

The importance of the international solidarity with Palestine.

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Broder look:

Imagine if Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen or Turkey - fully backed, armed and diplomatically protected by Russia and China - had the will and the wherewithal to bomb Tel Aviv for three months, day and night, murder tens of thousands of Israelis, maim countless more and make millions homeless, and turn the city into a heap of uninhabitable rubble, like Gaza today.

Just imagine it for a few seconds that those countries or others deliberately targeting populated parts of Tel Aviv, hospitals, synagogues, schools, universities, libraries - or indeed any populated place - to ensure maximum civilian casualties. They would tell the world they were just looking for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his war cabinet.

Ask yourself what the West such as US, UK, EU, Canada, Australia and Germany in particular would do within 24 hours of the onslaught of this fictional scenario.

Now come back to reality, and consider the fact that since 7 October , and even for 76 years before that date, Tel Aviv's western allies have not only witnessed what Israel has done to our Palestinian people, but have also provided it with military equipment, bombs, munitions and diplomatic coverage, while American media outlets have offered ideological justifications for the slaughter and genocide of Palestinians.

The aforementioned fictional scenario would't be tolerated for a day by the existing unipolar world order. With the military thuggery of the US, Europe, Australia and Canada fully behind Israel, we the helpless people of the world, the Palestinians, do not count. This is not just a political reality; it is also pertinent to the moral imaginary and philosophical universe of the thing that calls itself "the West."

Now in reality, after more than three months of Israel's confident boasting of its occupying forces' ability to achieve victory and crush the Palestinian resistance to the long-standing occupation, a tone of pessimism and discord is beginning to dominate its political discourse.

This change comes in response to Israel "the occupying power" failure to achieve its strategic goal through the ongoing genocidal aggression against our Palestinian people, especially in

the Gaza Strip – except by committing atrocities that are unprecedented in contemporary history.

From a comprehensive viewpoint, the ongoing genocidal war serves the primary political goal of the Zionist colonial vision, which has been prepared by all successive Israeli governments and which the Netanyahu government is rapidly trying to implement the ethnic cleansing of all of historical Palestine to establish a purely Jewish state. Israel, moreover, is also engaging in American-supported purification efforts in the Middle East who is political and economic aspects are designed to “achieve victory.” Thus, the war aims to eliminate the currents and forces that oppose and stand against the hegemonic Western world as it implements its long-standing plans for our region. A variety of actions over the past twenty years have revealed the US vision of how to reach this goal, including the drawing of new maps for our region and the feasibility of the population forced or to push for "voluntary" transfer projects that would be required to achieve the desired demographic changes and establish new geopolitical boundaries, including the creation of new states and the dissolution of existing ones.

The New Middle East:

Therefore, the deep and direct American involvement today is merely an extension of its past involvement in the region. The ongoing genocide is not an isolated event but rather connected to what has been carried out or planned for other parts of the region to achieve the so called “New Middle East,” envisioned by the United States and NATO. As the Middle East has been transformed by the so-called Arab Spring and the Abraham Accords, the applied mechanisms follow “organized chaos” theory and aim to derail any attempts to challenge Western dominance and supremacy or Israel’s leading role in these efforts. The war furthermore creates a renewed form of global competition and aims to challenge emerging powers, especially China, Russia and states of the BRICS, and their intentions to change the existing international world order into a more just and less hegemonic system.

The West hegemonic dominance:

These aims encapsulate and perpetuate ideals intrinsic in Western heritage that serve the pursuit of the West’s colonial interests. For decades, successive US administrations and the country’s deep state have rendered the Middle East a center of conflict and instability. The region is painted as a place that, from this perspective, requires American presence to preserve the overarching interests of oil and gas flow, economic dominance, and the superiority of Israel as an expansionist occupying state in order to achieve US colonial, political, and security aims and control. Thus, efforts have aimed to manage rather than resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, thwarting the establishment of a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital on the pre-June 4, 1967 borders, as outlined by international suggestions for a two-state solution.

The 2 state solution:

As the United States now seems set to revive the two-state option – without outlining details or delineating boundaries – it becomes a new mirage in addition to its usual classical policies that have more or less explicitly supported the continuation of the Israeli occupation and colonial settlement expansion and the annexation of East Jerusalem and the occupied Golan heights. At this point, the two-state solution is little more than an unattainable utopia, given that for decades, US administration policies have aimed to prevent the implementation of our Palestinian people's right to self-determination on their land and instead confined the right to settle in Israel to adherents of the Jewish biblical faith. Even while this solution is touted, the expansion of colonial settlements, the forced displacement of Palestinians, and the annexation of Palestinian lands continue in blatant disregard of their illegality and despite the widespread and growing opposition that these measures face in public opinion in the United States and worldwide.

Palestinian resilience:

There is a vast difference between what the Israeli plan desires and what it can achieve. Historical experience shows cases where Palestinian resilience and resistance led by the PLO have thwarted many Israeli plans, including displacement projects.

Within the broader framework of these concepts, Israel found itself presented with an opportunity to expedite the implementation of its plans in the aftermath of October 7. The agenda of the Zionist national religious coalition government, known as the "Early Resolution" plan and based on the Torah-inspired vision of Joshua Ben Nun, has diverted public attention from Israel's internal division.

Internal Israeli divisions:

This division began in early 2023 with a judicial coup that many consider a threat to "Jewish democracy" and that has created divisions in Israeli society and raised reservations among some of its international allies.

These divisions are expanding more now, not in the Jewish Israeli community only but rather in the government and the political system in Israel due to the failure of their declared aims of the ongoing aggression against our Palestinian people and the isolation they are facing world wide, plus the accusation on committing a genocide by the friendly South Africa at the ICJ.

The intended "regional adjustment," from the US-Israeli perspective, allows for the ongoing genocide and the comprehensive destruction of Gaza. It entails forced and "voluntary" displacement, killings, and mass arrests in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, in attempts to reduce the risks of a non-Jewish majority between the river and the sea that could threaten the vision of a Jewish state and its racial purity in all of historical Palestine.

USA projects:

These regional adjustments are furthermore closely tied to broader American projects such as the “Indo-Pacific Corridor” and interest of oil and gas in the region in addition to the supposed Ben Gorioun canal that will connect the gulf of the red sea to the Mediterranean.

Therefore, Israel insists on its partnership with the United States and vice versa on a continuation of the crime of aggression in the name of self-defense (even though according to international law, the Palestinians as an occupied people are the ones who are entitled to the right to self-defense), and on its genocidal war by rejecting ceasefire initiatives and engaging in all the means of war it deems necessary. The unprecedented destruction reflects the desire for this war on Gaza and cities in the occupied West Bank including Jerusalem to mark the beginning of a series of future wars and expansion in the region. The aim for dominance requires the continued subjugation of forces and countries in the region to US policies, whether through persuasion or threats.

Feasibility of the war:

Initiatives to deal with the genocidal war are launched here and there to preserve face, while the unprecedented costs of upholding the occupation and of the ongoing aggression in terms of lives and the deterioration of economic and financial aspects are exacerbating the internal conditions not only for Palestinians but in Israel the occupying state as well. This is leading to increased disputes on the security and political levels within Israel and among the global Jewish community, which is beginning to question the feasibility of this war amid the increasing daily losses while declared goals are not achieved. Moreover, Netanyahu’s responsibility is highlighted, and he realizes that progressing in prisoner exchange deals or ending the war will jeopardize his alliance or lead to the end of his political life because he, along with others in Israel’s security and military leadership, is likely to face legal accountability.

PLO efforts:

Acknowledging the PLO’s diplomatic and political efforts at the United Nations that secured UN General Assembly resolutions, its attempts to obtain a Security Council resolution to stop the war and the efforts in conveying the Arab Islamic Summit and the Arab League to stop the genocide.

Here comes the importance that our national struggle and resilience should be linked to the reality of increasing international peoples solidarity , as the true image of the occupying state is being exposed as an apartheid and a regime above international law .We should built more together on these developments by implementing more open channels with the progressive and freedom advocates around the world through you my comrades and friends who are attending our webinar conference today and who believe in the principles of freedom , democracy and just peace.

The occupying state declared itself free from previous agreements, specifically the Oslo Accords as Netanyahu declared.

Mutual responsibility:

It's our mutual responsibility to respond to understand and cooperate according to these changing stances and to the rapid international changes that we are observing including those related to the people's public opinion around the world including that in the USA and Europe.

In addition, we must highlight the necessity of introducing a patriotic new generation in Palestine and your countries to keep the ongoing solidarity and reaffirm on the importance of the historical national narrative.

Hence, there is an urgent need to present a vision and mechanisms that are related to the mentioned facts and to find a way out of the situation we have reached due to the aggressive policies and measures of the Israeli occupation authorities; the failure of the official international community to assume its political, legal, and ethical responsibilities. We must amend the absence of content and mechanisms in our pursuit of national liberation over recent decades and allow our people to enjoy their democratic legal right and duty to participate in legislative and presidential elections that have not been implemented for seventeen years due to Israeli obstacles specially in East Jerusalem, an issue that Israel should be pressed to accept the procedures needed in East Jerusalem, as far Israel considers itself as a democracy, but in reality democracy does not match with racism, apartheid and colonialism that Israel practice.

Opportunity:

We are now facing a great opportunity to activate our political system to serve our national interests and the concerns of our people in all occupied State of Palestine as one geographic and political entity in the Gaza and the West Bank including East Jerusalem especially in the face of existing challenges that Israel is implementing in the face of the PNA, where a Palestinian unity government should be established after the war ends, with a political framework of the PLO and its international obligations and with only a Palestinian national perspective and understanding of the legitimacy of international law and resolutions.

The so-called Day After:

The PLO and the government of the State of Palestine while refusing the plans of the so-called "Day After" for Gaza. It is focusing on supporting our people's resistance in all its popular forms, protecting our people, and working hard to end the genocidal war in Gaza and the incursions into our cities and refugee camps in the West Bank while confronting the political projects put forward by the Israeli occupier and the United States, by demanding their adherence to international legitimacy and calling the EU states recognizing the State of Palestine as a full member within the framework in which it was recognized as an observer state by the UN General Assembly in 2012 as a state under occupation. Such measures should succeed in stopping the aggression and protecting our people. These measures should pave the way for a political horizon through an international umbrella with a leading role for the European Union, Russia, China, and other related states and lead to the implementation of nonnegotiable principles such as the right to self-determination and national independence.

and the rights of refugees according to international law and resolutions. It is not accepted any more for an American unilateral interference in various Palestinian affairs.

Unified representative:

The PLO was and will be a unified house for all Palestinian people with the aim to end the colonial Israeli occupation and apartheid and to achieve our national independence in the sovereign democratic State of Palestine.

In the face of this reality, there is a constant necessity to read the lessons of history and evaluate them at every stage of the national liberation struggle that we are still going through, with the complexities it carries that have not been witnessed by other national liberation movements in the world.

Rise of Fascism and need of international solidarity among people:

The stage of increasing brutality of Zionist thought, which has never stopped, during which we are exposed to crimes of genocide in Gaza , horrific daily executions of our youth, sieges of our cities, the breakout of settler gangs, gradual annexation of lands, expansion of settlements, and racist population displacement in Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, and Hebron.

But it is a stage in which we have what we want in terms of national dignity and the sympathy and solidarity of peoples and their progressive parties and movements, as well as many countries, as a result of the justice of our cause and the fascism and racism of Israeli the occupying state and its crimes, which have now become difficult for many countries to defend in front of their peoples, who have been escalating their solidarity movement for some time against all forms of Injustice ,Racism and the fascist right in Europe or Latin America and even in the United States, and this constitutes an important factor in putting pressure on the political positions of different countries, as well as the role of civil societies in your countries, municipalities, professional and labor unions, and university students. In addition to the boycott movements, not only for settlement goods, but also for all forms of boycott of the Israeli occupation state, here it is necessary to work with BDS and expand forms of cooperation with it.

Our destiny is to be among the peoples and with their movements against the brutal regime, apartheid, oppression and exploitation wherever they exist in this world.

The rise of solidarity:

We have seen what the various peoples of the world have done during the past months in terms of solidarity with our Palestinian people and the important results that have had achieved, in terms of revoking some of European states stances and the more understanding of the true face of the occupying state , as well the importance of taking Israel by South Africa to the international justice Court.

More of solidarity acts:

Many forms of solidarity can be introduced on the global level now. You can take suspected Israeli criminals to your national courts like what's happening in Switzerland.

Cultural forms of solidarity can be achieved easily in cooperation with us in your cities along side of enhancing the daily demonstrations over the world against these aggressive violations by Israel against the international laws and the international peace and security.

Our hopes:

Let us be hopeful. No matter how dark the scene appears on the one hand, there is another bright side represented by this popular international solidarity, as well as the non-hypocritical official positions of a large number of countries, and the rising resistance and national struggle of our youth in all locations against all forms of colonial occupation. Despite the deepest darkness, it is the moments before dawn nearby.

Any accumulation of ongoing quantitative variables will always lead to qualitative political transformations or perhaps to a change in the political positions of parties in the international community. Thus, we, the Palestinians, are among the ones who contribute to the acceleration and the ongoing transformative events regarding the world order and the regional and global mentality of the peoples (including ourselves) toward achieving just peace among peoples based on freedom and equality and the exercise of inalienable national rights. This is the only path to security, stability, and prosperity for all peoples in the region, which will contribute to the issue of international peace and security as well.

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