A group of Palestinians representing 130 civil institutions is planning to draft a letter to the UN Secretary General Ban ki-Moon, demanding the UN realize its own decisions regarding the status of East Jerusalem. The Palestinian group, called the Jerusalem Association for Civil Institutions, is seeking to "disengage" from the rest of the city, by creating a new municipality in East Jerusalem that will be run by Palestinians. The group plans to travel to the UN office in East Jerusalem to deliver the letter in person.

Quote: *""All UN resolutions since 1948 are based on the fact that Jerusalem is occupied territory, and that the occupation has no right to change its legal status, its geographical character or demographic makeup, and it is the right of its residents to take the necessary steps to organize and maintain their civilian lives," writes initiative leader, Hazem al-Gharabli. "The Israeli government has ignored these resolutions over the years and worked to alter that which characterizes this city and expel its resident from Arab Jerusalem to gain control over their lands and property.*

The group claims it is not linked to the PLO or the Palestinian Authority, and that these organizations would not even recognize such a move. As the fortieth anniversary of the Six Day War approaches, the Palestinians aren't the only ones upping the pressure on Israel to divide the land. The human rights organization, Amnesty International , has released a new report condemning the Israeli "occupation" of the West Bank. The report entitled " *Enduring Occupation: Palestinians under siege in the West Bank* ", accuses Israel of " *unwarranted land grabs* ", slams the construction of what Amnesty International call the " *death wall* " and condemns Israel for " *using excessive and unwarranted force* " against international peace activists in Palestinian villages.

Quote: *"In the report, Amnesty lists seven "recommendations" for the Israeli government, which include calls to "end the regime of closures in its current form, as well as other*

forms of restrictions on freedom of movement of people and goods, that result in collective punishment... Stop the construction of the fence/wall inside the West Bank, including East Jerusalem..." and to "stop immediately the destruction of houses, land, and other properties without absolute military necessity as prescribed by international humanitarian law."

But there was little condemnation of Palestinian terrorist organizations, who continue to fire rockets into Israeli towns and have brought much chaos to their own people in the Gaza Strip.

The number forty in Scripture is prophetically significant, and represents a period of testing and judgement. During the flood of Noah, it rained for forty days and nights. The city of Nineveh was given forty days to repent of its wickedness before being overthrown by God. The Israelites wandered through the wilderness for forty years after their disobedience in not going in to possess the land. Moses lived forty years in Pharaoh's palace, forty years in the wilderness keeping sheep, and forty years bringing the children of Israel to the promised land. Forty years after the rejection of the Messiah, the Temple was destroyed by Titus and the Jewish nation scattered. Forty years after the anniversary of the Six Day War and the recapturing of East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, might the world be about to witness the unfolding of another prophetically significant event? Perhaps so. As we have seen, the world is preparing for the disengagement from Judea and Samaria and the division of the Holy City, and Muslim states speak daily of Israel's impending destruction. These are the conditions the Bible states will characterize the last days before Christ's return.

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