

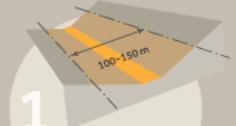
Veolia profits from the construction and expansion of illegal Jewish-only settlements by operating a landfill in the West Bank, exploiting Palestinian natural resources to serve the settlements, and by operating an illegal light rail system connecting these settlements with Jerusalem.

Bus services on Apartheid Road 443

Veolia's subsidiary Connex Isarel operates regular bus services to Israeli settlements in the West Bank, including Beit Horon and Givat Ze'ev along road 443, which is an apartheid road. Built in the late 1980s on land expropriated from Palestinians, Road 443 has become a major artery for Israeli commuters but, ostensibly due to military concerns, it was shut off to Palestinian motorists, forcing them to take inferior roads. It has come to symbolize how Israeli security restrictions have created separate road systems in the West Bank for Israelis and Palestinians, which some argue is an echo of apartheid-era South Africa. A ruling from the Israeli Supreme Court forced the Israeli Army to lift the ban on Palestinian use in May 2010. However, additional security checkpoints and blocked exits to Jerusalem and Ramallah continue to prohibit Palestinian use of the road making a mockery of the Court ruling. Veolia buses continue to use the portions of the road still closed to Palestinians.



TYOLOGIES OF SEGREGATION



1
ALL RDS Land expropriated by Israel on either side of major roads.



2
ROAD 557 Underpass roads between Palestinian enclaves, with access often restricted by gates.



3
ALL RDS Checkpoints along and adjacent to all restricted roads.



4
ROAD 45 Fully segregated roads running in parallel to one another.



5
ROAD 443 Road blocks/trenches prevent access to main roads and travel between Palestinian enclaves.



6
ROAD 60 Israeli-only bridges and tunnels connecting Israeli settlements east of the separation wall.



IMAGINE A SEGREGATED ROAD SYSTEM WHERE THE COLOR OF YOUR LICENSE PLATE DICTATES WHICH ROADS YOU CAN DRIVE ON.

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Israeli license plate

- ✓ Accessible only to Israelis —
- ✓ Accessible to Israelis —
- ✓ Accessible to Israelis Except in Gaza —

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Palestinian license plate

- Not accessible to Palestinians ✗
- Restricted access to Palestinians ✗
- Accessible to Palestinians ✓



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Jerusalem Light Rail

Through its subsidiary Connex Israel, Veolia was one of the companies in the CityPass consortium contracted to operate the light rail project in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Light Rail connects the city of Jerusalem with the illegal settlements around it. Veolia unexpectedly sold to an Israeli company (the Dan Bus Company) 49% of its shares in CityPass, the French-Israeli joint venture company that holds the construction contract with the State of Israel for the light rail project. After five years, the Israeli company will purchase the remaining 51% shares. Veolia's sale was attributed by Palestinian officials and activists to their boycott and lobbying efforts. Veolia continues to operate and profit from the rail.



Tovlan Landfill

Through its subsidiary, Veolia Environmental Services Israel (which has bought T.M.M. Integrated Recycling Services), Veolia operates the Tovlan Landfill in the occupied Jordan Valley, using captured Palestinian natural and land resources for the needs of Israeli settlements. Veolia has sold the Toval landfill to Masua, an illegal settlement in the Jordan Valley. However, Veolia remains active as a supervisor and consultant, and even continues to operate the dump. (more information [here](#)).

Ayalon Sewage Treatment

Veolia Water Services (VW) Israel, a subsidiary of System Vivendi Water France, operates Ayalon Sewage treatment institute, which collects sewage from the illegal settlement of Modi'in Ilit.



Offering gender segregated bus services

Veolia Transport operates a [gender-segregated bus service 322](#) from Tel Aviv to Ashdod: Women enter through the rear of the vehicle and the men from the front. They cannot touch each other or sit next to one another. In some buses, a thick blanket is hung in the middle of the bus between the two sexes.

Other offenses

Internationally, Veolia is has been targeted for [other offenses](#) including water privatization, mismanagement, and corruption.



1. Palestine-Related Initiatives Targeting Veolia

Due to its participation in the Jerusalem Light Rail and other projects that support the Israeli settlement infrastructure in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Veolia has been the target of international campaigns such as [Derail Veolia](#), for many years. The campaigns have resulted in the Company's loss of more than [\\$16 billion in canceled or withdrawn contracts](#) including a [\\$7.5 billion contract in North London](#) in December 2012. Veolia has become the target of a number of campaigns in the United States including in [Northern California](#) where Veolia withdrew from an over [\\$300 million contract](#) in December 2012 after a concerted campaign by local activists. There are ongoing U.S. campaigns protesting Veolia Transportation public contracts in Sonoma County and Los Angeles, CA; Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; and beyond. The statewide California Israel Divestment Campaign calls on CalPERS public pension system to divest from Veolia. The national We Divest Campaign calls on financial giant TIAA-CREF to divest from Veolia (the campaign was successful in helping to compel TIAA-CREF to divest more than \$72 million shares of Caterpillar from its Social Choice Fund due to that company's involvement in the occupation).

In a report to the General Assembly, on October 25, 2012, UN Special Rapporteur Richard Falk called on the GA and global civil society to boycott Veolia Environment for its violations of international human rights and international humanitarian law through involvement in the establishment and maintenance of illegal Israeli settlements.

In 2012, the Quaker Friends Fiduciary Corporation, which handles investments for hundreds of Quaker institutions nationwide, divested from Veolia following concerns expressed by Quakers regarding the company's violations of Palestinian rights.

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