

*Palestine in everyone's heart*

Blood wins over bullets

By Mohammad Sarfi
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On the cover of the special edition of Quds Day, we wrote in approximately one hundred living languages, "Palestine is in our hearts." In order for Palestine to be in someone's heart, it is not necessary to be Arab or Muslim. Our conflict with Israel is not about power, politics, or even land. It is a battle for humanity. This regime was formed from the very beginning by trampling and ignoring this very thing, and as time passed, its horrific dimensions only increased. When humanity is ignored and abused to such an extent, the obligation of power, politics, and land becomes clear, and there is no room for debate.

Those who advocate for peace with this regime today and condemn resistance can no longer be considered naive and deluded. They are undoubtedly accomplices to this crime against humanity, even if they have clean hands and pretend otherwise on the stage.

After the declaration of the existence of the Israeli regime, the first person who thought that peace could be established between this regime and the Palestinians was Count Folke Bernadotte, the representative of the United Nations. Only four months into this regime's existence, a quasi-military and terrorist group called Stern assassinated Bernadotte in Jerusalem.

Another effort to establish peace and tranquility in this land is the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. The resolution was adopted in 1967 by unanimous vote and called on the Israeli regime to withdraw to the pre-1967 borders. It demanded that it return the Golan Heights to Syria, the West Bank of the Jordan River to Jordan, and Gaza to Palestine. 55 years have passed since the adoption of this resolution, and Tel Aviv has yet to implement it.

Of course, Israelis are not unfamiliar with the term peace and have also proposed plans in this regard. For example, in 1967, Yigal Allon presented an interesting peace plan known as the Allon Plan. Allon was the deputy prime minister at the time and a commander of the Palmach - a branch of the famous terrorist group Haganah. His plan was to annex parts of Jordan and Syria to the occupied territories; just as fair and peaceful!

The Rogers Plan, the Greening Plan, the Camp David Peace Accord, the Fahd Plan, the Reagan Plan, the 1982 Arab Union Statement, the 1983 Lebanon-Israel Agreement, the Madrid Conference, the Oslo Accords, the Jordan-Israel Peace Treaty, the Oslo II Accord, the Camp David II Accord, the Clinton Initiative, the Saudi Peace Plan, and finally, the recent peace plan known as the Abraham Accords, are some of the plans that have been tried to bring peace and tranquility to the residents of this land over the past few decades, but in practice they have either been aborted or only served to fatten this wolf.

Peace and reconciliation with the Israeli regime face two fundamental obstacles that essentially make it impossible and what has happened so far - such as Oslo, Camp David, and the Abraham Accords - has been nothing but surrendering and giving a green light to the wolf for committing more crimes. The first problem is related to the inhumane nature of this regime. You can negotiate and reach some sort of agreement with a party, but at least it should adhere to basic human principles. The history and record of this regime and its founders' performance before its establishment clearly show that we are not facing a human set in the conventional sense.

The second obstacle in this regard is the vital and fundamental nature of the conflict. Sometimes you have a disagreement with someone that can be hopeful of resolving by giving and taking concessions. The amount given and taken in this equation depends on the power of the two parties and the general conditions

prevailing over the conflict. But sometimes the conflict is not of this kind. The Israeli regime knows better than anyone else that giving the smallest real concession to the Palestinian side, whose bottom line is recognizing the existence of Palestine, is tantamount to signing Israel's destruction. If there are people and a country called Palestine there, and they accept it, the first question and the last question will be: then what is Israel, and where did those who call themselves Israelis come from?!

Israeli authorities are eager to label their opponents as terrorists or anti-Semitic, while what is happening in the occupied territories and the current conflict has nothing to do with terrorism or anti-Semitism. What is known today as Israel is nothing but a large laboratory for crimes. A laboratory where the latest, most complex, and terrifying methods of torture and human slaughter are tested every day and added to its scope. If a Palestinian youth resists against the planners and executors of this endless experiment and throws a stone towards the glass of this laboratory, he is considered a terrorist. And if anyone in a corner of the world cries out against this inhumane trend, he is labeled as anti-Semitic and a supporter of terrorism!

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as the main and central country of resistance against this laboratory of crimes, presented its universal and popular idea years ago to put an end to this historical and unprecedented injustice: "The Islamic Republic's plan to solve the Palestinian issue and heal this old wound is a clear, logical, and in line with the accepted political principles of the global public opinion that has been presented in detail before. We do not propose a classic war of Islamic countries' armies, nor the drowning of Jewish immigrants, nor of course the sovereignty of the United Nations and other international organizations; we propose a referendum of the Palestinian nation. The Palestinian nation, like any other nation, has the right to determine its own destiny and choose the system ruling its country. All the indigenous people of Palestine, from Muslim, Christian, and Jewish - not foreign immigrants - wherever they are, inside Palestine, in camps, and anywhere else, should participate in a public and orderly referendum and determine the future system of Palestine. The system and government that emerges from it will

determine the fate of non-Palestinian immigrants who have migrated to this country in recent years. This is a fair and logical plan that the global public opinion rightly understands and can enjoy the support of independent nations and governments." (Statements of the Supreme Leader of the Revolution at the Conference on Supporting the Palestinian Uprising in October 2011).

This plan is just, humane, and clear, but can we expect acceptance from this laboratory of crimes? This is where resistance gains meaning and its philosophy becomes clear. The forefront of resistance is the struggle of the Palestinian people against occupiers, but what makes this resistance strong and leads to victory are two factors: material support for the Palestinian fighters and raising awareness at the global level about the reality of the Palestinian issue. Both of these factors are not easy for various reasons, but their difficulty does not mean they are impossible. The Quds Day march is one example of this conscious and awakening support. We must expand this awareness at the global level with initiative and creativity, and we cannot and should not rely solely on commemorating Quds Day to achieve this important goal. As the Leader of the Revolution emphasized, until the oppressive and criminal Zionist regime has control over Quds, every day of the year must be considered Quds Day.

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*The Supreme Leader's View of Palestine*

Israel wants to leave sooner...

As for the Zionist regime — which is another enemy of ours — in its 75 years of existence, it had never faced a dire crisis like the one it is facing today. Firstly, it is gripped by "political instability." They have changed four prime ministers in four years. Their political coalitions fall apart before they have even been formed completely. They form a coalition, but the coalition falls apart after just a short time. The parties that have already been formed or are gradually being formed dissolve. That is, they become so weak that it is like dissolution.

An extreme bipolarity exists throughout the fake regime. [If] you look at it now — the Palestinian issue is a different matter — there is bipolarity among them. The demonstrations of 100,000 and 200,000 or more people in Tel Aviv and various other cities are a sign of this. Now, they may strike a place with a few rockets here and there, [but] this won't compensate for that issue. They are truly suffering from political weakness and instability. They have announced that the number of people, the number of Jews, who will leave Israel soon will reach to two million. They have announced this. They have said that in the near future some two million people will leave the Zionist regime [the Occupied Territories].

Their own officials continuously warn that their collapse is nearing. Their president says this, their former prime minister says this, their [national] security chief says this, their defense minister says this. They all say it. They say our collapse is close. We will not make it to our 80th birthday. We had said [in 2015] that they would not see 25 years from then, but they themselves are in a rush and want to leave sooner.

We shouldn't say that the strength of the Palestinian groups has increased by several times compared to the past. [Rather,] it has increased by perhaps tens of times. We received a report saying that the Palestinians carried out 27 operations in the Occupied Territories in 24 hours, in all parts of Palestine. They operate in Jerusalem, in the lands of the West Bank, and in the lands of 1948. They operate everywhere. The Palestine of Oslo — you remember the disgrace that Yasser Arafat and others made for Palestine in the Oslo Accords — has become

the Palestine of Areen al-Ousoud [The Lion's Den]. The Palestine of "ousoud," the lions! This is how much it has changed. This is how the Palestinians have transformed. On the other hand, they [the Zionist regime] have become weak. Praise God, the Resistance Front is gaining power, examples of this are the Palestinian [groups] that I mentioned. This was something that I wanted to share with you.

Palestine is the pivot of Islamic Awakening

After the Islamic Revolution in Iran and Imam Khomeini's (r.a.) movement, the wave of Islamic Awakening spread vigorously to other parts of the region and the world in two decades. Today the issue of Palestine is the pivot of this movement. The al-Aqsa Intifada managed to go beyond the borders of Pal-

estine and engage all Muslim and Arab nations. Massive demonstrations of Muslim nations throughout the world of Islam showed that the people of Palestine could count on their support and that Palestinians can play an important role in creating unity among Muslims.

The day Islamic resistance was formed in Lebanon on Imam Khomeini's advice and through the efforts made by valorous Lebanese men, Israel had already occupied Beirut — that is, the capital city of Lebanon — and had control over this country's political fate. At that time, when Islamic resistance shouted the slogan "march, march towards al-Quds", some misinformed group of people called them naive and sarcastically asked, "Is it possible to move towards al-Quds while you [Lebanese people] are unable to go to your own capital city?" It took 18 years for Islamic resistance to gain that historic victory. Eighteen years is not a long time in the history of a nation.

Resistance: A prerequisite for liberation

The al-Aqsa Intifada was an uprising staged by the people, which showed that Palestinians are disappointed in all solutions that involve compromise. The al-Aqsa Intifada showed that Palestinians have realized that victory can only be gained through resistance. As a successful paradigm for the Islamic Ummah, resistance could for the first time liberate the occupied lands without making any concessions to Israel and prevented the realization of the Zionist regime's wishes of raising its flag in the capital city of Lebanon. According to the Camp David

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Accords, Israel agreed to retreat on condition that Egypt did not send its army to the Sinai Peninsula in the north. But in the south, it is Israel that is begging Lebanon to send its army to the borders of Palestine and Lebanon due to its fear of the power of Islamic resistance. That is to say, Islamic resistance could fully restore Lebanon's national authority over the southern parts of Lebanon as well as other parts of the Lebanese occupied lands.

Survival of Palestine and annihilation of Israel

Today the leaders of the usurping Zionist regime and their American supporters — who are foolishly giving them unconditional support — are trying to erase the name of Palestine from history and from the minds of the world's people. Since the year 1947 and 1948, when Palestine was fully occupied and the Zionist regime came to power, they have not managed to achieve this goal and they will not be able to do so for decades. They will not be able to annihilate the name of Palestine. It is the Zionists who will disappear from the face of the earth and from history. But Palestine and the Palestinian nation will stay.

They mistakenly think that Palestine and the Palestinian nation will be annihilated. The Palestinian nation will survive. Palestine will survive as well. By Allah's favor, Palestine's flag will be raised by the faithful Palestinian and Lebanese youth.

Zionism and the fake usurping Zionist regime in Palestine are doomed to annihilation. The people of Palestine must ask Allah the Exalted for assistance and rely on Him. Palestinian and Lebanese youth as well as all youth of the world of Islam and all intellectuals must pursue this path.

The oppressive and usurping Zionists must know that the faithful young generation of Palestine and Lebanon are invincible. The faithful and determined resistance of the Palestinian nation cannot be stopped through political negotiations, security and military pressure, or propaganda mercenaries. Similarly, the honorable Iranian nation cannot be defeated through the old, unsuccessful methods that the Zionists have frequently used in the past two decades.

The definite future

The present conditions in Palestine are indicative of the definite future that Allah the Exalted has promised for sincere and determined mujahids. And this divine promise is inviolable. The oppressive and brutal Zionist regime as well as American politicians and global Zionism wrongly think that they will manage to defeat the Palestinian nation through their brutal actions. They think they will manage to force the Palestinian nation to surrender. This is a fatal mistake. And those who make this mistake will be severely punished in the future.

Palestine belongs to the Palestinian nation. Sooner or later, the usurpers will inevitably surrender to this reality. Today the faithful and resisting Palestinian youth are entrusted with a great historic responsibility, and they should rely on divine assistance and God's inviolable promises. Through their hope, faith, and selfless efforts, they should ensure a bright future for their nation. Through the continuation of resistance by the faithful Palestinian people and the support of the world of Islam, Palestine will, by Allah's favor, be liberated. And al-Quds and Masjid al-Aqsa and the other parts of the occupied Islamic lands will be restored to the world of Islam.

The victory of blood over the sword

The people of the world of Islam should also know that America and the arrogant powers cannot get engaged in the issues of Muslim countries as a benevolent and sympathetic mediator. Their role is that of an enemy, a supporter of oppressors and aggressors. The duty of Muslims does not end here. This duty will remain on the shoulders of all Muslims. The faithful people of Palestine must be armed. They should be assisted and emotionally supported so that they can pursue their courageous jihad. Today the Palestinian nation has proven through its resistance, valor, and tireless efforts that blood can stand up to the sword. And by Allah's favor, the Palestinian nation will prove that blood can defeat the sword.

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International Quds Day: Israel in fear

By Ali Karbalaei

TEHRAN- This year's event comes as the Israeli regime is facing challenges from within and resistance abroad.

International Quds Day is a global event where mass anti-Israel protests take place around the world. The founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, initiated the day of solidarity with Palestine on the last Friday of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Israel is witnessing growing resistance against its colonialism, most significantly over the past year, from the occupied West Bank.

Gone are the days when Israeli troops enjoyed the freedom to raid West Bank towns and villages to ethnically cleanse the Palestinians residing there.

Today, newly formed armed resistance factions by the West Bank youth have changed the equation and are taking the battle to Israel's occupation troops.

They are conducting armed retaliatory operations against the regime's occupation including at its many military checkpoints scattered across the West Bank. Those retaliatory operations have struck the heart of the occupied territories, Tel Aviv.

They are also refusing to surrender to the regime's almost daily pre-dawn invasion of Palestinian towns and villages. Instead, these youths are confronting special forces in armed clashes, battles that usually last several hours.

Their refusal to surrender explains the high Palestinian death toll. Israeli forces have murdered around 100 Palestinians so far this year.

It's no wonder Israel plans to set up a "National Guard" (in what critics have been described as a settler militia) to handle the West Bank resistance.

"A picture that speaks a thousand words"

That's how Israeli media described a photo published on April 9, 2023 of a meeting between the Secretary General of Lebanon's Hezbollah Sayyad Hassan Nasrallah and

Ismail Haniyeh, the head of the Hamas political bureau.

The two leaders met in Beirut on Saturday to discuss "the readiness of the axis of resistance" and to further expand their cooperation in light of Israel's terrorism these days at al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied al-Quds (Jerusalem).

The meeting between Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Hamas movement in the besieged Gaza Strip to expand and improve cooperation will be seen as a major concern among the security apparatus of the Zionist entity.

The salvo of missiles fired from Palestinian refugee camps in Southern Lebanon and the Gaza Strip in response to Israel's desecration of al-Aqsa Mosque (Islam's third holiest site) indicated one key element:

The regime responded by striking farmland in Lebanon and airstrikes in the Gaza Strip for one night. In both attacks it was careful not to kill anybody as it cannot afford a wider conflict with the Palestinian resistance.

It also cannot embark on a war with Hezbollah as it knows very well the powerful resistance movement has weapons that can strike deep inside all occupied territories, including precision missiles that can hit very sensitive sites, including Israel's Dimona nuclear weapons plant.

The same can be said about the Gaza Strip. Israel cannot afford a conflict with the Palestinian resistance in the blockaded coastal enclave as the resistance has missiles in its hands that can hit vital Israeli infrastructure and humiliate the regime.

With the power of the resistance in Lebanon and Gaza significantly growing, Israel can't even wage a war to divert attention from the crisis the entity is witnessing from within.

There have been mass protests by Israelis

against their new coalition's plans to overhaul the regime's so-called judicial system.

Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets and clashed with forces in protest against the proposed measures by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ultra-orthodox and fascist cabinet.

Such is the extent of the fighting within Israel and warnings by the regime's President and other officials of a "civil war", Netanyahu's cabinet was forced to postpone the plans for a month.

But as the English say, he is stuck between a rock and a hard place.

If Netanyahu drops his overhaul plans, he could end up in prison for corruption charges as well as members of his fragile coalition withdrawing, which would mean an end to his majority in the Israeli Knesset.

That would result in another record fifth election in less than five years. There has never been so much internal division within the entity's 75 years of occupation of Palestine. Nevertheless, Netanyahu needs to keep his cabinet at any cost. This explains the vicious storming into al-Aqsa Mosque and committing terror on innocent worshippers in a desperate bid to appease the settlers.

If there is anything that brings a smile on the settler's faces, it is footage of the occupation troops mercilessly attacking women and men inside al-Aqsa Mosque. But again, this comes with its ramifications that Israel will face in the near future.

So much is the division over Netanyahu's overhaul plans of the judiciary that even segments in nearly all of the regime's military armed forces and units withdrew from crucial training, which Israeli military officials, in turn, said poses a direct threat to the existence of the occupation.

In another major setback for Israel, its staunchest supporter, the United States has lost its clout in West Asia as witnessed by the recent detente between Iran and Saudi Arabia as well as the steady restoration of ties between Syria and the Arab world.

In a sign of how developments are quickly changing in West Asia, a Saudi delegation travelled to the Yemeni capital Sana'a for talks with the head of the popular Ansarullah revolution, not the other way round.

This was not the case two decades ago, when Washington had major influence on the region. That influence is now shifting to the countries in West Asia itself.

Alongside that, such is the fascist language being publicly broadcast by the minister in Netanyahu's cabinet, that it has forced the U.S. to end its decades long protocol of inviting a new Israel's Prime Minister to the White House within two or three months.

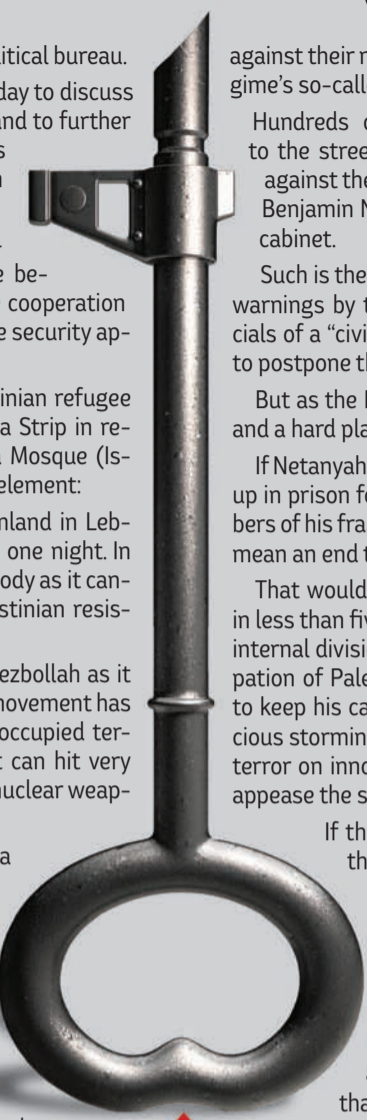
Netanyahu, who assumed power again in January is still waiting for an invitation to hold talks with President Joe Biden. And he may have to wait longer.

On March 28, when Biden stressed he is not going to invite the Israeli prime minister to Washington "in the near term", Netanyahu publicly hit back at the U.S. President, underscoring the tense relationship between the current White House and the Israeli occupation.

However, it all goes back to the indigenous people of the land.

On Sunday Syrian President Bashar al-Assad pointed out that the Palestinian nation's perseverance has pushed the occupying regime to the brink of collapse.

Israel has never been in a fragile state (pardon the pun) as it is now, facing so many crises from within and from the developments in the region as well as the international community as it continues to pursue its extremely racist agenda.



Wrong state and possibility of its continuity

By Batool Al-Subeiti

The wrong state arose out of necessity and as a pillar of a new colonial system after the First World War, as the global colonial capitalist powers represented by the United Kingdom and France carved up continents. Then to wrestle the helm of leadership, the Americans took power from the Europeans after the Second World War, therefore the formation of the wrong state was as a reliable and forward base, planted in the most important strategic area and promising an important lifeline that the West cannot do without.

The matter did not continue as it was, and with America attempting to establish a new world order after the fall of the Soviet Union based on one imperialist capitalist pole, the wrong state no longer of the importance it previously had, with America directly descending and rule the region through the thesis of the New Middle East project.

With the current phase that is the attempt to create a multipolar world for countries to escape from the American policy of blockade, sanctions, and financial exclusion, which has become a systematic American approach in managing its relations with the countries of the world, the importance of the wrong state has declined. Its importance in relation to the interests of the West has become marginal, and we are now living through this stage with the focus of the Western-American military conflict on Russia and the conflict trade with China.

The wrong state was founded as a large stick to discipline the surrounding nations, to protect Western interests under the American leadership, and therefore was founded as the largest military base in the form of a state to balance the region's policies according to the American vision. This entity is now in need of protection, and this is contrary to the goal for which it was found.

What are the factors that threaten the continuity of the wrong state? At the level of its enemies, these include:

1) Geographical and demographic vulnerability. After the wrong state reached the peak of its expansion by occupying the Lebanese capital, Beirut in 1982, it did not stop from that date



exclusively retreating and regressing.

2) It gradually withdrew under the pressure of resistance operations from Lebanon until May 2000, and from the Gaza Strip in 2005

3) The evolution of internal resistance from stones, to white weapons, to guns. Now, the wrong state is encircling itself with a wall for fear of operations coming from the West Bank. Within the circle of the entity surrounded by the wall, the number of Palestinians is increasing, and their influence on the political life of the wrong state is also increasing.

Exploring the quantitative and qualitative developments of the resistance, these include:

1) Attributes such as seriousness, careful planning, determination and real will

2) The qualitative development at the level of weapons, their accuracy, quantity, and combat effectiveness, as was seen in the July war. The qualitative leap in the Battle of Saif Al-Quds, and this development has become accelerating

on all fronts.

3) The geographical area of the resistance expanded and extended all the way to the Red Sea and Bab al-Mandab Strait, as well as extension from Iran to Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and into Palestine.

4) In the leadership of the axis, Iran is developing very quickly and it is taking a broader political role, not only at the regional level, but also at the global level. Iran is involved in an effective manner in most of the hot issues of the region and the world, despite the blockade that passes on countries in the world, as is the case, and this axis moves in harmony in all its focal points.

5) The strategies of resistance today differ from what was usual in the past. During the emergence of the Palestinian revolution led by Yasser Arafat, there were commando operations carried out by the Palestinian factions from abroad, from the neighbouring countries such as Jordan before 1970, and Lebanon for more than a decade after that, then into the

occupied Palestinian interior. Today, there is a policy of multiple fronts, and intervening, when necessary, from the closest ally, until the aggression is thwarted. Therefore, all sides of the resistance emerge from the confrontations stronger and more coordinated despite the destruction and killing, and this is under a central slogan, the unity of the battle.

On the level of the allies, the factors that threaten the continuity of the wrong state include:

1) The wrong state is no longer serving its functional role. The method of direct engagement of the Americans in the affairs of the regions of the world has made the entity lose the influence it had when it was created to suit the Western colonial engagement that was indirect.

2) The reformulation of the world and creation of the new world order is the biggest challenge of America. The problems of the population, water, pollution, of luxury and domination are becoming more important.

3) Reducing China's commercial power has become a priority so that this surplus does not turn into a political surplus.

4) Reducing the political influence of the Russians who are trying to restore their political and military role in the region has become more important.

5) The wrong state in all of this has no role. In fact, it has its own concerns that it wants to implicate the West with. Therefore, the world is engaged in new challenges that do not have the primacy of the wrong state.

On the inner level, the factors that threaten the continuity of the wrong state include:

1) The clear vertical division between the extreme right religious wings and the civil wings.

2) Battles of corruption and their distribution amongst partisan political action.

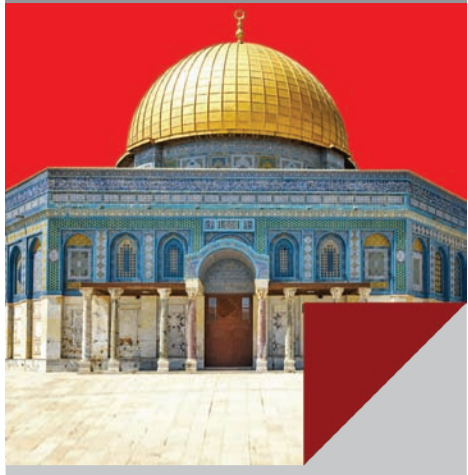
3) Raising the ceiling of threats as a tool in the repeated electoral battles.

How does the wrong state deal with existential crises?

It exercises excessive use of force. The reality is that whoever is in full strength and security does not resort to such exaggeration of force. The excessive violence and killing against Palestinians seem to be indirect messages the Zionists are sending to their masters in the West, the message of objecting to Western policies towards them and dealing in their own way. The indication of the wrong state's weakness is resorting to oppressing the weak to such a magnitude as was seen in Al-Aqsa.

Assessing the verbal approach in threats the wrong state has taken, for more than twenty years the Zionist regime has been talking about attacking sites to disable Iran's nuclear reactors, but it hasn't done so because it doesn't have the American cover or seal of approval. Their strategy is one of wanting to fight their real enemies through others; they want America to fight Iran on their behalf. However, in addition to losing their allies, they are losing themselves. Their faith in their existence and continuity seemed to be shaken, and the curse of the 8th decade is something ex-premier Ehud Barak has spoken about. It is clear that ultimately the wrong state has lost its confidence and security.

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Ongoing issues in the world require a sharp eye to see, evaluate and propose solutions to the hidden world of arrogant colonial politics. Today, we live in a world where information is freely available and borders no longer pose an obstacle to this, but it is difficult to identify different issues and their importance. Recognizing the issue of Palestine and its importance in the Islamic world was first proposed by Imam Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and then presented to the complex world of politics. Yet, the world is such a large place for dissipating such information, and trivial issues tend to diminish its importance.

General Qasem Soleimani, who understood its importance from the time he understood the Khomeini movement, never let it out of sight and accepted it as a defined ideology. He always stood by the side of Palestinians in various forms, including in ideology and solidarity, and also in providing them with equipment. General Qasem Soleimani, as a Muslim cross-border soldier in the Islamic Republic's strategy of helping the oppressed, fought on the frontlines against arrogant forces until he achieved his goal of martyrdom for Islam. This article intends to examine the importance of Palestinian unity from his point of view by analyzing the speeches and actions of General Qasem Soleimani and those who knew him well.

Forming a Military Arrangement in the Middle East

Although the interview of General Soleimani (2019) was about the 33 Day War in Lebanon and its apparent and hidden factors, its outcome for Palestine can also be assessed in general. The United States has gained a great deal of power and influence in the Middle East since 2001 as the demographic debate in Palestine, and later in Lebanon, was under way.

Naturally, this gave the Zionist regime an opportunity to take advantage of the US military presence in the region and take action. In other words, this hegemony has been effective in intimidating Iran and intimidating and stopping Syria from taking action.

Also, the presence of American troops sent a puzzling signal which was not clear for a long time, but became more visible with the 33 Day War in Lebanon.

According to General Soleimani, it is understood that the new Middle East plan did not materialize in 2019, but has been a plan in the making; in 2006, it surfaced as the 33 Day War.

Palestine was an important piece of the puzzle in this plan, playing an important and constructive role. Although they started negotiations with other Arab leaders to place Palestine in a deadlock, General Soleimani's strategic foresight upset the equation, because he sought peace and reconciliation in the Middle East, but not of the Israeli-American kind.

Disagreement among the Palestinian Resistance Forces

Before General Soleimani, the Palestinian resistance factions had said that the return of security agreements with the institution was a poke in the wheel for the people, dashing their hopes of achieving unity. The factions called on the Palestinian Authority (PA) to reverse the decision and end its policy of monopolising political decisions.

It seems that one of the greatest mistakes of the Oslo Accords in 1993 was the empowerment of the Pal-

Palestine from the Perspective of General Soleimani



Unity the key to victory

estian Authority at the expense of the PLO, which deprived millions of Palestinians abroad of their right to decide their own fate. It also transformed the PA into a political entity governing non-sovereign territories, which largely harmed the just Palestinian cause.

National unity will contribute to all Palestinian factions going to the polls with a unified political programme. A clear and obvious political roadmap will help the Palestinians to avoid the state of chaos and uncertainty that surfaced in the wake of Hamas' victory in the 2006 elections. Hamas failed to recognise the deals and agreements previously signed by Fatah with the Zionist side.

The Palestinian people and their cause have suffered a lot as a result of the 14-year-long political rift between the main rivals. A

unified political umbrella which includes all Palestinians is not just an urgent need, it is a way out of the political vacuum that led to the ordeal of the Gaza blockade and also emboldened the Zionist regime to expand in the West Bank.

What exacerbated these divisions and frustrations was President Trump's new Middle East plan. The Greater Middle East Plan (GMENAI) is a scenario designed to address the goals of the hegemonic system, and in particular the formation of American hegemony in the 21st century. The plan was to turn the Arab states of the Middle East, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, the Muslim countries of the Caucasus, and the Zionist regime into a Zionist-centric bloc in a free economy. By implementing the Greater Middle East Plan, the United States

sought to create small dependent countries constantly in conflict with each other and, in order to gain more concessions under the banner of supporting the Israeli regime, ma

According to General Soleimani's interview, he understood the dimensions of many US-Zionist regime plans from the 33 Day War, one of which was the new Middle East plan, knowing that the issues plaguing resistance forces would send them to seek compromise with Israel in the not-too-distant future.

Attempts to Unite the Resistance Forces in Palestine

Hojjatolislam Ismail Saadat, Senior Advisor to the Commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, said about the role of General Haj Qasem Soleimani in shaping the resistance forces: General Haj Qasem Soleimani formed the Islamic resistance in the same way in different countries and helped the oppressed to cut off the hands of the oppressors. He helped them become self-sufficient, from making weapons to manufacturing missiles ... He made no distinctions between Shia, Sunni and Zaydi faiths when it came to supporting the resistance forces. He sought to bring religions closer together and told his soldiers that they had no right to impose their beliefs on the soldiers of other countries.

So, the first step for General Soleimani to unite the resistance forces was to put aside religious differences. Therefore, Shias, Sunnis, Christians, Zaydis and other faiths and religions should not be discussed in the matter of unity among the resistance forces; religious differences should

not be allowed to prevent resistance.

Dr Yusuf al-Hasayna says Qasem Soleimani was able to establish an organised resistance against terrorist plans directed by the US and Zionists, so he acted as a coordinator of resistance groups. He made resisting the US and Israel a top strategic priority for Muslims, considering the Zionist regime and its allies in the region as a base for advanced terrorism against the Muslim world and nations in West Asia.

So, General Qasem Soleimani, in contact with the military commanders of Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, announced the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to fully support the forces of the Palestinian Islamic Authority.

The Commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, during a telephone conversation with the commander of the Battalions of martyr Izz al-Din Qassam and the Saraya Command (Islamic Jihad Battalions) in Gaza, announced the Islamic Republic of Iran's readiness to fully support the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Forces.

Also, Hojjatolislam Hamid Shahriari, in an interview with Iran Press, hailed the "unparalleled role" played by Lieutenant General Qasem Soleimani in boosting Islamic unity among different Islamic denominations.

The cleric praised the assassinated commander of the IRGC for pursuing Islamic unity, both in its ideological and practical aspects.

He said, "General Soleimani deeply believed in Islamic unity and was fully aware of struggles against the arrogant powers ruling the world." Hojja-

toleslam Shahriari, in his interview conducted in the wake of the first martyrdom anniversary of the prominent counter-terrorism commander of Iran's IRGC Quds Force, warned of efforts to disperse Muslims and spark sectarian wars among them."

The Secretary General of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought noted, "General Soleimani was fully aware of enemy plots; therefore, he showed his deep belief in Islamic unity in practice, won the trust of the different denominations in every battlefield he fought on and foiled plots to disperse Muslims."

The cleric referred to the different instances of General Soleimani's efforts to settle the disagreement between Kurdish groups, Sunni communities and different Islamic denominations and establish a unified front, a resistance front, in the best way possible.

"His deep belief in Islamic unity was key in his great achievements for prevailing security across the entire region" said Hojjatolislam Shahriari.

Vice SG of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said Lt General Soleimani told him the only path to liberating Palestine was armed struggle and national unity between Palestinians. Photos of Lt General Soleimani were also exhibited, showing moments of his missions across Syria and Iraq. And, as observers say, contrary to the will of the US and its regional allies, General Soleimani's assassination has further strengthened unity among all members of the resistance front.

Conclusion

It is very important to know that this is an Islamic and Iranian issue in the region and that these are not separate from one another. Therefore, the military arrangement created in the region also endangers the borders of Islam and Iran. Just as ISIS and the Takfiri forces had to be defeated, the resistance forces have to continue their struggle. The new Middle East plan and the alignment of some countries in the region with the Zionist regime have created despair and apprehension for the Palestinian resistance forces, so Palestine as an arm of Islam must endure.

Also, Palestinian national unity will give a new impetus to the efforts aimed at reviving the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), to restore its role as the main representative of the Palestinian people, both those living inside occupied Palestine and the diaspora.

Many ifs were formed during the surrender of the resistance forces, the main one of which was not the destruction of Palestine and the resistance forces, but the return of the

arrogant ways and resulting dangers in the Middle East. As a result, in the opinion of General Qasem Soleimani, the alliance of the resistance forces is a point of defense against the Zionist regime and must include the entire Islamic world in extension. Therefore, the unification of Palestine will pave the way for the unification of the Islamic world.



I believe that Palestine is an occupied land from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River, and this is the right of the entire Palestinian people, this land.

Hassan Nasrallah



Palestine belongs to the Arabs in the same sense that England belongs to the English or France to the French.

Mahatma Gandhi



The Zionist argument to justify Israel's present occupation of Arab Palestine has no intelligent or legal basis in history.

Malcolm X



No people anywhere in the world would accept being expelled en masse from their own country; how can anyone require the people of Palestine to accept a punishment which nobody else would tolerate?

Bertrand Russell



The Arab population of Palestine are victims of genocidal actions; their lands are confiscated or deprived of water supplies in the semi-desert areas, and their homes are destroyed with heavy wrecking equipment.

Fidel Castro

CHILDREN IN PRISON

OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, NEARLY 19,000 PALESTINIAN CHILDREN, SOME AS YOUNG AS 10, HAVE BEEN CRUELLY SNATCHED FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND IMPRISONED BY ISRAELI FORCES, PERPETUATING A GROSS VIOLATION OF THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS



Water Apartheid Exposed

Israel's continuous reduction of water resources in Palestine has resulted in a staggering statistic - Palestinians are left with only 20 liters of water per person per day, while Israelis enjoy 300 liters.

