

# The Joint List People's Will.

United against Racism

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# The Joint List Our Answer to Racism

The Joint List is running for election to the 20<sup>th</sup> Knesset on March 17, 2015, as an expression of political responsibility, and of public support for the partnership among its four components: **DFPE** (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), **The Islamic Movement**, **NDA** (National Democratic Assembly), and **AMC** (Arab Movement for Change).

The Joint List constitutes a resounding slap in the face to the right wing who are attempting to eliminate the Arab and the democratic voice in the Israeli parliament, and the answer to the fascist attack and the racist policy expressed in the flood of racist and anti-democratic programs and laws, which are detrimental to the citizens of the country, headed by the Jewish State and Jewish Nation laws.

The Joint List expresses the unity of the struggle of the Arab-Palestinian public vis-à-vis all branches and parties of the government, and the joint efforts together with the Jewish forces fighting against occupation, racism and discrimination.



The Joint List is a political response to the fascist threat to exclude the Arab public from the political arena by raising the electoral threshold - a response that turns the threat into an opportunity to unite the ranks and initiate a joint struggle against racism and racists, against fascism and fascists, and to overthrow the right wing and repulse the colonial and racist programs.

The Joint List is a milestone in the history of the parliamentary political work of the Arab-Palestinian public in Israel, and a democratic framework for all progressive forces in Israel. The Joint List is a lever for joint collective work with implications on the representative institutions of the Arab public, such as the National Committee of the Heads of Arab Local Authorities, the High Follow-Up Committee for Arab Citizens of Israel, the Arab Student Committees and the whole political and social world of Arab Society, which is desperately in need of unifying values and patriotic partnership alongside values of pluralism, variation and uniqueness.



The Joint List was formed with the aim of reinforcing and uniting the ranks against racism, and enhancing the specific gravity and the political influence of the Arab public and all the forces fighting against occupation and racism. Each component in the List retains its ideational identity and all partners act together in accordance with the fundamental principles and the agreed platform.

# Fundamental Principles

1. The Joint List will fight for a just peace in the region, based on the United Nations' Decisions: to end the occupation of all territories conquered in 1967, to dismantle all settlements and the racist separation fence, to release the political prisoners, to establish a sovereign independent Palestinian state within the June 4, 1967 borders, with its capital in East Jerusalem, and to find a just solution for the problem of the Palestinian refugees which assures the right of return according to UN Resolution 194.
2. The Joint List will fight for full national and civic equality for the Arab-Palestinian public in Israel, as a native minority with collective and personal rights. The Joint List will demand recognition of the Arab public as a national minority, with the right to self-administration in the fields of culture, education and religion, being part of the Arab-Palestinian people and the Arab nation.

The Joint List will act to assure full equality in all walks of life, and will struggle against the regime of racist discrimination and national oppression, in order to achieve equal opportunity, material equality, corrective and distributive justice; the List will fight against confiscation of lands and demolition of houses, for recognition of all unrecognized

villages, in order to provide land for residential purposes, for industrial areas and places of employment; the List will battle for recognition of the rights of displaced persons, including their right to return to their villages and lands; the List will fight to cancel the compulsory military service of the Arab-Druze community, against all military recruitment programs and national service for young Arab people; the List will act to impart the values of pluralism and tolerance, and will grapple with the afflictions of violence, crime and weapons anarchy.

3. The Joint List will fight against all demonstrations of racism and fascism, and for the democratic rights of all citizens. The List will fight to cancel the defense (emergency) regulations and all legislation that violates rights and restricts liberties, and for the establishment of a democratic constitution to establish the values of equality, justice and human rights, and the basic social rights and democratic liberties.
4. The Joint List will struggle for workers' rights, social and environmental justice and will fight for the interests of the weaker classes against the policy that makes the poor even poorer, and the rich - richer. The List will battle against poverty and unemployment in general, but particularly in Arab society, to raise minimum wages to at least 60% of the average wage in the economy, and to assure the basic rights of health, education, welfare and residence for all citizens.

5. The Joint List will fight for equal rights for women in all areas of life, and against all forms of oppression, exploitation, discrimination and violence against women in the family, at work and in society, including the murder of women. The List will struggle to assure the rights of women to education and employment, as well as political, social and cultural involvement.
6. The Joint List will battle for the support and empowerment of culture and art with no discrimination or exclusion. The List will fight to preserve the status of Arabic as an official language, and for such status to be given expression in all areas of life. The List will struggle for the right to develop Arab culture freely and independently, to enhance national belonging and identity, and to impart a culture of democratic dialog.
7. The Joint List rejects imperialist intervention in the affairs of the countries of the region and the world, the policy of “divide and rule” and the ethnic, religious and community sectarianism, and the dissolution of countries and peoples. The List supports the rights of nations to independence, freedom, justice and democracy.
8. The Joint List will fight for nuclear disarmament in the Middle East, including Israel, including all weapons of mass destruction, as part of the effort for a world that is free of nuclear weapons.

Against the Occupation and for a just Peace in the region

National and Civic Equality for the Arab-Palestinian Minority

Against Racism and Fascism, and for Democratic rights of all

Workers' Rights & Social and Environmental Justice for all

Equal rights for Women in all areas of life

Empowerment of Culture, Language, Belonging and Identity

Against Imperialism & Sectarianism, and for Nations' rights

For Disarming the Middle East of Weapons of mass destruction