

Injustice

The Story of the Holy Land Foundation Five

Miko Peled

In July 2004, federal agents raided the homes of five Palestinian American families, arresting the five dads. The first trial of the "Holy Land Foundation Five" ended in a hung jury. The second, marked by highly questionable procedures, resulted in lengthy sentences—for "supporting terrorism" by donating to charities that the US government itself and other respected international agencies had long worked with.

In 2013, human rights activist and author Miko Peled started investigating this case. He discussed the miscarriages of justice with the men's lawyers and heard from the men's families about the devastating effects the case had on their lives. He also traveled to the remote federal prison complexes where the men were held to conduct deep interviews. *Injustice* traces the labyrinthine course of this case, presenting a terrifying picture of governmental over-reach in post-9/11 America.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Miko Peled is a writer and peace activist born and raised in Jerusalem. His first book *The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine* (Just World Books, 2nd edition 2016) has been translated into eight other languages. Born into a prominent Zionist family, Peled emerged as a strong and outspoken advocate of justice and equality in Palestine. He currently speaks around the United States and internationally on the issue of Palestine/Israel.

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"Miko Peled's vivid, intense, and detailed account of the case of the Holy Land Foundation 5 proves without a shadow of a doubt that it was a political case in its entirety. *Injustice* is a must-read book for anyone who wants to know how after 9/11, the US criminal justice system has been undermined and become another tool utilized by the pro-Israeli camp to silence and intimidate Palestinian Americans. Peled thoroughly presents the decade long campaign to criminalize the giving of humanitarian aid to other Palestinians living in poor communities and squalid refugee camps, and how the US government has failed to uphold its ideals as these men came to the US for freedom, only to be ultimately denied their freedom."

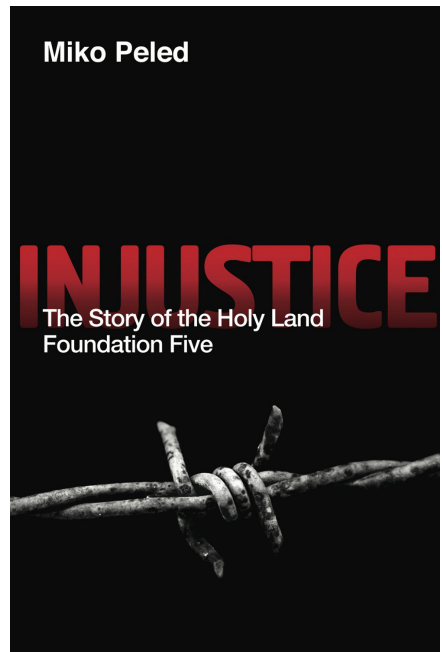
—Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, director and public affairs professor, Center for Islam and Global Affairs, İslam ve Küresel İlişkiler Merkezi

"Miko is a dedicated storyteller who approaches the difficult and complex Holy Land Foundation case in a sensitive, careful, and methodical manner while doing so with a humanistic focus on the impacted families. *Injustice* is a must-read for it provides a window into another painful dimension to the continuation of Palestine's and Palestinians Nakba—but this one unfolds in the diaspora. For Miko, narrating the HLF case is a part of a long journey toward doing acts of justice that in a small way can contribute to putting Palestine back on the map."

—Dr. Hatem Bazian, U.C. Berkeley and Zaytuna College

"This book is a compelling and moving account of the lives and trials of the Holy Land Foundation Five. It makes a convincing case that these 5 men are paying with long prison sentences for the 9/11 attacks, which they had nothing to do with. The book also demonstrates that US American juries are unable to be fair and just in cases that revolve around Palestine/Israel, since few have an unbiased understanding of the issues. Under such conditions, government prosecutors can allege just about anything, play on widely held stereotypes, and win, whether their case has any merits or not. Justice was not, and can not be, served."

—Louise Cinkar, author of *Homeland Insecurity: The Arab American and Muslim American Experience after 9/11*



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