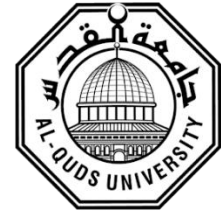




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#### **The Importance of the Sanctions Movement in South Africa to its Liberation**

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**Background:** The key factor in pushing a nation to fight for their freedom is having their rights turned into privileges, this research will work in understanding how that was the case for South Africa, and how similar the Palestinian struggle is to it. This research was motivated by the similarity of the case of South Africa and the case of Palestine, as well as the desire to clearly articulate the factors that contributed to the freedom of other nations, as compared to a local context.

**Objectives:** To understand South Africa's history and how the apartheid system started in the country. Also, to understand the similarities between South Africa and Palestine in terms of struggle, and this will assist the research in deducing lessons that could be applied in the Palestinian context.

**Methods:** This research will use a qualitative method to gather data and resources to provide a solution to the apartheid issue. Primary resources include records and reports from the South African government, NGOs, and organizations, as well as secondary resources such as books and journal articles on history. This will help to gather the data required for the study, such as the sequence of events leading to South Africa's freedom and the degree to which sanctions had an impact. The research process will benefit from the literature on the study of these historical events, as well as legal analysis, to understand how sanctions were used to apply pressure on the South African regime. It will also look at the factors that made the anti-apartheid movement successful, such as which factor has taken up the most prominent role in achieving liberation, and where

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sanctions ranked amongst them. Finally, a comparison will be drawn between the South African case and the Palestinian question, and suggestions made for applying a similar sanctions movement against the Israeli occupation.

**Results:** The Sanctions were only helpful in the case of South Africa because of the vulnerability of their economy. Also, the importance of the UN in starting the sanctions movement on South Africa is made very clear. For example, after passing Res 1761 that condemned the Apartheid regime and called for imposing sanctions on the government, many governments joined in imposing sanctions on the apartheid regime. This research also showed the lack of the UN's support towards a similar movement against the Israeli Occupation.

**Conclusions:** Sanctions were essential, but not the most crucial factor in South Africa's anti-apartheid movement's success.

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