CANADA PARK

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DURATION
11:51

YEAR
2015

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
Arabic
English (text on-screen)

CATEGORY
Documentary



DESCRIPTION
Canada Park sheds light on the ethnic cleansing of three Palestinian villages in the West Bank (Yalu, Imwas, and Beit Nuba) that were systematically destroyed during the 1967 Israeli military occupation. Through archival records, survivors testimonies, and directly recorded images, the work reveals the forced expulsion of 10,000 Palestinians, the expropriation of their land, and the erasure of their homes, orchards, cemeteries, and places of worship by the Israeli settler state.

In the late 1970s, over the ruins of these villages, a recreational park called "Canada Park" was established exclusively for Israelis, funded by the then-charitable Jewish National Fund of Canada. This leisure park conceals the settler-colonial crimes committed against the Indigenous Palestinian people, as well as Canada’s complicity in this crime. Refugees to this day, the displaced inhabitants of the three villages are denied the right to return to their villages and rebuild their homes.

IMAGE FORMAT
16:9

SOUND
Stereo

SHOOTING FORMAT
HD

KEYWORDS
Palestine, Gaza, Colonialism, Oral History, Testimony

THEMES
Activism and social struggles
Indigenous and indigeneity
International issues
Middle East
Refugees
Violence