

**Submission to the UN Human Rights Council “Commission of Inquiry” on Israel  
created May 27, 2021 by resolution A/HRC/RES/S-30/1**

**Organization:** HARIF on behalf of the descendants of Jewish refugees from the Middle East and North Africa – victims of Arab and Iranian discrimination and repression on the basis of Jewish identity.

**Biography:** HARIF is a UK charity representing Jews from North Africa and the Middle East (UK no.1186454), and dedicated to promoting their history, culture and heritage. Over 2,000 years of history in the Middle East and North Africa came to an abrupt and tragic end just 50 years ago. Jews departed for Israel and the West, leaving an enormous cultural and economic void behind. In another 20 years, few Jews who were born in these countries will still be alive. A vital chapter of Jewish identity, history and culture – an entire civilisation – will be lost. HARIF is here to make sure it is not forgotten.

**Issues to which our submission applies:**

- (1) “Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict in and between the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [*sic*], and Israel; as well as systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity;”
- (2) “Facts and circumstances regarding alleged violations of international humanitarian law and alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021;”
- (3) “Identification of those responsible;”

**Submission:** (This submission itself does not constitute an endorsement of the “Commission of Inquiry” or its mandate.)

**Abuses of human rights**

**Anti-Jewish laws and practices in Arab countries**

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<https://www.jewishrefugees.org.uk/2006/08/anti-jewish-laws-and-practices-in-arab.html>

[Justice for Jews from Arab Countries](#), which is leading the November international campaign to raise awareness of the Jewish refugees from Arab countries across 40 countries, has produced a useful chart showing anti-Jewish laws and practices in Arab countries after 1948.

The chart covers the following countries: **Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia** and **Yemen/Aden**.

**Stripping Jews of citizenship:** this happened in all countries except Lebanon and Tunisia.

**Arrests and detentions:** all countries except Lebanon and Tunisia.

**Riots/pogroms:** all countries without exception.

**Islamic religious restrictions:** these were in force in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen.

**Zionism a crime:** laws were introduced branding Zionism a crime in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Syria.

**Freedom of movement curtailed:** Jews were restricted in Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Syria and Yemen.

**Loss of work and employment discrimination:** Jews were dismissed and/or banned from certain careers (eg government service) in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria and Yemen.

**Freezing of assets:** all countries except Morocco.

**Confiscation of property:** all countries except Morocco.