

ABSTRACT

In Palestine, the West Bank border was formed and appointed on maps in 1949, yet it has unique characteristics of being virtual and elastic due to its continuous shifting. The geographical border in the region can be shifted to meet Israeli policies and strategies. Colonies, checkpoints, military areas, security zones, and the Apartheid Segregation Wall represent the driving forces behind border elasticity and dynamics. Such borders were drawn on maps, but nobody can identify them on the ground. This study aims to shed light on the chronological border shifting by Israelis, which led to a change in the current situation of the borders on the ground in order to correspond to the Israeli hidden agendas and behaviors behind the border movement.

A detailed and extensive literature study was conducted to deeply understand the history behind borders shaping concept, included studying of some colonial policies in demarcating borders between the indigenous people and the colonialism power in two regions around the world: Africa (Southern and Western Africa) and North America. A comprehensive literature studies about the West Bank and the Israeli actions after 1967 were reviewed. The research mainly focuses on an area of 30*30 Kilometers square, in which borders were excessively shredded by what are known as Ariel and Kedumim fingers. And by using the Geographic Information System (GIS) as the main tool for analysis, many geographical layers showed the changing and shifting of borders on the ground.

The outcomes of the research are maps and statistics that show how the borders were shifted and what were the reasons behind this border shifting, in which the study concludes that borders were shifted and are still shifting due to Israeli economy, Israeli domination, and Israeli apartheid agendas.

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