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There Was Never a Plan to Include the Palestinians

To understand the quagmire that is Israel and Palestine, we need to understand the history of the region, and a sad reality that most geopolitical issues are 'settled' under a rationale that 'might is right'—a process, bereft of empathy, compromise and justice.

Watching what played-out this week in Israel, we see just how stupid and heartless human beings are. Hamas invaded Israel, killing more than 1000 Israelis—indiscriminately. Although Palestine's anger towards Israel is justified, the killing of innocent civilians is terrorism. Condemning all Jews, as guilty, is an Osama Bin Ladin rationalization.

Now, there's footage of Jews and Palestinians in NYC, separated in fenced-off compounds, each calling for the extermination of the other as vermin—unfit to live. Lessons we could have learned from the Holocaust—instead degenerate into vicious hatred.

How did it get to this—and is there a way forward? Or, is it just more Minsk Accord lies, where they never intended to heal the rift between Ukraine/Russian provinces? Were Palestinians lied to along the way? Behind Israeli smiles, was there ever any goodwill?

What happened in that region and with those peoples? The Jews suffered a holocaust during WW2, losing 6 million people. At the end of the war, the world community sought a place that Jews could call their own. They looked at Argentina, Madagascar, and Palestine. Their fact-finders came back from Palestine with a report that the place was settled with people. Yet Britain, as the occupiers (actually colonizers), offered Palestine to the Jews as their refuge (homeland)—to be developed into a Jewish state.

Terrorism is terrorism and that is what Hamas conducted, but writing it off without historical context would be the same as calling Putin a 'thug invader', without venturing back to 2014, so as to understand what made invading Ukraine a Russian imperative.

Palestine (West Bank/Gaza), is an open-air concentration camp (in existence longer than the Soviet Union controlled Eastern Europe), where Israel used force to establish the Jewish State, after 'ethnically cleansing' the Arabs from their homes (never to return), so Israel could attain to an 80/20 Jews to Arab ratio to ascertain Jewish control.

6 million is also a number of Palestinians, murdered, uprooted, or made to live in fenced-in squalor, for decades. Have the Palestinians conducted 'terrorism' against Israelis/Israel over that time? They have, but not understanding how Palestinian 'hatred' came to be, leaves us with 2 groups, shrieking at the other, as vermin—unfit to live.

There were only ever 2 choices: follow the UN Resolution and give the Palestinians

their own state. Instead, Israel made a deal with the King of Jordan, putting the Palestinians under his control. Instead of having a state, the Palestinians were marginalized while Israel got its state—in the proportions it wanted. The Palestinians got nothing.

Now with the passage of uncaring and time, it's too late for a 2 state solution. Half a million Jews 'occupy' Palestinian land. Under the UN Charter these settlements are totally illegal, yet the rationale: in a 'war scenario', the Palestinians fled and gave-up their claim to the land—which is absurd. Israel maintains it had to strike 1st in 67 because forces were being amassed against it. Let's say that's true—it doesn't change things.

The Palestinians had nothing to do with that war. They were non-combatants in the middle of it. But, I'm ahead of myself. Back in 1947, when the State of Israel was in incipency, 'terrorist groups' 'ethnically cleansed' Palestine. How many Palestinians were moved out of their homes and off their land? About 3/4s of a million. How many were permitted to return? None? They had nowhere to go—and no one who would care.

Israeli settlers took/take land, build and nobody does anything. As long as the Palestinians remain quietly skeptical of 'changes in their cages', the UN stays silent. 'Might is right'. The world has no need to intercede. Life is trouble—'shut up and move along'.

Who owes land? For that we go all the way back to John Locke: You live on land; you till the soil; it belongs to you. Because Queen Victoria's flag is planted on other people's soil, that is not ownership—that is 'real politic' usurpation. For the Brits to give it to someone else—just another crime against humanity. Said so many times: 'God gave this land to the Jews'. After researching: If God given, God gave it to Palestinians.

But no: because a rumor is heard that maybe during the Roman Empire a Jew settled in Palestine, all Jews in Brooklyn can now lay claim to that land. How can that be? Because the heartless: Woodrow Wilson, Bill Clinton, and Netanyahu say it is so.

In this article I'm not going to take a deep dive, but general surmise has it that Netanyahu made Hamas prominent to label all Palestinians 'terrorists'. But, even Hamas has expressed willingness to recognize Israel's right to exist based on boundaries prior to the '67' war, and recognition by Israel of 'right to return'/citizenship for Palestinians.

Propaganda tells us there have been offers from Israel for Palestinian statehood. If there were—I cannot find them. Each Palestinian uprising (intifada), has brought terrorism in response to Israeli terrorism. Israel started the cycle, and what was/is done to Palestinians amounts to war crimes, recognized under UN Charter by each signatory.

Palestinians experience 'hell on earth' because a 'collective west' had the 'power but not the right'. Because a 'scraggly bunch of Arabs' lacked power (like 1st Americans), they got 'the sword'. Golda Meir offered Madeleine Albright rationalizations: We will never forgive them for making us kill their children, or, a land without people for a people without land. Golda chose to forgo Ben-Gurion's take on Palestine as a Jewish State: We can't do it—there's people everywhere. Palestinians were never included.

A murderous week in Israel—that cannot be justified. But, neither can Nakba (ethnic cleansing), of 1947. And, whatever led-up to the '67' war, the Palestinians, caught in the middle, had nothing to do with it. So, unless Israel wants 'intifada' after 'intifada', there is no way forward but to make citizens of the Palestinians, recognized with full rights of Israeli citizens. Forget about the 80/20 ratio—a messy democracy among equal citizens is preferable to terrorism pay-backs for never-forgotten past terrorisms.

The surging gold price is long-awaited, but I'd gladly trade it for empathy and charity.

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