

## CHALK AND CHEESE – A TALE OF TWO STRUGGLES

While anti-Israel propagandists frequently invoke the imagery of the successful overthrow of apartheid in South Africa in propagating the Palestinian cause, the comparison is a false one.

Here are some reasons why:

- Palestinian nationalism is underpinned by naked and unapologetic racism. This is evident, inter alia, in the Charter of the ruling Hamas movement, the Palestinian National Covenant, and the antisemitic indoctrination that is rife in schools, the media and popular culture.
- Violence – specifically terrorism – has always been a first, not a last resort, for the Palestinian leadership
- The Palestinian leadership is blatantly undemocratic, amongst other things arbitrarily executing suspected “collaborators” and Palestinians who sell land to Jews.
- The Palestinians oppose peaceful coexistence; rather, they deny the Jewish people any share – historical or otherwise – in any part of ‘Palestine’.
- Had the Palestinians been prepared to live peacefully with their neighbors, as black South Africans have always been with regard to their white compatriots, then peace would have been achieved in the Middle East a long time ago.