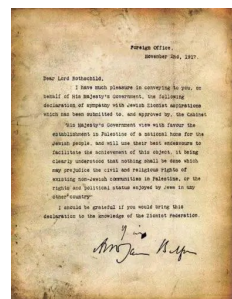


Operation Al Aqsa Flood: Palestine, Israel, and Resistance

I don't know how to begin this article. I could write that we are now in Day 23 of the "Hot War" between Israel and Palestine that began on October 7, 2023.

But, that would contain an error because Israel has been in a hot war against Palestine since Zionists chose the land of Palestine as their final object of interest after considering a British colonial territory in modern-day Kenya as a Jewish homeland. Yes, on August 26, 1903, the "Father of Zionism," Theodor Herzl,

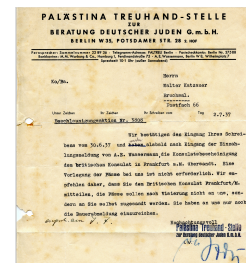


Balfour Declaration

proposed the creation of a Jewish homeland in British East Africa. This became erroneously known as "The Uganda Plan" despite being denoted as "The Nairobi Plan" in Herzl's notes. After a long line of synagogue burnings, Talmud burnings, and Jewish expulsions throughout Eurasia, organized Jewry began to focus on Palestine as a future homeland when, in November 1917, the British issued the Balfour Declaration, which stated the commitment of the monarchy "to the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people."

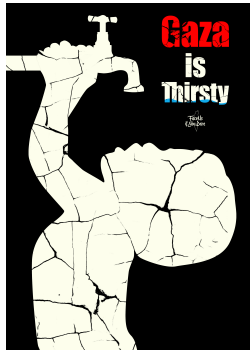
Despite a Soviet decree creating the Jewish Autonomous Oblast, the German Zionist Organization signed an agreement in August 1933, with the Zionist's Anglo-Palestine Bank and Hitler's Economics Ministry that allowed Jews in Germany to emigrate to Palestine while taking some of their money with them. Haaretz writes that 60,000 German Jews took advantage of this opportunity, known as the Transfer (or *Haavara*, in Hebrew) Agreement. In this way, Jewish Palestine received an economic boost of about 100 million reichsmarks, according to encyclopedia.com. The creation of Jewish paramilitary organizations in Palestine could be marked as the beginning of the low-level skirmishes. And, one could say that there has been a hot war between Zionist Jewish Israel and multi-religious Arab Palestine since even before November 29, 1947 when, according to Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations passed "Resolution 181,

the German Zionist Organization signed an agreement in August 1933, with the Zionist's Anglo-Palestine Bank and Hitler's Economics Ministry that allowed



Bulmarsh Family Haavara Agreement

adopting a plan to partition the British Mandate into two states, one Jewish, one Arab.”



So, to call what is happening now something new, is, sadly erroneous. I personally wandered into this important political issue when I first enter national level politics in the United States when I was invitation to sign a pledge of loyalty to Israel during the opening days of my campaign for election to Congress. Naturally, I rejected it, indignant that supporters in the U.S. of another state would even think that such a proposal didn't amount to treason. I recalled George Washington's Farewell Address of 1796 wherein the outgoing President warned the people of the U.S. against future follies.

Washington orated that “a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils,” and I felt that I had just experience such an evil. Moreover, such demands for loyalty to Israel were a commonplace practice in Washington, D.C. so much that I was viewed as a kook and a conspiracy theorist for blowing the whistle on the practice. There were many practices that tilted U.S. policy toward Israel, and in my opinion, away from justice—and even further away from our first Presidents' admonition. Moreover, U.S. policy cannot be a surprise when the children and grandchildren of the men and women who participated in Zionist political and paramilitary organizations in Israel have become today's U.S. policymakers. Moreover, they have a “mighty Wurlitzer” of heavy propaganda and media manipulation to undergird their policy initiatives. Thus, I am certainly not surprised that there would be a lot of misunderstanding or even indifference within the U.S. population about what is actually happening between the Zionist Jews of Israel and its Arab citizens and neighbors.



How Israel Turned Holy Site Into Battleground

Operation Al Aqsa Flood



Israel Invades Gaza

On October 7, 2023, after multiple Israeli provocations, raids and beatings, against Muslims praying at the Al Aqsa Mosque, the Palestinian Resistance did something that it had rarely done: It organized, it united its many factions, it coordinated with its larger base of support outside of Palestine, and it went on the offense by attacking Israel from Gaza. Just one correction is needed here: this is a war between Israel and the

asks in his October 24 article entitled, “The Mysteries of October 7,” describing the many anomalies of October 7, 2023 on the Israeli side of the border, he asks, “Why did Hamas stage an early morning raid on October 7 in what turned out to be a series of unguarded kibbutzim in Israel south?” and “Why were only a few Israeli soldiers on duty that morning?” In a previous October 12 article, entitled “Netanyahu Is Finished,” Hersh reminds his readers that Bibi Netanyahu actually thought that he could control Hamas and Operation Al Aqsa Flood is the result of that gigantic miscalculation.



What Did Bibi Know and When?

Question Number 3: Why is Operation Al Aqsa Flood so different from other clashes between Israel and Palestine?

According to Rasanah, a Saudi International Institute for Iranian Studies, this Operation is different in several significant ways: A) It succeeded in “breaching Israel’s first line of defense, taking the battle deep into Israeli territory and even calling into question the principle of invincible Israeli power.” B) Palestinian Resistance was able to infiltrate areas inside the Occupied Territories as well as Israel, itself. And C) The Netanyahu government failed to protect the settlers. Thus, according to Rasanah, Israel’s domestic politics will change amid a backdrop of growing prominence of the Palestinian Resistance, possibly sidelining the inept collaborationist [my characterizations] in a “crisis of credibility.” Finally, Rasanah’s report, entitled, “Operation Al Aqsa Storm (Flood),” concludes: “Overall, this operation is considered a quantum leap in terms of timing, scale, rules, outcomes and implications. This is the first time since the creation of Israel 75 years ago in which Palestinian fighters have infiltrated into the Israeli territories occupied after 1948.”



Palestinian Fighter Reads Quran

And After the Flood?

Saudi–Israeli normalization of relations have been stopped in their tracks—at least for now. Palestinian “Unity for Liberation” has taken a huge step forward with concrete results—so far. U.S., Israeli, and Western “prestige” in the region has taken a serious hit as what was once viewed by the world as an invincible fortress has been breached in full view of the world. And so it goes with The

West and the Global North. A “white” supremacist, apartheid international structure is heaving and cracking under the stress of this current round of decolonization that could be taking place. It very well could be on its way to a complete collapse. Thus, the proposed new U.S.-backed trade route to counter China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and destroy Global South solidarity in newly expanded BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa), by pulling India away from its usual non-aligned stance and towards Israel and the U.S. by way of the India-Middle East [sic]-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), could also be as dead in its tracks as is Saudi–Israeli normalization.

It is no secret that the U.S. is doing everything in its power to thwart the emerging multipolar world order where the vision is less wealth inequality globally and locally, inside countries and less big power interference in the domestic affairs of smaller countries. In other words, sovereignty. Toward a more equitable world. That vision requires a realignment of global powers and is happening today with the strategic partnership between Russia and China; global dedollarization; and the emergence of strategic regional groupings of the formerly colonized world like the newly expanded BRICS and China’s BRI, that offers infrastructure investments and development goals to smaller countries beyond what The West’s neoliberalism has to offer them as they try to escape the lingering effects of colonialism and neocolonialism.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that the United States needs a revolution of values. Perhaps the world in the Flood’s aftermath might force the people of the U.S. to have their own Day of Reckoning with themselves and the values they allow their elected leaders to manifest as they formulate U.S. policies for home and abroad.

