

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jerusalem holds deep significance in the Islamic tradition, described in the Qur'an as a blessed land connected to the sacred journey between Mecca and Masjid al Aqsa. For centuries, these cities have been central to Muslim spiritual life and heritage.

Jerusalem has also been home to many figures honoured in Islam — including Prophets Abraham, David, Solomon, and Jesus (peace be upon them).

These are those among us who say that if Mecca is a Muslim's soul, Jerusalem is a Muslim's heart.

Today, both Muslim and Christian Palestinians face profound, systemic, and long-standing challenges. Families continue to experience forced displacement, home demolitions, land confiscation, harassment, segregation, loss of residency rights, restrictions on religious practice, as well as detention, imprisonment, torture, and death.

These realities call for principled, rights based engagement from Canada — grounded in fairness, dignity, and a commitment to lasting peace.



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Join our CMP Newsletter at cmpalastine.org or by emailing us at info@cmpalastine.org to receive regular updates on our projects, and to take part in the ongoing effort to advance peace and justice for Palestine.

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Attend meetings and take part in major decision-making processes.

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Attend project meetings, organize projects, or serve as a committee member.

Become a CMP Member

Receive Information Briefs via the email list and support CMP's events.

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STANDING FIRM FOR Peace, Justice and Dignity in Canadian Policy and Palestine



Canadian Muslims for Palestine (CMP) is a Canadian Islamic organization focused on advancing freedom, peace, justice, and dignity for Palestine and Palestinians.

The commitment to justice is rooted in the Islamic tradition, which calls on people to stand firmly for fairness and truth. The Qur'an teaches: "Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even against yourselves or your parents or your kin..." (Qur'an 5:135)

As Canadians, we share a collective responsibility to support policies that uphold our national values of fairness, liberty, and justice for all. These shared principles guide our work in advocating for the rights and dignity of Palestinians, both in Canada and abroad.

OBJECTIVES

I. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Through education and outreach, CMP aims to raise awareness about the ongoing Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, which remains one of the longest-standing occupations in modern history. CMP strives to humanize Palestinians, helping Canadians see them not as distant figures in a conflict, but as individuals who share universal values—freedom, dignity, and justice.

CMP's work also highlights the systemic human rights violations in the West Bank and Gaza, the struggles of over seven million Palestinian refugees, and the discriminatory policies affecting Palestinian citizens of Israel. These issues are rarely covered in mainstream discourse, and CMP believes that informed Canadians will demand a fairer approach to Middle East policy.

II. ADVOCACY FOR A BALANCED CANADIAN POLICY

CMP informs and engages Canadian society to promote a just, rights-based, viable, and lasting resolution to the situation in Palestine. Our advocacy engages government officials to uphold international law and advance concrete steps toward peace and accountability.

CMP envisions a just and durable solution grounded in:

1. religious freedom for people of all faiths, including full access to places of worship
2. self determination for the Palestinian people and the ability to build thriving, sustainable communities
3. respect for human rights and the implementation of international law and relevant UN resolutions

UN Security Council Resolutions 242, 465, and 2334 affirm that the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem are occupied territories, and that all measures taken to alter their status — including settlement expansion, land confiscation, and demographic changes — have no legal validity under international law.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

CMP supports Palestinian Canadians and other affected communities by ensuring they have access to the resources and opportunities needed to live with peace, security, and dignity in Canada. We hope to assist families navigate challenges as they build their lives in Canada.

CMP also advocates to ensure that the concerns and lived experiences of Palestinian Canadians and other communities are understood, respected, and meaningfully reflected in the

development of Canadian policy. When policies fall short of upholding these rights, CMP seeks to challenge or improve such policies.

IV. NETWORKING

CMP values its partnership with other Palestinian and human rights organizations that share similar mandates and objectives. Through these collaborations, CMP strengthens its advocacy efforts and amplifies the voices of affected communities.

CMP also seeks to build relationships with Islamic organizations across Canada, encouraging their support for Palestine, Palestinian Canadians, and other communities facing related challenges.

ROOTS OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS FOR PALESTINE

Canadian Muslims for Palestine (CMP) is a nonprofit, national, and grassroots organization dedicated to fostering justice for Palestine by educating the Canadian public about Palestine and its historical and religious heritage, and by strengthening community engagement through mobilization and advocacy. CMP is a Canadian Islamic organization, and it was founded by Canadians in 2003 in Montreal, Quebec.

PRINCIPLES OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS FOR PALESTINE

CMP is guided by the foundational teachings of Islam, drawn from the Qur'an and the prophetic example. These teachings provide a comprehensive ethical framework that informs CMP's values, decision making, and public conduct.