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U.S., Israel join forces to starve Palestinians

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By:Tarek Khalili

A coalition of European, American and Israeli forces has decided to starve the Palestinian nation.

As a result of the unjustified cut of international aid that followed the official rise of Hamas with the Palestinian legislative elections in January last year, and the economic sanctions Israel imposed on the extremely poor population, the Palestinians were left to suffer the worst ever rates of poverty.

Israeli sanctions included the monthly theft of \$50 million in tax revenues collected on behalf of the Palestinian Authority, on which the PA depends for at least 30% of its budget. Withholding such amount of money affected the salaries of approximately 140,000 teachers, nurses and other civil servants, as well as the 60,000-some members of the Palestinian police and security forces.

Sanctions also included enforcing severe security checks on the few Palestinians allowed to enter Israel for work, and barring Israeli companies from doing business in Palestine.

To sum up, Israel adopted measures that severe economic ties, which while benefiting Israel, allowed Palestine's fragile economy to teeter rather than topple.

United international efforts, comprising of Israel, the U.S., and European states sought to isolate Palestine from the world, further destabilize Palestine's already weak government, and to remove it from the international network on which it depends.

Last year, the United Nations issued a report painting a bleak image of the situation in Gaza and the entire occupied Palestinian territories, warning that the Palestinian population is facing a humanitarian catastrophe, due to lack of food and the inability of the UN to deliver food to families.

It also said that about 9% of Palestinian children under age five suffer from malnutrition-induced brain trauma.

It painted a sad picture of the impact of the economic sanctions imposed against the Hamas government of the Palestinian Authority (PA) by the United States and the others, including Britain.

The House of Commons International Development Committee has published a report describing the situation in Palestine.

Among the report's findings was the fact that the real GDP declined by 9 percent in the first half of 2006 and was predicted to fall by 27 percent by the end of 2006, with personal income falling by 30 percent.

The report also said that at least 70 percent of the Gazan workforce is unemployed or doesn't get paid, and 51 percent of the Palestinians have become dependants on food assistance (a 14 percent increase on last year)

The report also said that about 160,000 public sector workers have not been paid since March last year, affecting the lives of 25 percent of the population.

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According to the report, infant mortality in Palestinian has risen to 25.2 per 1,000 live births, and under-five mortality has reached 29.1 per 1,000 live births. It also warned that Palestinians have become unable to pay hospital fees, and, as a result of closures imposed by Israel, non-payment of salaries which led to repetitive strikes by staff, the supply of medication and equipment couldn't be delivered to assist Palestinians.

The average number of births in Hebron is believed to be about 600, the report said, but last September, only 100 babies were delivered in public hospitals, while 200 others at private or NGO hospitals, and three hundred others were home deliveries.

The report also said that 25 percent of Gaza's residents do not have sufficient access to water. As a result of the destruction of Gaza's power plant by Israeli bombardment in the offensive the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) launched last June, access to water has been further reduced, badly affecting hospitals and resulting in noticeable increase in diarrhoea, particularly among children under three.

But the Palestinians' sufferings are unlikely to be lifted even after the formation of a new government, which, shortly after being set up, Israel called on the world to boycott it.

The Palestinians hoped that the formation of the new [Fatah-Hamas](#) alliance would lead them out of international isolation.

But Washington quickly began to answer Israel's calls, and is likely to be followed by other European states, who'll be pressured to follow the suit.


The U.S. announced yesterday cutting funds it used to send to the security forces of the Palestinian President [Mahmoud Abbas](#), arguing it fears the money might reach the hands of [Hamas](#).

The move was described by many analysts and political experts as the beginning of a similar move Israel, joined by the U.S. and Europeans, took last year to isolate the Palestinian government.

Reader's Comment

This is a shame for world community and shame for humanity how the world witnessing such injustice in silence?

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Moris Bukaily from France 

Reader's Comment

As a respected media outlet I expect less biased reporting from AI . Phrases like "monthly theft" show intent to demonize Israel, which is not a journalist's job. Your job is to report fact. Is it a fact that money was "stolen" or merely "withheld," as you later refer to it? Additionally, referring to the Israeli Defense Forces as Israeli Occupation Forces is immature and improper. I should not have to remind you that as a journalist your first commitment is to clarity of information and pursuit of truth. Intentionally mislabeling a political institution to illustrate your interpretation of a political situation is a failure to perform your journalistic duty. Please try to refrain from framing your reports in a biased manner. Ask yourself if your words are implying anything about the intent of the involved entities and whether you are SURE of the existence of that intent. Back up your assertions with cited evidence. See [onevoicemovement](#) for some hope and TRUTH.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Bigs from USA 

Reader's Comment

this story is pure unmitigated propaganda. the fact of the matter is that noone in the disputed territories is starving, aid - especially humanitarian aid - is being maintained. it is true that money is not being given to hamas = it is being given directly to n.g.o.'s.


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

ROBERT from CANADA 

Reader's Comment

with the support of the oil-rich Muslim Countries suchn as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, there should be no worry for the food of the Israeli children, INSHA ALLAH (S.W.T.)


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

abu Nawwas from Middle Earth 

Reader's Comment

This called American democracy and back by Isrealis agenda. There will no peace when there no balnce of power

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Mohamed Arif from Maldives 

Reader's Comment

Thats really appalling to read that Palestinians will be craving for food grains and all that, which they have been doing from the past several decades. hello!!!! where is the UN and it so called General Secretary, after all if Palestinians elected their govt without any outside interference, and if the hose their govt, why they have been deprived of everything. No mattter what the American and other geo political chess masters do to them, some day as mentioned in the holy Quran,Palestine and other muslims will rise to ocassion and THINGS WILL GO IN THE FAVOR OF MUSLIMS. WHAT THEY NEED IS ONLY MUTUAL COOPERATION AND MILITARY ALLIANCE AMONG MUSLIM COUNTRIES,LIKE NATO. BROTHERHOOD WILL BE THEY KEY TO SUCCESS.


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

UMAR from KASHMIR(INDIA) 

Reader's Comment

this is very bad. why the world is silent. why no got guts to even talk about the cruelty of israel and usa. world is common to all human beings. when our brothers are suffering means its out duty to solve their problem and we all should stand in one row.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

KHAN from INDIA 

Reader's Comment

if the muslims are so concerned then why are not all the arab countries in the area providing aid? as usual blame everyone but yourself.


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Dude from Germany 

Reader's Comment

WHAT HAPPEN TO THE UNITED NATION.since nobody in the world dare to confront isreal,america and their allies, for god sake, a least help the children of palestine. let us be humane, dont just follow blindly the beast of isreal,american and their allies. dear king os saudi, please do something, dont be scared by the beast, scare of ALLAH cause you will be ask for all your deeds


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

stefen from germany 

Reader's Comment

To Bigs of the USA and Rob from Canada This is exactly what we need no bias reporting. Why do you guys not speak about the bias reporting from Fox or CNN. For years the world was not allowed to see such atrocities now we are all allowed to see the theft that is going on the Palestine. To withheld is also theft - Theft of a human right after is was the people who voted HAMAS in to Power. The ANC was once called a terrorist organisation today we have the greatest Democracy in the world. This is clearly a violation of Human Rights something I as a South African was subjected to in the days of Apartheid. However as we overcame our injustice so will the people in Palestine


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Citizen from South Africa 

Reader's Comment

Dude from Germany ,Your comment is true if the all the Arabs joins hand in hands, there will be another holocaust in Germany

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Mohamed from London 

Reader's Comment

Why are there no reports of any actual starvation? BECAUSE ITS NOT HAPPENING. MORE AND MORE PROPAGANDA AS THEY SAY YOU NEVER MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MISS AN OPPORTUNITY. Youll get money when you realize you reap what you sow.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Mike from SF 

Reader's Comment

Maybe the Palestinians should try using the billion dollars they received in international aid last year to feed their children instead of using it to build bombs. Maybe they could use some of that money to pay salaries instead of making rockets which they shot at Israel. Why should Israel or any other country support a terrorist state?

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Mark from USA 

Reader's Comment

AI editorial staff - Unless and until you run a serious article examining the shortcomings of Yasser Arafat in securing a peace deal for Palestinians 30 years ago, which has an overwhelming bearing on deteriorating conditions today, these articles you run only perpetuate the disaster! COME TO YOUR SENSES as a News Channel entrusted with improving understanding of the SOURCES of the plight of Palestinians! They are depending on you to reach understanding, and you are failing them. Many, decent, concerned people are LINED UP, willing to pitch in, in a substantial way! They are waiting only for some HONESTY in reporting ALL the causes of the present situation. Sure, Israeli fear and reaction is involved. Wars are involved. Illegal settlements are involved. But you need to report the WHOLE PICTURE, including Palestinian leaders mistakes, not just the fluff and moralisms! You are indulging your righteous outrage at the expense of continuing Palestinian misery!

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Luke from USA 

Reader's Comment

True cause of all kind of TERRORISM is INJUSTICE.Today their children are dying without food and medicine.Tomorrow your children will die in their hand.If injustice goes on we will continue killing each other.Let's try to STOP it.Peace to the world.

Standard Comment (Click to Rate)

Manjur from Bangladesh 

Reader's Comment

Mr. Bigs from USA. Your comments reek of racism and your blind commitment into supporting the illegitimate state of Israel. Leave aside the matter of wether the moner was stolen or withheld or wether the forces are defence or occupation forces. The fact remains that the formation of the state of Israel is based on lies and it continues to survive on the imperialistic dream shared by zionists. If you have any confusion then go back and read a bit history and get your facts straight.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Truth from UK 

Reader's Comment

I dont see why us British, europeans and americans should give our taxes to the palestinians. I am sure Syria, Iran, Sudan Indonesia and all other mighty majestic fantastic muslim countries will pay them their alms. I don't think do some how


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Ali Bongo from London 

Reader's Comment

Starving of Palestinians did not happen by chance or coesidence, It was all planed out. when Mr. Bush allowed the election happen, of course Jime Carter was one of monitors, the plan was if Hammawons, then the Anglo-Zionists will choke and starve the palestinians. Angolo-Zionist were counting on Nasrollah do some action to lower the pressure on Palestinians. With the God's help Nasrollah kick the Zionist in the bot, and answer israel with missles. That is why we see as part of new sanction ready to be voted for is for Iran not to be able to export Arms. The Brave Palestinas and Hezbollah at the front line with the backing of Surriah and Iran are resisting the Zionism invaders. The pale face Americans were saying a good Indian is a death Indian. It looks like the Anglo-Zionsit are applying the same principale to the people of middle east in order to steal oil. Also a lot of common Iraqis specially shiah suffered hunger because of sanctions against Iraq at time of Saddam.


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Parham from U.S 

Reader's Comment

This goes out to all of you: Stop answering the ridiculous, ignorant and brain-washed comments of US/Zionist readers. It's a pure waste of time and energy. Verbal combat doesn't make sense. The time for discussions is over. I am entirely convinced that all of us will very soon get the chance to prove how strong our will is to stand united against the common and ultimate threat we are facing. Arab governments consisting of nothing but Zionist's puppets (in Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia) must be toppled when the time is right. It's up to you. Stop talking and ACT NOW! I say: You talk the talk, but do you walk the walk? I hope so and don't forget: There are many non-muslim people in the western hemisphere who think just like you! You're not alone. Greetings to all of you, comrades.

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

Unholy Alliance from Germany 

Reader's Comment

THIS IS SHAMEFUL THING FOR THE WORLD.AND I THINK WORLD IS IN THE TOTAL CONTROL OF THE U.S.AS MANY OF THE THINGS HAAPENING TOWARDS THE WORLD HAVE THE INDULGENCE OF THE U.S.NOW ITS TIME TO THINK OVER THIS ISSUE FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORLD TO STOP U.S FROM TAKING HARSH DECISION TOWARDS THE WORLD PEACE.AS U.S ALWAYS READY TO KEEP ITS HEAD IN EVERY WORLD AFFAIRS.OTHERWAY MANY OF THE WORLD NATION ARE LIVING UNDER U.S INFLUENCE,THE TIME HAS COME TO BECOME UNITE AGAINST U.S AND TO SHOW THEM WORLD UNITED POWERS IF THIS COULD HAPPEN.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

SUSHIL TOMAR from INDIA-SURAT 

Reader's Comment

Foreign aid is a privilege, not a right. Naturally, if you bite the hand that feeds you, you might starve to death. The Palestinians are a failed people, truly deserving of such a fate. They think nothing of killing other people and then think that they are immune from retaliatory action.


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Maxim from Toronto 

Reader's Comment

biggs from usa, how easy for you to give lecture to the victim of aggression led by usa. do not forget that you're living in a "stolen" country and the "theft" is committed everywhere by your country, the recent one is iraq. are you seeking truth? then ask your president why he lied entire world about iraq's wmd. if you say that israel is not occupation force then you're living in fool's paradise. you do not have any moral to give lecture like this.

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

cupid from india 

Reader's Comment

No surprise, it is very convenient to the israelis, to latch to a reason, their criminal allies use the same strategy. israelis want to, ultimately, take over all palestine and they will achieve this by either killing palestineans as they do every day using their criminal occupation forces or indirectly by starving them. And the crime by which palestineans are being shamelessly killed is the one of wanting their land back. And the international community and this puppet useles body under the control of western powers are just too happy to see this concentration camp name palestine to be extinguish in the name of giving israelis the chance of taking over territory that will soon be annexed to Israel. No hope there only armed resistance while possible if even arab nations dont move a finger for their brothers.


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Patriot from America 

Reader's Comment

Why do you incest that you get help from your oppersors. the Pals should cut all ties from the US and the Europeans all, together. Im sure such a proud and nobel people will be able to provide for them selfs, without the dirty money that the west will provide. With boarders with Jordan and Egypt, the aid can flow??

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Klempner from USA 

Reader's Comment

Its like you r trying to play harmonium in front of a buffalo,these westerners have gone blind,they can't see the truth even if it glows like a sun in the sky.Starving and killing people is nothing new for them,you witnessed iraq when they starved n killed half million children in iraq,probably they were hiding Saddam's WMD.They have killed over one million in Iraq n Afghanistan,they destroyed Lebanon.It is their policy to starve,financially destroy palestineans so that palestinian surrender their rights n land to Israel but they have forgotten one great fact,they can plan as they like but the outcome will come from GOD.If outcome was in their hands,Bush's brother would have been a governor of Iraq now,Bla Bla Bliar's son would have been a viceroy of Afghanistan,but in fact US,UK n Israel are playing on back foot now,hopefully their own people will hold them responsible for all these atrocities against human race,after all majority in US N UK sensible n they also want justice n truth


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Observer-1 from Universe 

Reader's Comment

The Pals have never been more than a disposable tool for both the ME terrorists leaders who have stolen all of the hundreds of billions of dollars of western charity meant for the Pals and for the rest of the ME to have a cheap excuse to justify global ME violence as Pal becomes the false rally point of the MEs ancient rusty old broken sword where as well the false cause those of the ME use to fraudulantly blame the ME and all that is wrong with the ME because of the ME on the rest of the world. Anyone who doesnt believe that should start listing every thing that happens in the ME which is not fictitiously connected in some perversion of ME reality to the Pals and or the Jews allegedly occupying Pal with cheap excuses or false ME justifications from those of the ME too in denial of their own Pal like desperate impoverished oppressed ME heile hules of raging ME violence to ever otherwise own up to their own ME reality if Pal wasnt a cheap alternative scape goat for it all ?


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Cheap Tools from ME Excuses 

Reader's Comment

to mike sf and mark usa. the biggest thing you guys are forgetting is that the us and israeli joint forces are freezing all accounts and any money that is allowed into the country. no matter how much anyone sends it will never get into the country. dont be so mad that the truth is getting out to people all over the world. you might say that this is propaganda and that the whole picture is not clear, but think about it, if the reporter would explain everything this would be an encyclopedia and not a report. its your duties to look up any information you think is wrong.


Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

Liono from NZ 

Reader's Comment

I never refer to the Israeli forces with the word defense because it is not true. They are aggressors that are committing genocide and stealing land every day. Now they are stealing money. The brainwashed forget that Arafat worked with Rabin for a long time and great progress was made during the 1 9 9 0s. Even though the last summit with Clinton, Barak, and Arafat did not result in the final goal the talks had continued. It was Sharon that instigated the current wave of violence and the Israeli's continue to fan the flames because they want an excuse to continue to murder the Palestinians. Israel purposely sank the U. S. S. Liberty and is no friend of the U. S., yet my govt. continues to give my tax dollars to these barbarians. That is why I stopped paying taxes six years ago and take only work that doesn't pay enough to require taxes. I prefer poverty to contributing to murder of innocents.


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Frances from US 

Reader's Comment

everyone misses the point, usa, eu, israel are not interested in democratic ways if it not according to their style.this is a war that will carry on until the great imam mahadie arrives. israel is on arab land and must leave land stolen from the arabs in 1976 and comply with un resolutions if it means anything.the usa will never inforce those resolutions.so be fair and talk real peace and there will be peace, everyone wants a peaceful life and not living under occupation.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Syed from South Africa 

Reader's Comment

I blame Egypt Jordan and all those Arab States whom in silence have recognized the Fascist Apartheid State Israel for the disaster we are having in the ME. Since 1948 when the gangs moved into the Holy Land of Palestine systematic murders expulsions intimidations and imprisonment of Palestinian Arab People continued until this present day. Not one Organization will ever be able to intervene and come to the rescue of the indigenous due to the fact that the Fascist have a say in everything that goes or not goes. We all are responsible for not speaking up and demand impeachment procedures for our warmongering leadership qwhich is fueled by a handful of Zionist gangsters.


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Bertiz Benhamid from USA 

Reader's Comment

this is really heart braking to see palestinian suffering while the puppets regim of saudi enjoy their wealth and investing in usa to kill muslems shame on you saudi puppets. guy read this intresting? 691 World Billionaires Held 2.2 Trillion Dollars in Assets and Wealth in 2005 The wealth of 691 world billionaires increased to 2.2 trillion dollars in 2005. Bill Gates, the 49-year-old American billionaire and major stockholder of Microsoft Company with assets worth 46.5 billion dollars remains the world's richest individual. Bill Gates is followed by Warren Boft, 74 year old American billionaire with 44 billion dollars and Lackshmi Mital the Indian billionaire living in London with 25 billion dollars. The 4th and 5th on this list are, Carlos Helm Eslim the Mexican billionaire with 23. 8 billion dollars and Prince Waled ben Tallal al-e Saud of Saudi Arabia with 23.7 billion dollars. One billionaire from Sweden, another from Germany and 3 from America stand in the next places. The youngest world billionaire is a 21-year-old German national and the oldest is a 96-year-old American.


Good Comment (Click to Rate)

omid from uk 

Reader's Comment

To all those who think America and Israel are fighting for the just cause, I strongly advice you to go read alittle, you know history, not comics

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

mo from france 

Reader's Comment

It is sad to read this article. i want my Palestinian brothers to know that it hurts us too. Relations between Muslims and US will never be same again. To hell with American war on terror. Long live Taliban, Hezbollah, Islamic Jhad and my HERO Osama Bin Laden. Bush once said you either are with us or against us. i want Bush to Know Muslims are aginst you. To hell with Americans.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

MOHAMMED from MALAYSIA 

Reader's Comment

What more can we expect from these zionist & hypocrate bush administration. It is high time all the islamist from turkey, Egypt, lebnon, Sudan,Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia should come under the single banner to save the innocent Palestinians, if they show courage all the Muslim population will support the islamist. infact it is a very sensitive issue where the help of the Muslim leader is important.and also it is time for Saudi monarch to act wisely.only the prayers from our locked bedrooms will not get us out of this mess.

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

salman from india 

Reader's Comment

As a US citizens who has compassion for others I'm really tired of reading comments of others who seem to have this stance that the entire United States backs Israeli action in the middle east. I don't I'm tired of the whole situation to be honest. The worlds lost any sense or hope for peace, family values, and general compassion. I watched with great concern for Palestinians this summer in the latest battle of the PI conflict, and was quite impressed with Hamas' ability to respond to Palestinian needs faster than the Palestinian government. Let Hamas have a say in what happens in Palestine (they live there). Israels a big boy it can take care of itself, its time the U.S. stopped approving of everything Israel does in the region, and its time for all sides to recognize that we as people need to share the values that are most important in life. Its not oil, its spending our time with the ones we love, with the ability to feel safe and secure, and thats not a US right, It's the Worlds

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Nick from United States 

Reader's Comment

we as muslims do not need anyones handouts,as the poet from pakistan said once that if you muslims bow to anyone except Allah then your body,heart,soul will belong to them and your life will be a misery. strength only respects strength and i want the muslims strong in my lifetime to be able to deter these evil zionist stooges and murderers in the world.our prophet mohammed has stated clearly that in the end days we will establsih a caliphate which will cause peace and harmony in the world to happen rather then the current oppression and tyranny which seems to be the main preoccupation of the westerners generally. the future is the destiny of islam whether they like it or not , lets work towards it as we stand for god where as the westerners stand for the devil and evil ways. please prove me wrong mr enlightened westerner monkey after looking at your history and the evil u brought on the human race!!!!

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

m.arshad from england 

Reader's Comment

Also Ben Gurion stated " The present m ap of Palestine was drawn by the British mandate. The Jewish people have another map which our youth and adults should strive to fulfill -- From the Nile to the Euphrates." Cruelty must be whitewashed by a moral excuse, and pretense of reluctance, George Bernard Shaw. Imperialism is an institution under which one nation asserts the right to seize the land or at least to control the government or resources of another people, John T. Flynn. "I have learned that the state of Israel cannot be ruled in our generation without deceit and adventurism," Moshe Sharett, Israel's first Foreign Minister and later a Prime Minister (p.51 Simha Flapan, "The Birth of Israel." 1987). "The Nations will exhort to tranquility. They will be ready to sacrifice everything for peace, but WE WILL NOT GIVE THEM PEACE until they openly acknowledge our International Super-Government, and with SUBMISSIVENESS," (Zionist Congress at Basle in 1897). God cees and knows all. Peace to the world.

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate)

Space Peeple from Milky Way 

Reader's Comment

Hamas is the responsible. It can't have one foot in the politics and one foot in the terrorism. It must choose between the terrorism and politics. Hamas must recognize the Israel State, and the Palestine must have its own economics, the Palestine mustn't depend of the international aids anymore. It must be equal to all the other countries; it must generate its wealth.


Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Lauro from Brazil 

Reader's Comment

all negative comments here are shooting at the wistleblower, not the game. everytime someone tells the tragic story, he has to prove everything. go and see yourself. israel and the western countries never lie. the us know how to do. where are the weapons of md now.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

jean from belgique 

Reader's Comment

Mister Khalili: Withholding funds of any kind from a terrorist organization is not theft, it's commonsense. The moment the Palestinian people realize the importance of a government that acts in a respectable manner things will be back to normal. It's unfortunate that children have to suffer for grown-ups miscalculations but the fact is that the Palestinian population chose terrorism over sustenance.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

L Ramos from U.S.A. 

Reader's Comment

The muslim and Arab world should stand by the Palestanians. According to British newspapers the "Brazilian demonstrators called called Bush son of a wh.re"! yet it seems his siblings running the government of Israel causing the Palestanians heart breaking suffering. As one US academic put it, Bush comes across as the quintessential ugly American: arrogant, uncouth, uncultured, ignorant, inconsiderate and aggressive . The palestianians have no choice but to resist the occupation anyone who says any different is just prolonging the suffering which lasted for over 60 years. As long as the "very powerful" Jewish lobby remains entrenched, there will be no end to the systematic Jewish-Zionist distortion of current affairs and history, the Jewish-Zionist domination of the U.S. political system, Zionist oppression of Palestianians, the bloody conflict between Jews and non-Jews in the Middle East, and the Israeli threat to peace. French ambassador in London acknowledged, Israel -- which he called (a quote which shocked millions -ed) "that shitty little country"

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Suffering from Palestanians 

Reader's Comment

We must define our position and lay down basic principles for a settlement. Our demands should be moderate and balanced, and appear to be reasonable. But in fact they must involve such conditions as to ensure that the enemy rejects them. Then we should manoeuvre and allow him to define his own position, and reject a settlement on the basis of a compromise position. We should then publish his demands as embodying unreasonable extremism, Yehoshafat Harkabi: 2 November 1973. Commentary: This appeared in Ma'ariv on 2 November 1973. The quoted was cited on page 183 of the third edition of The Gun and the Olive Branch. The guideline of our policy has always been the idea that a permanent situation of no peace and a latent war is the best situation for us, and that it must be maintained at all costs. ... we are becoming stronger year by year in a situation of impending conflict where it is possible that actual fighting may break out from time to time. Such wars will usually be short and the results guaranteed in advance, since the gap between us and the Arabs is increasing. In this way we shall move on from occupation to further occupation. ... this criminally mischievous policy has led us into the crisis we are living through today, Yeshavahu Leibowitz: 30 November 1973, The Gun and the Olive Branch. Peace to the world.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Space Peeple from Milky Way 

Reader's Comment

To bigs from USA. My friend you don't get it. The Israeli forces are occupying forces, there is nothing defensive about their role in Palestine. With the occupation comes resistance. STOP the occupation to stop the resistance.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Dave from Canada 

Reader's Comment

this is not the same as al that said.. al , though good at spreading the news about Palestianians, also has its own agenda... like you would read or hear in any news outlet, I would advise people to diversify their sources of information as much as possible. Unfortunately, no media is completely unbiased, but some are less so than others: or let's say some have polittical or ideological motivations, while others have humanitarian, justice tendencies. diversify in order to piece the puzzle that is the Middle East more coherently together.

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Maggie from Palestine 

Reader's Comment

Readers who do not understand why the USA continues to support and defend Israel despite its horrendous war crimes against the Palestianians should know that the rich Jewish lobby is enormously powerful in the US. The truth (expressed in The Economist Magazine) is that Israel...is a brutal occupying power with an essentially racist ideology. It is clearly bizarre that while Saddam Hussein and Milosovic should be indicted for war crimes while Ehud Olmert isn't even criticised by his fellow conspirators the USA. The Security Council resolution two four two which calls for Israel to withdraw is sinfully being ignored. It becomes clearer by the day that the very founding of the Israeli state in nineteen forty eight was a terrible mistake, and the Israelis have consistently abused international trust and must be held responsible for the continuing mayhem in the ME. Israel shouldn't exist - said the Economist Magazine. Touche!

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

P.Feenan from Ireland. 

Reader's Comment

i think that there are abig problems in world that cannot end to asolution and i think that there is no united nations that should think in justice between countries and there is nothing done in human rights the system of the all world is really strange and has alot of faults and finally i want your opinions in changing some things in egypt' system sorry for bad english


Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

hossam from egypt 

Reader's Comment

which is the most save nation in the world,the answer my friend "americans"? which nation is the great conniver of the ,the answer my friend : "british" which is the most blood thirsty nation in the world,the answer my friend : "jews" there is no ioto of untruth or misrepresentaion of fact or any bias evaluation. it is widely believed and agreed by the people of the powerless world that the trios are entirely responsible for gory present world.they are nothing but sadist and know nothing but lie to subdue anyone thought to be their opponent.so what else they can do other than blocking peace initiative for days paving the way of death to hundreds of infants/women in lebanon(the bolted guy(john bolton confessed recently). the beasts joose and anglo british gong had been the main stake holder for the unending miseries of the palestinian people for last 58 years.this tragedy could took place due to numerous "vetos" to allow the beasts of middle east run free.shame on you.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Commoner from Bangladesh 

Reader's Comment

shame one the world not only the zionists and their friends but also those muslims countries who remain silent about what is going on in palestine. poor people, not only are they deprived of their land but now they are starving and facing all sorts of injustice.i wonder for how long those people will suffer the worst but god is the principal witness and will send his wrath on those responsible for this situation but human beings can't accept such things. get lost zionists, hell is your only place because you represent satan on earth.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

NIMA from EUROPE 


Reader's Comment

Even a robot will probably have more compassion than Bush-Olmert have displayed. By starving Palestianians, they are killing two birds with one stone: with elimination of Palestianian population, there will be less Muslims and Israel will have a free hand in grabbing Palestianian lands and home and assets. It is a brilliant move and surely Palestine will disappear foon from the map. That is what the Road Map invisages. Shame on you Bush-Olmert that you are killing millions of innocent lives for your nefarious design to expand.

Reader's Comment

look around u in the region is it not happening to all indigenous human beings, genocide. there are starving children humans around the world. those living in tents n the US even those living on the streets without shelter n the US. sick, old, homeless. this issue is not localized to the Palestinian people. There are great numbers of displaced people by the elite with weapons. This situation is occurring around the world to poor people all over the world because we do not recognize what the wealthy are doing to the majority of those who do not share their wealth nor their interests n others resources. When we localize our suffering, we will parrish, one by one. When we see the bigger, whole pictures or recognize those causing the death destruction internationally, then we will be able to act to resolve the issue of genocide worldwide. Injustice tolerated anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, killed by his government. Peace.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

cj from usa **Reader's Comment**

A reply to Bigs from USA. I think you need to take a look at the media that is covering the news our country, America, like CNN: they call Hamas and other organizations, Terrorist, just because they are fighting for their freedom. Is that their Job? Also before you correct other meida u should work on the media in America to correct the terms they use during covering the news. Thanks

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Jamil from USA **Reader's Comment**


Yes, and you forgot to mention that aliens from Mars also play a big role in the suffering of the Palestinians - but of course, Arabs share no blame.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

zeek from usa **Reader's Comment**

Stop shooting, go to work, stop killing, make peace. Forget your dream to destroy Israel. You only punish yourselves & ruin the lives of your children.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate)

Abu Oren from DR **Reader's Comment**

The person from Ireland hit the nail on the head when he said that the Jewish lobby is the reason the U.S. government doesn't do more about the crimes of the Kazars. I never understood why the Arab people don't expose the true lineage of the people we call Jews today. They have no claim to Palestine. I read a book years back called the 13Th Tribe. I've forgotten the name of the author. I remember he was Jewish. He traced the lineage of the Jews and he showed that Jews are descended from Asians. They are not descended from the ancient Israelites. The Arab people should let the so called Christians in America that the people they have sold there souls to, are fakes. All mention of the Kazar was removed from the history books a long time ago. Even though the Kazar empire was a mighty power in its time. Even Rome feared it. It isn't taught to a American school kids. The reason is fear that the American people will finally figure out they have been conned for decades.PALESTINE

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Frank from U.S. **Reader's Comment**


To Mark from the US, if you want to call the Palestinians terrorists, you MUST DO THE SAME WITH ISRAEL. Our media always says that Hamas does not recognize Israel. This is because ISREAL DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PALESTINE. Every year, the United Nations vote on how to end this conflict. And every year, the entire nations, except a few countries, are on one side and the US and Israel on the other side.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Allen from United States **Reader's Comment**

Assalam Alykum.resfct reader.do thing israil making right way,this people snaching arab land,they drinking blood from palestn children,eating body of palestn people.be carfull this jews people knife hit by ur back.World most cheateing people.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Shamil Althaf from INDIA **Reader's Comment**


do Blair-Olmert-Bush evil axist have heart? Killing men in fighting is brave, but let children dying is absurd and immorality. I wonder why people like bigs or B-O-B evil axist supporter blindly support the evil doing like this. Don't they have a kid or nephew? I pray for Palestinian strength to fight for freedom at any causes. why somebody so upset when this media called "theft money", beyond that zionist is stealing the land of palestinian. shamely, the B-O-B push Palestinian government to accept izraeli to exist, while not the other way. really unjust and heartless ... any way, does the evil has heart

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Andy McDean from Indonesia **Reader's Comment**


Starving Palestinians is no moral problem for the racists who are starving them because they do not consider them to be human beings with a human right to life. Consequently, starving them is equivalent to rat extermination, because rats do not have human rights Only Israelis, Americans and their friends have human rights. What the "rat exterminators" do not seem to understand is that people who are treated like animals will react as such when provoked. An old American saying that applies, today, to the Palestinians was "The only good Indian is a dead Indian!" The Nazis merely substituted "Jew" for "Indian." Without the financial and military backing of the United States, Israel would never dare to treat West Bank and other Palestinians like animals; Israel would be forced to come to terms with Palestians as equally human with equal human rights. American foreign policy reflects war-mongering AIPAC power, bent on Israeli domination and exploitation of the Middle East.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

wanda from italy **Reader's Comment**

The problem is that Israel has already been offered recognition of their right to exist. All they have to do is recognize Palestine's right to exist. And here we come back to the basic problem. Israel wants for itself that which it refuses to give to others. Further complicating the problem is that Israel still refuses to draw their borders on a map. Palestine cannot agree to recognize Israel because they cannot know what they are recognizing. If Palestine were to agree to recognize Israel there is nothing to stop Israel from declaring that all of what is now the remains of Palestine is already part of Israel, then Israel would have what it wants, ALL the land, recognition, and no Palestine in existence.

Good Comment (Click to Rate)

Ali from India **Reader's Comment**

Peace for peace, time for Arab League make peace. Creating new ME by creating climate for peace. This means trade and normalization NOW. This means ending 60 year Arab League boycott NOW. This means ending 60 year Arab League hatred to their brother Arab-Pals NOW. Details of population exchange from 1948 to be worked out without charade of ignoring the close to 1 million Jews expelled and their properties confiscated by Arab League Nations. Actual more 1948 Jewish refugees caused by prejudice than 1948 Pal refugees caused by Arab aggression. Normalization and relations create climate for peace. This has to come first.

Palestinian Arab issue is internal Israel issue as is Nasrallah clan in Lebanon. Israel will give peace and relations for peace and relations. This is step ONE. This is Israel's peace plan. Issues cannot be resolved without step One or War and destruction. Time for Arab League to choose other than War.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate) **chitea from Romania** 

Reader's Comment

I will tell all of the Middle east an ancient secret, hidden from most of mankind, is about to be revealed. It is a secret that "they" have suppressed throughout the centuries because of its power, a secret known to Beethoven, Lincoln, Einstein and 19th-century robber barons, The Jews know it, Both Bush Presidents know it, It is a secret that the Knights Templars all knew, and had to secret it away from The Roman Church. "the law of attraction," which boils down to this: Think positively and positive things will happen to you. Act as an oppressed people and You will be treated as such. Now the Isrial lobby will send the Mossad to kill me for telling, but I am brave.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate) **Klempner from USA** 

Reader's Comment

I think everyone is a little tired of the constant, "American should go read something..." First of all, your arrogance is misplaced. Second of all, we are on the AI J website, right? Meaning that obviously we do search out different viewpoints and alternative news sources. Perhaps some of you making these comments should do the same, and then compare the levels of proof and objectivity reporting from Reuters or BBC has to AI J.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate) **mike from US** 

Reader's Comment

whats going on today in palestine its a shame for the world. "developed" countries in europe the most wealthy arab states a s. arabia play a blind eye in front of such atrocities that are taking place every day in palestine. the creation of israel is an european problem a consequence of the holocaust which took place in europe so they should solve the situation putting real pressure on israel. but i think in europe they give a . they live a fantasy life, amid self indulgement, fashion, big brother and all those silly things from the developed countries. they lack moral , and interest in solving the palestinian issue. they prefer to waste their time talking about bullshit and watching lies on instead of facing the palestinian problem which is a consequence of european politics. even though some reponsibilities should lay between the wealthy arab countries whom prefer to keep on doing business with usa and israel instead of facing the problem and cut relations once and for all,

Good Comment (Click to Rate) **manuel from argentina** 

Reader's Comment

This is a war of resources, but also a cultural and ideological war. Remember xtians and jews both believe they are the chosen representatives of God on Earth, xtians believe only through their prophet they call god can humanity find "peace" and Jews secretly ridicule xtians for their theological ignorance, and thus they are chosen to be the master race. These two ideas of thought are incompatible with modern thinking and the unity of God of all people. Because their ideas are in conflict with the rest of humanity they will continue to cause pain and suffering for all of us.

Good Comment (Click to Rate) **ideological war from usa** 

Reader's Comment

What right has the Uk or the Us to search any ships in the arab waters? They should go home or be killed. And the Palestinians should never allow the UK and Israel game to take place unless they agree never to attack them, if not they should neither be left to live in peace as if they can do what they like. A missile launched towards TelAvive is enough.

(Click to Rate) **John Redling from UK** 

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Reader's Comment

I thought the palestiniens disliked the Israeli's and wanted to be seperated from them. Seems as if the Pallestinians are starving themselves after splitting from Israel. After all the only skills they have are Vio lence.

Very Bad Comment (Click to Rate) **americanman from USA** 

Reader's Comment

ZIONISTS: Ones who believe they are the "only" humans(God's"Chosen ones")& rest is "Trash" to be consumed/used. MODUS OPERENDI: start as business and bilk the populations while laying down Organisations that are for (fake)trade & "our protection" whose actual purpose is surveillance & Harrasement of "nonZIONIST". they keep screaming "Hitler's holocaust, Hitler's holocaust, Hitler's holocaust" while they been doing it since 1948 in their Fanatic Fantasyland called Isreal, armed with 300 nuclear bombs that they dont want to talk about. (these are peaceful people!lol) GOAL: creation of some nutty global empire based on pureness of "Chosen Ones" ENEMIES: anyone that does not Comply with them or their propaganda (is also branded an Antisemite & thoroughly harassed) NETWORK: global and very developed, a well oiled machine bent on EVIL. FEARS: "EVERYBODY is out to get us because we are good!" this is the typical brainwash and then they whitewash real problems with LIES. Go Figure :)

Excellent Comment (Click to Rate) **knowDa Game from Holocaust** 

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