700 detainees in Israeli prisons suffer from various health conditions, including 270 who have serious illnesses, such as liver and kidney diseases, and twelve who have cancer. Israel has a longstanding policy of depriving the detainees of basic medical treatment. Frequently, Israel releases prisoners shortly before they die. A January, Mondoweiss piece characterized Israel as “demonstrating medical apartheid.”

Despite owning their own land, Palestinians in the West Bank have no choice but to build, or even add a bathroom, without Israeli permits, which are always denied. Then they must live with constant fear that their homes will be demolished. When Amarneh’s home was demolished, he moved to one of the village’s historic caves. But Israeli occupation forces ordered him to leave the cave within 96 hours, before they destroyed the cave! Needless to say, Amarneh feels “incredibly sad.”

AP News reports that according to Peace Now, Israel approved the “construction of over 12,000 settlement homes in 2020, the highest number in a single year since 2012.” This month, Israel OK’d 800 more!

25 year old Mona AlMsaddar resides in Gaza. She considers it a concentration camp. In an open letter to U.S. Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, she reminds him that his family’s history of surviving the loss of six million in the Holocaust
resonates with her own story. Poignantly she writes, "our Nakba was not limited to 1948. It continues each day that we are forced to live under these conditions."

In Mr. Blinken's confirmation hearing he agreed that China is committing genocide against the Uighur Muslims in NW China. Yet as a friend of Israel he will not speak out against Israel’s treatment of Palestinians. The world's most famous Jew, the Biblical Jesus, would certainly have something to say about this treatment of his people.

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