Israel has carried out a policy of population transfer for the purpose of exclusive Jewish Israeli domination: it has changed the demographic composition of the country by forcibly displacing indigenous Palestinians and preventing their return, and by fostering Jewish immigration and settlements.

Under the British Mandate before 1948, Palestinians were citizens and lived in Palestine. Today, 70% are refugees and internally displaced persons and approximately half of the people are in exile abroad.

Population transfer, related persecution and dispossession (ethnic cleansing) continue until today in historical Palestinian towns, such as Jaffa and Ramla, in Israel's Southern District (Naqab, Beersheba Region), and in the occupied Palestinian West Bank, especially in the southern Hebron district, the Jordan Valley, and in East Jerusalem and Israeli-proclaimed "greater Jerusalem.

Fforcible transfer of populations is a standalone crime under international law, and part of the crime of apartheid under the Rome Statute of the ICC. It gives rise to individual liability and state responsibility.