

The impact of agriculture colonization on the Palestinian agricultural developmental plans for years 2010 - 2018

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Abstract

The objective of this study is to elucidate the impact of agriculture colonization on the Palestinian agricultural developmental plans as well as its effect on the natural resources e.g. land and water.

Besides the study aims at foreseeing the future of the Palestinian agriculture based on the Israeli politics that preclude any Palestinian agricultural progress.

In this study, historical methodology has been implemented by observing the past to understand the present and predict the future, and our study tool was survey with the study population that comprised relevant governmental and non-governmental institutes.

Through these surveys, it has been possible to figure out the expected scenarios concerning the Palestinian agricultural sector and the influence of the agricultural colonization based on studying the current and future Palestinian-Israeli situation.

The study concluded that the Israeli control on the agricultural and water resources in the west bank, especially in the Jordan valley, is continuous.

This control can be confronted by giving the agricultural sector utmost priority and investing as much as possible to promote its development.

In addition, the study pointed to the absence of national politics that counteract the settlements.

Furthermore, it has been shown that the settlements and agricultural development cannot coexist and that settlements will bring agriculture to an end by depleting the resources.

The study recommends an urgent multidisciplinary national plan to confront the agricultural colonization.

This plan can be accomplished by increasing the population in the Jordan valley, developing productive projects in different sectors (agriculture, industry, and tourism), and by promoting funds to the Palestinian farmers in general and to those in the Jordan valley in particular, to help them expand their farms and utilize the available natural resources.