing Rights for Palestinians Too

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Who is to define what Palestinian rights are? I am writing in regard to Andrew Sekey's "Despite Opinions That Differ Palestinian Rights Are Wrong" (May 13, 1988). By examining the title, one gets the impression that Palestinians are of a lesser breed whose rights should be defined, affirmed or denied by an outside intruder. Mr. Sekey categorizes anyone who calls for the upholding of Palestinian self-determination and the termination of the Israeli occupation of Palestine as extremist. If this argument is followed to its logical conclusion, then the whole world, except Israel, the U.S. and South Africa, falls into this category.

The media, the team of American physicians, Amnesty International, and the world at large should feel embarrassed for criticizing Israel's burial of Palestinians alive and demolishing their homes as punishment for crimes committed by Israeli settlers! Palestinians, on the other hand, should feel blessed for Israeli brutality. After all, their educational institutions under the Israeli occupation are enhanced by constant closure and the expulsion of their intellectuals without trial, such as that of Dr. Hannah Naser, president of Bear Zeit University. We should all be grateful for Mr. Sekey's incisive lesson of how to subjugate other peoples!

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