

## Israel's occupation report card

In the eyes of most of the international community, including the British government, the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, Israel has occupied the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem since 1967. The occupying power has responsibilities under international law. These "obligations" come from two international agreements:

1. the Regulations Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land, signed in The Hague on 18 October 1907 ("The Hague Regulations")
2. the Fourth Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, signed in Geneva on 12 August 1949 ("the Fourth Geneva Convention").

**The Israeli government argues that it is not occupying the 'territories' since there was no internationally recognised Palestinian state to occupy. As you learn about life under occupation in *Razor Wire & Olive Branches*, try to decide how well Israel is doing its job as the occupying power.**



Obligation of the occupying power	Your mark out of 5	Your reason for this mark
Israel cannot move civilians in or out of the occupied land		
Collective punishment: Israel should not punish the general population for the crimes of a few people		
Israel should respect the local laws and not impose its own laws		
Children: Israel must ensure the proper working of all institutions devoted to the care and education of children		
Israel should not destroy the property of Palestinians unless there's an essential military reason		
Israel should respect and not exploit natural resources		
Israel should do all it can to keep people under occupation safe		
Israel should not lock people up without trial unless it is absolutely necessary to keep people safe		

