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Your last hope

They will judge you
with their mortal wounds
with their mutilations
And they will recognise you one by one
And you won't be able to hide
You can't say:
- I followed orders
You can't say:
- I was shooting from afar
- I shot at night
No one will be able to say:
- I didn't know what I was doing
They will be the children of Gaza
to sit on the tribunal of history
And they won't be naive
I haven't been for too long
They will tell you:
- The last remnant of Israel was us
- We were your last hope

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When war is declared, the first casualty is the truth.

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Premise

We didn't have time to see the end of the war between Russia and Ukraine that immediately another one broke out again, on October 7, between Israel and Palestine. It is the first invasion of Israel since the 1948 war, and it has occurred half a century after the Yom Kippur War.

The contemporaneity of the two conflicts has made us think that it was not accidental, but an attempt by the collective West to distract world public opinion from the defeat in Ukraine.

Naturally we are talking about a defeat with conventional weapons. However, by the time we started writing this book, Kiev had not yet accepted unconditional surrender, it is not possible to exclude *a priori* that the war in the Middle East could provide NATO the preconditions to use unconventional weapons against the Russian Federation.

The war between Israel and Palestine seems to precisely add oil to the fire of the other war: it is like a sort of "second half" of a tragic match.

In fact, it is clear that Hamas has no chance of winning against the Israeli army, it does not have an aviation, tanks or self-propelled artillery to directly confront the Israeli army. However, it can trigger a conflict that goes far beyond the regional level: something that NATO, together with the neo-Nazis of Kiev, failed to do in Ukraine.

The collective West is not in a crisis of authority and credibility as of today, but, at least, since the Islamic world overcame the massacre unleashed by the USA in the aftermath of the collapse of the Twin Towers, and above all since China emerged from its isolation, becoming a world capitalist power, capable of withstanding the competition with the United States and the European Union.

When we talk about the "collective West" we obviously mean it a very large geographical area (not necessarily located entirely in the West: see for example, Japan or South Korea), led undisputedly by the United States, which militarily domi-

nates the seas of the planet and cosmic space, keeps in check many states with their military bases and above all with international finance.

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[8] Al-Aqsa Storm

What do Hamas strategists have in mind, now that they have decided to declare war on Israel, it is not very clear. They cannot hope to win alone, because they do not have enough weapons.

They are perhaps thinking of spreading the conflict to Iran, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, other Gulf States and Egypt? That is, do they want a chain reaction from all the states that hate the Zionists to death?

Are they perhaps convinced, now that they have seen the Middle East taking anti-American positions, that they will receive unanimous military, political support and economic as well? In fact, the Lebanese Hezbollah have already said that, if the conflict extends into the Gaza Strip, they will go to war.

But this escalation is more to the advantage of the USA or Russia? Isn't it the USA that is trying to spark new conflicts in various parts of the planet (Kosovo, Sudan, Armenia, Moldova, Georgia...) to prevent Moscow from concentrating all its forces in Ukraine? Or perhaps it is to the advantage of Netanyahu, whom in order to impose a military dictatorship needs to create a *casus belli*, as the USA did with the Twin Towers (and, before that, with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, the Gulf incident of Tonkin in Vietnam, Colin Powell's fake anthrax vial...)?

Be that as it may, a conflict that has dragged on for 75 years has to be resolved some way, and the solution cannot be military. The creation of an independent Palestinian state within the 1967 borders with its capital in East Jerusalem has to be envisaged (or at least the creation of two separate Palestinian states, given that Israel has made them lose territorial continuity). There can be no security for Israel without security for Palestine.

The West must stop preventing compliance with the relevant provisions resolutions of the UN and its Security Coun-

cil. The quartet of Middle Eastern international mediators, consisting of Russia, USA, EU and UN, must produce something concrete and lasting, as soon as possible.

It is useless for Israel to start saying that in this new war Iran is the one responsible behind the scenes and that all Palestinians are terrorists.

The person responsible is always Israel, which has always found its most trusted allies in the USA and the EU. If it doesn't come to terms now, it risks ending up like Ukraine.

[9] Türkiye against Israel

Erdoğan outlined his position on the conflict in Israel: “The state of independent Palestine should be created within the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital: it is an irreversible necessity that can no longer be delayed.”

The 1967 borders are those before the Six Day War. Then eastern Jerusalem (the old city and major shrines) and the western bank of the Jordan River were under Arab control. These territories were occupied by Israel during the war.

In 2020, Trump presented a peace plan that he envisioned the creation of a Palestinian state within narrow borders and without control over most of East Jerusalem. Israel supported this plan. But the Palestinians and Arab countries have categorically rejected it.

Blinken the liar

“Israel is entirely focused on the Gaza Strip, on the safety of its citizens, on doing everything necessary to bring the perpetrators to justice, and not seeking to expand the geography of the conflict to include Iran”, Blinken told CBS.

But immediately afterwards he contradicted himself, saying that the United States does not ask Israel not to attack Iran. “The only thing we told Israel is that we are here, and we want to provide you with all the support you need”.

In fact, they are sending a carrier strike group led by the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford to the

shores of Israel as a gesture of support and in case of evacuation of American citizens.

This is because, according to him, Iran, Hamas and the Lebanese Shiite group Hezbollah oppose the establishment of relations between Israel and the Countries in the region.

The US is not calling for restraint or a ceasefire. They don't even ask why the Palestinian militiamen had such weapons the West had distributed to Kiev (portable anti-aircraft missile systems, ATGM, RPG, drones and communications)

Meanwhile, the Israeli media reports that the death toll of the Israelis has already reached 700 people and over 2200 injured.

[10] Aiming for extension

It is obvious that the USA, even if they say the opposite, wants the conflict in Palestine to spread as much as possible in the Middle East. This has now been clearly understood. Here for the collective West it is not only the fate of Ukraine and NATO that is at stake but also that of the global South and the Islamic oil-producing countries.

China and Russia have suddenly become enemy no. 1 of the West precisely because, in these areas of the planet so rich in resources, they are questioning, with their increasingly significant presence (military, economic and diplomatic), the wealth of those who until recently dominated the entire planet.

From this point of view, we would have nothing to be surprised if we discovered that Hamas was able to act so undisturbed thanks to the hidden direction of the USA and Israel combined.

Did many Israelis lose their lives? Didn't the same thing maybe happen with the Twin Towers? The stronger the terror, the bestiality of the extremist Palestinians, the more the Zionists will be able to justify an unscrupulous reaction against any state that shows that it militarily supports Hamas, primarily Iran, but also Syria, Lebanon, Egypt...

Israel can't wait to be forced to use its weapons, atomic bombs, hidden in the Negev desert. In short, here we are deal-

ing with neo-Nazi governments that want to defend with all possible means and as long as necessary a hegemony that until yesterday was undisputed. The governments are those of the USA, EU, UK, Israel, Canada and Japan.

There are too many countries for a new world war to be avoided. None of these governments have ever talked about peace or negotiations in substantive terms since February last year.

A tragic fiction but why?

Maurizio Blondet speaks clearly (maurizioblondet.it): the attack of Hamas is a “false flag” planned by Israel’s leaders. He says this by quoting the words of Efrat Fenigson, former intelligence officer of the Israeli Defence Forces and now an esteemed journalist. Breaches on the Israeli front are impossible where usually all it takes is for a cat to pass by to make the defence forces rush to banal scenarios for which the army is very prepared.

The border between Gaza and Israel is 5 km long and is the most heavily guarded area in the world, with bunkers all around full of soldiers who take turns all day long. Night cameras and sensors of all kinds. It is impossible that hundreds of Hamas militants with tractors and jeeps came out without Israel knowing.

Fenigson argues that the Israeli and Palestinian people they were sold out once again for the goals of a higher power.

Hamas itself was created by Israel for the purpose of fighting the Yasser Arafat’s leadership and the United States were clearly aware of this.

However, Blondet does not explain the reason for this small replay of the Twin Towers. The reason is that Israel wants to continue to survive as such, that is, it does not want to change its relationship with the Islamic world.

They are fake like the US, but regionally. So this is it a fiction organized jointly by the USA and Israel. Anyone who lies shamelessly needs an even greater hypocrite to avoid being lied to. But their fate is sealed. They are both a disgrace to hu-

manity, and everyone can't wait for them to disappear from the face of the Earth.

[11] The role of Hezbollah

It is known that the Hamas group is not alone. It is supported by Iran and partly by the Lebanese militant organization Hezbollah, which has grown steadily since 2006 (the Second Lebanon War). The latter openly joined the armed conflict alongside the Palestinians, limiting itself to the border area.

Hezbollah has advanced weapons, huge arsenals of weapons, a considerable combat experience and enjoys Teheran's full support. It had already achieved major battlefield victories in Syria. It is at the height of its military and political power, and has been at its strongest since its founding in 1985. In fact, it is not only a paramilitary formation, but also a legitimate political party in Lebanon. In theory everything that the Iranian military-industrial complex has to offer can be transferred to Hezbollah fighters. That is, approximately 200,000 missiles, including high-precision intelligent missile systems, as well as around 2,000 drones and air defence systems, plus howitzers, tanks, heavy armoured vehicles. Hezbollah also receives hundreds of millions of dollars every year from Iran. In practice, it can offer serious resistance to Israel not only on land, but also at sea and in the air. There is proof that in recent years Hezbollah has acquired advanced naval military equipment, including Yakhont and C-802 anti-ship cruise missiles, as well as UAV submarines.

The Iranian ballistic missiles it possesses have a range of 500-700 km, which allows you to hit any point in Israel. It can throw 3,000 a day.

Hezbollah has around 100,000 trained fighters, true professionals. But the organization can also gain support from numerous allied groups and followers around the world, especially among young people.

Israel's situation is further complicated by its existence of a vast network of underground tunnels used by Hezbollah fighters to travel, transport military equipment and store weapons.

Finally, the organization trains hackers and pays increasingly more attention to information technologies, intelligence services and special forces, ideology, advertising, social networks, the web. Whatever new technology the Zionists have, they want it too.

Hezbollah is an organization that was created to fight and die. Is Israel capable of doing the same?

Gaza like Carthage

Israel should use Jericho missiles to “raze” Gaza “mercilessly” after Hamas attacks, said Revital Gotliv, member of the Knesset in the ranks of Likud, the prime minister’s party of Netanyahu. It seems like we can hear the famous invective launched in the Roman Senate from Cato the censor: *Carthago delenda est*.

These intercontinental ballistic missiles are considered a “Doomsday Weapon”. They can almost hit any place in the world. Israel is estimated to have 100 to 200 nuclear warheads: something the West Jerusalem government has neither confirmed nor denied.

They are not meant to raze individual neighbourhoods. The entire ghetto of over two million people would be wiped out. Those used in the destruction of the ones in Warsaw by the Nazis in 1943 was child’s play compared to this. Social media X tagged Gotliv’s post as a possible violation of the rules against violent speech, but did not remove it, as it was deemed to be of public interest. Naturally, Gotliv praised Biden for “showing Hamas that we are not alone in our intent to wipe it off its face.”

Except that in this way Biden could be forced to divert to Israel some of the weapons that Kiev desperately needs.

Ukraine is starting to be considered a lost game by the collective West, precisely because the counteroffensive failed. Now the ambition for world hegemony is being relaunched by Israel.

Who knows, maybe the whole world will convince itself that Gaza is a concentration camp built by neo-Nazi Zion-

ists. This is also demonstrated by the simple fact that Israel immediately deprived it of all its utilities.

Israel makes no difference between civilians and military. In this they are worthy followers of the Americans who had the same attitude in Japan, and not on two cities: Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but on three: Tokyo, destroyed with Napalm incendiary bombs, which caused from 100 to 200,000 deaths.

At the end of the war, US General Curtis E. LeMay declared: "I think if we had lost, I would have been treated like a war criminal". These murderers know well that their actions are atrocities against the human race, for which they deserve at least life imprisonment, but they do them anyway, precisely because they are convinced that history is made by the winners and they are convinced that they are on the right side.

[12] Truth and falsehood

European censorship regulator Thierry Breton has sent a letter to Mark Zuckerberg asking him to be extra vigilant in removing misinformation on his company's platforms amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. In the sense that he must not convey the idea that the Hamas attack could be determined by good historical reasons or that Israel's heavy reaction is not legitimate.

The illegal contents that must be removed concern terrorist ideas and incitement to hatred. If he does not remove them, he will have to pay a penalty equal to 6% of each company's annual turnover. And when we talk about "illegal content", we obviously mean all those expressed by Palestinians or pro-Palestinians, when they differ from Israeli or pro-Israeli ones.

The letter was also sent to Elon Musk, for his X (formerly Twitter). Breton is worried that someone will understand the truth, since he does not want what happened against Kiev in the recent elections in Slovakia to be repeated in the next elections in Poland, Romania, Austria, Belgium and other countries. In short, the truth is false and falsehood is true.

American weapons around the world

Where do the weapons used by Hamas militias come from? It was said mainly from Iran. In reality many weapons are American. Scott Ritter documented it.

Whether it's a Glock 9mm pistol or a Colt M4 carbine or any light weapon and hand grenade, it doesn't change much: it's always Made in the USA. So they are weapons that come from Ukraine or Afghanistan.

It is for this reason that some American lawmakers are calling on Israel to trace the serial numbers on any weapons used by Hamas to find out where it came from.

According to Ritter's calculations, based on conversations with numerous knowledgeable sources, the diverted U.S. amount could be as high as six out of every ten dollars of assistance sent to Ukraine.

But isn't the Pentagon interested in knowing where the weapons produced in the USA end up? Apparently more important than the destination are the payments.

On the other hand, already in May 2022, when Rand Paul, a Republican senator from Kentucky, tried to establish an inspector general to monitor the approximately \$40 billion in military assistance to Ukraine requested by Biden, his motion was rejected in overwhelmingly by a Congress that seemed happy to take a "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" attitude, least of all when Ukraine's corruption is involved.

American weapons travel around the world. They may even end up in the hands of the same enemies that the USA must fight.

For example, the PKK is considered a terrorist organization by the US State Department, but is fighting Turkey, a NATO country, with American weapons previously shipped to Iraq.

Or, US weapons supplied to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to fight Yemen's Houthi¹ rebels ended up in the hands of Lebanon's Hezbollah fighters.

More US weapons from Ukraine have begun to appear in Africa, in the Lake Chad region, in the hands of Boko Haram rebels fighting against armed soldiers Americans from Chad, Niger and Nigeria.

[13] Meaning and destiny of Israel

Israel was the wrong answer to the wrong question. Does a people have the right to have their own territory where they can live peacefully? Yes, but this question is wrong. The real question was: can a people claim to have their own state, to live peacefully, taking territories away from another population? No it can not.

Another wrong question: can a population that suffered 6 million deaths in a world war be "rewarded" by the UN by granting it its own territory? No, it cannot be, unless the territory is granted spontaneously by the population who already inhabits it.

Israel had its splendour (in the monarchical sense, of course) in the time of David and Solomon. After that it was slow agony. It had a moment of national redemption at the time of the Maccabees (against Hellenistic tendencies), and perhaps it could have had a significant turning point at the time of Jesus Christ, who aspired to make a national insurrection against the Roman occupation, but which was not allowed due to the betrayal of his own disciples.

The Great Jewish War, which lasted from 68 to 135 AD, was an unmitigated disaster for the Jews. The Romans even went so far as to ban their entry into Jerusalem, which was renamed with the name of Aelia Capitolina. Since then there has been talk of a Jewish diaspora all over the planet. Not only did the theocratic state and the Israelite nation (composed

¹ The Houthis are only one group or tribe of the formation called "Ansar Allah" (partisans or Supporters of God). Basically the United States has become a major source of weapons for terrorists or freedom fighters around the world. In their rush to arm the world for huge profits, in many ways they end up being their own or their allies' worst enemy.

of Judea, Samaria, Galilee and Idumea) no longer exist, but the “Jewish people” did not even exist.

Giving a specific territory, in which you can build your own state, a geographical area to share with a population of a completely different religion; giving this territory, *ope legis*, to a people who no longer existed for about 1900 years was an absurd operation. Which perhaps could have worked if the state to be built had been secular, non-denominational, equidistant from all religions, in which all populations could recognize themselves: something however that neither the Jews nor the Palestinians would have ever accepted, being too rooted in their religious traditions.

The territories that are lost militarily are unlikely to be reconquered.

It takes great willpower, great internal cohesion, aimed at realizing common ideals: see for example, what the Russians did against the Tatar-Mongol invasion.

Generally, however, we have to resign ourselves. This is so true that, due to the territories lost by the Palestinians from 1948 to today, even the hypothesis of two states for two peoples has become unrealistic: it would be a legal, as well as a social monstrosity. In fact, at this moment the Palestinians, if they had their own state, would have it on two completely separate territories (Gaza and the West Bank), with a capital (East Jerusalem) whose al-Aqṣā mosque is often the object of provocations by the Jews. Not only that, but the West Bank is continually subjected to Zionist colonization: it is not ethnically homogeneous like Gaza, which is an open-air prison.

And colonization is not gentle: let’s take, for example, a former settler like Itamar Ben-Gvir, a far-right nationalist (Otzma Yehudit), the most radical wing of Netanyahu’s government, now Minister of National Security. If it were up to him, all Jewish-Israeli civilians would have to be armed and take justice into their own hands, since the state cannot get everywhere in time. It was he who threatened Rabin with death after the Oslo peace accords. In the past he belonged to the radical Kach and Kahane Chai group, which was considered terrorist even by the Israeli government, the USA and the EU: in fact Ben-Gvir was indicted more than 50 times.

Creating two independent states for two peoples would not make sense even on the condition of returning to the distribution of territories desired by the UN in 1948: and not only because Israel, accustomed to lording it over in that area, would never accept it, but above all because it would not make any sense, where such religious populations exist, so diametrically opposed on a theological level, to build theocratic states. The conflicts and tensions would never end.

In that region we need a single secular state, open to all religions, with elementary legislation in which everyone can recognize themselves. If it is not possible to build such a state democratically, it must be imposed by force, placing it, in its initial phase, i.e. in a transitional manner, under the protection of the UN, which should send a military representation independent of the states of the Security Council (who have opposing interests), having the function of ensuring that no ethnic group wants to prevail over the other or begins to arm itself beyond the legitimate need for simple defence.

Then over time it will be the parliament, in which the populations will find themselves represented in relation to their demographic density, that will build democracy.

ISIS? Anything goes

Zelensky is desperate: having no more men to send to the front, he is asking the Iraqi authorities to release ISIS (Daesh) terrorists and murderers from prison so they can enlist them in the Ukrainian armed forces and fight against Russia. The US obviously agrees.

These detainees, including branches of Al-Qaeda, were trained by the US in the Syrian civil war and, before that, in Iraq and in other special covert operations in various parts of the world (Europe, North Africa and the Caucasus).

Of course, this is not the first time that Ukraine has used ISIS terrorists: the Sheikh Mansur Brigade proves it. ISIS members have secret accounts in Ukrainian banks and buy Ukrainian property.

Netanyahu compared Hamas terrorists to ISIS, but the same Zionists used ISIS jihadists in the wars in Iraq, Syria and

Libya. The wounded were even treated in their hospitals. The Israeli air force, with its air raids against the Syrian army, has always helped them and is still helping them.

Zionists are basically Nazis who, in order to survive in their false existence, are willing to make any compromise, as well as betray any pact.

On the other hand, during the Second World War, the Palestinians were also allies of the German Nazis (as was the entire Ottoman Empire), as they did not contest the genocide of their Jewish enemies (which on the other hand, not even the Roman Church has ever done, having eliminated the expression “perfidious Jews” from its theological vocabulary only with the last Vatican Council).

Nazi hatred, Islamist or Zionist terrorism are often allies, or are in any case ideologically similar. Even Anglo-Americanism has always had racist and terrorist behaviours, so it could be defined as a form of Nazism in a democratic sauce: a form that today, following the war in Ukraine, is characterising the entire collective West.

[14] Gaza and Israel like David and Goliath?

Gaza is under continuous, indiscriminate and very violent bombing by the Israeli army, which involves the killing of women, children, elderly people, as schools, hospitals, entire buildings, entire neighbourhoods are destroyed.

And this happens while all utilities have been removed (electricity, water, gas), but also food and medicine. Many hospitals no longer receive the thousands of injured people, as the surgical departments can no longer function.

Israel has closed every exit from Gaza: civilians are trapped, and half of them have to evacuate from the northern part, because Israel wants to occupy it. Even the Rafah crossing towards Egypt was absurdly bombed.

There are 2.2 million prisoners living in 365 square kilometres, 80% of whom are supported by UN humanitarian aid: they are in desperation, a terror that has lasted for 75 years. Also because they can't take any more of these extremely destructive bombings: the most recent ones were in 2008-9, 2012,

2014 (50 days and 2,000 deaths!), 2021, 2022 and in May 2023. All because Hamas took control of Strip in 2007.

In the West, such ferocious behaviour is considered justified or at least tolerated, as it presents itself as a legitimate defensive reaction, that is essentially vengeful, against not only the material authors of the terrorist raids, but also against a population that supports Hamas or it does nothing to get it out of the way. Hamas must die, because it is against the political existence of Israel. First it served to eliminate the PLO and Fatah, and then to separate Gaza from the West Bank; now it only serves to justify the dictatorship of the most extreme right in Tel Aviv.

The monsterification of the Palestinians, to whom the most aberrant actions are attributed, is reason enough to unleash hell against them. And allow the USA to return to the Middle East with all its military strength.

Westerners have short memories, they are not interested in the historical causes that separate these two peoples. They recognize part of their historical roots in the Jewish world, and they do not want to recognize anything in the Islamic world. Indeed, if Europe could eliminate all the Muslims residing there due to migratory flows, perhaps it would willingly do so. Westerners have been racist since the time of the medieval crusades, and although they have also been racist towards Jews, they have no difficulty in accepting that Jews are racist towards Palestinians.

For us Europeans, whose ignorance of historical processes is equal to the superficiality with which we face the problems that those processes create on a daily basis, Muslims are more dangerous than Jews, precisely because too many of them exhibit a culture different from ours. The Muslims invade us, the Jews do not. The Muslims bring their fanaticism to our home, the Jews keep it at their home, and when they come to us, they demonstrate that they accept our lifestyle better than the Muslims.

And then the Jews are not subject, like the Muslims, to our welfarism. As if we didn't know that Zionists also despise Christians and especially Palestinians of the Christian faith,

since it is precisely these who undermine their absurd narrative that “all” Palestinians are potential terrorists!

When all these prejudices, these absurd cliches add up, one on top of the other, it is easy to trigger instinctive reactions. Today we have even gone so far as to say that the Palestinians are subhuman like the Russians. Zelensky has already spread the idea that not only Iran but also Russia was behind the October 7 attack. He cannot know, in his boundless ignorance, that the lands where the Hamas militias have moved are not Israeli, but Gaza, they are Palestinian lands occupied, even recently, by Israel.

Last bell for Israeli apartheid

One could not even vaguely hypothesize the idea that the Hamas fighters did everything on their own, without the complicity of at least part of the Israeli security forces themselves.

Gaza is a concentration camp, an open-air prison, under the control of various electronic systems. It is literally impossible to plan such a complex, long-prepared operation with such ambitious objectives.

The only sensible question that can be asked is: did the Israeli side that helped them do so with the agreement or without the knowledge of the other side? That is, was the terrorist attack supposed to serve to demonstrate that Netanyahu’s government or Israel’s security systems are very weak, or to induce this government, intolerant of law, to transform into a real dictatorship?

However, whether we hypothesized an agreement between the two parties or denied it, we would still be far from the truth. In fact, in both cases we would forget a truism, namely that Israel is a close ally of the USA and that, precisely because of the military and financial aid it receives, it cannot do anything that the Americans do not know or do not want. That is, it could never risk, in the precarious situation in which it finds itself, surrounded by hostile nations, making a mistake so serious as to undermine the trust that Washington places in Tel Aviv (and which it can no longer place in the Saudis).

The Israelis are all armed. Every day they fear being murdered. Their kibbutzim are fortresses. They know well that when we behave like colonialists, stealing other people's land, hunting them down population from their territories, bombing the houses in which Palestinian families live, carrying out all sorts of abuses and cruelties, every opportunity is considered good by the enemy to carry out violent action.

We can say as much as we want that Hamas, acting as a terrorist, serves the interests of the ultra-Orthodox extremists, the most fanatical Zionists.

We can also say that this organization served Israel to eliminate the PLO, to reduce Fatah to nothing and prevent the creation of a Palestinian state. However, one thing remains certain: the longer situations of injustice continue over time, the easier it is for extremist positions to emerge.

Now, can a nation like Israel, accustomed to behaving aggressively throughout the Middle East, be forced to deal with democracy? Can it afford to show the whole world that not only in foreign policy but also internally it does not know any form of democracy? How long did South African apartheid last? From 1948 to 1991. Well, now the time has come for the Israeli one to end too.

[15] A constant indirect war

Some analysts wonder whether the instrument of war is not destined to become permanently used in the coming years between states that want to remain enemies of each other but do not have sufficient strength to win.

This is because the defeat of Western uni-polarity by the multi-polarity of the BRICS+ will take quite a long time. Even the marginalization of the dollar on the world stage will not be so sudden.

Let's say that such irresponsible behaviour belongs only to some states, those that seemed destined to live on revenue, exploiting the resources of others, and which today do not want to give up their privileges. Among these states, the first on the list is the USA, which has no qualms about damaging even its

own allies when it sees them as too competitive on an economic level (as has happened to the EU, for example).

We are thinking about this future scenario precisely because the idea of pacification seems to have disappeared from diplomacy. That is, when the West talks about negotiation, it understands it only as a possibility following a military victory on the field. It does not understand it as a necessity to avoid being defeated. And much less it is understood as a necessity of peoples or as an ethical value of international law.

Compared to the strategic, political or economic interests of states, those of peoples dramatically take second place. Warmongering states not only despise the peoples of enemy states, but they do not even love their own peoples. They are not worried about destroying infrastructures, polluting the environment, or heavily affecting other people's populations, but neither are they concerned about reducing their own citizens to poverty, depriving them of their freedom, asking them to sacrifice themselves for the homeland and for the needs of militarism.

It must be admitted that the very high level of destructive potential of certain Western countries is frightening. Today Israel also falls into this category of states: just think that it has no nuclear rivals in the Middle East. In itself it is an insignificant state, but who would have the courage to declare war on it, knowing that if it used nuclear weapons it would find a willing West. In the name of legitimate defence, Israel has always shown that it wants to behave as it pleases, even in an absolutely disproportionate manner compared to the damage received (for example, at the moment it is blatantly using phosphorus bombs on the population centres of Gaza).

This is why analysts with a modicum of sanity are convinced that Hamas' terrorist attack was authorized by Zionist intelligence in order to allow Israel to occupy half of Gaza, driving out all its inhabitants. For such an objective, Israel knows it can count on the consensus of the West; and above all it knows that if any Islamic country tried to prevent it using military force, it would have the West at his side.

Stoltenberg has already said it: "No nation or organization hostile to Israel should seek to take advantage of the situa-

tion or escalate the conflict”. This is because Israel has the right to defend itself. This is why the Eisenhower aircraft carrier group will soon be added to the Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier group already stationed on its coasts. Each group includes very powerful and sophisticated naval and air groups, destroyers, cruisers, destructive and espionage vehicles, and of course thousands of marines. And the Americans know well that the Russian naval base is in Tartus, Syria. The British will also send their own naval ships to the eastern Mediterranean.

If this is not an egregious example of constant indirect warfare, then what is? Did the West really need this show of strength after 20 months of war in Ukraine? How long can a war between great powers remain “indirect”?

Asking for the Moon

After Hamas’ attack on Israel, Biden will now have to supply weapons to allies on three fronts: not only Ukraine against Russia and Taiwan against possible Chinese aggression, but also Tel Aviv against its Palestinian and Lebanese enemies.

In fact, in Lebanon Hezbollah has 100,000 soldiers, all experts, because they fought in Syria against ISIS and Daesh. The General Staff, which has already declared that it does not give any guarantees regarding the country’s southern border, has a huge arsenal of missiles: if it starts launching them, Israel will urgently need air defences, which will force Biden to divert some of these weapons from supplies to Ukraine, which also desperately needs them.

In short, at a certain point we will have to expect a real landing of the marines, since all these fronts are not kept up either with very sophisticated weapons, nor by lavishing copious financial donations, nor by having the allies die, *sine die*, in proxy wars.

Is an empire like the American one capable of subsisting if it does not intervene directly in the conflicts that it itself creates?

From the war in Ukraine we understood that the era of large armies does not belong to the past at all, but is still very

much alive and well, and on the field, more than technology, it is men who make the difference.

It is no longer enough to “dazzle and stun” the enemy with massive carpet bombings that paralyze its energy infrastructure, lower its technological level and destroy its offensive capacity.

If you want to renounce the use of nuclear power, which does not allow you to conquer enemy territories, most likely the conventional wars of the 21st century they will be made by large armies that will exploit all the technology at their disposal. The risk of wars between great powers is increasing, and small, mobile forces have no significant advantages over those based on the mobilization of national populations.

However, modern Western society, weakened by unbridled consumerism, finds it very difficult to mobilize. To stay on the crest of the wave, it must be capable, at the same time, of guaranteeing itself broad mobilization, a certain internal political stability and the conditions for sufficient economic growth. Like asking for the Moon.

EU serves the USA

Laura Ru writes on her Telegram channel: If you want an example of the political harakiri committed by the EU in the Middle East, an area of strategic interest for Europe, just look at the trip of Ursula von der Leyen and Roberta Metsola to Israel.

Von der Leyen declared that the European Union stands by Israel “today and in the coming days” and “in the coming weeks”. The EU could offer solidarity to the country after the Hamas attacks, ask for respect for international law, propose itself in a mediation role to negotiate the release of the hostages, some of whom were of European as well as Israeli nationality.

Instead, the Von der Leyen and Metsola duo preferred to rush to Tel Aviv to offer unconditional support to Israel, engaged in a genocidal retaliation that violates international law and fundamentally denies the very values that the EU claims to represent.

It seems clear that chaos reigns in Brussels. Von der Leyen and Metsola do not have the power to define the Union's foreign policy, nor the mandate of the EU member states, which are divided over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Yet they moved to do damage at someone's suggestion. And this despite the fact that in past years the EU has directed millions of euros of aid towards Gaza and the West Bank. A wasted investment, given that the EU has now lost all credibility, accelerating its total irrelevance on the geopolitical chessboard.

[16] What happens at the top levels of Israel?

At the top levels of the Tel Aviv government, including Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant, they are thinking about how to fully exploit the collaboration with Hamas, which even if it is not direct, is certainly indirect, through infiltrators, as happened in Italy at the time of the Red Brigades.

It has long been known that Hamas, whether its rank-and-file adherents know it or not, served to build a controlled opposition of a violent nature that could replace Arafat's PLO and completely marginalize al-Fatah.

The radicalization of the opposition to Israel has always been used by the government of the extremist demagogue Netanyahu as a pretext to launch periodic attacks against the Gaza Strip, which mainly affect civilians, regardless of what Westerners think.

Israel knows everything about Hamas. It knows the names of their leaders and soldiers. It knows the places where they hide and could destroy them at any moment.

But the plan of the messianic and apocalyptic Netanyahu is another, that of creating a Greater Israel, which annexes not only Gaza and the West Bank and East Jerusalem, but also many neighbouring territories of Arab states. His dream is to build a state that goes from the Nile to the Euphrates.

In this imperialist plan, the unscrupulous Netanyahu and his associates from the Zionist sect of Chabad Lubavitch consider Israel the "chosen and eternal people" who can never

die. Even the United States, in its madness, is only a kind of modern-day Assyria or Babylon, Greece or Rome. And therefore destined to have a limited time.

We are therefore faced with a logic not very different from that which on September 11, 2001 allowed George Bush and the group of neocon Zionists who governed his administration to invade Iraq and Afghanistan through the false pretext that bin Laden, aided by the Taliban and Saddam Hussein, attacked the Twin Towers.

However, the entire world, the non-Western one, is fed up with these absurd narratives and is starting to prepare for an epochal clash, in which it will even be difficult to carry out an exchange of prisoners.

Second step

So, after the first step, in which the Israeli² secret services, in agreement with the American ones, turned a blind eye to Hamas's squad-like raid, what could be the second step of these two fake democracies (USA and Israel) to unleash a beautiful war in the Middle East, comparable to the one in Ukraine, where hundreds of thousands of people will end up under the earth? Here there is a competition to see who is smartest at being a terrorist, and in this sense the two aforementioned democracies are unbeatable: they have all the media tools they want, huge military assets, many men ready to fight and money fiat *ad libitum*.

We need another false flag attack, a kind of Tonkin incident, reminiscent of Vietnam (1964). This time against some American ships docked in Israeli ports. Will a torpedo from a submarine, passed off as Russian, be enough, given that Russia has had its fleet stationed in the Syrian port of Tartus since 1971? Or will a missile launched by Hezbollah be enough (subject of course to a certain amount of provocation)? A missile that perhaps devastates the UNIFIL base in Lebanon...

² Israel has at least three main intelligence agencies: the Shabak, also known as the Shin Bet, which deals with internal security; the Aman, military intelligence and the famous, or infamous, Mossad, which is dedicated to the country's external security.

It is a great temptation for Netanyahu, especially if he fails to take over the northern area of Gaza as soon as possible, driving out the million citizens who populate it.

But it is an even greater temptation for NATO, which must make up for the defeat suffered in the aforementioned Ukraine, where it lost a territory the size of Portugal and where Kiev will soon be forced to surrender unconditionally.

The problem, however, is that we are no longer in the Stone Age: that is, the wars supported by Israel from 1948 to 1973 cannot be compared in the slightest with what could happen today. At this moment, if a war with conventional weapons were to take place, Israel would have no chance of success, at least not without the explicit and direct help of NATO, since it knows very well that Iran and Lebanon (Hezbollah) and Syria would not stand by and watch (and perhaps not even Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries). Without NATO it could only win if it resorted to nuclear power. Which the West, turning up its nose a little, would approve of, but with what consequences? Would Russia, China, India, Pakistan and all the other nuclear countries stand by and watch?

Yes, perhaps that is the case, if they manage to transform a ridiculous democracy into an open military dictatorship.

The other problem is that there are elections in the USA next year: is it the case that the Democratic party presents itself after having unleashed a world war in the Middle East? With lots of dead marines?

Nuclear exercises at the right time

Of course, at this moment Italy absolutely needed to participate in a NATO nuclear exercise in the Mediterranean: the Steadfast Noon from 17 to 26 October with the B-52 long-range bombers that will depart from the Aviano bases, Ghedi, Amendola, Gioia del Colle and Trapani.

Nuclear exercise, unconventional, of course. Because “NATO – explains Stoltenberg to those who still doubt it – contributes to guaranteeing the credibility, effectiveness and security of our nuclear deterrent and sends the clear message that NATO defends all Allies”.

Which ally at this moment needs to know that, since it feels seriously threatened by some state, that will be defended by NATO until nuclear power is used? We know one: it is Ukraine, which even if it is not part of the Alliance, very soon it will be, indeed, in a certain sense it already is, given that we are in the presence of a proxy war.

But what other country needs nuclear assistance? Israel, of course. Which, even if it is not part of NATO, remains the best ally of the USA. And can we perhaps think that if its existence were seriously threatened, the USA would not help it with all the military means available? What will Biden go to do in Tel Aviv in the next few days?

Israel is not in NATO only because it does not want to explicitly declare that it is a nuclear country and how many bombs it has. In the meantime, let's hope that a strange accident does not happen in the Mediterranean in those days. We've had enough of Ustica.

[17] Why be surprised at extreme gestures?

Let's assume that Hamas is just an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood. That is, let's assume that they are just radicals, financed and armed by Qatar, Iran and who knows who. Suppose that in the Gaza concentration camp they got the better of all the other Palestinian parties precisely because that is a concentration camp, where existence is so precarious that any ordinary citizen thinks that less diplomacy and more forceful actions are needed towards Israel, precisely because Israel does not understand reason and does not respect the agreements it signs. In short, let's assume that the armed raid with terrorist aspects was organised, however unlikely, without Israel's knowledge.

Now let's ask ourselves: in the face of the disproportionate and bestial reaction of Netanyahu's government, will the population of Gaza increase or decrease their radicalism? Will it get scared or become braver? If it takes refuge in Western Europe, will it be more or less inclined to adopt extremist attitudes? And will Hamas see its political consensus decline or grow? And will the non-Western world, which has long won-

dered why no one makes Israel respect UN resolutions, side with Palestine even more or less?

In other words: since that absurd year of 1948, when the UN allowed the rebirth of the State of Israel (after almost 2000 years of no longer existing) by taking away territories from an already resident population, the passage of time has brought the Palestinians to resign themselves or did it exasperate them more and more? Has this time passed in vain, unchanged, or has the awareness of an intolerable violent, kleptocratic, fundamentally racist attitude of the Zionists increased? Hasn't it been understood once and for all that Zionists can act arrogant towards all neighbouring countries precisely because they know they are protected by the Americans, who are essentially like them on a global scale?

So how is the Middle Eastern crisis of which Israel is the triggering cause resolved? There are not many proposals on the table:

- two states for two peoples, based on the territorial division prior to 1967 (Six Day War);
- a new war against Israel by the Islamic states united among themselves;
- embargo on all Israeli products;
- international diplomatic isolation of this country.

If after 4000 years of history the Jews cannot understand that peace is safer than war, someone needs to make them understand with what they love most: the use of force.

Perhaps it would be possible to break a spear in favour of Israel provided that an internal civil war cleans up the most fundamentalist and warmongering elements.

Interpret backwards

Joe Biden believes that an Israeli occupation of Gaza would be “a big mistake, because Hamas and the extreme elements of Hamas do not represent all the Palestinian people”. He then added: “Hamas must be completely eliminated, but there must also be a path towards a Palestinian state. But I don't think Israel will pursue this path at this time, even though

Israel knows that a significant part of the Palestinian people does not share the views of Hamas and Hezbollah”.

So let's recap. Since we know that American statesmen have forked tongues, he would have essentially said: Israel is right to exterminate Hamas, indeed it should also eliminate Hezbollah militias forever. If they can't do it alone, we'll help them. The problem, however, is that by bombing Gaza with planes or drones or entering with tanks and troops, many civilians will lose their lives, and we Americans do not want to appear like those who pushed Israel to the massacre. We therefore declare in advance that entering Gaza is a mistake, not because Hamas might kill the hostages or because other states might go to war, but because international law requires us to at least pretend to be democratic (this is a lesson that any Authoritarian state should know).

But we can understand Israel, because with what it has suffered, it is unlikely that it will not occupy Gaza, and if the Zionist forces do not behave correctly, we will justify them. Indeed, it is possible that, thanks to their mistakes, it will actually be possible to eliminate Islamic extremism and allow the Zionists to expand the borders of their state. It will also be possible to build a small state for them with the moderate Palestinians.

[18] In my thoughts I pretend

Let's put ourselves in the shoes of a Hamas terrorist. Naturally he considers himself a guerrilla fighter, a partisan, a fighting patriot, and he thinks that the name terrorist should be addressed to the Zionists.

This Sunni and fundamentalist resistance movement is not only political but also military. That is, its adherents think that to get rid of the concentration camp in which Gaza lives, politics and diplomacy are not enough, but armed struggle is also necessary, without which – as can be clearly seen in the West Bank – one is unable to prevent no expropriation, no colonization.

Therefore, as a Hamas militiaman I think that from time to time it is right to provoke Israel by launching missiles from Gaza, precisely to make the Zionists understand that the Pales-

tinians are not sheep destined for the slaughter. At a certain point, however, I think that launching a few rockets, which are invariably intercepted by the powerful enemy anti-aircraft fire, is no longer sufficient.

This time I prepare for a raid in style. There are many of us (around 30,000), we can use not only many missiles, but also motorized hang gliders, various precision weapons and bulldozers to make a breach in that infamous wall that acts as a border. Of course I have no cannons, howitzers, self-propelled artillery, tanks, but only enough weapons to attack the kibbutzim, capture their inhabitants and take them to Gaza for a prisoner exchange, because Israel keeps many of our people in its prisons.

Now what sense does it make for a Hamas militiaman to make this kind of reasoning? How can he not know that Israel's reaction will be far beyond human understanding? Is it possible that in his frustration as a recluse in his own home he is so naive as to believe he has some chance of achieving his objectives by underestimating the real strength of the enemy?

So here there are two alternatives: either this terrorist attack occurred with the implicit consent of Netanyahu's government, in need of a good opportunity to survive in its own profound corruption (Yankee style), or we are dealing with a movement of immature people, who deluded themselves into being able to leverage something new or important, without thinking that their objectives required a very different organization and strategy.

Let's assume the second is true. What facts would lead them to such high hopes? Perhaps more than one: the end of hostilities between Iranians and Saudis thanks to Russian-Chinese mediation; the Saudi-sanctioned end of the petrodollar; the increased power of Hezbollah's army, thanks to the support of some Islamic countries; the end of the war between Saudis and Yemenis; the stability of Assad's government and its readmission to the Arab League; Turkey's distancing from NATO's anti-Russian decisions; the failure of the Abraham Accords to achieve peace; the Iranian government's ability to cope with American and Zionist provocations, threats and sanctions; the birth of a multi-polar world represented by BRICS+; the possi-

ble US shutdown on November 17; the impeachment attempt against Biden. Or what else? Hamas thought that there would be great solidarity from the entire Islamic world, and not just from the Middle East.

Was this hope justified? What do the facts show? Even if it achieves some results, can the method that Hamas has chosen be considered adequate? Personally I think not, and this regardless of the fact that Israel's secret services created a trap to occupy Gaza. It reminds me too closely of the failure of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto, which the Jews wanted to carry out without coordinating with the arrival of the Soviets (only to then accuse the Soviets themselves of having had them massacred on purpose!).

The last frames

According to data from the UN (Office for Humanitarian Affairs), between January 2008 and 6 October 2023 (therefore one day before this latest tragedy) 6,407 Palestinian civilians and 308 Israeli civilians were killed. And these are only civilians, as soldiers and militiamen are counted separately.

A fact that the Western mainstream has never been interested in. In fact, it is enough for us to see the last part of the film, the grimmest one, so we can react immediately. For the rest we like the good life and social news.

Few accept the idea that if almost 7,000 civilians are killed in just a few years, if millions of people in the West Bank have been subject to land grabs and military tribunals for over half a century, if there are 2.3 million people in the Gaza Strip (with 6,000 inhabitants/km²) who have problems accessing the most basic services, it is impossible that sooner or later violent demonstrations will not break out.

Paradoxically in the West we have this contradictory attitude: on the one hand nothing is done to prevent these periodic bloodbaths; on the other hand, the narrative spreads that Muslims are scary because there are too many refugees, they have fanatical ideas that easily lead them to kill someone, they have a medieval culture, barbaric habits and customs, and so on, between a cliché and a prejudice more or less racist.

On the other hand, we consider Israelis more civilized, closer to us, apart from their religious fixations.

Yet last year there were more murders in the West Bank than in the past two decades. In fact, approximately 60% of Israeli soldiers are deployed in this region with the task of protecting the settlers living deep in the occupied Palestinian territories. Please note that they are all armed settlers, basically racists and kleptomaniacs. Nobody forces them to go and live there. They are not persecuted in the countries they come from.

However, we Westerners are not interested in what people do, but what statesmen do. And Netanyahu's government speaks clearly: he wants to annex Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem to make Israel a great nation. To achieve this objective he thought well of subordinating justice to politics, right to force.

When, a short time ago, he presented to the UN a map of a new Middle East centred on Israel and its new Arab partners, the Palestinian territories were not even contemplated. The best Palestinians for him are either dead or subjugated within a confessional Jewish state.

There is also an Israeli CP

The Communist party of Israel is horrified by its own government, which it defines, in no uncertain terms, as "fascist". It is also horrified by the Israeli settlers, who desecrate the sacred places of the Palestinians and carry out pogroms against them.

The government and settlers are moving with a spirit of vengeance, and Palestinian civilians will pay the consequences.

The party believes that if action is not taken against this government soon, a regional war will be inevitable.

The solution to the crisis therefore lies in putting an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, recognizing the legitimate rights of this people. Insisting on a just peace is in the clear interests of both peoples.

The international community cannot simply be induced to intervene to prevent further massacres that the Zionists can carry out against the Palestinians. We need a broader solution

that guarantees safety for everyone. And with the Netanyahu government it is impossible to obtain such a solution, precisely because it is based on concepts such as occupation, discrimination and ethnic superiority.

[19] Ceasefire? Not even a thought!

With 5 members in favour and 4 against, the UN Security Council rejected the Russian Federation's resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian crisis.

The resolution condemned all violence and hostility directed against civilians and all acts of terrorism; it also called for the safe release of all hostages and the unhindered provision and distribution of humanitarian assistance, including food, fuel and medical care.

The draft resolution was supported by China and three non-permanent members, including Gabon, Mozambique and the United Arab Emirates. The delegations of France, Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom voted against, while the remaining six members of the Council abstained from the vote.

Whoever abstains, in such cases, is guilty, morally, like those who are against it. From here we understand how Israel's actions are part of a larger strategy, which belongs to the collective West, aimed at destabilizing the entire planet.

In fact, anyone would have been able to understand that without a ceasefire the opening of humanitarian corridors and the safe release of all the hostages are impossible.

The Western powers refused to approve the resolution because it was not made clear that all the blame for the humanitarian crisis falls on Hamas and that Israel has the right to defend itself.

Once again you only want to watch the last 5 minutes of a 75 year long film. Not only that, but for ideological reasons other innocent civilians and perhaps the prisoners themselves are certainly sent to their deaths. The right to defence becomes only a need for indiscriminate revenge.

In Gaza, around 3,500 people were killed in about ten days (including over 1,000 children). In Ukraine, less than 10,000 civilians have died in 20 months. Proportionally, if the war in Gaza were to last the same period, we should have almost 213,000 deaths, which in a territory where the average density is 6,000 inhabitants/km² would certainly be more.

Even the UN says so

The United Nations Human Rights Office said that Israel's siege of Gaza and its evacuation order for the north of the enclave could amount to a permanent forced transfer of civilians and constitute a violation of international law.

Faced with at least 400,000 internally displaced people, welcomed in various locations, the OHCHR recalls that, according to international law, "any legitimate temporary evacuation by Israel, as an occupying power, of a given area on the basis of the safety of the population or for imperative military reasons, must be accompanied by the provision of adequate accommodation for all displaced persons, carried out under satisfactory conditions of hygiene, health, safety and nutrition".

However, Israel has done absolutely nothing to ensure adequate housing, hygiene, health, safety and nutrition for the 1.1 million civilians evacuated to Gaza. It is therefore taken for granted that Israel should be blamed for the permanent deportation of Gaza's population. No one can carry out a forced transfer of civilians from one place to another. Even the International Criminal Court knows about this crime against humanity. How come it doesn't say anything?

Furthermore, those who managed to comply with the evacuation order are now trapped in the southern Gaza Strip, with little shelter, rapidly depleting food supplies, little or no access to clean water, sanitation, medicines and to other basic necessities. This is because Egypt does not want more than one million refugees in its territory.

On this situation of unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe, why has the UN not yet expressed any condemnation?

And what about the fact that the Zionist military forces allow themselves to order the evacuation of a hospital? Don't

they know that such orders could not be given even if it were known with certainty that terrorists were hiding in the hospital? Don't they know that such targets are absolutely off-limits to aviation or remote bombing? The Zionists boast of being much more advanced than the Palestinians, but on these elementary things they behave like arrogant illiterates.

[20] Release prisoners unconditionally

The White House National Security Council's strategic communications coordinator, John Kirby, said in an interview with "Fox News" that the United States has no intention of getting involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. However, he did not rule out that their armed forces could be used to free Americans captured by the Palestinians, whose number is unclear. They only know that their deaths number 27.

So that's why they sent two aircraft carriers. They seemed to know in advance that Hamas would capture Americans with its raid. It wasn't just to dissuade Hezbollah from making a misstep. The USA, a belligerent by definition, cannot bear the idea of some of its citizens being held hostage abroad. It would be an unbearable shame. So if they are not released spontaneously, an armed intervention is assured, precisely because the USA does not deal with terrorists. If they catch one, they make him rot in prison for the rest of his life, making him work like a slave and subjecting him to various experiments. This is their pedagogy: you can do whatever you want, but if you make a mistake even once and you don't have millions of dollars to spend on lawyers, you're a dead man walking.

However, we have already heard the phrase "free prisoners without conditions" in Italy. Paul VI said it during Aldo Moro's imprisonment, and we know how it ended.

Orsini's ratio is impeccable

Professor Alessandro Orsini, in "Il Fatto Quotidiano", underlined the double standards of our government: "Meloni's rhetoric on Palestine contradicts Meloni's rhetoric on Ukraine. Meloni has always stated that the war in Ukraine will be re-

solved with the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Russians from the occupied territories. Muslims, including Saudi Arabia, have wondered why Meloni does not offer the same conclusion to Netanyahu. If occupied Ukrainians have the right to shoot occupying Russian soldiers, why don't occupied Palestinians have the right to shoot occupying Israeli soldiers? It will be argued that Hamas shot at Israeli citizens. But for eight years now the Kiev government has been shooting at the Russian civilian population in Donbas.”

I would add that it is difficult to expect coherence from a government that has no autonomy of thought: it thinks with the minds of the Americans, who have never been interested in intellectual coherence. They reason with the smoking gun on the table.

Nazi-style retaliation

Israel is carrying out a Nazi-style retaliation, that is, it will probably stop when for every Jew killed it has eliminated at least a dozen Palestinians and requisitioned part of their territories. Let it never be that any war does not benefit Israel from a material point of view.

Six special rapporteurs of the United Nations noticed this (including our Francesca Albanese, expert in human rights in Palestine), who accused Israel of having committed crimes against humanity in Gaza, after 16 days of siege, as there is a “risk of genocide”.

“There is no justification for these crimes, and we are horrified by the lack of action by the international community in the face of this war”, they said.

They added that Gaza's population, half of which are children, have already suffered decades of illegal occupation, endured 16 years of blockade and now face “a total siege, coupled with impossible evacuation orders to be respected”. This violates international law. Two other speakers stressed that the anti-terrorism measures adopted by Israel “cannot serve as a basis for breaking international law”. “Terrorist acts, however horrific, do not justify war crimes or crimes against humanity”.

In this sense, the evacuation order from Gaza, which affected 1.1 million people, “will have devastating consequences”, as will the deprivation of drinking water and electricity.

Naturally, the speakers also condemn Hamas’s terrorist outburst. However, they avoid condemning the same organization that pays for these reports, i.e. the UN, which from 1948 to today has simply limited itself to issuing resolutions without accompanying them with any concrete initiative.

The limits of religions

Sometimes I wonder if Jews are capable of managing a political state that claims to be democratic and pluralist. I say this because the fact of having suffered the Holocaust, not to mention anti-Semitism for many centuries, seems to have taught them nothing.

Obviously I am referring to the Jews in power, that is, the Zionists, not to the Jews in general, whether secular or religious.

Jewish culture is immense, there is no doubt. But today the opposition of this culture to the authoritarian management of political power in Israel is absolutely inadequate. It seems that Jews all over the world, when they see that the State of Israel is, for some serious reason, the object of dispute, fear that any of their eventual criticism could weaken it further. They fear being seen as “traitors” and doing a favour to the main adversary of Judaism in Palestine: Islam.

Even Muslims are not great champions of democracy in their countries. Theirs too, generally, are confessional states, more or less. Which atheist or agnostic or believer in a faith opposite to the dominant one or even just different from the three monotheistic ones would willingly go and live in their countries? Generally it is done only for work needs.

One of the great differences between Judaism and Islam is that the enormous contradictions created by the West with its colonialism have led tens of millions of people to adopt a simplified Judaism, namely Islam, with an anti-Western function.

Judaism and Islam are two politicized religions protesting against Western civilization. At least historically they have been like this. Today, however, it would be absurd to support it. And not only because world finance is often in the hands of individuals of Jewish origin, and not only because oil-producing countries are often one of the centres of world capitalism, but also because it is religion in itself that no longer counts for anything, being only a mere instrument of power or an identity claim of the marginal classes, mostly subject to political exploitation.

In theory Judaism and Islam could also ally against us Westerners, but fortunately for us they never do. Indeed, when the idea of material well-being is at stake, Jews and Muslims are quick to agree with some Western state, which in the past has represented for them a genocidal policy, a spirit of crusade, a colonialist ambition.

We know that the Jews expelled from Catholic Europe helped the Ottoman Muslims to overthrow the Byzantine Empire, but these forms of collaboration are not so frequent. Another sensational one occurred when the Jews persecuted by the Catholics helped the Dutch Calvinists to transform their country into a great capitalist and colonialist power.

This is to say that the development of capitalism cuts across all religions, so it certainly cannot be said that Christian civilization is better than the other two. Indeed, we should say that capitalism is the result of a marriage between Christianity and the bourgeoisie: an alliance that has conditioned the entire world and which, developing secularly over the centuries, has invented formal concepts such as parliamentary democracy, democratic state, national integrity, natural law, separation of powers, etc.: all meaningless oxymorons, real contradictions in terms.

Only apparently is the world in the hands of three intolerant exclusivist religions, which always struggle to coexist peacefully with each other. In fact, all believers of these three confessions tend to ape a bourgeois, Western-style lifestyle, in which money is the only true god to be worshipped. And this reality also affects believers of other confessions and naturally also non-believers.

We know well that these are all generalizations that take their time. They only serve to understand that nowadays it would be good to keep religion separate from politics, and above all it would be good if when we talk about democracy and human values there was coherence between theory and practice, that coherence that no religion is capable of guarantee.

[21] Hit two birds with one stone

It is very likely that the massacres of civilians that Israel is carrying out in Gaza do not only have as objective the occupation of the northern area of this *exclave*, but also to redefine the maritime borders with Lebanon.

This is because the exploitation of the gas fields of the Mediterranean is involved. Israel and Lebanon have always been at loggerheads, except when they decided to make a gas agreement with American mediation (and Hezbollah's consent) in October 2022: an agreement signed by Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and the Lebanese President Michel Aoun.

The deal was meant to put an end to a long-running dispute over around 860 sq km of the Mediterranean, covering the Karish and Qana gas fields. The first is located in Israeli waters; the second in the Lebanese ones. With the agreement, Israel will be able to exploit its field and will receive royalties from the exploitation of the Lebanese one.

Today, with the Netanyahu government the situation has changed completely. He doesn't like the agreement at all, because he wants to fully exploit the two deposits found, which are of considerable size and importance, not only economically. In fact, Israel could accredit itself as a global energy power, even achieving self-sufficiency.

As is known, Karish is only the latest in a series of gas fields on which Israel is working. It is estimated that the Leviathan field alone (the second largest in the Mediterranean after the discovery in 2015 of the Zohr field off the coast of Egypt), discovered 130 km from the city of Haifa in 2010, contains 535 billion cubic meters of natural gas.

In the early 2000s the Israelis also discovered the smaller Tamar basin, which came into operation in 2013. Is-

rael, together with Cyprus and Greece, is already building the EastMed Mediterranean gas pipeline, which should connect the Leviathan and Cypriot Aphrodite fields with Europe, 1/3 on land and the rest at sea (almost 2,000 km in total). The EU considers it strategic and is largely financing it, to make itself totally independent from Russian gas.

Strengthened by these great economic resources, Netanyahu not only wants to redefine the maritime borders with Lebanon (even the land ones are still the subject of dispute), but above all he does not want to cede anything to Hezbollah, which could gain material advantages from that agreement: he wants a total war against this military formation, which he considers far more dangerous than Hamas. So it is likely that the attack on Gaza is actually also a provocation to bring Hezbollah into the field. In short, Netanyahu wants to hit two birds with one stone.

Gaza has a damn thing to do with it

But what does Gaza have to do with the Israeli energy issue? With the Oslo Agreements of 1993-95 between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), in which the first recognition of the latter as a legal entity representing the Palestinian people seemed to take place, a “Maritime Activity Zone” was created off the coast of the Gaza Strip extending 20 miles offshore, open, in the central part to fishing and recreational activities by boats authorized by the PA (Palestinian National Authority). This is the so-called “L zone”.

However, there are also “zones K and M”, which belong exclusively to the Israeli Navy.

Since the “L zone” is closer to an important Mediterranean gas field, the Gaza Marine, which falls beyond the hypothetical fishing zone, and which was found by the British company “British Gas” (BG Group), the Netanyahu government also wants that area. Indeed, let’s say that, since there is no Palestinian state, the Israeli government felt authorized to impose, in 2009, an anti-Hamas naval blockade which reduced the “L zone” to just three miles from the coast.

The Oslo Accords did not mention the exploitation of seabed energy resources as a right recognized by the PA. Simply in 1999 Arafat had granted the exploitation of the gas field to the aforementioned BG Group, in partnership with a Greek-Lebanese company (CCI) and a Palestinian investment fund (PIF).

According to the Israeli government, this concession is legally worthless, precisely because Palestine is not a state. And if Hamas thinks it can control that field, forget it: that is a terrorist group that no country in the world recognizes. And the fact that it was democratically elected means nothing at all. And if Hamas doesn't have that field, much less will the PA have it, which, in terms of bargaining power, is below zero.

This is how Netanyahu reasons. That's why he presented a map of Israel to the UN in which Palestine didn't even exist!

European parliament gone mad

Incredible: 419 European deputies voted against the "humanitarian ceasefire" in Gaza, proposed by Manon Aubry, leader of the left in the European parliament (The Left – GUE/NGL). The resolution also included calls for lifting the blockade on Gaza and recognition of Israeli war crimes.

It should be noted that the condemnation of Hamas' war crimes was voted for by almost all MEPs, including many from the left parliamentary group itself.

It refuses to believe that a "humanitarian ceasefire" can be a prerequisite for everything else: the immediate release of hostages, an end to the blockade, the creation of humanitarian corridors and the prosecution of war crimes and criminals.

France had already voted against a humanitarian "cease-fire" at the United Nations Security Council.

In short, Zionists can never be accused of anything, since their right to self-defence is sacrosanct, even if it violates all international rights and ends up committing genocide.

As if the right to self-defence didn't also apply to Palestinians! Israel does not have the right to defend its crimes and its occupation, if anything it is the Palestinian people who have

the right to force the occupier to end the occupation. In 2004 the International Court of Justice issued an advisory opinion in the case concerning the “Legal Consequences of Building a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territories”: it stated that Israel “cannot invoke the right of self-defence to build such a wall on Palestinian territory”. Furthermore, Gaza, according to international law, is still an “occupied land”: it makes no sense to talk about the right to self-defence on the part of the Zionists.

Resisting the occupation by all means, including armed resistance, is a right legitimized by all international norms and laws, including the Geneva Conventions with the First Additional Protocol, and by relevant United Nations resolutions, such as Resolution No. 3236 of the UN General Assembly, adopted by the 29th session of the General Assembly on 22 November 1974, which affirms the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people in Palestine, including the right to self-determination and the right to return to “their homes and property from where they were expelled, displaced and uprooted.”

[22] A decisive forum? Let's hope so!

Turkey's representative at the Cairo summit on Palestine (wanted by Egypt) was quite annoyed. He said that:

- any support for Israel and its strengthening with weapons contributes to the occupation (obviously he was referring to the USA);

- Israel absurdly defines the isolation of two million Palestinian citizens as a “fight against terrorism”;

- the situation in Palestine has always been a tragedy, so there is no excuse for what is happening in Gaza.

It should be noted that in this forum the Arab delegation is already arguing badly with the European one, so there will hardly be a final joint statement. Jordan itself, which is an ally of the USA, does not even want to hear about the “forced transfer of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip”. In recent days, King Abdullah II cancelled Biden's visit to Amman.

Meloni has already said that “ Hamas' real objective is not to defend the Palestinian people, but to compromise peace.

You sure know how to defend national interests! You know the real goal of Hamas!” But then she had to admit that Palestine has the right to have its own state, even if “not at the expense of the existence and security of Israel”.

As usual she doesn't know what she's saying. If Palestine is given its own state by recognizing Israel as it is now on a geographical and geopolitical level, it will be an absolutely ridiculous state. She did not understand that Hamas's adventurous outburst was meant to make it clear that Palestine is not willing to accept Israel as it is, that is, as it is at the moment. So much so that those who talk about two states are referring to the situation before 1967 (which would still be a compromise solution, not the ideal one).

This forum is important, as there will be over 30 States on it and numerous international and regional organizations, as well as the world's leading politicians.

Israel like Ukraine?

Turkey has never taken the field against Israel, but if it did, it would certainly win. A nation of over 80 million inhabitants, which has good internal social cohesion, a culture and notable military power (including nuclear), such as to lead other Islamic states in confrontation with the Zionists, cannot be afraid of anything. Let's not forget that Erdoğan reiterated the need for a Palestinian state to be founded on the basis of the borders established by the UN in 1967. Which is an unfeasible solution today, useful just as a provocation to unleash a conflict against the Zionists.

The diplomatic rift between the two countries began in 2010: only recently has a process of normalization started, above all because there is a gas pipeline planned between the two states, connected to the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

In particular, for the Ankara government, the violation of the Al Aqsa mosque and East Jerusalem constitute the red line that the Jewish state must not cross. And this line has been crossed over and over again.

The Turks have always supported the Palestinians in every way, crushed by 16 years of embargo, even giving refuge to

the leaders of Hamas. In a regional war, Turkey can certainly deploy large armies and air forces equipped with modern weapons and manned by disciplined and determined fighters. The emergence of a regional Sunni Muslim alliance, led by Ankara and financed by Qatar, cannot help but frighten Israel. If you then add Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Lebanon, Israel risks disappearing from the map.

Netanyahu is underestimating the enemy facing him, just as Biden did with the Russians in Ukraine.

Since the beginning of this millennium, both the USA and Israel have been making mistake after mistake, seriously compromising the stability of their state structure, their internal stability and their credibility in the world. They are not resigned to the fact that the world is plural and that everyone has the right to have their own living space. The strength of law must replace the law of force.

[23] Escape the dead end of religions

Religion was born because in the slave era men could not find practical solutions to overcoming that way of life. Before slavery there was a naturalistic religion (totemic-animistic) which did not harm anyone, which did not foresee class or class differences, which did not put itself at the service of power, which did not claim particular privileges, which did not delegate the solution to problems in the afterlife. It was such because it was closely connected to natural phenomena, which today we (absurdly) claim to dominate by virtue of our technology.

Today any religion is only an instrument of the dominant political power (one of many instruments and not even the main one). Of course one can have religious ideals to oppose to the contradictions of the system, but if it does it in an individualistic way it is of no use, and if it does it in a collectivist way it must find alternatives that have nothing to do with religion, for example, self-consumption against the markets or direct democracy against parliamentary representative democracy.

Let's look at Ukraine: the two confessions are both Orthodox, they don't even have a different idea. Yet one is on the

side of Kiev's neo-Nazis, the other on the side of the Moscow regime. And they hate each other mortally. So there is no point in being Orthodox instead of Catholic or Protestant.

In such a situation it is better to separate religion from politics (the Russians and Ukrainians should do this too). And by this I do not mean that in itself the separation regime is more democratic than the confessional one (democracy today has nothing to do with religion), but it is certainly more pluralistic, more open to differences in religious attitudes.

Let's look at the attachment that Israelis and Palestinians have to religion. It is a symptom of their fear, it is a form of ideological primitivism. They think that by remaining attached to a faith, they can better distinguish themselves from their adversary, when in reality we can only see the real difference on a practical level, that is, in the way in which we deal with the contradictions created by capitalism. And on this level, being Jewish or Islamic or Christian or Buddhist or Hindu or whatever we want, means absolutely nothing.

No two things are the same

It is one thing not to have understood that the Russians are not the aggressors of Ukraine but the liberators of Donbas from the Ucronazi genocide.

This is because if one knows nothing about history, does not know how events have unfolded since the 2014 coup, and relies on the distorted news of the Western mainstream and on one's own miserable impressions, it is normal for one to take a completely wrong path, even if after 20 months of war shouldn't play the role of Hansel who can't find his way back because the birds ate his breadcrumbs. There is always a limit to ignorance. In the presence of the many mass media available (relating to social networks) one cannot say "I know I don't know".

However, it is quite another thing not to understand that the open dispute between Israel and Palestine has been going on since 1948. And that one of the two rivals is behaving in a subhuman manner. And that they can do it because the US lets them.

Here there can only be two reasons for understanding this misunderstanding:

- or the godfather of Israel prevents us from having another vision of things (also by financing the mystification of reality);

- or the prejudices against Islam (conditioned by the significant migratory flows and the previous twenty years of fighting the elusive “Islamic terrorism”), are enormous.

These two attitudes today are leading to a disconcerting conclusion: to prevent an escalation from developing in the Middle East, the best solution is for Israel, imitating Achilles, to vent its baleful anger on its own. As if we didn't know that Netanyahu wants to occupy the northern part of Gaza, making the idea of granting a state to the Palestinians even more ridiculous.

They want to prevent us from accepting reality

When the Protestant Reformation broke out in Germany, Italian humanist intellectuals did not understand why religious ideas were used to contest the corrupt Roman Church as in the time of the heretical pauperistic movements of the Middle Ages. In fact, for them it had become completely normal to be formally Catholic (on Sunday) and essentially bourgeois (on all other days). So they did not expect that when the papacy launched the counter-reformation, it would also silence, with the help of the Spanish, all the humanistic and Renaissance demands that had made Italy great.

They were intellectuals with advanced ideas, lived in an individualistic way, who, due to their arrogance towards a popular movement with religious ideas, allowed themselves to be overwhelmed by a Church which, for fear of losing its own political power, stopped making concessions to their bourgeois spirit and was transformed into a profoundly reactionary institution: so reactionary that it took Italy out of the ranks of the most advanced countries in the world for at least three centuries.

Today this misunderstanding of historical processes is happening to Europe as a whole, as well as to its cultural off-

shoot of Calvinistic origin: the United States of America, which, in order to save itself from the multi-polar tsunami, does not worry at all if, to do so, they are forced to bury historic allies such as the European Union itself and Israel.

In the 16th century the arrogant and conservative role was played by the Roman Church and the Spanish empire. Today this role is played by the collective West led by the Americans. They are the ones who want to prevent us from accepting the idea that the special military operation led by Putin had as its aim the defence of the Russian-speaking people of Donbas and the elimination of Ukrainian neo-Nazism in Kiev.

And now again: it is always they who prevent us from believing that the Palestinians' right to self-defence is infinitely superior to that of the Israelis.

[24] The fundamental law of Israel

The Fundamental Law: "Israel as a nation-state of the Jewish people", adopted by the Knesset on 19 July 2018, is part of the realization of the Zionist dream of creating a state that has not national but "global" or "planetary" value.

With this law, Israel presents itself as a "national state" not so much of the "Israeli nation" (whose geographical borders are not even delineated) but rather of the "Jewish people", wherever they are found.

The symbols of the State of Israel become obligatory for all Jews: name, flag, the seven-branched candlestick as emblem, Hatikvah as hymn; the capital (undivided Jerusalem); Hebrew as a national language (subject to a special provisional status for the Arabic language); the Jewish calendar as the official one alongside the Gregorian; national holidays, Saturdays and Israeli holidays as days of rest (without prejudice to the right of non-Jews to observe their weekly and public holidays).

Therefore the existence of an official religion is recognized in a territory (that of the whole of Palestine) where the Islamic population certainly cannot be qualified as an "ethno-linguistic minority" compared to the Jewish one (in the Diaspora it is even superior to it).

The Law, by not defining the limit of the national territory of the State in which self-determination takes place, does not need to specify who is Jewish or not, precisely because it does not want to make any difference between the Jews scattered around the world.

Therefore the Diaspora is part of the Jewish State from all points of view: national, social, cultural, religious. No religious, theological or confessional definition of who belongs to the Jewish people is given. Which implies that there is not even a need to grant Israeli citizenship to anyone who lives as a Jew anywhere on the planet.

And all Jews have the right to be defended by Israel regardless of the consent of the state in which they live. That is, Israel reserves first and foremost for itself the right and duty to defend any Jew in the world.

This way of seeing things is incredible. On the one hand, the whole world is expected to accept this singularity; on the other hand, the world is prevented from interfering in this claim. On the one hand you want to make the world your own extension; on the other hand, you don't accept rules that are not your own.

It's better rather

Why do we talk about the genocide of the Armenians carried out by the Turks and we don't do it with what the Zionists do to the Palestinians? Is it just a question of the number of deaths? Which as far as the Armenians were concerned were around 1.5 million.

What is the meaning of the term? The Russians also spoke of the neo-Nazi Kiev government's genocidal policy towards the Russian-speaking people of Donbas. And we can't just say because of the deaths: around 14,000. There was also a ban on using the Russian language, claiming administrative autonomy, being a communist, using Russian literature, sympathizing with the Russians or the Moscow patriarchate, etc.

The Zionists have deprived the Palestinians of water, electricity, gas, medicine and bomb everything under fire, including hospitals, churches and schools, on the pretext that they

may contain terrorists. They also force them to evacuate to the only point where they can do so: the Rafah crossing, which marks the border between Egypt and Gaza. President al-Sisi has already said that it is unthinkable for Egypt to welcome 1.1 million refugees all together and at the same time, so that it will be forced to declare war on Israel. These genocidal absurdities are so evident that even three Israeli ministers are considering the possibility of resigning to force Prime Minister Netanyahu to publicly assume his responsibilities following the surprise attack launched by Hamas on October 7.

That is, since they cannot accuse him of genocide, otherwise they would be considered traitors to the homeland, as the homeland has the right to defend itself (however disproportionate this defence is³), they limit themselves to accusing him of inefficiency, of ineptitude.

Someone, at this point, might say: rather than nothing, rather is better.

[25] Conditions for not making the fourth grade

After Hiroshima and Nagasaki Einstein said: “I have no idea what weapons will be used to fight the third world war, but the fourth will be fought with sticks and stones. In any case, if I had known, I would have become a watchmaker”. A famous phrase that everyone knows (already said by others before him, apart from the reference to the artisan profession).

³ As of October 24, the Palestinian death toll had reached 5,791, of which 2,360 children, 1,292 women and girls and 295 elderly people, and 1,550 were missing. 16,297 citizens injured. One in 100 citizens was killed or injured. That is, in 18 days many more Palestinians were killed than in all of the last 15 years combined. Over 12,000 tons of explosives rained down on Gaza, equivalent to the power of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, with an average of 33 tons per square kilometre. The total number of displaced people has reached approximately 1.4 million, constituting 70% of the population of the Strip, distributed in more than 222 shelters. Over 183,000 housing units were damaged, accounting for 50% of the housing units in the Strip. Over 28,000 have become uninhabitable. 177 schools suffered various damages, of which 32 were demolished. The air force targeted water, electricity and sanitation networks, putting them out of service. 35 mosques and 3 churches seriously damaged. Banned white phosphorus bombs were also used.

In reality he had the idea very well, otherwise he wouldn't have talked about sticks and stones. He had acted ignorant simply because he didn't want to admit that part of the responsibility for the near destruction of humanity necessarily fell on him too, so much so that he added that, if he could go back, he would have become a watchmaker. Oppenheimer basically implemented ideas that came from elsewhere.

Who knows why the great intelligence that Jews often demonstrate is used for something that destroys all of humanity. Also think about the use of finance... However, Einstein, who was a great scientist, understood nothing about politics and limited himself to being a moralist, as demonstrated by this other phrase of his: "War cannot be humanized, it can only be abolished."

To abolish wars, we must abolish the causes that cause them, which are generally economic. If these causes are not resolved in a political way, it is very easy to resort to war.

However, the problem is not the war itself (which in certain conditions becomes an inevitable evil), but what comes after, which must be sufficiently just so that new opportunities are not created for new wars to break out.

Let's take the now centuries-old conflict between Israel and Palestine. To justify this, one of the Zionists' statements is the following: "We work the land better than them". This sentence already contains the triggering cause of the next wars, the next colonizations and apartheid.

"Better than them" for a settler is understood in a capitalist sense. The land must be worked for commercial production, so that it determines an economic profit.

Now, let's suppose that for a Palestinian the land must be worked only to solve a problem of self-sufficiency: would this perhaps justify racism towards him and, if he does not agree to step aside, the need to wage war against him? Here we seem to be witnessing a repetition of what the North Americans did to the native Red Indians.

No, Einstein was wrong: there are just wars, which must be fought to allow humans to feel in control of their own destiny. The concept of "multi-polarity" must also serve this purpose, to respect differences.

Repentance is not enough

We have now reached the point that even if thousands or even millions of Jews said they were against Israel's attack on Gaza, it would not prevent it from happening again in the future.

This is because the situation has become so fossilized in its discriminatory and persecutory configuration towards the Palestinians that the slightest thing is enough to trigger conflicts of various nature and severity to break out.

It is the objective conditions that determine subjective behaviours, even if ultimately this may not be true. The longer apartheid lasts, the stronger the reaction of the population that suffers it will be; the more extremist the parties voted by this population, the more the Zionist powers will feel authorized to use repression outside of any legal norm.

This is to say that the repentance or regret of democratic or moderate Jews, if it can put a stop to this massacre, cannot aspire to any operational effectiveness for the purposes of resolving the underlying causes that periodically generate these monstrous massacres.

Paradoxically, these very repentances contribute to creating the conditions for the reiteration of Israeli colonialism. We need legal and political solutions that go beyond ethical ones.

The West itself does not know what to do with the repentance of Jews of good will. Peace without justice guarantees absolutely nothing. We cannot offer Netanyahu's government the opportunity to emerge politically unscathed from these horrific abuses. Nor can we limit ourselves to hoping for a more democratic and pluralist government. Indeed, we must be convinced that if from 1948 to today Israel has not managed to resolve its problems of coexistence with the Palestinian population, there is nothing that suggests that it will be able to do so in the future. This is why we need an international conference to solve the problem at its root. Or at least the various UN resolutions regarding this Middle Eastern conflict must be imposed by force.

Why do we talk about apartheid and Israeli colonialism?

It's very simple. A few unequivocal data are enough.

1) Israel has total control over Palestinian land, resources and borders, meaning imports and exports are entirely in its hands.

2) Israel decides whether someone can go to live in the occupied territories (East Jerusalem, West Bank, Golan Heights, Gaza) or work for Palestinian institutions. Permits and visas are almost impossible to obtain, so it is practically forbidden for these institutions to employ, for example, foreign citizens. Even just to go abroad, Palestinians residing in the occupied territories must apply for a special and expensive visa.

3) Israel has a state that has tanks, fighter planes, helicopters, warships, a nuclear arsenal and one of the best equipped armies in the world. The Palestinian National Authority is only responsible for policing public order in Palestinian cities in the West Bank. In any case, these cities are completely surrounded by the Israeli army, which has also closed most of the entrances since 8 October (it opens and closes the crossings at its own discretion).

4) Israel can impose any restriction on the movement of people. Typically, special military permits are required. Even the Jewish citizens of Israel cannot enter without authorization in Palestinian cities of the West Bank.

5) The Israeli army can carry out daily incursions into Palestinian cities and refugee camps, arresting or killing whoever it wants, without having to answer to anyone (e.g. more than 250 Palestinians were killed in the West Bank in 2023 and several hundred more after on October 8). The Palestinian security forces can do nothing to prevent it.

6) The Zionists' policy of repression is genocidal because they apply it collectively, that is, if someone is guilty of something, all their family members and their homes are also at risk.

7) There are several thousand Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli prisons. They can remain there for an indefinite

period and without specific charges being brought against them. They can be subjected to torture of various types. And hundreds of minors are also imprisoned in prisons.

8) The population of the Gaza Strip has been held hostage for over 16 years. They can't do anything that Israel doesn't want. It is considered an open-air prison, which is periodically bombed: before 7 October 2023 it had been bombed in 2008, 2012, 2014 and 2021, and the population never knows where to escape, except into the underground tunnels.

9) The whole inter-ethnic marriage policy is particularly discriminatory. Even a European citizen who, after marrying a Palestinian, decides to move to Palestine would be discriminated against.

[26] The Israeli ethnocracy

What an absurdity to claim that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East! According, at least, to the latest “Fundamental Law”, approved by parliament in 2018, it would be better to talk about “ethnocracy”, which also has no Constitution.

Such an explicit ethnic-religious statement automatically downgrades to a lower rank all those who do not fall within it, for example, the Arab-Israelis, who are certainly not an insignificant minority and who, even if they were, would still have the right not to suffer any discrimination. Does it make sense to claim the right to self-determination for the Jewish people, denying an equal right to those of the Islamic religion? Obviously not.

But above all there is another question that each of us should ask ourselves. Does it make sense that, in the face of marked anti-Semitism towards a population without a specific territory, this population can claim the need to have its own territory?

That is, the question to ask here is not the classic one: Does it make sense that a population without its own territory has the right to have one by taking it away from another population that already inhabits it? The obvious answer is no, unless

the host population agrees to do so spontaneously and obviously on its own terms.

Here the real question even precedes this one, and is precisely related to anti-Semitism. That is, why did pogroms suddenly break out in the past? Who has the greatest responsibility as the trigger for this form of persecution? Even if one were not able to answer this question, one would still have to admit that such blatant anti-Semitism would have been impossible in the second half of the 19th century. If previously there had not been the anti-Judaism practised by the three Christian confessions.

If we think about it, in fact, having allowed the Zionist movement to be able to move to Palestine was, on the part of the Europeans, a form of passing the buck: they preferred to allow the creation of a ghetto rather than address the problem of anti-Semitism. How to lock Native Americans in reservations, instead of asking where the need to exterminate them came from.

In this way, a society was created that was able to build, on an institutional level, an iron alibi for hating not only the Palestinians but the entire world. Israelis have ended up claiming their Jewishness against those who don't have it. And those of today are shielding themselves from the 6 million who died in the last world war.

At this point the West must necessarily take Israel's side: it is its creature.

A failed experiment

Making the Palestinians pay the price for the Jewish holocaust, for which they were not to blame, was not an intelligent move by the Europeans. Then saying that the integration between the two populations was not taking place due to the cultural limitations of the Palestinians was like offering the Zionists a good opportunity to start subjugating them.

Palestinians were compared to Africans, while Jews, recognized for their intelligence, were allowed to behave like Western capitalists in the Middle East. Thus the Europeans obtained two birds with one stone: forgiveness for the Shoah and

the containment of Islamic anger due to the betrayal of the Anglo-French agreements (Sykes-Picot) on the destinies of the Middle East after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

The Middle East needed to be exploited for its enormous energy resources and Israel super armed would have acted as a watchdog.

The West has created a permanent destabilization in the belief that the technical- scientific backwardness of the Arab world in general would allow it to sleep peacefully.

Today this fun is over. The Middle East no longer wants Western presence in its geographical area; it long ago stopped believing that Americans are better than European colonialists; it wants to decouple oil from the dollar; it wants to develop according to its own criteria and considers Israel an annoying foreign body.

The Palestinians do not want to expel the Israelis from their territory, that is, they do not want to behave like Israel towards them. They just want an end to the existence of an aggressive, expansive and fundamentally racist state in a territory that has cultural roots not aligned with their own.

There is no desire to restore anti-Semitism (even the Palestinians are Semites); we just want to overcome the idea of a political-religious Zionism that has institutionalized itself in a fundamentalist state, incapable of tolerating cultural diversity. Israel was a failed Western experiment.

Today perhaps it would be better to say that no anti-Semitism exists and will no longer exist in the EU, also because there are only 1.5 million Jews. We should use the word "antisemitism" in reference to Arab Muslims in the Middle East, but in that case we prefer to talk about "Islamophobia".

Rather, it is the Zionists who talk about it in a victim-like manner, in order to justify their racist and colonialist behaviour.

At most we could say that, due to this unbearable hypocrisy, from time to time, very isolated anti-Semitic outbursts occur or are limited to specific actions (such as devastating a Jewish cemetery for example).

Today, at most, Islamophobia could increase in Europe due to migratory flows, but no one would think of going to rob

a Muslim who is trying to integrate into a European country. They are certainly not as wealthy as the Jews of the past two centuries. When NATO launched wars against some Middle Eastern countries, it did so only to control the only resource they have: oil. If Islamophobia were to break out in the West today, it would certainly not happen due to religious causes or any anti-Semitism harboured by Muslims towards Jews. The reason should be sought, once again, in the increasingly acute contradictions of neoliberal societies, whose ruling élites periodically need to unload the burden on an imaginary enemy. Hence the absurd rumours that immigrants take away our compatriots' jobs, and other such amenities.

In the West, if work decreases, it is because financial speculation has been allowed to replace productive activity. In this respect it is the whole of Asia, the whole Global South that is telling the collective West to step aside.

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Vivek Ramaswamy, candidate for the presidency of the United States, told "Fox News": leaving NATO to the Europeans is a smart idea, because it is too costly for the USA. Furthermore, the participation of the United States in the UN must be reconsidered, because the UN cannot say that Israel cannot defend itself from terrorists as it deems most appropriate. However, this does not mean that the USA necessarily has to wage war in the Middle East. We have already made too many mistakes from Iraq to Afghanistan. We cannot fund Israel if we don't know for sure what she intends to do with Gaza. The USA must first think of its national interests.

In short, even among the presidential candidates there is not one who has clear and distinct ideas.

[27] The original sin of Israeli apartheid

The Jews were able to establish their own political state in Palestine after the end of the Second World War, but, as is known, the Zionist movement had been thinking about it since the end of the 19th century.

Its leader, Theodor Herzl (1860-1904), of Hungarian origin, was very worried about the growing European anti-Semitism (in France there had been the Dreyfus case). And he was sorry that the Jews were abandoning Europe to head towards the United States.

He wanted a real, absolutely autonomous political state for the Jews. After having discarded various options (Madagascar, Kenya, various areas of Latin America), he favoured a strong migration of Ashkenazi groups towards Palestine, when it was still under the Ottoman Empire. As if the Albanians residing in southern Italy since the 15th century, due to Ottoman pressure, claimed to have their own state.

As long as they remained under the Turks and without their own state, the Jews, who were less than 10% of the resident population (all Arabic or Turkish speaking), lived peacefully, even if they began to buy lands from Arab feudal lords to the detriment of the farmers, who were being chased away. Groups of Jewish entrepreneurs, businessmen and bankers, including the Rothschild family, took over the leadership of the Zionist movement.

Taking advantage of the fact that the British government was looking for financing to cover the costs of the world war, the Rothschilds induced it to issue the so-called “Balfour Declaration” in 1917 (A. J. Balfour was foreign minister at that time), in which he committed to encourage the establishment of a centre (a “national home”) for Jews in Palestine, while respecting the civil and religious rights of other resident religious minorities. At the end of the war, the League of Nations made Palestine a protectorate of the British Empire which favoured Jewish migration to Palestine.

Problems began to arise when, according to the Sykes-Picot agreements (unveiled, moreover, by the Bolsheviks in power), the Anglo-French, after having destroyed the Ottoman Empire, betrayed the expectations of independence of the Arab world, and they divided the spoils of that empire. To the English, among other things, was given Palestine, useful for connections with the Indian colony. The aforementioned betrayal was also due to the fact that in 1908 the first oil field was discovered in Iran.

And so at the end of 1917 the English were convinced that, to avoid the Arab rebellion caused by that betrayal, it would be better to establish a militarily strong Jewish state in Palestine, accepting the political requests of the Zionist movement. USA, France and Italy (not the Vatican) agreed.

The Arabs of the Hijaz were horrified by this decision, also because they had not been asked for any opinion, so in 1924 they rose up, but were defeated. The Arabs of Egypt also did it: here, however, England was forced to recognize formal independence.

The Zionists also financed paramilitary and extremist groups such as David Ben Gurion's Haganah, Menachem Begin's Irgun and Avraham Stern's Lehi (Stern Gang), who from the 1930s organized armed actions both against the Palestinian Arab populations (mostly Muslim) and against colonial institutions and the British military. The English protectorate in Palestine had so many difficulties that, at a certain point, London stopped Jewish emigration and the formation of the State of Israel. And so did the newborn Palestinian national movement.

The most important episode of Palestinian opposition to colonization was the so-called Great Revolt (1936-39), caused by the economic marginalization and progressive impoverishment of the native population. In that period, almost half of the Palestinians were forced to look for work outside their village of residence.

Meanwhile, Zionist agents made massive purchases of land, causing prices to rise. After having bought large landholdings from Arab landowners, they turned to the small plots of farmers who lived on the edge of survival and had an easy time purchasing hundreds of hectares of land. Within a few years, 30% of Palestinian farmers were landless and 75-80% of landowners did not have enough land to ensure their survival. In 1937 between 9 and 10,000 Palestinian fighters operated in the countryside, attacking British forces and Jewish settlements. The uprising was crushed by the British army: approximately 10% of the Palestinian male population was killed, wounded, imprisoned or exiled and the resistance beheaded.

In 1942 in New York at a Zionist congress the moderate wing of Weizmann, which advocated gradual invasion and division of Palestine between Jews and Palestinians, was defeated by the radical wing of Ben-Gurion, which was for the immediate creation of a state Jewish including the whole of Palestine, even resorting to armed struggle (“Biltmore Program”).

Subsequently, in 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted by majority (33 votes in favour, 13 against and 10 abstentions) on a plan for the partition of Palestine which provided for the establishment of a Jewish state on 55% of the Palestinian territory and Arab on the remaining 45%, with Jerusalem under international control. As of December 31, 1947, 1,908,775 people (excluding nomads) lived in Palestine, of which 589,341 were Jews.

The partition plan envisaged, after the departure of the British, that power would be temporarily assumed in Palestine by a UN commission, which would trace the respective borders precisely and help prepare the respective elections to form the new governments.

However, Zionist groups violated these decisions. Between December 1947 and the first half of 1948 they started a real war against the Palestinian people: under the pretext of defending the Jewish settlements and the territory of the nascent Jewish state, they began the progressive destruction of Palestinian villages and the expulsion of the inhabitants and on 14 May 1948 they unilaterally declared the birth of the State of Israel and the following day the British troops definitively withdrew from Palestine.

Also in May 1948, the armies of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan attacked the State of Israel, but it was a solemn fiasco: they only had 25,000 men, the same as Israel, which increased to 60,000 in July, while the Arabs had around 40,000.

The Arab defeat was inevitable not only due to the numerical gap and the inexperience of the military and supreme commands, but also due to the rivalries between the members of the coalition, each interested in taking a slice of the Palestinian territory. Most armies had English-made weapons, Syria excluded.

When the UN declared an arms embargo on May 29, the British were the only ones who respected it. The supplies were therefore excluded. The Zionists, on the other hand, could receive all the weapons they wanted.

When the UN sent a mediator, Folke Bernadotte, with some observers to Palestine, the war was stopped for four weeks (11 June - 8 July). In the meantime he proposed a reasonable exchange of territories: the Negev and Jerusalem to the Arabs in exchange for the Galilee to the Jews, while the port of Haifa and the airport of Tel Aviv were to be used by both states. The Zionists, however, didn't think twice: the Stern gang (led by Shamir) eliminated him on September 17, and the identity of the perpetrators remained forever unknown. After that, hostilities resumed peacefully until 1949.

Israel conquered hundreds of Palestinian towns and villages, that is, it occupied approximately 80% of the territory of the British Mandate, while the UN had assigned it 55%. At the end of December 1948 the Zionists also wanted to occupy Gaza, but the Americans, at the urging of the English, who did not want any fuss in the Suez Canal, prevented them. However, they took over the entire Negev, reaching as far as the Red Sea.

From 890,000 to 904,000 Arabs (nomads excluded) were forced to leave ("Nakba" i.e. catastrophe). The Arab-Israeli war of 1948 ended with the armistice of Rhodes (February-July 1949), which established agreements that lasted until the Six Day War (1967). Israel annexed the Galilee and other Arab-majority territories. The Gaza Strip passed to the Egyptians and the western Jordan valley and east Jerusalem to the emir of Transjordan, Abdallah, who proclaimed himself king of Jordan and who was assassinated in 1951 for his too close relations with the Anglo-Americans.

The refugees, for whom Israel did not foresee their return, settled mainly in the West Bank (24 camps), Lebanon (15), Syria (10) and the Gaza strip (8). The UN General Assembly established their right to repatriation and the restitution of property taken by force (plus possible compensation if destroyed). Between 1948 and 1967 this right was reaffirmed another 32 times, all to no avail. Israel always defended itself by

saying that there was no “Palestinian people” but only “individual Arabs”.

The UN did nothing concrete to reduce Zionist arrogance. Furthermore, it was unlikely that it would have unleashed a war against the Jews after the horrors of the Holocaust, also because in the West no one cared about the interests of the Arabs. And then the State of Israel was recognized by the USA 11 minutes after its proclamation!

Hindsight won't be enough

Israel is seeking revenge, but if it decides to enter Gaza with tanks, the conflict could become regional. This is what analysts fear.

It must be admitted that this is a rather strange way of thinking. In fact, absurdly, we should accept the idea that if the Israeli air force continued to bomb civilians, there would be less possibility of a geographical extension of the war. Now, why should a quantitative determination (occupying a part of someone else's territory) decide how serious the conflict is on a qualitative level? Are territories perhaps more important than people?

The way the retaliation is handled, anyone can safely say that it was inhumane from the start, and even if there was no military occupation of the northern Gaza area, not only the Islamic countries of the Middle East should have reacted immediately, on a military level, to avoid that massacre of civilians, but all the Islamic countries of the world should have done so (out of confessional solidarity), indeed the whole world, concerned with protecting international law.

At the very least we would have demonstrated that there is no gulf between theoretical principles and their practical realization. Not to mention that in the West we would have been spared cynical declarations in favour of the Zionists. Let's just think about what it might mean if we let their thirst for revenge quench itself. Would we be willing to accept that thanks to our reckless statements in favour of Israel, the Palestinians had 50 or 100,000 civilians killed? Or a million refugees? Many of whom, out of desperation, could come to be criminals or even

terrorists in Europe... What is the quantitative limit beyond which we are not willing to go for fear that the conflict will turn from bilateral to multilateral? Is it possible that weapons should exclusively decide how to solve problems? What world of criminals do we live in? It seems like we are witnessing, on a geopolitical scale, wars between mafia gangs for the control of urban neighbourhoods or entire cities.

Isn't it curious that the entire West is run by statesmen totally devoid of sense and ethical conscience? Has it ever been seen that everyone together (with very few exceptions) and at the same time is stubbornly convinced that the solution to humanity's problems is the outbreak of a world war? If any historian manages to survive the use of nuclear power, it will be very difficult for him to try to explain this absolutely irrational attitude. Hindsight won't be enough for him. Perhaps it will take the genius of a new Freud to psychoanalyze humanity.

Enough with the cheap moralism

Anyone who thinks that Hamas' act of October 7 was not an act of terrorism understands nothing about democracy. Anyone who thinks that Hamas's act itself, if it had been duly prepared on a political, ideological and military level, in such a way as to prevent such a blind and furious retaliation by the Zionists, understands nothing about the national liberation struggle.

Is the difference clear? It is one thing to make adventurism a criterion of resistance. Another is to prepare a sort of national insurrection against the despotism of Israel.

They are two completely different things. And anyone understands that diversity is not so much in the final objective, but rather in the strategy with which one intends to pursue it. And from this point of view it must be said that Hamas' strategy was rather naive, spontaneous, illusory.

However, even Erdoğan, who is certainly not a champion of democracy, clearly said that "Hamas is not a terrorist organization, but a fighting group that acts for the defence and liberation of its people and its land".

This is of course regardless of the fact that a cynical and fundamentalist government like Netanyahu's could use it to keep the radical Palestinians of Hamas separated from the moderate ones of Al-Fatah.

Ethics have nothing to do with this, precisely because the Palestinians still have the right to rebel after 75 years of dictatorship. And Israel would have the duty to respect all the UN resolutions with which it attempted to resolve a conflict that did not exist at the time of the Ottoman Empire.

In such a situation, those who cannot make the difference between a just and unjust war are on the wrong side. It's done objectively, regardless of one's subjective intentions, that applaud the universal value of peace as the supreme good of humanity. It's done so even if one blames the disproportionate, indeed excessive, genocidal reaction of the Israeli air force, which does not bother to sacrifice a mountain of civilians in order to hit a "terrorist" (nor does it worry about killing its own hostages captured by Hamas).

Those who do not understand that these events must be contextualized on a historical-social level, implicitly deal with them in an "anthropological" way, considering the Palestinians to be a terrorist people by nature, who cannot be trusted, who must absolutely be expelled from all of Palestine.

Contextualising does not mean relativizing the gravity of actions, but trying to understand them. Those who do not make an effort to understand them deal with the entire Palestinian question in a schematic, one-sided manner. They issue moralistic and maximalist judgements that make no sense, and do not help in any way to resolve the problem, except to worsen the situation of the weakest part of the forces in the field, which has always been the Palestinians.

Paradoxes of the mummer

It is quite ridiculous that Zelensky says that Russia is behind Hamas when many of Hamas' weapons come from the West via the Ukrainian black market.

It has already been proven that Hamas has FGM-148 Javelin (US-made) and NLAW (Swedish-made) anti-tank mis-

sile launchers and AT4 rocket launchers (Swedish or US-made).

The Israeli General Staff has already confirmed that one of its officers was killed by these weapons during a reconnaissance in Gaza. Furthermore, Hezbollah used them, as a preventive measure, on the Lebanese-Israeli border.

In short, the Ukrainian army is so corrupt that it is easy to buy weapons from it. Especially since, having lost the war with Russia, it is now in disarray.

[28] Who has the greater majority?

It is curious how they insist on saying that Hamas does not represent the Palestinian people, when the party obtained the majority of votes in 2006. The seats in the Legislative Council were 74 out of 132 (approximately 44% of the votes), while al-Fatah, with about 41% of the votes, it got 45.

If anything, it is the current Israeli government that does not represent all the Jews of Palestine. In 2022, Benjamin Netanyahu received 1,115,049 votes, equal to 23.4%, with which he obtained 32 seats out of 120. He has never reached 30%, and the Likud has never had more than 38 seats. So overall Hamas is more representative.

In any case, not even Meloni's current government represents the will of the Italians. The entire centre-right coalition received 12.3 million votes (26.7% of the electorate), 4.2 million less than those who decided not to vote (or did not go to the polls, either cancelled the ballot or handed it in blank).

Starting from the 1979 elections, turnout in parliamentary elections has undergone a progressive and almost continuous decline which took it from 93.4% in 1976 to 63.8% in 2022.

Already in 1996, the so-called no-voters party (abstentions) represented for the first time a higher preference than any party.

UN useless

The UN General Assembly has approved the latest version of the draft resolution presented by Jordan, on behalf of the Arab countries, which calls for an “immediate, lasting and prolonged humanitarian truce leading to the cessation of hostilities, and that all parties immediately and fully comply with their obligations under international law, in particular with regard to the protection of civilians.”

So:

- immediate, continuous and unhindered provision of essential goods and services to civilians across Gaza, encouraging the creation of humanitarian corridors and other initiatives to facilitate the delivery of aid;

- the revocation of Israel’s order to evacuate Palestinians from the north of the Strip, firmly rejecting any attempt at forced transfer of the Palestinian civilian population;

- the immediate and unconditional release of all civilians illegally held prisoner.

The text, which has no binding value (like, absurdly, all those of the Assembly), obtained 120 votes in favour, 14 against (USA, Israel, Austria, Croatia, Fiji, Czechia, Guatemala, Hungary, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Tonga, Papua New Guinea and Paraguay) and 45 abstentions (Italy, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Denmark, Albania, Bulgaria, Finland, Greece, Japan, South Korea, Ukraine, Canada, Slovakia, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Uruguay, San Marino, Iraq...). To pass, a majority of 2/3 present and voting from the 193 countries was required (abstentions do not count).

So for 14 states the fact that Palestinian civilians in Gaza die under the bombs is considered positive, while for another 45 it is considered irrelevant.

The amendment proposed by Canada and supported by the USA, according to which Hamas should first of all and unconditionally release the hostages, so that only then could there be talk of a humanitarian truce, was rejected. We don’t realize that talking about “unconditional release” is like sentencing the hostage to death.

Italy did not fail to do its shameful part, abstaining on the basis of the following reasons:

- there is no unequivocal condemnation of Hamas' attacks on Israel (as if without this prior condemnation it is possible to justify Israel's genocide);

- there is no recognition of the right to defend itself of every state under attack (as if this right does not place any limit on the type of defence);

- does not mention the request for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages (as if the lack of this release involves the use of a defence outside of international law).

Israeli Ambassador Gilad Erdan called the resolution "ridiculous" as it defends terrorists. Israel is like this: it does not see the problems in all their facets, but is only concerned with pursuing the objective it sets itself, at any cost. It behaves like a bully with autism problems. And in this attitude it has a multitude of other countries that imitate it.

[29] They are preparing

"We will declare Israel a war criminal; we are already working on this", Erdoğan said.

Erdoğan also went on to make a number of statements, "Israel occupied the Palestinian territories after the end of World War II and is now carrying out genocidal action. This oppression will surely end one day."

When their own homes begin to burn, the Westerners on which they rely on will leave, and Israel will be left alone with its people.

Gaza was an inseparable part of our homeland. They have separated us from all this land that belongs to us as much as our blood, our lives, our love. We have decided to declare 3 days of national mourning. They not only separated us physically, but also used all kinds of tricks to remove them from our minds and hearts.

We have extended our hand to the oppressed people of Gaza who have been living under the blockade for 17 years. However, our efforts to secure peace have been disrupted by measures such as sending aircraft carriers to the region, cutting

off aid to the Palestinian people, and outright punishment of the people of Gaza.

The UN Security Council, which has become completely ineffective, has once again failed to fulfil its responsibilities. Western countries, which leave no stone unturned when it comes to human rights and freedoms, have only added fuel to the fire.

We held a Great Palestine Rally at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport, where we gathered to support our Palestinian brothers in Gaza, with the determination to never allow a new Gaza to emerge again.

Israel must immediately emerge from this state of madness and stop its attacks. Before this it is necessary to stop the transit of oil from Azerbaijan to Israel.

Now, in my opinion it is very difficult, with such cryptic, allusive and rhetorical language, to talk about "clarity". However, it remains to be seen whether we will move from words to deeds. I just want to remind you that from 2017 onwards Hamas has shifted the axis towards Iran. So Turkey will not be the only one to move, and alongside it – we can bet everything we want – there will not only be Iran.

Isn't 2000 years enough?

At the beginning of his political career, when he frequented the Essenic-Baptist community, Jesus Christ wanted to expel the corrupt Sadducean priests, collaborators of Rome, from the Temple of Jerusalem. But he did not succeed because at the last minute he did not obtain the support of the Pharisees, who were the main political opponents of the Sadducees. He had to go into exile in Galilee. On that occasion, in order not to be captured, he took refuge with his disciples for a while in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews.

The episode of the meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well is very eloquent for understanding what would still be the best solution today for Jews and Palestinians to co-exist peacefully.

He simply told her that from now on it would be of no use praying to Yahweh at the temple in Jerusalem or on Mount Gerizim, where the Samaritans had their own place of worship.

That is, against the Roman oppressors what was needed was a political and military agreement that went beyond religious differences. In practice he had invented the right to freedom of conscience in reference to the attitude to have when questions of faith are at stake.

But this meant that for him the whole of Palestine should have given itself a political configuration based on secularism, that is, on respect for all confessions, ethnic groups, differences in habits and customs. Well, Palestine has been waiting for 2000 years to carry out such a project. How much more time do you want to let pass? How many more people have to die bloody deaths?

[30] How sad the radical left

How sad for certain radical leftists who find it positive that Israel has represented a sort of transplant of modern capitalism into the desert areas of Palestine that have remained abandoned for dozens of centuries.

They approve of the capitalist industrial revolution that emerged in a territory without pre-existing feudal relations. And instead of asking themselves if there was the possibility of moving from feudal or even pre-feudal collectivist relations to a form of democratic socialism, they thank the West for having achieved a bourgeois revolution that led to the birth of a working class, the privileged subject of a future industrialized socialism.

Indeed, the American capitalist commitment is considered superior to the European one, still too tied to the patterns of classical colonialism, which relied on Arab dynasties to maintain direct control of the territory.

The USA preferred to bet everything on the establishment of a modern bourgeois republic (which would play the role of bridgehead in the Middle East) by exercising indirect control.

75 years of shameful dictatorship: this is what is justified by these cynical and irresponsible reasoning, which look at the past with the eyes of the present and those of the present with the eyes of the future, a future that no one knows when it will happen.

Who knows why we never ask ourselves whether the Palestinian struggle cannot be transformed into a struggle not only against the colonialism of Israeli capitalism, but also against the need to industrialize as much as possible, completely ignoring the hegemony of Tel Aviv.

Target to hit: information

Israel is actively hindering the work of journalists in the occupied territories, continues to deny them access to Gaza, targets reporters on the ground and intimidates those who report its war crimes. It has asked all international media employees to leave the northern part of the Gaza Strip as soon as possible.

Since October 7th, at least 27 journalists have been killed by Israeli attacks, of which 22 Palestinians, 4 Israelis and 1 Lebanese; 8 journalists were injured; 9 have disappeared. But if we listen to Professor Orsini, the repression has been going on for many years. In 2022 alone, 902 human rights violations were perpetrated against Palestinian journalists by Israel. 2022 was also the year of the assassination of the journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, Al Jazeera correspondent, and the radio correspondent and speaker Ghufran Al-Warasneh.

Also in 2022, 52 bullets were fired at information workers and 40 arrests were made, while 58 journalists were brought before military courts.

The State of Israel uses the instrument of administrative detention, therefore without any real charge, to prevent information technicians from sending Western states photographs or videos documenting the war crimes carried out by the Israeli army in the last 75 years. Their treatment is no different from what the West is doing to Julian Assange.

According to vulgar mafia schemes, Israel has also begun to target the families of journalists. This is the case of

Wael Al Dahdouh, the head of the Al-Jazeera bureau for Gaza, who lost his wife, son, daughter and granddaughter in an Israeli air attack on 25 October.

Big and little bullies

New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman said Israel cannot win a war on multiple fronts at once (Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and other non-state actors in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, West Bank communities and political factions within Israeli), unless the US forms a global alliance of pro-Israel states.

The alliance, however, should also include the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, providing for two things: the end of the expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the replacement of Hamas in Gaza with the PA itself in order to build a Palestinian state that includes Gaza and West Bank. This is because Israel needs a credible and legitimate Palestinian partner. A major war in the Middle East would have unacceptable costs for Tel Aviv but also for Washington, although military support from Great Britain and France is already on the way.

This American analyst has not yet understood that the hypothesis of two states (Israel and Palestine) today is not feasible in any way unless we go back to 1948; furthermore, Hamas is a political party that has obtained the majority of citizens' votes: in Gaza it did not impose itself with a coup; finally al-Fatah represents a very moderate will, willing to make any compromise with Israel. Not only that, but Tel Aviv must stop considering southern Lebanon a disputed territory and must return the Golan to Syria.

Interestingly, however, the journalist said that both Israel and the United States are trying to demonstrate who is in charge: Israel in the Middle East and the USA across the entire planet. However, this attitude may induce other countries in the world to increase the degree of their strategic autonomy from the West.

Attacked and unbeatable

Two months ago the Pentagon awarded a \$35.8 million contract to build its own secret base in Israel's Negev desert, just 20 miles from Gaza. Code name "Site 512". The base must include a radar facility that monitors the skies for possible missile attacks against Israel.

It is useless for Biden and the White House to say that there are no plans to send US troops to Israel in the context of the war against Hamas: their secret military presence already exists and is growing.

Israel's aggressiveness towards Gaza has lasted for a period that is approximately double that of the neo-Nazi governments in Kiev towards Donbas. The objective, however, is the same: subjection of the population and, when not possible, physical elimination. In both cases there is a single director who manages his actors: it is the military-industrial apparatus of the USA.

The director behaves in the same way: it provides weapons and money to create chaos in certain regions of the world. The larger the conflicts, the better.

The main propaganda commitment of the USA is to demonstrate that their actors play the role of those attacked and that they are unbeatable in their legitimate defence.

The American Republican Ron Paul said in 2009, in the House of Representatives: "Hamas was supported and actually created by Israel because it wanted to counter Yasser Arafat. This is why we first, indirectly and directly through Israel, contributed to creating Hamas. As soon as they start to dominate, however, we will have to kill them. In the 1980s we were allies of Osama bin Laden and fought the Soviets. That's when our CIA decided it would be good to radicalize the Muslim world. That's why we finance madrassas to radicalize Muslims and fight the Soviets. And there is a reward from all this."

In short, it is now well known that the Americans create terrorists and then fight them in every possible way, in order to develop their military-industrial and financial complex.

[31] Bringing everything down

Israel has no real plan for the “after”, and if it does, not everyone in Tel Aviv and Washington agrees. In fact, to eliminate Hamas it would be necessary to occupy Gaza for several months, paying a very high price in terms of human lives and image, also because there could be attacks from Lebanon by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, led by the leader Nasrallah, from Assad’s Syria (which wants the Golan Heights), from Raisi’s Iran (which has several excellent victims to avenge), from Yemen of the Shiite Houthi militiamen (also pro-Iranian) and naturally from Erdoğan’s Turkey and from Qatar (Turkey’s ally and financier of Hezbollah).

Furthermore, whatever happens in Gaza, one must not forget that Hamas is also established in the West Bank and has bases in other Middle Eastern countries. And then, even if Israel succeeded in destroying it, who would control the Palestinian masses? In 2005 the Israelis had to abandon the Strip because it was unmanageable. At most they should deport them all, they said.

In addition to Gaza, there is also a hot front in the West Bank: Palestinian self-defence brigades have been set up in Jenin, Nablus and Jericho, given that the Palestinian National Authority no longer counts for anything. The brigades are made up of young Palestinians born in refugee camps, who have nothing to lose and are faced with the choice of dying immediately or slowly. They organize themselves via social networks. In the old city of Nablus the Israeli army had to enter with tanks to defeat them, and since the beginning of the year there have been several clashes with soldiers which caused more than 200 victims, mostly Palestinians.

Note that the Abraham Accords between Saudi Arabia and Israel are already dead and buried.

In short, one has the impression that Israel is only trying to create chaos and bring the Middle East down, just as the USA wants to bring the entire world down.

National borders and mono-ethnic populations

Historian Tony Judt wrote in his book, *Postwar. Our history 1945-2005*: “At the end of the First World War the bor-

ders of the nations were redrawn, while the people were generally left where they were. After 1945, however, the opposite happened: with the sole exception of Poland, the borders remained substantially unchanged, while the people were moved.”

At the end of the Second World War, with small exceptions, all the conquered lands were returned to the nations to which they belonged and from the point of view of the borders the *status quo ante* was restored. But the population in these old nations was made homogeneous by force.

Now, what is the operation that Netanyahu is carrying out? His goal is to make the whole of Palestine mono-ethnic on an ideological level, expelling a population that has lived there since the time of Muhammad.

Hamas will have miscalculated, hoping to shake up the entire Middle East with a terrorist attack. But Netanyahu wants to create a nation that has absolutely nothing democratic about it.

This decades-long conflict demonstrates that it is not religions that will be able to resolve it, and that even if we try to do so with the use of military force, the morbid attachment to religion leads to the rebirth of new tragic conflicts.

In fact, even if the Islamic countries of the Middle East decided, with a concerted operation, to wipe out the State of Israel forever, the task of creating a democratic and pluralistic society would continue to be left unsolved. Thousands of people are dying, and millions risk having to become refugees, without even the conditions for building true social justice and true gender equality being laid.

Crocodile tears

Under Biden, 7 million migrants have entered the United States through the open border in the South, a number nearly equal to the entire population of Virginia.

This chaos has created not only a humanitarian crisis, but also a national security crisis and a drug trafficking crisis. On average, five Virginians die a day from fentanyl overdoses.

As stated by the governor of Virginia, Glenn Youngkin, in an interview with “Fox News”.

Same number in Congo: at least 6.9 million people have been forced to leave their homes due to the ongoing conflict between the Mouvement de 23 Marzo (M23) rebels and militias loyal to the government, as reported by the UN.

And what about the Ukrainian population? According to estimates by the UN refugee agency (UNHCR), there are more than 8 million Ukrainian refugees in Europe. Another 5-6 million are internally displaced.

But if we go back it's even worse. Czechoslovakia expelled 3 million Germans in June 1945, of whom 267,000 died of starvation and mistreatment. Before the war in Bohemia and Moravia the Germans represented 29% of the population; in 1950 they had fallen to no more than 1.8%. It is estimated that in the post-war period, at least 13 million Germans were forced to change their country of residence.

Faced with numbers like that, Netanyahu can always say that evacuating half of Gaza (or even all of its inhabitants) to Egypt should be an acceptable operation for Western public opinion, which in his eyes is the only one that matters .

This is what he wants anyway. It is difficult to think that a government could undertake such a far-reaching military action, which has already caused over 8,000 deaths and which could become double if it also begins to bomb the southern part of the Strip, without having the pretence of reaching a sensational and irreversible objective.

We can also be sure that Western statesmen will watch and merely shed crocodile tears.

November

[1] Is it so important to have a state?

Zionists often justify their anti-Palestinian attitude by saying that the Palestinians have never had their own autonomous state, so it is not clear why Israel should recognize it.

In fact, Palestine first existed as an Ottoman province, and then, by virtue of the League of Nations, founded after the First World War (1919), as a “British mandate”, as the Anglo-French divided up a good part of the former Ottoman Empire. This mandate also included more than 70% of the territory east of the Jordan (present-day Jordan).

For the Zionists, the absence of an independent state, with its borders, according to Western standards, was equivalent to a legal situation of “no man’s land” (*terra nullius*), so anyone could have appropriated it. In fact, the colonialist West has often behaved this way towards populations considered more primitive.

When European colonialism began overseas, the Spanish, who were a monarchy, destroyed the three Mayan, Inca and Aztec empires, because they considered them enemies to be replaced with Spanish colonists, who would exploit the survivors of the extermination.

However, Spain was then forced to recognize those colonies as independent republics, that is, as modern political states, with certain borders, their own army, their own bureaucracy, etc. Portugal did the same with Brazil.

If we take Israeli colonialism instead, there are more affinities with English colonialism in North America or Australia or in certain African countries. In the sense that the native population was considered so “primitive” that it would have had no possibility of establishing itself as an autonomous state in the modern sense. On the other hand, the Palestinians did not even see the need to have their own political state.

The Zionists therefore entered Palestine convinced that they could completely replace the English altogether and that

they could subordinate peoples right to self-determination to the right to have their own independent political state. They had understood that the English were no longer what they once were: the Second World War had forced them to ask for huge loans from the USA and they practically had to abandon India, Burma and Greece.

When the UN proposed a plan to divide the British mandate into an Arab state and a Jewish state, the Zionists immediately accepted, precisely because they knew that they would build something stronger than the tribal community or even a possible Palestinian state.

The commission that brought the Jewish problem to the UN was composed of Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, Iran, Holland, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay and Yugoslavia. No ethnic Arab country. There were two proposals: a single binational federal state; division of the territory into two separate states. The Zionists and the USA obviously preferred the latter. They had managed to make the UN believe that the Palestinians did not exist either as a people or as a nation, so much so that they were represented by the Arab League, that is, by a series of states still very conditioned by the Anglo-French.

In any case, the Arab countries opposed resolution no. 181 of the UN of 29 November 1947 (33 votes in favour, 13 against and 10 abstentions) precisely because they believed, on the basis of their tribal traditions, that the principle of self-determination of peoples should be considered superior.

The partition plan envisaged an Arab state on 42.9% of the territory, with 725,000 Arabs and 10,000 Jews; and a Jewish state on 56.5% of the territory, with 498,000 Jews and 497,000 Arabs. Jerusalem was internationalized with 105,000 Arabs and 100,000 Jews.

Almost all the land cultivated with citrus fruits, 80% of that cultivated with wheat and 40% of the Palestinian industry would have been located within the borders of the Jewish state. It should be noted that at the time of the partition, Jewish-owned land corresponded to 12.75% of the arable land (and was 7.6% of the entire surface area of Palestine). Thus Jewish sovereignty was exercised over land that was 9/10 Arab owned.

Gaza would have lost communication routes to the Negev. Hundreds of Arab villages would find themselves separated from communal lands and pastures. The Palestinians would also lose all access to the Red Sea and all direct communication with Syria.

The Zionists also took over all the military posts that the British had evacuated.

The UN at that time was essentially in the hands of three countries: USA, France and Great Britain, as of the little more than 50 states that made it up, at least half were either American semi-colonies or former English and French colonies, still dependent on their respective homelands.

Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan and Iraq entered Palestine militarily on 30 April 1948, after the Conference in Amman, Jordan.

Certainly, since the Palestinians are of Islamic religion like them, that is, being an offshoot of the great Arab world, they would not have done it with that racist spirit of crusade that the Zionists have always had.

Today, however, Israel must get it into its head that the Palestinians are not only not a primitive people to be subjugated, but they cannot even accept, given the current colonial situation, any proposal relating to two states for two peoples. Two States, in fact, could only have some meaning if we returned, at least, to the situation of 1948.

[2] Are Jews a racist people?

It seems quite clear that most of the world refuses to support Israel's genocidal position. Even if Hamas' methods have a terrorist flavour, it is absurd to think that all Gaza residents are like Hamas. The very definition of "terrorist people" makes no sense. You cannot ban everything related to Palestine. The Palestinians cannot be made to take on the same role that the Jews had in the last world war due to the Nazis. Or that the Armenians had in Türkiye a century ago.

Just as it makes no sense to consider as anti-Semitic the criticisms directed at the terrorist behaviour of the Israeli army,

which with its indiscriminate bombings mainly affects civilians.

Israel must stop using the persecutions suffered in the past as an alibi to be able to adopt any defensive strategy. Indeed, if it continues to attribute responsibility for Hamas's terrorism to the entire population of Gaza, it risks that a possible coalition of Islamic countries in the Middle East will behave in the same way towards the Jews of Israel.

Palestine, with its Islamic inhabitants, has existed since the time of Muhammad: it does not deserve to be considered as a foreign body by a population that for 1900 years has never been more than a completely insignificant minority in that territory.

If the Jewish population, pushed by warmongering Zionists and colonialists, does not know how to coexist peacefully with the Palestinians, it is not the latter who must leave. All the Jews of Israel and the entire world must understand that Palestine is not for their use and consumption, it is not a territory that they can colonize as if it did not belong to anyone. Every time they justify this colonialism.

By saying that Palestinians are backward, uncivilized, fanatical, they inevitably behave like racists.

We have already seen behaviour of this kind from Westerners wherever they have set foot. And since there are so many international documents that condemn such attitudes on all levels (ethical, legal, political, cultural), the fact that Israel goes against the trend and refuses to recognize them inevitably places this State outside of history.

It is no coincidence that in 2022 the United Nations General Assembly adopted 15 resolutions against Israel. It is not possible that this country is right and almost the entire planet is wrong. Nor does it make sense to think that the widespread anti-Semitism suffered by Jews in Europe in the last two millennia is a sufficient reason to attribute to themselves a license of undisputed exceptionalism that all other peoples must necessarily recognize, or rather a license of authenticity that the rest of world must look with envy, as it is a sign of election, of divine benevolence. Anyone can understand that such a claim falls within the scope of racism.

Saudi Arabia has already lost

They say that Hamas terrorists launched an attack against Israel to interrupt the peace treaty between Riyadh and Jerusalem, wanted above all by Mohammed bin Salman, crown prince of Saudi Arabia, without taking into account the interests of Palestine.

So the first loser would be him, who hoped with this agreement to significantly strengthen his “Vision 2030” project, with which to modernize the monarchy. Saudi funds had even already started investing in Tel Aviv technology companies.

Now it’s all gone. Indeed, bin Salman was also cornered by Yemen, the first country to provide effective military support to the Gaza Strip after the start of the war.

Yemen fired missiles at the Israeli town of Eilat. True, most of them have been shot down, but in Aden they promise to continue the launches every night. Yemen is governed by the Houthis, a Shiite group named after the local sheik al-Houthi, who in the 1990s created the Ansar Allah movement against the Sunni proxies of the Saudi king who ruled Yemen. Reason? The unequal distribution of oil revenues between different regions and tribes.

In 2015 the Houthi uprising turned into a real war, after the rebels captured the country’s capital and overthrew the government of bin Salman’s henchmen.

Against the Houthis, supported by Iran, Saudi Arabia deployed a powerful military group, armed according to all NATO canons, but the Houthis - an army of peasants - with the help of Iranian drones, successfully carried out a series of attacks against the oil refineries of the Saudi company Aramco, halving their production. It was then that Prince bin Salman called for a truce, which has lasted to this day.

Now the Zionists, in retaliation against the Houthis, would like to bomb Aden, but they cannot do so without crossing the territory of Saudi Arabia, and bin Salman knows well that if he granted permission, it would be like committing political suicide. And at the same time he cannot even resume the

war against Yemen, since the Houthis have increased their number of drones so much that they can burn the entire Arab oil industry.

The spirit of the crusader Netanyahu

Netanyahu claims Hamas uses hospitals to hide. So what conclusions do you draw from this? Even though he knows well that these hospitals are not abandoned, that is, they are not empty, he decided to bomb them anyway. He puts his conscience at ease, placing the entire responsibility for the choice of these shelters on the Palestinian people as such.

If this is not Nazi and genocidal behaviour, how can it be defined? He says that Israel has only one task: to destroy Hamas. And it won't stop until it's completely there.

So the end justifies any means. If this isn't pure cynicism, what is? It is clear, in fact, that if the objective is not achieved for some reason with conventional weapons, nothing will be able to prevent Netanyahu's executive from resorting to nuclear weapons.

This can also be understood from his delusional speeches. "Hamas is part of the axis of evil formed by Iran, Hezbollah and its followers. Their desire is to destroy the State of Israel and kill us all.

They want to return the Middle East to the darkness of the barbaric fanaticism of the Middle Ages, while we want to bring the Middle East to the heights of 21st century progress. This is a struggle between supporters of light and followers of darkness, between humanity and ferocity. Now many in the world understand who Israel is up against. They understand that Hamas is ISIS. They understand that Hamas is a new version of Nazism [note that the neo-Nazi Zelensky also compared Putin to Hitler].

And just as the world united to defeat the Nazis and ISIS, the world must unite to defeat Hamas. "I say to our friends in the civilized world: our war is also your war [note that Zelensky also said the same thing!]. If we don't stay together on the same front, it will affect you too". And I also have a message to Iran and Hezbollah: "don't test us. Don't re-

peat the mistake you already made once, because today the price you will have to pay will be much harder”.

They seem like the words of a fanatic who is preparing to carry out a crusade against his worst enemies. He resembles the Cistercian abbot Amalric, when, to exterminate the Cathars in Occitania, he told the crusaders who asked him how to distinguish heretics from others: “Kill them all! God will recognize his”.

This is without considering that it was Israel itself that used ISIS against Syria.

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One thinks of Netanyahu... but he is surrounded by leaders who are even worse. We have seen it with various ambassadors, at the UN, with some ministers. Then you feel like saying that in Israel 3/4 of the citizens would like any other prime minister other than him. Here is what the Minister of Affairs and Heritage of Jerusalem, Amichay Eliyahu, recently said: “North Gaza, more beautiful than ever. Blow up and flatten everything, delicious. We need to talk about the next day. When we are finished, we will award the lands of Gaza to the soldiers fighting and the settlers who lived in Gush Katif”. (Gush Katif was an Israeli settlement in the heart of the Gaza Strip 18 years ago.)

As you can see, they aren’t even trying to hide their intentions.

[3] Demography is not an opinion

Israeli demographic numbers include a population of 9.5 million Israeli citizens of which 1.5 million are ethnic Arabs (Arab-Israelis).

In the occupied territories of the West Bank (West Bank) there are no fewer than 2.9 million Palestinian Arabs (citizens of the territories under the mixed jurisdiction of Israel and the Palestinian National Authority).

In Gaza there are 2.3 million Palestinian Arabs under the sole jurisdiction of Hamas, the party in government since 2006 and defined as a terrorist movement by Israel.

Therefore almost 5.5 million Arab-Palestinians are distributed between the West Bank and Gaza, while Arab-Palestinians are also present in large numbers in Jordan.

There are approximately 8 million Jews living in Israel. Those residing in other countries of the world, in particular in the USA, reach 8 million: therefore a total of 16 million Jews (essentially the same as in 1940).

Both Semitic populations produce on average 3 children per family, but the Jews would have to have at least double that to have full hegemony.

Such a high number of Arab-Palestinians or Arab-Israelis would recommend policies of friendly integration or good neighbourliness. Instead, Israel insists on practising hegemonic strategies in the West Bank and clear hostility in Gaza. It can behave this way precisely because it is supported by the USA and the EU.

It should also be noted that there are around 2 billion Muslims in the world. In 30 years they will surpass the Christians.

Indifference is the real problem

It is now obvious to say that the ferocity of the Israeli army against the Palestinians is similar to the Ukrainian one against the Russian-speaking people of Donbas or the Nazi one against the Jews and Slavs.

The real problem is that Europeans still remain rather indifferent to the monstrous tragedies happening at home. Just like they did in the time of the Jews, Slavs and Russian speakers.

Do they know that Netanyahu wants to send all the Palestinians of Gaza to the Sinai desert, in Egyptian hands? Over two million people doing what in the desert? The monks? The Bedouins? Or to die like the Armenians in Anatolia?

The Armenian one was the first genocide of the 20th century, exactly 100 years ago. But how many have the Euro-

peans accomplished since the beginning of their colonial history? We don't count them anymore. How many genocides do we still have to witness before we understand that the right to self-determination of peoples is superior to any right regarding the existence of national states? Don't we want to fight against Israel? But why then don't we send ships along the coasts of the Gaza Strip to save the civilian population from the massacre, and bring them to us? Haven't we accepted millions of Ukrainian refugees without batting an eyelid?

Does the Pope continue to complain about the war? But why doesn't he offer himself as a prisoner of Hamas? Is he perhaps afraid of being killed? But isn't it a title of honour for Christians to be martyred? What benefit, in terms of consensus, would a confession like the Roman Catholic one, so disqualified by the many recent financial and sexual scandals, get? Wouldn't they want to risk being vomited out by Christ like the indifferent community of Laodicea in the Apocalypse of John? That community that said of itself: "I have become rich and I don't need anything..."

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It is absurd to think that Hamas, alone, without aviation, tanks, self-propelled artillery, is capable of defeating Israel. This is why we thought it was a false flag. Hamas has thrown a stone into the pond, hoping that some circles will touch Islamic countries and not much bigger or stronger than Israel. But if this doesn't happen within a few months, Hamas risks losing half of Gaza. Netanyahu, in my opinion, knows well that when Israel is at war there is no difference between Judaism and Zionism, and he knows well that American support is unconditional and that the EU is a colony of the USA.

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In Severodonetsk the Russian army found documents revealing fraudulent schemes to seize the properties of the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church. They also confirm the

financing of the Orthodox Church of schismatic Ukraine by the United States.

By virtue of these shameful relations with the USA, the Kiev regime was able to organize the largest wave of persecution against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and only because it maintained close ties with the Moscow patriarchate.

The law, passed in parliament, prohibited the activities of this denomination throughout Ukraine. Persecuting for religious reasons is an infamy that takes us back to the time of the Crusades. We should tell Netanyahu that, with his religious speeches, he seems to want to take the history of his country back millennia.

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The American company “US News and World Report” has drawn up a ranking of the strongest armies in the world. You won’t believe it, but he had to put the Russian one first. The USA comes second and China third.

Evidently the authors were guided by criteria that have nothing to do with the size of military budgets, which as far as the American one is concerned is stratospheric. Do the Zionists know these things? Do they know that there is an all-round agreement between Russia and China?

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Rossella Hamad wrote: “They will tell you that this is a religious war between Israelis and Palestinians. Yet the faithful of all religions lived in peace in the Holy Land until the advent of Zionism, which made Palestinian exclusive state for Jews only, from which they will come all the others were progressively driven out”.

Rabbi David Weiss, of the anti-Zionist Orthodox group Naturei Karta, has more than once thanked the Islamic world, and Palestinian particular, for having given hospitality to the Jews expelled from Europe following the Catholic Reconquista.

This struggle of the Palestinians is in reality an anti-colonial struggle and for the pursuit of their human and political rights. In free Palestine there will be room for everyone, because Palestine has never built ghettos. A bridge of civilizations and cultures, it has incorporated them all, without fear, as anyone who has a thousand-year history behind him knows and can do.

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While for Ukraine (whose government has nothing democratic about it) the EU has already paid 76 billion euros (plus another 50 expected for the period 2024-27 and another 186 just to bring it into the EU), without checking in the slightest how and where they were spent, for the Palestinians instead (who should have benefited from 1.1 billion euros from 2021 to 2024) farsighted statesmen such as Von der Leyen and Borrell have decided to check every last cent to ensure that the funds do not end up to Hamas. So it means that in Gaza the EU will not give anything, because the government there is run by Hamas.

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The pro-Israeli countries in Africa can be counted on the fingers of one hand: Kenya (helped against Islamic terrorism coming from neighbouring Somalia), Ghana, Zambia and Congo. 44 out of 54 countries recognize the State of Israel and almost 30 have opened embassies or consulates in Tel Aviv.

Israel has proven useful especially in the agricultural sector because it helps to deal with drought, famine and extreme climate phenomena. Why doesn't it just stop there?

Racist South Africa was happy to be supported by Israel. Today, democratic South Africa supports Palestine and accuses Israel of apartheid policies. In life, consistency can be a negative value. And in any case Mandela spoke clearly: "there are parallels between the struggle of black South Africans against white domination and that of Palestinians against Israeli occupation". Mandela himself was called a "ter-

rorist” by the apartheid South African government. But then they gave him the Nobel Peace Prize. The same award they gave to the two warmongers Kissinger and Obama.

Speaking of parallels, Dublin is starting to see them between the Palestinian struggle against Israel and the long-standing Irish struggle against Britain.

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Indian Prime Minister Modi betrayed his Islamophobia by expressing support for Israel. As if he didn't know that his country has been pro-Palestinian for decades.

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Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population in the world, openly supports the Palestinians and has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

Can we consider it a fundamentalist and potentially terrorist country? China remains an important trading partner for Israel, but is also dependent on Saudi and Iranian oil. Stability in the Middle East is vital to its energy security. Beijing, shortly after the brutal attack by Hamas, called for a “two-state solution”, did not speak of the “right to self-defence”.

Tel Aviv must have been disappointed. Do they really believe they are an irreplaceable trading partner for China? Do they really think they can offer China more energy sources than the Islamic countries of the Middle East?

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International law defines the struggle of peoples under occupation as legitimate, even if armed. Therefore, to define such a fight as terrorist, it is necessary to verify on a case-by-case basis.

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[4] Resolution no. 181 of the UN

With the famous UN resolution no. 181 of 29 November 1947, the creation of the State of Israel was decided.

The UN then had 56 member countries (today there are 193 and if there was a re-vote, Israel would not have any majority). From Africa they were present in only 3: Liberia, Ethiopia and South Africa. The others were still colonies and did not vote. Just as many Asian states were not present: Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia etc. From the Arab world, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates were missing. Voted in favour: Australia, Belgium, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Philippines, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, Liberia, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Norway, Countries Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, United States, Sweden, Ukraine, Union of South Africa, USSR, Uruguay and Venezuela. Voting against: Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Egypt, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria, Turkey and Yemen.

The following abstained: Argentina, Chile, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Honduras, Mexico, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia. Therefore 33 in favour, 13 against and 10 abstentions.

According to some analysts, the resolution should have been rejected because the UN statute provided (and still provides today) that for decisions on important issues, such as those on peace and security, the admission of new members and budgetary issues, a majority of 2/3 of the countries present and of those voting is required. The abstentions must be counted, not excluded from the count.

Therefore, to be approved, this resolution needed 38 votes in favour, not 33. Well, to get the resolution approved

anyway, it was pretended that the abstentions had not voted! Not only that, but after then the Zionists couldn't care less that no other UN resolution has ever authorized territorial variations with respect to the distribution established by the aforementioned resolution.

Of course, it may seem strange that no one noticed the strangeness of that vote. But it certainly makes no sense to be surprised that the Arabs rejected the idea of more than 50% of their territories being given to a population that represented just 30% of the population. Without considering that the Arabs themselves wondered why they should be the ones who had to atone for the guilt of those countries that had failed, during the Second World War, to prevent the extermination of the Jews.

Something unclear

It was realized that the fighters of the Al-Qassam Brigades acted on 7 October based on advanced intelligence.

E.g. The existence of one of the bases stormed by the Brigade's elite fighters was not publicly known. Furthermore, the fighters knew exactly where vital communications infrastructure, including servers, were located and how to destroy them.

The ground assault was supported by a coordinated cyber attack which, together with precision drone strikes, completely disabled the occupation's ability to monitor Gaza or the wider battlefield. Qassam fighters also managed to take out entire divisions of the Zionist army and liquidate the command of the "Gaza Division" before the top brass understood the scale of the attack. For these reasons, it took the occupation army more than 24 hours to actually respond.

How did they know all these things?

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The Zionists have decided to no longer warn the Russians before carrying out attacks on Syrian soil. They are no longer interested in avoiding accidents with the Russian air force. They want to expand the boundaries of war.

Racism from the cradle

And then they say that there is a difference between Judaism and Zionism. It's true, everyone knows it. But what do the school textbooks in Israel say? A Jew herself, Nurit Peled-Elhanan, an academic at the University of Jerusalem, explains it to us. In her book *Palestine in Israeli School Books: Ideology and Propaganda in Education*, published in the UK in April 2012, she states that the only representation of Palestinians is as "refugees, primitive farmers and terrorists", and that in "hundreds and hundreds" of books, no photograph depicts an Arab as a "normal person". Textbooks teach students that Israel exists primarily to prevent another Holocaust and Jews are the only ones presented as victims. There are no other victims.

In a speech in 2007 she also defined the Israeli soldiers as "killers of children, destroyers of homes, up-rooters of orchards and poisoners of wells... educated over the years in the school of hatred and racism. They have learned for 18 years to despise foreigners, to always fear neighbours of different religions. They were raised in fear of Islam, a fear that prepares them to be brutal soldiers and disciples of mass murderers."

She told the Women in Black movement that "Israeli mothers educate their children to impose apartheid and support the occupying army, they educate their children to absolute racism and are ready to sacrifice the fruits of their bellies on the altar of megalomania, greed and blood-lust of their political leaders. These mothers are also found among today's teachers and educators."

So what is Judaism in Israel? A religious fascism? But then they ask us to make a difference between Judaism and Zionism.

Cult of death

In one of his idiotic speeches to the Israelis, Netanyahu uttered a phrase with a fundamentalist flavour, identifying himself with the role of Saul, the first Israelite king, who must re-

act with absolute ruthlessness, remembering what Amalek did to the Jewish people.

Amalek is a character from the Old Testament, an enemy of the Jews at the time of Saul. In fact in 1Samuel 15:3 it is written: “Now go and attack the Amalekites and completely destroy everything they have. Don’t spare them. Kill men and women, children and infants, oxen and sheep, camels and donkeys.”

Now for Netanyahu the new Amalekites are the Palestinians. “Our heroic troops have only one supreme goal: to defeat completely the murderous enemy.”

He looks like a possessed crusader. The Palestinians are like a race to be eradicated from the face of the Earth. Is it possible that there are no normal rabbis willing to tell him flat out that he is delusional? That is, he cannot use sentences from millennia ago by interpreting them literally, as if they were pronounced now. And that in any case there are sentences by Yahweh in the opposite sense, such as this: “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 33:11).

Until 2017 it was supported by the supremacist rabbi Yisrael Rosen, for whom Jesus was a false messiah who deserved to die, but Catholics can be used to help Israel fight a war against fundamentalist Islam.

Did the Arab countries understand that, *rebus sic stantibus*, it was better not to sign the Abraham Accords? They sold themselves for a bowl of lentils, like Esau’s birthright. And in any case the exegete Netanyahu should know what happened to Saul.

Yemen and Algeria against Israel

After Yemen (which keeps 10% of the Israeli air force busy) Algeria is also ready to declare war on Israel. In fact, parliament officially authorized President Tebboune to enter in the conflict in support of Gaza, with a unanimous vote. As a result, the Strait of Gibraltar may become dangerous for Tel Aviv’s allies. Not only that, but Italy’s energy contracts with Algeria are at risk of falling apart.

Algerian submarines are already located near the coast of Israel and the Gaza Strip. The national army (more than 200,000 soldiers, 185 T-90S tanks) was placed on maximum alert.

[5] Young Israelis had already said it

A group of 60 Israeli teenagers published an open letter in 2020, addressed to some important authorities in their country, to reiterate the right not to join the Israeli army.

Among other things they said: “the objective of the Israeli army is not to defend itself from hostile armed forces, but to exercise control over a civilian population, the Palestinian one, which has lived under violent occupation for 72 years, that is, since 1948.

This occupation is also poisoning Israeli society, which has become violent, militaristic, oppressive and chauvinistic. Our refusal to join the army does not mean turning our backs on Israeli society, but taking on a responsibility.

The military does not just serve the occupation, the military is the occupation. Pilots, intelligence units, bureaucrats, combat soldiers, all carry out the occupation. One does it with a keyboard and the other with a machine gun at a checkpoint. Despite this, we grew up in the shadow of the symbolic ideal of the heroic soldier. We made food baskets for him during the holidays, we visited the tank where he fought, we pretended to be him in pre-military programs in high school, and we venerated his death on Memorial Day. Enlistment, no less than refusal, is a political act.

We are used to hearing that it is legitimate to criticize the occupation only if we have actively participated in its application. What sense does it make that in order to protest systemic violence and racism, we must first be part of the same system of oppression we are criticizing?

The path we follow from childhood, of an education that teaches violence and claims on the land, reaches its peak at the age of 18, with enlistment in the army. We are ordered to wear the blood-stained military uniform and preserve the legacy of the Nakba and the occupation. Israeli society was

built on these rotten roots, and it is evident in all aspects of life: in racism, in hateful political speech, in police brutality, and more.

This military oppression goes hand in hand with economic oppression. While the citizens of the occupied Palestinian territories are impoverished, the wealthy elites become richer at their expense. Palestinian workers are systematically exploited and the arms industry uses the occupied Palestinian territories as a testing ground and showcase to support its sales. When the government chooses to support employment, it acts against our interest as citizens: large portions of taxpayer money are funding the security industry and settlement development instead of welfare, education and health.

The army is a violent institution, corrupt and corrupting to the core. But its worst crime is imposing the destructive policy of occupying Palestine. Young people our age are expected to take part in enforcing lock-downs as a means of collective punishment, arresting and incarcerating minors, blackmailing to recruit collaborators and more – all these war crimes are executed and covered up every day.

Palestinians are constantly confronted with anti-democratic and violent measures, while Jewish settlers who commit violent crimes are rewarded by the Israeli military who turn a blind eye and cover up these transgressions.

The military has imposed a siege on Gaza for over ten years. This siege has created a massive humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and is a major factor perpetuating the cycle of violence by Israel and Hamas. Due to the siege in Gaza there is no drinking water or electricity for most hours of the day. Unemployment and poverty are pervasive and the healthcare system lacks the most basic means. This reality is the basis on which the COVID-19 disaster occurred and made things worse in Gaza.

It is important to underline that these injustices are not a one-time event, they are not a mistake or a symptom, they are politics and disease. The actions of the Israeli military in 2020 are nothing less than a continuation and support of the legacy of massacre, expulsion of families and theft of land, the legacy

that enabled the establishment of the Jewish-only State of Israel.”

The past does not help you learn lessons

Hassan Nasrallah, third secretary of the Shia party Hezbollah (since his predecessor, Abbas al-Musawi, was assassinated by the Israel Defence Forces in 1992), said in his speech yesterday:

- The United States is fully responsible for the ongoing war in Gaza, and Israel is simply an executive tool.

- Considering that the humanitarian situation in Gaza is unprecedented, due to Israel’s brutality, the indolence of multinational and international organizations such as the European Union, the Arab League and the UN is surprising.

- Decision-making lies with the leaders of the Palestinian resistance factions, and Iran does not put pressure on them or control them: it simply supports them and respects their autonomy.

- Where is Israel that boasted of having the strongest army in the world? It kills only civilians and destroys mosques, churches, hospitals and schools. Any small army or air force can bomb civilians. Sometimes we even see them accidentally shooting each other.

- In the 2006 war more than 150,000 houses were destroyed, we had thousands of martyrs, but the enemy was forced to retreat.

- The Israelis will not be able to release their prisoners without an exchange, because this has never happened before, when the Palestinian resistance took other prisoners.

- Israel sets ambitious goals that it is unable to achieve, such as when it claims to want to eliminate Hamas or its military leadership.

- Israel was born with the help of the Western powers through the cursed Balfour Declaration and the West claims to convince us that we have a “democratic state” as a neighbour. When Israel was created in 1948, all Arabs suffered, not just the Palestinians.

- Arab and Islamic governments must work towards a ceasefire and sever diplomatic relations with Israel. If the Arabs will not work to facilitate Hamas's victory, they must at least work to put an end to the massacres in Gaza.

- The possibility that the Lebanese front will slide into a major battle is a realistic possibility. Already now all Zionist locations along the border with Lebanon are being targeted on a daily basis, to the point that 1/3 of the Israeli army, half of the naval capabilities and 1/4 of the air force are forced to remain at the border.

- Those who defeated the Zionists in the early 1980s are still alive: with them today there are children and grandchildren.

Putin to Russian Islamists

Putin is telling Russian Muslims that if they cannot look calmly at the death of Palestinian children, if for them Islamic solidarity is not an empty phrase and if they want to help liberate Palestine and create its independent state, then they have all the opportunity to do so: help Palestinians with weapons in their hands.

But where? Not on Palestinian soil, where the total military blockade imposed by Israel and the United States gives no possibility for the arrival of volunteers even from neighbouring Arab countries, but at home, in Russia.

In what sense? By joining the Russian army fighting NATO in Ukraine.

The message is simple: a Russian victory would accelerate the collapse of American hegemony and ultimately help the Palestinian cause. "The stronger Russia is, the more effectively we will be able to defend the interests of those peoples who have become victims of Western neocolonial politics."

This speech reminded me of what the Vietnamese said in the 1970s. To help us really fight the Americans you don't have to come and fight with us: you have to fully realize the democracy where you live.

Churchill and the State of Israel

The British Colonial Secretary responsible for the Palestine Mandate was Winston Churchill. When he visited in 1921 he was astonished to find intense Arab hostility towards Jewish immigration.

On his way to Gaza he came across a large crowd chanting “Long live the Colonial Secretary. Death to the Jews!”. It was a first sign of what would happen some time later.

In Jerusalem, Churchill planted a tree on Mount Scopus, on the site where the Hebrew University would later be built. He also met some Palestinian Arab leaders, to whom he told them that they should accept the Jewish presence in the region as an essential reality, which would bring benefits to them too.

He had understood nothing of the great difference between practical Zionism, which is essentially a form of racism, and theoretical Judaism and Islam, which are just two religions with some elements in common and many opposites.

[6] The monstrous partition of Palestine

In 1946, the partition of Palestine became the declared solution of the Jewish Agency, headed by David Ben-Gurion. It was he who said that an independent Jewish state was the only political outcome acceptable to the Zionists. The Zionist map was presented to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, which accepted it without consulting its Arab counterpart. It was the same map presented in 1937 to the Peel Commission (created by the British government during its colonial mandate in Palestine), but with the addition of the Galilee, the Negev, and West Jerusalem. The Judea and Samaria mountain range (which later became most of the West Bank or West Bank) was to remain outside the borders of the Jewish state. The map mainly reflected the buying and selling of Arab land by the Jews.

It was impossible for the British to divide Palestine into equal parts without wronging the Arabs. However, the Zionists were able to influence events much more than all the Arab countries combined. Not only that, but they managed to

achieve something that today appears far from any sense of state democracy. They wanted a state in which the Jews, by virtue of their religion, were first-class citizens.

A story already seen

The Palestinian issue now unites all Muslims from Morocco to Indonesia. However, the Islamic world is aware of its impotence within the existing world order and that it cannot achieve not only the creation of a Palestinian state, but not even protect the inhabitants of Gaza from the ongoing genocide. And this will continue until the current world order changes, that is, until US hegemony becomes a thing of the past.

Who are the two billion Muslims? The new barbarians who will demolish the new Roman empire?

This is a story we've seen before. Did the so-called "barbarian" tribes, coming from Asia, perhaps have a culture superior to the Latin one? No. Did they perhaps know a state and a market as developed as the Roman ones? Not even. Did they perhaps come from a highly urbanized world where slavery had become a way of life? Not at all. Did they perhaps have unbeatable armies like the Roman legions? It took them many centuries before getting them.

But then how did they win? It's simple: they weren't corrupt like us. They were not fakes and liars like us. They did not pride themselves on being civilized by exploiting other people's resources.

Anyone who thinks that in the Middle Ages a civilization of a lower level than the previous one was created has understood nothing of history. Those who fear a new Middle Ages should instead rejoice and think now how to avoid its two greatest contradictions: serfdom and clericalism.

What are the hostages for?

American commandos have entered Gaza to locate Hamas hostages. The "New York Times" reports it. The newspaper quotes Christopher P. Maier, an assistant secretary of Defence, as saying the main task is to "identify hostages, includ-

ing American hostages”. In addition to this, American troops will also be used for evacuations and, if necessary, to protect embassies in the region.

According to the newspaper, several Western countries have secretly moved special forces closer to Israel to help it with potential hostage rescues or large-scale evacuations from Israel or Lebanon if the fighting spreads.

In reality there would be no need for all this, since Hamas is gradually freeing hostages with non-Israeli passports. And in any case the armed wing of Hamas has already said that 60 Israeli prisoners have disappeared due to Israeli bombings. And it must be said that Netanyahu cannot be too interested in whether the hostages are all released immediately: in fact, if they were, he would have more difficulty in continuing to bomb Palestinian civilians in total freedom.

As for the foreign citizens, not hostages, still in Gaza, the European Foreign Ministers (including our Tajani) are only concerned with getting them out as soon as possible. Of all the Palestinian civilians who die under the bombs they show no interest, they have no proposals to make.

Mirror reasoning

Ram Ben-Barak, former deputy director of the Mossad, now a member of the Knesset for Yair Lapid’s Yesh Atid party, told the Israeli network Channel 12: “It is better to be a refugee in Canada than in Gaza. We distribute gazesi around the world. There are 2.5 million, each country takes 25,000, 100 countries. It’s human, it has to be done. If the world really intends to solve the Palestinian problem, it has the ability to do so.”

The reasoning is presented as secular, human, common sense.

Andrea Zhok proposed an acceptable reverse variant: “Let’s distribute the Israelis throughout the world. There are 8 million, each country takes 80,000, 100 countries. It’s human, it has to be done. If the world really intends to solve the Palestinian problem, it has the ability to do so.”

England banana split

A march of millions of people in support of Palestine is expected in London on 11 November. The split in English society is increasingly intensifying and this powder keg threatens to explode at any moment, burying the fate of many current politicians.

On the same day, a day of remembrance will take place across the country, in which all those who died in the conflicts that involved Great Britain will be remembered as heroes and martyrs.

This extraordinary collision of two opposing worlds does not please the government at all, whose Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has published an open letter asking the Interior Minister to effectively ban the Palestinian demonstration.

The government is also seeking to broaden the definition of “extremism” to include anyone who “undermines” the country’s institutions and values.

The wolf loses its fur but not its vice

Oleksij Arestovich, former advisor to the head of the presidential office of Ukraine, admitted that while working for Zelensky he deceived Ukrainians by talking about the quick victory of the Ukrainian armed forces. He said that he had done it for the good of Ukraine, but without adding that he had contributed to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers.

He instead preferred to add, with incredible cheek, that, without changing current state policy, Kiev will have to sign an agreement similar to that of Minsk.

As can be seen, Arestovich (among the most trusted in the Kiev government, who forcibly resigned on 17 January 2023) continues to lie as before: in fact he said that it is time for reconciliation between Ukraine and Russia.

In reality, Russia now demands Kiev’s unconditional surrender. The talks with Russia will not make the slightest sense without putting on the table the transfer of much more

significant portions of territory than those conquered by Moscow by military force.

Ukraine is a failed state from every point of view. Among other things, Arestovich himself later clarified that peace would be a temporary solution. Kiev will wait for Putin's withdrawal to negotiate with the new Russian leadership on the return of the occupied territories.

An attempt is being made to transform the former adviser to the president into an opposition figure. But it's too late. He wants to win the elections (but it is not known if and when they will take place) and take the place of the former cocaine addict comedian. But just by having supported trading lost territories for entry into NATO, he indicates his very low level of reliability.

You cannot create an illusion by thinking of allowing your people to survive and then destroy it by thinking of doing the same thing: the people are not mentally disabled, much less cannon fodder.

[7] Too comfortable

"Time" magazine wrote a year ago that Zelensky was the man of the year, the "Winston Churchill of the 21st century", the second George Patton, or the second Roosevelt, or a new Jesus Christ. All in one person.

Now it writes that he is obsessed and crazy like Hitler in the film "Bunker". He has lost touch with reality. He doesn't understand that his time is over.

He continues to give orders to attack even when the local commanders explain to him that they have neither the means nor the men, because the Russians have destroyed them in the last 5 months. By now the entire West has noticed this and those who still show an optimistic attitude do not understand how the situation is on the battlefield.

But I ask myself: who created the "crazy Zelensky"? Who made him seem like some kind of messiah? How many Western statesmen, analysts, journalists and military personnel should be held responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thou-

sands of people? And the almost total destruction of a country that was once very productive on an agricultural level?

It is too convenient to say something, which has very serious consequences, and then, when it is no longer convenient, to say the opposite. Ultimately Zelensky was just a puppet who played a role that couldn't have been his from the beginning. He allowed himself to be deeply used, trying to get as much money out of it as possible. An unscrupulous man managed by an occult director who had less than him.

If he had a shred of dignity he should not flee like a coward or commit suicide like a desperate man, but simply hand himself over to the Russians and tell all the background of this absurd war, all the atrocities that the West forced him to carry out, and all the falsehood that he had to support.

If he feels betrayed by the West, who forces him to remain faithful to it?

Nuke in Gaza?

Far-right Zionist minister Amichai Eliyahu said dropping an atomic bomb on Gaza was one of Israel's options, as there are virtually no Palestinians in the enclave not linked to Hamas.

Netanyahu, after suspending him following the many criticisms that came his way, clarified: "It is clear to anyone with a brain that the words about the atomic bomb were metaphorical."

Then he added: "We must certainly show a strong and disproportionate response to terrorism, which makes it clear to the Nazis and their supporters that terrorism doesn't pay. This is the only formula with which democracies can deal with terrorism. At the same time it is clear that the State of Israel is obliged to do everything to bring the hostages home alive and in good health."

So they are probably thinking about the atomic bomb: the only thing holding them back is the fact that they could also kill the hostages captured by Hamas. It will therefore be necessary to convince the Israelis that in order to free themselves

definitively of all Palestinians from Gaza, some price will have to be paid.

The minister said something out loud that couldn't have been said.

Chechens in Palestine?

Ramzan Kadyrov has proposed introducing Chechen peacekeepers into the Gaza Strip, also to counter possible provocateurs. "I myself have been to Israel. My peace delegation has experienced first-hand attempts at blatant provocation", so he said.

Naturally he wanted to point out that the Islamic Chechens support Palestine, they disapprove of bombing civilians under the pretext of destroying the militiamen and they know that this war can turn into something more.

He said that any Nazi regime is always characterized by excessive cruelty towards civilized people and hatred towards everything that does not correspond to its interests. "We have already seen it in Donbas. But Palestine is also a prime example, where Zionists strike civilian targets with the approval of their Western patrons. This is because the same people are behind all these crimes."

Even the Chechens of the Sheikh Mansur battalion (at least 2,000 men) fighting in Ukraine against Russia did not take kindly to the pro-Israel positioning of Zelensky's government.

Ukrainian refugees are too privileged

In Germany they suddenly realized that the Ukrainian refugees, now that their country is losing the war against the Russians, were treated with kid gloves.

The Germans deluded themselves into thinking that they could easily insert Ukrainians into the world of work, in those areas of the country starved for labour. It was also known that Ukrainians have some education and knowledge of Germany. Instead, Scholz's government made decisions completely wrong, since it provided refugees with subsidies that were too high to induce them to look for work. In fact, social

security granted them almost 20% more than the normal payments, i.e. €502 per month per person, instead of €410.

Furthermore, the Ukrainians were able to obtain separate social housing from the beginning, instead of living in common dormitories like all the other refugees. And they do not have to undergo testing before receiving refugee status.

The couch has become more pleasant than German language courses. Only 19% of Ukrainians who arrived as refugees and of working age currently work in Germany. In other countries the share of employed Ukrainians is much higher: in Poland, for example, it is 66% and in the Netherlands even 70%.

However, it must be said that, unlike refugees from other countries, the majority of Ukrainians arriving in Germany are women (around 80%), who often have children or elderly relatives in need of care.

The situation with kindergartens in Germany is very tense, because finding an available one is difficult even for many German families.

NATO at the end of the line?

Larry Johnson, a former CIA analyst, said it plainly: “I don’t think NATO has a future. NATO will be unable to do anything to stop or end the conflict in Ukraine. And we must take into account the fact that Ukraine had one of the largest armies in NATO, despite not being part of it. Now it’s all failed. And since no one likes to be associated with a lost cause, Kiev’s supporters will quickly start washing their hands.”

However, Johnson specified that the mortal blow to NATO could be dealt by Turkey if Erdoğan decided to intervene on the side of the Palestinians.

On the other hand, Biden’s popularity in the USA is steadily declining. He is accused of having lost the war against Russia in Ukraine, of aiding the genocide in Gaza and of having seriously compromised relations with the Islamic countries of the Middle East. But above all what he fears is the possible military alliance between Russia and China.

Financial madness

Here it is the entire West that is collapsing, a victim of its own financial follies, with which he wanted to kill his own productive economy. We have already seen in the past what enormous disasters they have caused in the past.

The first bankers to fail in the history of capitalism were the Florentine Bardi and Peruzzi families in the years 1343-46, due to the insolvency of the English king Edward III and the subsequent rush to bank levies.

The contagion of bankruptcy affected another long series of subjects: together with other banking institutions (including the illustrious Acciaiuoli), artisans, traders and entrepreneurs who had invested their earnings went bankrupt, the real estate market collapsed and many small savers had to say goodbye to deposited nest eggs.

The Municipality of Florence itself was no longer able to pay its debts to the citizens (expressed in public securities).

But the same thing happened in Holland: the speculative tulip bubble, which burst in 1637, was the most eloquent symptom that the Amsterdam government was about to be militarily defeated by that of London. Then it was the turn of Great Britain itself, which after two world wars saw its currency overtaken by the dollar.

Today it is not just Russia that calls for the dedollarization of the planet, that is, the end of financial speculation and monetary exchanges based on a single global reference currency. There are also other countries that claim a multi-polar world: certainly the so-called BRICS countries (which will be joined in January by Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates), but also countries that are not part of them: Syria, Yemen, North Korea and many other countries in Asia, Africa and South America (the so-called Global South).

[8] Civilians responsible like military

Since there is no longer hand-to-hand combat in modern wars, and having weapons with devastating effects on homes and infrastructures of any kind at our disposal, anyone understands that sparing civilians is an unachievable objective.

The armed forces should be so careful, while building their military positions, to avoid any attack by the enemy against civilians. But it seems that no army in the world has such foresight. The very notion of “bunker”, in the presence of certain weapons, takes its time.

Indeed, the most cynical general staffs are those who build their positions right in urban areas, deliberately choosing churches, hospitals, schools... in the belief that the enemy will refrain from destroying them. But it is too risky to rely on the enemy’s level of humanity.

In contemporary wars there are no longer rules to respect. It is good for civilians to know these things. It is good that, if they do not flee from the theatre of battle, they also arm themselves and be ready for the worst.

By shooting at a distance, the soldier is not accused of not having made a difference between a civilian or military target. On the other hand, any weapon fired at a distance, whose path cannot be controlled with millimetric precision, and any weapon that strikes suddenly, unexpectedly, has the function of terrorizing those who suffer it, whether civilian or military.

Since the Second World War we have witnessed indiscriminate bombing of entire cities. All weapons have become mass destruction weapons: the difference lies only in the power and duration of the effects.

Any abstract appeal for peace is of absolutely no use. Rather, it is on the production of this type of weapon, on the mutual controls of this production, that we need to intervene.

But there can never be cross-checks between states that hate each other to death. Therefore, civilians are left with the responsibility of placing an insurmountable barrier to the war-like tendencies of their own States.

The defence of a nation must become a task of the entire population, which carefully avoids colliding with other people’s populations. To create a climate of mutual trust,

weapons must absolutely be reduced to a minimum, indeed, they must generally disappear.

What is the Hannibal Directive?

The Israeli army, which is currently trying to free the hostages from the hands of Hamas, has the “Hannibal Directive” in its arsenal. It is a secret protocol that has existed since 1986, when two Israeli soldiers were taken hostage by Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

In practice its content consists of this: you give the kidnapper nothing, you don’t talk to him, but you just try to kill him, even at the cost of eliminating the hostage, who in theory should only be military, but who can also be civilian. It’s a price that you have to pay when you’re at war, and Israel always feels like it’s at war: to give a meaning to its own empty existence, it needs to create continuous enemies, and the more irreducible these are, the better. To feel alive, the Zionist needs to invent a villain who hates him.

The directive is called so because Hannibal committed suicide rather than surrender to the Romans.

There is only one small detail: the hostage is not asked to commit suicide, but he is made to understand that his life, once he becomes a hostage, is not worth a penny. It is only since 2017 that someone in Israel has pointed out that this directive is not exactly in line with international law regarding human values.

The case of soldier Gilad Shalit is known, who fortunately ended well. Since the Israeli army was unable to free him by force, the soldier remained in the hands of Hamas for 5 years. Only in 2011 did they agree to release him in exchange for 1027 Palestinian prisoners (under 18, plus female ones). But it took the mediation of Egypt and the assiduous commitment of his father. The soldier, after the liberation, declared that he had always been treated well. In Paris, Rome and various American locations they gave him honorary citizenship.

Fake Zionist narratives

In three weeks starting from October 7, a narrative was constructed according to which all the bad was on the side of the Palestinians and all the good on the side of Israel. From the beginning of the conflict it was said that Hamas had killed 1,400 Israelis, practised mass rape and torture of civilians and beheaded children. Then these statements, totally devoid of any supporting material, served to justify the bombing of Gaza.

Meanwhile all the lies have begun to be debunked. A flashpoint was the official list of Israeli casualties published on October 23, which revealed that more than 48 percent of those listed were soldiers or armed police on active duty and not civilians.

It also became apparent that the victims also included members of the settlers' armed militias. But there were also testimonies from survivors, such as that of Yasmin Porat, which suggested that Hamas had captured civilians as bargaining chips. Porat noted that Hamas treated her and the others humanely, with the express intention of transporting them to Gaza. Once released, she also stated that the Israeli government gave her a specific list of things to say, but that she refused to join this propaganda operation.

On October 7, when the Israeli police and army arrived, they fired heavy gunfire, including from tanks. Various Israeli testimonies state that it was the Israeli army and police who shot at them and "not exclusively Hamas".

Such testimonies appear consistent with the "Hannibal Directive", an Israeli military strategy, developed in 1986, centred on avoiding the capture of Israelis by enemy forces, even at the cost of their lives. This directive implies that Israelis could kill their nationals rather than let them fall into the hands of an adversary as hostages.

This directive may have been used on October 7, when Hamas invaded an Israeli military base at the Erez crossing. Brigadier General Avi Rosenfeld, commander of the post ordered an air strike on his own base, even though he and countless others were there. This was reported by Amos Harel in the Israeli newspaper "Haaretz".

The news that caused the most sensation was that of the "beheaded children" reported by all the Western media. The

source was the Israeli channel “i24 News”, but it later emerged that the real source was David Ben Zion, an extremist settler known for inciting race riots against Palestinians. An investigation by “Haaretz” had discovered that “i24 News” functions as a house organ of the Netanyahu family, with directives that sometimes come directly from the prime minister’s office.

The Israeli military later distanced itself from these claims, CNN retracted and the White House acknowledged the lack of evidence.

Netanyahu’s government is spreading the idea that ISIS and HAMAS are exactly the same thing and that Hamas went to the kibbutzim to kill and not to take prisoners. But these are things that do not match the statements of the survivors who, having managed to escape, had described how the prevailing intentions were to take prisoners and take them to Gaza.

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Europe, on the energy level, shot itself in the foot by supporting Ukraine against Russia.

But now, by supporting Israel against Hamas, it risks economic suicide, precisely because it hoped to find an alternative to Russian hydrocarbons in the Middle East.

In natural gas production alone, Russia’s share of world markets fluctuates between 15 and 20%. Europe was the largest consumer of Russian gas and oil. It seems that the road to suicide can be averted through the construction of a hub in Turkey which will receive Russian gas via the Black Sea.

Let’s do a simple proportion

Given that the Zionists killed 10,000 Palestinians in one month, how many Ukrainian civilians should have died from February 24th to today? About 200,000.

However, in Ukraine since the beginning of the war, fewer than 10,000 civilians have died, of which at least half were eliminated by Kiev’s own neo-Nazis, either by mistake or on purpose. And let’s leave aside the percentages: 10,000 out of 2.2 million it’s not like over 40 million.

On the other hand, there is little hope with the Zionists. Dror Eydar, former Israeli ambassador to Italy, in Nicola Porro's program "Stasera Italia" on 25 October, said clearly that Israel's objective is to destroy Gaza, this absolute evil. That is, not just the terrorists but the entire Strip.

He evidently believes that Hamas is too supported by the local population to be able to make a difference between civilians and militiamen ("terrorists" in Zionist parlance).

Some of his statements seem to be those of a Nazi, a possessed person, who should be feared: "Any person who threatens a Jew, who wants to kill a Jew, must die. After October 7th every person in the world who threatens a Jew, who wants to kill a Jew, must die. For us, the aim is to destroy those who want to destroy us."

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According to "Axios Research" data from October 2023, approximately 45,000 American military personnel are in the Middle East:

In Kuwait 13,000

In Bahrain 9,000

In Qatar 8,000

In UAE 3,500

In Jordan 2,936

In Saudi Arabia 2,700

In Iraq 2,500

In Türkiye 1,885

In Syria (in the territories occupied by the Americans)

900

In Oman less than 100.

In Israel it is not known how many there are. They are not such a significant number as to make one fear more than necessary.

[9] Not Hitler but Confucius

Zelensky fears that if he accepts his staff's idea that there is a stalemate along the front line, he will no longer re-

ceive military and financial aid from the West, thus forcing him to accept negotiations. Which he doesn't want to do without losing his life. He still hasn't understood that the Russians, by continuing to eliminate, unhurriedly but progressively, the Ukrainian military, are awaiting an unconditional surrender.

The Russians are winning while maintaining a very low profile: they do not use aviation to bomb cities and terrorize the population (as the Zionists do today), they save on the use of missiles, now completely replaced by drones, they do not exhaust the military at the front but they replace them periodically, they have never used ships to make a landing like that of the Allies in Normandy, they have concentrated a lot on developing advanced technological means (electronic, IT...) to support conventional weapons... In short, this war is for them a test bed, a scientific laboratory, a school of military life directly in the field. Any operation must be subject to precise rules. The strategy is not like the Nazi one, according to which Hitler gave orders to his generals on the objective to be achieved, authorizing them to use any means and ways.

The Russians are behaving as Confucius wants: "Sit along the riverbank and wait, sooner or later you will see the corpse of your enemy pass by."

Chosen by God

I wonder what sense there is in bombing any building that might contain a Palestinian militiaman, when it is known to the whole world that they are hiding in underground tunnels. It is clear that the objective is only a pretext to create scorched earth, expelling the entire population from Gaza.

It is very strange that Hamas failed to predict the real intentions of the Zionists. Above all, it is very strange that it thought that by holding Jewish citizens hostage, the Zionists would attenuate their ruthlessness. When a Zionist has any qualms about eliminating a Palestinian, it is not because he has a moral conscience, but because he fears the consequences (especially economic) from some State. He is used to thinking only in terms of power relations, and already as a child he was raised by parents and teachers in the belief that he belonged to

a “people chosen by God”, among many other peoples envious of this privilege.

Netanyahu’s conscience

Only a senseless person can demand the release of hostages as a condition for a ceasefire. As a rule, the opposite is done, otherwise the kidnapper is afraid of being killed. Indeed, he is even afraid that if the hostages are killed (by the Zionists), he will be blamed. Netanyahu knows no rules other than the terrorist ones, which he applies to everything that moves. He resembles that American policeman who held George Floyd’s neck under his knee. When asked 20 times that he wasn’t breathing, he responded ruthlessly: “If you talk, it means you’re breathing.”

Who knows if Netanyahu, like Himmler, has a cyanide capsule under a molar. Sooner or later he too will have to be judged by history. He has been prime minister since 1996, albeit on and off: how many murders does he have on his conscience?

War, last chance

Hamas was democratically elected in Gaza in 2006. It is also present in the West Bank. Since then, the almost ninety-year-old Abu Mazen has not wanted to hold new elections, because he knows full well that he would lose them.

What does this mean? It means that the Palestinians can no longer stand Israel and believe that this profound anomaly can only be resolved with war.

With their all-out resistance, in which civilians die like flies, they are testing the sense of humanity of the entire world, that is, they are verifying how far one can go in defending international law.

Exactly like the Russian speakers of Donbas demand the right to self-determination of peoples. A right that is trampled on a daily basis by the thieving and racist settlers in the West Bank, by the apartheid of Gaza, by the obstacles placed in the way of using the sacred places of Islam, by the establish-

ment of a confessional Jewish state (which adds new discrimination to the Arab-Israelis residents of Israel)... Talking, in these conditions, about two states (one of which today does not even have territorial continuity) is an insult to intelligence.

Just think of the fact that Tel Aviv is considering whether to import 100,000 Indian workers to replace almost 90,000 Palestinian workers whose permits have been revoked due to the ongoing war. If India accepts such an infamy, she should be expelled from BRICS.

In the West we still haven't understood who the Palestinians are dealing with.

[10] The wrath of Yahweh

In 1956, Egyptian Prime Minister Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal, closing it to Israeli ships and opposing the interests of the United Kingdom and France, which, through the canal, had commercial and military access to their African and South-East Asian colonies. Nasser orbited around the USSR and the countries of the socialist camp.

Obviously the two European countries attacked Egypt. Israel, needless to say, allied itself with the strongest and occupied the Gaza strip and the Sinai peninsula. The war for control of the Suez Canal was resolved thanks to an agreement between the USA and the USSR.

From that moment on, the Zionist State of Israel became part of the International Community of imperialist groups, led by the USA, of which it became an agent of capital importance, especially in the Middle East.

For the Zionists it was like having demonstrated that they knew how to do their (military) tasks. In fact, the USA rewarded them immediately: between the 1970s and 2023, financing for Israel amounted to 158 billion dollars. In the war field, research agreements (including nuclear) and military supplies were countless. In the diplomatic field then the apotheosis: over the last 32 years, based on its status as a permanent member with the right of veto in the UN Security Council, the USA has managed to block at least 30 resolutions against Israel.

To the Zionists, all this generosity seemed like manna falling from heaven in the time of Moses. And since opportunity only knocks once, they took advantage of it a decade later, in 1967, attacking the Arab-Palestinian populations in what was later called the “Six Day War”. At the same time that their God built the solar system and our ancestors, they conquered the West Bank (including East Jerusalem), the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula (Egypt), and the Golan Heights (Syria).

At that point the new “pharaoh” of Egypt, Sadat, thought it was time to teach snooty Israel a lesson: and it was the Yom Kippur War (1973). Which, however, ended with a compromise: Israel returned the Sinai peninsula to Egypt in exchange for its recognition as a legitimate independent political state, naturally intending not to return the other occupied territories. Sadat gave in: he took the Nobel Peace Prize in 1978 and a barrage of deadly blows in 1981 from die-hard Muslims, who considered him a traitor.

Israel understood that it could move like a bulldozer if it had left Egypt alone. Thus it was that in 1982 it targeted Lebanon, carrying out horrendous massacres. It held the southern part until 2000.

The Palestinians began to look at each other and ask themselves how to get rid of this scourge of God, relying above all on their own strength. Various organizations were born, of which the main one was certainly the PLO, led by Arafat.

The first armed uprising, called Intifada (1987-93), was organized by the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements in Gaza and the West Bank, and by Hezbollah in Lebanon. It ended with the Oslo Accords (1993), which gave birth to the Palestinian National Authority. However, since the PA did absolutely nothing to stop the arrogance of the Zionist settlers, who did everything they could to expel the Palestinians from their lands, the second Intifada broke out in 2000.

A very partial success was achieved: the Zionists withdrew from the Gaza Strip in 2005, leaving it under Palestinian control, of course “formal”, when the Israeli governments transformed it into an open-air prison.

Not only that, but the Zionists tried to weaken the Palestinian resistance with various war operations: Cast Lead

(December 2008-January 2009), Pillar of Clouds (2012), Protective Edge (2014), Guardians of the Walls (2021). This is because they don't want Islamists who don't recognize their confessional and colonialist state under their feet.

The rest is history these days.

Let's not joke about collateral damage

It's a little funny, if it didn't imply extremely tragic consequences, for the Zionists to say: "we are targeting terrorists and unfortunately there are also civilian populations". Which in military parlance is euphemistically called "collateral damage."

Such damage should normally be considered unexpected. But how can it be in an area that has among the highest percentages of inhabitants per square kilometre in the world?

If you bomb an area like this, you are just a criminal. As were the Nazis in Leningrad, who in 900 days killed between 1.6 and 2 million people, including soldiers and civilians (the latter were about half). Among the German soldiers who survived the Russian counteroffensive, eight were sentenced to death and three others to forced labour for crimes against humanity.

In short, it must be clear that collateral damage in Gaza is not random, but perfectly predictable and fully accepted, especially when hospitals, schools, mosques, refugee centres and even ambulances are targeted!

In fact, if anything, the opposite could be said, namely that it is a coincidence that in destroying a civilian target some Hamas militiamen are killed.

Furthermore, the Zionists are so obtuse that they do not understand that every child, every woman, every elderly or sick person killed necessarily creates one more "terrorist". They still have not understood that using force does not provide security for anyone, neither for those who suffer it nor for those who inflict it. At these levels it is impossible to think that collaborators can be "bred" among the Palestinians.

Thanks to the Zionists, a people is being formed that is much more united than the Israelis themselves.

Peace without justice is worth nothing

To stop the madness of the Zionists, the international community would need to take a stand. But you can't see it. Reaction times are absolutely inadequate. Moral condemnations against rampaging criminals are useless if they are not accompanied by forceful actions.

Enraged criminals are useless if they are not accompanied by acts of force.

Netanyahu's policy is waging a war that will certainly lead to a humanitarian catastrophe, and which may lead to an escalation in the Middle East, up to a clash of civilizations. Such an absurd man, surrounded by a staff of absurd people like him, cannot determine the destinies of the planet, just as the German Nazis or the Japanese militarists or the Kiev neo-Nazis could not.

Humanity cannot die because of totally senseless statesmen. Is it possible that it has not yet been understood that no war can be resolved if the population does not perceive that the justice they were looking for has been achieved? Peace cannot depend on force, except on a transitory basis. Force only creates anger, resentment, the need for revenge.

There are half a million Israelis colonizing the West Bank and another 200,000 in East Jerusalem. They must leave, as the million French did in Algeria. If you don't know how to coexist peacefully with others, it's better to separate.

Even if the Zionists occupied all of Gaza, evacuating all Palestinians, they would then have to prevent the radicalization of those residing in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Then they should control the Arabs living in Israel even more.

What would be left in the end? A confessional state run by rabbis? Is this what the Jews want? At the time of Jesus Christ, the Sadducee priests were in charge in Judea. With the collaboration of Pilate (who resembles an American official today) they got the better of the Nazarene movement (the Palestinians of the time), but then they were wiped out by the Romans themselves, precisely because the Sadducees were not able to control the movement of national liberation. When ev-

everything ended in the most absolute catastrophe, not even a Sadducee continued the Jewish traditions. Only the few surviving Pharisees could do it.

What to do against Israel?

To be at least concrete and prevent a genocide of apocalyptic proportions from taking place in Gaza, as we have not yet seen in this century, we should:

1. invite all Jews residing in Italy to mobilize against Netanyahu's government, showing that Zionism and Judaism are two separate realities, which cannot be confused (as the Western media generally do); they need to find those boycott and sabotage initiatives that they deem most effective;

2. the Italian popular masses must mobilize against collaboration and complicity in every field (political, economic, military, cultural) with the Zionist State of Israel: for example, it is necessary to demonstrate in front of the Israeli diplomatic offices in Italy (Rome, Milan), but also in front of the war industry companies (see Leonardo and RWM) complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people, and also in front of the offices of newspapers, televisions and radios that they fuel the "international holy alliance" against the Palestinians;

3. above all, we must support the boycott initiatives on the manufacture of weapons destined for Israel and on the shipment of these weapons, by leaking information on where, how and when the storage and transport operations take place and making it available to those who are capable of through these operations. In particular, the American planes that supply the Zionist army depart from (or rely on) Sigonella, in Sicily;

4. we must be convinced that it is now too late to create two states for two peoples. We need a single democratic, pluralistic, secular, non-denominational state, in which everyone can express their religion, without risking discrimination or persecution;

5. we must be convinced that where there are no contracts for the sale of real estate, the land or homes of the Palestinians must be returned to their legitimate owners, without any ifs or buts.

[11] What happened to Vanunu?

In recent days Amichai Eliyahu, Israeli Minister for Building Heritage, declared that the use of the atomic bomb on Gaza is “one of the possibilities” in the field, even if this could cost the lives of the Israeli hostages and not only them.

Without meaning to, he admitted that Israel has nuclear weapons. Nothing like this has been heard since nuclear engineer Mordechai Vanunu (1986). In fact, Israel has never officially admitted that it is a militarily nuclear country.

Vanunu, also known by the name John Crossman, was a former Israeli nuclear technician of Moroccan-Jewish origin. After revealing to the entire world the existence of the State of Israel’s secret nuclear weapons, Mossad agents kidnapped him in Italy in 1986, drugged him and transported him to Israel, where a court tried him in secret on charges of treason and espionage.

He was sentenced to 18 years in prison, 11 of which he spent in complete isolation. He was subjected to psychological torture and inhuman treatment, i.e. brainwashing attempts. He always refused to speak to guards and Shin Bet members in Hebrew (but only in English), to read Israeli newspapers that were not written in English and to watch television programs that were not from the BBC.

He was released from prison on 21 April 2004, but was always kept on probation and subjected by the Israeli authorities to significant restrictions on his freedom, from a denied passport to a ban on speaking to journalists, so much so that he was arrested several times because he demonstrated in favour of a Palestinian state. Vanunu is considered by Amnesty International to be a prisoner and politically persecuted and has been given the status of prisoner of conscience. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The “Corriere della sera” is a disgrace

An article appeared in the “Corriere della sera” by Antonio Carioti who tries to explain the origins of the current war

between Hamas and Israel. Since it is intended for schools and therefore for a large audience, it deserves to be commented on.

1) The fact that already at the beginning of the 20th century Jewish pioneers had begun to move to Palestine (then part of the Ottoman Empire), to escape the frequent anti-Semitic persecutions, does not justify that these pioneers then had the right to build their own political state in Palestine. Just like the absurd epic of the Far West against the natives, it cannot be justified by the fact that the Pilgrim Fathers had landed on the Atlantic coast in 1620.

2) The fact that the Jews were driven out by the ancient Romans during the Jewish War of 68-135 AD, it does not justify that the Zionists had the right to regain the territory in which their ancestors had lived, much less to reconstitute a political state independent of the will of the Palestinian population.

3) Palestine, after the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire, was not "entrusted" to Great Britain, but it was the English who took it by virtue of the secret Sykes-Picot agreement, stipulated with the French. It was on the basis of this agreement that all the Arab populations (who had fought alongside the Europeans against the Turks) felt betrayed and began to perceive the Jewish settlers as a long arm of the Westerners.

4) The fact that immigration to Palestine increased significantly due to the violently anti-Semitic policy of Nazi Germany does not justify that an independent Jewish state should be established there. It could be built in other parts of the planet, possibly where the population density of residents was less conspicuous.

5) The fact that the UN decided to divide Palestine into two states to prevent rival communities from exterminating each other does not imply that that political choice was the only possible one. Much less should one think that since the UN had decided to divide it into two politically independent parts, the fact of not having accepted this division should be considered a "fault" of the Palestinians.

6) The fact that Israel won the war against Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon in 1948 should not have meant that Is-

rael expanded its territories, resulting in the flight of approximately 700,000 Palestinian refugees.

7) The evacuation of Israeli settlers from the Gaza Strip in 2005 (after the second Intifada) cannot be considered a cause that triggered the launch of rockets by Hamas on Israeli territory. It is certainly not the settlers who can guarantee pacification in the Palestinian territories.

And so on, from falsehood to falsehood.

[12] **The collective West is racist**

On November 3, in New York, at the UN General Assembly, on the initiative of the Russian Federation, the resolution was adopted "on combating the glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling current forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance".

In particular, the resolution condemns the rehabilitation of former members of the SS organisation, including Waffen-SS units, recognized as criminals by the Nuremberg Tribunal.

Serious concern was also expressed about the iconoclastic fury, manifested in some countries, supported in recent years also at the state level, towards the monuments that honour the resistance against Nazi-fascism and the liberating soldiers.

At the same time, deep indignation was expressed for the marches aimed at glorifying the Nazis and their collaborators, for the torchlight processions of neo-Nazis and radical nationalists.

The same sad chapter includes the opening of memorials, schools and other structures in honour of those who fought on the side of the Nazis or collaborated with them, as well as the fact that streets are named after them.

Furthermore, concern is expressed about attempts to elevate to the rank of national heroes those who, during the Second World War, fought against the Allies of the anti-Hitler coalition, who collaborated with the Nazis and committed war crimes and crimes against humanity. It is particularly underlined that such actions desecrate the memory of countless vic-

tims of Nazi-fascism, that they exert a negative influence on younger generations and that they are absolutely incompatible with the UN Charter.

The document, in the drafting of which 38 states participated, was supported by 112 countries, while 50 states (including Italy and other EU countries) opposed it, and 14 abstained, putting forward ridiculous justifications relating to the rights to freedom of assembly and speech. For two years we have preferred to adopt ideological attitudes on something so obvious.

And this would be the democracy of the collective West? Thank you, let's do without it, especially because it is unworthy to vote in favour of racism and Nazism (even if you abstain) just because whoever proposed to vote against was Russia. Especially since Germany, Italy and Japan were the main architects of Nazi-fascism.

The first resolution, again on a Russian initiative, was adopted in 2005. Since then both racist and xenophobic rhetoric and calls to get rid of migrants, refugees and "others" have increasingly echoed. In many countries, manifestations of Islamophobia, Christianophobia, Afrophobia, Russophobia and anti-Semitism are now commonplace.

An unmissable opportunity

Palestinian transborderers travel to Israel to do jobs that Israelis don't like to do, as often happens in these cases. For the same work they get 1/3 of the salary, but they are happy all the same, because it is still higher than the average salary in Gaza and the West Bank.

The problem is that, since there are no industries, the Palestinian goes abroad to buy everything he needs to live and which cannot be produced at an artisanal or agricultural level. There are no productive investments in the capitalist sense. The Palestinian territories live on contributions from Islamic countries, the UN, etc. Nor is it conceivable that in such an unstable situation that a foreign entrepreneur should set up his own branch there. Eliminating the armed wing of Hamas is useless. It will reform. And the economic situation will remain unchanged.

Israel wants to present itself as an advanced capitalist state, but as neighbours it has backward Palestinians, bordering on underdevelopment. It seems like we are witnessing the massacre of the natives by the Americans. Capitalism either exploits or marginalizes, and those who rebel are eliminated.

At this moment the Zionists are thinking of transferring all the inhabitants of Gaza to the Sinai, at the expense of Egypt, obviously paying for the inconvenience. In this way they would bring the Strip out of its condition of underdevelopment.

Let's imagine for a moment what it might mean for a Zionist to evacuate all the Palestinians from Gaza, replacing them with the 700,000 settlers living in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, plus all the others who would come from everywhere. At that point it could also grant the West Bank the right to become an independent Palestinian state. It would be an unmissable opportunity. Israel would show that it is willing to grant the Palestinians their own state, on the obvious condition of feeling secure within its borders.

So at the next opportunity you will be able to occupy the last remaining Palestinian territories. Just to do it the Zionists are masters at creating a pretext.

Zionism is also Christian

Today, strong support for Israel from millions of evangelical Christians extends to every part of the planet. One thinks that Zionism is only of Jewish origin, however it is also of Christian origin, albeit only in the evangelical form (Protestant-Anglo-Saxon).

Christian Zionism is a current of thought favourable to the return of the Jews to Palestine, where it would be possible to coexist with Christians, but not with Muslims.

The main current to which they refer is Dispensationalism, founded by John Nelson Darby (1800–82).

Christian Zionists believe that when the prophecies are fulfilled, a significant number of Jews will accept Jesus as their messiah and in the last days messianic Jews will practice some form of Jewish Christianity.

The Moravian Brothers, the Puritans, the Pietists, Oliver Cromwell, John Toland, Isaac Newton, John Milton, Lord Shaftesbury, George Eliot, Lord Arthur James Balfour, Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson, John Henry Patterson, Harry S. Truman and many other prominent people. Who didn't understand anything about one thing: the Jews are fundamentally atheists, as their God cannot be represented. Believing in the Christians' Jesus, transformed into a divinity, would be a contradiction for them. They could only do so if Christians also limited themselves to considering him a simple man. Which wasn't so "simple" after all, given that he positioned himself as the leader of a national insurrection against the Romans and their Jewish collaborators (primarily the managers of the Temple).

We will die in debt

A dramatic collapse in the functioning of the US Treasury market is expected. The United States has transformed itself into something similar to the terrorist-rigged bus, destined to explode if it slows below 80 km/h, as in the 1994 Keanu Reeves film "Speed".

Politically the government is incapable of backing down on crazy military commitments, which have astronomical costs, but it is also incapable of affording them. This year the deficit is expected to reach \$2 trillion, equivalent to an astonishing 8.5% of GDP, and there is no sign of it slowing down. That's double last year.

So sooner or later it will hit the wall in order to pay for the enormous interest on government bonds, which are purchased less and less, despite the high yields. States no longer have the desire to support the debt of a country with increasingly laborious breathing.

This thing has been going on since 2008 (subprime crisis), it continued during the two years of the pandemic, and it worsened considerably with the proxy war in Ukraine, and now it is precipitating with another in the Middle East. It is not possible to print tons of money without thinking about its progressive devaluation, nor is it possible to continuously raise interest

rates on government bonds, i.e. pay off an increasingly larger debt with new debt. Confidence in one's economy and finance cannot be taken for granted. Also because at a certain level the debts are not collectable.

The US is fooling itself into thinking it can run huge budget deficits in a time of rising interest rates. Even in the 1940s they were in this way because of the world war, but the post-war American economy, still fundamentally healthy and enormously productive, quickly got back on its feet.

The current economy, highly financialized and deeply in debt, is a shadow of its former self. Unfortunately, US politicians don't seem to understand this. It will be debts that will swamp the Western economy. We will die in debt even if individually we are not.

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Have we ever seen such wickedness in deliberately, obstinately, continuously targeting hospitals, ambulances, refugee centres, mosques, schools...? All structures demolished at the same time, with the same weapons, with the identical, hypocritical pretext that there could be Hamas militiamen inside them. But Genghis Khan didn't act like that either! By what name will Netanyahu go down in history? "Scourge of Yahweh"? "Exterminator of innocents"? "Erodes the bloodthirsty"? But where is the UN? what does it actually do? And the International Criminal Court? Are you still thinking about Putin? Putin saved the children from the war, he didn't bury them behind tons of rubble, he didn't deprive them of electricity, gas, water, food... and above all he didn't deny them an escape route.

A Pentagon official said weapons deliveries to Israel occur daily, without interruption. At this point one wonders who is really bombing the Palestinians. And then Blinken, the hypocrite, complains that there are too many deaths. How do you measure quantity? Even just one child is too much.

The Israeli soldier David Ben Zion, interviewed by the Israeli TV journalist "i24News", Nicole Zedek, says that there are the bodies of 40 children decapitated by Hamas. The journalist, also present on site, instead of checking, "shoots" the

news to her TV editorial team with the following comment: “The Palestinians are animals, but we already knew this”. The news is picked up by CNN and by all the media around the world, reaching billions of people.

Nicole Zedek then admitted that she had invented the news. I wonder with what sick mind someone could invent such a thing. Here dismissal is not enough, we need a psychiatrist.

[13] The first to do it were you

They are smart, you have to admit it. The Zionists justify their massacres of civilians by saying that the Americans also did it on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and no one has ever blamed them for anything, so much so that even today they don't feel obliged to apologize. They also did it in Iraq, eliminating half a million people from 2003 to 2011, and the West remained silent.

They are basically comparing the Palestinians to the Japanese and Iraqis. Against irreducible enemies, be they local, regional or global, any means is permissible, in any modality.

In short, it is as if they wanted to say: “You created the precedents. Now you can't come and lecture us. Among other things, your enemies were far from your borders, but we have them at home”.

Zionists take the worst from others, not the best. And they imitate them, sure they can get away with it. The West has raised a snake in its bosom, and now that it has grown up it turns against it, not being used to keeping up appearances.

To tell the truth, however, we know this practice well: we had already adopted it with radical Islam (ISIS, Al Qaeda), which easily became extreme in the face of copious funding. And which then got out of hand, believing he was smarter than his instigator.

Mystifying interpretations

To justify his horrendous crimes in Gaza, Netanyahu referred to Operation Carthage, conducted by the British against

the headquarters of the Gestapo (Nazi Germany's secret police) in the centre of Copenhagen. The Shellhus was used to store files and torture Danish citizens.

Interpreting things his own way, as he often does, he said that, to achieve their military objective, British planes hit a children's hospital and dozens of children were killed. In this way, according to him, the 5,000 children in Gaza can be compared with the 86 in Copenhagen.

However, his comparison is absurd not only for quantitative reasons. In fact, the British knew very well where the Gestapo headquarters was, while the Israeli planes fired at random, by trial and error, having to deal with militiamen who live in a myriad of tunnels.

Furthermore, the school (not the children's hospital) was hit by the English only because a bomber accidentally hit a wing against a railway lamppost located near the Shellhus, and then fall on a French-speaking Catholic school, located 1.5 km from the target. Seeing the building on fire, other planes also bombed it, thinking that was the target.

Israel, on the other hand, deliberately strikes all civilian targets (including ambulances), under the pretext that they can hide the Hamas militias. And does it without thinking too much.

On the other hand, it took the English at least a year to decide. Knowing in fact that the target was in the centre of the city and that to hit it the planes would have to fly very low, risking being hit, only on 21 March 1945 did they decide to say yes to the request of the Danish partisans.

The Operation, in the end, was successful (according to military parameters), even if, in addition to the 55 German soldiers, 45 Danish employees and 8 prisoners died, plus 9 RAF pilots.

If Netanyahu had talked about the indiscriminate bombing of Dresden, wanted by Churchill, when the war was almost over, perhaps he would have made a better impression. Also because he has not yet succeeded in eliminating 135,000 civilians. He needs to try harder...

Mongolia Ukraine bis?

The United States is preparing a Ukrainian-style scenario for Mongolia. That is, a so-called “colour revolution”. Always the protagonist is the warmongering Victoria Nuland, interim deputy secretary of state, who played a key role in the Euro-Maidan coup in Ukraine in 2014. The target to be moved is naturally young people, who can’t wait to live in the Western way.

Even the fake reasons are similar to the previous ones: strengthen democratic institutions, increase national sovereignty and diversify the economy (i.e. privatize it). All in opposition to China and Russia, whose so-called “autocrati” regimes would threaten Mongolian independence.

Nuland’s connection with Mongolia dates back to 1988, when the American embassy opened. She reappeared in the country in April this year. She is studying the scenography of the coup.

Furthermore, the US Department of Defence has prepared a vast biological research program for Mongolia, where it could transfer research similar to that which was taking place in the 46 Ukrainian laboratories.

As is known, Russia has already accused the United States of developing biological weapons, that is, of testing the effects of dangerous viruses on people’s bodies. It is ridiculous to talk about research “focused on improving public health and agricultural safety”. The Mongolians, by the way, should know that Moscow’s calls for an investigation into what exactly those laboratories in Ukraine were doing were vetoed at the United Nations by the United States and its allies NATO, Britain and France.

Another reason for the increase in American interest in Mongolia is economic: the country, with a population of only 3.2 million people, has colossal resources of copper, coal, gold, uranium and other minerals, and development of the major deposits has not yet begun. The US is also likely to aim to disrupt the planned Power of Siberia 2 pipeline, which is expected to pass through the territory of Mongolia to export Russian natural gas to China.

Be careful that the next parliamentary elections in Mongolia are scheduled for the summer of 2024: there could be unfavourable surprises for Russia and China. I think that this time it won't be the Mongols who occupy China and Russia but the opposite.

[14] It is confessional from the beginning

They say Israel only recently characterized itself as a sectarian state, with the 2018 Basic Law. In reality it has been so since 1948. In fact in 1950 the parliament voted the so-called "Law of Return", the first article of which established: "All Jews have the right to immigrate to the country". That is, immigration would not have depended in any way on non-Jewish entities.

Moreover, during the 1948 war, the Zionist state had appropriated 94% of the properties of the Palestinians who had escaped, assigning them to Israeli Jews. The Palestinians who fled in that first war could not no longer return (just like the Jews at the time of the Jewish war against the Romans).

As many as 700,000 Jewish immigrants entered in the first four years of Israel's existence, and another 700,000 arrived in the following 15 years. Among the Arab countries, the largest arrivals of Jews came from Morocco (165,000), Iraq (120,000) and Egypt (80,000). In 2000, there were just 5,000 Jews left in the entire Arab world.

Paradoxically, the Jews coming from the Arab world, feeling discriminated against compared to the more bourgeois and cultured Jews of the West, ended up supporting the Likud (the party today led by Netanyahu), against the Labour party elite, which demanded both the nationalization of education and a monopoly on the use of force. Not only that, but the State of Israel also benefits from an extra income, due to contributions from Jews or foreign states (the USA alone has contributed around 3.8 billion dollars a year for decades).

In that distant 1993...

The Oslo Agreements between Israel and Palestine were stipulated and ratified between August and September 1993. Is-

rael, accustomed to domineering and considering the Palestinians as an underdeveloped people to be colonized, signed them but not without considering them penalizing.

In fact, it was precisely in that year that the first Intifada (which began in 1987) ended. When the stones were thrown by the young people, the Israeli reaction was very harsh: 900 to 1,200 Palestinians were killed by Israeli soldiers, 18,000 were injured, 175,000 were arrested, 23,000 were tortured, and naturally 2,000 homes were destroyed in retaliation. Only 160 Israelis were killed.

The standard of living in the Palestinian territories fell by 40% also because Israel decided to do without the workforce of cross-border workers, favouring immigration from eastern and southern Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa, with effects devastating in Gaza on unemployment and poverty.

No Israeli government has ever spontaneously accepted the “land for peace” principle. Israel actually wants all Palestinian land and the complete subjugation of the entire Arab population. Those who do not adapt are eliminated or imprisoned or are urged to leave, so much so that they can easily be replaced by immigrant workers from the Global South. The important thing is that the settlements of Israeli settlers in the occupied territories are expanded, facilitated by enormous incentives and tax breaks. The settlers, when they are not defending themselves, are protected by the Israeli army.

Israel is not very different from the racist and colonialist states of the last century: South Africa, Rhodesia, Namibia... It should be noted that apartheid was declared an international crime by the UN General Assembly only on 30 November 1973. It took so long with respect to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, also promulgated by the UN, in 1948, that art. 1 sanctioned the equality of all human beings, precisely because the West loves beautiful words but not concrete facts. Israel knows this well and behaves accordingly.

In fact, in 1993 the Second Conference on Human Rights was inaugurated in Vienna, which underlined that, due to globalization [read: neoliberal], in many parts of the world, instead of decreasing, xenophobia, racism and discrimination were increasing especially against national, ethnic, linguistic

and religious minorities, but also against migrant workers and women.

Where and how many American bases are there?

In the entire history of humanity it has never happened that the armed forces of a country were so present in the world as those of the United States, both in terms of quantity of vehicles and men and in terms of distribution in space. Suffice it to say that in the last 20 years alone the American government has spent the enormous sum of 8 trillion dollars to finance the “war on terror”. [implied: Islamic] in the Middle East and that currently at least 170 countries in the world welcome US soldiers and at least 76 states host approximately 642 bases in total.

The American military presence throughout the planet guarantees Washington, above all, dominion over global trade routes and choke points (marine bottlenecks corresponding to strategic straits or channels).

In the latest available official document, containing data for 2021, there are 544 US bases in 43 foreign states, plus another 159 in US overseas territories. However, the Pentagon’s Base Structure Report is limited to listing Department of Defence properties that are worth more than \$10 million and/or are more than 10 acres (just over 4 hectares) in size.

Professor David Vine has surveyed at least 642 bases in 76 countries (as of July 2021), but much information remains secret. Certainly there are American troops operating in every sea and on every continent, including Antarctica, and US military personnel can be found in more than 170 countries around the world. Considering that there are 195 internationally recognized states, it means that the USA is present in at least 87% of the countries in the world.

The geographical areas or states in which they are most present are: Europe (about 100,000 soldiers, in particular in Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom), Japan (about 56,000 soldiers), South Korea (about 28,000 soldiers) and the Middle East (about 15,000 soldiers).

The highest number of bases is found in two countries in particular: Germany (against Russia) and Japan (against

China). The first contains at least 123 bases, the second at least 113. The Ramstein base, in Germany, is also the largest in Europe, and occupies more than 1,400 hectares of territory.

In third place is South Korea, with at least 79 bases, again against China but also against North Korea. Italy is in fourth place, with at least 49 American bases. According to estimates that also consider very small sites, however, there would be more than 120.

When the US government no longer sees the need for bases, closing them is relatively easy, as Congress is involved at no stage in the process. (from geopolit.it)

[15] Embarrassing situations

A passage of the video, released by the Israeli army, shot underground in the Rantisi pediatric hospital in Gaza, caused some embarrassment.

The spokesman of the Armed Forces, Daniel Hagari, after having shown the places where Hamas allegedly held the hostages, points to some handwritten sheets hanging on a wall, saying: "This is a list of the guards, where every terrorist has written his name and each terrorist had an assigned shift to monitor the people who were here".

In reality, checking the translation from Arabic, what is indicated is not a list, but the days of the week. Above the writing 7 October there is written "Saturday". In the inbox of October 8, Sunday. Monday the 9th and so on.

Why does one have to invent nonsense like that? Answer: because after all, even soldiers have a conscience, even though they behave worse than animals.

Do you want an Israeli soldier, who when not fighting is certainly a person with a certain intellectual depth, not to know what international law requires regarding war?

- Art. 50 Hague Regulations of 1907 and art. 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention: the occupying power is prohibited from subjecting the entire population of the occupied territory to collective punishment for an act committed by some of its members;

- Art. 51 of the First Additional Protocol of 1977, Statute of the International Criminal Court: war reprisals, such as the interruption of access to drinking water and energy sources for the entire civilian population, are prohibited;

- Art. 85 Hague Regulations of 1907: the forced transfer of the civilian population in order to create areas where war operations can be conducted freely is prohibited;

- Art. 54 First Additional Protocol of 1977, Statute of the International Criminal Court: military responses must respect the principles of precaution, distinction between combatants and civilians, proportionality and in no case must they include indiscriminate bombing and starvation practices, i.e. making the starvation of civilians as a method of combat;

- Art. 55 Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949: the occupying power has the obligation to provide food and medical supplies to the population of the occupied territory.

Certainly an Israeli soldier, knowing that Zionist statesmen don't care about international law, could have avoided inventing non-existent things. However, we can see that the condemnatory judgements coming from all over the world are starting to have an impact.

A second Nakba

An interesting article relating to the final strategy that the Zionists intend to apply to the Gaza Strip has appeared in "L'Ineditor". It is a report published by one of the most influential Israeli think tanks: Institute for Zionist Strategies (IZS), very close to Likud.

The basic idea is to found a state on an ethnic basis in which there is no place for the Palestinians, defined by the Zionists as "human animal". This means that the residents of Gaza must all be transferred to Egypt. As in the times of the Wild West, the natives were forced to move to Canada.

The document specifies that in the metropolitan area of Cairo there is a huge amount of built and empty state apartments, available at low cost and ideal to be inhabited by the entire population of Gaza. In exchange for the operation, the government could cover part of the costs.

This simple calculation was done. Since the average cost of a vacant apartment in Cairo – that residents, despite the very low prices, are unable to buy - is around 19,000 euros, to finance the project and guarantee housing for around two million Palestinians, it will be necessary to transfer between 5 and 8 billion dollars to the coffers of the Egyptian state (which is grappling with a serious economic crisis due to very high inflation): a cost that can easily be financed by the State of Israel, as it is between 1% and 1.5% of GDP. A figure that could be paid just with the 14.3 billion dollars just allocated by the USA to Israel.

In exchange, possession of the entire Gaza Strip is requested, where only Israeli citizens will live, in the name of ethnic supremacy, and will be guaranteed “high quality housing”. In this way, the Tel Aviv’s metropolitan area will be dramatically expanded.

Will the Zionists make it? If they go ahead with these terrorist bombings and with the complicity of the Western world, we can assume so.

Mafia military terrorism

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant has warned the Lebanon-based Hezbollah group that if they continue to carry out attacks near Israel’s northern border, Lebanese citizens will pay the price.

That is, he basically said that if Hezbollah wants war, Israel will bomb Lebanese cities and therefore eliminate civilians. “What we are doing in Gaza, we know how to do in Beirut too. Our air force is using only a tenth of its resources in Gaza”, he specified.

It sounds like a mafia-type threat. Like when someone who insists on doing the wrong thing is told: “Do you care about your beautiful family? We know everything about you. Remember it”. If this isn’t terrorism, what is it?

Zionism is a child of the West

Such inhuman bombings on the Palestinian population suggest that there is oppressive behaviour towards this population on the part of the Israeli institutions and population (just think of the settlers in the West Bank), even when there is not a sudden and sensational war underway, but just a daily creeping conflict.

That is, here we are not just talking about the belief that the Zionists have to be tolerated in this behaviour by their super-powerful ally, who never betrays them: the United States. There is also racial hatred at play here, which is overwhelming everything and everyone, from the institutions to the population of Israel. So much so that we don't see mass protests, like those in Islamic or Western countries where the Islamic component is very strong due to immigration.

One gets the impression that while the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank resemble Native Americans, who, rather than allowing themselves to be enslaved, preferred to be killed or live on reservations; the Arab-Israelis are instead like the African-Americans, who accepted that slavery, obviously except for the fact that today we cannot talk about slavery but, at most, about discrimination or oppressive attitudes.

In Gaza the population is kept as if in an Indian reserve or a Nazi concentration camp or a Soviet gulag or a South African Bantustan, that is, segregated, with very minimal possibility of autonomy. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, however, it is urged, through abuses and violence of various kinds (not excluding murder), to leave, that is, to emigrate outside of Palestine.

Now, the state terrorism that Netanyahu's government is applying in Gaza suggests, given that the evacuation of the entire Strip is being called for, that Israel wants to expand its borders. The northern area of Gaza is already so devastated that it would be impossible for a Palestinian to live there. Where would he live before the buildings are rebuilt? In the Sinai desert?

The clash between Israelis and Palestinians starts from a visceral hatred, which concerns the basic values of daily life. It is an irreducible clash between opposing civilizations or cultures. Those who do not submit, those who rebel against such

submission are destined to be imprisoned or even die. And the Israelis are undoubtedly stronger, also because they benefit from the support of Western institutions.

The same thing happened in North America. Before the revolution of 1773 the natives were exploited by the French and English against the American colonists, who rebelled against their homeland. But after that revolution, which European country challenged the Americans' claim to exterminate the native populations, depriving them of their territories? And when were they ever challenged for the slavery of Africans? American racism, like Hispanic-Lusitanian racism, has roots in Europe. Then naturally there are differences in means and ways, as between Catholics and Protestants.

It is therefore difficult to think that the racism practised by the Zionists can disappear without the West stopping supporting it from the outside.

Zionist ideology is a product derived from a Western-style ideology, clearly in favour of industrial and financial capitalism. The Jewish component is used by the Zionists in an instrumental manner, as the Kiev neo-Nazis do against the schismatic Orthodox Church.

[16] The most ridiculous Court in the world

After international pressure, the International Criminal Court has announced that it is conducting an investigation into the war crimes perpetrated by Israel in its inhumane attack on Gaza.

It is incredible that the ICC needed "pressure" before moving. Even more incredible that the prosecutor Karim Khan, in order to act, needs access to Gaza via the Rafah crossing in Egypt. Israel is committing crimes against humanity so egregious that there is no need to personally enter Gaza to begin investigations. Information about some of these crimes is already in the public domain thanks to the mass media.

Any delay in denouncing the perpetrators of this genocide only increases the deaths and injuries among civilians.

Furthermore, Palestine became a member of the ICC in 2015. Since then, Palestinians have filed dozens of complaints

against the State of Israel, which have remained a dead letter. Also because Israel is not a member of the ICC; indeed, it has already said that even if it were, the court would not have jurisdiction to investigate the ongoing conflict, since Palestine is not a sovereign state. It is the same position supported by the USA.

In any case the prosecutor said that if he can't enter Gaza, he can't do anything. And of course Israel doesn't let him in.

In short, on other occasions we would have said that we are at the comic stage. We had already seen these absurdities in 2021, when the former chief prosecutor of the ICC, Fatou Bensouda, launched an investigation into Israel's war crimes in the occupied Palestinian territories of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem dating back to 2014. It took 6 years! And when Bensouda left office, everything ended in a bubble.

Here one can only remind Netanyahu and his racist and colonialist clique that Israel has signed the Geneva Conventions, which oblige it to investigate and prosecute war crimes, including those committed by its own military forces.

Africa thinks, we don't

Can it perhaps be considered a coincidence that all African countries opposed Israel's bombing and invasion of Gaza? That is, is it normal that while the collective West (excluding Ireland) is on the side of Israel, the Global South is on the side of Palestine?

There's something not right here. How is it possible that when faced with the same fact, interpretations are so polarized? So diametrically opposed on a geopolitical level?

After all, not all of Africa is in the hands of Islamic governments, in fact some of them supported the Abraham Accords. And it is difficult to think that the continent has spoken out against Israel precisely because this country is supported by colonialist Europe. How absurd it would be to think that Africa does not support Ukraine just because it does not consider Russia a colonialist country.

African countries are not judging the facts by bias, or because they are conditioned by a historical precedent that continues to hurt them even today. They are not starting to withdraw their ambassadors from Israel according to preconceived patterns.

Africa is thinking with its own head. We are the ones who are unreasonable when faced with certain evidence.

In the end they had to discharge her

Pro-Palestinian solidarity in the UK is causing a major crisis within Britain's two main political parties, with the Conservatives seeking to quash popular activism and Labour divided over whether to call for a ceasefire or a simple humanitarian truce.

From marches to sit-ins at train stations, from protests at arms factories to strikes at university conferences, the UK has seen an escalation of activism unlike anything seen in a while.

The Minister of the Interior, Suella Braverman (of Hindu origin), without realizing what she was saying, wanted to ban the pro-Palestinian protests, which she defined as "hate marche", while in reality they were simple protests in which they asked only for the ceasefire. She even compared them to the demonstrations in Northern Ireland, deemed "sectaria". She wanted to ban the use of the Palestinian flag, considering this an extremist gesture.

She even clashed with Sir Mark Rowley, the commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, who stressed the legal right to protest.

In the end the government had to dismiss her, even though Prime Minister Sunak maintained a firm position in support of Israel, which had the right to defend itself within the confines of international law.

Poor Sunak: no one has yet explained to him that Netanyahu doesn't care about international law. No one has yet told him (because evidently he alone cannot understand it) that collective punishments, forced transfer of the population and

disproportionate use of force do not fall under any international law.

But above all, someone should tell Sunak that the Israelis are bombing Gaza with many of the weapons sold by the United Kingdom. The F-35 stealth fighter planes alone have 15% Made in England components.

Wake up Sunak, ask your intelligence services how complicit the UK is in the shameful slaughter in Gaza. Don't you think it strange that, according to one poll, 76% of the British public think there should be a ceasefire, while for such a basic, common sense request, a recent parliamentary vote saw only a paltry 13% in favour? Don't you know that when you travel on two such different directions, governments sooner or later have to resign. Democracy means "government by the people". The government of the rich is called "oligarchy".

A thoroughbred horse

The attacks by the Israeli air force cannot be defined as "imprecis", just as those by the artillery and tanks are not "rando". The intent of these devastating and extremely destructive attacks has an unequivocal purpose: to terrorize the population to the point where they prefer to leave rather than die. This is why it is not possible to make a difference between civilians and soldiers nor, within civilians, between the various categories of people.

This is about convincing over 2 million people that they need to move elsewhere. Over 12,000 people have died, of which almost 5,000 were children. But they could easily become double that. Now Israel is also asking to evacuate the southern area of Gaza.

Netanyahu has started a massacre that the Palestinians are absolutely unable to prevent, also because, it's not two armies that are clashing like in Ukraine. And now he wants to take it to the end. He can't back out anymore. It seems that he doesn't care much about the hostages either, and perhaps not even about Hamas. If he manages to occupy the whole of Gaza, he will always be able to say that Israel, as long as it is sur-

rounded by “terrorist”, is forced to be ruthless, and that to triumph with safety, the sacrifices must be included in the considerations. With nothing you get nothing. The real objective is to occupy as many territories as possible in the shortest possible time: a long-lasting war, without the financial and military support of the West, would have catastrophic consequences for Israel too. And he, who was an economic manager as a young man, knows these things.

It is not today that Netanyahu has become a hawk. He has been for a long time. He was a soldier from 1967 to 1973, ambassador to the UN from 1984 to 1988 and, within his country, he has been active in politics, holding top roles, since 1993. He has a very respectable CV for a Zionist. He cannot be considered a puppet like Zelensky, in whom the West has invested crazy sums without achieving practically nothing. Here, however, if the West wants to start a world war, it can bet on a thoroughbred horse.

[17] The null role of the EU

No expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza (to have them welcomed by other countries), no reduction of the territory of the Strip and no Israeli occupation. These are some of Europe’s requests to Tel Aviv for when the war is over.

It seems like a joke. Netanyahu will not do any of the three things: he did not send his military men to their deaths to achieve nothing. The EU is concerned about not having Palestinian refugees at home, who would certainly be very angry given the way they are treated in Gaza. But to the Zionists this is completely irrelevant.

The EU itself demands that there be no return of Hamas to Gaza. So on the one hand it approves of what the Israelis have done; on the other, it wants to impose on the “new Gaz”. (the one decided by Israel) how citizens should vote.

Borrell said, from the height of his ignorance, that “the Gaza Strip must return under the control of a Palestinian authority”, which has “legitimacy defined and sanctioned by the UN Security Council”, therefore different from that of Abu

Mazen, who is not recognized in Gaza, except as a very inept person and prone to Zionist will.

So in practice it must be the UN that decides who should be in charge in Palestine, it is not the Palestinians.

It's as if Europe were making this speech: "You don't know how to manage yourselves alone. Israel has rightly given you a lesson, albeit disproportionate in terms and methods. From now on, the UN will act as your nanny".

Do Palestinians exist in Israel?

If you ask a Zionist why Netanyahu behaves like a Nazi towards the Palestinians, what does he say? "We are not angry with the Arabs themselves (the Abraham Accords demonstrate this and all the other agreements signed previously), but only with those who want to destroy the State of Israel".

And then he starts talking about the Arabs residing within the State of Israel, who are citizens recognized as such: less than 2 million people (21%, double compared to 1950, mainly due to a high fertility rate), 82% of them are Muslim (primarily Sunni), but there are also 9% Christians of various confessions (around 80% of Israeli Christians are Arab) and 9% Druze, who profess a religion of Muslim origin.

This Arab-Israeli community had its origins in the Nakba, the great exodus of Palestinians after the 1948 war that Israel won against the Arab countries and the Palestinians. The Zionists occupied large territories inhabited by Palestinians, who, more than 700,000, were forced to flee to Jordan and Lebanon. However, less than 200,000 people remained, from whom today the bulk of Palestinian-Israelis descend.

These Palestinians who remained after the Nakba obtained Israeli citizenship almost immediately: two politicians were even elected to the first Knesset (Jerusalem parliament). Even today, the United Arab List, Ra'am, a political party founded in 1996, now holds five seats in the Knesset. And then there are Mada (the Arab Democratic party) and Ta'al (the Arab Renewal Movement). In June 2021, Ra'am, for the first time in Israel's history, joined the Bennett-Lapid government coalition.

Arab-Israelis living in Israel vote, work, have their own schools and parties, pay taxes, and are treated like Jews living in Israel.

So why do we talk about apartheid? In reality, Arab-Israelis until 1966 were subjected to martial law, which allowed the Israeli government to impose curfews, arbitrary arrests and to make special permits necessary for travel.

This condition of subordination, among other things, allowed the Israeli state to expropriate much of the land owned by Palestinian families. Even today, Palestinian Israelis live mainly in the poorest and least developed areas of Israel. Compared to their number, only 2-3% own land and only 2.5% of Israeli territory is administered by them.

Since 1966 they have formally had all the rights and duties of other Israeli citizens. Naturally they are exempt from military service (except for the Druze): at most they do civil service.

However, they still suffer various forms of economic and social discrimination. They are continuously subject to control and security measures, as they tend to not be trusted and there is always hope that they will go away. So much so that we never see them in top roles in the Israeli state. If they don't know Hebrew perfectly, they can't enter universities. Furthermore, interfaith couples are prohibited in Israel. The government has never committed to creating residential settlements for them.

In short, they are considered second-class citizens, who could be expelled from Israel at any time (they do not have an Israeli passport, but one dedicated to them; even the car license plates are identifiable as belonging to them).

Furthermore, in 2018 the Zionists gave themselves a sort of Fundamental Law in which it is clearly stated that Israel is a confessional state, that is, of the Jewish nation, not a secular one, in which only Hebrew is considered the official language.

Not only that, but since the Israeli right and the most Orthodox Jews see the increase in the Arab-Israeli population as a threat to the political project of a Jewish state, governed by Jews, since on average they are more prolific, in 2003 a law

was approved which prohibits inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza Strip from obtaining Israeli citizenship (or even a residence permit), even if they marry an Israeli citizen.

The rabbinate, with their obsessive and restrictive standards on topics ranging from conversion to marriage, have enormous power in the Knesset, completely disproportionate to their numbers.

In short, the Arab-Israelis, if they want to be left in peace, must first demonstrate that there is nothing Arab about them, or in any case nothing that could disturb a conscience other than their own.

An unconvincing Arab League

What were the highlights of the recent meeting in Riyadh between the countries of the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation?

1. The Gaza Strip is an inseparable part of the Palestinian territories in the West Bank (which until now was taken for granted).

2. Israel is responsible for the armed conflict in the Gaza Strip (therefore should the Hamas attack on 7 October be considered a false flag?).

3. The Arab League and the OIC countries will ask the international community to investigate the war crimes in Gaza (but it was not specified with which body).

4. The Arab League and the OIC countries will create a financial security system to support the Palestinians (which they have always done, albeit separately).

5. The countries of the world should hold an international peace conference on the situation in the Gaza Strip (which I imagine should start at least from the Oslo Accords).

For the rest, no sanctions or embargoes on Israel. At most, the immediate cessation of the aggression was requested, refusing to accept the justification of self-defence presented by Israel to the international community. And there was a call to impose the immediate entry of humanitarian aid convoys carrying food, medicine and fuel (who should impose this?).

In fact, no general mobilization was planned, nor was any declaration of war formulated. Iran has asked to sever economic relations with Israel, but other states have refused. Evidently they understood that Israel has the ability to help them develop.

Nor was the Algerian proposal not to allow the Americans to use their military bases scattered throughout the Middle East in favour of Israel accepted, even though a stop to the sale of arms to Netanyahu's government was recommended. Algeria has also called for blocking oil supplies to Israel, but the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Turkey have opposed it.

Diplomatic ruptures, with the withdrawal of the ambassador, are at the discretion of the individual state. In any case, the Iranian proposal not to recognize the legitimacy of the State of Israel and to equate its army with a "terroris". organization was rejected by Saudi Arabia and other countries, which want to avoid the conflict spreading to the whole of region.

However, Erdoğan claimed to consider at least the settlers from the occupied territories as terrorists. He then proposed a conference on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons which would lead to the sending of inspectors to Israeli territory. Does he perhaps want to be the only one to have them in the Middle East?

There was no unanimity even on the idea of establishing a single Arab-Israeli state or two separate states. Iran has asked that the matter be decided by a referendum in which everyone can participate. Certainly, any proposal that involves the separation of Gaza from the West Bank and East Jerusalem is rejected.

As if we didn't know that Israel opposes the transfer of the Gaza Strip under the control of the Palestinian Authority, which currently governs the West Bank.

Probably for these Islamic countries 11,000 deaths, of which almost 5,000 children, is not a sufficient number to be able to act more seriously. Syria has made this clear enough.

Cynicism and cowardice

Suppose that Hamas really has placed its troops in various bunkers under hospitals, schools, mosques and other civilian places. Hamas of course denies this, as it does not like to be seen as a coward who uses civilians as human shields.

So let's assume that the Zionists, by virtue of their powerful intelligence, know for sure that the militiamen are right down there. At this point, assuming that Israel has the right to defend itself, how should a truly democratic government have behaved?

According to international law, it should have behaved like Russia, which in its armed interventions is primarily concerned with demilitarizing Ukraine and not with bombing civilian structures on the pretext that they could be hiding enemy soldiers. This is why the war has now lasted almost two years (an unthinkable period of time for Israel).

The Russians immediately said that the Ucronazis used civilians as human shields in various forms: e.g. preventing their evacuation or receiving humanitarian aid.

Conversely, what is the behaviour of the Zionists? They bomb civilian structures (even ambulances) convinced that they are hiding terrorists. And they don't care if to kill a terrorist they kill, for example, 10 civilians, including children. For them, the blame for terrorism is collective. But then, pressured by world public opinion, they say that it is Hamas that is preventing civilians from fleeing.

It is behaviour based on an absurd logic, since there is not a direct confrontation between opposing armies, but, at first glance, that is, on the basis of the most clear evidence, between a well-armed army and a totally disarmed population.

But let's assume that Hamas is really as beastly as the Zionists say. Now, if we were the attacking country, would we still feel authorized to completely destroy civilian buildings? No. If so if we did we would be inhumane. We would be violating all international conventions and treaties on the laws of war.

If we really wanted to teach Hamas a lesson, we should behave like the Russians: enter the cities and fight house to house, completely renouncing air raids.

If you resort to aviation in such a densely populated area, you demonstrate no courage, only cynicism and cowardice. It is impossible not to eliminate civilians or talk about a “side effect”.

And let it not be said that one prefers to bomb quickly and with devastating projectiles rather than engage in a long, tiring and risky melee, because one tries to safeguard one’s soldiers as much as possible.

A choice of this kind indicates not the strength of an army but its own structural weakness and its own human insufficiency and moral inconsistency. Even if such an army were to win, it would continue to fuel hatred on the part of the defeated population.

Israel is not proving to be better than Hamas, but, at least, it is at the same terrorist level, except for one fundamental difference: Hamas’ terrorism is dictated by the frustration of almost 80 years of apartheid; that of the Zionists is only the result of arrogance and ethnic supremacism, with the complicity of the collective West.

[18] Israel does what is asked of it

When you read statements like this (from the radical left) you are amazed: The US has expressed its opposition to Israel’s indefinite occupation of the Gaza Strip, as well as any idea of the forced relocation of Palestinians outside. America wants to avoid widening the conflict, which would be to its detriment.

But do we really think of such nonsense? Israel couldn’t do anything the US didn’t want. Israel is a 100% American colony, regardless of the governments in power. It is the fundamental outpost in the Middle East against the Arab countries that do not adapt to the globalist hegemony, with which the USA claims to have energy sources at favourable prices (not to mention the oil that they steal from their bases in Iraq and Syria).

Biden’s government is not so naive as to not understand that Netanyahu is carrying out genocide in Gaza; it is impossible that he does not know that Israel wants to take over the

Strip (at least part or all of it) and expel the population to Sinai or Egypt, or forcing it to emigrate to various countries around the world. Biden only has to play a moderate role in a tragedy that the whole world considers such. And he is careful not to ask for a ceasefire.

When the USA declares itself in favour of granting the Palestinians of their own state, possibly handing over the Strip to Abu Mazen's PA, know very well that this will never happen, and not so much because the PA does not even control the West Bank, but because it is corrupt and is frowned upon by the majority of Palestinians and because Israel will never allow it. When has an Israeli government ever agreed to send its soldiers to their deaths without claiming to occupy Palestinian territories or states such as Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan? And Netanyahu certainly cannot be considered more generous than the statesmen who preceded him.

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BBC correspondent Yolande Knell said she had seen no evidence to support the Israeli military's claims that Gaza's Shifa hospital was being used as a "sophisticated command and control centre by Hama". That is, the Zionists made it all up.

No agreement between Iran and Hamas

The Wall Street Journal had said that the Hamas attack on October 7 was planned, financed and armed by Iran.

Well this news turned out to be false. This was stated by "Reuter", which interviewed some senior officials from both Hamas and Tehran, who remained anonymous. In Tehran they have already made it clear that they do not intend to go to war alongside Hamas.

In particular, Iranian officials have explained that there is no way to send weapons into Gaza without the Zionists noticing. Before the ongoing war it was even impossible, without explicit permission from the Zionists, for the passage of sick people who needed treatment, or families who needed to be reunited, or people who needed to cross the border for work.

It's been like this since 2007. Gaza resembles a Nazi concentration camp.

This means that the Israeli soldiers let their weapons pass on purpose. But it is not known where they did it from. In any case, the Rafah crossing is inaccessible to Iran, which has no longer had diplomatic relations with Cairo since 1980, that is, after the exile of the Shah of Persia in Egypt. But there is also another underlying problem. Hamas is a Sunni movement, derived from the Muslim Brotherhood. Iran, on the other hand, is a Shiite country that in recent years has fought the Muslim Brotherhood and its derivatives with weapons.

The Muslim Brotherhood is judged negatively by Iran, since this movement was supported by the West, which in 2011 with the so-called "Arab Spring" attempted to destabilize several Arab countries, including Tunisia, Libya, Yemen and also Syria, historically of Iran. And Tehran in Syria has fought with weapons precisely those Sunni Islamist cells close to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Iran therefore politically supports the Palestinian cause, but it is unthinkable that it could militarily support a group like Hamas which has no point of religious contact with the ayatollahs.

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The role of the West in the Palestinian question

Having to formally admit the existence of international human rights, the West recognizes the Palestinians' right to be considered a "people apart", in the sense that it considers them very different from the Israeli population. Or at least it agrees with the Zionists when they consider themselves very different from the Palestinians.

Which, upon closer inspection, is a contradiction, as both populations are Semitic; indeed, perhaps the Palestinians are more so, since for a long time, due to demographic needs, the category of "Israelit" includes populations from all over the planet, who may even be non-Jewish.

Today, Israelis are multiethnic, whether they like it or not. Having promulgated a Fundamental Law in 2018, which

denies this evidence, does an injustice to their intelligence (although there were only 62 votes in favour, 55 against and 2 abstentions). They are multiethnic just like the Americans, although the Anglo-Saxon ideology remains clearly prevalent over African American or Latin American cultures, not to mention the indigenous one of the natives, which has almost disappeared.

Zionist ideology prevails among Israelis, which closely resembles the Anglo-Saxon one, being fundamentally racist, colonialist, capitalist-industrial, warmongering... The greater aggressiveness of the Zionists, the greater contempt for formal international law depends on the fact that they have been able to establish their own state, with hegemonic claims, only starting from 1948, and in order to make all of Palestine a single Jewish state, they must eliminate all the ethnic components that cannot be dominated.

For them, therefore, the alternative is very simple: either populations of Arab origin become like the Israelis, retaining only marginal, folkloristic aspects for themselves, or they must disappear. In this sense it could be said that the Arabs, the Christians, the Druze present within the State of Israel no longer constitute a problem, as they have accepted a second category citizenship, whose rights cannot be compared to those of the dominant ethnic group.

But there is another aspect to consider. The West recognizes the Palestinians' partial right to self-determination only when they claim it with war-like force that threatens the security of the inhabitants of Israel. That is, the West's way of behaving boils down to this: turning a blind eye to the colonialism of the Zionists (since they are convenient for us in a region where the management of oil cannot be entrusted entirely to those who own it), but in the case where a certain bellicose resistance emerges on the part of the Palestinians, recognize the latter's right to relative autonomy. Stick and carrot.

Well, this right, from 1948 to today, has been increasingly reduced. Today Israel is also militarily occupying the Gaza Strip, offering the local population two options: either total evacuation or total submission. Its parliament has already been blown up.

The difference between Gaza and the West Bank lies only in the fact that in the former, the right of the strongest is imposing itself by exploiting the fact that the local population, oppressed by a segregationist regime, tends from time to time to react in a disjointed and unrealistic manner; in the second, however, the Palestinian Authority accepted to live in a condition of subordination, in the illusion of being able to survive more easily.

What are the similarities between two different populations at war?

The Russian-Ukrainian and Israeli-Palestinian wars probably have this in common: the principle of self-determination of peoples is opposed to that of the primacy of the political state.

In Ukraine, the Kiev government did not want to recognize the independence claimed by the Russian-speaking Donbas after the 2014 coup, which was a tragedy for them, as they risked being not only politically subjugated, culturally discriminated against and economically exploited but also physically eliminated by Kiev's neo-Nazis and Russophobic nationalists.

In Palestine it is even worse, as a population that was once clearly a majority is suffering a genocide that is causing it to become a minority. If the word "genocid" seems exaggerated, "exterminatio" or "crimes against humanit" can be used.

Now, based on the principle of self-determination of peoples, accepted by the UN, any people of a certain size would have the right to disengage from a state entity deemed not to be adherent or incongruous with one's interests.

No Constitution in principle could oppose it by saying that the State has sacred and inviolable borders in case there is a population of the same State that wants to separate.

In this sense perhaps it would be better to say that while the Palestinians of the West Bank and East Jerusalem resemble Native Americans, both being progressively eliminated by settlers protected by an army; those in Gaza are more like an Indian reserve, which the walls, the barbed wire, the capillary

control systems that surround it make more similar to a Nazi concentration camp.

[19] Who benefits from extremism?

It has been said a thousand times that Israel supported Hamas to counter the power of Arafat's PLO and that of Abu Mazen, who succeeded Arafat. That is, Netanyahu much preferred an extremist formation to a democratic one, since in this way he had the alibi to carry out his armed interventions and to demand, in internal politics, a sort of private, institutional dictatorship, capable of influencing even the judiciary, preventing it from putting a spanner in its wheels worn by corruption.

All this obviously does not mean that Hamas is a "creator" of Israel. Hamas was created by exasperated Palestinians, forced to live in an open-air prison since 2006. Suffering cannot be endured indefinitely. Hamas is an extremist response from a population incapable of asserting itself in a democratic way. Also because it itself is able to see with its own eyes that where the Palestinians in the West Bank behave in a more democratic manner, the situation for them is getting worse with each passing day. The settlers, with the support of the Israeli army, are depriving them of all their lands. Palestinians are beaten, imprisoned, tried, killed... They are forced to flee.

The Zionists want to create scorched earth around them, they want to create a large ethnocentric nation, dominated by a sort of religious fascism, characterized by an aggressive, unscrupulous, supremely colonialist and imperialistic capitalism, intent on expanding into Lebanon, Syria, Egypt... The Palestinians are the lesser problem.

Any form of terrorism or extremism serves Israel to exercise its state, institutional terrorism. After Netanyahu, a worse statesman than him will emerge if the West does not stop support these monsters with their own finances and weapons, or if the Islamic states of the Middle East do not decide to seriously join forces to wage a decisive war, or if democratic forces capable of overturning this apocalyptic drift do not emerge within Israeli society .

If Israel continues on this path, anti-Semitism is destined to grow exponentially. It will be an avalanche that will overwhelm all the Jews of the world, even those opposed to Zionist policies.

Just as today's Israel, when it strikes, makes no difference at the moment between civilians and soldiers and, within civilians, between men, women, children and the elderly, so it could happen against them too. If Israel claims to win using such inhumane methods, it is destined to lose, to suffer epochal catastrophes, as has already happened many times in the past.

People will no longer be moved by the Holocaust and will not know what to do with the Jewish victim attitude.

The wise Gideon Levy

There are various videos on the web in which Gideon Levy, an Israeli journalist for "Haaretz", speaks. His theses on the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict are sobering. According to him, Israeli society is experiencing a moment of madness, which however has distant roots.

1) Most, if not all, Israelis deeply believe that we are the "chosen people". And, if we are the chosen people, we have the right to do whatever we want. This is a real "mental wall" for him.

2) It is not normal for a country to feel like a victim and an occupier at the same time. Victimhood is becoming a pretext, an alibi to carry out all sorts of brutality.

3) If the dominant narrative tends to produce a systematic dehumanization of the Palestinians, it is clear that they, as a people, can never be granted any rights. If we don't put ourselves on an equal footing, hatred towards Palestinians will only increase more and more.

4) The demand, by the mainstream, to cancel Gaza appears justified after October 7, since Gaza is made to coincide with Hamas. But this attitude will have a negative impact on the level of Israeli democracy, and even much more than the judicial reform inaugurated by Netanyahu. Already, people who show simple sympathies for Gaza are being repressed. The social climate in Israel will become increasingly aggressive.

5) The request, made by many, to transfer the Palestinians to the Sinai desert or to Egypt is rather shared, in defiance of international law and morality. The dominant feeling is that of revenge. Right-wing politician Moshe Feiglin has called for turning the Gaza Strip into a Dresden, so that no stone remains on another.

6) The cruelty of war is not shown to the Israelis at all. They do not see the thousands of civilians massacred. The idea among the population that, once this war is over, politicians or the military will have to pay for possible war crimes is very distant.

7) Since Israel is used to seeing that every verbal condemnation by the European Union and the United States for what it does in relation to the colonization of the territories in the West Bank is never followed up with concrete facts, it is difficult for it to worry about new moral condemnations for what it is doing in Gaza. It is the same international community that asks us to “normalize”, that is, to find acceptable solutions for the apartheid regime that we have imposed on the Palestinians.

8) After October 7th it became easier for a settler in the West Bank to kill a Palestinian without risking being prosecuted.

9) The two-state solution is long dead. There is no place for a Palestinian state in the West Bank, because no one is capable of evacuating 700,000 Israeli settlers living there. Those who still talk about two states for two peoples are only favouring the occupation of Palestinian lands, as they know very well that it is an unrealizable hypothesis. It’s just an excuse to do nothing.

10) I have always thought that everything must reach extreme evil before good can arise. But at the moment all government institutions and especially the media present us with a picture in which the Palestinians were born to kill, in which the whole world is against us, and we can only trust our weapons.

11) Here there are two alternatives: either the Palestinians stop demanding rights and accept living as second-class citizens in a sort of apartheid, or a single democratic state for all, laic, secular, is formed, but this hypothesis is currently utopian.

Source: poterealpopolo.org

[20] Incitement to commit crimes

American academic John Mearsheimer, one of the world's leading experts on international relations, said that if the Israelis did everything to target only Hamas and avoid casualties civilians, then one could consistently argue that it is not a matter of committing war crimes.

However, we know well that Netanyahu has always said he preferred Hamas to Arafat or Abu Mazen, or in any case he ensured that extremism prevailed over moderation, in order to then have the pretext to carry out acts of war.

What do you want to call such an attitude? A political cunning? A form of cynicism? Obviously those who are pro-Israeli have no difficulty in accepting this, also because they share the idea that the Palestinians are a kind of subhuman race, a sort of primitive population that hinders the progress of that region. The Israeli Defence Minister defined them as "human animal": an expression reminiscent of the one the Romans used to define slaves (tools or talking animals).

However, if we were morally healthy or intellectually honest we would have to admit that here we are in the presence of another form of crime, which in jurisprudence is defined with the term "incitement to commit a crime".

That is, if by force I make you live in inhuman conditions, in absolute precariousness, and if I care absolutely nothing about your grievances; indeed I make sure that the hotheads carry out extreme gestures that legitimize my disproportionate reaction, with which I can take possession of even the last of your possessions, am I not committing a crime?

I don't want to say that a kind of criminal association was formed between Netanyahu and Hamas, in which one played the role of the executor and the other that of the instigator. If anything, such a mafia relationship exists between the USA and Israel. I just want to say that those who have all the levers of power are able to significantly influence the behaviour of the weaker party.

Can the Latin principle *divide et impera* be accepted in democratic political systems? So why do we do this in relations between Israel and Palestine? Why do we Europeans have to cut ties with Russia just because the Americans demand it? Why do we have to accept the idea that those who go on strike are against the interests of workers who don't? Why are we surrounded by politicians and statesmen who foment hatred and resentment against those who demand social justice?

The real war

Those in power cannot have scruples. We all know it. The modern "science of politic" was invented by the Italian Machiavelli: the most cynical political scientist of a people of saints, poets and navigators.

Politics is the art of dominating others, adopting different attitudes depending on the situation. Coherence is certainly not a politician's value.

For an ordinary citizen, over the course of a lifetime, it is normal to change his opinion on certain facts or topics. But a politician who wants to stay on the crest of the wave must know how to do it very quickly, without worrying about the judgement of others.

Politics exists because social antagonisms, class or class or ethnic conflicts exist, which often represent opposing economic interests. But in the absence of all this, its destiny is to disappear. At most it can stay to make common decisions in the daily management of things. In this sense it boils down to something administrative. It is certainly not used to dominate anyone.

This is why, when we look at certain statesmen with horror, we naively tell ourselves that in their place we would have behaved differently. As if we didn't know that, most of the time, it is circumstances that shape human beings, consciences. To prevent this from happening negatively, a certain effort of will is required, based on a different awareness of the nature of things.

All this to say that in the life systems that dominate the world, individual statesmen certainly have their importance,

but relatively. Often they do nothing but represent something much more important than themselves, to the point that even if we wanted to eliminate one, it would easily be replaced by another, which could even be worse.

In fact, the real war, the most incisive one, must be waged against inhuman ideas, against political ideas that only have the name of democracy. When these goals are achieved, everyone benefits from the result, even the arrogant and the slothful.

21] Who really are the Semites?

What is most astonishing in Israel's fascist, racist and colonialist behaviour is the belief that it can carry out any atrocity, knowing that it will not be condemned in any way by the collective West. It is as if the Zionists knew they had documentation in their hands with which they could blackmail any Western country or statesman. They look like a sort of Italian P2.

A nation of so few inhabitants (not even 10 million, of which 20% are of Arab origin and with many settlers who are not even Jews), which lives in a territory ranging from 20,000 to 27,000 square kilometres (depending on whether illegally occupied territories are included), roughly comparable to the size of Sicily, and seems to have disproportionate power. A power that obviously someone, much bigger, recognizes: first and foremost the USA, which has always armed it, financed it and supported it at the UN.

Paradoxically, Israel is one of the few cases in which colonialism against the Palestinians is exercised in the classic European form, that is, without resorting to subterfuge of various kinds, but with all possible violence.

Zionism, like the medieval crusades, was born in Europe, but it does not come from a people: perhaps it would be better to say that it comes from Eurocentric religious exploitations, which have little or nothing to do with Semitism or Judaism.

The true Semites today are only the Muslims of the Levant, who inherited, remaining in the Middle East, the reli-

gious ideology of Judaism and Christianity. Which does not mean that they did it in the best way (as every religion takes its time, not being able to solve the social problems caused by capitalism). It simply means that on an ethnic level the true Semites, due to geohistorical continuity since the time of Muhammad, are the Muslims.

Jews and Christians left Palestine en masse due to the lost war against the Roman legions. When they were able to return, with the Byzantine Empire, they had already lost their Semitic connotation. Which instead remained with the Arabs.

Ukraine and Israel are similar

There is one aspect that unites the two fascist regimes that the media are talking about: Ukraine and Israel. It is the absolute contempt towards those who want to position themselves differently with respect to the dominant ideology and government policy. Both the neo-Nazis of Kiev and the Zionists of Tel Aviv mortally hate the principle of self-determination of peoples. Their nationalism presents a revolting form of totalitarian fundamentalism. To those who pose differently due to habits and customs (culture, religion, language...) only as much is granted as is convenient and can be revoked at any time.

The difference lies in the fact that the Russian speakers of Donbas have been the subject of heavy discrimination and persecution since 2014 (the year of the coup), while the Palestinians have been subject to it since 1948, a catastrophic year for them, comparable to a coup, but with genocidal significance.

Both institutional overthrows were approved by the collective West, which supported them militarily and financially. It also legitimized them through an instrument that in theory should be responsible for defending international law: the UN.

However, an abysmal difference separates them: in Ukraine the Russian speakers of Donbas were defended militarily by the Russian Federation; the Palestinians, on the other hand, have not yet managed to find a valid defender in Islamic countries. Islam continues to present itself as a tribal religion,

nationalistic at best, incapable of giving itself an international scope, and above all incapable of addressing the problems of the Middle East by going beyond specific regional differences. For these countries, the Palestinians seem to be a burden that embarrasses them quite a bit.

[22] Greater Israel is an ahistorical idea

Anyone who thinks that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be resolved by pleading the cause of two states for two peoples is practically sponsoring an idea that nowadays any Western country, if it had even the slightest honest statesmen, would have to consider totally absurd. We are referring to the birth of two ideological states, that is, two political-institutional entities characterized in a confessional manner. The prevailing secularism in the West would favour a sort of return to the Middle Ages.

This is to say that not only does it make no sense to support Israel against the Palestinians, but it also does not make sense to hope that the Palestinians have a state like the Israeli one, whose religious fundamentalism is ahistorical.

Palestine is a territory in which three monotheistic religions have coexisted for many centuries (the Semites have been present for at least 10,000 years). If they want to continue to do so, they must give up making religious diversity an element to distinguish themselves on a political-state level.

This means that the State of Israel must be replaced with a secular, non-denominational, democratic and pluralist State, including all of Palestine, in which not only the three religions can recognize themselves, but also all those ideologies that take on agnostic or atheistic.

The geopolitical idea that current Zionism manifests of wanting to create a State of Israel whose borders are not limited to historical Palestine, but also expand to Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, from the Nile to the Euphrates, is an idea that should be nipped in the bud.

The very fact that Israel refuses to give itself a Constitution, for example, having to define its own territorial borders should be considered as an attempt to expand more easily in a

colonialist sense. Statesmen like Netanyahu are very dangerous, and when Western states support him, they are worse than him.

Fireflies for lanterns

That Judaism has the right to a nation is no less absurd than saying that this right also belongs to Christianity or Islam or some other religion.

Generally religions love to expand, so they cannot have national borders. Furthermore, people move for many reasons: economic, war, environmental... and they bring with them their religious beliefs, if they have any.

We just need to admit that the three monotheistic religions expanded throughout the world using a certain violence, that is, they claimed to impose themselves by force of arms: first Judaism, then Christianity, finally Islam.

When the secularization of ideas or the secularization of customs increased, these three religions used the weapons of economics or finance, thus losing their ideological charisma, their idealism.

If we look at the spread of Judaism in Europe, it is impossible to say that it has a Semitic connotation. Europeans of Jewish religious denomination are called Ashkenazi: they are not Semites. Israel's fascist-colonial movement and the project of building a "nation-stat" for the Jews was born from them.

Zionism is an artificial political construction, influenced by Anglo-Saxon culture and with references to a nationalistic socialism, which has only very little to do with Judaism, and even less to do with Semitism, since the true Semites are the Muslims who have never abandoned the Middle East.

It is absolutely absurd to argue that Jews have a right to a state in Palestine. It would be like saying that 210 million Indonesian Muslims can claim historical rights in the Arabian Peninsula.

This is to say that today's Zionists, when they refer to the Bible to support their right to have their own state in Palestine, do not know what they are saying. The Bible speaks of the

epic of a Semitic people who have nothing to do with today's Zionists or Ashkenazim.

If you look at Netanyahu's biography, you realize that his paternal and maternal origins are Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian. At most we can say that they are Sephardic (according to Wikipedia). Just a distorted mind.

How he can argue that the "epic Jewish religious passages" of his ancestors are part of his Semitic background.

Netanyahu is just a fascist colonizer of Slavic origins, who uses state terrorism to oust Palestinians from their historic lands.

Israel's only religious aspect is racist and colonialist fanaticism. True Jews know very well that the construction of a state monarchy in the time of Saul, David and Solomon was the greatest misfortune of Judaism. Judaism gave its best as a tribal and nomadic population. Christianity also gave its best when it was not configured as a state religion. And Islam when it fought the corruption of Christianity.

[23] Who are the Israelis?

The traditional distinction among Jews is between Ashkenazi and Sephardic. This distinction is centuries old and originates in the diaspora of the Jewish people in Europe, Africa and Asia.

And after the diaspora they settled in central and eastern Europe, while the Sephardim are the Jews who were expelled from Spain in 1492 and settled mainly in northern Africa and the Ottoman Empire, but also in Italy and the Balkans.

After the founding of Israel in 1948, the Ashkenazi Jews became the original ones not only of Europe, but also of other places generically identified as the West, e.g. North America. Today in Israel they are 30%.

Almost all other Jews, i.e. those who come from Africa, the Middle East and Asia, are instead identified as Mizrahim (which means "orienta" and which in fact until the first half of the 20th century included the Eastern Ashkenazi Jews). Today the term has ended up encompassing not only that of Sephardim, but also includes Jewish groups that are very dif-

ferent from each other from an ethnic, linguistic, cultural and religious point of view, to the point that in Israel they are by far the majority (45%).

Talking about Israel as a “Jewish stat” makes no sense, since over 20% are Arab and many Jews are of various ethnic-geographical, linguistic strains..., not to mention the fact that many settlers are not even Jews, and within Israel there are groups of Christians and Druze.

According to data dating back to September 2023, Israel’s population is made up of 9.7 million people. Of these, 73.3% are Jews, 21.1% are Arabs (i.e. Palestinian citizens of Israel) and 5.6% they are classified as “other” (non-Arab Christians, the Druze, some Jewish factions far from Orthodoxy, etc.).

The Israeli political system, moreover, was designed precisely to give representation to all these extremely varied components and minorities. Until some time ago it was a pure proportional political system, in a single national constituency, which allowed the election of even rather small parties, but since over the years this has led to great political instability, the need has arisen to put a barrier at 3.25%. Voting is by list, without preferences.

Defining what Israel is on a purely geographical level is not simple, since, despite numerous UN resolutions, the governments of Tel Aviv continue to occupy, with settlers, portions of territory in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, as well as the entire Syrian Golan (recognized in 2019 by Trump as belonging to Israel).

The Jewish State, through the “Law of Return”, approved in 1950 and amended several times, guarantees Jews from all over the world the right to move to Israel and automatically receive citizenship (without losing the citizenship of their country of origin).

Conversely, non-Jews who want to become citizens of Israel must reside in the country for at least three years, demonstrate that they have some knowledge of the Hebrew language and renounce their previous citizenship.

With the Law of Return, anyone who has a Jewish relative (on the father's or mother's side) or has converted to the Jewish religion has the right to return to Israel.

However, Jews who have converted to another religion are not entitled to it. Which is quite ridiculous, as 44% of Israeli Jews define themselves as "secular", that is, non-believers. The ultra-Orthodox, that is, religious fundamentalist Jews, are only 14% of the population, even though they are the ones who have the most children of all.

However, according to a more orthodox interpretation, only those who are Jewish through matrilineal descent (therefore they have a Jewish mother or maternal grandmother) could be defined as Jewish. This makes it possible for example, that tens of thousands of people from the former Soviet Union currently live in Israel, who are not formally considered Jewish, as their Jewish descent came from their father's side of the family. These people define themselves as Jews, but in the censuses and in the data provided by the Israeli government they are listed as "other".

In any case, the Law of Return meant that, over the decades, Jews from all over the world arrived in the State of Israel. To the point that today it makes no sense to say that there is a "white" and "European" population that oppresses a "coloured" population. Oppression against Palestinians appears to have become the fundamental criterion for being part of the State of Israel, whatever the physical, geographical, linguistic and even religious characteristics that define an "Israel". *Rebus sic stantibus*, having promulgated a Fundamental Law in 2018 that establishes a kind of ethnocentric state is truly nonsense.

In what sense are two states for two peoples?

Those who are supporting the idea of a state for the Palestinians too should say how they would like to achieve it.

At this moment, not only has Israel occupied Gaza, but it is also eliminating many Palestinians in the West Bank, greatly increasing the expansion of settlers. Even populations of Christian origins are complaining.

Since Israel has forcibly eliminated the territorial continuity between the two Palestinian regions, Palestinians today could only claim their own state in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

At this point the only possible negotiation would be to transfer from Gaza the over 2 million Palestinians in the West Bank, and to Gaza the 700,000 Israeli settlers who are illegally located in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. A bit like what happened between Indians and Pakistanis.

That absurd Indo-Pakistani ideological partition was another consequence of crumbling English imperialism. Which, coincidentally, happened at the same time that the United Kingdom gave up managing Palestine, handing the buck to the UN. Even today, hatred smoulders under the ashes between India and Pakistan, especially when the disputed territories of Kashmir are at stake.

Be that as it may, two states for two peoples will certainly not increase democracy in the Palestinian region. Also because if we continue to think that the fundamental clash is between two religions, we are completely off track. Israel first and foremost serves the interests of the West against the Arab countries that do not submit to the hegemony of the petrodollar. And she also wants to manage on her own the Mediterranean seabed rich in energy resources that lies in front of Gaza.

[24] How difficult it is to find a truce!

A ceasefire agreement between Palestinian resistance groups and Israel has been reached thanks to the efforts of Egypt and Qatar. The details of the agreement are much closer to Hamas' conditions than to those of Israel, i.e. a 4-day truce and significant humanitarian aid.

The Israeli Ministry of Justice has published details on the Palestinian prisoners (dozens of women and children) who will be released. Hamas will free 30 children, 8 mothers and 12 other women among the hostages captured after the October 7 attack.

The world has thus discovered that there are Palestinian children imprisoned in Israel. In fact, it is estimated that every

year between 500 and 1,000 Palestinian minors are detained in the Israeli military detention system. New research from Save the Children Injustice reveals that four out of five boys were beaten after arrest, and nearly half of them were injured at the time of arrest; among the wounds there are gunshot wounds and bone fractures.

Islamic Jihad has said that Israeli military prisoners will not gain freedom until all civilian Palestinian prisoners are released from Israeli prisons. He also said that if some hostages (such as Hanna Katsir) risk dying under the bombings of the Israeli air force or because the government delays in negotiating their release, all the responsibility falls on Netanyahu.

We are at the showdown

They say that the grave of the Palestinian cause lies between the humiliating Oslo Accords of 1993 and the fact that statesmen from neighbouring Arab countries have decided to consider the Palestinian struggle a lost cause.

Today we are probably almost at the end of the line. The West itself, convinced since 1948 that Israel is surrounded by “Arab beast”, is starting to think that the occupation of Gaza is ultimately the best solution. We will shed crocodile tears for a while, then everything will pass. The extermination of a native Semitic people, who have lived there for more than 11,000 years, will be an unfortunate but inevitable fact for the West, as for example, it was that of the Native Americans throughout the continent we discovered with that venal Columbus.

The fact that the Israeli army has already occupied the parliament building in Gaza and declared the elimination of Hamas in the north of the enclave is symptomatic in its symbolic nature. Even though the Palestinian Council had been established as the legislative body of the West Bank and Gaza Strip with the Oslo Accords and had not met since 2007 due to the split between Hamas and Fatah, it still remained a place for the possible revival of the Palestinian cause. Today, however, Gaza is politically dead.

Not only that, but Netanyahu declared that the entire territory, after the end of hostilities, will be completely demili-

tarized and Tel Aviv will maintain military control over the Strip for an indefinite period.

That is, we don't even trust Abu Mazen, nor any other of his successors at the helm of the Palestinian Authority, which has already been accused by the prime minister of educating children to want to eliminate Israel, of supporting terrorism and of not having condemned the Hamas' action.

Netanyahu is a hypocrite to the nth degree. Until a few days ago he had denied the existence of plans to occupy Gaza. Could he have said this to prevent Hamas from eliminating the hostages? Or did he change his mind precisely to get him to do it? After all, ever since he began the retaliation, he has been inventing pretexts to exterminate the civilian population.

And then? What prospects?

Most Palestinians have managed to leave the dangerous northern area of Gaza, flocking south. Assuming that Hamas gives up on recovering it, what will happen from here on out?

If Israel starts bombing the southern area with the same intensity used to create scorched earth in the north, it will be easy to reach 100,000 deaths, given that the population density has become very high and the humanitarian crisis has become chilling.

On the other hand, the Hamas military formations have certainly not been eliminated in the south. Once the brief truce for the prisoner exchange is over, what are Netanyahu's intentions? Does he want to start over? But if he doesn't, how will he be able to control the southern area of the enclave?

Let us remember that the overall Israeli mobilization is now greater than in Russia: Over 400,000 people were recalled out of a total of 9.3 million citizens, of which more than 2 million are exempt from military service. Every day the mobilization of such a large number of people deals a heavy blow to the national economy.

Israel is not capable of sustaining wars for a long time, certainly not without the total and unconditional support of the entire West. It cannot militarily control 2 million people in a

space half the size of the previous one. A new war will be inevitable.

The experience of the Intifada in Gaza in 1987-1991 and in 2000-2005 tells us that sooner or later the Palestinians will push the Israelis out of the Strip, perhaps taking advantage of a change in the political situation internal to Israel.

The chronic inability of Israeli statesmen to negotiate in a serious and coherent manner is the most clear example of the colonialist, racist and genocidal will of Zionist ideology.

They are embarrassing the American administration itself, which looked favourably on the cession of Gaza to that half-figure Abu Mazen. You will see that it will be the United States itself that will reduce Israel's colonialist claims, restoring its democratic virginity in an area such as the Middle East, where it has been carrying out endless massacres and devastation for over 20 years. But this is just political fiction.

[25] Maybe we didn't understand well

Rabkin Y. M. writes against Zionism in his book *Understanding the State of Israel. Ideology, religion and society*, 2018: "God does not exist and he promised us this land". This is a typical Zionist statement, influenced by Jewish tradition.

However, it is a meaningless statement, and not so much because it tries to reconcile atheism with religion, but because for a long time the traditional position of the rabbis towards the "land of Israel" was characterized by a substantial indifference towards any type of territorial claim. Indeed, the idea of reunifying the Jewish people in Palestine was considered impious and fought against. The very term "anti-Zionist" originated among Jews.

According to Rabkin, the Zionist movement, despite frequent use of biblical quotations, made a separation between Judaism (understood as a spiritual and religious identity peculiar to the Jewish people) and Judaism, used as an ethnic-racial concept.

This separation was born in the circles of Protestant millenarianism, whose Christian intellectuals as early as 1621

were predicting the return of the Jews to the Holy Land as preparatory to the return of Christ to earth.

In addition to this, there was the frustration of Jewish intellectuals, who tended to be atheists or agnostics, due to the discriminatory policies implemented especially in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. This would have led them to embrace the theme of nineteenth-century nationalism and consider it the only solution against persecution.

Developed in an autocratic political context, far from the liberalism that was gaining political hegemony in Western countries, secular Zionism would have adhered to a “blood and soil” nationalism with strong authoritarian and cynical connotations.

Zionism had no hesitation in supporting right-wing regimes, including Nazism, or left-wing ones, including Stalinism, if this could serve to found its own state. In fact, both totalitarian ideologies considered the Jews as a foreign people who would never assimilate and for whom there was no place in Europe.

Zionism therefore has nothing to do with Jewish tradition. This is also demonstrated by the concept of “exil”, which is central to Zionist ideology, while instead it is understood in the Jewish faith as “a state of spiritual incompleteness, a loss of contact with the divine presence, rather than a removal from a physical place concret”.

Even the birth of the State of Israel, which for Zionists is considered redemption from extermination and persecution, for rabbis however was and will be the cause of the process of destruction of the Jewish people for having violated divine precepts.

Some rabbis, such as Elhanan Wasserman, were convinced that the Shoah “was nothing more than a punishment for the abandonment of the Torah so long encouraged and practised by the Zionists”.

According to Rabkin, it was the Six Day War of 1967 that convinced many religious fundamentalist groups that it was necessary to openly support Israel and the colonization process of the occupied Palestinian territories.

Indeed, it was the “proponents of national Judais” who were the first to found colonies (Settlements) and who were the most fanatical and violent against the Palestinians. It was they who eliminated Rabin.

Unfortunately, over time many Jewish communities in the rest of the world have sided unconditionally with Israel. That is, “for many, loyalty to Israel has replaced Judaism as the key principle of Jewish identity, forgetting that in the diaspora this loyalty is directed towards an ideal, even imaginary, State rather than the existing State of Israel”.

This idealized vision does not allow criticism and does not even listen to the voices of dissident Israelis. However, surveys carried out on the subject show that in the USA only 40% of Jews believe that Israel embodies God’s promise to the Jewish people, compared to 82% of white evangelicals. That is, paradoxically, it is above all the 50 million “Zionist Christian” in the USA who believe in the State of Israel, belonging to Protestant sects.

I’m with Patrizia Cecconi...

... when you write on infopal.it that what Israel is committing these days is so serious that it amounts to genocide. The impunity of all these years has brought its criminal arrogance to this point.

Israel, without paying a penalty, can in fact mock, insult and threaten the UN Secretary General, bomb ambulances, health centres and hospitals, with or without superfluous justifications, can tear to pieces more than 15,000 civilians including 5,500 children (today there are 6,150), can boast of having destroyed over 200 civil buildings in a few hours and several thousand more in a month, can massacre journalists (inconvenient witnesses), doctors and paramedics; it can destroy Christian and Muslim places of worship and buildings that are symbols of international legality such as the UN headquarters, it can destroy UN schools and assassinate around seventy UN members, and despite all this it can count on a crowd of opinion makers, his faithful supporters, who will define his war crimes as a “perhaps a little excessive democratic respons” and

will define as “proof of democracy” the opposition of the families of the hostages to the approval of a law on the death penalty for Palestinian prisoners, since “now” would endanger the lives of their loved ones. However, they will be able to approve it later, once the hostages have been returned. A democracy where the only lives that matter are Israeli ones.

The gravity of this spread of barbarism passed off as the “right to defend oneself”, the cancellation of every rule, both juridical and humanitarian, the normalization of abuse and crime removed from the norms of international legality is not only a catastrophe for the Palestinian people, but it poisons and weakens the rules of civilization that the international community has given itself, to the point of making them a shadow of their former selves.

All this is like the plague bacterium. It will spread as the “Manzonian” plague spread, arriving in the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, the Duchy of Modena, the papal States, etc., until appearing a few years later in the Kingdom of Naples. The plague was only eradicated when the right drug was discovered.

In the case of Israel, the drug is certainly not trying to escape the accusation of anti-Semitism, a useful cloak to cover all its numerous abuses, discrediting anyone who dares to make a criticism. Its impunity makes a caricature of everything we call “democracy” today, if Israel is called democracy.

It cannot be ignored that Israel is besieging, albeit in a different form, not only Gaza but also all of Palestine occupied since 1967; which took possession, as “war spoil”, in 1949, of 78% of historic Palestine instead of being satisfied with the 56% envisaged by UN resolution no. 181, leaving less than 22% to the Palestinians compared to the 43.7% foreseen by the same UN Resolution for their hypothetical State of Palestine. Proposal which, understandably, the Arab world rejected at the time, and which involuntarily “removed the chestnuts from the fire” for Ben Gurion, whose project of total annexation has continued to advance since 14 May 1948 (the date of the Palestinian Nakba), thanks also to the illegal confiscation of Palestinian lands by Jewish settlers which, after the Oslo agreements, has done nothing but grow out of all proportion.

Not only that, but the Zionist appetite to swallow up the whole of Palestine was further stimulated in the late 1990s by the discovery of natural gas fields off the sea of Gaza, and the agreements between Yasser Arafat and British BG for their exploitation were hindered by Israel, which, step by step, made the Gaza Strip a real prison, with the prevention of any form of autonomous commercialization and with the easily conceivable intention of appropriating also of the “Gaza marine” deposits.

Only a profound lack of knowledge of what all the Palestinian people have suffered from 1948 to today – or total bad faith – can lead to the repetition as effective as it is mendacious of the “right of Israel to defend itself”, a protective formula for any crime the Jewish State commits, a true plague that proliferates with the support of its political and media accomplices, spreading mourning and erasing any hope of justice and, consequently, of dignified peace.

A thought-provoking survey

According to a survey conducted by the Cattaneo Institute, almost one in two university students believes it is “true” that “the Israeli government is behaving towards the Palestinians as the Nazis behaved towards the Jews”.

The research took place between 29 September and 31 October in three universities (Milan-Bicocca, Padua and Bologna), collecting the opinions of 2,579 students.

In the questionnaire there were also 13 questions on anti-Semitism, divided as follows: 1) a first group referred to the “classic” model which “sees the Jews at the head of a global conspiracy implemented thanks to the control of finance”; 2) a second group included the accusation of “double loyalty” (the Jews “represent a foreign body in the societies in which they live”, since having to choose between national interests and those of themselves, they choose the latter first); 3) a third group downsized the scope of the Shoah and accused the Jews of “using that experience for justificationist purpose”.

Well, for 14% of those interviewed, Jews control the media in many countries; for 30% “they are more loyal to the State of Israel than towards the country in which they live” (for

33% Jews prefer to hang out with “members of their group to the exclusion of other”); finally for 46.3% the Jews use the Shoah to justify their crimes, considered similar to those of the Nazis against the Jews.

[26] Two big problems

If it fails to evacuate the entire Gaza Strip, how will the Tel Aviv government control the southern area? Even if it eliminated 200,000 civilians, it would be left with another two million. Israel does not have such huge human resources for such a massive operation. Every day the mobilization of a large number of people deals a serious blow to their economy. So it will already be a lot if it manages to keep the northern area.

However, to demonstrate that it really intends to keep it (without that it is impossible to exploit the gas fields found off the coast of Gaza), it will also have to bomb the southern area, and only then go to negotiations. So, once the prisoner exchange is over, let's expect the worst.

In fact, Egypt is not willing to accept two million refugees. It already lives in a very shaky economic situation on his own.

Furthermore, the solution to the conflict that the major world powers are considering does not contemplate the military end of Hamas at all, but simply that Gaza comes under the control of the Palestinian Authority, creating an autonomous state, albeit without territorial continuity with the West Bank, which is militarily prevented. from Israel.

This is also the position of the UN Secretary General, who has promised the support of the international community. The problem, however, is that no country in the world, other than the Western ones, is thinking that in order to build the Palestinian state, we must recognize Israel's conquest of the northern area of Gaza.

The other big problem is that right now the West Bank and East Jerusalem are occupied by 700,000 settlers.

What peaceful negotiation can resolve these two problems? Which international conference? We complain that from time to time the Palestinians use terrorist methods, but until

now the only way they have had to defend themselves from Israel has been demographic. For the rest, one scam after another, which led them to desperation. They even got fed up with those who support them. In fact, they are not entirely wrong in considering us hypocrites when we share their passive resistance, only to then consider them terrorists if they defend themselves with weapons.

Another proxy war

Here is the difference between those who think that, having lived through the Holocaust, everything is permissible for them, as if they felt authorized to take revenge, and those who, having been hegemonic since the end of the Second World War and therefore hated by 3/4 of humanity, think of having to save at least the appearance of legality. Here also lies the difference between two forms of secularization: the Christian-bourgeois one and the Jewish-Zionist one.

We are referring to the fact that the White House and the State Department “advise” Tel Aviv to act with moderation. Yes, they can bomb hospitals, schools, health workers, journalists, thousands of women, thousands of children, but they must be “kind”.

We know the final objectives of the USA: to wipe out the entire Islamic “axis of resistance” in the Middle East (Palestine, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon), including the three main players of Eurasian integration: Iran, Russia and China (new “axis of evil”).

The latter have interpreted the genocide in Gaza to all intents and purposes as an Israeli-American operation. And they have clearly identified the key vector: the energy of the entire Middle East, up to that of the Mediterranean seabed, which Gaza has wanted to exploit since the 1990s but Israel prevents it.

In short, we are witnessing something very similar to the Crusades, whose objective is to control the global flow of energy. Whoever controls energy controls the industry and can easily reduce any competitor to an “economic colon” (as the

USA demonstrated towards the EU by blowing up Nord-stream).

This is another proxy war the US is waging with a new instrument of terror, Israel, whose fascist government is not much different in cynical brutality from that of Kiev.

With regard to Putin's special operation, the collective West felt calmly on Ukraine's side, since its *mainstream* had completely removed the 2014 coup and the 8 years of civil war against the Russian-speaking people of Donbas.

Now, however, some doubts exist. Everyone knows that Israel's arrogance dates back to 1948, and above all to the Six Day War. However, Western governments must play a pro-Israeli role against the protests of their own populations.

In Ukraine the West lost the game not because the Western populations prevailed against their governments, but because Russia's strength was completely underestimated.

In Palestine, who will win? Which foreign power will take up Hamas' defence? So far we've only heard rumours and badges. Everyone is afraid of the American reaction. Turkey has not even managed to interrupt the supply of oil to Israel from the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline, which at least 40% fuels the Zionist military machine.

[27] Really three different religions?

After all, what is modern Judaism, when it is expressed in the political form of Zionism? In a certain sense it is the same thing as the modern Islamism of those state powers that have enriched themselves enormously thanks to the sale of their energy resources. It is the same thing as that bourgeois Christianity which has made money the measure of the value of anything, having commodified everything, even feelings.

These are three confessions that have retained nothing of their original idealism and which delude themselves into thinking they are fighting for "religious" reasons.

They are three extremely corrupt "Churches" that have sold their souls to capital. To find honest and sincere people, in these monotheisms, you have to look for them among the least, among those who are satisfied with the essentials to survive.

However, of these three religions, one, Christianity, prevails over the others, since, with its mystifying capacity, it managed to create something that did not exist in the Middle Ages: capitalism, in its various forms: commercial, manufacturing and industrial. A capitalism that today has become above all financial.

The other two religions have adapted: they have become “bourgeois”, retaining, only in appearance, the specific characteristics of their diversity. Just as in Japan capitalism has retained traces of Shintoism, and in China mercantile socialism has retained traces of Confucianism.

With one difference however: Islam is nothing more than a simplified and therefore universalized Judaism. In the world of religions Judaism has no chance of success. The great figures of history, of Jewish origin (Marx, Freud, Einstein etc.), were all atheists.

For that matter, Islam has no future either, unless the global South is forced to suffer increasingly vast and profound contradictions at the hands of neoliberal globalism. That is a religion used for an anti-colonialist function, but if we look at its theological contents, it is clearly inferior to the complexity of Christianity, not to mention its abysmal inferiority compared to secular humanism.

So what is the war between Israel and Palestine? Is it perhaps the war of two opposing religions? No, it is the war of two forms of capitalism, created by the secularization of Western Christianity (European and North American). Zionism represents industrial and financial capitalism; Palestinian Islamism represents a sort of agrarian and artisanal proto-capitalism, devoid of significant industries, almost unable to trade due to the suffocating control of the Zionists, financially supported by third countries and international organizations, as well as by remittances from cross-border workers and those they live abroad. Unemployment in Gaza reaches 40%.

Above these two contenders lies the hypocrisy of bourgeois Christianity, increasingly secularized, with its immense industrial and financial power, which sides with Israel because it most closely resembles it in management of the economy,

and why it needs it in managing the energy reserves of the Middle East.

But why don't the large Islamic countries, rich in oil, take the field directly against Israel? Because they feel weak, they are afraid, they are only now emerging from the great feudal conditioning that prevented them from becoming advanced capitalist countries.

At its birth, Israel did not need to fight against an old-feudal resistance (just as the Protestant Puritans who landed in North America did not need to do so). Certainly Israel is still grappling, on a cultural and ideological level, with a rather reactionary religious orthodoxy. But it is still a minority that is unable to hinder the development of advanced capitalism.

This is to say that the Palestinian population is destined to defend itself and, in its confrontation with the Israeli power, is destined to succumb, unless advanced industrial countries come to its aid, such as for example, Russia (connected with Syria) or Turkey, a powerful NATO country, nuclearized and with a large army for its neo-Ottoman ambitions, or China, which also wants to build its gigantic Silk Road in the Middle East.

A fundamental misunderstanding

Perhaps there is a fundamental misunderstanding. In the West, when we talk about Hamas and Hezbollah who do not recognize the State of Israel, we think that they want to kill the entire population of this State or that they want to expel them from the Palestinian peninsula.

In reality we just want to reiterate a very simple concept: there can be no peace without justice and there can be no justice if colonialism is not eliminated.

What you can't stand about Israel is the arrogance with which it has until now wanted to impose itself, racism as a dominant ideology, the claim to teach Palestinians how they should live.

Palestine should be a single secular and democratic state, pluralist, open to all religions, respectful of local, ethnic-

tribal autonomy. It should be a model of coexistence of cultural diversity.

Preventing the refugees of 1948 or 1967 from returning to their homeland, confiscating or destroying real estate from Palestinians, killing or imprisoning anyone who opposes colonialism, imposing a certain ideology with a religious background, imposing the need to know a certain language perfectly. These are all things that no Jew in the world should accept. More: they are all things that no citizen in the world should feel forced to accept just because the Jews suffered the Shoah. It is absurd to be accused of anti-Semitism when you do not share these totalitarian attitudes.

Where is all this intelligence that the Jews claim towards the Palestinians? What happened to their ultra-millennial culture? When will they begin to understand that their fundamental precept (later inherited from Christianity and Islam): “love your neighbour as yourself”, is a universal principle that cannot make distinctions between people? And if it really is difficult to love those who are different from us, Judaism provides another precept, no less important for the foundation of democracy: “do not do unto others what others do unto you”.

These are the topics that should be talked about in an international conference.

The Jewish, Christian and Muslim monotheistic trilogy is a Semitic legacy that no one should question. The degree of peaceful coexistence of these three confessions will be an index of the maturity of what has inherited the best from each of them: secular humanism.

Lies have short legs

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) reportedly raided Gaza’s al-Shifa hospital complex, insisting that Hamas was using the health facility as a “terror headquarter”, despite having discovered the militant group’s actual headquarters a few days earlier, 8.5 km away from the hospital. “Consortium News” and “Jerusalem Post” said so.

The headquarters was accessed via an unusually deep (30 meter) elevator shaft that opened into an underground cav-

ern equipped with oxygen, air conditioning, and advanced communications technology, which bore signs of recent use by the group.

To fake its operation at the hospital, the IDF pointed to an underground dormitory-style room and a handful of guns and grenades, but journalists who visited the findings stressed that the weapons could have been carried by anyone.

The IDF, supported by Washington, also spoke of a vast operations centre comprising five separate buildings and tunnels linking them to various other assets. But “Associated Press” and “The Guardian” have questioned the claims they served as base for the raid on the hospital, a site protected by international humanitarian law.

Some analysts question whether the IDF really misrepresented the water tanks and elevator shafts inside al-Shifa as “ Hamas tunnels” or did it on purpose, but the answer is obvious.

This was also demonstrated by a video purporting to show a Palestinian nurse complaining that Hamas was “taking control” of al-Shifa. The video was actually fake, as the “nurse” was identified as an Israeli actress.

It should be noted that Hamas and the doctors employed at the hospital had always denied that the hospital was used for military purposes.

In short, the IDF destroyed a hospital for nothing, it killed even though it could have done without it, it lied in the most shameful way possible.

[28] Can one blame Egypt?

The Egyptian government controls the Rafah crossing, which is the only border crossing with the Gaza Strip that does not lead to Israeli territory, and which would allow humanitarian aid to enter the Strip and refugees fleeing the bombing to leave. The crossing is very militarized since the city of Rafah has been divided in two between Gaza and Egypt since 1982, and in 2015 the Egyptian government built a moat 10 meters deep and 20 meters wide around the city.

At this moment, not even those who have double passports are able to cross the passage (for example, there will be around 600 Americans alone).

Which country would be able to welcome, all together and at the same time, two million refugees, be they Palestinians or of any other ethnicity or nationality? If Egypt were forced to do so, it cannot be ruled out that it would declare war on Israel, finding the whole of the Maghreb on its side, indeed the whole of Muslim Africa, which would show the rich countries of the Gulf what “international solidarity” means.

And then Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al Sisi does not look favourably on Hamas, which is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, outlawed in 2013, after deposing President Mohamed Morsi with a coup.

If the West expects him to open the gate to give refuge to refugees, it would be even more right for refugees to organize a one-way journey to the European Union and the United Kingdom, given that we Europeans are so committed to supporting the Zionists, and given that we do not have inflation at 38% on an annual basis like the Egyptians.

Egypt is a state that is often unable to pay public salaries. Recently the IMF refused to grant the country some loans already granted, because it is convinced that it would not be able to repay them. And at the moment it doesn't have much desire to renounce the Camp David agreements of 1978, with which it established peace with Israel.

Putting the refugees in Sinai would only occur to a crazy person. That peninsula is a large semi-desert and sparsely populated area, without infrastructure, where in recent years there was a strong presence of jihadist groups affiliated with ISIS and where armed militias still operate.

Furthermore, even if the gate were opened and the Palestinians were allowed to escape, are we sure that everyone would leave the Gaza Strip? Are we sure they would accept a new Nakba (catastrophe)? The refugees from 1948, who took refuge in Jordan and Lebanon, are forbidden to return to their homeland. It is currently estimated that around 5 million Palestinians live in refugee camps in various Middle Eastern countries.

Enough with nuclear power in Israel

In light of the overwhelming vote of 152 states at the United Nations First Committee in favour of IAEA oversight of the Israeli regime's nuclear facilities, Palestinian civil society is calling for global pressure on the UN to force Israel to declare and dismantle all its weapons of mass destruction. If it refuses, it should be subject to targeted, legitimate and proportionate sanctions to force it to do so.

It has so far avoided oversight thanks to European and US support.

Israel is the only state in the Middle East – and one of the few among the 193 member states of the United Nations – that has not signed the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

Of note, the United Nations has imposed severe sanctions on North Korea since 2006 for testing nuclear weapons and not adhering to the NPT. Not only that, but the United States and the EU have imposed a brutal sanctions regime on Iran, which despite having signed the NPT and does not have a military program for the production of nuclear weapons.

Recently discovered Israeli archival documents have revealed that in 1948 Zionist militias and later Israeli troops poisoned indigenous Palestinian wells as part of the premeditated campaign of ethnic cleansing in the Naqab and Acre and to halt the advance of the Egyptian army. When Egypt complained of the use of banned weapons of mass destruction, Israeli officials accused Egypt of anti-Semitism.

Always about these chemical poisons. On October 4, 1992, El Al Flight 1862 (a Boeing 747 cargo plane of the then Israeli state airline El Al), crashed into the Groeneveen and Klein-Kruitberg apartments in the Bijlmermeer district of Amsterdam.

Well, Israeli authorities refused to provide the full manifest of the potentially lethal military-grade chemicals on board. Yet that very load caused various illnesses among the surviving residents of the neighbourhood. Even today the matter has not been clarified.

Admire and imitate

It seems that Europe lives on stereotypes, on clichés. In the war in Ukraine the bad guys are the Russians. In Israel's war, the bad guys are the Palestinians. Tomorrow we will blame the Chinese against Taiwan.

We are becoming Americanized. We are losing the shades of grey. We are becoming as dull as them, who in their hegemonic arrogance only look in black and white: either with us or against us. And in this Americanization we are losing the last remaining crumbs of autonomy. We are becoming a colony in all respects, crushed by the weight of a military power that dominates us without much discussion.

The birth of the European Union, after two devastating world wars in which we killed each other (not to mention the previous centuries), had made us believe, for a moment, that peace would finally characterize our continent.

Instead we found ourselves continually at war, alongside those who claim to dominate the entire planet. With the difference that this time we did it precisely as "European", not as individual states.

It seemed completely normal to us to destroy Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, Syria... We are not in the least embarrassed to be on the side of the fascists of Kiev and Tel Aviv.

We have such negative statesmen (with a few exceptions of course) that we no longer even have the adjectives to qualify them. When they are replaced, someone who represents the far right comes to power.

What's happening to us? What are we doing in a Europe like this? So egocentric, so arrogant, so hypocritical..., never questioned by the mainstream media, so sold and corrupt that to get minimally objective news, you have to go and look for it in some YouTube or Telegram channels.

In such a dystopian Europe, where the capacity for reflection is being reduced to zero, we must look with admiration at the resilient, indeed oppositional, capacity of populations such as the Russian-speaking people of Donbas or the Pales-

tinians. They are models of self-determination of peoples, of claiming ethnic, linguistic and cultural diversity... The tenacity with which they resist discrimination, persecution and genocidal attempts carried out by many parties is undoubtedly a source of inspiration. At the moment we are admiring them, but it cannot be ruled out that we will soon be asked to imitate them.

A month before being murdered, Judge Borsellino said that the Palermo prosecutor's office seemed to him to be "a nest of viper". The NATO bases, for the independence of our country, what are they?

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On the left we often hear that Italy, or rather Europe, must leave NATO. In reality it is the United States that must leave NATO, since this alliance must be considered "European" not "Euro-American". Not only that, but the US must close all its military bases in Europe, since the Europeans have no bases in the US or even anywhere near it. Any military base in Italy and in the EU must be nationalized, that is, it must leave the extraterritoriality regime.

A useless secularism

It is strange that such a profoundly secular Europe, in which the Protestant churches remain silent on any humanitarian catastrophe, and in which the voice of the Pope is that of someone crying in the desert, as no one feels obliged to listen to him; it is strange that, despite the ethical, philosophical and political value of secularism having been achieved after so many centuries and after so much bloodshed, the Europe of statesmen (with a few exceptions) and a certain slice of the population defends a "nation-state" of the Jewish religion.

We regret the brutality of the terrorist methods that the Zionists use to defend themselves, but overall we consider the Islamists, due to their numbers and their migratory flows in Europe, much more dangerous for our security and above all for our values.

Precisely in the name of our secular values, we should maintain a more balanced, more detached position, avoiding taking sides openly for a confessional state. Indeed, we should consider the attitude of those who consider us anti-Semitic shameful just because we allow ourselves to say that the methods used by Israel to defend itself are inhumane.

A secular position is rational, it is based on common sense, on tolerance, on respect for diversity: all things that Israel, since its birth, has never had.

We are not required to harbour feelings of guilt towards a population which, in order to exist, adopts the same genocidal methods that we have used against it in past centuries. We Europeans made mistakes and regretted our mistakes, but this should not stop us from being objective.

Precisely in the name of secularism and of course democracy, of which we pride ourselves on being the champions, we Europeans should say that the attitude of the Zionists is barbaric, it is inhuman, it is against every international rule: it will certainly not resolve the Palestinian question, in fact it will make it even worse, since the hatred it unleashes will never end.

Israel does not want justice or peace, but a colonialist war. Now it is forcing the Palestinians to quickly dig the many mass graves of the many killed civilians, but, in doing so, it does not leave its enemies many alternatives, even if the cowardice of the Islamic countries, recently gathered in Ryad, was rather embarrassing.

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Edmilson Rodrigues, mayor of Belém (capital of the state of Pará in the Amazon, renowned for bringing everyone together, indigenous and otherwise, in the fight for justice), declared his city “A space free from Israeli apartheid”, denouncing “the expulsion of a people from their ancestral territory, a true apartheid”.

The decision follows those of the mayor of Barcelona (Catalonia) to suspend institutional ties with the Israeli apartheid regime and to end the twinning with Tel Aviv. The

Liège City Council (Belgium) also decided to cut ties with apartheid, while the Oslo City Council (Norway) decided to exclude from public procurement companies that contribute, directly or indirectly, to the settlement project colonial Israel.

[29] What is epistemicide?

Among pro-Palestinian analysts I found a strange word, never seen before: “epistemicid”. And of course the explanation: planned destruction of the knowledge and wisdom base of a particular ethnic group.

A horrible thing, which obviously falls within the concept of genocide. If you eliminate a population it is easy to want to do the same with its culture.

In this attitude, racist and colonialist Europeans are unsurpassed masters: we could say since the time of the ancient Romans. Giving examples would be trivial: just look at what we have done in Africa or Latin America.

Perhaps it could be said that our genocides have become more devastating the more the means of mass destruction have become more perfect. But we leave it to historians to make comparisons relating to these last 2000 years.

Certainly when a population reacts to our violence, we exterminate it. If, however, she submits, we rob her of everything, even her culture, if it can help us.

At the same time as the theft of other people’s property, material and intellectual, we are masters in using the mass media, with which we justify, in the name of progress, their assimilation to our vision of the world and our lifestyle.

Having said this, let’s ask ourselves: do Israelis behave very differently towards Palestinians, compared to how populations of European origin behaved towards other populations encountered during the period of colonialism?

If the answer may seem obvious, let’s ask ourselves this other question: why do Zionists today feel free to behave like racists and colonialists towards the Palestinians? That is, because they are convinced that they cannot be judged by the West?

Evidently because they know that populations of European origin, despite their culture appearing to be characterized by human values, continue to behave like racists and colonialists. Only the means and ways are different. We have become more subtle and resort to using brute force only when necessary.

Zionists are intelligent people, endowed with a certain culture: they know these things very well. They do not need to use the mass media to convince them that they are a superior race, which has every right to occupy the whole of Palestine to make Israel a great nation. One argument is sufficient in their propaganda baggage: the Jews had 6 million deaths during the last world war and in Europe they have always been persecuted. Anyone who prevents them from behaving like Europeans is an anti-Semite. And the discussion is closed.

Palestinians who do not accept the technical-scientific superiority of the Israelis are destined to succumb and therefore allow themselves to be completely integrated as second-class citizens, or they must leave.

Europeans will take note of these supremacist behaviours, avoiding judging them, precisely because they know that, in the Zionists' place, they would have done the same thing. This is demonstrated by the very fact that in recent days, to resolve the conflict, we have decided to impose Abu Mazen's Palestinian Authority on the Gaza Strip. Once again we are not interested in the opinion of the citizens of Gaza.

Who is Hamas?

The leaders of Hamas are not troglodytes, they are not unscrupulous monsters, as they appear in the Western media. For years they have had a very visible presence in Qatar, Turkey and Lebanon, countries where they maintain offices, official spokespersons and where they organize conferences and gala dinners. Of course, they are considered terrorists by the USA and the EU, but for this reason Putin's Russia has also been accused of terrorism, crimes against humanity and other such nonsense. The opinion of Western statesmen now matters only in the West, a geographical area which in the EU has only

5.7% of the world population (in the USA as many as 40% of the population is not even of European origin).

In reality, the nature of Hamas is decidedly hybrid. If the attack against Israel on 7 October may appear, in some of its aspects, to be of a terrorist nature, it is also true that it has a political wing that functions like a party, or rather like a state administration that manages hospitals, schools, post offices, overseeing the work of thousands of public employees. It also has a kind of diplomatic corps that maintains relations with international allies.

Formally Hamas was born in 1987, but it had already existed for several years as a Palestinian section of the Muslim Brotherhood, a movement born in Egypt in the 1920s. In Palestine the Muslim Brotherhood was very active after the war. In the 1970s they founded an association, called Mujama al Islamiya, which in a few years opened schools, cultural centres for youth, hospitals, and took control of the Islamic University of Gaza.

Things changed in the 1980s, when, 20 years after the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, various Palestinian movements organized the first Intifada, that is, the first mass uprising. Hamas considered it a priority to work towards the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

At that time the most widespread political movement among Palestinians was Fatah, founded in 1959 by Yasser Arafat, secular and moderate. Fatah had a strong position in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which handled relations with the international community on behalf of the Palestinian people.

Even then, however, some activists considered Fatah too moderate and close to the West, as well as not at all interested in promoting a society based on traditional Islamic values. Hamas, however, since its foundation had a strongly nationalist and religious character, two aspects intrinsically linked to each other, as can be seen from the founding statute of the movement, published in 1988. That is, for Hamas a Palestinian state only makes sense if founded on the doctrine of Islam.

The founding Statute did not consider coexistence between Muslims and Jews possible if the latter managed their own state in Palestine.

Now, at the point where we are today, in which Israel's military force has had its weight, anyone is able to understand that a possible peaceful coexistence between these two populations, based on democracy and pluralism, on respect for freedom of conscience, human rights in general and local autonomies, is only possible if a single secular, non-denominational state is established, with a parliament equally representative of all the populations present on the peninsula. In its initial phase this State must be placed under the tutelage of nations that have never had any vested interests in the region.

[30] Judaism and nationality

In Europe we are too ignorant, we must admit it. We are unable to distinguish between Judaism and nationality. We are convinced that, faced with the need to choose, a Jew prefers his own religion to the national interests of the country in which he lives. But this means being anti-Semitic.

We are convinced that for a Jew the call to one's own nationality is invincible, so he can't wait to become an Israeli citizen, perhaps a settler in Palestine, and he doesn't care if this involves denying the rights of a Palestinian (whose furthermore, the name means "inhabitant of Palestin", not necessarily of Islamic religion).

This also means being anti-Semitic, since the vast majority of Jews identify with the country in which they live, and if they really believe in their religion, they do not consider it essential to live in Israel at all, on the contrary, they judge the racist and colonialist behaviour of the Zionists in Israel very negatively. Jewishness today does not have a political or geographical connotation: it is only a religious affiliation which does not even imply the definition of "Jewish people", which is another invention of Western culture. As if we Europeans were always on the side of North Americans because we know that their origins are European (which is only 60% true today).

Who today would dream of talking about English or French or German people, where the foreign population can even exceed 20%? In the West, ethnic linguistic cultural religious homogeneity no longer exists for a while. In fact, perhaps it never existed. Attributing it to Jews or Palestinians is even more absurd. For this reason alone, the idea of creating two states makes no sense. Throughout Palestine the populations are incredibly mixed that even the creation of a single secular and pluralist state would be very difficult. At the very least it should recognize broad administrative autonomy for local entities.

Jews all over the world don't even feel that they have a parental relationship with the Jews of Palestine, as the Russians feel with the Ukrainians, to the point that they do everything they can to fight only the military, who still absurdly claim to occupy Donbas. Also because many Jews in Palestine are of Russian or Arab origin or are not Jewish by birth.

The demographic problems of the Israelis are enormous: they fear, in the long run, that they will not be able to compare with the reproductive trend of the Palestinians. This is a sufficient reason for them not to make too many distinctions between one Jew and another and, from time to time, to indulge in a bit of "ethnic cleansing", that is, not to be too subtle when they bomb with planes, between civilians and soldiers or between adults and children.

Not even imposing a single language makes a population a united, distinct people. The mother tongue is never forgotten. The oral language makes concessions to the arrogance of the written one, but then in private it feels free.

The same with religion: nowadays it is very easy to split between a formal faith and a substantial indifference. If everyone in Palestine today accepted the principle of unity in diversity, and if they did so disarmed, they would probably be able to build a unique melting pot.

The roots of Hamas

Hamas is an acronym for Islamic Resistance Movement, but also an Arabic word that can be translated as "zeal,

courage”. Its founder and long-time spiritual leader was Ahmed Yassin, a very conservative and charismatic preacher, killed on March 22, 2004 by a targeted bombing by the Israeli army.

In its first years of life, Hamas inherited from the Muslim Brotherhood a certain caution in the practice of armed struggle. In fact, the first terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians date back to the end of 1990.

In the following years, Hamas invested heavily in terrorism and armed struggle also due to the creation in 1991 of the Izz ad Din al Qassam brigade, its military wing (named after a preacher and activist from the early 1900s who supported the resistance of the Libyans against Italian colonization and Syrians against French colonization).

Between 1991 and 2000 Hamas carried out dozens of terrorist attacks, including 12 suicide bombings. Even in the second Intifada (2001-2005) it carried out several attacks against Israeli civilians.

From the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas inherited a focus on building a strong political wing and a network of foundations and associations close to the movement. In fact, since it has been in government, it has been able to control schools, hospitals, courts, etc. In regulating the private sector, it tends to favour companies that it perceives as close to its movement.

Hamas also collects taxes on illegal smuggling with Egypt and Israel, which occurs mainly in underground tunnels dug and managed by the same organization.

As is known, the Gaza Strip has a rather informal and underdeveloped economy, to the point that it is considered one of the poorest places in the world. To make ends meet, Hamas has always cultivated an international network of private and state financiers, mainly of the Islamic religion (Qatar, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, etc.). It also uses cryptocurrency markets to receive and move money in an untraceable manner.

The Reuters agency even claims that this money is transferred by bank transfer to Israel, which then converts it into physical banknotes: some Israeli and UN officials then take care of transporting these large quantities of banknotes into the Strip.

At the top of Hamas's organizational chart is a 15-member political (non-military) council based in Qatar. The leader since 2017 is Ismail Haniyeh, a former very close collaborator of the founder Yassin.

The most important leader in the Strip is Yahya Sinwar, appointed in 2017. Analysts maintain that the power he has accumulated in recent years is a symptom of how the military wing is increasingly gaining influence within Hamas. He was arrested by the Israelis in 1989 and was only released following a prisoner exchange after 22 years.

The other highly esteemed military leader is Mohammed Deif, who transformed the al Qassam brigade into a real army of 15,000 soldiers, with whom he planned the October 7 raid into Israeli territory.

These leaders, considered too detrimental for Palestine, never recognized the 1993 Oslo Accords, with which for the first time Israel and the Palestinian Authority recognized each other as legitimate interlocutors.

It will not be believed but the former deputy head of the political council of Hamas, Mousa Abu Marzouk, made it clear, in an interview with "The New Yorker" that no leader of the political wing had been advised of the timing and methods of the October 7 attacks.

However, we know with certainty that thanks to the terrorist attacks in Deif in 1996, the racist and fundamentalist right of Sharon and Netanyahu got the better of the socialist Peres, and set about dismantling the Oslo Accords themselves.

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[1] Some more, some less

Dario Fabbri, the geopolitical analyst, claims that even when there are authoritarian regimes, such as for example, the Israeli one, it makes very relative sense to distinguish the will of the government from that of the citizens. He says that if one takes a do-gooder position, one does an injustice to the populations, considering them completely clueless when they choose certain statesmen.

He is certainly a cynic and I don't share his ideas, but on this I must say that he is not entirely wrong.

I remember that during the Second World War the Nazis in Russia did not make much difference between military and civilians or between leaders and ordinary people. They killed or imprisoned anyone who came within their reach, as they considered the Slavic race to be an inferior race to be replaced with the Germanic one or to be subjugated. They only spared them when they saw that they were openly pro-Nazi, that is, willing to eliminate Jews and communists without scruples.

Conversely, the Soviets argued that the Nazi ideology was to be attributed to a gang of criminals who, through terror and propaganda, had managed to impose it on the entire German population.

Today we uphold the same dichotomy: Judaism is one thing, Zionism is another. Many even consider them opposites. Nobody wants to appear anti-Semitic by condemning Zionism without any ifs or buts. True, they will be different, but up to a certain point. Just think of the fact that Zionism has dominated in Palestine since 1948. This is a very long time to be able to exclude that the Israeli population has not been conditioned in some way by this ideology. It is not at all obvious to see Jews fighting it with the same determination as Palestinians.

Here we naturally ignore the acts of terrorism that certain extremist components of the Palestinians carry out due to

the oppression they suffer. Nobody asks the Jews to put themselves on the same level.

However, given that their society is considered the most democratic in the Middle East, we would like to see them more diligent, more involved in calling for the end of apartheid and colonialism. If only to disprove those who maintain that, ultimately, there is not much difference between Zionism and Judaism or between a racist government and the population that is authorized to vote in elections.

Perhaps it would be better to say that before the tribunal of history we are all responsible, more or less.

A useless war

This war between Zionist Judaism and Palestinian Islamism has something paradoxical about it.

In fact, even leaving aside the political reasons (anti-colonialism, anti-terrorism) or economic reasons (apartheid poverty, Mediterranean hydrocarbons) that motivate it, it still remains a war between two confessions clearly superseded by Christianity. Which, in its bourgeois-Protestant version (puritan or Calvinistic), clearly dominates in the capitalist West: a version that has become strongly secularized since the Second World War to today.

Of course, the fact that it has become secularized does not mean that this Calvinism has also become more humanized or democratized. Indeed, on the contrary, the dehumanization and arrogance of a claimed world hegemony has increased. And not so much because of secularization, but because this secularization has remained within the bourgeois sphere, which it is supremely individualistic, and therefore false and hypocritical, accustomed to living by exploiting other people's resources.

The bourgeois secularism of the collective West preaches humanistic values in a purely abstract, theoretical way, while on a practical level it behaves in a racist, colonialist and genocidal manner.

The problem is that faced with these inconsistencies between theory and practice, Zionist Judaism feels justified in be-

having without any moral principles. As if he were saying: “If you want us like you, we will take the worst of you, and you will be forced to remain silent”.

Islam, on the other hand, no longer needs to be aggressive to make its way in the world (except for the extremist exceptions supported by the West itself for strategic reasons), looking at the hypocrisy of Westerners, is even more convinced to remain the same, that is, not to consider its own secularization necessary. As if it were saying: “Why should we accept your bourgeois democracy, your secular values, when on a practical level you behave worse than us”.

In short, the whole of humanity is faced with a rear-guard question, which does not allow it to develop in the slightest either towards an authentic secular humanism or towards a truly democratic socialism. However this Israeli-Palestinian war ends, the conditions for the true development of the human race will not have been created.

[2] Old and new colonialisms

Palestine was colonized by multiple European and non-European peoples and was colonized by two European movements, the Crusades (1099) and Zionism (1948), which are not peoples but ideological groupings with a racist background.

We know the medieval Crusades. The faithful thought, naively, that they could recover the sacred places of the gospels, and if poor, they aspired to redeem themselves. Those who organized them aimed to seize other people’s assets (Islamic, Jewish, Byzantine and Slavic) and control the sea routes. Religion was the main ideological point of reference for the people of the time.

Participating in the biblical holy war guaranteed forgiveness of sins; to die there, the entrance into the celestial paradise.

The world of the Levant defeated, after a long time, the obscurantism of the European crusades. Today it seems that the Arab and Persian world and perhaps even the Kurdish world must do it. The enemy is the powerful Euro-Zionist colonial fascism, the one that (even before 1948) wanted to colonize

Palestine under the pretext of wanting to return to the land that Yahweh had promised, the land of their ancestors. As if after 1900 years of diaspora someone could claim that history had passed in vain, like those homes where parents leave their child's room intact waiting for him to return one day.

Today, however, it is absurd to say that in the name of peace or democracy we must recognize Israel's racism and colonialism. History truly, albeit with different ideas, means and methods, seems to have stopped a thousand years ago.

Anyone can understand that each native people must undertake its historical mission to fight its colonizer.

Everyone born in Palestine should call themselves Palestinian, and everyone (even if they have Israeli citizenship) should fight the crusader spirit that infests the region.

We all have an appointment with History and a debt with Humanity. The liberation of Palestine is the liberation of the world.

The people in the times of religious obscurantism rebelled against the colonial invaders, and it cannot be that today, in the time of modernity, we have to accept the colonial anachronism called "Israel".

Who will free us?

The greatest persecutions against Christians occurred in pagan, polytheistic Europe, and the greatest persecutions against the Jews were in pagan-polytheistic and Christian-monotheistic Europe.

Europe has always been a clash of religions coming from the East, especially from the Middle East. It used them as if they were drugs, to endure the inhuman harshness of slave relationships. However, no religion was ever able to overcome the limits of slavery. Not even any slave revolt succeeded.

To put an end to this shame on humanity, it took populations that were not European but Asian, which we contemptuously called "barbarians".

These populations, once they became settled and converted to the Roman Catholic religion, created a new social system: feudalism, based on serfdom, i.e. on land income.

From the antagonistic contradictions (servant/master) heretical pauperistic movements were born, all harshly repressed.

Urbanization was also reborn (the bourgeois municipalities), where religion was experienced in a rather formal way.

These Municipalities were the cradle of the development of various collateral phenomena: the Crusades and therefore colonialism and the first forms of modern capitalism, justified by a new religious confession: Protestantism, especially in its Calvinistic variant.

Feudal and modern Europe was no longer at war only with the Jews, the Muslims, the heretics, the Orthodox Christians (Byzantines and Slavs), but with the whole world, to be economically exploited and converted to Catholicism or Protestantism.

In the 20th century this inhuman practice has been adopted by the United States, which claims to dominate the entire world, including Europe, where they come from. Right now the two main tools the US is using are Ukraine (to weaken Russia) and Israel (to control the Middle East). Soon there will also be Taiwan, to downsize China.

Now the question is: given that within the collective West there are not enough forces to overthrow the system, which new “barbarians” populations will be able to do so? Should we expect them from the global South?

[3] The opposing extremisms meet

The development of Hamas has had a direct or indirect role in opposing the Palestine Liberation Organization since 1993, when it rejected the “Oslo Accords” between the leader Arafat and the Israeli Prime Minister Rabin, which sanctioned the recognition mutual between the PLO and Israel.

The motivation was right: Israel, a colonialist state by definition, cannot be recognized as legitimate, but the terrorist methods were wrong.

Paradoxically, however, Hamas undermined a peace process that even the Israeli Zionist right, which opposed the policies of Rabin’s Labour party, was against.

Rabin and Arafat were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, but Rabin was killed in 1995 by a member of the Israeli far right during a rally.

The suicide attacks organized by Hamas continued to sow terror in Israel, to the point that the new Israeli prime minister, Netanyahu, decided to block the Oslo Accords and the formation of a Palestinian state.

Over the years, Hamas and Zionist governments have represented each other's political fortunes in terms of consensus. The opposing extremisms always justify each other.

Except that between the two peoples, the one who lost infinitely more, due to its military weakness, was the Palestinian one. And we still see it today, to the point that we can't even talk about war between two armies, but the slaughter of thousands of civilians, half of whom are children. We are at levels of infanticidal war, like the one conducted by the USA in Iraq, where, in one way or another, half a million minors were eliminated. A horror in the face of which the American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright (of Prague origin and member of the DP), said that for the good of democracy it had been a justifiable sacrifice. As if today anyone could say that Iraq is a democratic country!

Gaza has suffered from apartheid for 16 years and now its inhabitants are set to be evacuated. Whether they end up in Egypt or Europe or anywhere else on the planet, Netanyahu's government absolutely doesn't care. He wants to guarantee absolute security to the Israelis and if, to obtain it, he is forced to eliminate even the last hostages in the hands of Hamas, he will do so, and the West will let him do it, otherwise it would have already opposed this incredible carnage with some sanctions.

Now it is no longer a question of the number of deaths killed, but only of time: the Zionists must hurry, because in the West the protests could increase, and no one wants to end up like in Vietnam.

Almost all statesmen in Europe are feverishly waiting for Israel to get its hands on the impressive energy resources off the coast of Gaza so that a safe replacement of at least part of those coming from Russia can be initiated.

High voltage wires

To say that Israel could not do what it does without the unconditional support of the United States is to say something banal. We've been seeing it since it was born. Zionism is a form of religiously motivated pseudo-democracy with racist, colonialist and genocidal intentions towards the Palestinians.

The American government limits itself to assuming, from time to time, the role of the father who pretends to scold his son when he exaggerates in his violent behaviour. He only does it to save face in the eyes of the world. In fact, the son is not destined to replace his father in the task of exporting bourgeois democracy to the world. At most, individual exponents of the Jewish world can be part of the US entourage leading the planet, but they certainly have to renounce their Jewishness, which is a highly divisive element, such as for example, did Kissinger and now Blinken.

However, today we are witnessing something particular, which is causing scandal and horror in almost the whole world. On the one hand Israel stands massacring thousands of children and targeting the expulsion of over 2 million people from the entire Gaza Strip; on the other the entire West is silent. It seems like we are witnessing a re-enactment of the Turkish genocide against the Armenians.

Europe's mediating role has disappeared. The two years of war against Russia have made almost all statesmen very fearful of American arrogance. After the Nordstream sabotage, everyone fears the end of industrialization or the possibility of competing internationally due to the prohibitive costs of energy supplied by other countries.

In this sense, European statesmen can't wait for Israel to take full possession of the rich energy beds off the coast of Gaza and to direct the gas pipelines to be built towards the EU. We are behaving as when Hitler gave orders to his generals: "the objective you absolutely must achieve is this; I leave the means and methods up to you. Just be careful not to take too long, because I can replace you at any time". Anyone who did not comply with orders knew that it would be better for him to commit suicide, as did Rommel.

In short, this does not appear to be yet another ethnic cleansing by Israel, but a kind of proxy war that the collective West is waging against the entire Islamic Middle East, which it has had the courage, in recent years, to put into practice discussion of American hegemony in an area still considered strategic in terms of energy. And he did it:

- not explicitly condemning Russia in the war against Ukraine,
- using oil as a blackmail weapon,
- looking favourably at commercial and military relations with China,
- changing alliances without the consent of the USA (just think of the reconciliation between Iran and Saudi Arabia or the readmission of Syria into the Arab League),
- favouring the development of the BRICS and the end of the petrodollar.

If the Arab countries also began to ask for the dismantling of American bases, we would witness an epochal turning point.

All these positions suggest one very simple thing: since Tel Aviv is under Washington's orders, it is as if the Zionists were fighting in place of the Americans. Anyone who touches Israel dies, as happens with high tension wires.

With what face...

After a month of bombing, poverty in Gaza increased by 20%. We are now at 2 months and, according to purely mathematical projections, poverty should increase by 45%, bringing the number of people towards absolute poverty to around 660,000.

But these data are completely approximate, since everyone knows that if Israel also bombs the southern area of Gaza, there will no longer be any occupation, no GDP, but only hunger, poverty, diseases and epidemics for everyone, not to mention the massive migratory flows in Europe, Egypt and the Maghreb.

We can already say with certainty that the impact of this war will have long-lasting effects and will not be limited to

Gaza. It will take decades before we return to the prewar state. Unless, of course, all the Palestinians in Gaza are replaced by Israeli settlers. However, I wonder how someone would build a house on the rubble of entire families exterminated a few months earlier.

[4] The failure of the Abraham Accords

The 2020 Abraham Accords, wanted by Trump and also carried forward by Biden, were intended to convince Arab countries to unilaterally recognize the State of Israel, without any concessions on the question of the Palestinian state. Relations needed to be normalized with the large Arab energy producers, starting with Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates and eventually with Saudi Arabia. The annexed treaties also provided for relations with Morocco and Sudan. In fact, the US incentive was represented by unilateral concessions to these same Arab countries, such as the removal of Sudan from the list of state sponsors of terrorism and the recognition of Morocco's sovereignty over Western Sahara.

The idea was not to lose in any way the energy contribution of the Middle East to the growing demands of the Western world. It was also the intention of the USA to bind the Sunni monarchies to itself through financial interests, pitting them against Iran, a Shiite republic that had long been under sanctions. Even the Cotton Road, which involved India and various Gulf states, the EU and Israel, as opposed to the Chinese Silk Road, was supposed to bypass Iran.

Now these Agreements have collapsed completely, much to the joy of Hamas, since the entire Palestine (West Bank and Gaza) had been kept on the sidelines. The signatory Islamic countries had not set conditions in favour of the Palestinians. They had only thought about their own business.

Those who blew up the aforementioned Agreements, after the terrorist attack by Hamas, were above all Saudi Arabia, which is becoming a very painful thorn in the side of the USA. Indeed:

- is switching to Chinese and Russian weapons to replace American ones,

- drastically reduced its investments in US government bonds,
- is exchanging oil for Chinese yuan, dismantling the petrodollar system,
- is cutting crude oil production quotas, doing the Russians a favour.

And if the Saudis do all this, we can be sure that the other Gulf countries will follow suit. US sanctions in the chip sector are ridiculous to say the least: the Arabs can easily turn to China.

The fire of Gehenna

The main phrase that the Zionists use to justify their presence in Palestine is well known: “We have come to a land without a people for a people without a land”.

A sentence that is extremely false as well as racist. Palestine already had a people, the Palestinian one, or rather more peoples, followers of the three monotheistic religions.

If anything, it was the Ashkenazi Jews who were not a people, as they came from various states of Christian Europe, already divided into three opposing confessions, each of which harboured anti-Semitic attitudes.

The aforementioned sentence was ideologically racist, as it recognized only the Jewish-Palestinian component the right to remain on that peninsula. This demonstrates that Judaism, regardless of its political or economic behaviour, remains a divisive religion, both because Jews are born through maternal blood, so much so that if, in the absence of this, one always becomes a believer of lesser importance; and because the rites and precepts are excessively detailed, incompatible with the needs of a modern secular society. To live in such a society a Jew must give up many of his peculiarities.

Jewish racism (which is ultimately a form of aristocracy), while professing human values, like any other religion, does not have many scruples about physically eliminating those who hinder it in achieving its objectives.

In fact, once it has been decided that Palestine must belong to the Jews, as two thousand years ago, there is no saint

who will care. The possession of a specific territory has become the obsession of the Ashkenazis since the end of the 19th century, and in order to expand its borders as much as possible, unimaginable abuses and atrocities have been committed. To the point that one wonders: “Well, now that they have managed to take over a certain territory by force, what human thing do they have to show in their religion that can at least partially justify their claim”. Well, I see nothing, only falsehood and hypocrisy.

Just the fact that in this umpteenth war the Israelis are taking it out on Netanyahu for allowing the capture of hostages and doing little to get them back or risking killing them with his indiscriminate bombings, is something that is very upsetting.

In fact, not a word is said in favour of Palestinian civilians, half of whom are children, who are massacred with impunity and horribly every day, after having deprived them of everything. The Israelis are “killed”, the Palestinians are simply “dead”.

Don’t they know that every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire of Gehenna?

[5] Beware of incitements

Jewish victimhood rears its ugly head again. In fact, they are starting to worry about the protests rising from the squares of various cities around the world.

To tell the truth, it is above all the Western protests that worry them, since the Jews know very well that the Islamic world is more tolerant towards them than people think. After all, they suffered the worst discrimination in Europe. They are keen to show that if the vast majority of Western statesmen and governments are on their side, the squares of Europe and the streets of America and Australia have instead been filled with screaming crowds.

But perhaps it would be better to say that it is the Zionists, whose management of power is a disgrace to humanity, who are warning Jews all over the world. In fact, they need to find a justification with which to legitimize their crimes, with

which indeed to increase their authoritarianism. And where to find a better one than in what Hamas accomplished on October 7? As if Hamas could have acted like this without some complicity from Israeli intelligence!

However, they express their concerns and victimization towards the West, since they know well that if the West, due to the Shoah, can be morally blackmailed, the Islamic world cannot be. At most the Palestinians can be insulted, qualifying them as terrorists by definition, and even of the worst kind (they even called them “human beasts or animal”).

Zionists like to make people believe that the life of Jews in the West is in danger, precisely to induce the West to consider the entire Islamic world as its enemy. The Arab squares are filled with hatred and murderous will: this is the message they want to get across in the Western mainstream.

However, this means instigating the entire world to start a new world war. Is this really what we want? Is it normal that the persecutions suffered in the past can authorize Jews to react using any attitude as self-defence? Is it normal for someone to have to compromise the serenity of their conscience by feeling boundless hatred towards the world just because they once suffered wrongs that they consider irreparable? What should the Russians say, who lost over 25 million citizens to Nazi-fascism alone in the last world war and who are still forced to defend themselves today from this criminal ideology supported by the collective West? After we destroyed their Nordstream, they would do well to sever any business relationship with us.

Is it normal that those who feel like a minority (not only in the Middle East but throughout the world) should adopt arrogance as a lifestyle? Without this daily and obstinate arrogance, would the Jews really risk having to face a new threat to their existence in life?

Never underestimate the enemy

That the Zionists and the Israelis in general are no small people is demonstrated not only by the fact that they have an excellent army (one of the most powerful in the world), excellent intelligence, excellent industrial capacity on the informa-

tion technology level, excellent working and commercial capacity, but also by the fact that they have the power to control American politics.

Indeed, there is no doubt that the American Israel Public Affairs Commission (AIPAC) in Washington can create or destroy any politician of its choice, to the point that they all compete to please it, especially during elections (those who forced Trump to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem? And just as he was promoting the Abraham Accords?).

In a sense it could be said that all the forces of the world are powerless against Israel, including the United Nations, because the Zionists benefit from the American veto to block any condemnation of their war crimes.

On the other hand, Israel also has the power to influence the American mainstream media and, as we know, whoever manages to do this indirectly controls the media of the entire Western world. It is difficult to find a newspaper in Europe that says different things from an American newspaper: flattery and servility are our prerogative, so much so that certain newspapers are defined in a derogatory way: “Corriere della serva” (Courier of the Servant), “Ripubblica” (Republish)...

Israel invests millions of dollars in public relations, so CNN, the New York Times and other outlets do an excellent job of promoting Zionist propaganda. For example, these days the dominant version of the horrendous crimes that the Israeli army is carrying out in the Gaza Strip is that Hamas is the one endangering the lives of civilians, preventing them from fleeing Gaza, and so on.

In this sense it would be better not to stand there and glorify the fact that Hamas has managed to evade all the myriad of controls surrounding the Gaza Strip. It is not even conceivable that this could have happened without some complicity, direct or indirect, on the part of the Israeli forces.

We cannot underestimate a country that in 1948, as soon as it was born, was already able to dispose of 78% of the land of Palestine, expropriating its inhabitants, who had lived there for thousands of years, and definitively replacing them with Jews from all over the world. While the natives are not al-

lowed to return, the immigrant Jews instead obtain citizenship without any problem, indeed with several facilities for their colonial-type insertion, which is generally racist and war-mongering. For example, these days settlers are criticizing Netanyahu for mishandling the hostage issue, not because he is behaving like a criminal.

In 1967 the Zionists placed the remaining lands of Palestine – East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza – under their control, subjecting their inhabitants to oppressive military rule, controlling every aspect of their daily lives, to the general indifference of the Western world.

We are so subservient to the Zionist narrative that we are not at all embarrassed to shake hands and dialogue and do business with statesmen who have committed horrendous crimes against humanity. After all, why should we? Don't we do the same with the American ones?

[6] Who are the Palestinian refugees?

Palestinian refugees are those who can no longer return to their homeland, as they were expelled from Palestine either in 1948 or 1967. Israel does not want them, because it would be forced to return the stolen goods. It will also do so with those in Gaza and has been doing so for some time with those in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. They want them all out.

These refugees live on assistance, private or public, state or international. They are a burden to humanity because of the Zionists. In total they are around 3/4 of the entire Palestinian population in the world (around 14 million), calculated today at around 9-10 million people. They are the largest group of refugees in the world, so much so that out of every five refugees, almost two are Palestinians. Most of the refugees from the 1948 Nakba (catastrophe) were relocated to several Arab states, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The latter two territories were under the rule of Jordan and Egypt respectively, until they were occupied by Israel in 1967.

At the end of the war, the Palestinians who had their homes requisitioned never regained them. Israel is strict about this: what it steals, it steals forever.

All the walls that Israel has built to separate itself from the Palestinians must be considered temporary, in the sense that any opportunity is good to demolish them and occupy the internal areas, forcibly displacing the residents.

The Hamas terrorist attack on 7 October was, in this sense, a great opportunity for a military-type clearance, which goes well beyond the police one, since the dead now number in the tens of thousands, without making any distinction between the various typologies of civilians.

Israel has no fear that the Palestinians will overthrow its power. It knows very well that it has a very powerful army, abundant funding and protection guaranteed by the West. It's not like the racist South African government in Mandela's time: it's much worse. Precisely because it is not only racist, but also colonialist, that is, it wants to occupy other people's territories: it demolishes houses, revokes residence rights, hinders permanence in a given territory in various ways, builds illegal settlements, favours the immigration of settlers, imprisons or kills anyone who decisively or blatantly opposes this extremely authoritarian policy.

A colossal blunder

The Palestinians in Gaza no longer have anywhere to take refuge. They can only be slaughtered. And in the West, when statements like this are made, people complain that they only speak badly of Israel and not also of Hamas. We are at these levels.

The Zionists ask civilians to evacuate the entire enclave. They refuse to realize that we are dealing with over 2 million people here: it is one of the most densely populated areas (365 sq km) in the world. It's not thousands or tens or hundreds of thousands. It is incredible that even the entire West cannot understand the monstrosity of the numbers at play. Going forward at this rate, 1/10 of the population is on the verge of ending up in mass graves, upon which settlers will build their new homes.

The siege imposed by the Israeli government has deprived the entire population of Gaza of essential supplies such as food, water, shelter for the winter, electricity and medical

care. All communications were also lost as well as the domestic gas supply.

Palestinians are not allowed to reach the refugee camp in Rafah district en masse. And the south is completely bombed, just as the north was in recent days. The ruthlessness has not diminished. Except that first they could take refuge in the south. Now, however, they don't know where to go: 1.8 million people have already lost their homes.

Egypt's Rafah, which normally has a population of 280,000, is unable to cope with the influx, as it already hosts around 470,000 displaced people.

The slaughter of civilians is attributed, indirectly, to Hamas itself, which, according to Israel, uses them as human shields. That is, despite knowing this, the air force bombs them anyway. As if we didn't know that the Hamas militiamen are not all in Gaza and it won't be possible to eliminate them by flooding their underground tunnels with sea water.

It is clear that the Zionists' plan is to evacuate the entire enclave, forcing Egypt to welcome all the refugees, subject to the granting of "damage compensation". Then the EU will do the rest, e.g. forgiving the country's debts, hosting some of the refugees, etc. It did it with the Ukrainians: why shouldn't he do it with the Palestinians?

Such a displacement of people inevitably reminds of the Armenian genocide by the Turks. Already 16,000 people have been killed. The number of wounded and maimed is incalculable. Among the survivors, how many are psychologically traumatized?

What about those prone to disease? How many will suffer an epidemic? People living in overcrowded spaces, with a lack of drinking water and sanitation and without a prevention and surveillance system, are the ideal recipe for diseases and infections such as diarrhoea, typhoid, cholera, scabies and lice, chickenpox and measles, skin rashes and respiratory infections.

And how many hostages, of the 137 remaining, risk ending badly? Hamas will never release them without an exchange of prisoners. Netanyahu has already said that he will not be able to save them all. His popularity in Israel has declined because of this, not so much because of his genocidal

behaviour. He only knows that the official Israeli death toll is around 1,200 people since the conflict intensified, of which more than 400 are soldiers. Hamas, apparently, is defending itself, but will not be able to prevent Gaza from ending up like Carthage in Roman times. If he thought that the whole world would do something against the Zionists, he was colossally mistaken.

[7] Ends and means

The end justifies the means? In the abstract, no; in practice we perhaps need to see on a case-by-case basis. Ethics says that the means must be compatible with the end. That is, it is not possible to use disproportionate means to achieve a specific goal.

Hamas attacked Israel for having hostages to exchange for Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli prisons. Did it use an inappropriate means? Evidently yes, since it was forced to eliminate many people and did not calculate the level of reaction of Netanyahu's government.

However, the Zionists are no different. To eliminate this movement they are massacring thousands of defenceless civilians, including children. As if the terrorism of one⁴ could justify the terrorism of the other, or as if the blame for the terrorist act of 7 October belonged to "all" the people of the Gaza Strip, without making any distinction between organisers, executors, supporters, unaware or non-responsible people.

It is no coincidence that the settlers and the Tel Aviv army are also harshly attacking the Palestinian citizens of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, who did not participate in the Hamas raid and who probably did not even share it.

In short, if Israel wanted to raze the enclave to the ground or eliminate all the Hamas militiamen, it had to first ensure civilians had an escape route, a concretely viable alternative to the Israeli army's decision to carpet bomb urban areas (as in like the USA or NATO do).

⁴ The Hamas attack on October 7 could have been legitimate or "non-terrorist" only if all the settlers had been armed and had defended themselves so as not to be captured. But this did not happen.

Israel prides itself on being the only democratic country in the Middle East. But suppose that the Hamas militants themselves had been able to take advantage of some escape route, how should a truly democratic country have behaved? Simply by being satisfied: “I’ll let you escape but I’ll take away all the land where you live”. Instead, it is committing horrendous crimes, crimes against humanity, which scandalize the whole world. It is not using means and methods proportionate to the damage suffered.

Assuming that Israel manages to completely evacuate Gaza and transfer part of its settlers here and encourage the arrival of other Jews scattered across the planet, how will the Palestinians of the West Bank and East Jerusalem take this?

What about the so-called Arab-Israelis, second-class citizens in Israel? Will they be induced to become more or less democratic? Will they become even more moderate for fear of meeting the same fate or will they prefer to become radicalized thinking of some revenge? Is it possible that the Zionists want an endless war? They boast of being a “chosen people”, unique in history, different from all the others, but how do the methods they use differ from our Westerners?

Let us return, however, to the theoretical question of means and ends. The decision whether to connect appropriately with each other essentially depends on a factor, which must be evaluated from time to time: is there an equal clash between the contenders or not? That is, substantially equivalent on the basis of the forces involved? The military knows how to evaluate these things.

It is evident, in fact, that when one of the two has all the means to assert himself, the other, if he does not have them, cannot be too subtle in his search for the most ethically adequate means. Once you have decided to go to war, weighing all the pros and cons, you can’t easily go back. If you accept the risk of losing the game rather quickly, it means that an irresponsible choice has been made, and such choices, even if dictated by desperation, in the end always pay off quite dearly, as it is not possible to know in advance how the winner will behave.

Therefore we could say that in the initial phase of the fight (between states or between social classes) one can think

of a conformity of means to ends. But if at a certain point the dominant powers begin to attack the population, the latter cannot have hesitations in attacking the enemy with all means and in all ways, also because those who suffer generally benefit from the consensus of large popular masses, while those who rage have only the police and armed forces on their side.

When an entire civilian population is armed in some way, either the enemy surrenders (and can even be spared) or will suffer all the consequences. There is no point in binding yourself hand and foot with moral scruples in the face of an enemy who massacres civilians without making any kind of difference.

Netanyahu emulates Sharon

Who doesn't remember what Prime Minister Ariel Sharon did in Gaza in 2005?

He was on the verge of having to stand trial in The Hague, at the War Crimes Tribunal, for the events of 1982, which occurred in the refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila. He had led the invasion of Lebanon, bombing and besieging Beirut, and facilitated the massacre of some 3,500 Palestinian and Lebanese men, women and children.

He wasn't much of a go-to guy. He had already orchestrated the 1953 massacre of 69 Palestinian civilians in Qibya, mostly women and children, while he was head of "Unit 101", a notorious Israeli army unit.

For this determination they made him prime minister from 2001 to 2006. He had just taken his famous and provocative "wall" in the Temple Mount in Jerusalem (2000), a sacred place for the Arabs, which triggered the second Intifada.

Sharon was tough: he couldn't stand Arafat's popularity, so much so that he confined him to Ramallah, nor did he intend to sign the Oslo Accords (1993).

Sharon was like a bully child. He used force to gain respect. After the meeting with Bush and Abu Mazen in 2003 he became convinced of two things, which he then realized in 2005: 1) it would have been better to put a wall on the border with the West Bank to minimize suicide attacks by Palestinians

in Israel; 2) the Israeli settlers and soldiers had to be transferred from Gaza to the West Bank (the settlers were 8,000, they already occupied 30% of Gaza and they took it out quite hotly).

In this way he managed to completely isolate Gaza from the West Bank, creating the conditions for it to be completely controlled.

If Netanyahu can do what he does today, he also owes it to him, who was from the same party.

[8] Useless revelations

An investigation by the “New York Time” reveals that the Israeli military and intelligence have known for more than a year that Hamas militants wanted to attack, but did not consider them capable of doing so.

These investigations mean nothing. Is the US accusing Netanyahu’s government of superficiality? Are they doing it because, after seeing his inhuman reaction, they don’t want to feel involved? Indeed, Americans and Zionists, although they could easily avoid the Hamas attack, preferred to allow it to see that they are not afraid of anything? And who tells us that the manner and timing of that attack were not orchestrated by the Americans with the complicity of the Zionists? Are we perhaps in the presence of a new proxy war?

Of course one might ask the purpose of this operation. But the answer should not be difficult: Russia did not give in to Western provocations in the war in Ukraine. It was not possible to blame the outbreak of a third world war on Putin, although Biden is trying again, saying that if Russia wins in Ukraine, it will certainly attack a NATO state immediately afterwards.

Be that as it may, what could not be achieved in Kiev, the Americans can always hope to achieve in Tel Aviv. If Netanyahu succeeded in carrying out his monstrous genocidal plan, he would have as a reward the entire conquest of Gaza and a certain immunity for all his crimes in foreign policy and his authoritarianism in domestic politics.

The USA is playing its last cards against the irreversible trend towards a multi-polar world. So far they have only succeeded in completely subjugating the European Union. But it

was quite easy, the statesmen who govern it being a flock of bleating sheep looking for a shepherd.

They naturally have other cards to play, in which to force local populations to shed rivers of blood: one is Taiwan, the other is North Korea. But we must not forget that the USA has managed world domination until yesterday. It will take time before they disappear from history and allow themselves to be replaced by other empires.

Because unfortunately this is what we are forced to do: to see a continuous succession of great nations swallowing up all the others. Will those who talk about multi-polarity today continue to do so after the end of the United States?

And here I'm in charge...

Faced with Palestinian President Abu Mazen's declarations that he wants to govern Gaza after the end of the war, Netanyahu spoke clearly: "As long as I am the Prime Minister of Israel he certainly won't do it".

In fact, it has never been seen that Israel sends its soldiers to their deaths as a favour to the Palestinians. And it is unthinkable that the Zionists, with their indiscriminate bombings, expose themselves so much to criticism from the whole world, and then beautifully retreat, convinced that no one will denounce them for crimes against humanity.

Netanyahu never accepted the Oslo Accords. He has always feared that a power separate from Israel could be formed in Palestine, such that Tel Aviv would have to give up dominion over the sky, sea and land around Gaza.

If we think about it, October 7 was a golden opportunity to avoid any agreement that did not include Netanyahu's exclusive authoritarian control over the Strip and above all over the energy deposits in the Mediterranean seabed, which Gaza has never been able to exploit because it was prevented by Israel.

The opportunity was also golden for the Americans. It served to distract world public opinion from the fact that NATO lost the proxy war in Ukraine. And it also served to put a brake on the process of bringing the entire Middle East closer to Russia and China.

It is likely that Israeli society will allow Netanyahu to complete the occupation of Gaza and begin its colonization. Then, since he is too authoritarian and corrupt, and has handled the hostage issue badly, it is almost certain that he will be replaced with a more moderate prime minister.

In the meantime he has already asked Italy and NATO for help for military support and to lay the foundations for future commercial agreements on the sale of hydrocarbons off the coast of Gaza. Europe, so hungry for energy after the break with Russia, has no doubts which side it is on.

[9] The Likud strategy

What is the underlying strategy of Netanyahu's party, the Likud? Originally the fixed idea was to build a Greater Israel, which would not only include the territories from the Jordan to the Mediterranean, but also all of present-day Jordan. That is, practically all the territory belonging to British Mandatory Palestine, which the Zionists thought belonged to them according to the famous "Balfour Declaration" of 1917.

It should be noted, *en passant*, that the Zionists gave a curious interpretation of this Declaration, as they often do when they have to protect their interests. For them, the expression "national home" meant plundering everything that could be confiscated from the Palestinians. Furthermore, the aforementioned Declaration bound the territorial concession to the prohibition of "prejudicing the civil and religious rights of the non-Jewish communities of Palestine, and the rights and political status of Jews in other nation". The Zionists disregarded this clause from the first moment, thus leaving it to be understood, given that no one in the West protested, that the English, ultimately, agreed with them.

And in any case, as the years passed, the Likud was content with a policy of annexation that renounced Jordan. Sharon had already said that Jordan could become the only true Palestinian state, because after all it had never belonged to the Jews.

Conversely, the territories west of the Jordan (West Bank and East Jerusalem) had to be evacuated of all Palestini-

ans, or in any case they had to be reduced to second-class citizens, also to prevent their demographic growth from putting Jewish families in difficulty. The West Bank, as well as the regions of Judea and Samaria, were to be considered as an integral part of Israel, as they belonged to the Jewish kingdom since Biblical times (despite the last 1900 years of history). Hence the idea of encouraging strong colonization (note that today in the West Bank there are “roads” only for Jews).

What is the difference between Sharon and Netanyahu? Sharon considered the settlers an instrument of pressure to obtain advantageous agreements: e.g. after defeating Egypt in 1973, he did not hesitate to manage the eviction of the entire Sinai in the early 1980s (when he was defence minister), just as he ordered the eviction of Gaza in 2005. This is because in both cases he obtained the full recognition of Israel’s existence (which Hamas has never granted).

Netanyahu is not so naive as to consider the settlers as pawns who, depending on strategic objectives, can move from one place to another in Palestine. They are not even troops that can be ordered to manoeuvre, but are entire populations.

In this sense, it is difficult to imagine that, should the Palestinians be recognized as having their own state, Netanyahu (or anyone after him) will decide to evacuate the West Bank of its 700,000 settlers. To force Israel to make such a decision requires a significant interposition of force.

The wild card of anti-Semitism

What does IHRA mean? International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. What purpose does it serve? It is the only intergovernmental organization charged with focusing exclusively on issues related to the Jewish Holocaust.

In particular, it formulated a definition of anti-Semitism that is not legally binding but sufficient to identify certain anti-Semitic behaviours. They did it because according to the members of this organization, anti-Semitism is on the rise in the world.

The definition was formulated on May 26, 2016 in a plenary session in Bucharest. It is this: “Anti-Semitism is a cer-

tain perception of Jews, which can be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, Jewish community institutions, and religious structures”.

In theory, the aforementioned demonstrations could include targeting the State of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism directed at Israel (similar to that directed at any other country) cannot be considered anti-Semitic.

Anti-Semitism often accuses Jews of conspiring to harm humanity, and is often used to blame Jews “for things going wrong”, that is, for controlling the media, the economy, the government, or other social or institutional aspects.

They then give various contemporary examples, some of which are striking for their relevance:

1. “Denying the Jewish people the right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist enterprise.”

2. “Make comparisons between contemporary Israeli politics and Nazi politics.”

3. “Hold Jews collectively responsible for the actions of the State of Israel.”

4. “Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews around the world, than to the interests of their own nations.”

Note the inconsistencies due to the fact that no difference is made between Judaism and Zionism:

1. It is the Palestinian people who are denied self-determination precisely because the State of Israel is fundamentally racist;

2. The comparisons between Zionism and Nazism are based on the apartheid regime that was created against the Palestinians and on the violence that is used against those who do not accept it;

3. It is the Zionists who make their political ideology something that must belong to all the Jews of the world;

4. It is above all the Jews who must demonstrate that their religion has nothing to do with Israel’s racist and colonialist policy.

It should be noted that at this moment in many universities of the collective West the definition of anti-Semitism, formulated by the IHRA, is being used as a weapon to silence any criticism of Israel's human rights violations and war crimes.

But above all it is something that is misrepresented: the true "Semites" are not the Jews but the Arabs, because they have never abandoned the Middle East. And that is an ethnogeographical meaning that has nothing to do with religion: the Arabs have embraced polytheistic and monotheistic religions.

So the only thing that deserves to be explored in depth in the aforementioned definition is the passage in which it says that one can be anti-Semitic towards "Jewish or non-Jewish individuals". Of course, for a Zionist it can mean that one can be Jewish by birth or because one has become one. But we know well what the demographic reasons are that lead him to be so generous.

[10] The large autistic countries

The United States is suffering from autism or political narcissism. Just like Israel. They realized the dream of global domination starting from an idea of (self-attributed) exceptionality, that of the so-called "manifest destiny". On a small scale, that is, in the Middle East, Israel claims to do the same thing.

On the other hand, they won the Second World War and the Cold War. Could they not think that their global success was not proof of their ownership of achieving it? And hasn't Israel conquered the Arab countries since 1948?

Based on a Calvinist ethic, Americans have developed a true supremacist ideology, whose cultural foundation is the belief that they embody the ideal of justice. And Calvinism, as we know, sides with Zionism.

Suprematism, however, means racism, Manichaeism and, ultimately, fascism and colonialism. All values that are also found among the Zionists, their close allies. So much so that originally the Zionists aimed for an alliance with the Nazi Germans, then with the English imperialists, and finally with the American hegemon.

What is certain is that if a country considers itself “good and just” by definition, it becomes inevitable to expect the world to live by reflection, like the moon with the sun. In this sense they claim to resemble, *mutatis mutandis*, the ancient Roman Empire, for which all other peoples were barbarians until, for convenience, they were recognized as Roman citizens.

The USA is a young country, without roots (those of the natives have completely uprooted them), and which, for this reason, does not they are interested in historical memory. When they talk about the past they always distort it, because they see it as their function, as an anticipation of themselves. And in this sense the Zionists of Israel imitate them, since they interpret Jewish history for their own use, and want to eradicate all Arab roots in Palestine.

This self-referentiality, which only understands the logic of domination as global as possible, prevented the statesmen in Washington from predicting that the two Asian giants, China and Russia, would form allies on a geopolitical, commercial and even military level. Not only that, but a large part of the world not aligned with NATO and the G7 is asking to join the BRICS and to be able to trade in their own national currency, other than the dollar. Something like this is destabilizing not only the USA but the entire West.

That is, in practice, those who are not part of the West were not at all impressed by the sabotage of Nordstream, by the use of sanctions, by the threat of a nuclear world war... Practically only countries that are totally devoid of intelligence believe the American narrative (primarily the European ones).

Russia is not a “pariah state”, of a “regional” type, which cannot assert rights relating to its own security. In Ukraine the entire NATO lost the proxy war, and now the question is when the collective West will be forced to admit the same thing in the proxy war it is waging in Gaza.

Over the heads of the Palestinians...

Part one

On nogeoeengineering.com, economist Michel Chossudovsky says Israel is destined to become a major exporter of gas and oil, “if everything goes according to plan”.

In what sense? Simple: the Ben Gurion Canal will replace the Suez Canal. Israel needs to destroy Gaza to control the world’s most important shipping route. The West knows this and allows it without many problems.

This Ben Gurion Canal would begin in Eilat (in the southern Negev desert, located on the shores of the Red Sea) and would end right in Gaza.

The Suez Canal is a geostrategic resource that is currently irreplaceable, as it is located at the intersection of three continents: it reduces shipping times and costs to the point that today 12% of the world trade and 30% of global container traffic passes through this channel.

Egyptian President al-Sisi was told that if he accepted Israel’s plan to take the Palestinians from Gaza and put them in the Sinai desert (which Israel would pay for), then the United States would cancel Egypt’s national debt.

Not only that, but since Egypt risks losing a lot of water due to the dam built by Ethiopia, the USA and Israel have promised al-Sisi that if he welcomes the Palestinian refugees, they will ensure that the large Jewish population in Ethiopia pushes the government not to completely fill the reservoir.

There are no other real explanations for this genocide. The others are just specious. The problem, however, is that the Palestinians know that if they leave Gaza, they will no longer be able to return, just as the refugees of 1948 and those of 1967 were unable to do so.

Second part

The Red Sea, which would flow into the Ben Gurion Canal, already has a huge presence of American and Israeli troops. Indeed, the largest Israeli military base is located on the island of Dahlak, in Eritrea, the object of several recent missile attacks by Yemeni Houthi militants, who side with Gaza.

For decades the USA has been trying to completely control the Gulf of Aden and the Strait of Bab el-Mandab,

crossed by tens of thousands of ships, especially oil ships. They positioned their troops right across from Yemen, inside Djibouti in the Horn of Africa. They also used Saudi Arabia to attack Yemen, which is located near Eritrea.

Unfortunately, the United Arab Emirates, after having normalized relations with Israel through the Abraham Accords, allowed the Zionists to establish a military and espionage presence also on the Yemeni island of Socotra, located between the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

The importance of the Bab al-Mandab Strait is that both Iran and China must use this sea route for Iran to export fuel and for China to become the main trading partner of most countries.

Now let's move on to the Strait of Hormuz, which separates the Arabian Peninsula from the coasts of Iran and connects the Gulf with the Indian Ocean.

Here the United States and Israel constantly try to sink Iranian fuel ships or seize their cargo for resale, and Iran responds by targeting Israeli-owned ships.

The US and Israel want to control this strait, so they can attack Iranian and Chinese ships in the Bab al-Mandab Strait, up to the Red Sea and, of course, replacing the Suez Canal with the future Ben Gurion Canal. If the project succeeds, the US and Israel will dominate global maritime trade.

In all this it is really strange that Egypt does not immediately close the Suez Canal. Even stranger is that Saudi Arabia is not threatening to cut oil production to try to stop the war.

Third part

On the surface, the Arab world appears to be much more powerful than Europe, where countries have nothing in common other than geography. In the Arab world, however, from Morocco to Oman, there is a common language, a common geography, a common religion, a common history and a common culture.

This automatically makes the Arabs a global superpower, not to mention their enormous wealth of energy resources, enormous geographic surface area and vast population.

All vital straits and shipping lanes are located in Arab countries: from the Strait of Gibraltar (originally Jabal Ṭāriq) to the Suez Canal, from the Strait of Bab al-Mandab to the Strait of Hormuz between Iran and Oman.

The European colonial powers placed a racist and colonialist country like Israel in the middle of the Middle East precisely with the aim of creating chaos and keeping the power, especially energy, of the Arab countries under control. Then they worked for the Arab kingdoms to normalize ties with Israel (see for example, the Abraham Accords).

All these borders in the Middle East were drawn by the victors of the First World War: France and the United Kingdom, which dismembered the Ottoman Empire.

Europe's foreign policy towards the Middle East is a strategy of divide and conquer. It's about colonialism and theft. It is about dividing the Arab world, creating instability and controlling resources and straits.

To achieve this they have always played the card of sectarianism: Sunnis against Shiites in Iraq and Lebanon, Arabs against Persians in Iran, Jews against Muslims in Palestine, and so on. The West is afraid of unity between Arabs and Muslims. This is why the extermination of the Palestinians is part of their imperialist project.

[11] Lying makes you earn better money

Founded by a serial rapist, the Israeli ultra-Orthodox relief group Zaka is responsible for some of the most obscene falsifications of atrocities surrounding Hamas' October 7 attack, from decapitated children to mass rape to a fetus torn from its mother.

Biden and Blinken have used these falsehoods to prevent any negotiation or humanitarian truce or ceasefire. And the Western world believed these two hypocrites without verifying their sources.

Also accused of financial fraud, Zaka is exploiting these lies and the notoriety of October 7 to raise unprecedented sums of money. Trusting such an organization, devoid of any scientific rigour, is crazy.

Until recently, Israeli media coverage of the organization has largely focused on the gruesome sex crimes committed by its founder, ultra-Orthodox bigwig Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, known among Jerusalem's Orthodox community as "the Jeffrey Epstein of the Haredi". His well-documented penchant for raping young men of both sexes only ended after his suicide.

Since its volunteers first appeared on Israel's streets on motorbikes in the 1990s, Zaka has waged a publicity war with rival ultra-Orthodox aid groups, such as United Hatzalah, to capture millions of dollars from wealthy Jewish donors abroad.

Competition between these organizations appears to be behind the stream of false atrocity stories coming from both groups of volunteers. The more publicity Western media and leaders generate, the more likely they are to exceed their fundraising goals.

The October 7 shock actually proved to be a bonanza for these notoriously unscrupulous religious organizations, allowing them to turn the Israeli government, the Western media, and the Biden administration into free publicity agencies.

It was thanks to these agencies that continuously churn out false information that a strong sense of insecurity spread in Israel, which quickly transformed into an almost insatiable desire for revenge, such as to justify the massacre of the Palestinian population, judged co-responsible for the events of October 7th.

Even today it is difficult to meet an Israeli who considers the reaction of his army disproportionate. They only complain about the handling of the hostages.

Mice in a maze

The Israeli occupation forces have published a detailed map dividing Gaza into around 600 blocks, as part of their genocidal plans.

The grill is accessible via a QR code on flyers and social media posts. But this is ridiculous, since very few people can connect to a network.

Practically the Zionists pretend to allow people to be able to inform themselves so as not to be hit by indiscriminate aviation bombs.

In theory, Palestinians should be given an alternative block to take refuge in while their neighbourhood is razed. In reality, people never know exactly in which area they will be able to save their skin. They have the impression of being treated like mice in a maze.

In short, Israel's "campaign" in Gaza is like a slaughterhouse operation, methodical and planned, which aims at the complete destruction of any remaining semblance of society, that is, at the annihilation of any hope of reconstruction.

The 2.3 million Palestinians are forced to face only two alternatives: death or exile. Death can be caused by various factors (it's not just bombs): diseases, epidemics, lack of basic necessities, humanitarian aid, etc. As for the exiles, it is not known where they can take refuge: they are surrounded by the sea, by the closely guarded Israeli border and in the far south the border with Egypt, which considers the Rafah crossing a red line.

Already, since you can no longer travel freely from one section of the map to another, supply chains have been completely altered: the UN says that 9 out of 10 people are hungry. After the truce, practically no humanitarian aid arrives, not even medicines. The remaining hospitals are collapsing: not even anaesthesia can be guaranteed.

The world is witnessing a second Nakba in real time, much more deadly and devastating than the one in 1948. This is not a war against terrorism but against an entire unarmed population. It is nothing like the one conducted by the Russians against the neo-Nazis of Kiev.

There are no longer any words to define the complicity of the West and the passivity of the Islamic world. The slowness with which the BRICS countries are moving is also inexplicable. We still expect something from the UN, which, due to

the way it is structured, can do absolutely nothing. This war is revealing all its profound limits.

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“More than 130 of my colleagues have already lost their lives, many with their families. It is the greatest loss of life in the history of our Organization. Some of our collaborators bring their children to work to ensure they will live or die together”.

The person who said these things is the Secretary General of the United Nations António Guterres. Why he doesn't resign in protest is unknown.

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Rabbi Eliezer Castiel, director of the prestigious Bnei David military and religious school in Mateh Binyamin, Israel, said already in 2019: “Conquest is our duty. And if this is our duty, then not even Shabbat can stop us from doing it. Even if not a single shot is fired against us, even if the inhabitants of Gaza, who are not Jews, only give us flowers and cute cards with little hearts, we must, despite Shabbat, start the war for the conquest of the promised land. If the Palestinians simply want to leave this land of Israel to us, that may be fine. If they don't want to do it, we will have to take this land by force. This is our land, sacred land promised by God”.

A rabbi from a military school is curious, curious that the school is simultaneously military and religious. If this isn't a “spirit of crusade”, what is it? Religion, when it takes on political tones, becomes more fanatical and aggressive than politics which uses religion.

[12] Zionism and racism

Why is Zionism a form of racism? To this question we should give theoretical, ethical-political answers that go beyond historical facts. Thus the problem of how to overcome this racist and colonialist ideology becomes even more rele-

vant. It is better to discuss the reliability of certain interpretative theses rather than historical sources, also because they seem only apparently objective (just think of the fact that if we had to rely on the canonical gospels to understand the political figure of Jesus Christ, poor us!).

1- First of all, for Zionists, the crimes against humanity historically committed by the Nazis are not considered as inherent to their aberrant ideology, but as a consequence of eternal anti-Semitism. Which is absurd, and not because the Nazis weren't anti-Semitic, but because, before being so, they were anti-democratic and anti-communist. Religion was a secondary issue. And when they showed their racism, it was also towards Slavs, Africans, Asians... Furthermore, it is historically known that they collaborated with the Zionists to eliminate the Jews themselves.

2- Zionists, who claim to represent all Jews, believe that any criticism of Zionism or Israeli politics is a manifestation of anti-Semitism. This is pure madness. Zionism and Judaism are very different concepts: the former is not the political expression of the latter. Zionism aims at the fascistization of society, at national exclusivity, at racist contempt for other peoples. If Judaism feels it is a religion superior to others, it does not enforce this belief using state coercion. Political-religious fundamentalism ended at the time of the Jewish war against Roman domination.

3- Zionists claim to be affiliated with socialism and, to demonstrate this, cite the example of the kibbutzim. This is ridiculous, both because Zionism divides workers according to their religion; both because it preaches (peaceful) class collaboration between labour and capital; and because it makes the kibbutzim an aggressive outpost with the task of occupying Arab lands, without the obligation to pay any compensation, indeed oppressing the legitimate owners in every way. It is no coincidence that these illegal settlements were condemned by UN resolution no. 446 of 1979. Zionists have always been fiercely anti-communist. It is UN resolution no. 3,377 of 1975 which equates Zionism with racism.

Two opposing strategies?

Generally, Israeli prime ministers, statesmen and soldiers carry out a unilateral strategy towards the Palestinians, based on the fact that Israel must only think about its own security, while the Arabs must limit themselves to taking note of Israel's institutional legitimacy and must resolve the Palestinian problem on their own. That is, in practice, the Arab countries have the task of persuading the Palestinians to adopt very moderate attitudes and have the duty to set up refugee camps for those evacuated from Palestine due to their radicalism, keeping in mind that those who are evacuated by force will never be able to return from where they were expelled.

One of the founders of the State of Israel, Zeev Jabotinsky, avowedly “fascist”, was convinced of the “steel wall” strategy: Israelis must defend themselves without compromise, until moderate Arab leaderships appear to accept their borders, peace and coexistence. Negotiation will therefore be possible only when the Arabs agree to cease hostilities.⁵

Instead, the Labour party tends to have another strategic modality: it is the absence of negotiation that causes war. This method proved to be a loser, that is, it ceased to have significant consensus.

When its most iconic leader, Yitzhak Rabin, was assassinated by an Israeli right-wing extremist in 1995, the Labour party did not win a landslide election victory. Indeed, in 2001 they were overtaken by Sharon's conservative and warmongering party, the Likud.

Israeli society is used to thinking like this: whoever loses a battle, loses the war; if you give the Palestinians a finger, they take your arm.

In any case, after the disappearance of Begin, Perez, Rabin and Sharon from the political scene, it seems that Israel has no longer produced any leader with a long-term strategic vision, capable of dialogue with the Palestinians. Netanyahu just plays a criminal role and that's it. And with him the coalitions

⁵ Jabotinsky himself said, to justify the hostility against the Palestinians: “Have you ever seen a people give up their territory to others of their own free will”. He was right. However, we have never seen a people spontaneously give up a stolen territory to another people. So if a war was necessary in the first case, it will be necessary in the second too.

tion of seven parties that supports him: Likud, United Torah Judaism, Shas, Religious Zionist party, Otzma Yehudit, Noam and National Unity, most of them from the far right, Christian Zionism, religious conservatives, ultra-nationalists and irreducible enemies of the Arabs.

The plague of the Ashkenazim

In the period preceding the British Mandate in Palestine (1920-48), a cultural and political rebirth began in the so-called “Qutr al-Filastin”, or Land of the Philistines, an ancient population destroyed by the Jews who emigrated from Egypt.

The Palestinian province began to open up to non-Muslim settlement after 1840. France, Great Britain, Austria, Russia and Germany established consulates there; religious communities of Catholics, Protestants and Greek Orthodox built churches, schools and hospitals there. Everyone enjoyed equal rights and everyone was allowed to purchase land according to Ottoman law.

Certainly before the British mandate the social and economic situation was constantly improving, so much so that at the end of 1870 the population had reached around 380,000 inhabitants, with an increase in the Jewish population (of Arab or Sephardic origin) to around 27,000. However, this rebirth (favoured by the Egyptians) was not shared by the Ashkenazi Jews, who instead preferred to speak of “a land without a people for a people without a land”.

Undoubtedly, a real state organization with precise boundaries was missing, but this does not mean that the population of this Ottoman province lived in barbaric conditions. Indeed it was in constant demographic growth, and had political-diplomatic relations with many European countries, which organized religious pilgrimages to visit the sacred places of the Christian tradition.

Even today, Netanyahu maintains that Palestine was a desert territory, where they, the “new Jews” had brought civilization and progress, building various cities.

In fact, the Ashkenazi Jews, coming from northern Europe, entered Palestine at the end of the 19th century with a

clearly capitalist mentality, with which Palestine was considered a wasteland to be civilised.

At first the natives, accustomed to multi-ethnic-religious situations, had a positive reaction to the arrival of the European and Jewish settlers. Indeed, they admired them for their tenacity and technological progress. They even sympathized with Jews forced to flee anti-Semitic persecution in Europe.

Problems began to emerge when the Ashkenazi Zionists intended to turn the whole of Palestine into a national homeland for all Jews.

The colonizing project was clear from the first Zionist Congress in Basel in August 1897, which was attended by more than 200 representatives of Jewish communities from all over the world. The fact of guaranteeing the Jewish people a publicly and legally recognized homeland contradicted the centuries-old idea according to which the Jews were destined for the diaspora, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, who would overturn the world order and save the chosen people.

The Zionist idea made its way and in the period 1904-14 the second wave of migration occurred (35-40,000). This time the Ashkenazim were much more aggressive and colonialist than the previous ones, to the point that the Arab population began to protest.

The Ashkenazim were already quite wealthy and could benefit not only from substantial donations provided by some famous and successful Jews (such as Rothschild), and not only from a specific Jewish National Fund, but also from full English support.

The English had in fact discovered that the Middle East was full of oil, but since they were considered traitors by the Arabs, due to the secret colonialist Sykes-Picot pact stipulated with France, they needed a regional power like the Zionist one to intimidate the Arabs and exploit that energy resource.

Furthermore, Palestine and Egypt served to connect English trade to the entire Middle East and especially to India.

No David, no Goliath

In “Haaretz” Seraj Assi wrote that in the 1948 war between Israel and Arab countries it is completely legendary to attribute large armies to the latter. Not only did they not have them, but they were not even coordinated with each other, that is, they had neither a unified command nor a common intervention strategy. In fact, the Arab coalition was more than anything else intent on dividing up the territories of Palestine.

King Abdullah I of Jordan (key man in British policy in the Near East) was there to create a Hashemite Greater Syria (Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq). The Syrians, who feared Jordan more than Israel, were there to prevent Jordan from annexing the West Bank. Egypt was there to block the Jordanian Hashemites, to occupy the Gaza Strip and assert its supremacy over its Arab neighbours.

Palestine was a proxy battlefield for their ambitions and fears. The fate of the Palestinians themselves barely figured in the calculations of the Arab autocrats, who distrusted each other more than Israel. None of the Arab states that went to war wanted to see a potential Palestinian state emerge alongside them.

In particular, already in November 1947, on the eve of the partition Plan, the aforementioned King Abdullah had secretly met with the Zionist leader Golda Meir to sign a non-aggression pact: the king undertook not to oppose the creation of the Jewish State in exchange for annexation of the West Bank.

Three months later, in February 1948, the British gave the green light to Abdullah’s secret plan. They then left Palestine and Israel declared independence. However, the British mandate in Jordan had already ended in 1946.

No wonder Jordan was the only Arab country not to oppose the partition Plan. On the other hand, it had managed to obtain the West Bank and East Jerusalem, while Egypt could take over Gaza. Neither state intended to allow Hajj Amin al-Huseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem, to create a Palestinian state. The other Arab states intervened because they were concerned about the enormous expansion of Jordan’s borders, rather than to “save” Palestine. So much so that friendship with the British was fatal to the fate of the Jordanian king, assassinated by a Palestinian in 1951.

In short, English plots were at the origin of today's situation, even if very few Zionists came from the United Kingdom (certainly the Jewish settlers were not English). On the other hand, in 1948 Egypt, Iraq and Jordan were still under their control. And the British had no intention of eliminating the Zionists. It was naive to expect the Arabs to liberate Palestine when the Arabs themselves had not yet been liberated.

The military inferiority of the Israelis is also a myth. This is because at every stage of the war, their forces exceeded all the Arab forces combined. The final outcome of the war was therefore not a miracle, but a reflection of the military imbalance on the field.

[13] Loose shrapnel

It seems that the US strategy is based on chaos. And Israel reproduces it. They seem to be two anomalous natural entities, devoid of pacifying needs, accustomed to unbridled individualism, where only having money or power matters. They're loose splinters.

War seems to be understood not only as an instrument which, through the achievement of certain military objectives, aims to obtain a political or economic result, but also as an instrument in itself, for its own reason for living, as if the need to create disorder and instability were an outlet for one's internal problems, considered unsolvable.

In fact, it is not possible to believe that the Zionists are truly convinced that they can expel 2.3 million people from Gaza, or that, once this monstrous project has been implemented, the Palestinian question or Islamic terrorism, which today is attributed to Hamas, will truly be resolved and tomorrow who knows to whom.

It seems that US or Israeli policy is not autonomous, but dependent on the destabilizing, warmongering needs of economic, financial, military apparatuses...

The outcomes of the conflicts in Ukraine or Gaza appear secondary from a military point of view. It is impossible that the USA and Israel do not want to start a new war in a few years or months. They have always done it since they were

born. Their prime ministers or presidents, right or left, democrats or republicans, progressives or conservatives have always needed to alarm world public opinion with some reckless, absolutely arbitrary action.

Wars must last as long as they need to last, and not so much because the longer the duration the greater the attrition of the enemy will be, but only because war chaos is what is wanted. In this chaos, land, regions and resources are conquered in order to make a living. But then you are never satisfied, and you turn elsewhere to start over again.

The Vietnam War, like the one in Afghanistan, lasted 20 years. And they both ended with a hasty escape, when Washington felt that the game was no longer worth the risk.

This is to say that even if a world war broke out, it is not a given that, once the cities have been rebuilt on their own rubble, we will not start again from scratch. Here we are in the presence of cancers of humanity, which are sickening the entire planet, infinitely worse than any environmental devastation.

Oppressing those who are different is normal

Perhaps it is useless to be surprised to see that, if we ignore the trap of the Oslo Agreements, the Palestinian people have always been excluded from every negotiation regarding their future, starting from the partition of Palestine decided by the UN in 1947, up to the Abraham's Accords.

The reason for this opinionated attitude on the part of Westerners is very simple: the modern world (the one that counts) is not based on the concept of "people" but on that of "nation".

Palestine, apart from Arafat's charismatic personality, has never had a leader who brought it to the attention of the world as an "ethnic entity", worthy of existing even without having a precise state configuration. The same could be said of Kurdistan.

On the other hand, how could it be otherwise? If in an ethnic group the population attributes full powers to a specific leader, it is normal for the same population to develop the be-

lief that the democracy inherent in their experience is about to be replaced by some form of monarchy or dictatorship.

An ethnic group or tribe can recognize a “chief” only on a provisional basis, especially in the event of war against a hostile population.

Once the war is over, we go back to living as before, in a situation that we Westerners would define as not so much “democratic” but “anarchic” or in any case informal, unstructured.

For us without a clear and distinct, definitive political representation, that is, without a parliament, a state, a flag, insurmountable borders, a standing army, various law enforcement agencies, an administrative and fiscal bureaucracy, a Constitution or some fundamental law, a separation of powers or something like that, there is no people.

At the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans, but also at the time of modern European colonialism, all populations different from us were considered “barbarians”. They had no “right”, and therefore could be legitimately subjected. Indeed, we felt we had a “duty” to subdue them, in order to spread our “salvation” ideology (whether secular or religious) throughout the entire planet.

We could take over their lands because we considered ourselves a superior civilization. Which was easy for us to demonstrate not only by using military force, but also by making use of more advanced technology and, above all, by leveraging a statehood based on law, a right that allowed “others” to become like us if they fully accepted the our system of life, in turn based on social antagonism, on the competition of individuals or forces in the field, of whatever nature they were.

In the war in Ukraine we saw the same thing: the nationalist and neo-Nazi government of Kiev has never recognized the self-determination of its minorities, be they ethnic-linguistic or simply local-regional.

This is to say that Israel’s behaviour reflects what Westerners have always followed since the days of slavery. The only moment in which Western Europe seemed non-aggressive on its own was the early Middle Ages, characterized by the invasion of populations from Asia, who did not practice slavery

as a way of life. But these populations, coming into contact with the deeply individualistic Western culture and mentality, lost their different social structure over time. The first to take on a “Western” connotation was the Frankish tribe of Charlemagne, who, with the support of the papacy, invented feudal serfdom and, in foreign policy, began to forcibly Christianize the pagan populations of Eastern Europe.

Then, starting from the year 1000, that is, starting from the rebirth of trade and the development of bourgeois municipalities, the idea of a “crusade” forcefully imposed itself, a form of colonialism *ante-litteram*.

All this is to say that Zionists need to invent enemies external to their nation to justify their right to exist. And the more the enemy is portrayed as barbaric, the more they feel compelled to exterminate him.

In this sense they are destined not to see the origin of their internal problems and to consider any state other than their own as an enemy to be subjugated.

Once the Palestinians have been reduced to second-class citizens, totally devoid of their own state, it will be normal for the Zionists to tell Egypt that Sinai belongs to them for historical reasons.

[14] Zionism and Nazism

Part one

Is it perhaps strange that the victory over Nazi Germany is not officially celebrated in Israel? No, because the governments of Israel are inspired by a visceral national-chauvinism, completely anti-communist and with unequivocal racist and colonialist characteristics.

It is no coincidence that the Zionist leaders saw in Nazism a factor that could favour the settlement in Palestine of “chosen” settlers, capable of effectively opposing (even in a military manner) the Arabs residing there, creating a State of Israel reserved only for Jews.

To demonstrate that they were reliable “Germans”, with their Zionist Union of Germany they began to assiduously

monitor the country's half million Jews. In fact, towards the mid-1930s all non-Zionist Jewish organizations present in Germany had been liquidated.

At their inception, the Nazis trusted the Zionists. The aforementioned Union was renamed the Imperial Union of Jews in Germany. The only Jewish newspaper that remained open, from 1902 until 1938, was theirs: "Jüdische Rundschau".

These Zionists had set themselves as a priority the export of capital for the benefit of Zionist companies in Palestine, which deposited the money in two German banks. Furthermore, many German goods were sold to Palestine and the Middle East. In short, a mutual advantage that allowed the Zionists to lay the economic foundations of the future Israel.

Not only that, but the Zionists exploited the racist policy of the Nazis to transfer to Palestine those pro-Zionist Jews who would have been used to fight the Palestinians. The Gestapo had no problem sharing these goals, at least until the "final solution" was devised.

Part two

That Zionist leaders collaborated with the Nazis is eloquently demonstrated by what they did in Lviv, Galicia, in today's Ukraine. They were the ones who ran the Judenrat (Jewish Council), a genocidal instrument created by the Nazis. With it the Zionists managed the city's ghetto and saved only their followers, who were usually much wealthier or more influential than ordinary Jews.

Before the Nazi invasion of Russia, there were approximately 160,000 Jews in Lviv (some sources put the figure at over 220,000). After the end of the war the great majority had been eliminated.

Presidents of the Judenrat were Josef Parnas (July-October 1941), later assassinated by the Germans, Adolf (Abraham) Rothfeld, who died of cardiac arrest in 1942, and Heinrich (Józef) Landesberg, later hanged by the Germans: they were all Zionists.

The German Nazis, Adolf Eichmann and Herbert Hagen, were also always in close relations with Feivel Polkes,

delegate of the Haganah, a subversive and spy organization of the Zionists in favour of the Gestapo. The Haganah betrayed the interests of all anti-Nazi Jews present in any country in the world.

When on 4 February 1937 the young Jew David Frankfurter assassinated the leader of the Nazi movement in Switzerland, Wilhelm Gustloff, it was Feivel Polkes who helped Eichmann discover the organization behind Frankfurter. He also offered to find oil sources for Germany in the Middle East.

It should be noted that the World Zionist Organization, through the Jewish Agency headed by Dov Yosef (1899-1980), obstinately denied all the documents drawn up by the Soviets which denounced the terrible anti-Jewish pogroms that the Nazis carried out in the countries they occupied. The first document was dated 6 January 1942.

Zionists feared that if the Jewish genocide became public knowledge, it would then be impossible to justify the need to create a “national home” in Palestine.

Part three

In the archive of the city of Chernivtsi (Czernowitz), in the historical region of Northern Bukovina, in western Ukraine, there are documents denouncing the criminal activity of Manfred (Meir) Reifer, former member of the Jewish Agency and leader of the Zionist organization of Bukovina.

Well this Zionist of Romanian origin was a trusted man of the head of the Gestapo, Otto Ohlendorf, who organized (together with the governor of Bukovina, Corneliu Calotescu), the elimination of approximately 85% of the 60,000 Jews who resided in the aforementioned city before the war.

In the aforementioned archive there is a September 1933 issue of the Jewish newspaper “Czernowitzer Allgemeine Zeitung” in which the Nazi affiliation of Reifer is attested, who also boasted, in a letter sent on 9 August 1942 to Calotescu, a personal relationship with Goebbels.

Reifer managed to save himself from deportation to Transnistria demanded by the fascist military dictator Ion Antonescu and carried out by Calotescu himself, only because he

was among the few thousand Jews exempted from this genocide. He arrived in Tel Aviv in 1945 and died there in 1952. Even today Zionists consider him persecuted by anti-Semitism.

Who knows how many other documents similar to these can be found in the archives that the Americans brought with them to their country after entering Europe.

Part four

During the Second World War, some Zionist paramilitary organizations operated in Palestine, often with terrorist purposes. One of them, Haganah, had close relations with the Nazi Eichmann and other members of the SS since 1937.

Another military organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, had among its leaders Avraham Stern (killed by the British in Tel Aviv in 1942), Menachem Begin (Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1978), Yitzhak Shamir (or Yezernitsky, Foreign Minister in the government of Begin), interested in close ties with the Nazis in the mid-1940s.

Among the aforementioned leaders, one, Stern, broke away from the Irgun and created the infamous Stern Gang (Lo-hamei Herut Israel), which asked the Italian fascists to enter Palestine in an anti-Arab function. The Stern group was always convinced that the British would sacrifice Zionism for their colonial interests, by virtue of which they tried, as far as possible, to maintain good relations with the Arabs.

However, since the fascists were not very convinced of exploiting this opportunity, as they saw Zionism as an instrument in the hands of English imperialism, Stern turned to the Nazis, who in the end of autumn of 1940 they created a Middle East Military Organization with headquarters in Ankara and branches in Beirut and Damascus.

The Nazis who collaborated with the Irgun and the Stern Gang were Rudolf Rosen, an Abwehr officer, and Otto von Hentig, head of the Middle Eastern section of the Foreign Ministry.

The Irgun (led by Jabotinsky) had no doubts about the Nazis' benevolence towards the Zionists. Indeed, he formally declared war on the British in January 1944, organizing terror-

ist activities against them in Palestine, and this while European Jews were still being exterminated by the Nazis.

In short, we were convinced that the Nazis would never have hindered the creation of the State of Israel, if this had served to definitively resolve the Jewish question in Europe.

The Zionists wanted to create a nationalist and totalitarian state that would benefit from German protection not only against the English colonialists in the Middle East, but also against the Arab world, which would certainly have opposed the building of a real Jewish state in Palestine. That's why they were willing, if war broke out, to take the side of the Germans.

Avraham Stern (Begin's successor and Shamir's predecessor as leader of the Freedom Fighters of Israel - LEHI) proposed that Hitler occupy the entire Middle East with the support of the Zionists.

However, in 1941 the Hitlerites no longer needed the support of the Zionists, who also risked ending up in the gas chambers. Hence in the end the intention to side with the Anglo-Americans.

Except that Begin, in the two-year period 1943-44, at the head of the Irgun, and Shamir, at the head of the LEHI, continued to play into the hands of the Nazis at least until it was clear that Germany had definitively lost the war in the USSR. So much so that the Nazis rejoiced when on 6 November 1944 Shamir had Lord Moyne, the British minister resident in the Middle East, killed in Cairo, starting the war against the British.

Not only that, but when the British arrested 2,675 Zionist leaders, the reaction was very harsh: Begin blew up the King David hotel in Jerusalem in July 1946, killing 91 people (including 28 English) and wounding the same number: that hotel housed the headquarters administrative and military general of the British mandatory authorities, who after that event decided to leave Palestine. On the other hand, they could not massacre a population that had already been massacred in Europe by the Nazis.

Part five

Organic relationships of friendship and close collaboration between Zionists and Italian fascists date back to two months after the march on Rome.

Mussolini met with the greatest exponent of the Zionist movement, Chaim Weizmann, future first president of Israel. It was he who said at the 20th Zionist Congress in 1937: “You cannot bring six million Jews to Palestine. Two million young people will be enough”. He said it because he needed die-hard people willing to fight against the Arabs.

In 1927 the chief rabbi of Rome himself, Angelo Sacerdoti, said that the fundamental principles of fascist ideology were similar to Zionist ones, as they were clearly anti-Marxist and anti-communist.

In the 1930s the understanding between the leader of the most extreme wing of Zionism, Vladimir Jabotinsky, and Mussolini was total. Thanks to Jabotinsky (who died in New York in 1940⁶), from 1934 to 1937 the young Zionist followers of the Duce, after having trained in the naval school of Civitavecchia, created the navy of the State of Israel.

The relations between the two political ideologies ceased only after the racial laws of 1938. However, the neo-fascist Giorgio Almirante was always a supporter of Israel’s aggressive and racist policy.

Even at the time of the Red Brigades, some Mossad agents supported terrorists to induce the Italian government to change its Middle Eastern policy in favour of the Palestinians.

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[15] Nature of political Zionism

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1896 marks the birth of political Zionism, which put forward the idea of a Jewish state in Palestine. It was very different from the anarcho-socialist Zionism of the time of Marx's friend Moisés Hess.

The Zionist leaders of the time, all European and Ashkenazi, mindful of the centuries of anti-Semitism, of the ghettos and pogroms suffered in Europe (the Dreyfus Affair dates back to 1894), were convinced that the Jews were destined to be persecuted always and everywhere, for which they longed to have their own, absolutely independent political state.

Furthermore, since they lived in the midst of the colonial era and saw the European powers carving up the Middle East at the table, they thought that carving out a piece of it in this geographical area was more than plausible.

They were characterized by needs that, ultimately, are at the origin of today's Palestinian catastrophe. Why? Simply because the idea that a population needs a state to avoid being persecuted would make sense if that population were homogeneous from a territorial point of view. For example, the Russian-speaking people of Donbas needed Russia's armed intervention, since they could not obtain any real administrative autonomy from the coup and nationalist government of Kiev, and what they had was not sufficient to avoid being continuously bombed.

Now let's take the Zionists. When they claimed to have their own state they were not a homogeneous people on a territorial level. At most they were communities scattered across various European countries, each of which was certainly not in a position to claim a political state.

When they formed themselves into an international organization, they were only a collection of scattered communities, not ethnic minorities referable to a specific geographical area, within which they could have claimed political or administrative autonomy. Furthermore, those who wanted to have their own political state lived in the cities, not in the countryside.

In short, they were asking for something which, in order to be achieved, would have needed the support of an authoritarian, imperialist state, which would have had to help them especially in the initial phase, the constitutive one, which would inevitably have involved a clash with the local population of Palestine (but even if they had gone to Madagascar it would have been the same thing).

As chance would have it, the Zionist project of a Jewish state in Palestine, presented by Zionist leaders to Western governments as a “bulwark of civilization against barbarism”, corresponded to the imperialistic aims of the European powers of the time in the Middle East, an area very favourable to trade with the Far East. These states would have benefited from having a Western-style point of support against the Ottoman Empire and the rival Islamic civilization, which in the past had prevented Latin civilization from establishing a stable foothold with the Catholic-bourgeois crusades. Furthermore everyone in Europe thought that in this way the age-old Jewish question would have been definitively resolved.

In this sense, it was completely irrelevant for the Zionists to use the German Nazis or the English imperialists. The important thing was the determination to help them realize their colonialist project.

Since then, the Zionist project has involved, without interruption, abominable decisions from above for the Palestinian population: killings, expulsions, apartheid, incarcerations, requisitions or destruction of real estate. Those who submit without question can at most benefit from a very low category of citizenship.

Demanding two states for two peoples when a people no longer exists is an insult to intelligence. Only 17% of historic Palestine remains. Before October 7, and by 2023 alone, as many as 320 Palestinians had already been killed!

Undetectable friendly fire

On Maurizio Blondet’s website it is written that the Israeli army has admitted that on 7 October an “immense and complex quantity” of what it calls “friendly fire” incidents took

place, but that the army “believes that... it would not be morally correct to investigate”.

Since that day, evidence has steadily mounted that many – if not most – of the Israelis killed that day were killed by Israel itself. This evidence was reported by independent media outlets, including “The Electronic Intifada”, “The Grayzone”, “The Cradle” and “Mondoweiss”. In one of the most recent revelations, an Israeli air force colonel admitted in a Jewish podcast that they had blown up Israeli houses in the settlements, but insisted that they never did so “without permission”.

Colonel Nof Erez also said that October 7 was a “mass Hannibal” event, in reference to a controversial Israeli military doctrine, according to which Israeli forces are allowed to take all necessary means to prevent Israelis from being captured alive, even at the cost of killing the prisoners.

The UN is useless on genocide

Ali Abunimah writes in electronicintifada.net: Alice Wairimu Nderitu, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, is violating her mandate by remaining silent on Gaza, especially the indiscriminate bombing it suffers.

On October 15, she issued a statement in which she strongly condemned – no less than three times – Hamas for attacking Israel on October 7, accepting all of Israel’s unverified claims as fact.

Not only that, but she also shared the absurd Israeli propaganda according to which it is anti-Semitism that motivates the Palestinian resistance and not a brutal, decades-long occupation.

Her colleague, George Okoth-Obbo, is like her. Dozens of United Nations staff members and more than a dozen Palestinian human rights organizations have repeatedly highlighted this anomaly, but no one has reacted. This is evidence that the UN is now running out of time.

Already on October 15, 800 scholars and practitioners of international law and genocide studies, including prominent Holocaust scholars, had signed a statement “to sound the alarm

on the possibility of Israeli forces perpetrating the crime of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza Strip”. But dozens of independent human rights experts at the United Nations have also made similar calls.

So silence at the UN is not chilling, but action is certainly impotent. Craig Mokhiber, Nderitu’s colleague at the United Nations, resigned in October as director of the United Nations human rights office in New York. Precisely because he realized that the UN is useless.

And it doesn’t take much to understand that we are in the presence of a genocide here. Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant called Palestinians “human animals” when he announced that Israel was cutting off water, food, electricity, medicine and fuel (as if even animals don’t need “water and food” to survive).

Isaac Herzog, Israel’s president, has indicated that all 2.3 million people in Gaza – half of them children – are guilty. His delusional sentences were very clear: “There is an entire nation out there that is responsible. This rhetoric about civilians not being aware, not involved is absolutely not true”. That is, essentially the Palestinians in Gaza have only themselves to blame if they failed to rise up and overthrow Hamas.

Netanyahu himself has compared the Palestinian people to Amalek, an enemy of the biblical Israelites. In the Bible, God commands: “Now go and attack Amalek and completely destroy everything they have and do not spare them. Kill both the man and the woman, the child and the infant, the ox and the sheep, the camel and the donkey”. This appears to be the Israeli army’s operations manual.

If a genocide is underway, there is no point in intervening when it is over. Every minute of delay indicates a complicity that should be bitterly regretted. A genocide should be reported when the first signs that it is about to take place appear. The timeliness of the action cannot depend on the sensitivity of those who manage this UN office. The mechanisms by which the early warning should be triggered have already been widely codified. The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide dates back to 1948.

That the Nderitu office does not function or uses double standards is demonstrated by the fact that it issued warnings about the right of Armenian refugees to return, about the increased risk of genocide and atrocity crimes in Tigray, Amhara, Afar, Oromi and about the risk of genocide in Darfur and Sudan. Could you have been afraid, given that you are of Kenyan origin, that the attention of the mainstream media on Gaza would divert attention from the genocides that are taking place in Africa?

To tell the truth, any country that has ratified the aforementioned Convention would have the right and duty to report to the International Court of Justice and other United Nations bodies anyone who is violating it or intends to do so. So far no government has done this.

[16] It is a grave mistake to kill Palestine

Killing Palestine, as Israel is doing, is doing a great disservice to cultural and religious diversity.

In fact, in this peninsula there are the holy places of the three great monotheistic religions. Here tolerance towards pluralism has always been stronger than elsewhere.

If the Zionists were truly “Jews”, and not vulgar racists and colonialists, they would easily realize that eliminating the Palestinians means eliminating themselves. It means undermining the foundations of an exemplary model of peaceful coexistence between ethnic groups, cultures, traditions and religious values, which in many ways are even opposites.

Christianity, in fact, has always considered itself an overcoming or fulfilment of Judaism (after however having contaminated it with spiritualistic elements taken from pagan culture). And Islam took from Judaism what was enough to overcome the decadence of statist, totalitarian Christianity, ultimately establishing itself as the religion of a large part of the planet opposed to Western colonialism.

Palestine was a relatively peaceful land until the Zionists arrived with the support of both the Nazi Germans and the English imperialists, depending on the convenience of the circumstance.

Before the Zionists and the Westerners they only had to face the feudal weight of the Ottoman Empire, that is, the pillory of vassalage and income, which however never implied persecution for ethnic, linguistic or religious reasons.

The Zionists, however, were immediately seen as the long arm of the English who, together with the French, had betrayed the claims of the Arabs against the Turks (see the secret treaty of Sykes-Picot).

Independence, so longed for by Palestinians and Arabs in general, turned into slavery much worse than that suffered under the Turkish pashas. There is no doubt that the extremist forms of Arab nationalism are often the consequence of an unbearable frustration, of an injustice suffered for too long.

Hence, ultimately, the anachronistic reference to Islam, as if it were the best tool for finding an alternative to the West and the State of Israel.

The great naivety of the Palestinians has always been that of believing that their national-political cause would be supported firmly and consistently by neighbouring Arab countries. Even today it is difficult to believe that Hamas did not think the same thing.

However, the slowness and indecision with which the Arab countries move is an indisputable fact. Not to mention the poor coordination between them. Not even the need to face the very serious problem of Palestinian refugees from 1948 to today has managed to convince them to overcome their ethnic, religious or geopolitical differences.

It is clear, in fact, that the Palestinian issue forces the Arabs into a war economy and prevents them from following a linear development in internal and international relations. The military, in these countries, have ended up having a power that in another situation would have seemed excessive to everyone. In this sense, it cannot be ruled out that Arab countries may use the Palestinian issue to prevent the democratic growth of their own populations. Here the Arab and Israeli positions meet in their mutual extremism, they justify each other.

Is Israel a normal country?

It is known that Israel could not fight any war without US supplies for its armed forces. So this war against Gaza also appears to be a proxy war. Basically the missiles, the ammunition, the precision-guided bombs, the airplanes...: everything comes from the United States.

When Biden asks to allow “humanitarian aid” to enter Gaza it means three things: 1) he wants to save face from an obvious genocide, while continuing to veto its end at the UN; 2) he wants the conflict to last as long as possible to do a favour for his country’s military-industrial apparatus; 3) he hopes that the conflict will spread to other nations (especially the Islamic ones in the Middle East) in order to restore a lost hegemony.

Zionists are against humanitarian pauses, as they fear that Hamas could stock up on food, water and fuel. But they must do so to deal not so much with external pressures but with internal ones, who want the release of the hostages with a prisoner exchange and do not want them to be killed by mistake or on the basis of the so-called “Hannibal Directive”.

Yet if you ask Israel to minimize Palestinian civilian casualties, you inevitably endanger Israeli soldiers, who are starting to die or get injured at an unsustainable rate when the war is house-to-house.

At the moment the expansion of the ground offensive in the central and southern part of Gaza, where the bulk of Hamas forces are located, is not proceeding, except by massacring civilians with aviation.

This shows that Israel cannot defeat Hamas so easily. That is, not only it cannot behave in a way that does not respect international conventions, but it cannot even do anything autonomously: neither to start a war, nor to suspend it, nor to end it.

Is such a situation normal? In the management of the hostage problem, Hamlet’s dilemma is repeated. If it bows to Hamas’ demands, it brings them home safely, but it allows Hamas to strengthen itself and increase its credibility, as it allows it to demonstrate its strength and obtain in exchange the release of several Palestinian prisoners. If it does not give in and decides to free them by force, he risks killing many Pales-

tinian civilians, it risks seeing both his own soldiers and the hostages themselves die, and this could lead to a reduction in military aid from the USA and the start of unsustainable economic sanctions by non-Western countries.

Arab countries want to feel free

To address the Palestinian issue we should start from some fundamental assumptions, worthy of being discussed in a possible international conference.

First of all, for the Palestinians definitions such as “Arab unity”, “Arab nation”, “Arab people” etc., are not simple (geo)political concepts, but objectives to affirm their existence in life, in the absence of which they risk to disappear from the Middle East, indeed from history.

It is certainly not possible to recognize a dominant ideology among them, not even of a religious nature. It is in fact limiting to maintain that Palestinians are predominantly Sunni, with a Shiite minority in southern Lebanon, and that members of the Christian community are mainly located in some districts of the West Bank and within the State of Israel.

For those who are Muslims, the reference to traditional Islamic sources is no more fundamental than the reference to biblical texts by Jews (not to mention Zionists, who interpret everything as they please). In fact, the secularization initiated by the Western world (clearly starting from the French Revolution) has also affected the Middle Eastern populations, not to mention the Asian ones belonging to Indo-Buddhism.

Arafat’s PLO (born in 1964 and recognized by the UN after a decade) was undoubtedly a nationalistic movement, but also very secular and democratic, more than any other Islamic organization.

In Palestine, nationalism has always been seen from different angles, perhaps precisely because the Palestinians have never had their own state. For example, al-Fatah inherited the nationalism of the PLO, but within a much more moderate ideology than that of Hamas, an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Palestinians have noticed this and, in order not to risk succumbing to the abuses of the Zionists, they have preferred to adopt more radical attitudes. It is in fact clear to everyone that the assimilation or integration of Arabs within the State of Israel will lead them to become either eternal marginalized people (like the immigrants of African origin in the Parisian suburbs), or unscrupulous opportunists, dedicated to business, as happens to the African-American elite in the USA.

In the Palestinian territories, the secular-socialist line of the Front for the Liberation of Palestine did not prevail, attributing the failure of the national liberation movement to political forces that preferred to rely on external nations rather than on the popular classes. That is, more than counting on welfare aid coming from richer Arab countries or from various international bodies, which often use that financial aid as weapons of blackmail, the Palestinian population should focus on its own economic and cultural development, capable of competing with Israel.

It is not enough to say that the fundamental contradiction lies in the antagonism between colonialist Zionism, on the one hand, and the Arab people on the other. This is evidence that all Palestinians can easily grasp. The real problem is of a strategic nature, and it cannot be said that to date Hamas or al-Fatah have expressed an intelligence truly adequate to the situation. Zionism is putting them both to the brutal test, and not without success.

Who knows if the other Arab countries realize that if the Palestinians lose the game, the entire Arab world will have lost it, not yet having sufficient intellectual resources to oppose the ideological hegemony of the collective West, which for half a millennium dominates more or less unchallenged in the world.

The Arab countries must stop believing that resolute attachment to their Islamic roots is the best solution to overcome that calamity of humanity known as the capitalist mode of production. Also because, if they do not secularize themselves, the Arab countries will never be able to convince the collective

West that their radicalism does not come from their religion but from their painful, heavy and prolonged discrimination.

[17] Sadness and nervous

At the origin of the historic Palestinian question there is also the irresponsible attitude of the former Ottoman Empire. In fact, in July 1917 some fundamental subjects, the Anglo-French and the Arabs, were fighting in Palestine against the Turks.

The Arabs trusted the English more than the French, since the latter had already made it clear that they wanted to establish a protectorate over Lebanon and at least part of Syria.

In a certain sense it can be said that the military defeat of the Ottomans was decided precisely in Palestine, occupied by the Anglo-Arabs in the last months of 1917.

What did the English promise the Arabs? That Palestine would be part of the future Arab state. Nothing could be further from the truth. With the publication of the letter from the English Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Balfour, sent to the Jewish-English banker Rothschild, it was made clear that the English government was in favour of the formation of a national headquarters of the Jewish people (pro-Western) in Palestine. And with the secret agreements between the Englishman Sykes and the Frenchman Picot it was clear that the Arabs would have very little left to manage independently. When these agreements were made public by the Soviets, the Arabs began negotiations with Turkey for a separate anti-Western peace.

Why did the negotiations come to nothing? Because of the Turks, who did not want to recognize anything about the Arab national requests. Only in September 1918, when they saw that the war against the Anglo-French was lost, did they have second thoughts. But now it was too late.

Why remember these things? Because when you hear Erdoğan say that Palestine has always been part of Turkish influence and that Turkey should take it back, chasing the Zionists away, you only feel great sadness mixed with great nervousness.

Bombastic phrases

I really can't stand Erdoğan's bombastic phrases. And not because they are not right or do not reflect a real situation, but precisely because they remain just words.

Do you want him to be wrong when he says that the future of Gaza after the war will have to be decided by the Palestinian people? But how will it be able to do so after Gaza has been totally destroyed in its main infrastructures and a large part of the population has been eliminated, injured or forced to flee or limited to the southern area of the Strip?

Do you want it not to be true that Israel must return the occupied territories? But is there anyone who can force her? When have the Palestinians ever succeeded? We are seeing it in these days: Israel is not only striking Gaza, but also the West Bank, which did not participate in the terrorist action of 7 October. The UN is also completely powerless: the General Assembly counts for nothing on an operational level compared to the Security Council, not even if it unanimously approved a resolution relating to a ceasefire or humanitarian aid. As for Islamic countries, we see it with our own eyes: they do not go beyond simple statements of condemnation; no mobilization, no sanctions; at most some diplomatic rupture.

What is the point of saying: "We will annihilate Israel if it strikes Hamas in Turkey"? Just because Israel's intelligence services have received instructions to eliminate Hamas leaders wherever they are, including Turkey? It is clear that Israel launched a provocation to widen the conflict, and it did so at American urging, since this is another proxy war, we all know it.

But isn't it another hyperbole to say that "they will pay such a price that they will never be able to recover"? Does this mean that Turkey will drop nukes on another nuclear country? Doesn't Erdoğan know that Israel is like a "son" for the United States? And that whatever is done to her, he will have to deal with the Pentagon and the entire military-industrial apparatus of the USA, which spends half of what the entire planet spends on weapons?

And what is the point of saying that “Netanyahu will not be able to avoid punishment for his actions, sooner or later he will be tried and pay the price for the war crimes he committed”? When has a criminal court ever convicted an Israeli or American or European statesman for the enormous war crimes he committed? At most we should go back to those of Tokyo and Nuremberg, when the guilt of the defendants was obvious.

In fact, it is generally the collective West that condemns the statesmen of other countries. If anything, they give the war-mongering Westerners the Nobel Prizes (see Kissinger and Obama).

We can’t joke about these things. We cannot make empty threats or inappropriate jokes. Netanyahu will never show up “waving the white flag”. They didn’t vote for him so that he would take on a pacifist attitude.

It is not at all true that “Gaza is Palestine, it is the land of the Palestinians and will remain so forever”. It has been said since 1948, and today Palestine increasingly belongs to Israel. Precisely because almost nothing has been done since then to prevent it. To the point that talking about “two states for two people” is the most absurd thing you can think of. There are no two peoples at war, but only a Zionist government that wants to eliminate a substantially unarmed civilian population, as it is constantly under control in all its existential aspects. It is a population that the more it reacts with terrorist attacks, the more it suffers devastating retaliations.

Erdoğan simply found himself in hot water when he says that “if it were not for the support for Israel from all Western countries, especially the USA, there would not be such a situation in the region”.

Anyone is able to understand that if this is the case, that is, if any war started by Israel has received the approval of Westerners, it is at least inappropriate to state that “The road to peace in our region passes through the creation of the State of Palestine”.

Even if the Palestinians had their own state, one could truly say that peace is more guaranteed. At the very least we should say: Gaza and the West Bank cannot be kept separate, otherwise there is no point in talking about an independent

state with insurmountable borders, expression of a precise territorial unity. Nor can apartheid regimes exist within each of these separate territories, that is, walls that make them become bantustans.

Furthermore, all Jewish settlers must be evacuated from the West Bank and East Jerusalem: and there are 700,000 of them! Who is able to do it? And how to do it without using force? Will Turkey really be able to assume “every type of responsibility, including the role of guarantor, to ensure peace” on its own? Does Erdoğan really think that any Israeli statesman will ever accept such mediation? At most he could accept India’s, given that there is a certain feeling between the two prime ministers, Modi and Netanyahu.

Finally, Jerusalem must remain an international city, it cannot belong to any state. And these are just minimum conditions. Among the maxims we must ask Israel to completely give up its nuclear power. And it cannot continue to use satellite or spy equipment to monitor the Palestinians. How can there be peace with such an aggressive neighbour? So paranoid? So intolerant on an ethnic, linguistic and religious level?

Erdoğan also said that “Turkey rejects the plan to establish a buffer zone in Gaza after the fighting ends”. And who will be able to stop Israel, which has never respected international conventions? The Zionists (especially the right-wing parties) only understand the balance of power: they must be forced to do certain things, they do nothing spontaneously. On this we can agree with what Erdoğan says: “We must see how the world looks at Israel rather than waiting for good will on Israel’s part”.

However, the only truly intelligent thing he said was a sort of wish: “It is the duty of the entire Islamic world to unite so as not to allow Israel to carry out this expansionist policy. Intervening for the integrity of Palestine is a duty not only towards our Palestinian brothers, but towards our own security. Today it is Gaza, but we all know that they will soon set their sights on other areas”.

In fact, that’s exactly how it is. Israel will not be satisfied only with Palestine, but will also aim to occupy Lebanon, Sinai, other territories of Syria, Jordan and so on. And it is sim-

ply shameful that the Arab or Islamic or Persian world, be it Sunni or Shiite, has not yet found a way to put an end to this colonialist attitude supported by the West. If they need the support of superpowers like e.g. China and Russia, make it clear. Stop being afraid that these states want to replace the United States in the Middle East.

The unipolar world is over. The Arab world has the right to exist like any other macro-region.

[18] Trust in yourself

Who knows if anyone has noticed that the origins of the progressive replacement of American influence with respect to that of the Anglo-French powers in the Middle East are the declarations that President Woodrow Wilson made towards the end of the First World War.

To the Arab world, the two European powers appeared false and liars, intent only on satisfying their colonialist appetites. However, the USA was still unable to help the Arabs against France and the United Kingdom, and decide the fate of humanity. But it was only a matter of time, since Europe had emerged destroyed from the world war, while the USA had grown enormously stronger.

But what did Wilson say that was so convincing?

1) In December 1917 he declared to Congress that the people of the Ottoman Empire must be guaranteed the right to self-determination.

2) In January 1918 he formulated his famous “Fourteen Points”, in which it was foreseen, at no. 12, that Turkish sovereignty could only be exercised over territories inhabited by Turks and that the Arabs should join together in a League of Nations in order to protect their interests.

The English were frightened by these declarations and tried to reassure the Arabs, with the Hogarth Memorandum, that they too knew they were “democratic”.

However, that Memorandum was yet another deception. As was the attitude of the Americans themselves subsequently, although expressed in a more sophisticated, less invasive way, even if therefore even more hypocritical.

In short, these Arabs were truly naive. Maybe only today are they starting to wake up a little. Only today, by turning to the Russian-Chinese idea of a multi-polar world, are they laying the foundations for freeing themselves from the neo-colonial burden of Westerners in the Middle East.

But they must first of all trust in themselves and must stop adopting mimetic-imitative attitudes towards Western culture. We are not “role model” for anyone. In this sense they must as soon as possible free themselves from another great burden that oppresses them at home: political Zionism.

Anarcho-socialist roots of Zionism

We Westerners have created a way of life in which good intentions easily transform into their opposite when put into practice. We almost have to trust cynics more, hoping that one day, for some unexpected reason, they can improve.

This is the best interpretation of Zionism, born in the social form of communist anarchism and raised in the political form of colonialist racism (see the theorist Theodor Herzl and the organizer Chaim Weizmann).

The left-wing Zionists also wanted to return to Palestine, but without building any state, at least not with the help of imperialist forces like the European ones or feudal ones like the Ottoman Empire. In the kibbutzim and moshav, Jews and Palestinians had to coexist peacefully, on the basis of effective equality and common ownership of agricultural means of production. The first kibbutz (Degania Alef) was built on the southern shore of the Sea of Galilee in 1909.

Eventually they would have been the ones to create a shared state, necessarily secular and democratic, by mutual agreement. In fact, confessional states are always a consequence of ideological intolerance, mostly of a religious nature.

Parties like Poale Zion and Hachomer Hatzair, which merged into Mapai (1948) after the birth of Israel, even referred to Marxism (Poale Zion) or Russian populist socialism, not without anarchist influences (Hachomer Hatzair) deriving from the ideas of Kropotkin and Tolstoy. The current Labor

party has its historical roots in Poale Zion, but today it only has the name socialist.

If you examine the works of Moisés Hess (friend of Marx), Dov Ber Borojov, Nahum Sirkin, Berl Katzenelson, David Aron Gordon, Bernard Lazare you will easily realize that they did not want to build a society modelled according to European capitalism. For example, the anarchist Lazare (the first to side with Dreyfus in 1896), after having briefly supported Herzl in his development of political Zionism, distanced himself from him, accusing him of being too “bourgeois”. Then capitalism triumphed throughout the world and Zionism adapted, exactly like Judaism, Islamism and all the other “ism”.

Already in the 1920s the warning signs of the crisis of socialism appeared in the movement, even if the use of the kibbutz as a “mobilizing myte” lasted until the end of the 1970s. This is why today it would be a great thing to see Jews and Palestinians find themselves in a common battle against the true scourge of humanity.

[19] Four deceptions

The Palestinians were deceived by the British in terms of written declarations at least four times during the First World War.

1) The letter that Balfour, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, sent to the Jewish-English banker Rothschild, with which he promised the political Zionists that he could establish a “national home” in Palestine. This letter, made public by the English government on 2 November 1917, was immediately approved by the USA, France and Italy. It constituted a true watershed for the destinies of Palestine. It aroused deep indignation among the Arabs, even though the letter asked the Zionists to respect the rights of the natives. In fact, however, the letter served the English to separate Palestine from any neighbouring Arab state.

2) The secret agreements on Asia Minor between two diplomats, the English Sykes and the French Picot, which divided the Ottoman Empire in the following way: the control of Jordan, Iraq and a small area around Haifa was given to the

United Kingdom (but then he also took Palestine); France takes control of the south-eastern part of Turkey, the northern part of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. The Agreements were made public by the Soviets in November 1917, making it even more evident that the European imperialist powers had no interest in protecting the autonomist demands of the Arabs.

3) The Memorandum of Hogarth (head of the Arab Bureau in Cairo) of 16 June 1918, with which the English wanted to demonstrate to the Arabs that they were no less democratic than the Americans, whose president Wilson stated that the Arabs, on the basis of the principle of self-determination of peoples, had to be respected. Hogarth explained to the leaders of the Arab movement that the British protectorate of Palestine would prevent Jewish immigration from posing a problem for the Palestinians. Indeed, he ensured that all the Arabs scattered across the former Ottoman Empire would be able to establish their own autonomous state. It was a way to sugarcoat the pill.

4) The Declaration to the Seven of 16 June 1918, with which the English government responded to the request for clarification from a group of Syrian nationalists who arrived in Cairo. In it the Arab countries were divided into three categories:

- a) territories liberated by the Arabs themselves (Hejaz, today part of Saudi Arabia);
- b) territories liberated by the English (southern Palestine and Iraq);
- c) territories still in Turkish hands (Syria, Lebanon and northern Iraq, which will end up in French hands).

The English guaranteed: independence to the first territories; the respect of the local populations for the second territories (about which however they had already lied, as they had been freed with the fundamental contribution of the Arabs, as attested by the epic of the famous lieutenant colonel Lawrence); finally the commitment to liberate the last territories in Turkish hands.

The leaders of the Arabs believed the British and together with them ended the war against the Turks. At the end of the war, however, they saw, with great surprise and indignation, that Lebanon and western Syria had passed into the hands

of the French commissioner Picot, the one with the secret agreement with Sykes.

They had naively thought that European countries were so altruistic that they would send their soldiers to die for a pure and simple idea of justice, without expecting everything possible and even much more in return.

Political Zionism and Italian fascism

Italian fascism has always generally been rather wary of political Zionism: both because it feared that it was an instrument in the hands of the English, who had promoted the formation of a “Jewish national home in Palestine” for their imperialistic interests and with any anti-islamic purpose: both because it was convinced that Zionist Jews were not very “patriotic” towards Italy, or in any case much less nationalist than party members (on the other hand the same thing was thought towards Jews in general).

The person who repeatedly tried to dissuade Mussolini from this belief, making him understand that fascism could use Zionism against English imperialism in the Middle East, was the chief rabbi of Rome, Angelo Sacerdoti, of Venetian-Jewish origin.

Sacerdoti had been a rabbi in Reggio Emilia in 1908 and in 1912 he became one in Rome at just 26 years old, still unmarried and having just graduated. The appointment was unexpected, because he bypassed two Zionist rabbis much more titled than him, Alfredo S. Toaff and Dante Lattes, who would become among the most influential Italian rabbis of the 20th century.

What was it that convinced the Italian Jewish elite to want him in Rome as soon as possible? The fact that he had conceived and actually carried out an activity as a military rabbi during the First World War. It was he who invited the Jews to fight for Italy, in order to demonstrate the groundlessness of the anti-Semitic accusation, according to him between national interests and their own, the Jews choose their own.

It was he who convinced Mussolini that Jews could be perfect “fascists”, and that if fascism helped the Zionists estab-

lish a state in Palestine, they would be eternally grateful. Indeed the English had not gone so far as to satisfy this request, fearing the reaction of the Arab countries.

Sacerdoti also told him that in this way the Jewish question in Europe would be definitively resolved. And naturally he asked him to intervene with Hitler in order to mitigate the anti-Semitic measures issued in Germany.

Upon hearing this, Mussolini began to entertain the idea that perhaps, thanks to the Zionists, he could open a path for political-economic infiltration in the Near East, opposing the English.

The Vatican also raised its antennas, as it couldn't wait to be able to control the Christian Holy Places on a religious level. Something it could not do with the English mandate of exclusive protectorate.

However, these projects ended in a bubble, and not so much, obviously, because Sacerdoti died suddenly at the age of 49 in 1935, suffering from angina; as well as because, under pressure from Nazism, Italian fascism adopted clearly anti-Semitic laws in 1938.

[20] We still have many resources

The geopolitical magazine "Limes" already in 2009 (no. 1) said that in Palestine "the farce of the two States ends in the tragedy of the State with two ghettos".

The editorial team, however, added that if Israel had entirely occupied Gaza and the West Bank, the Jews would have found themselves in a strong minority and Zionism would have risked dying (as if Zionism could die for demographic reasons!).

If this awareness has always been real among the political and military leaders of Israel, it explains well why they tried to measure the progressive occupation of the Palestinian territories in relation to the actual extent of the influx of Jews from all over the world, with task of becoming settlers without many scruples.

Many of these settlers are the same ones who today are surprised by the attack by the Hamas party on October 7; who

consider all Palestinians to be terrorists, real or potential; who mourn their dead, without wanting to admit that a good part were eliminated by the so-called “friendly fire” of the Israeli soldiers themselves; who buy all the fake news produced by government media; and who despair over the fate of the hostages captured by Hamas for the prisoner exchange, and do not say a word about the many Palestinians, even minors, imprisoned for years without even undergoing a trial or knowing the charge.

When you hear their testimonies on television, you are amazed by the fact that the settlers believe they have every right to occupy other people’s territories: for them this is a taken for granted fact, which absolutely cannot be questioned, as it derives from an even “divine” will. Not only that, but they show no interest in the genocide of civilians that Israel is carrying out in Gaza. It seems they don’t even know about it. And in any case they really don’t see where the problem lies in completely evacuating the Strip of its 2.3 million inhabitants, destroying all their infrastructure.

In short, one is quite disconcerted to see that they speak as if they lived in their own fairy-tale dimension, in which all the protagonists are separated into good and bad by an insurmountable ideological barrier (which the Zionists, moreover, also wanted to build physically both in Gaza and in the West Bank). And to think that not even in the best fairy tales, not even in the most elaborate myths of the Greek world, such a clear separation is ever obvious.

And all television channels, without exception, it is as if they wanted to transfer this media bubble into our homes: the viewer must, depending on the case, be moved or indignant based on the attitude or declarations of the interviewee, previously selected by the compliant journalist (embedded, as they say).

In this surreal situation, in which the truth of things is surrounded by an aura of mystifications, it is difficult to think, if one is at all astute, that the war against the Palestinians is being waged only by the Zionists and not also, in other forms and ways, by the Westerners who support them.

We have already entered war, without a shadow of a doubt. We did it in Ukraine against Russia and now we are doing it against the Palestinians, seamlessly. For us this continuous fibrillation is becoming absolutely normal.

The incredible massacres that are carried out against civilians, regardless of age, gender or any other contingency or consideration, we prefer not to see, or we visually accept them only enough so as not to upset our emotional sensitivity. Ultimately they appear to us exclusively related to the fact that Hamas does not want to surrender or release the hostages, or even stop using civilians as human shields. The responsibility for these massacres is entirely his, since the Israelis – so we are told – always give “warning” before bombing.

And when it comes to voting at the UN, we do so with good reason: either we are explicitly against the Palestinians, who for us those in Gaza are basically terrorists; or we abstain when a ceasefire and humanitarian truce is called for, because we demand that first of all Hamas be defined as a party of terrorists.

For us there is no real genocide, but a simple side effect, which, however unfortunate it is, is inevitable, as in all wars.

Now, if things stand in these terms, it is difficult not to have the impression that the collective West is not a pure and simple “accomplice” to the genocide, but rather the actual “instigator”. The Zionists appear to be merely executors in our service.

We Westerners wanted to demonstrate to the whole world that, even if we lost the war against the Russians, we still have many resources to spend. We are like a rabid dog that doesn’t want to let go.

The starry sky and moral conscience

Considering that Hamas won the elections in Gaza in January 2006, and that since then the Strip has been periodically bombed by Israel (but there were two military operations already in 2004), each time killing many civilians, in the presence of a species of silent assent on the part of Westerners, one

inevitably comes to think that the Palestinian question is destined to remain unresolved for a long time to come.

The Zionists should at least be convinced that erecting physical walls is of no use if it does not prevent a population of 2.3 million people from arming themselves with rockets and missiles.

In the West Bank it is different: in addition to the wall there are settler settlements who, thanks to military support, are carrying out “ethnic cleansing” in a slow but progressive manner. Probably at the end of this century the West Bank will no longer exist with this name, with its Islamic inhabitants, with its East Jerusalem.

Abu Mazen’s PA does not seem to have understood that with an aggressive state like Israel, submissiveness does not pay, it does not guarantee any autonomy: in the worst case not even survival.

In Gaza, due to Hamas, the civilian population is more rebellious: hence the need to “asphalt” it periodically in order to subdue it. Hamas presents itself as a radical, indeed terrorist, movement, intent on resisting by force of arms.

At this moment it is difficult to say whether Gaza or the West Bank as an Islamic geographical entity will disappear first. Looking at the way the West reacts, one should perhaps think that Gaza will be the one to leave scene first, or in any case to see its residential perimeter significantly reduced.

Considering that in the USA the last year of the presidential mandate is dedicated to the electoral campaign, and that it is best for the government in office not to show that rivers of dollars are being thrown into foreign policy, we can hypothesize that Israel will be content with occupying the northern area of the Strip, filling it with settlers and limiting itself to militarily controlling the southern area.

However, this will mean that at least half of its population will have to emigrate. Al-Sisi, who rules Egypt, will have to put on a good face at a bad situation, that is, he will have to accept the forgiveness of his state’s colossal debts, in exchange for accepting refugees. Naturally he will also receive funds from Israel for the “disturbance” caused.

This seems to be the most likely solution, both because in the Middle East the Gulf countries (excluding Yemen) live only on oil and cannot afford the luxury of widening the conflict; both because the other Islamic countries (Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon...) are not ready to face a war against the USA or NATO; both because the BRICS countries have not yet developed a common military strategy; and because, finally, the UN has demonstrated that it counts for absolutely nothing.

Therefore, Israel will occupy the northern area of Gaza, will exterminate part of the Lebanese population if Hezbollah continues to getting cocky with its missiles, will exploit the gas fields off the coast of the Strip and will be ready to invade the southern area in a few years. And the collective West will say like Kant: “Two things in my life have counted: the starry sky above me and the moral conscience within me”.

[21] Are there limits to suffering?

In past years, the rockets that departed from Gaza (practically from 2001 onwards) to hit colonial settlements or Israeli cities could be put on the same level, with the reaction of Tel Aviv, which could end up occupying, albeit temporarily, the Gaza Strip, massacring civilians?

Don't tell me that the difference between the two actions was solely in the type of range that the rockets had, in the sense that the larger it was, the more it justified harsh retaliation on Israel's part.

If the problem was only at these ballistic levels, one should at least wonder how the so-called “terrorist” did it Gaza to obtain weapons that are increasingly dangerous from time to time (in 2001 the range was only 3 km; today it reaches 75!).

Don't Gazans live inside a concentration camp? Anyone who thinks that the rockets were acquired without the knowledge of the Israeli government is naive. How can the Zionists justify their disproportionate and genocidal reactions if they do not have a reckless action resulting from desperation in front of them?

The real question is actually another, the one to which the West (in particular the USA) has never wanted to give any

convincing answer: Does it make sense to live in a concentration camp? Is it possible to live in an area surrounded by an impassable wall, with all the crossings closed? Can you tolerate being controlled in every aspect of your life and in every moment of your day by a foreign power?

If one asks oneself such questions, one necessarily comes to consider the homemade rockets or remote-guided missiles launching from Gaza as the inevitable outcome of an unbearable exasperation, which has been going on for too long to be easily resolved.

Anyone who thinks that for Zionists there is a difference between throwing stones (as in the Intifada) and throwing missiles, believing that it has become impossible for them today to argue with the so-called “terrorist” of Gaza, is just a hypocrite who pretends not to understand anything of that situation. He above all pretends not to know that a people has the right to be left free and in peace. Of course, a people can decide to accept compromises with a neighbouring people (for example, in the use of water), but they must be able to do so without continually feeling threatened with being deprived of their property or, if they try to oppose it, imprisoned or killed.

Since 1948 (not so much since 1967) the “intolerant” attitudes of the Palestinians cannot be put on the same level as those of the Israelis. If one were to only take into consideration the time that has passed and if one were to put on the scale the number of deaths and injuries that the two populations have had since the Palestinian question was born (not to mention that the Palestinians must also add to the dead, injured and maimed an incalculable number of refugees, destined not to return to their homeland), one should actually be amazed at the incredible patience with which an oppressed people endures the oppression of particularly oppressive governments such as those of Israel.

One should always ask oneself this question: How would I have behaved in that situation? What is the maximum limit of suffering that an individual or an entire population can tolerate?

The label of terrorist is too convenient

It is clear that when a political formation, such as for example, Hamas is considered terrorist by definition, any relationship or mediation or negotiation becomes very difficult, if not impossible. The same happens with Hezbollah and a significant part of the Iraqi resistance.

However, Hamas cannot be considered an underground movement. In 2006 it came to power thanks not to a coup (as the Kiev government did in 2014) but to regular elections. Then certainly the clash with the rival party, al-Fatah, was very harsh, but that didn't mean the West had to use the word "terrorism": less connoted words would have been better.

Hamas' strength comes from its roots in society and Israel cannot eliminate half the Palestinian people. The fact that Abu Mazen in the West Bank did not want to agree to new elections indicates that he is afraid of Hamas's popularity.

If anything, it is Israel that practices state terrorism, massacring civilians; and no less terrorists are the states and international organizations that do nothing to prevent it. You are not a terrorist only when defenceless people are treacherously killed.

Hamas is not a jihadist group, it has nothing to do with al-Qaida or ISIS. It is not interested in destroying Israel if Israel does not want to destroy Palestine.

Can we talk about Palestine when territorial continuity was destroyed by war in 1967, thus making the birth of an independent state impossible? Can you live in a concentration camp? surrounded by high walls and with all border crossings closed or under control? Why did the Oslo Accords fail? Because the Palestinians are not more legitimized in the eyes of the world the more they reduce their national resistance, but the more they increase it. Anyone who doesn't claim rights is finished. Turning the other cheek to a racist and colonialist state means becoming slaves. This is the whole difference between the two main Palestinian parties.

The West continues to link the recognition of the Hamas government to the recognition of Israel's right to exist. But no one asks Israel as a prerequisite for a negotiation to recognize Palestine as an independent state. If the West does not

recognize the legitimacy of Hamas, labelled as terrorist, we cannot see why Hamas should do so towards a state that judges in the same way.

When a country bombs civilians and is terrorist, there is little that can be done. You can make all the justifications you want, but in a normal world the statesmen of such a country should be tried by an International Criminal Court, which should verify any mitigating or aggravating circumstances, side effects or targeted intentions.

Aiming bombs at targets such as schools, hospitals, religious or cultural places, refugee camps, ambulances, or preventing escape routes, humanitarian relief, a ceasefire, or prohibiting basic necessities for mere survival, or eliminating inconvenient people like journalists or UN officials: how does all this look like?

The objectives of Hamas have been known for some time and have nothing terrorist about them: to be able to build an independent state, to put an end to the siege of Gaza and the colonization of the West Bank, to demolish the dividing walls, to free political prisoners.

Unfortunately, from 1948 to today no American president has listened to these needs. This is why if we do not want exasperation to lead Hamas to make reckless gestures like that of 7 October, and if we cannot trust the UN, where the absurdity of the right of veto prevents any resolution (hence the impotence of UNIFIL in southern Lebanon), it is necessary to convene an international conference capable of implementing the resolutions it approves.

I asked ChatGPT

Illuding myself that artificial intelligence is better than human intelligence, I asked ChatGPT: “Do you believe that the Palestinians have the right to their own independent state?”. And here’s the answer:

“The question of the Palestinians’ right to an independent state is a complex and debated issue at an international level. The international community and many states have expressed support for the idea of an independent Palestinian state,

based on negotiations and a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The demands for self-determination and an independent state for the Palestinian people are based on principles of justice, equality and respect for human rights. These calls have received support from several international organizations and resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly.

At the same time there are also different positions and political complexities in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Achieving a lasting solution requires negotiations between interested parties, seeking an agreement that meets the needs and rights of both peoples, ensuring security and stability for all.

It is important to underline that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a complex task and requires wide-ranging effort at the international level, bilateral negotiations and adherence to the principles of justice, human rights and respect for international law.”

Bla-Bla-Bla... ChatGPT makes no historical sense, otherwise you would have been surprised that all the negotiations started since 1949 have led to absolutely no improvement in the living conditions of the Palestinians. You could at least have said that the resolutions of the UN General Assembly have always been blocked by the USA in the Security Council.

[22] We have reached a dead end

Periodic massacres of civilians in Gaza, after Abu Mazen’s PA was driven out by Hamas (June 2007), were carried out by Israel, always obtaining international impunity and unconditional support from the USA, even when the President was Obama, Nobel Peace Prize winner (2009).

The sociologist Alessandro Orsini claims that this ethnic cleansing goes unnoticed in the West because Palestinians are considered “terrorists” precisely because they are “Islamic” (or in any case more easily predisposed to becoming so due to their religion).

In other words, the West is so used to seeing populations of this kind massacred (think of the wars in Iraq,

Afghanistan, Libya, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen...) that we no longer pay attention to it.

In fact, the conception that we Westerners have of Islam is still medieval, that of the time of the Crusades. We represent Muslims as potentially dangerous, subversive subjects, even willing to commit suicide when they carry out their attacks. We are very annoyed by the fact that they are totally devoid of secularism, as their theology has a clearly political connotation. We all remember Oriana Fallaci's Islamophobia.

In other words, the West knows very well that the Palestinians have been suffering from a condition of injustice since 1948, but since they belong to Islam and, since the emergence of Hamas, they show attitudes of irreducible resistance, we prefer to pretend that Israel has more reasons than them.

After all, for us, Israel means "Judaism", even if it is expressed in the form of political Zionism, an ideology which, although no less fanatical and fundamentalist, we believe is less dangerous, as it does not belong to two billion people. We have always considered Judaism a close relative of Christianity: the Vatican has even removed the expression "perfidious Jews".

Islam, on the other hand, is not even a distant relative. Indeed, given its great demographic vastness (which in many respects coincides with our colonized areas), for us it is only a dangerous rival, even if we have become secularized. Therefore in the Middle East the West will always be on the side of the Israelis (maybe if they are Labour it is better).

This low-level narrative that passes through the Western mainstream is fine for those who do not understand that religion is only a superstructure of social and economic antagonisms, that is, of those problems that we Westerners do not want to face, since we have no real solution other than the war.

Yemen and the plot of Faust

Certainly the way in which Yemen is behaving falls within Hamas' wishes, also because it seems impossible to think that whoever organized the October 7 raid did not expect an immediate and militarized reaction from some Middle East-

ern country. Otherwise one might believe that Hamas lives outside of reality.

The Houthis have made it clear and clear, even if the West has preferred to get the wrong end of the stick, that the sea routes through the Red Sea are safe for any ship, except those belonging to Israel or bound for its ports. Malaysia also refuses to welcome Israeli ships.

For us Westerners, however, it is a good opportunity to widen the conflict as much as possible. At this point it is useless for the Muslims to dose their words and reduce their initiatives to a minimum. Anything can serve as a pretext. In fact, we reacted by saying that our objective is to defend international navigation, when in fact it is first and foremost to protect Israel.

In reality, it is the Westerners (primarily the USA, but also the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, the Seychelles and Spain, and even Bahrain) who, by militarizing the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden and Bab al-Mandab, they make international maritime traffic unsafe. On the other hand, the Houthis are not joking: they will not release any captured ship unless under the conditions established by the Palestinian people.

Can a small country like Yemen, which is lucky enough to be in a rather strategic area, decide the fate of the massacre in the Gaza Strip? Is it really capable of responding to any possible American aggression with its missiles and drones? Will it really be able to convince the Saudis not to remain neutral with respect to what is happening to the Palestinians with his courageous determination? It's not that we are in the presence of a new megalomaniac individual, convinced that having successfully faced the long war against Arabia and eight other states (supported by the USA, the United Kingdom and France) authorizes him to think it is unbeatable? Isn't Yemen thinking it can bring the US to its knees financially with its \$2,000 drones in the face of naval missiles costing up to \$2.1 million a shot? Wasn't it better to simply propose to withdraw one's financial assets from the banks of the countries that support Israel?

These questions are not trivial, also because the Houthis know well that among the Arab countries themselves there are

some that it would be better not to trust: in fact the first batch of fresh food arrived in Israel precisely from the United Arab Emirates, thanks to a new land bridge that crossed Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Ten trucks travelled 2,000 km in two days and no one stopped them.

It must be acknowledged that the pro-Iranian Yemeni government is undoubtedly right about one thing: the Israeli occupation represents a threat to the future of any Islamic country in the Middle East. It is naive to think that after one victory, Israel does not want to achieve another in a few years. In the minds of Zionists, “Greater Israel” must go from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, without any geographical obstacles whatsoever. Doing business with such a state, as the Abraham Accords envisaged, is like repeating the plot of Faust.

Poor Stern!

Kiryat Shmona is an Israeli city that borders Lebanon. It was founded in 1950 in place of a preexisting Arab village whose inhabitants had had to leave after the Arab-Israeli war of 1948. The population of 23,000 inhabitants is almost 98% of Jewish origin. It has always been the subject of missile attacks by Hezbollah forces, so much so that it led to the first Israeli invasion of Lebanon as far back as 1978.

Today it is in the process of being almost completely evacuated. In fact, Mayor Avichai Stern is complaining that there are deaths and injuries every day. And it’s not so subtle with Netanyahu’s government. In fact, according to him, Hezbollah and Hamas are the same thing, so if they have decided to destroy one, it is not clear why they are not determined to destroy the other with the same determination.

Poor Stern, what a limited person! Not so much because he doesn’t have words like negotiation, diplomacy, negotiation, pacification in his dictionary, but because he doesn’t realize that Israel is unable to cope with multiple war fronts at the same time.

At this moment he already has Yemen as a tough nut to crack, and Netanyahu’s threat to also bomb Lebanese civilians

if Hezbollah doesn't stop using its missiles, was just braggadocious intimidation. In fact, he can't do anything right now.

However, the fact that there are mayors who ask a prime minister to be even more ruthless towards those who do not submit to Israel's diktats remains significant. It is a confirmation that Netanyahu enjoys a certain popularity and that when he lacks it, it is his "do-goodism" that is to blame!

It's all Netanyahu's fault

Former Israeli parliamentarian Moshe Feiglin, leader of the libertarian Zionist Zehut party, has announced his withdrawal from Likud, accusing Netanyahu of having unleashed a strategic disaster on Israel.

In his letter he reproached him for having been too soft on Hamas, on Hezbollah and on Iran. Now it's late, also because, of his own fault, the atomic bomb is a fait accompli in Iran. The State of Israel risks turning into a shrunken ghetto in the centre of Palestine under American protection, awaiting the final blow, when the USA abandons the region, as is its habit, if it sees that it is no longer convenient for it.

It should be noted that Feiglin is the same one who said last October 26: "Don't leave one stone upon another in Gaza. Gaza must become like Dresden! Complete incineration, no more hope...".

Strange that he says these things now, because what he wanted is exactly happening. Evidently the Israeli army is encountering unexpected resistance from Hamas and Palestinians in general. So someone is starting to get their act together... Is the sociologist Orsini right once again when he says that Israel is losing the war?

[23] To be feared or loved?

In Israel (but this applies to any nation accustomed to living in social antagonism) the more the population feels threatened by an external force, whether it throws stones with slingshots or rockets and missiles or carries out desperate suicidal actions for terrorist purposes, the more it tends to reward

those who, among the parties, guarantee the best possible security.

In Israel they are used to thinking in the following terms: if someone threatens me, I must immediately demonstrate that I am stronger than him, otherwise he takes advantage of it and moves from threats to facts, and I don't have a second chance, since I live in a geographically small country with few inhabitants. This is why the Likud has so much power: the other parties take over only to give meaning to formal democracy, but in essence even the left against the Palestinians remains authoritarian.

The "other" (which, depending on the case, can be the Palestinian, the Lebanese, the Syrian, the Egyptian, the Jordanian, the Iranian...) is always seen as a potential enemy, who is better not to trust to the end. It is by definition, regardless of what it does, so it is always good to be prepared for the worst. Israel is afflicted by persecution syndrome, due to the encirclement of non-Jewish populations.

Hence the strong militarization of society. Everyone must be able to defend the country, whether men or women. Military service is long and compulsory, and discharge, in a certain sense, is never unlimited, barring exceptions. To tell the truth, young people from wealthy families tend to avoid the draft, so much so that military units are often made up of Ethiopian Falashas or recently immigrated Slavs.

However, everyone must live in constant psychological stress, as if their megalomania were inseparable from paranoia. When a country like this does economic business, it cannot become a "friend" of the contracting party. Business is never considered an opportunity to get to know your customer better, to acquire values from him that go beyond economics.

The Israelis feel they are a "special" people (the rabbis still speak, despite almost 2000 years of diaspora, of a "chosen people", of a "holy nation"), a people who do not need to learn the rules of a normal, peaceful existence.

They know very well that they are considered intruders in Palestine, that is, that they have rights that the Arab world has learned to recognize only at its own expense, losing all the wars it has undertaken against them.

The Israelis command respect for the military strength they have been able to demonstrate. And of course they do not hide the fact that without the military protection and financial assistance that comes from the USA, they would not be able to survive in a territory where they are surrounded by ever-growing Islamic populations, from every point of view.

They can ask all the Jews in the world to come and live in Palestine, but they will never be able to compete with the Muslims on a demographic level. They are too westernized, and then their country is too small, mostly desert, with significant water problems, forced (if it wants to survive by giving itself the airs of a superpower) to continuous colonialist operations.

The Israeli population has not yet understood that in a territory like theirs, which in many ways is not easy to live in, the best solution would be to “collaborate” with the neighbouring populations. They still haven’t understood that you have to give up at least part of your boasted “diversity”, mixing with the “diversity” of others, in a magical melting pot.

It no longer makes any sense to persist with these forceful attitudes, like neighbourhood bullies who claim exclusive control over their territory. They must learn to be loved rather than feared. Aggressive statesmen like Netanyahu, who seem like biblical Herods, must be put to rest. They belong to an unlivable world.

Fundamental errors

It is a fundamental mistake for a social network to take sides ideologically. Facebook did it during the pandemic, taking the defence of international pharmaceutical companies to the bitter end; then it sided with Kiev’s neo-Nazis against the Russians who wanted to free Donbas from an ongoing extermination; now, between the Palestinians and the Zionists, it makes it clear which side they are on. The partiality is overwhelming.

A social network should remain neutral and let members discuss freely and take initiatives on their own. It cannot meddle in political issues, those relating to freedom of thought,

speech and action. Facebook (now Meta) is a commercial social network. It wasn't born that way, but it became that way. It should stick to that. It can always ask the user to pay an annual subscription, but it cannot expect a group to define itself as "private" so as not to suffer censorship. And in any case in exchange for a subscription, you leave the user free to think and act. Any censorship on the posts is left to the groups to place, and we hope they do so only after the fact. This is how you grow.

Enough with the "big brother" supervisors. Democracy is a serious thing, which cannot be entrusted in the slightest to automatic algorithms, to fact-checkers who spy through the keyhole or to informers who drool like rabid dogs, or to editors skilled in the information technology field but with a very approximate general culture.

This premise is to say that some of my posts are censored in various groups (or suspended indefinitely) because they appear anti-Semitic. If they reach five suspensions, I leave the group: I do so even if it appears left-wing or anti-system.

Now, to demonstrate that I am not anti-Semitic, I will make two observations with which I want to give some merit to Jewish theology. That is, I don't want to limit myself to saying that there is a difference between Judaism and Zionism, since that would be banal.

1) I have always admired two things about Old Testament Judaism: the political office as an expression of popular will and the conception of divinity as an unrepresentable entity.

Compared to pagan, Hellenistic or polytheistic cultures or religions there is no comparison: Judaism remains infinitely superior. It is impossible to define it as a religion full of superstitions.

Not only that, but collectivist needs clearly prevail over individualistic ones, so much so that Judaism gave its worst during the monarchical phase of Saul, David and Solomon, while its best was given either in the nomadic period or during the exile period.

Sometimes you see people marvelling at the grim aspects of the Old Testament God. But these people forget that at

the time of slavery (in which Judaism was formed) all civilizations presented aspects of unprecedented violence.

2) The second thing that I appreciate about Judaism and that I reject about Christianity is the need to want to create a kingdom of freedom and justice on this Earth, without waiting for God to create it in the otherworldly world.

Naturally I am speaking in the abstract, since the concrete cases in which this objective has been achieved are very few in the history of that humanity that fights against social antagonism.

If there are anti-Semitic texts by definition they are the gospels, which attribute the cause of Christ's death to the Jews, avoiding to assign the decision to execute him to the Romans. Furthermore, they are also because they tend not to make a distinction between Jewish leaders and the Jewish people.

Everyone wanted him dead and Pilate bowed to this will. Nothing could be further from the truth. It was the priests, especially those who managed the Temple, which he had tried to occupy, who wanted to eliminate him. They were the ones who couldn't stand him keeping religion separate from politics (as he made the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well understand).

But the Romans also feared him, since he intended to carry out a national insurrection with the contribution of everyone: Jews, Galileans, Samaritans..., without making ethnic or tribal distinctions or interpretations of the Scriptures.

When the disciples betrayed him and the Romans executed him, the Christians transformed him from a liberating leader and redeeming god. And this alteration of the truth still persists today, even if secular exegesis, starting with Reimarus, has begun to dismantle it.

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\$280 billion of US taxpayers invested since 1948 in US/Israeli ethnic cleansing and occupation operations; \$150 billion in direct "aid" and \$130 billion in "offensive" contracts.

Source: Embassy of Israel, Washington, DC and US Department of State.

[24] I don't like the word terrorist

It's horrible to call a person a terrorist. We are prevented from knowing the reasons for his actions, which may be ideological, political or socioeconomic, or completely personal.

But in the latter case it would be better to use the word "criminal". A terrorist is someone who speaks, in the wrong way, of collective needs. This is why it is a term that is used in a political key.

But even with a terrorist you need to dialogue, find an understanding, a compromise. The world cannot be divided into good and bad. No balanced person does this, since everyone knows that life is very complex, has infinite facets, and everyone can be different depending on the circumstances or interests at stake. It would be better to limit ourselves to saying that someone is an opportunist, hypocrite, renegade... Even the word "traitor" is difficult to attach to someone, unless in reference to something specific that he has done. Traitors often think that they have behaved this way for a just cause, for which, from that moment on, they would no longer be willing to betray.

But a terrorist is something else. In the popular imagination he can be compared to a killer, with the difference that one is ideological, while the other is venal. Both kill without scruples, with identical determination, but a terrorist who would kill just for money would just be a vulgar mercenary.

When a State defines a party or a movement as terrorist, just because it does not behave according to its own criteria, it makes an inevitable effort. It is criminalized irrevocably. And it is made to become even more extremist.

When is an entire population (small or large, it doesn't matter) completely terrorist? If anything, it's it which is terrorized by the powers that be.

"Terrorist" is a word that shouldn't even exist in the dictionary. In fact, when someone carries out actions defined as "terrorist", those who suffer them should at least ask themselves the reason: "What did I do so terrible that it would make someone want to eliminate me at all costs?".

To that government that stigmatizes a party or movement as terrorist, I would like to ask: "What have you done to induce it not to choose the path of terrorism? Don't you think it's too convenient to brand a person as if he were a slave".

Global village or different planets?

If a State or a population behaves in a "terrorist" manner towards another State or another population, intending to occupy or colonize it, also adopting racist and genocidal attitudes, how should one behave?

Can a State or a population be considered equally "terrorist" if it defends itself by launching rockets, missiles, drones on the enemy's urban settlements, striking the population at random? Can it be if it carries out actions inside the cities of the enemy state using bombs to kill civilians? Or should all these actions be classified as acts of legitimate resistance, of opposition to unbearable oppression?

I'm sorry for self-righteous people, but every time unarmed civilians are killed, an act of terrorism is committed. Every time people are killed without giving them the concrete, feasible possibility of saving themselves, one is a terrorist. Every time the military uses civilians as "human shields" or considers their killings as a possible side effect of an action aimed at attacking an armed enemy, one is a terrorist.

When you experience situations like this, that is, when you no longer talk to each other but only hate each other, to the point that you only want your opponent to go away, to die, to no longer exist, the responsibility for resolving the conflict falls on the whole world, on third parties, who cannot passively witness these periodic criminal acts. Because, if we behave in such an indifferent manner, we are complicit in the terrorism of both parties involved.

A world powerless to resolve regional conflicts and international disputes is useless, it doesn't even deserve to exist. We are just faces of bronze when we talk about democracy and human rights. We consider the world, thanks to the means of communication and commercial exchanges, a single "global

village”, and in the face of the most serious crises, we behave as if we lived on different planets.

At this point it is clear that the old UN must be put into shelter, the Arab League must put a hand on its conscience and ask yourself whether it really makes sense to define yourself as “Islamic”, and the newborn BRICS risks starting off on the wrong foot. As for the EU, let’s draw a merciful veil and start the process to get out of it as soon as possible.

[25] Christmas sadness

The Hamas party is risking its destiny in this massacre of the Palestinians in Gaza carried out by the Israelis. If it emerges defeated, inevitably the other party, Abu Mazen’s al-Fatah, will also prevail in Gaza, provided that the Israelis allow it.

However, we should take it for granted that Israel will not be able to evacuate 2.3 million people and will therefore only settle in the northern area of the Strip.

For the Zionists it will just be another “war” won. But the way they conduct it will be a defeat for the entire world.

In fact, here it is not only the Palestinians who are losing it, but also the UN, the collective West, the Arab League, the global South and the BRICS. An entire planet will have abdicated all the humanitarian principles formulated to date.

Everyone will have to declare that if a country wants to exterminate or besiege or dehumanize a population it can do so freely. Everyone will necessarily have to admit that the right to self-defence cancels out all other rights. It also cancels all other duties, the first of which is to fight for justice and freedom.

The Christian world will spend the Christmas holidays (which in theory should be those of peace) with a sense of impotence, which it will try to suffocate with apathy, indifference, the self-justification of those who are convinced that whatever they do, they will not it will be of no use.

This pseudo “war” (pseudo because in reality it is a genocide) challenges our consciences and unmasks our hypocrisy. When it’s over, we will at least have to stop talking about two states for two peoples forever. A population will ex-

ist less and less, and what remains of it will be eager to leave that hell, convinced that there can be nothing worse anywhere else on the planet. Our humanitarian aid will only serve to encourage a new biblical exodus, a definitive renunciation of one's land.

Monotheistic rivalries and convergences

It must be admitted that Palestine is perceived as something different from all three monotheistic religions. It's no coincidence that they define with the term "holy land", which we could also write, from what is used, everything attached.

With this definition they have justified everything from the crusades to colonialism to the most recent wars. Undoubtedly, Muslims inherited the word "holy land" from Jews and Christians, who however never wanted to give up that region, even if it was mostly desert.

Perhaps the Jews prefer the term "promised land", in the sense that for them Palestine had to be the place in which to realize the paradise lost by their ancient ancestors.

The difference between Jews and Christians is evident here. After the bloody death of their leader, the Christians renounced any earthly kingdom of perfection, leaving its construction to the end of time: a mystical abstraction that the Jews - rightly - do not accept, although their way of achieving this objective contains somewhat questionable aspects.

All three religions are perhaps the demonstration that the exit from primitive communism in favour of slavery has led to conditioning such that it becomes very easy for us to achieve the opposite of what we would like.

However, we must be careful not to believe that Palestine is less important for Muslims than Saudi Arabia. Indeed in many ways Jerusalem is much more so than Medina and Mecca. In fact, according to the mystics, the ascension of Muhammad took place in this city and the so-called "last judgement" will take place here too.

Perhaps not everyone knows that, according to Islamic mythology, in Bethlehem God gave birth to a palm tree to quench Mary's thirst, alleviating the suffering of childbirth.

But even in the Palestinian desert, where the Jews wandered for a long time, the mysterious and famous phoenix lived, which later moved to Arabia.

The sacred mountains of Christianity (Sinai, Tabor and Gethsemane) are also welcomed by the Muslim tradition. In short, as can be seen, cultural exchanges have existed between the three monotheisms. If anything, it was Zionism that imposed a ferocious hatred that shows no signs of abating from 1948 to today. Also because it is supported by nations that refer to Christianity.

And to think that for Muslims, Christ is the penultimate of the prophets, while for the Jews he is just an impostor. Who will be right? Contemporary secular exegetes maintain that he was in reality a revolutionary political leader, not a simple prophet, and that certainly the mystical and thaumaturgical representation of him that the gospels give is surreal to say the least.

[26] A thorn in my side

The fact that there is no real Palestinian state does not mean that Palestine should be considered a region of little importance in the Muslim world.

Palestine has been Islamic since the first hour of the spread of the Arabs throughout the Middle East. If it had remained under the Arabs, it would certainly have developed more. Instead, having ended up, starting from the 16th century, under the Ottomans, whose empire had strong feudal characteristics, it remained a marginalized province until the British mandate, and it's not as if it started to change for the better with the English. Far from it.

When the Zionists arrived, Jews, Christians and Muslims coexisted peacefully in Palestine, with the latter clearly dominating. Then, from 1948 onwards, everything changed. While continuing to be a demographic majority, the Palestinians have begun to count (politically) less and less.

The Zionists and the Jews have objectively surpassed them, not only because they are widely supported (militarily and financially) by the collective West (in particular by the

USA), but also because they have been able to adapt more quickly to the dynamics of contemporary capitalism.

Paradoxically however, by starting to live as intruders in their own land and having to deal with a very hostile state, the Palestinians did not become radicalized in their Islamic traditions, but, on the contrary, they gradually became secularised. They are more secular than all the other Islamic countries in the Middle East.

At first glance one would like to say that these countries have managed to better preserve their Islamic culture precisely because they have benefited from a State that protected them. But the fact that they have given up on secularizing themselves as quickly as the Palestinians cannot be considered a good sign.

Indeed, something makes us suspect that the Islamic countries of the Middle East do not support the Palestinians with due determination precisely because they see them as too secularized, too democratic.

The Palestinians are a thorn in the side not only for the Zionists, but also for the entire Arab world, which is largely confessional and characterized by the domination of various historical dynasties, which enriched themselves enormously with the exploitation of oil.

Furthermore, the Palestinians appear too intransigent towards Israel. The other Islamic countries, after losing various wars with Israel, at a certain point preferred to limit themselves to doing business, for example, attest to the Abraham Accords and other even more important agreements (e.g. the IMEC).

Macroscopic errors of evaluation

Why did the UN establish a UNIFIL contingent in Lebanon after the 1978 war between Israel and Lebanon, while it never set up anything in Gaza or the West Bank?

UNIFIL has done a lot for Lebanon. Since 2012, Italy has taken command of the mission, in which over 10,000 men and women participate (Italians are just over 1,100): the soldiers come from 37 countries (plus civilian personnel). In 40 years, fewer than 300 have died. At the moment, most live in bunkers. So why is there nothing like this in Gaza or the West

Bank? Simply because neither one nor the other are configured as “States”. Gaza is an enclave kept strictly under control by Israel; the West Bank is even an area occupied by the Israeli army and Jewish settlers. The strange thing is that in reality the Palestinians are present at the UN as a “non-member observer state” (exactly like the Vatican).

We Westerners have the habit of considering states much more important than populations. Even in the war in Ukraine we behaved in the same way: the neo-Nazi government in Kiev has the right to exist; self-government of the Russian-speaking population of Donbas absolutely not. Even today, because we do not recognize that the four regions of Donbas have been incorporated *de jure* and *de facto* into the Russian Federation, they continue to constitute a reason for us to continue the war.

As for Palestine and Lebanon, both Israel and the collective West refuse to see Hamas and Hezbollah as two national liberation movements; they prefer to see them as two terrorist instruments in the hands of foreign powers, such as Iran, Syria, Turkey, Qatar...

It is a huge mistake, which is convenient for a war-mongering strategy. If these movements were born to militarily resist the Israeli occupation, they have also become a fundamental support for the survival needs of the civilian population, so much so that they are rewarded in parliamentary elections.

If only a military connotation is attributed to a movement and it is considered dependent on one or more foreign nations, it is easy to qualify it as “terrorist”. But in this way it becomes impossible to deal politically with its social, political, etc. demands.

The West has not even understood that Hamas and Hezbollah are not ideological parties that want to create an Islamic state. They are not at all interested in religious wars, in disputes between Shiites and Sunnis, which the West instead feeds to divide Middle Eastern countries. They don't even like the sectarianism of Al-Qaida. Hezbollah has allies even from the secular-socialist area. Since the Lebanese civil war of the 1980s, Hezbollah has stopped demanding an Islamic state.

In any case, both Hamas and Hezbollah have demonstrated that the Israeli army, having behind it super-armed and extremely rich nations like those of the collective West, is not unbeatable. It cannot therefore be ruled out that, just as Russia alone stopped the 31 NATO countries, two militarized parties, rooted in their territory, could do the same with Israel. On the other hand, with Israel there is not much choice: it has made peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, but continues to consider them enemies. Israel requires that we live within the limits of its hegemony.

[27] The shattered myth of the kibbutzim

It was said that Hamas also attacked kibbutzim on October 7. Then it was added that the Israeli soldiers themselves hit them, having received the order to shoot at anything that moved. But what are these kibbutzim? Meanwhile, in the plural we should call them kibbutzim, but it doesn't matter: we Westerners usually simplify. They are "agricultural communities" born in 1909: it was the very first experience of socialist Zionism in Palestine, which the Jews had acquired in Eastern Europe, especially from Russia, where they were called "občine".

In reality, the Jewish immigrants to Palestine were neither owners of land nor agricultural workers, but small traders, artisans, freelancers and intellectuals, since by law they could not do other jobs.

The skills to work the land were acquired by the Palestinian farmers themselves resident there, when no form of racism yet existed and religion was not made a factor of division. Then they improved them.

At the beginning the work was very hard, in places that were mostly swampy or semi-desert. But it served to give an ideal boost to the project. In the kibbutzim, unlike the moshav (agricultural cooperatives), there was no profit sharing. "Communism" was not only in the common ownership of the means of production, but also in the distribution of goods, regardless of the work one did or the quantity it had produced or the role it held.

It was forbidden to have income or own property of one's own, other than those strictly for personal use; there was no circulation of money, except for purchases abroad. The motto was very simple: give according to one's abilities, receive according to one's needs. Waste was impossible.

Bureaucracy and corruption were prevented by direct democracy, thanks to which people controlled each other. The general assembly was the political body that, by majority, decided anything. The administrative council, which coordinated the work, was made up of those elected periodically.

The homes had minimal surfaces, as the children lived in ad hoc apartments. And the food was distributed in a common canteen. Gender equality was real. The cultural education is quite high.

The kibbutzim had a duty to help each other, as they were all associated in a federation. There was a tendency to refuse paid work. The adherents of this agricultural movement protested against the Six Day War, against the annexation of the Golan and against the first war on Lebanon. Then, starting from the 1980s, the conditioning of the capitalist world and the suggestions of Israeli cities prevailed. Today the kibbutz produce mainly for the market (also with innovative cultivation methods), are ideologically oriented, accept paid work and salaries are not all the same. They are also quite armed against the Palestinians, who are well protected by the armed forces. Young people, however, prefer to live in cities or, if they stay, they reevaluate the private aspects. In short, the myth is over.

Small Palestinians and pharaonic projects

From a geographical point of view, the Middle East is made up of the following states: Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Only Palestine and Kurdistan are missing.

If we exclude Israel (the only foreign body), we are talking about about half a billion people, almost all of Arab origin and/or language and Islamic religion.

They were part of the Ottoman Empire, which guaranteed them relative administrative freedom, from the 16th century until the First World War. A period in which Europeans were characterized by epochal capitalist upheavals, which marked the destinies not only of Europe and the Middle East, but also of the entire world, with some exceptions.

Having said this, it seems absolutely incredible that regarding the Palestinian question the Anglo-French divisions into protectorates, according to borders that did not at all respect the natural ones, still have such a negative influence today.

At that time the borders reflected the European needs for trade with the East, which exploded after the inauguration of the Suez Canal in 1869. Today these needs are added to those of the same Islamic countries and Israel who want to trade with rich Europe and with the increasingly developed India. The new needs are determined above all by energy resources.

In such a complicated and at the same time homogeneous situation, it is very strange that all these states have never found an agreement in favour of the Palestinians. If the latter had been a small Bedouin tribe residing in some desert, one could understand it. But here we are talking about millions of urbanized people, subjected to genocide practically since 1948, in alternating phases on a military level, but without a solution of continuity as regards the expropriation of land and homes, the deprivation of water, etc. "Ethnic cleansing" is not done only with the use of weapons. The current one could lead to 30,000 deaths, but the devastation caused will affect two million people.

The discovery of the enormous oil deposits in the Middle East, which occurred around the 1930s thanks to research conducted by American companies, practically turned the Middle East upside down. Every Islamic state has tried to enrich itself as much as possible: it has, so to speak, concentrated on itself.

All the wars waged to free Palestine from the grip of the Zionists were more than anything symbolic, conducted without real strategic coordination. Today the Palestinians seem aban-

doned to themselves. It seems that their destiny is not only to pay for the expansionist aims of Israel, which practices a colonialism similar to the European one of past centuries; but also that of suffering something that is far above their heads, that is, the enormous economic interests that envelop the entire Levant region like a spider's web.

In fact, in addition to the control of energy resources, there is also that of the infrastructures (road, railway, air-naval) that allow the trade of any industrial good: from the Silk Road made in China, to the IMEC (launched at the recent G20 of New Delhi), which Israel wants to achieve with the help above all of India, but also of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, up to the most recent PAC (Partnership for Atlantic Cooperation), with which the USA wants to recover a lost global geostrategy.

The Palestinians are cut off from all these pharaonic projects, since they have no resources to show off, and if they do have them (like the energy resources in the seabed of Gaza), they do not have adequate weapons nor convincing diplomacy with which to defend them.

This people is destined to end up like another people, to whom various Western and even Islamic powers have stubbornly denied the right to have their own state: the Kurdish one, which is currently scattered across Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria, and which has a little less than 40 million people in the world.

From Gaza to the Red Sea

Maritime traffic in the Red Sea (12% of the world traffic) follows two routes: the main one is the Suez Canal (which leads to the Mediterranean), while the second is towards the Gulf of Aqaba on whose offshoot Israel faces the port of Eilat.

At the moment, maritime traffic to and from Suez is drastically reduced, while that to Eilat is zero. Shipowners prefer not to enter the Red Sea to avoid taking risks, but also because insurance companies have raised premiums. Many ships have returned to circumnavigate Africa passing the Cape of Good Hope. Inevitably transport times and costs increase. And

revenues for Egypt are collapsing, due to the lack of tolls from ships transiting Suez.

China, which exports all over the world, needs stability, but is currently doing nothing to put an end to the slaughter of Palestinians.

Conversely, the Western military coalition (but there is also Bahrain) promoted by the USA is trying to widen the conflict in the Red Sea: the first objective is to bomb the Houthi positions in Yemen.

Strangely, this coalition does not have its operational base in Djibouti, one of the most important military hubs in the world, where the USA, Germany, Spain, Italy, France, the United Kingdom, China and Saudi Arabia have their own bases. From there it would be very easy to control the entire sea sector close to Yemen.

The operational base is in Bahrain itself, many thousands of kilometres away from Yemen, in the middle of the Persian Gulf and facing Iran. It is a small state located on an archipelago of 33 islands near the western coasts of the Persian Gulf. The Fifth Fleet of the US Navy is based there.

The intent of the USA is clear: to simultaneously strike Saudi Arabia, Iran and the détente process inaugurated between these two nations thanks to the mediation of China. However, Italy, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Norway and Denmark seem reluctant to participate with warships in this naval coalition, precisely because it is led by the USA, not NATO. Operation Prosperity Guardian currently consists of seven U.S. Navy ships, including the aircraft carrier Eisenhower, one British Navy ship and one Greek Navy ship.

In Washington they know well that the easiest way to face their own decline is to destabilize the rest of the world. But even the allied countries are starting to get tired of this pomposity.

[28] From one extreme to the other

In Germany we have gone from one extreme to the other. As usual, after all. Anti-Semites for centuries, now they are pro-Zionists by law. In fact, already in May 2019 the gov-

ernment considered the campaign against Israel conducted by the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement, born in 2005, taking inspiration from the South African anti-apartheid movement, to be anti-Semitic.

To ban anti-Semitism, anyone who expressed anti-Zionist positions was stigmatized, favouring a sort of state censorship, as debate in the public sphere was stifled.

Today the situation has gotten much worse. The American Jewish Committee of Berlin has spoken clearly: Anyone who uses public money to delegitimize Israel is neo-Nazi. Even Israeli students at the School for Unlearning Zionism, residing in the same capital, cannot research their collective past, i.e., “unlearn” how to be Zionists.

In May 2020, the Cameroonian philosopher Achille Mbembe was the subject of unprecedented attacks in Germany only because he had drawn parallels between the apartheid suffered by Palestinians and that suffered by black South Africans.

In practice, any discussion on Israel today can only be conducted privately and, even in this context, it is easy to encounter Germans who, for fear of being seen as anti-Semitic, clam up with the usual ritual expression: “it’s too complicated”.

This is getting pretty awkward. Holocaust guilt complexes lead Germans to fetishize Judaism. Yes they boast of having the strongest democracy in Europe even as they obsessively embody Judaism.

In short, Germany seems to have become a branch of Israel. Not even in the USA people are so fanatical. We are now forced to use the word “neo-Nazism” in a translated way. That is, we can address it not only to those who explicitly refer to Hitler’s delusional ideologies, but also to those who, in the name of democracy, adopt clearly dictatorial attitudes.

In fact, how do we define those in Germany who are accusing all Palestinians of being guilty of what Hamas did on October 7? Nazism targeted Jews; today, however, it is democracy that targets Islamists. And it does so to the point of considering the massacres of civilians that occur in Gaza normal.

At this point it becomes inevitable to think that Netanyahu feels free to carry out a genocide in Gaza precisely be-

cause he knows he has his back covered in the West. If this is the case, it is also easy to predict that it will become increasingly risky for Muslims to come and live in Europe or to publicly exhibit their “diversity”.

And how do we want to characterize an anti-Zionist Jew who takes the defence of a Palestinian or any persecuted Muslim? Is it enough to say that he is ungrateful? Or should we instead use more colourful expressions, such as “dirty traitor”?

To what extent is the right to speak?

It has already been said, in a previous post, that in Germany, in reference to the ongoing massacre against the Palestinians, reason of state tends to prevail over constitutional law. That is, it is forbidden to be anti-Zionist and question the existence of the State of Israel. It is forbidden to even provoke public debates, as this could encourage anti-Semitism.

I wonder what the point of such an ideological and paternalistic constraint is. Even if someone had anti-Semitic ideas, who has the right to prevent him from expressing them? Freedom of speech is a fundamental right in all democratic constitutions. If someone says nonsense, it is through a calm and calm discussion that you can make him understand.

Among other things, the German Constitution itself protects, within the limits of general laws, the freedom to publicly express even the most repugnant opinion. Of course, through a specific law one can try to prevent a certain opinion from having dangerous effects for the entire population or part of it. But parliament cannot issue a special law that prohibits holding a certain opinion. Censorship cannot be *a priori*, otherwise the democratic state would not be dealing with citizens but with subjects.

Unfortunately, the fact is that lately the government believes that denying Israel the right to exist is not a legitimate opinion but a false statement, comparable to that of those who deny the Holocaust and for which it is subject to criminal prosecution.

This is absurd. There is nothing that is evident in and of itself, not even a fact from the past, since everything is always

subject to interpretation. They are the animals who take things as they are. The truth cannot be imposed by law.

Is it perhaps forbidden to declare oneself “fascist” in Italy? In theory yes, but what is the point of such a ban when today fascism gives its best by expressing itself in the forms of representative democracy? Does it make sense to be formal on nominalistic issues?

Even in Germany the Constitutional Court prevented the expression of opinions in favour of Nazism in 2009. But, by behaving in this way, it had only demonstrated that it was unable to distinguish the right to speak from the organization of terrorist groups, which are highly anti-democratic. In fact and by law, freedom of speech must be granted to everyone, even to those who are against law and freedom.

The real problem to be solved, in reality, is another, and concerns the ownership and use of the means of communication. Today these means belong not to the populations but either to the States or to private individuals. The falsehoods transmitted by the dominant media cannot be controlled by public opinion, also because where one could do so, in social media, one suffers the same ostracism as the mainstream, that is, one is either completely censored or expertly boycotted in various forms and ways. Democratic states can be “fascist” even when they prohibit being so.

Does a coercive pro-Zionism make sense?

The appeal of over 100 German Jewish intellectuals against the repression carried out by the government of their country against dissent and demonstrations in favour of Palestine is interesting. Naturally, the text condemns any deliberate attack against civilians, whether organized by Hamas or Netanyahu.

What is surprising is that as early as October 22, regional and municipal governments across Germany were banning public meetings with suspected Palestinian sympathies, as if they had received a directive from above.

One wonders how powerful the Jewish lobby is in Germany. And, ultimately, how weak it is, given that, despite hav-

ing the government on its side, it cannot tolerate legitimate non-violent political expression.

To tell the truth, the aforementioned intellectuals have written that the institutions are targeting the large Turkish and Arab communities, but also the Syrian and Palestinian ones. Even schools have banned Palestinian flags and keffiyehs.

What are the authorities afraid of? Will anti-Jewish pogroms arise? And do they think they can avoid them by fuelling attitudes based on racial or xenophobic prejudices? Don't they know that all these bans will only fuel violence against the Jews themselves? In Germany – the document notes – 84% of anti-Semitic crimes are committed by the far right.

The appeal also takes issue with the main cultural institutions, which shamefully remain silent and boycott any criticism of Israel. This “voluntary self-censorship” only produces a climate of fear and anger.

However, it is nice that at the end of the document they quote a phrase from the communist Jew Rosa Luxemburg: “Freedom is always the freedom of those who think differently”.

[29] Israel and the Nation-State

The concept of “nation” is an autonomous historical acquisition of modern European capitalism. Spontaneously it has never been part of Islamic culture, which rather underwent it as an external imposition. If anything, concepts of tribe or ethnicity prevail among Muslims, at most in reference to dynasties that exercise their political power.

By the time European capitalists began practising colonialism, nations had already been formed, eliminating both feudal empires and the regional dominions of noble landowners.

The first colonial European nations were Spain and Portugal, which exported a sort of bourgeois late-feudalism, still tied to the land and guided by a monarchy that still longed for imperial objectives, but which would be defeated by the great industrialized capitalist nations: France and England.

In Europe, bourgeois nationalism has always been so strong that the presence of foreigners in its territory could not

be tolerated: just think of the Hundred Years' War between France and England, or that between Holland and Spain, or that between Italy and Austria during the Renaissance.

State and Nation absolutely had to coincide, and each State considered itself a rival of the other, willing to wage war in order to be able to occupy as many colonies as possible outside Western Europe.

This attitude, so individualistic and aggressive, explains why in the Middle East, after the First World War, the Anglo-French divided the spoils of the former Ottoman Empire (feudal and supranational by definition), establishing borders that they had no meaning for the local populations. They were divisions made on the geographical map, which did not reflect needs of an ethnic-tribal-linguistic or religious nature. At most, Europeans exploited local populations' claims for autonomy to create nations over which they could exercise their own hegemony. Exactly like the ancient Romans did.

In Palestine no community proclaimed itself representative of the Nation-State. Only the king of Jordan aimed to expand his kingdom beyond the Jordan River, but he found the English against this, due to their commercial reasons with India.

If we want, therefore, it was precisely the Zionists who, conditioned by growing European nationalism, claimed to define themselves as a "national people", having their own specific state in Palestine. The Jews would have had no chance of demanding their own nation-state without some form of acquiescence on the part of the Europeans.

Naturally the British would have preferred to keep the whole of Palestine as their own colony, but faced with the demands of the Zionists and the assurances that the State of Israel would never do anything against them, they finally gave in.

In short, Zionism is nothing but the Jewish expression of European colonialism. The Arab world began to understand its danger only after the establishment of the State of Israel desired by the UN. Before then the Arabs had only been disconcerted by the Bolsheviks' publication of the secret treaties between France and England relating to the partition of the Ot-

toman Empire. But they never had the strength to prevent anything.

Even today, looking at what Israel is doing in Gaza, it is difficult to say that any Islamic nation is capable of averting the devastating fury of the Zionists.

The legitimate offspring of the State of Israel

Napoleon Bonaparte occupied Egypt and Syria in 1798-1801 and, although he was unable to enter Palestine, where he wanted to create a Jewish State, inaugurated the European (especially French) desire to colonize the Levant. He needed the support of the Jews during the siege of Akka (Acre), but was defeated by the English at Aboukir and in Akka itself.

The revival of the myth of the medieval crusades is clearly visible, for example, in Chateaubriand (1768-1848), who in his *Itinerary from Paris to Jerusalem* (1820) clearly makes it clear that the Holy Land had to be “liberated” from the usurping presence of Ottoman Empire, which, among other unbearable things, imposed quite a few tributes on Christian pilgrims.

To justify their colonialism, Europeans first had to come to hate the Islamic religion, while making a formal difference between the peaceful Arabs and the terrible Turks, who subjugated everyone, even those of their own religion.

Some intellectuals, such as for example, Lamartine and Dumas dreamed of the possibility of building an agricultural community in Palestine or Lebanon in which to relive that paradise which in Europe, due to capitalism, had been definitively lost.

For the French, who landed in Syria as early as 1860, with the pretext of interfering in the conflict between Christians (Maronites) and Muslims (Druze), Palestine was considered not only a “biblical land” that the Christian tradition had to recover, but also an “unknown land”, like the African ones that were beginning to be explored and occupied.

Starting from 1865, the English Palestine Exploration Fund made many resources available to researchers and explor-

ers, so that they could prepare the ground for subsequent colonizations.

At the same time as these capitalist needs, the emigration of small Jewish communities from Russia to Palestine developed, even before Zionism was formed, therefore even before the political anti-Semitism following the assassination of Tsar Alexander II (1881) developed in Russia.).

Indeed, Tsarism itself showed a certain interest in entering Palestine with the excuse of protecting the Orthodox Christians present there: something which greatly worried the Anglo-French governments, so much so that in 1853-56 they declared a war on Russia in the Crimea which resulted then victorious.

After that war, the French will demand exclusive management of the Holy Places, at least until the English occupy the whole of Palestine during the First World War, in order to have a strategic point useful for commercial traffic with India.

These are the historical premises that help us understand why today's State of Israel is the legitimate child of the colonialist policy of the Anglo-French in the Middle East.

[30] War between relatives

Since the Ashkenazim can boast of Jewish origins, then they must admit that they are fighting against their closest relatives. Just as, due to their identical Slavic origins, Russians are related to Ukrainians.

Historians and anthropologists have no doubts when they maintain that some Semitic tribes, 4-5000 years ago, migrated from Mesopotamia towards the west: one part settled along the Jordan (the Jews), while the other deviated towards the desert, giving rise to the Arabic people. In the Bible this consensual separation can be glimpsed in the episodes concerning Isaac and Ishmael, sons of Abraham.

There were never any disputes between these two populations until the Jews claimed to rebuild their state in Palestine, after having lost it for almost 2000 years due to the ancient Romans.

It does not appear that Jews residing in Islamic countries before the decision taken by the Zionists were subject to harassment or persecution by the Arabs. The faithful of the religions of the “book” (including Christians) simply had to pay more taxes than others. And it must be said, from how the Zionists built their state, that there is very little Jewish left. Israel should simply be defined as a capitalist state with colonialist attitudes towards local and neighbouring populations. Religion is used as an ideological pretext to justify one’s political arrogance.

When Jews began to emigrate en masse to Palestine, the Arabs struggled to recognize them: they had become too westernized. In practice, it was the Arabs who best preserved their Semitic origins, those origins that they too began to lose when, once they discovered the industrial importance of oil, they took advantage of it to transform themselves into capitalists.

Today we cannot say that the conflict is of a religious nature. It is simply a political clash based on economic interests. Indeed, let’s say that the interests of the Palestinians are more than anything “existential”, while those of the other Arab countries are economic exactly like those of Israel.

Gaza does not possess oil resources and cannot use those it has in the Mediterranean because they are prohibited by Israel. Its economy can be defined as proto-capitalist and certainly does not constitute an obstacle to that of Israel. The Zionists want to get rid of them precisely because they aspire to make their country an all-round competitor for any Middle Eastern Islamic country.

This, of Israel and Gaza (which the Zionists are then taking advantage of the moment to also exterminate the Palestinians of the West Bank) can be defined as a “clash of civilisations”, since the Palestinians are demonstrating that Israel’s democratic values are purely fictitious. At the end of this massacre, it will be hard for Israel to continue to define itself as “the only democracy in the Middle East”. They already can’t do it now.

If anything we could say that Israel, with its ruthless dictatorship, is testing the level of democracy of the neighbouring Islamic states, which, up until now, cannot be said to have

shown great enthusiasm for the Palestinian cause. More than seeing a civilian population massacred in complete tranquillity, what do they need to react? Is tiny Yemen an example to no one? Or do you really think that the objective of “two states for two peoples” can be resolved in an international conference?

As for the democracy of Western countries, it is better to draw a veil of mercy. It definitely buried herself in Ukraine.

What’s the point of an international conference?

If we went back to before 1967 in Palestine, Gaza and the West Bank would have to be reunified and without the walls separating them from Israel. Following the Oslo Accords (1993) Israel evicted its settlers from Gaza, although in exchange it transformed it into an open-air prison. And today it is militarily occupying the northern area, after having displaced at least a million people with bombs. Netanyahu’s utopian idea is to move all the inhabitants to the Sinai desert.

It is difficult to think that, once the “ethnic cleansing” is over, everything will go back to how it was before. If some external factor does not play a part, Israel will be able to disarm and demilitarize the entire Strip (as for “deradicalizing” it, that remains to be seen). Before the eyes of the whole world, Palestinians are condemned to choose between slavery and emigration. Unless, Hamas continues to defend itself with weapons or they want to be martyrs.

Certainly if the Zionists are given *carte blanche*, the Palestinians will continue to die, whether civilian or military, since no country has placed Israel under embargo or sanctions. Yemen and Malaysia are carrying out a certain boycott, but it is still too little.

Perhaps Hamas hoped that the Arab League would rise up, but, apart from some war initiatives by Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, not much has been seen. More than anything, threatening words were heard. *Rebus sic stantibus*, one wonders what an international conference could possibly do. It is evident, in fact, that any decision if it were to take place, it would have to be applied by force of arms, since it is to be excluded *a priori* that Israel would want to leave Gaza sponta-

neously, much less the West Bank, where settlers are spreading. And without the use of force, the conference would have the same role as the UN, i.e. purely symbolic.

However, Israel does not want to have the Palestinians underfoot. They already have them internally, as second-class Arab citizens, to whom you can reserve the jobs that the Israelis don't want to do. And that is enough. Everyone else they must leave, since Israel wants to become a great nation even geographically (from the river to the sea). Netanyahu is convinced that he will be remembered as the one who took away at least part of their territory from the Gazans, placing a very heavy mortgage on the other part.

Palestine's fate is sealed. In order not to disappear, perhaps the only solution would be to incorporate Gaza (or what will remain of it) into Egypt and the West Bank into Jordan. After that they could aspire to have a certain administrative autonomy. But such a goal would have to be imposed on Israel by force.

If the West Bank belonged to Jordan, one solution could be this: the Jewish settlers can stay, but the wall, the checkpoints and all Israeli military forces must be removed. And of course the most recent disputes relating to land ownership should be resolved legally.

And to think that 2.3 million people in Gaza is not a small number. Hamas could have claimed, instead of a single state that included the West Bank, a state for the Strip alone. How many states in the world exist with less than 2 million inhabitants? The Vatican has just 1,000 and is recognized by the UN. San Marino, Liechtenstein and the Principality of Monaco do not exceed 40,000, Luxembourg 660,000, Cyprus has half that of Gaza, and it could go on for much longer.

Indeed, one could perhaps say that Gaza is (or rather "was") more entitled than the West Bank to claim to present itself as a "State", as it is ethnically homogeneous, devoid of Jewish settlers. Today, however, it risks becoming, in the sea of global indifference, just a pile of rubble.

Let's carry on like this

At this moment the collective West, if it wants to maintain its high levels of development, desperately needs energy, and it doesn't know how.

Fossil fuel is found, for the most part, either in Russia or in the Middle East, two areas that the West considers "enemies". Rare earths, for electricity, are found above all in Africa, which prefers to interface with China because, due to the colonialism it has suffered for half a millennium, it hates us deeply.

These are all geographical realities that we cannot defeat militarily: Russia is too large and strong; Islam is too numerous and intolerant of our "crusades"; China surpasses us on the production level and is starting to cause fear on the military level; Africa is no longer willing to suffer our arrogance. And we cannot go back to nuclear power, because it is too dangerous and antithetical to our environmental concerns.

The reality is that the collective West is groping in the dark, it does not have a clear strategy for its future, it sees no alternative to private capitalism and, in order to keep it standing, it is forced, from time to time, to invent enemies to fight.

In this situation with no way out, everything seems destined to become a single pretext, a single mystification: human rights, international rights, religions, representative democracies, parliamentarism, secularism, separation of powers, free market... Everything suits us to deceive ourselves and others.

[31] Arrogance pays

At the end of the 1950s the Zionists led by Ben Gurion (father of the homeland of Polish origin) needed a military dictatorship to impose themselves within Israel, giving the country a decidedly capitalist imprint.

After almost 15 years of power, Ben Gurion was forced to resign, as the Communists and Labor could no longer stand him. However, the game was now over: the country was moving further and further to the right. The imperialist idea of "Greater Israel" (from the Nile to the Euphrates) was taking shape above all in two ways: by militarizing the State, and by clericalizing society.

Nationalists, fascists, liberals, militarists and ultra-Orthodox found themselves united under the banner of the most reactionary and aggressive Zionism. The rabbis even managed to achieve three things: 1) the public holiday of the Sabbath, 2) ad hoc courts for observant believers, 3) independent religious education in public schools.

Israel began to receive solid military and financial support from Kennedy's America, always confirmed by subsequent presidents.

With these weapons the Zionists began to challenge the neighbouring Arab countries. At the end of 1963 they declared that they wanted to make exclusive use of the waters of the Jordan. Then they rejected the UN resolution which required Palestinian refugees (after the Nakba in 1948) to be allowed to return to their homeland.

It also received substantial funding from West Germany, as they knew how to exploit the feelings of guilt that the Germans felt due to the Holocaust.

The Zionists absolutely wanted a war against some neighbouring Arab country, to demonstrate that they were the strongest in the Middle East. The economy was already completely militarized. The draft lasted 30 months. Egypt, Syria and Jordan were the primary targets to be struck. Thus it was that the so-called "Six Days" war suddenly occurred in 1967. Israel managed to occupy approximately 60,000 square kilometres of their territories (practically all of Palestine). The USSR and six other socialist countries severed diplomatic relations. A war of far greater proportions was about to break out, also because the USA and the United Kingdom supported Israel.

The UN issued the useless resolution n. 242, and Israel, in response, was able to dominate until 1970, that is, until it realized that international isolation (what we are unable to achieve today) was beginning to weigh too heavily on the economic level.

In that period of inaction of international law, the ideological foundations of radical Zionism were laid:

- 1) all the Jews of the world were to be subjected to Zionist control and were required to finance Israel;
- 2) Jerusalem was declared a "Jewish holy city";

3) full Israeli citizenship could only be obtained by those born to a Jewish mother who converted to Judaism.

In short, the Zionists had demonstrated that arrogance paid.

Egypt, Syria and Jordan

One thing must be admitted: the Palestinian forces, although tormented by the Zionists since 1948, have been more resilient than all the Islamic countries bordering Israel.

Egypt, Syria and Jordan have proven to be very insignificant on a military level, and Lebanon, if we exclude the Hezbollah militia, matters even less. And here we are talking about duly armed regular armies, not simple guerrillas.

Egypt and Syria have always been allies of each other, but neither has ever constituted fundamental military support for the other. Even today, Syria is periodically bombed by Israel, with some pretext relating to the Iranian bases that the country hosts, but Assad does not react: he feels very weak.

As for Egypt, al-Sisi makes a loud statement by excluding the hypothesis that all the inhabitants of Gaza could be transferred to Sinai, but to date he has not taken any initiative against Israel, indeed he is terrified that the bellicose Yemen on Red Sea seriously damage its customs business in Suez.

It seems that everyone fears a repeat of the 1967 war, which marked the beginning of the collapse of the progressive Arab coalition and the start of the process that led to a separate peace between Egypt and Israel (Camp David Agreements of 1978-79).

Syria seems to have resigned itself to having lost the Golan Heights, so much so that it hopes, in vain, that it can get it back through the UN.

The Jordanian ruler (on the throne since 1999), Abdullah II, thunders against Netanyahu, saying that he will never accept over two million Palestinians in his country. But if they confront him with a *fait accompli*, he won't lift a finger. He has always shown himself to be absolutely naive (as his father, after all). The fact that he relies on the US to defend himself from

Israel proves it. At the end of the Six Day War his country lost everything it had managed to gain in 1948.

However, Egypt, Syria and Jordan are independent states. The Palestinians, on the other hand, do not have it and cannot afford to be moderate (as Abu Mazen does), otherwise they will never have it. Their leaders have always hoped that the territories occupied by the Zionists would turn into a kind of Vietnam for Israel, but this was not the case. And this is precisely because the Arab countries themselves fear that the Palestinian issue will end up compromising the stability of their relations with Israel.

In the 1960s, the Palestinian resistance seemed to identify itself with the anti-colonial struggle of the Algerians, but not for the Jordanian government of King Husayn, who, despite having the largest number of Palestinian refugees in his country, kept them subdued by force. In 1970 the repression of the PLO fedayeen was so harsh that many moved to Lebanon and Syria (Black September). Then in 1988 he finally renounced the West Bank and in 1994 signed a peace treaty with Israel.

However, even in Lebanon it was a disaster for the Palestinians: the phalanxes of the Maronite Christians and the Syrian forces drastically reduced any residual freedom of action in the 1970s. And this even at the time when the PLO was recognized at the UN as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

Missed opportunities

After the Six Day War (1967) the whole world understood that the Zionists would never allow the Palestinians to have their own state, at least not in part of the territory of the former British mandate. That is, both the idea of dividing the territory according to the English proposal triggered by the Arab revolt in 1936-39 and the UN resolution of 1947 seemed to have vanished forever.

In fact, the Zionists argued two things: that the refugees could gather in Jordan; and that residents of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem could obtain autonomous status under the Camp David Accords (1978-9). They essentially excluded

the possibility that this administrative autonomy could evolve towards political independence. At most, the Palestinians could have had an independent state in the West Bank by associating themselves with Jordan in a federation pact (an idea that Egypt liked). Which, however, today the Zionists decisively reject, having moved over 700,000 settlers here.

Any other hypothesis would have meant that Israel would have been surpassed on a demographic level, given the high birth rate of the Palestinians. Having to choose between democracy and Judaism, the Zionists, in order not to end up in a minority, preferred Judaism, thus inevitably transforming formal democracy into an ideological dictatorship.

On the other hand, the PLO itself was peremptory: it wanted its own autonomous state that included both Gaza and the West Bank, as foreseen by the UN. The statute, approved in 1968, spoke clearly: in art. 20 it was denied that Jews could have their own political state, as Judaism is only a religion, not a nationality. So much so that in articles 1, 2, 6 it was stated that in Palestine there should be a single Arab state, which would host only the Jews residing there before the Zionist aggression. Therefore the nation of the State of Israel was considered an abuse, also because Zionism is a political movement associated with Western imperialism, it is racist, fanatical, colonialist and uses Nazi-fascist methods.

Any dialogue between the PLO and Israel was impossible. In the two-year period 1984-85 there were 102 terrorist attacks in Israel.

Only in 1985 did Arafat sign an agreement with ruler Husayn according to which the PLO would accept a state politically linked to Jordan on condition that Israel returned the territories occupied in 1967 and accepted an international conference under the auspices of the UN to resolve the issue Palestinian. Israel, however, refused everything, so that the following year Arafat broke all agreements with Jordan.

Why remember these things? Because when problems are not solved when they appear, they amplify and become scary.

January

[1] We remember January 1, 1965

When were the first Palestinian resistance organizations formed? Practically in the second half of the 1950s. Where? Precisely in Gaza, then in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Algeria and Kuwait. What were they called? Fedayeen, i.e. “those who sacrifice themselves”. One might say: just the word! In Arabic, of course.

One of these organizations: Movement for the Liberation of Palestine (Fatah), created in 1956, had the legendary Yasser Arafat among its founders. Its objective: to hit Israeli patrols and military targets in Zionist-occupied areas.

In the 1960s the bases where the guerrillas were recruited were precisely the refugee camps where many Palestinians ended up after the Nakba of 1948.

They obtained a result immediately: Egyptian President Nasser convened the first Conference of the leaders of the Arab countries in Cairo in 1964. On this occasion, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was founded. The Arabs were becoming highly politicized.

In the same year in Jerusalem, at the first PLO Congress, the Palestinian Statute and National Charter were approved, but the flag, anthem, etc. were also decided. The highest governing body was the National Council, eligible every three years. The PLO seemed to have the appearance of an alternative government to the Zionist one. However, despite the fact that a liberation army was formed with the help of Egypt, Syria and Iraq, the PLO leadership, in the years 1964-67, counted only on the military efforts of the Arab countries.

The beginning of the real armed struggle, which ignores the consent of the Arab countries, began on 1 January 1965, and saw al-Fatah as the protagonist against the Israeli troops near Lake Tiberias (a famous place in the Christian gospels). That autonomous birth generated other fedayeen organizations very close to the populations.

These organizations began to gain much support when Egypt, Syria and Jordan were resoundingly defeated in the 1967 war against Israel. On 21 March 1968 these military formations showed all their courage by standing up to the clearly preponderant Israeli forces near Karameh (in Jordan).

The following year, Arafat found himself in charge of the Executive Committee of the PLO. Under his leadership the Palestinians were also able to influence the governments of the Arab countries in which they had taken refuge as refugees. They became a “revolutionary thorn” even for the moderate elites of those countries. It wasn’t just the Zionists who feared them.

That they were feared by everyone, due to their determination, is unfortunately also demonstrated by the fact that the regular armed forces of Jordan launched themselves against the most aggressive units located in their territory. This shameful episode, in which several thousand guerrillas were killed, went down in history as “Black September” (1970). The survivors had to take refuge in Syria and Lebanon.

This is to say that against Israel, supported by the collective West (not just the USA), at least two conditions are needed: trust in the popular masses and a combative Arab League.

[2] Always underfoot the English

We need to go back to the first half of the 1940s. to identify the first signs of a perverse British plan in favour of the Jews against the Arabs in the Middle East.

In 1840-41 Lord Palmerston, Foreign Minister, wanted a sort of protectorate in the Ottoman Empire to import Jews there against the political union of the Arabs.

Some historians maintain that the true advocate of the return of the Jews to Palestine was Sir Moses Montefiore, born in Livorno in 1784 into a family of Sephardic Jewish origin. In 1845 he had drawn up a detailed project in which he predicted that Arab farmers would voluntarily leave Palestine if in exchange they obtained arable land and better living conditions in countries such as Syria and Iraq. In 1857 he even went to

Jerusalem and bought land from the Turkish sultan on which he built the first 20 homes for Jewish workers and farmers.

In 1860, an association was established by Prospero Moisè Loria, an Italian Jewish philanthropist, to build a large agricultural colony in Palestine, which, according to him, should then have been transformed into a real Jewish state.

Charles Netter, of the Universal Israelite Alliance, founded the first Jewish agricultural school near Tel-Aviv (Mikveh Israel) in 1870. Later, Baron Rothschild contributed to the maintenance of the school. In 1878 Haredi (strictly Orthodox) Jews founded an important agricultural colony (Petah Tikva), again financed by Rothschild. Today it is the fifth largest city in Israel.

The Rishon LeZion colony (now the fourth largest city) was founded in 1882 by Jews from the Russian Empire. All these realities laid the foundations for being able to subsequently speak of a “Jewish home” in Palestine.

In fact, in 1907 the English Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had created a committee made up of some famous scholars from Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, Spain and Italy, specialized in history, geography, economics, oil, agriculture and colonialism, to study possible ways to ensure the continuity of European colonial interests. At that time it was said that the sun never set on the British Empire, being spread across the entire planet. A report was drawn up in which it was proposed to divide the Arab Middle East among the Europeans.

The report preceded the secret Sykes-Picot report (1916) but also the Balfour Declaration. The intent was to prevent the Arab-Muslim peoples of the Ottoman Empire from uniting against the colonial interests of the European states. In fact it was predicted that the Ottomans would soon collapse. The report recommended:

1) to create artificial statelets totally dependent on the colonialist states;

2) prevent with these small states any form of unity and progress among Muslims;

3) in particular, a buffer state had to be created consisting of a strong population but foreign to the region, linked to European interests.

The report showed full unity of purpose between British politics and the Zionist movement with Herzl at its head. Palestine had to be separated from the rest of the Arab world.

Zionist immigration was thus legitimized and, with it, the first violent clashes between Jewish settlers and Arab residents in the two-year period 1920-21.

Well over a century after these horrible plans, it is clear that if the objective has not yet been fully achieved it is only thanks to the Palestinian resistance.

Very clear Arab requests

Americans have always been smart, we know it. Since they knew that, once the First World War was over, they would not be able to enter the Middle East, that France and the United Kingdom had decided to divide them up exclusively on the shoulders of the former Ottoman Empire, they invented a ploy with which to demonstrate that they were more democrats of the two European countries. And so they proposed, in the name of the principle of self-determination of peoples, to hold a sort of referendum among the Arab populations of Palestine to find out what they thought of themselves and of Europeans.

The Anglo-French accepted out of respect for their ally, but were ready to boycott the initiative, not being willing to establish the commission that was to manage the survey. The USA, therefore, was forced to do everything on its own. They established a commission which took the name of King-Crane.

The result was very clear: the Arabs of Palestine did not want any “Jewish national home” (as the *Balfour Declaration*, published in 1917, called for). Furthermore, they claimed to preserve the territorial union of Palestine with Syria, of which it had always been an integral part.

Naturally, the results of the survey remained secret so as not to upset English interests.

However, in July 1919, a Syrian general assembly presented similar requests to the aforementioned commission, to

which they added that they wanted, in place of the British mandate and the secret agreements between Sykes and Picot, a monarchical constitutional regime that included Syria and Palestine.

There was nothing to be done. Despite representing 90% of the total population, the Arabs, in the eyes of European countries, counted for nothing.

Hence the first popular uprisings in Jerusalem against the conquest plans of the Zionist-British bloc: in 1920-21 and 1929. In both cases they were reactions to the provocations of the Zionists.

There were various deaths and injuries on both sides, but every time the English armed forces intervened to quell the clashes, they always did so in favour of the Jews. In fact, when they established a war tribunal, the only ones who were sentenced to death or kept in prison were the Arabs.

The only Zionist who, in theory, they should have executed was the policeman Hankiz, who had exterminated an entire Arab family in Jaffa. But the court commuted his sentence to 10 years in prison, which he didn't even serve in full.

This is to say that there were already ample conditions for the 1947 UN resolution not to be approved.

[3] Nothing personal

In Mandatory Palestine in the 1920s, Arabs were able to militarily attack Jews, who were defended by the Haganah, a Zionist paramilitary terrorist organization integrated into the Israeli Defence Forces after 1948.

Jews imported weapons from abroad or made their own on kibbutzim. The personnel and organization of the Haganah depended on the settlements (yishuv), which in the early 1920s comprised just over 10% of the country's total population. Therefore they were not a difficult obstacle to overcome, as they will be after the UN resolution, which sanctioned the partition of Palestine, when the Jews had become 33% of the total population.

Except that the Jews have almost always been protected by the English, who managed Palestine from 1917 to 1948. The

Zionists claim to have also been enemies of the English, since the latter wanted to govern Palestine as their own colony and did not allow such flows of immigrants as to unleash the wrath of the Arabs. True, but during its mandate, the United Kingdom never directly took up the defence of the Palestinians, and when the Zionists began to rule, no government in Israel ever did anything against the British. The debt of gratitude was too strong.

The attacks that the Zionists carried out against the English, before 1948, only served to force them to leave and therefore to manage Israel in absolute autonomy. If a terrorist had been captured and asked why they should behave this way towards a country that had always helped them, he would have easily replied: "Nothing personal".

Our hunger for energy

Before the birth of Israel, Jews did not identify with any specific homeland. They had been a nomadic people for 2000 years, scattered throughout the world, often subject to forced expulsions. And even now that they have their homeland, not all Jews recognize themselves there, as many of them claim to have nothing to do with the Zionists.

The Jews had their own homeland, free and independent, under the monarchies of Saul, David and Solomon, for an overall very limited period (1030-933 BC).

The fact that they have such a long-standing tradition is certainly not an indication of their military strength. The Jews have never had an empire, and the dream that current Zionists have of creating one from the Nile to the Euphrates is a pure utopia. Every time they clashed with powerful enemies, they always lost (Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Hellenists and Romans). And when they won, like for example, with the Maccabees, the victory did not last very long.

This is to say that their strength does not lie in weapons. Even today: it seems that the massacre of the Palestinians is due to their clear military superiority. In reality they are winning because they are protected by the collective West, which prefers to consider Islam as its enemy, given that we have been

accustomed to doing so since the time of the Yom Kippur war, when the oil-producing countries made us understand that they could use oil as a blackmail weapon.

Then, for about a quarter of a century, our narrative has tended to identify the Islamic person in himself with the terrorist potential (Oriana Fallaci *docet*). For the rest, we know well that as long as the Zionists need our support (financial and military) to fight the Arab world, they will never do anything against us.

For us, the Palestinians can also disappear from Palestine: they are not a people who have anything to give us on an economic or material level. We will not lift a finger to prevent Israel from exterminating them or forcing them to take refuge abroad.

We are much more interested in the strategic projects that Israel has regarding the energy sector, which it also wants to implement with the support of some Arab countries. This is because, since we broke ties with Russia, we desperately need gas and oil, even if we fill our mouths with words like “ecological transition” and “electric cars”.

A perverse project

Perhaps few know that when Trump was president, the Jew Jared Kushner, son-in-law (as the husband of his daughter Ivanka) and his adviser, had promoted a series of projects between Israel and some Arab countries (Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman) in the amount of 50 billion dollars. The plan was called “Deal (or Opportunity) of the Century”. The Palestinians did not want to participate because at the end of 2017 the USA had recognized Jerusalem as the capital of the Israeli state.

Beneficiary countries and territories would have been the West Bank and Gaza, but also Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon. Why these latter states? Simple: because the project was perverse.

With the excuse of favouring Palestinians residing in Palestine, they wanted to force expatriates from 1948 onwards to consider themselves permanent refugees in the neighbouring

states in which they had found refuge. That is, their status as refugees would have been replaced with being citizens of those countries. The right to return to Palestine had to be forgotten.

The Zionists are very keen on having this security, since the Palestinians inside Palestine are more than the Israelis, even if with a difference of 1%: 50.1% (about 5.5 million) Palestinians, against the 49.5% (about 5 million) Israelis (note that the Palestinians at home and abroad, “refugees all over the world”, number around 15 million people: if they decided to return to their homeland, the Jews would become a minority with little power).

But the project is also perverse for another reason: the reason for their economic backwardness is attributed to the Palestinians themselves, i.e. the fact that they do not allow themselves to be colonized by the Israelis! It is no coincidence that the USA no longer uses the expression “occupied Palestinian territories”, but only “The Palestinian Territories” (the Palestinian Authority is not a state). For the USA there is neither an occupied land nor apartheid, but only a rebellious people who do not agree to enrich themselves according to the model of Israel, whose state is the only one authorized to exist. Even the Golan Heights no longer belongs to Syria. The Palestinians must resign themselves to living within a single state.

[4] Very prosaic interests

During the First World War the British tried to occupy northern Iraq as quickly as possible, since they knew that it was rich in oil, no less than Iran. They mobilized an army of 900,000 men, also taken from India. They wanted to seize those deposits not yet exploited by the Ottoman Empire even before France and the United States did so.

This explains why they took all of Iraq under their mandate in 1920. The English absolutely did not care that 90% of the land was publicly owned and that 80% of the population was nomadic, free to exploit the fields for grazing and cultivation.

They bloodily repressed every popular uprising. They associated their economic interests with a local collaborationist

elite. They made Zionists in Palestine an anti-Iraqi outpost. And they forced the Turks to establish a precise border between themselves and the Iraqis. Exploitation of the large Kirkuk deposit began in 1927.

However, they soon had to deal with the insatiable appetites of France and the USA, which demanded a slice of the oil pie. *Obtorto collo* and they finally gave in.

Together they established a red line that was impassable for any other state. Within this line were Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and the entire Arabian Peninsula, excluding Kuwait. The agreement lasted until 1948, after which the USA began to play the lion's share: a role which, after the birth of the current BRICS, is no longer the same.

The monstrous economic wealth of the Anglo-French and Americans was also determined by the imperialistic exploitation of the energy resources of the Middle East. And not without the complicity of small groups of powerful local families, mostly dynastic.

Even today, when we get fuel from Shell, BP, Exxon-Mobil, Total, etc., we are dealing with oil companies that have created their financial empires mainly in the Middle East. The Zionist movement itself was able to enter Palestine because it was part of a game of very prosaic interests that went far beyond the idealistic and romantic intentions of the Jewish population living in Europe.

Zionism between the English and the Americans

When World War II broke out, the British asked both Palestinians and Jews to form military units as part of their army. The Palestinians (who had already suffered greatly under the British) joined with only 9,000 men; the Jews instead with over 27,000.

Jews specialized in repairing war material damaged on the battlefield. This explains why in 1945 they were able to manufacture armoured vehicles, mortars and ammunition. Indeed, in 1946 they had a real army, duly armed and trained: 40,000 men in the Haganah, 16,000 in the Palmach, over 3,000 in the Irgun and 300 in the Stern gang.

However, during the war it was above all the Americans who understood the importance of Zionism. In fact, they saw it as a complementary tool for their domination in the Middle East, linked above all to the oil to be taken from the Arab countries.

Strongly supported by the USA, the Zionists led by Weizmann and Ben Gurion felt they were in a bind. Hence the strong claims to create a Jewish government, with a Jewish army, throughout Palestine, favouring practically unlimited immigration. They saw President Roosevelt as a new Moses.

The American Rabbi Stephen Wise, head of the largest Jewish community in the world, equated Zionism with Americanism. When the war ended, President Truman demanded that the British authorize the entry into Palestine of 100,000 Jewish veterans of the Nazi concentration camps. In reality, the English couldn't wait to leave Palestine and deflect the anger of the Arab world towards the USA for having allowed the creation of a Jewish state.

The Americans were truly hypocritical. In fact, in 1941 they had prevented the immigration of Jews from occupied Europe, because they did not want a Jewish community that was too powerful, capable of influencing the presidential elections. In fact, the Jews dreamed of going to the USA, not Palestine, which had nothing economically attractive.

It was the Zionists who took advantage of this American ban to ask the Jews to move to Palestine, making their way among the Palestinian population. Paradoxically, the redemption of a people, the Jews, heavily tormented in Europe, had to be paid by another people, unrelated to the Shoah.

And in any case the role of the English was about to end, to the advantage of the Americans, who were much more pro-Zionist. Truman even relied on the consensus of the American Zionists in order to be re-elected and made an agreement with leader Weizmann to prevent the UN from sending international troops to Palestine, also because the Zionists wanted to go well beyond the resolutions of the UN.

It is sufficient to give an example here. The Deir Yassin massacre occurred on April 9, 1948: the Stern gang and the Ir-gun eliminated 254 men, women, old people and children, oc-

cupying 474 inhabited centres, of which 385 were razed to the ground.

Already in 1947 the Zionists had made it clear that if they wanted to welcome all the Jews of the world into Palestine, a territory of at least 200,000 square kilometres was needed, from the Nile to the Euphrates. Instead, the UN had predicted 17,000.

The replacement of the English by the Americans

The Americans replaced the English in the management of the Middle East (and Palestine in particular) also because they were able to make a real iron pact with the Zionists.

The British, on the other hand, feared that if they allowed uncontrolled Jewish immigration, they would then have to face increasingly frequent Arab rebellions, and they knew they did not have enough forces to do so, especially after the end of the Second World War.

Having been in that area since 1920, they had learned about the characteristics of the Arab populations. This is why they regulated migratory flows according to certain parameters, precisely so as not to displease the Arabs too much.

However, the Haganah paramilitary organization knew how to circumvent these parameters by bringing Jews in clandestinely via ships. It is no coincidence that if in 1919 the Jews were only 9.7% of the Palestinians, in 1946 they had already become 35.1%. And for the Zionists this was a sufficient percentage to ask the newborn UN for their own state.

For their part, the Americans had understood that if they supported the Zionists in every way, they would never have needed to colonize the Middle East according to Anglo-French schemes, except by placing military bases in some strategic points. The Zionists would play the role of a highly armed, very ferocious and provocative watchdog.

The scruples of the English occurred for example, in the case of the Exodus 1947 ship, purchased by the Haganah in Baltimore from a Jewish-American shipowner. She was designed to carry 400 passengers, but the Haganah transformed

her to transfer 4,515 Jewish survivors from the Austro-German concentration camps to Palestine.

They pretended that it was flying the Honduran flag and landed it in various European ports, until the English blocked it in Cyprus, and then transferred it to France. Here only 138 decided to go ashore. All the others were taken to Hamburg, to two concentration camps for refugees, waiting for them to decide to go to France. Instead they remained there until the UN created the State of Israel.

The Zionists took this insult to heart and began acting like terrorists even towards the English, convinced that they would very soon be able to replace them with the Americans.

[5] The end of empires

It is singular how in the former Yugoslavia the West protects with drawn sword the entire Muslim population of Kosovo against the Christian-Orthodox-Serbian one, judged to be pro-Russian, while in Palestine it protects even more a population of Jewish origin against another of Islamic religion.

This is evidence of the fact that the West doesn't care a damn about religions, even if, having to choose between Judaism and Islam, it would prefer the former, and between Orthodox Christians and Catholics or Protestants, it would prefer the latter, so much so, for example, who never said anything against Catholic-Croatian fascism.

On the other hand, it cares a lot about defending its own economic interests. In the former Yugoslavia and in the Balkans in general, we are interested in the entry into the EU of countries that we can exploit for their raw materials and very low labour costs, which is a real incentive to relocate our companies.

In the Middle East, Israel serves us for our energy needs (especially the heritage of the Arabs) and, in general, commercial needs, as it is a crossroads that unites three continents.

Western Europe destroyed two empires: Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman, and was about to do so with the third, the Russian one, saved in a corner, within its geographical borders, by the Bolshevik revolution. They were all late-feudal empires,

already economically and financially subjugated to the major European capitalist powers.

Europe imposed the concept of a “bourgeois nation”, managed by pro-Western elites, with exceptions (such as the Turkish elite under Atatürk, who, thanks to the Soviets, did not allow himself to be subjugated by the Anglo-French).

Within these new nations, independence movements would then develop, which certainly did not aspire to return to the old empires, but which also did not like being conditioned by Western imperialism, which was nothing other than a revised and corrected colonialism of the past centuries. Today the empire of old Western Europe is dying, which lived on its income for half a millennium, by virtue of its military, industrial, techno-scientific superiority, etc., weighing terribly on the shoulders of what was once called the “Third World”, and which today is called the “Global South”.

The European Union has proven to be a simple colony of the USA, accepting the American request to have to unload the burden of its enormous contradictions on their allies with limited sovereignty. In reality, in order to try to survive and consolidate the last remaining forces, the entire West needs to identify false enemies: Russia, China, the Islamic world...

No longer able to dominate Africa, Asia and Latin America as it once did, the West is becoming wicked, taking on attitudes and values that closely resemble Nazi-fascism.

Resolution no. 242/1967

At the time of President Gorbachev, the USSR said that UN resolution no. 242, formulated on 22 November 1967, i.e. a few months after the Israeli aggression of the “Six Days”, constituted for the first time a fundamental legal basis for addressing the Middle Eastern problem and the Palestinian problem in particular in a global manner.

The objective of the resolution was a just, stable and secure peace for all states in the region. The existence of Israel was not questioned, but it was simply confirmed that the acquisition of other people’s territories through war was inadmissible, and it was contested that Israel had the right to undermine

the territorial integrity of Arab countries under the pretext of not feeling safe enough.

However, the resolution was insufficient: both because it referred to the “states” of the region, when the Palestinians were still without them; and because it did not explicitly or directly address the Palestinian question, other than postponing its solution to an international conference, the need for which none of the five countries of the Security Council had opposed.

In other words, the resolution did not contain indications on the future of the Palestinian people and their essential rights. That is, it relegated those people to the sad rank of “refugees” and did not say a word about the right to self-determination.

That was a grave mistake. It had to be stated with absolute determination that only an international conference could resolve the fundamental conflicts in the Middle East. Then it should be added that, pending the convening of this conference, the UN reserved the right, in the face of Israel’s refusal to withdraw its armed forces from the occupied territories, to resort to military means to enforce this obligation. The same resolution called for the creation of demilitarized zones between the various states in the region.

Today that resolution (all in all moralistic or paternalistic) no longer makes any sense. It is impossible to return Palestine to the situation before 1967 without armed intervention against Israel, especially since the tragedy for the Palestinians began well before: in 1948. In fact, from then to now Israel has had plenty of time to guarantee itself full security without feeling entitled to threaten that of neighbouring countries and peoples. It is a principle known throughout the world that security is either mutual or it does not exist for anyone.

That nothingness of the UN

In the two-year period 1979-80 the UN Security Council issued four very important resolutions against Israel. At no. 446/79, the colonies (settlements) created by the Israelis in the Palestinian territories and other Arab territories occupied since 1967 were considered “totally illegal”.

At no. 465/80 it was reiterated that all the measures taken by Israel to modify the geographical character, demographic composition and institutional structure of the territories occupied since 1967 were to be considered “totally illegal”, also because they were an open violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention relating to the protection of civilians in times of war (12 August 1949).

At no. 476/80 the full validity of all previous resolutions was reiterated.

At no. 478/80, Israel’s adoption of the Fundamental Law on Jerusalem, understood as the “unified city and capital of Israel”, was vigorously censored, in opposition to its international status sanctioned by the UN. And all the states of the world were asked to withdraw their diplomatic missions, if they had them in that city.

These are resolutions from over 40 years ago. They denounce not only the arrogance of Israel, not only the complicity of the West which has allowed the exercise of this arrogance, but also the great weakness and uselessness of the UN.

[6] Jews and Palestinians anarchists together

In Palestine, anarchism or libertarian socialism began to spread immediately after the second (1904-14) and third (1919-23) wave of Jewish immigration coming mainly from Russia, Lithuania, Ukraine and Poland. They harked back to the ideas of Kropotkin and Tolstoy, and of course to the practice of agrarian populism. Most of these anarchists were agnostics or atheists.

Neither anarchist nor socialist Zionists have ever claimed the establishment of an exclusive political state for the Jews. Their goal was to build an associationist movement of kibbutzim (a sort of agricultural farms based on common labour and undivided ownership). In the 1920s and 1930s everyone lived on kibbutzim and everyone could exit, as the fundamental ethical rule was “consent without coercion and without institutionalized sanctions”. In fact, anarchy does not mean a society without rules, but a society based on the voluntary acceptance of common decisions.

However, an organized anarchist movement was formed only after the birth of the State of Israel (1948). The collaborations between Israelis and Palestinian anarchists have their roots in the late 1960s, when the Socialist Organization in Israel (founded in 1962), with an anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist tendency and which published the magazine “Matzpen”, gave birth to the first protest against the occupation of 1967.

A few years later, the Israeli activists of the Black panthers (born in 1971), who had close relations with “Matzpen”, carried out the first social struggle of second generation immigrants against racism and discrimination.

The first Intifada (1987) had gained the sympathies of many Israeli anarchists, who saw in those Palestinian actions an inherent tendency towards popular resistance.

Even today, according to Wikipedia, which is continually manipulated by the Zionists, in Israel there is an anarchist movement committed to the defence of the Palestinians living in the occupied territories. As incredible as it is, anarchist Jews fight for peaceful coexistence between the two peoples in the name of anti-capitalism.

They look like the last Mohicans. In fact, not even those who preach multipolarism and the end of Western neocolonialism have ever said a word against capitalism. By now it has been understood that the battle is only between private capitalism of the Western brand and state capitalism of the Asian and global South. Let's not delude ourselves.

Note on Ben Gurion

It makes a certain sense to read in Giancarlo Elia's book Valori, *Ben Gurion and the birth of the State of Israel* (2011) sentences such as: hundreds of thousands of Jews knew how to build their homeland, affirming and defending it, since its birth, in the midst to a sea of hostility (implied: Arab); the State of Israel continues to represent the outpost of democracy and the defence of human rights in the Middle East; Ben Gurion was a sort of new Moses for the Israelis; peace remained his horizon, even if Israel found itself constantly threatened at its borders; Ben Gurion had an extraordinary human and political stature,

nourished by religious inspiration; there is no other history in the history of the world comparable to that of Jewish people who, dispersed and persecuted, have been able to preserve their identity and culture for almost two thousand years; it was thanks to these people that arable land, gardens and many important buildings could be created where previously there was desert...

The book is full of these falsehoods from first to last page. Furthermore, it was presented in a room of the Chamber of Deputies, receiving the applause of politically unrepresentable parliamentarians such as Gianni de Michelis and Lamberto Dini.

It makes sense to read this absurdity because Ben Gurion himself in his *Memoirs* said clearly that if he had been an Arab leader he would never have signed peace with Israel, simply because the Jews had stolen their country from the Palestinians.

Adding then that you cannot tell an Arab that God promised Palestine to the Jews, since our God is not theirs, nor do they feel responsible for what we have suffered due to anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Who knows if one day historians will be able to access the secret archives that preserve the most embarrassing documents on the birth of the State of Israel. To date, less than 2% has been made accessible to the public. Indeed, as far as military archives are concerned, less than 1%.

Non-Zionist Jews

On no. 54/2023 of “Independence” there is a small page dedicated to a Declaration made by the Jewish-religious movement Neturei Karta International, which opposes the State of Israel in and of itself, regardless of the current far-right government led by Netanyahu, and who therefore unquestioningly rejects the apartheid regime to which the Palestinians are subjected.

They have had this position since their founding in Jerusalem in 1938. They are descendants of Hungarian and Lithuanian Jews who lived in Palestine long before Zionism

was born. Today they are mainly present in the United States, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Austria.

Since they define themselves as “Orthodox believers”, they explain their choice of existential and political life in a “religious” way. That is, they don’t just say that the Zionist state does not represent the Jewish people and cannot speak in the name of religious Jews, and that killing and stealing are violations of the Ten Commandments. But they also argue that, “according to the principles of Judaism, the Jews are today in exile by divine decree and are prohibited from taking possession of the Holy Land by force”.

Jews who think like this refuse to serve in the Israeli army, do not accept state subsidies and do not go to vote; they don’t even touch banknotes with images of Zionists printed on them, also because they accuse Zionism of being the origin of current anti-Semitism.

“Judaism and Zionism are diametrically opposed – they say. Judaism is a religion and has no connection with any state. The State of Israel is a political-nationalist state, without any connection to religion or faith. They are falsely using the Torah to justify their crimes”. And then they add: “According to the Jewish Torah, the entire (Palestinian) land, from the river to the sea, must be returned to its legitimate (indigenous) owners, the Palestinian people. We do not support the two-state solution. The entire State of Israel violates Judaism”.

Now, honestly speaking I don’t know where the Torah says that Palestine belongs to the Palestinians. If anything, it is the Talmud that invites the Jews to wait for the messiah without creating the end of the exile in advance by using political institutions.

However, if you look at the Old Testament, it is clearly said that Palestine is the promised land for the Jews, to be conquered by massacring the native peoples, judged “pagan” or “polytheistic” and therefore devoid of morality, corrupt by definition.

I don’t even know where they read that the Jews must be in exile by “divine decree”. This is because if you look at their history, you easily realize that when they suffered a forced exile by the Assyrians and the Babylonians, they never gave up

the idea of returning to Palestine, so much so that with the Persians they succeeded, despite their addictions.

The very statement that Judaism is a religion that has no ties to any state is ambiguous to say the least. In fact, no religion in the world could say the same thing. Even Orthodox Christianity refuses to politicize itself like Roman Catholicism does, but this does not mean it stops supporting the State in which it is present. It is one thing not to allow the State to change the theology of a Church; it is another to use this theology to influence the secularity of the State; yet another is to put one's theology at the service of a clearly dictatorial state, as is happening today in Ukraine by the schismatic Orthodox confession towards the Moscow patriarchate.

All this to say that this movement advances religious motivations that anyone could dispute. In reality, the real solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict lies in creating a single secular and democratic state, in which everyone can recognize themselves regardless of their religious affiliation.

Within this State, to live an existence without social conflicts, a sort of socialism self-managed by the community should be created (such as the ancient kibbutzim), which excludes private management of the fundamental means of production and natural resources of the territory.

Jews and Palestinians, but also Christians and secularists, must learn to coexist as equivalent entities, willing to confront each other without preconditions or prejudices. It is absurd to think that Jews are superior to Muslims precisely because they are "Jews". The concept of "chosen people" or that of "holy nation" must be decisively eliminated from democratic language, as they harbinger of racist tendencies.

Today, Zionists can still boast military or economic superiority simply because they come from a "capitalist civilization" formed in Western Europe. But they should begin to ask themselves, given that they often quote religious passages, whether it is so convenient for their conscience to be unscrupulous capitalists with their hands dripping blood every day, especially the innocent blood of children.

[7] Spread the conflict towards where?

The recent terrorist attack against Iran (Kerman massacre), claimed by ISIS/Daesh and apparently unmotivated, as there was no military target to hit but only civilians at a cemetery, suggests that with the Israeli-Palestinian war, the US is trying to do something they failed to do in Ukraine: widen the conflict as much as possible. But widen it towards whom or where? Lebanon counts for nothing, except for the fact that the Hezbollah militias depend on Iran, and in any case are not capable of sustaining a war against Israel on their own.

Syria is so weak and full of problems that, if it went to war, it would immediately lose, although it could always ask for help from Russia, its ally.

In Iraq, Baghdad was quietly hit right in the centre by some American missiles in response to numerous attacks by pro-Iranian Shiite militias against US bases in Syria and Iraq. Yemen is too small to worry the West, although it is in a strategic position for commercial traffic. At most, it can serve, if missiles are launched from Western military ships into its territory, to arouse in the Iranian government, which protects the Houthis, the need for a vast mobilization of solidarity.

Egypt should not be touched, not only because it is an ally of the USA, but also because it is being considered to use it to give refuge to the Palestinians in Gaza, at the cost of forgiving its debts to the IMF. Possibly it will share the arrival of refugees with Congo or other countries.

So all that remains is Iran: here is the real target to hit. American hatred towards Iran has existed since the Khomeini revolution of 1979. In fact, it was the only large Middle Eastern country to reject American influence in the management of its oil resources.

Iran suffered British hegemony for 40 years. When the nationalist government of Mossadeq came to power in the spring of 1951, having recently nationalized the country's oil industry, it was the Anglo-Americans who organized the military coup in August 1953 that brought Reza pahlavi, a shah clearly pro-Western.

On that occasion it became clear that the USA would replace the United Kingdom in the imperialistic management

of the entire Middle East. US governments feared that Iran, by nationalizing oil, would move closer to Soviet communism and send a negative signal to the other Gulf countries.

However, relations between Iran and the USSR, after the 1979 revolution, were never good, above all for ideological and political reasons, as the main opponents of a Shiite clergy which, having come to power, was giving rise to a kind of theocracy, were precisely the social-communists, who had joined the anti-colonial revolution.

Today, with the establishment of the BRICS, a non-ideological organization by definition, relations between Iran and Russia have become excellent. Indeed, for Americans it gets worse. Thanks to Russian-Chinese mediation, there was reconciliation between the two historical enemies: Iran and Saudi Arabia. And the latter has also determined the end of the petrodollar: a disaster of incalculable importance for the USA, increasingly destined for a sensational financial collapse due to a public debt that no country in the world wants to sustain anymore.

[8] In memory of Sabra and Shatila

That the Zionists are politically perverse is demonstrated by what they did in Lebanon in the early 1980s.

After the massacre suffered by the Jordanian Arabs in the so-called “Black September” of 1970 (then one wonders at the lack of anti-Israeli determination of the Arab League...), the Palestinians (about half a million people) had made a new life in Lebanon, obviously always as refugees.

It must be admitted that this is a very resilient population. In fact, from 1948 to today not only has it had to resist the genocidal attempts by Israel, but it has also had to face the obvious hostility or the guilty indifference or the dangerous ambiguities of the entire Arab world, as if the foreign body in the Middle East they were not the Zionists but the Palestinians themselves.

The Jews accuse the Christians of the causes of their hell. Why not the Palestinians towards the Zionists? Wouldn't they have the same right to complain?

The ink with which the Egyptian traitor Prime Minister Sadat had signed the Camp David agreements (1979) with the terrorist Begin (former head of the infamous Irgun) was still fresh, when Begin himself said that Israel had the right to intervene in Lebanon too, with the usual excuse of national security.

And so in 1982, with the “Peace in Galilee” operation, the Zionists set themselves the following objectives:

- 1) destroy the PLO on a civil, social and military level;
- 2) move refugees as much as possible towards Syria;
- 3) install a Christian-Falangist, ideologically fascist and pro-Israeli government.

The PLO of course defended itself, and did so for 79 days with some success. Then the international community intervened and, given Israel’s difficulties, demanded a ceasefire. The UN forces intervened between the belligerents (something that cannot be done today because the West opposes it).

It seemed like peace had been made. However, the UN contingents withdrew too soon. The Zionists suddenly occupied west Beirut, clear of defenders, where only Palestinian civilians remained.

After a few days a tragedy occurred that will remain in the annals of cowardice and infamy. The Israelis asked the Phalangists to carry out a horrendous massacre in the refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila. More than 3,000 people were barbarically eliminated.

The total cost to the Palestinians of the “Peace in Galilee” operation was appalling: over 19,000 dead, over 30,000 wounded and maimed; 84% were civilians (of which 1/3 under 15 years old). Plus all the massive building destruction. Today, with Gaza, even these figures have been exceeded.

Israel occupied the southern area of Lebanon, remaining there until 2000. They were expelled by Hezbollah militiamen (supported by Syrians and Iranians), who today constitute a more painful thorn in Israel’s side than the Hamas militiamen themselves.

Have the objectives achieved compared to those set at the beginning of the aforementioned operation? Not even one.

Concluding reflection: in a population like the Palestinian one it is very difficult to simply remain “civilians” and not become “military”; above all, it is very difficult to live there when you are just a child. However, one thing, after many years, seems to have become an incontrovertible reality: this is a population that the more it is tortured, the more it resembles an Arabian phoenix.

Falastin Al Thawra

“Falastin Al Thawra” was the main periodical of Arafat’s PLO between 1972 and 1994. It meant “Palestine of the Revolution”. It was intended to be a hope, a strategic objective to be pursued resolutely. It went beyond the term used by progressive European journalism of those years, which defined the Palestinian struggle as a form of “resistance”.

Even today, in mainstream usage, the beginning of Palestinian resistance dates back to the mid-1960s, with the foundation of the PLO and Al-Fatah.

However, if we carry out a historical analysis we must go back to the early 1920s, immediately after the imposition of the British mandate in Palestine. In fact, the first bloody incidents, completely spontaneous, which saw groups of Palestinians opposing Zionist penetration and the prospect of the Jewish “national home”, date back to May 1921 and August 1929, in Jerusalem, Jaffa and other locations.

Instead, the first nucleus of militarily organized resistance took shape in November 1935, when Sheikh Izz al-Din al-Qassam, already condemned to death by the French for his participation in the anti-colonial struggle in Syria, formed a nucleus of guerrillas in Haifa. There he will lose his life in a clash with English troops. His killing triggered the Great Arab Revolt of 1936-39. Even today the military wing of Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement) refers to his name.

The English were no less ferocious than the Zionists. From 1936 to 1939, the Palestinians against the British occupation, which supported the immigration of Jews, carried out many strikes, protests and guerrilla operations, which resulted

in at least 5,000 deaths and 14,000 injuries among their ranks. Over a hundred of them were hanged after a ridiculous trial.

At the end of 1947, after the UN vote on partition, the rebellion resumed under the leadership of Abd al-Qadir al-Husayni, who was killed in the battle for control of the village of al-Qastal along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road in 1948.

This is to say that if you think that with the ethnic cleansing carried out in Gaza in recent months, the Palestinian resistance will have suffered a definitive demolishing blow, you are deeply deluding yourself.

[9] Aspects of the Middle East

To understand the Arab world of the Middle East there are some fundamental aspects (listed here randomly), many of which are inextricably intertwined:

1) The colonial and imperial policy of the Western powers (first Anglo-French, then American): a policy aimed both at the hoarding of energy resources (primarily oil), and at the acquisition of commercial communication routes (land, river and above all maritime).

2) The corruption of the local-regional-national elites, more interested in making huge private profits from the sale of energy products than in developing the populations as a whole socially and culturally. The ambition of the military castes, always very important, must be included in the context of this corruption, especially where countries are governed by historical dynasties or by aristocratic classes or by prevalent ethnic groups.

3) The anti-Western sentiments of the popular masses, often exploited by the elites in power, which lead the masses to consider ethnic-religious ties more important than class interests, transversal to ethnic groups and religions. Sometimes these feelings are exploited by the West itself, when they serve to pit one Arab state against another or one ethnic group against another.

4) The strength of Islam, used more than anything else as a political instrument with an anti-colonialist function, but also used by the dominant elites as an illusory instrument of al-

ternative to capitalism. Nor should we forget the instrumental uses of those religious divisions (e.g. between Sunnis and Shiites), which, if they made sense in medieval times, today only serve to maintain an artificial antagonism between the various Islamic countries.

5) The growing impetus of Arab nationalism, resulting from the fact that, during the partition of the former Ottoman Empire, the Anglo-French imposed the bourgeois idea of “nation”, with which a specific population had to distinguish itself, if not oppose itself, compared to other Islamic populations, in turn destined to transform themselves into nations. Which prevented the formation of the idea of a single anti-Western Arab nation, characterized by the same language (except for a few exceptions) and from the same religion (despite its specific variations) and with traditions that are quite similar to each other. There are fewer differences between Arab countries than between European countries.

6) The generalized aversion for Israel, whose political state has always been seen as a foreign body in the Middle East. Muslims are not anti-Semitic (also because they themselves are Semitic), nor do they despise the Jewish religion (from which they inherited many aspects). What they can't stand is that this religion takes on a political-institutional guise in their region. Of course the ban applies to any other religion. This does not prevent Islam itself from being considered a state religion or from its majority character at a national level being used as a political tool.

7) The obsession with the Palestinian problem. The Islamic powers of the Middle East have never coalesced, all together, to eliminate Israel. When some of them did, they never prevailed; indeed, they had to recognize that, thanks to the military and financial support of the USA, Israel is a nation to be feared. Not only that, but when some Islamic countries hosted Palestinian refugees in large quantities, they realized that these had characteristics that could be dangerous for the governments in office: they appeared too politicized, too accustomed to using weapons and claiming democratic rights.

[10] How did terrorism arise in Palestine?

Palestinian refugees who in past years have tried to return to their homeland have always been forcibly dissuaded from doing so. They could easily have even been killed: the Zionists didn't care if they were armed or unarmed, men or women, adults or children. Indeed, between 1948 and 1956 the military even made continuous incursions into the refugee camps set up near the Israeli borders, in order to force them to rebuild the camps further away.

In fact, upon closer inspection, of all the borders established in the Middle East, that of Israel seemed to be the most unnatural of all, as the State was destined to live in a condition of permanent war, and certainly not through the fault of the Palestinians.

These attitudes only increased anti-Israel radicalism. In 1952 a democracy movement overthrew the Egyptian monarchy of Faruq and established a republic with a military government led by Nasser. Who refused Israeli ships access to the Suez Canal; he forced the withdrawal of English troops from Egypt; he supported the Algerian war against France and the independence of Cyprus from the United Kingdom.

The economic-financial boycott against Egypt was not long in coming: the Anglo-Americans and the World Bank immediately cancelled their credits.

Nasser accepted the challenge and nationalized the Suez Canal to finance the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Damascus called on other Arab countries to nationalize all foreign oil companies.

Between 1948 and 1956 Israel clashed with its Arab neighbours at least 200 times. At that point the second Arab-Israeli war (1956) was inevitable. It was in fact Israel that had to provide France and the United Kingdom with the pretext to intervene militarily in Egypt.

The provocation was made in Sinai, occupied by Israel. The Anglo-French demanded that everyone move 30 km away from the canal. Upon obvious refusal from the Egyptian side, the Anglo-French declared war.

At that juncture, however, the USSR threatened to intervene on Nasser's side, and since the USA also did not like the

Anglo-French returning to prominence in the Middle East, it ended there. Israel withdrew from Sinai, but without undergoing any change in its borders.

However, in 1967 the Zionists returned to the charge and in six days tripled the size of their country, occupying Gaza, Sinai, the West Bank, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem. The occupation of this Islamic city was the most painful for the entire Arab world, which finally began to understand that without a well-armed and trained army it would be impossible to defeat Israel.

Not only that, but by simultaneously occupying so many foreign territories, Israel found itself at home with another 7-800,000 Palestinians, ready to carry out subversive actions. It is no coincidence that in that period the PLO, already a member of the Arab League and observer of the UN, began to become a painful thorn in the side of the Zionists.

Even the many Palestinians who fled to Jordan were a source of great concern for the pro-Western king Hussein, who in 1970 forced them to move to Lebanon, after having carried out a horrendous massacre in their refugee camps.

The fourth Arab-Israeli war was unleashed by the Egyptians in 1973. While they crossed the Suez Canal, the Syrians went to take back the Golan Heights, stolen by the Zionists in 1967. It was the so-called "Kippur" war, at the end of which there were neither losers nor winners.

Israel might even have succumbed if it had not been helped by the USA. On that occasion the oil-producing countries increased the price of crude oil while decreasing its production. The elites in power also did it because they feared being overthrown by internal democratic movements. Thus was born the first major contemporary energy crisis, which greatly frightened the West.

Europe found a solution by allowing Egypt to also occupy the eastern bank of the Suez Canal. For the rest, Israel retained the territories already occupied in 1967.

Unfortunately, after Nasser's death (1970), his successor Sadat became completely pro-Western, obtaining great economic aid. The Palestinian question became completely marginal.

At Camp David in 1979, the statesmen Carter, Sadat and Begin established that the Palestinians as a “people” did not exist, as they were considered only as a phenomenon of refugees without national identity and therefore without the right to self-determination.

All of Sinai was returned to Egypt, which however had to keep it demilitarized and was obliged to sell the oil to Israel. As for Gaza and the West Bank, they were transformed into open-air prisons or colonies to be exploited.

Sadat, the first Arab statesman to do so, recognized Israel as an independent state. He transformed Egypt into a semi-protectorate of the USA, as his entire army depended on the American one. He basically signed his death warrant, which occurred in 1981. The Palestinians realized that they had been betrayed, so they began to fight against the Israelis on their own, not in a military way, but using other ways, including terrorist ones.

[11] The Palestinian Shoah

Before the creation of the State of Israel it made no sense to speak of a “Palestinian nation”, distinct in some way from the general characteristics of Arab ethnicity. That is, for the Palestinians it was necessary, in order to acquire international relevance, to transform popular consciousness from an undifferentiated mass (for the West) to a real nationality.

Until the 1967 war, the struggle of the Arabs of Palestine had been the struggle of “all” Arabs against Israel. The Palestinians were like a symbol of that conflict. It was the Arab military defeat that forced the Palestinians to carry their cross alone.

Thanks to Arafat, this was the opportunity to start a process of seeking “national” independence, through methods of struggle that involved all the tools between terrorism and diplomacy. However there were two major problems facing the PLO:

1) Israel did not want to recognize a “Palestinian nation”, but wanted to exploit a real “colony”, both for its cheap

labour and for its natural (agricultural) resources, for which it had no scruples about expelling with force the residents;

2) the Arab League, which had created the PLO in 1964, did not set itself the objective of helping the Palestinians militarily, but of preventing them from carrying out subversive actions independently. The Arab League's privileged point of reference was the Egyptian Prime Minister Nasser: he was the unifying element between the many components of the anti-Zionist struggle.

The PLO let the Arab League do its thing until 1967, then it began to move on its own. The myth of Nasser had suddenly collapsed. Indeed, after his death (1970) Sadat's Egypt was the main traitor to the Palestinian cause. With the Camp David Agreements (1978), which were configured as a separate peace, Egypt and Israel sacrificed Palestinian interests on the altar of reason of state (interests that had already been sacrificed with the petrodollar policy in 1973: one which still today determines the ambiguities of the Gulf countries).

For his part, Arafat proclaimed the independent Palestinian state in 1988, limiting himself to including Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, i.e. renouncing the suppression of Israel. However, even this did not please the Zionists, who absolutely wanted to eliminate this undisputed leader of the PLO.

Today the idea of a Palestinian state that includes Gaza and the West Bank would make no sense even if the Israelis completely withdrew from the Strip. That land is not only almost entirely "burned" by Israeli bombings, but is also inexorably destined to remain separated from the West Bank.

Because of this separation, which prevents territorial continuity, it would make more sense, at most, to create two different Palestinian states (just as there are two different Koreas). But Gaza should still be completely rebuilt and the presence of Jewish settlers in the West Bank should be concretely re-discussed. The current Palestinian Shoah reveals many failures:

1) that of the Arab League, incapable even of imposing sanctions or embargoes on Israel;

2) that of the West, which on a diplomatic level is less than zero, surpassed even by South Africa, a deeply racist former country, which had the courage to denounce Israel's genocide at the International Criminal Court;

3) that of the UN and other international bodies, which on an operational level are completely ineffective;

4) that of Israel, which is demonstrating that it cannot resolve anything definitively, using pure and simple military force.

[12] Will BRICS help the Middle East?

It must be admitted that before the Gulf War (1990-91) there were four issues to be resolved in the Middle East:

1) the management of oil resources, too conditioned by Western influences (practically since the end of the First World War, but above all with the birth of the petrodollar);

2) Iraqi hegemonism (from the war against Iran in 1980-88 to the occupation of Kuwait in 1990, simply to have a significant port outlet on the Persian Gulf);

3) the Iranian revolution of 1979, irreducible to Western influences;

4) the homeland of the Palestinians.

Of the four issues, the second was resolved by hanging Saddam Hussein, who despite his "Islamic nationalistic socialism" wasn't even bad, except for his reckless management of the Kurdish question. In any case, we managed to plunge his country into a dead end chaos. It has the third largest oil reserve in the world, but the population still feels divided between Sunnis, Shiites (politically the most important because they are influenced by the Iranians) and Kurds (influenced by the USA, who buy oil from them without going through the placet of Baghdad).

In short, what is the real problem in the Middle East? It is the inability to collectively manage energy resources, which certainly give wealth to the entire region, but which still make the Gulf countries too dependent on Western demands. So much so that they have not been able to resolve either the Palestinian or the Kurdish question.

The Arab League is not able to guarantee strategic coordination between these countries, which frees them from Western conditioning, mainly due to the presence of foreign military posts and the weight of the petrodollar. The Islamist oligarchies and dynasties have collected huge profits from the sale of crude oil, but rather than promoting the social well-being of local populations, they have preferred to invest it in Western financial markets.

Furthermore, these economies must learn to seek autonomy that goes beyond the income from energy resources, which are not unlimited and which the West is trying to replace by focusing on electricity.

It is probable, indeed desirable, that all these problems will be resolved by joining the BRICS, an organization disinterested in ideological issues, capable of enhancing national autonomies, capable of guaranteeing collective protection to individual member countries and intolerant of the globalist hegemony of the USA.

In 2024, Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Ethiopia will join, which will result in 46% of the world population capable of producing 36% of the total GDP. Other countries are on the waiting list: Pakistan, Turkey, Algeria, Tunisia, Venezuela... Let's hope they don't make the mistake of the EU, which focused more on hasty geographical expansion than on equal interstate cooperation.

Certainly the BRICS are not committed to influencing the foreign policy of member countries and do not have in their statute the idea of blocking the entire economy of a country through sanctions or embargoes. Nor do they place themselves as a tool in the hands of some rising superpower.

Racism is transversal

The blatant anti-Semitism of the Nazis contributed significantly to making Judaism a religion worth preserving. It always happens like this: the more you are persecuted, the more you convince yourself that you are right. We cannot place all the blame on the Zionists or the Anglo-Americans for allowing

the establishment of a fundamentally racist and colonialist state (since 2018 it has even become confessional).

A large share of responsibility, albeit indirect, was borne by the Hitlerites, who, without wanting to, taught history a truth that should be reflected upon a lot: in certain conditions, those who suffer discrimination, persecution, etc., instead of becoming weaker, can become stronger. Of course, this was not true for Native North Americans, but only because the “civilization” gap was enormous. The differences between the Andean and Iberian civilizations were less abysmal.

In any case, it seems rather incredible that the Zionists do not realize that all this racial hatred for the Palestinians will only make life in Israel even more unstable (if only because there are more than two million Arabs within it, approximately 21% of the population). History teaches Zionism nothing at all.

They absolutely fail to understand that greater security is achieved by satisfying the demands of a population that cannot be considered as native North Americans. It is not possible to exterminate all Muslims or expel them from Palestine. The American epic of the Wild West lasted from 1842 to 1890 in a territory infinitely superior to that of tiny Palestine.

Conversely, Israel, from 1948 to today, despite all Western support, has never been able to definitively get the better of the Arabs. Periodically it has been forced to compromise, to negotiate peaceful coexistence.

If Israel did not receive continuous weapons from the USA (not to mention funding), if it were sanctioned on a commercial level, if it were subjected to naval embargoes, or if it were even just isolated on a diplomatic level, or expelled from all international bodies, it would immediately reveal all its weakness. This is because her ideology is divisive, not inclusive.

The Israelis want to appear different at all costs, and when they talk about their specificity they are scary: for them “hating” the Palestinians is considered a “divine” right, indeed a “moral” duty. They have breathed this hatred since birth, it is part of the school curriculum. And it is considered an inevitable effect of the Shoah, absolutely legitimate, as if, moreover, the

Palestinians should be considered the main responsible for this tragedy.

In this respect we could say that there is not much difference between the racism of the Nazis and that of the Zionists. The main one lies in the fact that while for the Nazis the pure race was the Teutonic one, for the Zionists it is the Jewish one. Both need violence to assert themselves.

This is to say that arrogant, authoritarian and even genocidal attitudes are transversal to all ideologies, secular or religious, right or left.

[13] Eliminating journalists gives more security

Chris McGreal, journalist for the “Guardian US” recently wrote: “I am in awe of the strength of “Al Jazeera” journalist Wael Dahdouh to step back in front of the camera and focus on the suffering of others, even as he has repeatedly endured his own personal hell.”

In fact, his wife, seven-year-old daughter, fifteen-year-old son and one-year-old grandson have already been killed by the Israelis.

Last month Dahdouh himself was wounded and his cameraman, Samer Abu Daqqa, was killed in the Israeli bombing of a UN-run school used as a shelter.

Then the other day, an Israeli drone hit a car in southern Gaza, killing Dahdouh’s eldest son, Hamza, 27, who also worked for “Al Jazeera”, together with another journalist, Mustafa Thuraya, a videographer from “Agence France Press”.

Dahdouh took a break to attend his son’s funeral and then returned to the airwaves, saying: “I wish that the blood of my son Hamza is the last of the journalists and the last of the people here in Gaza, and that this massacre stop”.

Israel says it does not target journalists, but this is difficult to reconcile with the fact that its military aimed two missiles directly at the car carrying Hamza.

The Israel Defence Forces, which has a long track record of making false claims about the circumstances in which it killed journalists, initially said there was a “terrorist” with a camera-equipped drone in the vehicle.

But the reporters were not flying the drone when the car was hit and it is difficult to believe that, if the military was following the journalists' actions, they did not recognize them as media workers.

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) estimates that Israel has killed more than 70 workers in this latest war in Gaza, making it the deadliest conflict for journalists in decades. Others believe the toll is higher than 100. It is now abundantly clear that Palestinian journalists in Gaza are being targeted. The murder of journalists is a war crime that the International Criminal Court should add to its investigations into other alleged violations of the Geneva Conventions by Israel.

In 2003, an Israeli soldier killed British cameraman James Miller in Gaza. An inquest in the United Kingdom ruled it an unlawful killing. Israel refused to prosecute the soldier responsible, but paid compensation of £1.5m, which Miller's family said was "probably the closest thing to an admission of guilt they would get from the Israelis".

Miller's killing appeared to be part of a scenario of unruly Israeli soldiers shooting whoever they wanted: not just journalists, but also United Nations officials, aid workers and Palestinian children. The army was usually quick to try to cover up killings.

Today, however, the scale and nature of the deaths of journalists and their families in Gaza suggest that there is more to it than a few unruly soldiers shooting at journalists, even taking into account the deaths of thousands of other Palestinians.

Indeed, Israeli politicians themselves were quick to call for the "elimination" of some Palestinian journalists they work for foreign journalistic organizations and who have been falsely accused of being "an integral part of Hamas". So much so that Benny Gantz, a member of the Israeli war cabinet, said that they should be hunted down as if they were terrorists.

Miller's family received compensation because he was British. Dead Western journalists create more of an impression, and this is presumably one of the reasons why Israel has blocked foreign press out of Gaza during the current war.

International news organizations now rely on the same Palestinian reporters targeted by Israel. They provide many of

the images of the horror of Gaza that the rest of the world sees. Why do these same organizations do nothing to report this war crime? Would they behave in the same way if the journalists killed were Americans or Europeans?

[14] A beautiful open letter

Open letter from artists, writers and intellectuals to the world of Italian culture.

The artists, men and women, intellectuals and cultural associations who sign this Open Letter feel the unavoidable need to take a stand in the face of what is happening in Gaza and throughout Palestine, and to invite mobilization, in the forms and in the ways we will decide together.

Gaza has passed the point of collapse: the UN has described its state as “apocalyptic”. Let’s say enough. We cannot talk about beauty, culture, music, theatre, cinema, tell the history and stories of man, ignoring the infamy of which we are inert and helpless spectators. Faced with all this, we artists, scholars, intellectuals and cultural workers can be communities again and again, with a role to play. We believe that our task, today more than ever, is to exercise a gaze that by creating beauty, telling truths, lays bare the offence taking place in Gaza and the West Bank, not only towards the Palestinian people, but towards the entire humanity, because by denouncing it, we also come close to exercising another right: the right to dream. The dream of a just and peaceful society in which every human being can not only live, but also exercise their right to dream and to beauty.

The Palestinian death toll in the Gaza Strip, according to the latest reports published by Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor, has exceeded 22,000 (according to other sources it has already reached 30,000). Until Tuesday 26 December, also counting deaths missing under the rubble, 29,124 Palestinians were killed. The vast majority of those killed were civilians, including 11,422 children, 5,822 women (numbers growing by the hour). More than 1,000 Palestinian children have lost one or both legs or arms.

Ninety percent of Gaza's buildings have been razed or damaged beyond repair. The journalists killed are 101, the healthcare personnel including doctors and paramedics amount to 226. The refugees – who were ordered to abandon their homes within 24 hours and move south to “safe” refugee camps, which were in turn bombed – there are 1,900,000.

According to the investigation by the “New York Times”. and relaunched by CNN, Israel in the south of Gaza in the areas where it had forced civilians to flee after the start of the ground operation, used highly destructive munitions which multiplied the risks of collateral civilian casualties. The bombs in question are the 900 kilo MK-84 bombs, the most destructive in Western military arsenals. Bombs which, according to US military experts consulted by the “Times”, are almost never dropped by US forces in densely populated areas, precisely because of the risks they represent for the civilian population.

The inhabitants of Gaza are deprived of drinking water, fuel, electricity, food, medical equipment and healthcare facilities. Hospitals are forced to carry out limb amputations without anaesthesia, as long as they are not bombed in the meantime, because now the Israelis' rule is to also attack hospitals, schools, places of worship, museums. “No place is safe” declared the representatives of the UN Agency for Refugees, those who survived the massacre that “the most moral army in the world” (as it defines itself) has carried out and carries out daily, including of UN personnel (so far approximately 140 killed). Hundreds of civilians arrested, stripped naked, humiliated by Israeli soldiers. And while the forced exodus of Palestinians continues, Israel's rulers are calmly declaring that they will annex the territory of Gaza, and that the Palestinians must leave, some even hypothesizing Latin America.

In recent days, three Israeli hostages were massacred by the IDF while waving the white flag, because they were believed to be Palestinians. Which translates into the candid admission that the Israeli army also shoots Palestinian civilians, without worrying, which also happened on the fateful day of October 7th. The UN refugee agency denounces Israel for bombing a humanitarian aid convoy, which was travelling along a road indicated by Israeli forces as safe.

This catastrophe (which is not by chance the precise, dramatic meaning of the word “Nakba” for the Palestinians) is not a “natural” event, it is instead the result of choices, of determined and lucidly pursued actions. What is happening in Palestine is shocking, inhumane, unacceptable in every respect. We are witnessing not a war, but the premeditated extermination of a defenceless people. It is the abomination which, through yet another semantic disguise, disguises itself as the “right to defence”.

Faced with all this, we believe that neutrality and equidistance correspond to a form of complicity: but silence is also a form of connivance with those who oppress, those who destroy, those who imprison, those who kill, those who indiscriminately exterminate “fragile” people: elderly, women and children. As Pope Francis said, 2023 was “Herod’s Christmas”. And our heart is filled with indignation, but we no longer want to settle for this, we want to mobilize and invite mobilization.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, unite and intend to mobilize to ask:

- The permanent ceasefire in Gaza to prevent the extermination from continuing with tens of thousands more indiscriminate killings of Palestinian civilians, and the Palestinians from being forced to abandon Gaza, its territory, its waters.

- The unequivocal denunciation of the crimes that Israel is committing in the Gaza Strip, and the rejection of the justifying logic of the deceptive phrase “Israel has the right to defend itself”. We cannot defend ourselves by destroying a defenceless population incarcerated in a small plot of land, subjected to an atrocious blockade that has lasted for twenty years.

- The right to freely express, on the basis of our knowledge and our sensitivity as artists and intellectuals, analyzes and evaluations of the crisis underway in the Middle East, starting from the denunciation that we have all made about the ferocious aspects of the Hamas attack of 7 October, aware that the ferocity we condemn is merely the other side of the coin: the abusive occupation and the practice of apartheid by the Israeli government.

- The right to no longer accept in any form the blackmail of the Shoah, the political speculation on the part of Zion-

ism, and not to be afraid of the grotesque accusation of “anti-Semitism”, an accusation that shamelessly even today, through ignorance or bad faith, is once again against anyone who dares to denounce the genocide taking place against the Palestinian people. We remember that there are also numerous Jews who denounce Israel’s violence towards the Palestinians and are threatened and attacked for this reason, such as the “Jewish Voice for Peace” association.

– The indictment of Benjamin Netanyahu (and his ministers) as South Africa recently did, before the UN International Court of Justice for war crimes and crimes against humanity under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime UN crime of genocide.

– Just like the signatories of the first appeal in defence of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, led by Emile Zola in 1894, as artists and intellectuals, we believe we have the right but also the duty to take the field. To emerge from the silence, and to invite all our associates to do the same.

For this reason, by signing this letter, we proclaim the commitment to plan together strategies, events, articles, poetic or narrative texts, shows, artistic, dramaturgical, cinematographic and musical performances, which ensure that this letter is not a mere outburst, but a rallying call, a moment of beginning: we are here to stay, and act: we want to be a voice and not complicit silence. [...] Promoters: Angelo d’Orsi, historian, journalist, cultural organizer and Alessandro Negrini, director.

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[15] Parable of Arab socialism

The Arab socialism of the Middle East (the prevailing one) cannot be defined as a Marxist socialism, even if the rejection of Western colonialism, imperialism or globalism was very strong until the 1970s.

The social base of reference for this socialism has never been the industrial proletariat but, inevitably, the emerging middle class or small bourgeoisie, the military and the intellectuals, as in the entire post-colonial Afro-Asian area, still behind industrial plan.

Words like “political ideology” (separate from religion) or “secular state” or “nationalism” are relatively recent in the Arab world. In the Arab world, the term “socialism” has never meant something “revolutionary” or “collectivistic” in a statist sense or “planned from above”. If we wanted to summarize as much as possible we could say that Arab socialism was born from Arab nationalism, not from the class struggle nor from an internationalist vision of the liberation struggle. That is, it arises from the need to defend a specific population from European colonialism. Class consciousness is considered in contradiction with national consciousness and Arab unity, so much so that Arab socialism has never had difficulty accepting private property, compatible with national interests. If anything, it has always sought to nationalize energy resources, considered the fulcrum of economic progress throughout the Middle East.

To defend Arab nationalism, the socialist regimes (e.g. the Baathist regime in Syria and Iraq, and the Nasserist regime in Egypt) did not have many problems in setting themselves up as military dictatorships and carrying out coups d'état.

The crisis of these Arab-socialist regimes began after the Arab defeat in the Six Day War of 1967. Since then, Islam was rediscovered as the framework for a new political ideology. The most striking example is Islamic theocracy.

[16] One more reason to intervene

Gaza was under the British mandate from the collapse of the Ottoman Empire until 1948. According to the UN it should have been part of a Palestinian state, together with the West Bank, but since the Arab countries rejected the birth of the State of Israel, Gaza, in the first war of 1948-9, ended up being annexed by Egypt, while retaining an autonomous status. The rest is history.

You won't believe it, but compared to the 2.3 million current inhabitants (excluding the 31,000 murdered and missing), Gaza in 1948 only had 80,000 inhabitants. How was it able to grow so much, despite having fewer agricultural resources than the West Bank, despite suffering from absolute apartheid (which forced many to leave) and despite having a

geographical extension that does not exceed 400 square kilometres?

The reason lies in the fact that, the net of the natural demographic increase (which is no small thing internally), Gaza has always been a territory favourable to Palestinian refugees. It also benefited from financial assistance from various Arab countries and some international organizations.

Strange as it may seem, looking at the conflict situation of recent months, Israel felt more like an enemy of the neighbouring Arab countries than of the Palestinians. The latter only began to worry Israel when the 1987 intifada began, with the related individual terrorist attacks. However, only over time did the inhabitants of Gaza acquire some experience of armed resistance.

Today Israel has unleashed a war against Gaza, considering this strip of land as if it were a neighbouring Arab state. It makes no distinction between civilians and soldiers, as it would not do if it were to attack Lebanon, so much so that it calmly warns the Hezbollah militias by saying that if they continue to fire missiles, their cities risk being razed to the ground.

Why do the most honest analysts talk about “ethnic cleansing”? Precisely because in Gaza there is no regular army, but only a few thousand Hamas militiamen and 2 million civilians who don’t know where to go to avoid being massacred.

Faced with such a genocide, Arab states today would have many more reasons to intervene militarily than they had in previous wars.

[17] Sailor’s promises

The USSR enjoyed great prestige among Arab nationalists when it denounced the secret Anglo-French (Sykes-Picot) pact on the partition of the former Ottoman Empire. A prestige that it lost when it accepted the partition plan for Palestine decided by the UN.

Stalin was convinced that by favouring the Jews, who were clearly anti-English at that time, the colonial presence of Europeans in the Middle East could be hindered. He was naive.

To tell the truth, Andrej Gromyko at the UN on 14 May 1947 had advocated “the creation of an independent, binational, democratic and homogeneous Arab-Jewish state, based on the equality of rights of the two populations, Jewish and Arab, which can throw the basis of cooperation between these two peoples in their mutual interest and advantage”.

Only after the prospect of the formation of an Arab-Jewish state was rejected by both the Zionists, the Palestinians and the Arab states of the time, did the Soviet delegation, in the session of 27 November 1947 of the UN General Assembly, declare itself in favour of “second solution, the division of Palestine into two free, independent and democratic states, one Arab and the other Jewish”.

In essence, the USSR had already understood that the prevalence of Zionists in the Jewish world would greatly complicate peaceful coexistence with the Palestinians. In fact, in 1953 diplomatic relations between the USSR and Israel were interrupted. And two years later the Soviets began to decisively support the national liberation movements of the Arab world, also because it was known to everyone that the USA was replacing the British in the Middle East. Egypt, Syria, Iraq and South Yemen preferred to have relations with the USSR with an anti-Zionist and anti-Western function.

However, Soviet socialism was little suited to the Arab world, both on an ideological and political-administrative level, due to the excessive intervention of the State in the economy.

Before seeing a new interest from the Arab world in the Soviet positions, we had to wait until 1982, when Leonid Brezhnev will formulate a 6-point plan to resolve the Palestinian issue:

1) Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967 and dismantling of their colonies in the aforementioned territories;

2) the right to a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza under temporary UN control;

3) consider East Jerusalem as an integral part of the Palestinian state;

4) Israel's right to be recognized as an independent state;

5) rigorous respect for the political sovereignty and territorial integrity of both States;

6) international security guarantees from the UN.

Gorbachev's USSR even went so far as to allow the Jews of his country to emigrate wherever they wanted, even to Israel, in 1988, in the hope that the Zionist Prime Minister Shamir would accept the idea of an international conference to resolve the Palestinian question. But the Zionists are only capable of making sailor's promises.

The meaning of foreign policy

If we think about it, Israel's foreign policy has always been similar to America's. In the sense that the difference between the two major parties (Labour and Conservatives) is similar to that between Democrats and Conservatives, that is, it is purely formal, while in substance, as regards the posture to be taken towards the Palestinians and neighbouring states or the Arab ones in general are aggressive, indeed, mostly warmongering.

From this too we can understand the value of parliamentary representation in the countries that are part of world capitalism. A party can be as democratic as it wants, it can make its voters believe what it wants, it can even argue that national interests prevail over anything else. But essentially it must place itself at the service of capital.

The party is a weapon of the strong powers, which are not political, but economic and financial. We should reflect seriously on this rather bitter observation.

In fact, if with disenchantment we consider this status quo as inevitable, we will have to end up accepting the next step, namely that the dictatorship of capital no longer needs a formal screen such as parliament to be justified. The military is enough. Or at least an authoritative management is enough, capable of making decisions in autonomy, and which considers parliament as a merely consultative body.

After all, what was the transition from the republic to the Roman empire? In that painful transition it was not the big

landowners or the big speculators who lost out, but only the naive people who considered the debate in the Senate useful.

Let us remember that if a country always considers foreign policy to have priority over internal policy, formal democracy tends to transform into explicit dictatorship, and the subject of this dictatorship is not the parliament, but a monocratic body, a military team.

Rebus sic stantibus, the rights will be reserved for very few people; wars will become a constant; for the majority of citizens, economic well-being will be a thing of the past or an unattainable mirage. The control of the population will be pervasive, the production of which will have to be largely aimed at satisfying military needs.

The stronger the perception that no great empire can prevail over another, the more inhumane the living conditions that will be experienced within the borders of such empires.

The concept of “empire” will be humanity’s greatest misfortune. Small states that presume to be autonomous will only be pawns on a giant chessboard. Thinking of leaving the European Union without joining another international organization is the stupidest thing in the world.

[18] The importance of Arab socialism

It is not true that when we talk about Islam we only mean something fundamentalist. Political Islam does not necessarily mean “theocracy” or dominance of the clerical element over the secular one.

In fact, when national liberation movements developed in the Middle East after the Second World War, the ideas of these movements had significant traces of the secular-socialist ones born in Western Europe and implemented in Eastern Europe in the form of state socialism.

Indeed, we began to talk about “Arab socialism” both with the Baath party (which developed in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen...) and with Nasser’s Egypt. Arafat’s PLO was also affected. And it was a socialism much more open to confrontation with Islamic traditions than the actual communist parties were, which made ideology a divisive aspect.

Arab socialism, although sociologically petty-bourgeois, opposed both Western imperialism and Zionist politics.

For the rest – of course – it did not speak of “class struggle”, but only of “collaboration between classes”, naturally in the name of national interests. In the Baath party, just to give an example, only the left wing of Nureddin al-Atassi and Salah Jadid asked to have a closer relationship with the Eurosocialist countries, which at that time were united under the acronym COMECON.

In particular, al-Atassi was president of Syria from February 1966 to November 1970, when he was deposed together with Salah Jadid in a coup d'état by Hafez al-Assad, his defence minister and father of today's Bashar. Basically al-Atassi and Jadid were arrested without trial, remaining in prison from 1970 until their death: 1992 for the former and 1993 for the latter.

The agrarian reforms in favour of the masses were however quite solid: forms of cooperation and self-management were foreseen. Of course, large industries (such as construction) could be managed privately, but not in conflict with the public good. Rather, it was oil that absolutely needed to be nationalized, since the future of the countries that had large quantities of it depended on it.

Unfortunately, Arab socialism had already entered into crisis around the 1970s, and has never recovered since. A new privileged class was born, made up of state, political, administrative and military bureaucracy, without considering the fact that the military defeat in the Six Day War against Israel caused the countries that invoked the ideas of socialism to lose much of their credibility.

That credibility that today some Arab countries, regardless of their socialist past, are somehow recovering by joining the BRICS movement.

[19] The fundamental ambiguities of the United States

At the origin of the damned ambiguous attitude of the USA towards the Palestinian question there are not only the

Camp David agreements of 1978, but also and above all the so-called “Reagan Plan”, the president who presented it on 1 September 1982 after the evacuation of the PLO from Beirut, besieged by the Israeli army.

At that moment it became clear to everyone that the future fate of the Palestinians was becoming a major international issue.

The USA became convinced that if they did not solve that problem, satisfying both Israel and the moderate elites of the Arab countries, the USSR would acquire spaces in the Middle East that were dangerous for Western interests. Reagan, who was completely dependent on the CIA and the Pentagon (no more and no less than today’s ex-comedian in charge of Ukraine), had only two things in mind: not recognizing Palestine as an independent state and boycotting the Soviet idea of an international conference.

The so-called “Great Communicator” also knew something else: that the concept of “autonomy”, formulated in the Camp David agreements, had not brought the Palestinians any results.

In fact, for the Zionists the categorical imperative of their action has always been one: the Palestinians must leave, either by hook or by crook.

With the aforementioned agreements, Israel returned Sinai to Sadat, but made no concessions to the Palestinians. Indeed, it was precisely by virtue of those agreements that Israel was able to invade Lebanon, more or less undisturbed.

Hence the terribly ambiguous position of Reagan’s USA. On the one hand, in fact, the hypocritical concept of “autonomy” and the rejection of a Palestinian state were reaffirmed; on the other hand, they wanted to formally prevent Israel from annexing both Gaza and the West Bank, and therefore warned it against continuing to establish new colonies.

Even Reagan, after Carter, was forced to recognize that the main problem of the Palestinians was not that of being “refugees” but precisely that of being a “people”, capable of claiming rights. To the gunslinger Reagan, who as a young man impersonated the figure of General Custer, the Palestini-

ans probably resembled some warlike Indian tribe to be eliminated or at least deceived.

This is why in his Plan he promised them that within a five-year period they would be able to elect the political authorities in full “autonomy”; after which they could have a permanent status in association with Jordan.

Was this Plan accepted? No, in fact it was rejected by everyone: Israel, the PLO and the Arab countries (in particular by Jordan, whose ruler couldn’t even tolerate the Palestinians).

Faced with the intifada, the USA proposed the same ideas as Reagan in 1988 with the Plan of George Shulz (American Secretary of State), adding only one element: holding an international conference, but without the participation of the PLO and renouncing *a priori* to speak of a “Palestinian state”.

Naturally Arafat was astonished by these impudent clauses. But, as if on purpose, the Plan was rejected even by the Prime Minister Shamir, who commented on it sarcastically: “The only word I accept of that Plan is the signature”.

Who knows if today the Arab countries will be able to convince themselves that with Israel words are useless.

[20] You learn by making mistakes

In a certain sense we could say that the attempt of the Middle Eastern Arab world to get closer to Putin’s Russia went hand in hand with the great ability of this Federation to stand up to the attack of the American-led collective West which occurred through the proxy war in Ukraine.

Then in the last two years the Arab world has also become closer to China, taking advantage of the fact that relations with these two great nations take place according to the multi-polar criteria expressed by the BRICS, that is, without ideological pretensions and without political or military conditioning.

This is because the entire Middle East, excluding the privileged elites in power, always very ambiguous, deeply detests Western globalism. Now, however, some governments of various Arab states are also asking the USA to dismantle their military bases. Above all, they cannot bear to see them so brazenly siding, together with the EU, on the side of the Israeli

army, which is literally massacring the civilian population of Gaza (the settlers then also take advantage of this in the West Bank).

The Palestinians, however annoying they may be to the Arab countries themselves, remain predominantly Muslim. It would be enough to remember this to make political Islam an anti-imperialist use as in the past.

Slowly but progressively various Arab countries are realizing that they have been deceived by the flattery and false promises of the West. The petrodollar was the biggest scam in their history.

Another sensational mistake, which almost all Arab countries have made, was to harshly persecute, within them, the forces that called for socialism, seeing them as a dangerous rival to the traditional socializing tendencies of Islamism.

Now the Arab countries must recover dignity and courage, to free themselves from the Western burden, which has weighed on their heads for over a century. They have two alternatives: either to wage war on Israel, demonstrating that they are not afraid of anything or anyone, not even the USA; or wage an economic-financial war on the USA, giving up the petrodollar and investing capital in their trash securities state, and therefore hoping that Israel can receive less aid from a country at risk of default and civil war.

However, while waiting to choose between these two options, Arab countries should immediately begin to officially denounce the Abraham Accords and break diplomatic relations with Israel. Why don't they impose sanctions or embargoes against Israel? Is it possible that the only Arab country that really has the courage to do something concrete is tiny Yemen?

[21] For an international peace conference

Why is it so difficult to organize an international conference on the Palestinian issue? Simply because Israel has always opposed it and the USA wants it on their terms, or at least purely consultative, non-binding. All the other countries (the Middle Eastern Islamic world, Palestinian organizations, the EU, Russia...) would not have any particular reservations.

In fact, the real crucial question is that we are able to address the problem in a global and multilateral manner, not in a sectoral manner, since significant guarantees of continuity and security must be offered.

Bilateral or separate or partial agreements that concern specific topics or that do not involve all the fundamental actors of the Middle East have up to now not offered serious and sufficiently stable prospects for peace: in essence they have only served the interests of Israel and therefore of the West American-led.

We have already seen it with the Camp David and Oslo Accords. It is absurd to think that nations such as Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Turkey and the Gulf countries cannot participate in a real international conference, many of which with the Abraham Accords already have commercial relations with Israel. If anything, one can ask whether the nations that have historically played a negative role in the Middle East, of a colonialist or imperialistic nature, such as France, the United Kingdom and the USA, should be present.

This is because in a conference of this kind it would be absurd to think of not questioning the American military bases present in all Arab countries. The only base Russia has is in Tartus in Syria. Now China also aspires to have a privileged relationship, on a military level, with the Saudis.

A true international conference should demand that no foreign base be present in the Middle East. The US should also leave Israel. Not only that, but, given that only Israel has atomic weapons, its nuclear disarmament should be demanded.

Such a conference should be under the patronage of the UN, taking care to consider the General Assembly more important than the Security Council. Indeed a peace stable enough for the entire world cannot be guaranteed by just five nations with the right of veto. We have already seen what happened to the Geneva Conference of 1973, after the Yom Kippur War, wanted by Kissinger and Gromyko.

Finally, it is clear that to form an independent Palestinian state, Israel must abandon the territories conquered in the Six Day War. Or a single, absolutely secular and non-denominational, democratic and pluralist state is formed.

Nice people

Israeli parliamentarian Ofer Cassif was accused by 85 Knesset parliamentarians, mainly from the far right, because, having publicly supported South Africa's motion against Israel, he was considered a traitor to the homeland: he risks expulsion from the Knesset.

Over 850 Israelis signed it. Will they all be tried in the only democratic country in the Middle East? Or in Israel can we only talk about genocide if we support it? Let us remember that the vice-president of the Knesset, Nissim Vaturi, had launched an appeal last November to Israel to "stop being human" and to "burn Gaza now", since "it is better to burn the buildings rather than harm the soldiers. There are no innocents there". Referring to Palestinian civilians trapped in northern Gaza, he added that he had "no mercy for those who are still there". "We have to eliminate them", he said.

Danny Danon, a former UN ambassador now serving in the Knesset, also said that Israel must not "do half the work" in Gaza. Being an ambassador, he had used diplomatic language, such as: "Palestinians can voluntarily migrate from Gaza to Western countries". A euphemism with which he tried to encourage a campaign of ethnic cleansing similar to the Nakba.

[22] Deciding one's destiny

If we were to say that the best historical moment of the Arabs was from Muhammad to the Ottoman occupation excluded, we would be saying something banal.

We would be saying another thing if we said that another glorious historical moment occurred when, with the help of the Anglo-French, they freed themselves from Ottoman rule.

And yet another when, at the end of the Second World War, they freed themselves from Anglo-French colonial rule: a rule absolutely worse than the Ottoman one, since the Europeans were greedy for trade and above all for oil, about which they showed no scruples, of sorts. The Seljuks, on the other

hand, had only built a fiscally expensive feudal empire, willing to grant extensive administrative autonomy.

However, it must be admitted that Western capitalism, first European then American, led the Arab world out of an old historical path and into a completely different one. The Arabs, Persians, Turks and all the other Islamic populations of the Middle East have, so to speak, emerged from the naivety and simplicity of agrarian relations to enter the hypocrisy and complexity of bourgeois relations.

Oil seemed to be their fortune. Instead it was their misfortune, even if it enormously enriched the ruling elites, who collaborated with their dominators.

It took two world wars to free ourselves from two oppressions: the Turkish-Ottoman and the Anglo-French. As things are going now, it seems we need a third to get rid of American imperialism and to greatly reduce the unusual arrogance of the State of Israel, which exploits the almost unconditional support of the collective West led by the USA to massacre the Palestinians and create a country that stretches from the Jordan to the Mediterranean.

Unfortunately, history teaches nothing, since men, in order to obtain greater justice, seem to be able to do so only by resorting to bloody war conflicts, in which everyone, civilians and military, is involved.

However, there is nothing to joke about with today's destructive weapons. The epic of the Arab Bedouins who, at the time of Lawrence of Arabia, occupied Aqab with their camels, crossing the Nefud (the anvil of the hammer), has long been over.

Today the Islamic countries of the Middle East must ask themselves whether, in order to obtain effective independence from the USA, they are willing to make the greatest sacrifices, including losing their oil wells because they are bombed by the enemy.

However, it would be magnificent to see these Islamic nations, in unison, free themselves from Western influence and decide for themselves the fate that awaits them.

It would be infinitely more beautiful to see, within such nations, that the popular masses, while fighting their oppres-

sors, also free themselves from those collaborationist elites who think first of all about their own interests.

The senselessness of a Jewish nation

Why was Zionism destined from the beginning to fail in its attempt to politically safeguard a “nationality” for Judaism? Simply because in the context of capitalism the concept of “nation” is a characteristic of the bourgeois state, and the bourgeoisie, wanting to internationalize its economic activity as much as possible, tends to go beyond religious differences.

Historically, the capitalist bourgeoisie came from ideologically Christian environments (first Catholic, then above all Protestant), but in order to do business with all peoples, it could not make Christianity a divisive, discriminating element.

The bourgeoisie needs to make all the peoples of the Earth believe that they are formally equal, at least on a legal level, given that on a socio-economic level it is completely impossible, given that private ownership of the fundamental means of production is in force.

The culture of the capitalist bourgeoisie, even if it originally came from Christianity, had to become secularized in order to spread, even if it did not hesitate to impose its Christian-bourgeois culture on those populations that had primitive religions (animistic-totemic or pagan). It did not impose itself throughout the world with ideological crusades of a medieval type, nor by restoring the slavery of the Greco-Roman era. But it did so by privatizing the ownership of the means of production, creating international markets, imposing the use of money, and above all by inventing, thanks to technology, an industrial production of goods based on the exploitation of a peniless and legally free workforce.

Well, Zionism, wanting to establish itself as an autonomous nation, could not do this process of cultural secularization and universalization of bourgeois law and economy. And what was the result? It was catastrophic. Zionism is not only a dangerous and devastating foreign body within the Middle Eastern world, but it is even within the world in general, which cannot stand its claim not to conform to international legisla-

tion, desired more than anything else by a secularized bourgeoisie.

But then why does a Jewish nation still exist? For two reasons. The

first, the main one, lies in the fact that in the Middle East the West needs a watchdog against those Islamic states that could turn their large energy resources into a weapon of pressure or blackmail against Western capitalism.

The second reason, however, is more of a socio-cultural nature. In fact, since the West has been filled, due to its own colonial and imperial practices, with many Islamic immigrants, it now needs to show that in the war between Israel and the Islamic world, it always sides with the Zionists.

In Western countries, Muslims are feared much more than any other minority, so much so that it is much easier for us to consider them potential “terrorists”. In fact, they too are seen as a foreign body to be marginalized. For us Westerners they are fundamentalists or fundamentalists no less than Zionists (indeed, often, no less than Jews).

Of course, the Western bourgeoisie likes to trade with both Jews and Muslims, but under one of two conditions: either that they stay at home, or that they don’t make their ethnic, religious, cultural diversity weigh too heavily on our home. linguistic, behavioural and nutritional.

All of this is to say that the Zionist claim for a “Jewish nationality” has never made any sense since feudalism was replaced by capitalism. It might just have come to the mind of culturally narrow-minded Eastern European Jewish intellectuals, as it was not sufficiently bourgeois. Much better than them were those Jews who committed themselves to carrying out socialist revolutions against the influence of capitalism in that part of Europe.

[23] Two left-wing fronts

For someone who shares the foundations of Marxist or Leninist ideology, figures like George Habbash and Nayef Hawatmeh inevitably arouse a certain interest, even if they have never been talked about much in Europe.

In our abysmal ignorance of the complex Middle Eastern situation, few names are fixed in our memory. And generally these are the names of statesmen or parties or movements that rose to prominence in following civil wars or wars between states, or due to coups or “Arab springs”.

Instead, the two aforementioned Palestinian leaders, who were also overwhelmed by the towering figure of Arafat, have never governed any country: at most they have adopted extremist, if not downright terrorist, attitudes.

They were not even Muslims, but one Greek Orthodox (Habbash), the other Greek Catholic (Hawatmeh). The first was expelled from Palestine with his family in 1948, settling in Beirut. The other lived in Transjordan. When Habbash founded the Arab Nationalist Movement in 1952, Hawatmeh immediately joined it.

Their movement had a position diametrically opposed to that of Arafat with his Al-Fatah. In fact, they were convinced that to free Palestine from Zionist hegemony, the Palestinians, rather than relying on themselves, had to limit themselves to acting as a catalyst for a major armed intervention by neighbouring Islamic states. For them Arafat was too moderate.

That is why they enthusiastically supported the establishment of the United Arab Republic formed by Syria and Egypt. They saw Nasser as a fundamental point of reference. They said that Iraq, Jordan and Syria would have to become a single state, otherwise victory against the West and the Zionists would be impossible.

Hawatmeh was even more radical, as in Jordan he was sentenced to death in absentia for his revolutionary activity. After participating in the Lebanese civil war in 1958, he was forced to take refuge in Iraq. In the period 1963-67 he participated in the liberation struggle against the British in South Yemen. He was the first Palestinian guerrilla leader to come into contact with Israeli Marxists. The very serious crisis of their movement occurs when their Arab countries of reference lose the Six Day War (1967).

Compared to Arafat, they were maximalists, as they considered the idea of establishing a mini-state made up of Gaza and the West Bank to be ridiculous. For them the best

idea was to create a single large State of Palestine, secular and non-denominational, democratic and pluralist, without opposing classes and without national oppression, in which everyone can live without discrimination of any kind. It is no coincidence that both rejected the Oslo Accords.

Only when they saw that the ruling elites of various Arab countries in the Middle East were not so intent on doing anything to free the Palestinians from Zionist oppression, were they convinced to join the PLO, albeit in the autonomous form of two Fronts for the liberation of Palestine: the popular one of Habbash (founded in 1967) and that Hawatmeh Democrat (founded in 1968), whose differences were not fundamental.

Both Fronts are now fighting in Gaza together with six other formations (it is not just Hamas). Habbash had already retired from politics in 2000 for health reasons (he died in 2004). Hawatmeh on the other hand, despite being almost 90 years old, is still in the trenches.

The two al-Fatah

Today's al-Fatah, led by Abu Mazen, is a microbe compared to what was the same party in the hands of Arafat.

The first nucleus of al-Fatah was formed in 1958 by around twenty Palestinians. Interesting is the fact that from the beginning they wanted to give the party an organizational structure that was not only political but also military. Today, however, if we want to find a military aspect, we must look towards other parties present in Gaza, which however can also use terrorist-type methods.

Western statesmen and analysts generally reject the legitimacy of all these parties, simply because they contrast the word "terrorism" with the word "democracy"; and, in doing so, they strip the word "democracy" of any revolutionary content. At the end of their false speeches it is not clear how the Palestinians should free themselves from a fascist regime that has shamefully oppressed them on a daily basis since 1947.

In fact, in the West it is customary to say that Israel is the only "democracy" in the Middle East. The idea that a dicta-

torship can impose itself using the instrument of parliamentary and national democracy completely escapes us.

Perhaps not everyone remembers that the PLO was founded by the Arab League precisely to have the exclusive monopoly of relations with Israel, keeping al-Fatah under control, so much so that its leader, Arafat, was imprisoned by the PLO for 51 days. The first al-Fatah militant was not killed by the Zionists but by the Jordanian military.

Fatah's great moment came with the defeat of the Arab armies in the Six Day War. Arafat was most notable for his handling of the Battle of Karameh in Jordan on March 21, 1968.

He forced an Israeli attack colony to return to its base with heavy casualties. The next day the al-Fatah offices were besieged by long lines of volunteers. In this sense we can easily predict what will happen in Gaza if Hamas and all the other political-military formations somehow manage to stand up to the Zionists' genocidal attempt.

Arafat's PLO was formed between 1968 and 1969: al-Fatah became the majority group. Its ideological-political platform was and still is today in favour of a sort of petty-bourgeois socialist nationalism, aimed at the creation of a unitary, secular and democratic Palestinian state, in which all citizens, of whatever religion, can coexist in conditions of equality.

However, today's al-Fatah, which is an integral part of the Palestinian National Authority (the entity that took the place of the PLO after the Oslo Accords), while recognizing the legitimacy of the State of Israel, is not able to prevent either apartheid in Gaza or the expansion of settlers into the West Bank. So much so that Abu Mazen is considered a sort of "mayor of Ramallah", the city where the Palestinian parliament is based in the West Bank.

In fact, the PA cannot have any army, but only very poorly armed police and security forces. It does not even have full control of communication and transport routes. Indeed, it cannot even collect taxes, as the Israeli Ministry of Finance does it, which then redistributes them to the Palestinians (excluding those in Gaza today). And it cannot allow Palestinian refugees to vote.

In 2006, al-Fatah lost the elections in Gaza, in a confrontation with Hamas, and since then the PA has no longer called them, as it fears losing them in the West Bank too. And even though Abu Mazen considers Hamas a terrorist movement, the West has stopped funding the Palestinians.

[24] The communists in Palestine

The Communist party of Palestine was born in 1922, in the wake of the success of the October Revolution in Russia. The Congress of the Peoples of the East was also decisive, promoted by the Communist International with an anti-colonialist function and held in Baku in September 1920.

This party was part of the aforementioned International (Comintern), and was founded by anti-Zionist Jewish proletarians who did not consider revolutionary socialism incompatible with any religious faith. (At that time, to tell the truth, only the Grand Mufti of Egypt declared socialism incompatible with Islam, but in this he reflected the colonialist and anti-communist conditioning of the English.)

These communists immediately found great difficulty in engaging in the Jewish world, so they decided to direct their initiatives in favour of the Arab population: for example, they supported the revolts of 1936-39 against the increased Jewish emigration caused by Hitler's persecutions.

After the formation of the State of Israel their fate seemed sealed: anti-Zionists and pro-Soviet in a Zionist and anti-Soviet nation; supporters of a Palestinian state rejected by their fellow citizens, they never managed to exceed 5% of the votes, of which 4/5 came from the Arab world. On the other hand, the communist, democratic, progressive, pacifist formations, for human rights and for negotiations with the Palestinians have always been very much in the minority in Israel, where the only possible left, after all, was the Labour one, born in 1930 with the name of Mapai, which was nothing other than a reformist party similar to the British one.

However, the Communist party of Israel still exists: it is known by the acronym Maki or Rakah (open to anyone who is not a Zionist) and is part of a political alliance known as

Hadash, formed in 1977 together with the Israeli Black panthers (born in 1971) and other parties of the radical left, Arabs and Jews.

In 2015, all together they created the Common List, to overcome the threshold of 3.25%, created by the Zionists to try to exclude Arab representation from the Knesset. But the List, which had achieved significant results, disbanded in 2022.

Arab and Israeli communists have always defined themselves as anti-Zionist and anti-capitalist; they pursue the “two peoples-two states” policy, which involves the evacuation of all Israeli settlements, the abandonment of the territories occupied by Israel after the Six Day War and the right of return or compensation for Palestinian refugees.

In Gaza, however, an autonomous Communist party was formed, more similar to the Italian one than the Soviet one. In 1991, after the collapse of the USSR, the party was renamed the Palestinian People’s party, as it argued that the class struggle in Palestine had to be postponed until after national liberation: this was the reason that pushed many communist militants to leave the party. In particular, after the Oslo Accords (1993), it renounced the armed struggle against Israel, preferring negotiations. It has always opposed the formation of an Islamic state, opting for a secular society with freedom of religion for all citizens. In Palestinian elections it has never exceeded 3%.

[25] The West should stay out

Considering the current critical phase on a military level and the too many internal divisions in the Palestinian world (not to mention those in the Arab world), perhaps it would be better to restore the Palestine Liberation Organization, i.e. Arafat’s PLO.

Abu Mazen’s current Al Fatah is almost useless. In Gaza there are too many political-military formations. The Palestinian diaspora does not feel represented by anyone. Without unity you cannot defeat a fascist and extremist government like the Israeli one. Between dead, missing and injured, it has already eliminated around 4% of the population, which is the

highest percentage in the history of armed conflicts in the modern era.

A “Palestinian people” exists according to the UN, but in reality it seems to be a jumble of situations that are not amalgamated with each other. For example, 20% of the Israeli population is of Arab origin, but in this war against Gaza it seems to have no say.

It is absurd to separate the Palestinian question from resolutions of international legitimacy, which the UN has approved several times. If there is international law, it makes no sense not to apply it to Palestine. And if the UN or the Arab League cannot do it, the Palestinians must be left free to fend for themselves, without having to suffer external interference that is not merely diplomatic.

The resistance of the Palestinian people to the occupation is a legitimate right guaranteed by international conventions, laws and resolutions: it cannot be classified as a form of “terrorism”. In any case, the Palestinians must decide for themselves the appropriate forms of their struggle. We Westerners cannot be the ones to establish within which parameters or borders they must defend themselves. We cannot exclude *a priori* the possibility of a global popular uprising against the Zionist occupation.

If anything, it is the Palestinians who must think about building a united front and giving themselves adequate leadership to guide them towards the realization of a common project on a few fundamental issues, which cannot be compromised.

We on the outside shouldn’t do anything military. Nor can we decide whether resistance should be “peaceful” or “belligerent”. We have accepted the idea that Israelis have the right to defend themselves, but this right, at an international level, is granted to “occupied” peoples, not to “occupying” ones.

If we had not intervened during the Spanish civil war, the republicans would have saved themselves 40 years of dictatorship. At most, the superpowers should guarantee that no weapons enter from the outside and that Israel does not use nuclear weapons.

Israel is winning only because it is supported by the entire West, but from the point of view of international law this attitude is profoundly wrong. What would happen if the Palestinians were supported militarily by China and Russia or by Islamic countries? The third World War?

Lawrence's epic

Anyone who hasn't seen the film *Lawrence of Arabia* has missed out on a great classic. If you have the desire and time, you should also read *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, a full-bodied and evocative book from which director David Lean drew inspiration.

The English colonel Thomas Edward Lawrence (1888-1935) was called "of Arabia" because during the First World War he was the protagonist of the anti-Ottoman Arab revolt.

Passionate about archaeology and knowledge of various languages of the Arab world, he was an officer of the Intelligence Service at the Arab Bureau in Cairo. In 1914 the secret services put him on a strategic mission. In fact, London feared that the Ottoman Empire, allied with the central empires (Germanic, Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian), would drag the Arabs in its wake. Lawrence had to convince the Hashemite emir al-Husayn Ali, head of the Hejaz (region of the Arabian peninsula), to renounce the alliance with the Turks and make one with the English, in exchange for the promise to support the independence of the Arabs.

Lawrence was especially involved with a son of al-Husayn, Feisal, participating in the mobilization of the Bedouins, in the battles against the Turks and in the occupation of important cities, including above all Aqaba in July 1917, taken from behind after crossing the desert of the Nefud (large 1/4 of Italy). He had become an expert guerrilla leader of 70,000 Arabs.

He entered Damascus with Feisal, after having supported General Allenby's offensive in Palestine and Syria.

The colonel's dream coincided with the Arab one: to create a large Arab empire friendly to the English, with al-Husayn Ali at its head, while Feisal was supposed to control

Syria and Iraq, and Abdallah (another son of al-Husayn Ali) Palestine and Transjordan.

The secret Sykes-Picot agreements, made public by the Soviets in 1917, had completely stunned him, putting him in the position of being considered a traitor in the eyes of the Arabs.

In short, the English had to observe other agreements, stipulated with the French (who wanted Syria and Lebanon), but also with the Zionists (who wanted to enter Palestineen masse) and even with al-Husayn Ali's Wahhabi rival.

The conclusion was very disappointing for the Arabs: al-Husayn Ali will have to settle for the Hijaz (which Ibn Saud will then wrest from him in 1924), Feisal will have to limit himself to the throne of Iraq, and Abdallah will reign only in Transjordan.

Lawrence will make the decision in July 1922 to resign from the army, asking to join the Royal Air Force under the false identity of Airman Ross. He also resigned from his position as political advisor to Arab Affairs. He refused the position of viceroy of the Indies and any honour. He began writing his memoir of him and another in abridged form, *Desert Riot* (1927). In a deleted chapter, which appeared in 2022, he revealed that he felt bitterly ashamed of the treatment his Arab friends had received. He also wrote *Airman Ross* (1935) and other books.

On May 9, 1935 he died in a motorcycle accident. Many doubted whether it was a coincidence.

[26] Something isn't working

It was probably no coincidence that the terrorist attack by Hamas on 7 October 2023 took place exactly half a century after the Yom Kippur (or Ramadan) war of 1973, wanted by Egyptian President Sadat, in concert with Syrian President Assad Sr. (1971- 2000): the first wanted to take back the Sinai, while the second the Golan Heights. Israel had occupied both territories in the Six Day War (1967).

The two Arab statesmen understood that diplomacy was useless with Israel, so much so that UN resolution no. 242

hadn't even taken it into consideration. In particular, Sadat had already asked Israel to return Sinai in exchange for recognition of the legitimacy of the Jewish state (he would later pay dearly for this concession); he had also proposed free navigation in the Suez Canal in exchange for the return of Palestinian refugees.

The two main consequences of that war were the end of the myth of Israel's military invincibility (which then lost 2,500 soldiers), and the beginning of the energy crisis, resulting from the use of oil – for the first time – as a weapon of blackmail by Arab countries.

Israel returned Sinai, based on certain conditions, but retained the Golan Heights. During the conflict Sadat had asked the USSR for help, as Israel did not respect the truce requested by the UN.

The USA had decreed a third degree general atomic alert. We were one step away from global catastrophe. 50 years later it seems that nothing has changed. There is obviously something wrong, and we all know what it is.

The Jumblatts must die

A memory of Kamal Jumblatt is necessary, especially for those who lived through the struggles of the 1970s.

Born in 1917 in Lebanon to a "historic" Druze family, he graduated in law in Beirut, where he founded the Progressive Socialist party in 1949. He was present in his nation's parliament for many years, also as minister of various departments (agriculture, economics, public works, interiors, national education). From the USSR he obtained the prestigious Lenin Peace Prize in 1972.

In 1958 he supported the policy of Arab unity promoted by the Egyptian Nasser together with the Syrian Quwwatli. Unfortunately, however, it only lasted three years, due to Nasser's hegemonic protagonism, which the Syrians could not tolerate.

In the same year it played a leading role in the first Lebanese civil war, which culminated in the landing in Beirut of 10,000 American marines, called by the then president Camille Chamoun, his main adversary also in the second civil

war (1975). The Marines were then withdrawn from the UN two months later (when the UN was still functioning).

In the second half of the 1960s he formed an alliance with the Lebanese Communist party and other left-wing groups to carry out important social reforms. After the Arab defeat in the Six Day War (1967) he spoke out in favour of the Palestinian resistance and its right to operate also on Lebanese territory.

In 1972 he became secretary general of the Arab Front supporting the Palestinian revolution. He allies himself with Arafat's PLO, trying to convince the Christian-Maronite coalition to create a secular and democratic Lebanon, with radical reforms of the state.

However, attempts at conciliation with the Maronite right fail miserably. In fact, the Christian Phalanx, which represents a bourgeoisie fearful of losing its hegemony in the face of a massive presence of Palestinian refugees, unleashed the second civil war (1975-90), which left 60,000 dead and 200,000 injured, plus incalculable material damage.

Jumblatt leads the Lebanese National Movement, which brings together around fifteen parties. But he is dealing with a right supported largely by the US and Israel. The Phalangists wanted to divide Lebanon in two, creating a mini Maronite confessional state, of a fascist nature.

Syria's Assad, the father, decided to intervene in 1976, as he wanted to keep both Lebanon and the PLO under his control. It was a sensational mistake, even though he remained there for 29 years with the consent of the Arab League. In fact, Israel found the path clear to occupy the southern part of the country in 1978, remaining there until 2000.

Jumblatt had opposed the Syrian military intervention and this was the reason why he was assassinated in 1977. A few months earlier his sister had also been assassinated, and in 1921 his father as well. The killers were never identified. Even today, Lebanon is experiencing an incredibly precarious and unstable situation.

[27] The importance of being a rabbi

When Theodor Herzl, David Ben Gurion and all the other Zionist pioneers had in mind to build the State of Israel, they did not think that it could become rigidly confessional and therefore reactionary. They considered themselves secular, and some even socialists.

However, already at the end of the 1980s the far right and fundamentalist religious parties garnered more than half of the votes. The illusion of democracy was already over. One in two Israelis, after the progressive wave of the 1970s, was tempted by the prospect of the annexation of Gaza and the West Bank, which naturally entailed the mass expulsion of the native population.

At that time, Rabbi Meir Kahane (1932-90) explicitly asked the Knesset: “There is no remedy against the epidemic that is spreading and which threatens to exterminate through war or demography. No remedy except that of Joshua: – And you will drive out all the inhabitants of the land”. For him, “kicking out” meant deporting the Palestinians without any sense of guilt. His party, Kach, was even declared racist by the Israeli government. It seems that Kahane was eliminated by the same people who eliminated Sadat.

Islam itself, and therefore the believer who professes it, was considered as the bubonic plague, even though the Jews had not suffered the Holocaust or the persecutions prior to the Second World War due to the fault of those believers. If anything, anti-Semitism – if we really want to recognize religion’s importance – was of a Christian nature, and the Arabs gave refuge to the Jews who fled Europe.

Today the pro-Zionist rabbis obtain an electoral consensus that fluctuates between 10 and 15%. They have acquired a certain mediation role and know how to blackmail right-wing politicians, as demonstrated by the case of Netanyahu, it is they who suggest him which religious expressions to use. Ben Gurion had already given in in 1948-49, renouncing to give a Constitution to the State: this is because, according to the most fanatical rabbis, the only law a Jew is strictly required to obey is religious law.

The State had to make endless compromises in all fields: from public holidays to education up to food codes, not

to mention all those rites that have concerned that confession for millennia. Even the definition of “Jewish status”, that is “who can define himself as a Jew”, as well as legal issues related to marriages, divorces, inheritances, etc., depend on the rabbis.

The behaviour of the rabbis resembles that of the prelates of the Roman Church in Italy towards the Christian Democrats and, more generally, towards the entire Italian population, passed off as “Catholic” only by virtue of baptism. Naturally, such behaviour can also be seen in many Islamic countries.

Netanyahu distorts historical facts

Historian Marcello Pezzetti, scientific director of the Shoah Museum in Rome, interviewed by “Pagine Ebraiche” (moked.it), said that Netanyahu’s statements according to which Hitler was convinced to the so-called “final solution” by Mufti Al-Husseini – important Islamic religious leader in Mandatory Palestine – during their meeting in November 1941, have no historical corroboration.

That is, it is not true that Hitler did not want to exterminate the Jews, but only to expel them from Germany, nor is it true that it was Al-Husseini who suggested he eliminate them for fear that they would all emigrate to Palestine.

Pezzetti explains that “The meeting between the two took place on 28 November 1941. Well before that date the decision-making process for the implementation of the extermination had been set in motion. The latter becomes systematic with the attack on the former Soviet Union (Operation Barbarossa, launched on 23 June 1941) and in any case was decided between the summer and autumn of 1941, before the end of November, to which Netanyahu refers”.

Pezzetti recalls how in the summer of 1941 several massacres against the Jews had already been carried out by the Nazis, in a systematic and organized way, as in Lviv, where in July of that year there were 4,000 victims, massacred by the SS with the help of the Ukrainian Auxiliary Police. “Or in the Baltic countries: in Vilnius the Nazis go looking for Jews, not

only men but also women, children, elderly people, and kill them”. The use of gas for mass killings had already been planned and this was demonstrated by the commissioning of the Chełmno extermination camp on 8 December 1941. “The gas wagon system was used, trucks modified to become gas chambers. Chełmno was built for the elimination of Jews from the Łódź ghetto and put into operation on 8 December, a few days after the meeting between the Mufti and Hitler but planned well before”. Furthermore, on November 1st the Nazis began construction of the Bełżec extermination camp, another piece of the murderous mechanism created by the Germans.

Al-Husseini is never mentioned in the diary of Heinrich Himmler, commander of the Nazi SS and considered one of the architects of the Jewish genocide.

Having said this, it does not mean that the Grand Mufti is exempt from responsibility in the Shoah, far from it. “He was a fierce anti-Semite and it was he who organized the Muslim troops who killed Jews in Bosnia.”

A perverse logic and manifest hypocrisy

The International Court of Justice in The Hague ordered Israel to ensure that its forces do not commit acts of genocide, to improve humanitarian access and to report within a month on its efforts as it wages a war against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip. It has not called for a ceasefire or an end to its offensive and has not yet ruled on the central issue of South Africa’s lawsuit: whether genocide occurred in Gaza. The sentencing could take years.

If this isn’t hypocrisy, what is it? Cases of genocide have occurred since the moment Israel set foot in Gaza, since from the beginning it had the intention of targeting civilians (70% are women or minors) or making it impossible for them to remain in the Strip. The Court’s order is simply out of place, as if in a murder trial a court did not condemn the accused, but simply ordered him not to kill in the future.

Of course, some may think that it expressed itself this way because South Africa did not provide concrete evidence of

the existence of a genocide. However, it is simply absurd to argue that there is no genocide taking place just because the bombings, while destroying any civilian residence, have as their main aim to hit Hamas militiamen.

If this were true, Israel could also exterminate its own citizens captured by Hamas, under the pretext that it could not do otherwise.

In fact, when the blame for deplorable actions such as that of Hamas on 7 October is attributed not to those who actually committed them, but to an entire people, to an entire nation, the genocidal intent is more evident.

Scattered thoughts

To the Jews of Israel I would like to ask on this day of remembrance: What merit do you have before your God if you love those like you and hate everyone else?

To the Jews of the world I would like to say: You have led us to remember your holocaust on a particular day, but who remembers the Russians who had 27 million dead? Do you know that the Africans enslaved and transferred to the American continent were double the number of your deaths? Is there perhaps anyone who remembers them in the West? And what about the 80 million deaths caused by Europeans across the entire American continent? Wasn't that the greatest genocide in history? Who commemorates them?

The more democratic you are, the less anti-Semitic you are. The Jews don't need to throw the 6 million deaths caused by the Holocaust in our faces to make us better. This is demonstrated by the fact that we Westerners still claim to dominate the world. Indeed, the Zionists themselves think they can use this European sense of guilt towards the Jews to behave like Nazis towards the Palestinians.

If Semitism refers only to the group of languages including Babylonian and Assyrian, Hebrew and Aramaic, Arabic and Ethiopian, how come when we talk about anti-Semitism the Jews ask us to refer only to them? Why can't we define all the wars that the West has waged against the Arab world as anti-Semitic?

Is it enough to force people to remember on this day that you have suffered a holocaust so that you can be loved more?

Is it enough to call oneself Ashkenazi to make people believe you are Semites?

The true Semites in the Middle East are the Arabs, the only natives of that place, from where they have never left. The Jews were expelled in 135 AD. by the emperor Hadrian and for tens of centuries they spread throughout the world, losing their Semitism from an ethnic-territorial point of view.

A senator for life like Segre, who earns almost 250,000 euros a year, should not go around Italy telling others how they should live, what they should think every day, what values they should have and other such niceties. I understand that for those who have suffered the horror of a concentration camp, it is normal to consider this experience the greatest possible tragedy, which deserves to be remembered to the new generations. However, this does not authorize us to think that for many others life is not a daily hell no less tragic, in which one is forced to do things that in a sufficiently normal existence one would never do or would not feel compelled to do against own will, such as stealing, lying, selling oneself, killing or torturing someone or even just drowning one's sorrows or frustrations in some form of addiction.

You just have to look around to understand that the world is full of such subjects. To understand the suffering of others you don't need to have experienced any suffering. A minimal contact with reality is enough, without any form of victimism, without superiority complexes. It is not suffering that in itself makes us more just. In fact, sometimes it's exactly what makes us ugly.

[28] The flat calm of the Arab world

In a certain sense, the expansive thrust of the Arab world from Muhammad to the Ottoman invasion and, immediately afterwards, the great acquiescence towards the Ottomans themselves, which lasted about half a millennium, appears rather incredible.

Did they accept that empire only because the Seljuks were also Muslim? Or perhaps because they appeared to be a formidable bastion against the crusading spirit or colonialist ambitions coming from Western Europe?

The fact is that in this centuries-old subjugation the Arab world did not develop: it remained at a feudal level, that is, at that system of life which in Western Europe had begun to suffer demolishing blows with the autonomous development of the bourgeois class.

When in 1453 the Seljuks removed the last vestiges of the great Byzantine civilization (later inherited by the Russian one), the foundations of a humanistic culture and a bourgeois mentality and capitalist practice were being laid in Western Europe which with the Dutch, English revolutions and French would have shocked the entire world, doing much more damage than that para-feudal colonialism that started from the Iberian peninsula, which understood nothing about mercantilism.

During the First World War, not only the Turkish-Ottoman empire was overwhelmed, but also the entire Arab world. What had not been achieved with many centuries of crusades, was done in just a few years.

Today many populations of the Middle East continue to profess a medieval religion not because they have not understood the superiority of Western civilization, but because Islam is used to politically oppose Euro-American globalism. It is a simple religion, which helps maintain national identity and unity, formidable tools for claiming the right to self-determination of peoples.

However, on an internal or domestic level we know that religion is used by the elites in power as a tool for self-reproduction. We Europeans have preferred to live with these corrupt elites, convinced that we can obtain a consensus with which to exploit the human and material resources of their territories. We made anti-feudal revolutions at home, but in the homes of others we preferred to impose compromises with the ruling aristocracy.

In any case, it must be admitted that it was precisely Western Europe that gave the Arab world the possibility of

emancipating itself from the feudal yoke of the Turks and expressing itself according to a national identity, entering the group, due to its large energy resources, of potentially richest on the planet.

Unfortunately, however, the Arab world is by no means a single geopolitical entity: religion is not a glue that unifies the various nations. Since the end of the Ottomans, each of them has emancipated themselves following their own path, influenced mostly by the West.

We see it well today too: the Arab League has not taken any concrete, unanimous decision against Israel. The legal initiative was inaugurated by South Africa, which is not an Islamic country. Only Yemen has shown that it is not afraid of the collective pro-Israeli West. A little something has been seen in Iran, which is proving to be a highly respectable military power. Then, from time to time, from Lebanon Hezbollah shows that they are alive and well.

For everything else, calm, except for the usual words of formal condemnation. Once again the Palestinians have to deal with it alone.

Impeccable historical analysis

Hamas's historical analysis of the causes of the Al-Aqsa Flood Operation of 7 October seems impeccable to me. Let's see some salient points, leaving aside the operating mode it used.

1. The Palestinian people's battle against occupation and colonialism did not begin on October 7, but began 105 years ago, considering 30 years of British colonialism and 75 years of Zionist occupation. In 1918 the Palestinian people owned 98.5% of the land of Palestine and represented 92% of the population in the land of Palestine. The Jews, brought to Palestine in mass immigration campaigns coordinated between the British colonial authorities and the Zionist Movement, managed to take control of no more than 6% of the lands of Palestine and made up 31% of the population before 1948, when the Zionist entity was announced in the historical land of Palestine.

At that point the Palestinian people were denied the right to self-determination and the Zionist gangs engaged in a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Palestinian people with the aim of expelling them from their lands and areas. As a result, Zionist gangs forcibly seized 77% of the land of Palestine, where they expelled 57% of the Palestinian people, destroyed more than 500 Palestinian villages and towns, and committed dozens of massacres against Palestinians, culminating in the creation of the Zionist entity in 1948. Furthermore, continuing their aggression, in 1967 Israeli forces occupied the rest of Palestine, including the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Jerusalem, as well as the Arab territories around Palestine.

2. In these long decades the Palestinian people have suffered every type of oppression, injustice, expropriation of their fundamental rights and apartheid policies. The Gaza Strip, for example, suffered for 17 years, starting in 2007, from a suffocating air, sea and land blockade that transformed it into the largest open-air prison in the world. The Palestinian people of Gaza have also suffered five destructive warlike attacks, in which Israel was the aggressor. In 2018, the population of Gaza also held the Great March of Return demonstrations, to peacefully protest against the Israeli blockade and their own miserable humanitarian conditions and to demand the right of return. However, Israeli occupation forces responded to these protests with brutal force, killing 360 Palestinians and wounding 19,000 others, including over 5,000 children, in a matter of months.

3. According to official data, in the period between January 2000 and September 2023, the Israeli occupation killed 11,299 Palestinians and injured another 156,768, most of whom were civilians. Unfortunately, the US administration and its allies have provided cover for Israeli aggression.

4. Israeli violations and brutalities have been documented by many United Nations organizations and international rights groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, and have also been documented by Israeli human rights groups. However, these reports and testimonies have been ignored and the Israeli occupation has yet to be held accountable. There are thousands of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons who suffer deprivation of their fundamental rights,

as well as attacks and humiliation under the direct supervision of the fascist Israeli minister Itamar Ben-Gvir.

5. The US administration and its Western allies have always treated Israel as a state above the law; they allow it not only to expropriate Palestinian lands, but also to Judaize their sacred symbols and their holy places (primarily the Al-Aqsa Mosque). Although the UN has issued more than 900 resolutions over the past 75 years in favour of the Palestinian people, Israel has refused to abide by any of these resolutions, and the US veto has always been present in the Security Council to prevent any condemnation to Israel's policies and violations.

We have 7 million Palestinians living in extreme conditions in refugee camps and other areas and who wish to return to their lands from which they were expelled 75 years ago.

6. Although the Oslo Accords signed in 1993 with the Palestine Liberation Organization provided for the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel has systematically destroyed any possibility of establishing the Palestinian state, through extensive campaign of settlement building and Jewishization of Palestinian lands in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem.

Israeli officials have confirmed on several occasions their absolute rejection of the creation of a Palestinian state. Just a month before Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu unveiled a map of the so-called "New Middle East", depicting Israel stretching from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, including the West Bank and Gaza. The whole world, from the rostrum of the United Nations General Assembly, silently watched his speech full of arrogance and ignorance towards the rights of the Palestinian people.

Source: lantidiplomatico.it

[29] A little cynical and a little servile

There probably would have been no October 7th if Abu Mazen's Palestinian National Authority were not a corrupt and incompetent body, colluding with the Israeli state and strongly

discredited by the Palestinian population, which gave Hamas exclusive leadership in the fight against the state of Israel.

Let's also take into account the fact that the path opened by the 2020 Abrahamic pact, which sees (or rather, saw) commercial negotiations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain (and potentially Saudi Arabia), in which the aforementioned PA also participated, would have risked completely isolating the Gaza Strip managed by Hamas, which perhaps would no longer have received financial aid from the Saudis and Qataris.

From this point of view, it is completely normal to hypothesize that Hamas' objective was to involve Egypt, Syria and Lebanon in a sort of "holy alliance" against Israel and above all against the Abrahamic pact.

It cannot be ruled out that plan B is to attempt a union between the various Shiite and Sunni "jihadisms" for a definitive fight against Israeli Zionism, perhaps under the Iranian leadership, which at this moment would be joined by that of the Yemeni Houthis and Lebanese Hezbollah.

Let's also not forget that Tunisia, Algeria and Libya feel very close to Hamas. In theory Qatar too, despite its ambiguity, since, if on the one hand it hosts the operational base of Hamas, granting it 30 million dollars a year, on the other it hosts a very respectable American base (about 15,000 soldiers with 100 fighters that can bomb the entire Persian Gulf area), and makes no secret that it is very keen to trade its liquid gas with Europeans: it is no coincidence that it has the fourth highest per capita income on the planet.

Last but not least, it should be considered that Israel prevents Gaza from using the gas fields 30 km from the coast of the Strip: it has been planning to seize them since 2008, with the "Cast Lead" operation.

If we exclude the oil it imports from Azerbaijan, Israel is self-sufficient in terms of energy, as it enjoys the exploitation of offshore gas fields, such as Leviathan, Tamar and Karish, thanks to which it has become an exporting country to Jordan and in Egypt. However, Gaza Marine's is still a delicious morsel.

A Europe starved for gas, after the disaster of the war in Ukraine, certainly cannot be on the side of the Palestinians. On the basis of the trilateral agreement (signed by the EU, Egypt and Israel), Tel Aviv undertakes to sell gas from the Leviathan and Tamar fields to the EU, via the Egyptian Gol terminals. It should be noted that the American Chevron manages both the Tamar and Leviathan sites.

Naturally, the Hamas attack on 7 October stopped, for security reasons, the arrival in Egypt of liquid gas from the Tamar field (gas which was then to be exported to Europe), but if Israel occupies even just half of Gaza, everything will be settled in favour of the Europeans (there is also an Israeli project regarding a canal connecting the Gulf of Aqaba to the eastern Mediterranean, close to the very north of Gaza, with which to compete with the Suez Canal).

Ultimately we Europeans are cynical, even if we are servants towards the USA.

Why doesn't Israel have a Constitution?

When the elections for the Legislative Assembly (Knesset, which at the same time assumed the anomalous role of a Constituent Assembly) took place in 1949, a real Constitution was not promulgated, since it was considered premature in a State still in the process of training. After all, not even the English, at home, had it.

Furthermore, for the rabbis it would have been an affront to their fundamentalist idea according to which a Jew must obey only divine law. Ben-Gurion himself, aiming to control the superior power of the Knesset, preferred to ally himself with the Haredim, ultra-Orthodox and very minority political parties who opposed a Constitution in order to better hegemonize their ideological interpretations on family law, holidays, power supply, etc.

And so the Israeli parliament limited itself to developing only some fundamental rules, such as the "Law of return" (to the homeland). There are about ten of this type, more or less reviewable by parliamentary politics. For the rest, many British provisions of the mandate period were kept in force, which, es-

pecially in matters of public order, are still used today to the detriment of the Arab population.

In a certain sense it could be said that Israeli democracy resembles that of England, where parliamentary supremacy remains – precisely due to the absence of a Constitution – an indisputable dogma, never credibly threatened by the judiciary (always very deferential, not surprisingly, towards parliamentary government).

The drafting of a Constitutional Charter was foreseen by the Declaration of Independence (which proclaimed the complete social and political equality of all citizens, regardless of religion, race and sex). But then it was understood that it was more convenient not to tie one's hands compared to the Arab population, too numerous to avoid being afraid of it.

Just think of the fact that the original draft Constitution explicitly excluded civilians from being tried by military tribunals, and prohibited the use of torture or moral pressure; it also prohibited preventive detention not authorized by a court; not to mention the fact that it sanctioned the principles of the inviolability of the home and secrecy of letters, and even provided for equality between Jews and Arabs in the field of education. All rights, these, which today at most apply only to Jews.

After the 1948 war, it was absurd for a Jew to protect the rights of the Arab minority within Israel, let alone in the occupied territories, where even the Palestinians were largely in the majority. The Constitution would only have been an obstacle. His theoretical project could at most serve as window dressing for the West.

It must never be forgotten that Israel presents itself as an outgrowth of American society, which, in turn, was the product of an Anglo-Saxon mentality accustomed to imposing itself without respecting the rights of others, if not, at most, on a merely formal level.

Without the Constitution it would have been much easier to keep alive the military tribunals with jurisdiction over the civilian population; intervene abusively in every aspect of daily life; authorize censorship of news media and private correspondence; limit freedom of movement, opinion and political activ-

ity; arrest, expel from the country, confiscate private assets, demolish Arab homes... All provisions that still remain in force today for over 90% of the Arab population.

Only at the end of the 1990s was it realized that the judicial power could not remain completely subservient to the political power. In the sense that it was necessary for the Supreme Court to control the constitutionality of the laws.

This is why Netanyahu's proposal goes in a completely different direction, that of limiting the power of the Supreme Court in order to restore the absolute primacy of the Knesset: this is because, since the judges are not elected by the people, according to him they lack true democratic legitimacy.

The Supreme Court was not even able to take issue with the fundamentalist law he strongly supported in 2018 on the "National State of the Jewish People", according to which the State of Israel is only for Jews, that is, it is neither secular nor pluralistic.

[30] Arabia in a nutshell

Simplifying as much as possible the spelling of the names of all its protagonists, we could begin by saying that Saudi Arabia was born between 1745 and 1764 from the alliance between the fundamentalist religious reformer Wahhab (1703-92) and the head emir of the Saudi family Muhammad ibn Saud (1710-65).

In the name of a purified Islam, close to its origins, much superior to the Ottoman one, they wanted to create a great kingdom, but the Pasha of Egypt, Mehmet Ali (1805-48), by order of Istanbul, prevented it. Indeed, in 1895 the Saudi family was forced into exile in Kuwait.

However, in the period 1901-6 Abdel Aziz Saud, with the support of the emir Mubarak of Kuwait (pro-English), reconquered the lands of his fathers. During the First World War the sheriff of Mecca, Hussein, was convinced by Colonel Lawrence (called "of Arabia") to side with the English against the Ottoman Empire, in exchange for the promise of becoming king of the Arabs. Hussein was from the Hashemite family, a rival of the Saudi family.

When the statesman of the new Turkey, Atatürk, abolished the Ottoman caliphate in 1924, Hussein proclaimed himself caliph of the entire Islamic world. However the Saudis defeated him in Mecca. And so in the period 1926-32 it was Abdel A. Saud who proclaimed himself king of Saudi Arabia unified into a single national state.

London, which had already reneged on the promises made to Hussein, recognized the new independent territorial entity, limiting itself to guaranteeing itself the multiple colonial borders of the adjacent countries: Kuwait, Yemen, Aden, Hadramawt, Oman, Transjordan and Iraq. In the latter two, respectively, he had placed Hussein's sons: Abdallah and Feisal.

Saud made two important reforms: he forced nomads to become farmers and replaced tribal customs with a single religious law (sharia). Then he entrusted the exploitation of oil to the Anglo-Americans (1938) (the Saudis took total control of the American company Aramco only in 1980).

Since then, almost all the Saudi monarchs stayed away, militarily, from the conflicts in the Middle East, especially the Palestinian ones, participating only indirectly, mostly in a financial way or by encouraging the immigration of refugees into their own state.

The governments of Arabia were always very moderate or conservative, also because the population was numerically small and socio-economically backward. The population recently exceeded 32 million inhabitants (increasing by 1/3 in the last 12 years), but over 13 million are foreigners. 63% of Saudis are under 30! One of Saud's sons, Feisal (in power from 1964 to 1975), forced his brother to abdicate, as he judged him to be inept. It was anti-colonialist against the English, but not against the Americans. He abolished slavery and granted Saudi citizenship to freedmen. He intervened in the Yemeni war only to support the royalists. He was clearly anti-communist. He participated in the oil embargo during the Yom Kippur War (1973). He favoured the petrodollar regime. He was killed by a deranged nephew in 1975, who claimed the throne, but they executed him.

Since the monarchy was absolute, there were no parties, elections (except local ones), freedom of the press and not even

a Constitution. Indeed, clerical bigotry was strong (there is no freedom of religion), the unbridled luxury of princes, etc.

Naturally, there was no shortage of coups d'état: at least three from 1969 to 1974, all foiled.

The last rulers (Khalid, 1975-82; Fahd, 1982-2005; Abdallah, 2005-2015; Salman father, 2015-2022; Salman son, 2022) have decidedly aimed to enrich the country through oil (95% of exports) and the work of many immigrants (without neglecting religious tourism).

Salman senior is known for having organized a new war against Yemen (the Houthis who are so talked about today).

Salman son, crown prince designated by his father since 2017, continued the war until the recent peace agreement, essential for the Saudis to join the BRICS. He ended the petrodollar. He has established good relations, once very problematic if not impossible, with Russia, China, Iran and Syria, greatly reducing those with the USA. He expanded women's rights (e.g. joining the army, becoming an ambassador or deputy minister). Being a very pragmatic man, he cannot tolerate ideological extremism: in fact he wants a moderate Islam, without any more atrocious punishments linked to religious dogmas, and without even favouring one Islamic religious current over another.

With his Saudi Vision 2030 project he aims to make Saudi a country independent of oil production by 2060. He was accused in a 2019 UN report of instigating the murder of journalist Khashoggi.

What is the difference between Shiites and Sunnis?

Sunnism and Shiism are the two major currents of Islam: the first represents 80% of the Muslim world; the second 15% (5% are minor currents⁷).

They come from a schism that occurred immediately after the death of Muhammad, following conflicts over the appointment of caliphs (successors).

⁷ For example. the Houthis of Yemen belong to the Zaydi variant of Shiism, even if they have legal and liturgical positions close to the Sunni majority.

For the Shiites, religious authority was transmitted to their cousin and son-in-law Ali and then to his family and descendants (imam), who interpret the internal or spiritual meaning of the Koran.

For the Sunnis, however, Muhammad did not give any specific provisions for his succession, so his first companions would have freely chosen a leader for the community, with purely administrative functions. So for them the authority remained in the Koran and in the example of the Prophet and his first companions. The community as a whole is the original witness of the revelation: the believer can directly access the Koran through imitation of the behavior of others.

Apparently Sunnism therefore appears more democratic and Shiism more authoritarian. But it's not a given: it's enough for example, to think that the ISIS Caliphate is mostly Salafist, a formally very rigid Sunnism. In any case, neither of the two currents questions the fact that politics and religion should be experienced as one thing.

Many Western scholars maintain that the divergence between the two currents began as purely political and only later was it imbued with theological color. That is: first the Muslims would have argued about who should succeed Muhammad; then Ali's party, having been defeated on the field, would seek a theological revenge, increasing much more the spiritual importance of the imams.

The heart of Shiism is in Iran, where it has been the state religion since the 16th century. If you add the Shiites of this state with those present in Iraq, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, you reach 70% of those in the world. In Lebanon they constitute the relative majority (see for example the Hezbollah movement), but the Saudis side with the Hariri family, one of the most powerful Sunni clans. Substantial Shiite minorities are also present in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, in the Gulf (Kuwait, Yemen) and also in Saudi Arabia. In the Middle East there are three Shiites for every five Sunnis.

The Sunnis, however, as well as in various Middle Eastern states (Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, etc.), are largely in the majority in North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, in the

Balkans, in Central Asia and in the Far East, in Indonesia and in Oceania.

There are currently around 1.6 billion Muslims: around 1 billion live in Asia, 240 million in sub-Saharan Africa and 320 million in the Middle East. Muslims in Europe number around 44 million (6% of the total population).

The various attempts at rapprochement between the two currents have never been successful, even though on a legal level Sunnism already recognizes four different legal schools, so it would not cost it anything to recognize a fifth in Shiism.

Most Shiites recognize a chain of 12 imams, after which the chain would be broken due to Sunni hostility.

Faced with this rupture, Shiism has split into two currents: a minority current maintains that the faithful should keep politics separate from religion and wait in a spiritual way for the chain to recompose itself at the end of time. The majority current, however, has transferred the prerogatives of the imams to the experts in religious sciences. And so over the course of a millennium a clergy with its own hierarchy was created. The ultimate outcome of this process was seen in the figure of Khomeini (Supreme Leader).

It must then be said that starting from the 18th century, various reformist movements develop within Sunnism, the main one being Saudi Wahhabism, which insists on a return to the essential core of Sunnism, which however makes it more fundamentalist and intolerant. This is how modern Salafist groups were born...

Around the 1960s, political Islam was born, a form of militancy in which religion is seen as an all-encompassing political system, capable of founding a model of a modern state alternative to the Western one.

This theopolitical idea is completely transversal to traditional currents: for example, the cult of the martyr, traditionally Shiite, is now also central in Sunni radicalism; the concept of jihad (holy war) was more felt in the Sunni context, but now also in the Shiite one. Which does not mean at all that an agreement between the two currents has become easier.

The Syrian case is emblematic. The country is 3/4 with a Sunni majority, but is governed mostly by Shiite officials

from the Alawite minority, such as President Assad. When the civil war began in 2011 Assad was helped by Shiite Iran, against a galaxy of mostly Sunni (and Kurdish) groups.

[31] Return ab ovo

After what Israel has done in recent months in Gaza, which is added to the thousand abuses committed from 1948 to today (indeed, since the end of the Ottoman Empire), I think that the Palestinian resistance must return to the original intentions, expressed in the Charter National of 1968: liberate all of Palestine from Zionist occupation, and therefore liquidate the state structure of Israel, creating a unitary, secular and democratic state throughout the peninsula, in which Muslims, Christians and Jews can coexist without discrimination.

This should be considered a strategic objective. The tactical one, determined by the balance of power, can also be the construction of two independent states, but only on the condition of returning to the situation prior to the Six Day War of 1967. That is, Gaza and the West Bank must be evacuated by Israeli troops, and on every single settler's right to property must be verified.

Zionism means fascism *tout-court*, and if fascism is allowed to dominate as and when it wants, democracy is over. Indeed, looking at the massacre of civilians that has been carried out (especially that of children), the sense of humanity of the human race has ended. In fact, Israel could not do what they do without the unconditional support of the West. The sociologist Alessandro Orsini is right to distinguish between the country responsible for the genocide (Israel), the complicit country (USA) and co-responsible countries (collective West).

Zionism is a disgrace to humanity. It doesn't even deserve a difference between Conservatives and Labour: their foreign policy towards the Palestinians has never been very different.

The real anti-Semites are precisely the Zionists, with their genocidal attitude towards the Palestinians; indeed, with the contempt they have for everything that is not "Jewish" and everything that does not conform to their colonial and imperial

intentions, with which they not only target the Palestinians but also all the neighbouring Islamic states.

Israel is a state that must be eliminated in order to restore peace in the Middle East. Naturally, it would make no sense to carry out such an operation to create a confessional or theocratic state in Palestine, similar to other Islamic states in that region or present elsewhere.

Creating a “secular” state means that it must be strictly “non-denominational”, that is, not willing to privilege any particular religion. If such a State is created in Palestine, the first stone will be laid for the building of a society where social and gender equality, the common ownership of the fundamental means of production can become criteria for life. Otherwise, all of humanity will have to declare the impotence of good against evil.

The dream of Hamas

In the latest Hamas Statute, that of 2017, the hypothesis of two states within the pre-1967 borders is envisaged, on the condition that Palestinian refugees are recognized the right to return to Israel and that East Jerusalem is recognized as the capital of the new state.

Of course this needs this to be sanctioned by the international community, not by a bilateral relationship with Israel. The text clearly reiterates that the enemies of the Palestinians are Zionism and the occupation, not the Jews and their religion. The Palestinian cause is nothing other than the cause of “an occupied land and a displaced people”. For Hamas, the ideal would be to recover its borders from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, but while waiting to be able to do so, it is satisfied with the two-state solution.

Is this political project feasible? I honestly think not, and not so much because Israel is currently in charge of a far-right government that wants to expel all Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank, as well as because any Israeli government would consider the idea of returning Palestinians to their homes absurd. Houses and land are already part of the property of the settlers, who currently number around 700,000 in the West

Bank. The settlers will also arrive in the northern part of Gaza, which will have to be completely rebuilt.

And in any case the latest Likud Statute speaks clearly: not only does it exclude the hypothesis of two states, but it openly calls for the annexation of “every part of the Land of Israel”.

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[1] Colonialism is not over yet in the Middle East

The era of independence of the Arab world from Western colonialism began with the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and has not yet ended, also because it developed within often arbitrary borders, decided by the Anglo-French and, as regards the Palestine, by the UN Security Council.

The other big problem with these movements is that, even when their countries manage to obtain political independence, they still remain tied to the West on an economic and above all financial level. This is why, when speaking about them, reference can be made, at most, to only the first with regard to the two independences.

The first state that managed to obtain it was Egypt, thanks to the nationalist Wafd movement. Its leader, Sa'd Zaghlul, asked the English authorities for permission to go to London in 1919 to raise the issue of his country's independence. The request was rejected and he was arrested.

From that moment it was understood that we had to fight seriously. Already the following year the English were forced to recognize limited sovereignty, which over time became increasingly effective, so much so that in 1937 Egypt was admitted to the League of Nations. However, only with Nasser, in 1954-56, did the English leave (in 1967 also from the Suez Canal).

Iraq rose up after the announcement of the British mandate in 1920. The protests did not subside even after the British placed Feisal on the throne, one of the sons of Sherif Hussein, the Hashemite rival of the Saudis, betrayed by the British themselves. In any case, in 1930 they were forced to grant independence, even if they retained control of some military bases. Iraq entered the League of Nations two years later. The English were finally expelled only in 1958.

With Saudi Arabia, however, they were softer. Since they preferred the Saudis to the Hashemites, they immediately

granted independence in 1926, obtaining in exchange the recognition of their colonial mandate over all the other countries of the Persian Gulf.

The most artificial of all the Arab states invented by that unfortunate secret treaty of Sykes-Picot was the emirate of Transjordan, which the British assigned to another of Hussein's sons, Abdallah. He obtained his formal independence only in 1946, and only in 1950, after the annexation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, could the Hashemite king call himself King of Jordan. Today it is a country totally in American hands.

The French soldiers had to leave Lebanon and Syria in 1946, after a twenty-year struggle against the independence movements. The most complete disaster, the consequences of which still drag on today, the British caused in Palestine, allowing the Zionists to colonize it. From here they will be forced to leave in 1948, when the UN authorizes the construction of the State of Israel, which, in turn, will prevent the construction of the Palestinian one.

The only territories that the English will continue to manage for a long time will be the artificial emirates, literally invented around Saudi Arabia. In fact, Kuwait was emancipated only in 1961. Yemen in 1967-70. Oman in 1970. Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates in 1971.

To date, the only peoples who still remain stateless due to the Anglo-French are the Palestinians and the Kurds. Today, however, all these countries must get rid of the cumbersome American military presence. The history of colonialism is not over yet.

[2] A state indifferent to religion

The Jewish nation was finally destroyed by the Romans during the Jewish War of 68-135 AD. From then until 1947 the Jews no longer had any nation.

Did they have the right to have it back? Did they have a duty to demand it? A population may also think that in the name of its own habits and customs it has the right to desire a particular place in which to practice its own specific methods

in an absolutely independent manner, but it cannot expect to achieve this objective at the expense of another population already present in the chosen place.

Such a nationalistic claim is reactionary by definition, also because it should only be achieved using authoritarian, typically fascist methods. And this without considering that after almost 2000 years of diaspora it was and still is completely imaginative to think that the Jews scattered around the world could have things in common with each other, such that they could easily constitute a “nation”. Here one of two things: either the Jews learn to coexist with the populations of the whole world, without having to give up their own specificity (if they really want it), of which however, for their own psychological good, it would be better than they didn’t make it a reason to ghettoize themselves, lulling themselves into the bizarre idea of feeling like a “chosen” people, a sort of aristocratic caste, privileged by Yahweh.

Or they must resign themselves to the fact that within the State of Israel they will always have to deal with fundamentally hostile populations of other religions. Ironically, even if they managed to expel all non-Jews from Palestine, they will never be able to prevent “religious heresies” from forming within them. Ideas cannot be imposed by force of arms, whether military or media, except for a limited time. Therefore there will always be conflictual situations, more or less bitter, either in internal or foreign politics.

Is this what Netanyahu’s right wants? A situation of perpetual conflict to better justify one’s ideological and political authoritarianism?

If religion is made a discriminant for the realization of democracy, no democracy will ever be possible. The State of Israel condemns itself to its own destruction. It cannot be saved even by atomic bombs. It will only be a matter of time. And whoever wants to destroy it will not care a damn about being accused of anti-Semitism, because he will know very well that this accusation is totally ridiculous. The neighbouring countries, when they have reached the same technological level as the Zionists, will get rid of them without many problems.

Which, of course, does not mean that Islamic fundamentalism is better than Jewish fundamentalism, or that it has more right to impose itself as it is represented by an enormous number of believers, compared to the small number of the Jewish population.

One thing that all the populations of the Middle East have yet to understand is that the realization of democracy goes beyond differences of religion. Therefore it would not make any sense to destroy the fundamentalism of the Jewish religion in the name of another fundamentalism. The religious wars are long over.

All non-Jewish states in the Middle East must stop qualifying themselves as “Islamic”. They simply have to position themselves as secular or non-denominational, which is the minimum condition for achieving democracy. If Israeli statesmen were capable of this foresight, that is, if they had this courage, they themselves would have proposed to the Palestinians that they establish a single pluralistic state of Palestine, a state that has nothing Jewish, Islamic, Christian or even atheistic about it.

How many deaths would those peoples have spared themselves if they had demanded a State totally indifferent to the attitude that can be taken towards religion?

[3] Bundism was also absurd

When Zionism was born, the Bund, that is, the Union of Jewish workers of Lithuania, Poland and Russia, was also born among the Jews. It was October 1897.

Unlike the Zionists, children of a bourgeoisie with particularly narrow ideas, they absolutely defined themselves as socialists (who, at that time, were called “social democrats”).

The following year, in fact, they contributed to the establishment of the Social Democratic Party of Russia (POSDR). They did so as an autonomous organization, whose specific competence was limited to issues concerning the Jewish proletariat.

Over time, however, the Bund accentuated its “nationalism” character, claiming legal equality with all the other na-

tions of the Russian Empire for the Jews, considered absurdly as a specific nation.

Since the Jews were scattered throughout a good part of that empire, they asked that the POSDR, already in its statute, foresee that, once it had taken power, it would transform the empire into a federation of autonomous nationalities, regardless of the territory. A claim, this, which could also have been formulated by Zionists, with their fantastic idea that the Jews, wherever they live, constitute in themselves a “nation” (moreover “holy”, “chosen”).

That is, the Jews of the Bund should have been considered an extraterritorial autonomy. Indeed, for them the POSDR itself had to present itself as a federal union of national organizations, of which the Bund would be one of the federated elements. They asked this of a party that had never distinguished its militants on the basis of their attitude towards religion.

The Bundists even wanted to elect their own Central Committee, with which they could independently define their policy on issues concerning the Jewish population. They wanted to be considered as exclusive representatives of the party among the Jewish workers.

Since they had completely absurd demands, with which they would have undermined the unity of the proletarians of all nationalities, and therefore destroyed the POSDR, they were expelled from the party in 1903. From then on they took an anti-Bolshevik position, at least until they realized, after the October revolution, that their demands, within the construction of a socialist society, made no sense.

That is, they were demands that at most could be good at a local level or in a limited function. The Bolsheviks, in fact, never prevented the Jewish workers’ movement from propaganda or the publication of texts in the Yiddish language, or from holding specific congresses or from satisfying local needs inherent to the particularity of the Jewish way of life.

However, as regards the fight against the tsarist autocracy, the landowners and the capitalists, the party had to remain united and with a centralized leadership, otherwise defeat would have been inevitable. Many Jews participated in the Oc-

tober Revolution. As Jews? No, as proletarians. Judaism was incidental. As could be any other religion.

[4] We will take you back to the stone age

If the assumption is made that the Russians and the Palestinians are absolutely irreducible enemies, respectively, of the Ukrainians and the Israelis, then we will go so far as to say that they are also the enemies of the Europeans, the Americans and the entire West. So there can be no negotiations with them, because they don't want them.

And since the Palestinians are mostly Islamic, the latter, globally understood, become the enemies to be fought in the West, as the Jews once were. From now on in Europe we will not only be anti-Russian (or anti-Slavic), but also anti-Islamic by definition, in the same extent to which we were once anti-Semitic (meaning by "Semitic", in our ignorance, only the Jewish population).

And we will prepare for war, or rather, for wars, with all the power of NATO (which is an alliance that operates at an international level) and above all of the USA. And we will do them against Russia, against the Islamic populations who militarily support the Palestinians, such as the Lebanese Hezbollah, the Yemeni Houthis, the Syrians of Assad, the Iraqis close to the Iranians and above all against the Iranian theocracy.

And then we will prepare for war against North Korea and above all against China over the Taiwan issue (which is the issue that masks all the others of an economic and commercial nature).

The collective West wants to go to war against those who do not respect its democratic rules, its international law, which naturally should not be considered as "its", but as an asset of the entire world, which only the West, having invented them, knows how to protect in the right way.

Anyone who talks about peace or negotiations against these public enemies, who threaten the stability of the planet, must be silenced, marginalized, imprisoned or removed from the scene.

We have been the masters of the world since Roman times. We are because we have taught all the others (the barbarians) the rules of democracy and law, in a word “civilization”. So don’t be arrogant with us, don’t threaten us, because with the weapons we have we can bring all our enemies back to the stone age.

[5] Democracy and secularism in Palestine

Sometimes I wonder if the State of Israel, once it had completely eliminated the Palestinian elements that bother it the most, could constitute an example of a democratic state. Obviously no sane person claims that a democratic state constitutes a “model” for other states. It is only Westerners who have this claim (which also has a “messianic” flavour). They are convinced that the essence of democracy lies in parliamentary representativeness (national, regional, local) and in the abstract, merely legal formulation of human rights.

However, we know that Westerners are not sensible people. If they were, they would not continually advance the claim to world hegemony, with which they think they can decide what is or is not “democratic”. Being used to having the technology and therefore the most powerful industry and weapons in the world, they cannot accept the idea that democracy is experienced in forms other than those they consider the best.

From this point of view, how can we configure the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has been dragging on, in a state or institutional manner, since 1947? It is simply the conflict between a State, in which the West recognizes itself, and a population in which the West (especially in its institutional or dominant levels) does not recognize itself; a population which, for this reason, has not been able to constitute itself as a political state.

Naturally, in the abstract, the West does not deny the Palestinians the possibility of establishing themselves as a state separate from the Israeli one. But it expects them to ask for it according to Israel’s desires. We’ve been doing this since 1947.

This is why for a long time the Palestinians refused to recognize the Jews as an autonomous state.

Even today we go looking for confirmation of this bizarre belief of ours in the extremist declarations of Hamas or in its belligerent attitudes, which we promptly define as “terrorism”. And in any case we support the Zionist thesis according to which the State of Israel has the right to expand until the Palestinians agree to be completely subjugated (which however they continue to do in the West Bank even if Abu Mazen’s government is completely corrupt).

Since Westerners think that Israel constitutes the only democracy existing within a completely Islamized Middle East (confessional by nature), it is clear that we cannot oppose its colonialist practice towards the Palestinians (at most we can do so, on the human side, when it takes particularly cruel, i.e. genocidal, forms).

From this point of view it also seems completely normal that the Zionists, having to deal with a rebellious Islamic population, give their State a markedly ideological connotation (in the confessional sense). We are not scandalized by this lack of secularism, because we think that if Palestine were free from the armed resistance of the Palestinians, the State of Israel would certainly be more secular.

So what does this state represent for us Westerners? It is our creation, of a capitalist type, still immature in terms of law and democracy, as it is surrounded by a hostile population that professes an opposite ideology, which we consider more dangerous, potentially “terrorist”; a population that occasionally shows itself to be subversive even on a practical level, carrying out attacks, killings or training for armed resistance.

For us Westerners, the “Palestinian question” will be resolved when Palestinians who claim their own substantial difference from the Israelis no longer exist.

Ultimately, in Europe we thought the same thing about the “Jewish question”: the Jews will be accepted when they stop making their Judaism an unbearable privilege. However, we still have not understood that the vast majority of human beings on the planet can no longer tolerate all our arrogance

and all the pseudo-democratic rhetoric with which we try to justify it.

[6] The ambitions of the servants

It is rather paradoxical that Israel claims at all costs (i.e. even at the cost of practising an unpopular policy such as genocide) to become a large national state, when on a geographical level it is surrounded by much larger Islamic countries and with much larger populations.

The only exception is Lebanon, which has an area of over 10,000 square kilometres and a population of around 7 million people. But will Israel ever have the strength to occupy another country? With Lebanon it was unable to do so, not even to hold a small area to the south. Even France had to renounce its colonial mandate. The USA also had to leave.

Israel did not even manage to hold onto the Egyptian Sinai. And you cannot hope to occupy the Syrian Golan Heights *ad libitum*. Syria has entered into a military alliance with Russia: sooner or later that area, occupied by the Zionists in 1967, will be taken back. Even more so, if the principle that the Palestinians have the right to their own state, based on the borders prior to the Six Day War, passes at an international level, Syria will return to the fray, claiming what has always belonged to it. When the Golan was incorporated into the Ottoman Empire in the 16th century, it continued to be part of the governorate of Damascus.

So it is clear that if Israel really wants to become a great nation, with fictional political borders that reach from the Nile to the Euphrates, it must prepare, once all the Palestinians have been subjugated, for new conflicts of far different proportions, against enemies of far different magnitude.

In this case, however, how can you hope that the Jews scattered around the world will want to help them not only on a financial level, but also on a military level, by moving en masse to that tormented country? It is clear that only a few extremely fanatical people would die for an ideological cause.

With this one might think that Israel, in its imperialistic plan, relies above all on the military help of the West, and in

particular that of the USA, which already has many bases in the Middle East. In this the arrogance of the Zionists is very similar to that of the neo-Nazis from Kiev: both want to win by counting on the strength of their supporters.

The European Union could intervene militarily on Israel's side since it is a servant of the USA. And it is already proving it by using military ships in the Red Sea against the Houthis. We show off our muscles when the master asks us to.

Is this perhaps the plan of the collective West in the Middle East? Restart the little story of indiscriminate, so-called "humanitarian" bombings against those Islamic countries that do not want to be robbed of their energy resources? So have we reached these levels of madness? Do we really think that time has passed in vain since the first Gulf War? Do we really think that the whole of NATO is capable of bringing all its power to bear in the Middle East, alongside Israel, in the belief that other large countries, such as Russia, China, India... are sitting with folded arms?

What intentions does the USA have to start a world war starting from Ukraine, Gaza and tomorrow with Taiwan? Do they really think that nuclear weapons or some other apocalyptic type can ensure that the American-led collective West can survive undisturbed?

But then, assuming that the USA manages to impose its unipolar globalism again, is Israel really convinced that it can become a great power? Or isn't it more likely that it will become even more of a servant of the United States?

[7] A few words on the origins of the Baath party

In the 1950s and 1960s in Iraq and Syria, the Arab Socialist Resurgence Party or the Arab Socialist Ba'ath party, (Baath in English), was a strong progressive force.

It had been founded in Damascus in the 1940s by two intellectuals: Michel Aflaq, a Greek Orthodox Christian, and the Sunni Salah al-Din al-Bitar. It was not a workers' party but a petty-bourgeois one oriented towards socialism, with a strong influence of the military element. It had merged in 1953 with

the Arab Socialist Party of Akram al-Hurani (1911-96), forced into exile from Syria in 1963.

Initially Aflaq was even a communist, but when he saw that French socialism supported the repression of Syrian nationalism, he became a nationalist. The thesis according to which it would be impossible to create socialism in the Middle East if capitalism had not first imposed itself, which would then create the revolutionary proletariat, seemed absurd to him. And he was completely right.

His union with Bitar was a consequence of this disappointment. Together they created a party that wanted to be clearly anti-Western and, in particular, anti-Zionist, so it tended to combine the anti-colonialist struggle with the class struggle.

When Syria finally freed itself from the French (1943-46), the two friends aimed to unify Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Palestine and Jordan in order to create a great Arab nation. It should be noted that Syria, until the outbreak of the First World War, also included the territories of Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine. Eternal rival of Egypt, it had been the centre of the Arab empire during the Umayyad dynasty (661-744), that dynasty which, defeated by the Abbasids, moved to Spain (756-1031). It was the Anglo-French who modified its borders: some took Jordan and Palestine, while the others took Syria and Lebanon.

The Baath was socialist only in the sense that natural wealth, large-scale industry, public services (health, education...) and means of transport could not be privatised. The land, however, could be, even if not to the point of encouraging the exploitation of other people's work. If anything, there was a tendency to leave construction in private hands. It was the first time that socialism and Arab nationalism came together.

The Baath sided with the USSR not because it had the colonialists United Kingdom, France, the USA and Turkey as its main public enemies, if anything, we could say that, since it was a republican, democratic, socialist party and wanted to nationalize oil, it inevitably clashed either with Western interests or with those of the collaborationist Islamic monarchies.

The two leaders immediately understood that oil could be used as a weapon of pressure against the West: something

which, however, only began to be done in 1973, during the Yom Kippur War.

The Baath defined itself as “national” only because of the centralized direction of Pan-Arabism. But in fact the management of the political project was regional, that is, differentiated. Its Iraqi section was founded in 1949 (thanks above all to Palestinian refugees), after the Syrian and Jordanian ones.

The Syrian section led by Aflaq shared Nasser’s Arab and international policy, so it established close relations with Egypt, founding the United Arab Republic in 1958, which however did not last long, as Nasser wanted to make Egypt alone the fulcrum of Pan-Arabism .

The Baath came to power in Syria and Iraq in 1963 with two coups d’état, which led the two countries to merge. But the Nasserites carried out a coup in Iraq, isolating Syria, which however moved closer to the USSR, carrying out socialist reforms.

Aflaq was general secretary of the Baath until his expulsion in 1966, when the left wing of the party, led by Nouredine al-Atassi and Salah Jedid, took power in Damascus. With this current the party placed itself clearly close to Marxism and secularism. Both Aflaq and Bitar left Syria.

However, in 1968 the Baath returned to power in Iraq with another coup. It was based on the historical leaders Aflaq and Bitar, resulting in the birth of two national directions of the party (the other was in Syria) in conflict with each other.

In Iraq, however, the Baath in the hands of Saddam Hussein, Tarek Haziz and General Ahmed Hasan al-Bakr changed its physiognomy: it remained in favour of the nationalization of oil and had anti-Zionist and anti-American positions, but within the sphere of Islam and not of socialism.

In 1970 in Syria, General Assad (father of today’s president) ousted the Marxist left from power because it was judged to be extremist. And in 1978, thanks to him, the two Syrian-Iraqi sections of the Baath reconciled, but up to a certain point, since both wanted to have primacy in the direction of the pan-Arab movement. It should be noted that in the 1970s the military faction of the Baath, called al-Sa’iqa, controlled by Syria,

was very active in the Palestinian movement: its leader, Zuhayr Muhsin, was assassinated by Mossad in 1979.

The following year Bitar died, killed by Syrian circles close to Assad's father, but the killer was never found. Aflaq, however, died naturally in 1989 in Baghdad, continuing to tenaciously refuse the division of parliamentary seats on a sectarian basis. When the US invaded Iraq in 2003 they wanted to destroy his tomb to eliminate any trace of the Baath, but it was the Arab world as a whole that prevented this.

[8] A promised land

Why has Zionism or the State of Israel never been harshly criticized by the Jews, even making dramatic demonstrations (except for the well-known, meagre, exceptions that we all know)? There are probably two reasons:

1) the vast majority of Jews in the world have no interest in either Zionism or Judaism, having been perfectly integrated into

contemporary societies;

2) Jews who believe in their religion, and who are therefore practitioners, even if they are not explicitly pro-Zionist, have always harboured the hope that one day the Jewish people will be able to return to Palestine (perhaps in more peaceful forms than the current ones).

That is, on the one hand we have the non-believing Jews, who have adapted to the global development of capitalism, which is forced, in order to spread as best as possible, to go beyond any religious particularity. Among this category of Jews should also be included those who had harboured social-communist ideas in the last century.

On the other hand, however, we have believing Jews who, driven by their own religious idealism, have come to identify Zionism and Judaism, propagating this equation in the countries in which they live, or even moving to Israel themselves, convinced that they will benefit from the settler's life anti-Palestinian.

Of course, an intellectually honest Jewish community could not maintain that the Jews, after so many centuries of di-

aspora, still have the right to regain their own state in Palestine. History does not pass in vain.

However, the so-called “promised land” is a myth deeply rooted in Jewish traditions and writings. And when the Jews still believe in such a myth, they certainly do not have in mind a return to a territory in which there is not their own completely independent state or nation.

Let’s take two classic examples of this believing Judaism. Golda Meir, of Ukrainian origin, believed that in the USSR the Jews were in a very bad situation, as they could not have their own nation, so it was absolutely necessary to encourage their emigration to Palestine. That is, in her ideological delirium, Meir was convinced that the Jewish question in the USSR had not been resolved precisely because the regime had no intention of granting this population, spread throughout the Federation, a specific territory in which to live in an absolutely autonomous manner.

And Meir was not “right-wing”. In fact, when Mapai (the party of Ben Gurion, Meir and Moshe Dayan) was born in Palestine in 1930, it was nothing but a left wing of the Paolé Zion (Workers of Zion) party, founded in 1903 by the Ukrainian Dov Ber Borochoy (1881-1917), which aimed to reconcile Zionism and Marxism.

Now let’s take Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff (1915-2015), of the Jewish community of Rome. In an interview published in 1971 in the magazine “Il Regno” he clearly said that being anti-Zionist was equivalent to being anti-Semitic, as at the basis of Jewish history there has always been the belief that the Jews had to return to Palestine to build their own autonomous nation. Anyone who was against this legitimate aspiration should be considered, *ipso facto*, a fascist! For him, even the prophets of the Old Testament were “Zionists”!

A Jewish historian, whose name I no longer remember, said that if all the Jews of the last two centuries had remained Jews, their number throughout the world would have to exceed 200 million and not stand at the current 15 million (in 1900 they were 10.4 million).

[9] Hatred as the main nourishment

It seems that one of the foods that Zionism feeds on is anti-Semitism. It needs it above all as a restorative treatment in particular moments of difficulty, even if the current massacre cannot be attributed only to Netanyahu's personal problems (lack of political consensus, serious judicial issues).

I realize that supporting such a thesis may appear risky or misleading. In fact, everyone knows that it would make no sense to attribute anti-Semitic positions to the Palestinians, who never did anything against the Jews before 1947. And then, if the Palestinians were really anti-Semitic, they would be self-harming, that is, self-haters.

Furthermore, it could appear counterproductive for a state like Israel to justify itself on the basis of an attitude of hatred that other (generally neighbouring) states may have towards it. If you believe that your neighbours are just potential enemies, it is impossible to do business with them or make peace agreements. For example, the Abraham Accords or the Camp David Accords would have made no sense.

Let's say then that anti-Semitism has served, historically, to keep the "Jewish question" alive, that is, to prevent Judaism from disappearing as a religious ideology. And even today it can serve to legitimize a genocidal policy towards the Palestinians, passed off as potential terrorists. So anyone who protects them is automatically anti-Semitic.

This is because in the context of the development of capitalism, Judaism tends objectively, in a natural way, to disappear, in the sense that the Jew is progressively assimilated into the figure of the "bourgeois", whose main activity is to accumulate and invest capital, not so much that of defending a religious identity.

In other words: the stronger the anti-Semitism (such as Nazi anti-Semitism), the stronger becomes, among Jews, the desire to distinguish themselves from ordinary citizens (whether proletarian or bourgeois) precisely because they are Jews.

So if this is true, the opposite is also true: the weaker anti-Semitism is, the more Judaism tends to melt like snow in the sun.

Who today would notice the Jewish origin in people of the calibre of Mark Zuckerberg, Steven Spielberg, Woody Allen and many others who have managed to make bourgeois ideology the key to their success? If anything we should say that if someone thinks that being Jewish automatically means getting rich, they would be, *ipso facto*, an anti-Semite.

It is therefore evident that Zionism could only be born in culturally backward, socially poorly developed environments, where capitalistic praxis had not yet widely established itself. Even today, Zionism feeds on these existential conditions in order to induce Jews scattered around the world to emigrate as settlers to Israel and the occupied Palestinian lands.

If anything, today a Jew can agree to become a settler precisely because capitalism in his country has developed so much that it is too tiring to bear. After all, what does Israel promise the settlers? Who will have other people's lands and homes at incredibly advantageous conditions: we just need to be ruthless towards those who hinder their social redemption, their economic emancipation.

The Jewish settler, on a sociological level, is probably a person who in his country of origin experienced a condition of serious economic difficulty, and who, by agreeing to emigrate to Palestine, must necessarily accentuate everything that makes him ideologically different, if he wants truly change lives at the expense of the native Arab residents. He must have radical motivations, which impose an irreversible choice.

His main fuel is hatred, especially of an ethnic or racial nature. In a certain sense we could say that in Gaza Netanyahu is trying to amend Sharon's wrong, when he decided in 2004-5, on the basis of the Oslo agreements, to forcibly dislodge the settlers who had already settled in that strip of land.

North Gaza is becoming vital

The Eni group (30% owned by the Italian Treasury) has received a notice from the law firm Foley Hoag LLP of Boston, in the United States, not to undertake activities in the maritime areas of the Gaza Strip which belong to Palestine.

The law firm operates on the mandate of the Palestinian human rights groups Adalah, Al Mezan, Al-Haq and PCHR.

The issue concerns license concessions for the exploitation of the waters off Gaza assigned to some oil companies last October 29, after the start of the bombings on the Strip.

The one off the coast of Gaza, about 30 km away, is a field whose potential has been estimated at 30 billion cubic meters of gas. According to calculations by Palestinian economists, it could generate revenues of up to 800 million dollars a year.

But from whom did Eni receive permission to explore those waters? From the Israeli government of course. Also among the licensees are Dana Petroleum (a subsidiary of the South Korean National Petroleum Company) and the Israeli Ratio Petroleum.

In particular, these are the licenses of zone G which, 62%, falls within the maritime borders declared by the State of Palestine in 2019, in compliance with the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of which Palestine is a signatory.

However, the Palestinians have never been able to exploit these energy resources, since Israel has never allowed it. Indeed, according to the Israeli government, only sovereign states have the right to maritime zones, including territorial seas and exclusive economic zones, as well as to declare maritime borders. And Palestine is not a state. Now is it clear why Israel will no longer leave northern Gaza?

[10] It is not an equal fight

Zionism has come to make us hate Judaism. This is intolerable. If one reads the Old Testament (contextualizing it historically, of course) one cannot help but be fascinated by the political charge of those texts, in which it is also possible to recognize the spirit of a people fighting in the midst of a thousand hostilities, with a certain sense of justice. One can even see quite a few traces of atheism there, as the divinity does not seem much greater than the man who thinks it and with whom he dialogues more or less on an equal basis.

Compared to Judaism, paganism is very little: an infinite series of psycho-moral legends (often of a sexual nature), in which the cunning of the individual hero or the will of the hegemonic class always prevails (mostly aristocratic), protected by the gods.

Judaism managed to survive for 2000 years by fighting against colonization attempts by pagan empires. However, it was defeated twice, and in a way that seemed irreparable: when it lost the nation in Roman times, and when, faced with the logic and practice of capitalism, it did not have adequate weapons to react.

In fact, the best Jews who fought against capitalism became atheists and socialists. All the others, especially those who have embraced bourgeois and nationalistic theories, with which they wanted to build the State of Israel at all costs, are only half-figures, narrow-minded, often ideologically fanatical, politically racist, colonialist and, in towards the Palestinians, even genocidal.

Zionism has not accepted the course of history and has become a cancer on humanity, a bundle of unsustainable contradictions from which they cannot escape by leveraging their own strength. They can only stand up because they have the full support of the USA and a large part of Europe, which still today feels guilt due to the Holocaust.

The question we should now ask ourselves is simply this: can we wait until energy resources run out in the Middle East before giving up supporting Israel, which plays the role of watchdog in favour of the West? For the sake of peace, of democracy, for the sake of religious pluralism it would be better to answer no. Also because Islamic states, in foreign policy, tend to be peaceful, while Israel certainly is not. Indeed, it is precisely the bully's attitudes that give meaning to its identity.

Let's say it simply and clearly: no one forces us to think that the best way to counter the fundamentalism of Islamic countries is to support that of Israel. It is enough for us to have to endure the neoliberal fundamentalism of the Western world, today dominated by the financial capitalism of the United States.

Israel can carry out its ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians because it has everything it needs from Western countries. It's not an equal fight. Let's just think about what could happen if the idea passed that Palestinians also have the right to be protected and assisted in all ways, including military ones, by the great non-Western powers?

Today it is the Palestinians who play the part of the "oppressed Jews", and if a Jew does not understand this, it means that Judaism has already given its best on an ethical level.

[11] It doesn't just depend on Netanyahu

One would like to believe one thing, that all this furious hatred of the Zionists towards the Palestinians is caused only by Netanyahu's fundamentalist government. But I'm not sure, as I don't see much anti-government resistance in Israel. This is contested because he was unable to free the hostages, but the prime minister could interpret such an attitude as an incentive to carry out even more massacres in order to free them.

The Arab-Israeli community is also silent, or in any case the Western mainstream never talks about this 21% of the population. Netanyahu naturally sees these Arabs as smoke and mirrors: he considers them as a fifth column of Hamas, when this is absolutely not true. Indeed, it is probable that if Israel renounces its state confessionism it will be precisely thanks to these Arabs, who want to live in peace and on an equal footing with the Jews, without being continually discriminated against.

A peace between all the populations of Palestine cannot consist of a truce between one war and another. If these are the conditions that Israel poses, there will never be any possibility of normal life or democratic politics. And Arabs will be increasingly led to ask to be able to live in a separate state, which, in a tense and tangled situation like that, is incredibly complex.

As long as in Tel Aviv there are supporters of an Israel that makes Jewish identity a weapon of internal division and the annexation of Palestinian territories a strategic choice, mutual hatred will be inevitable. Zionists cannot even understand

that Jerusalem belongs to billions of believers: Christians, Muslims, Jews. How can it be considered the “single and indivisible capital” of the Jews? It must necessarily have an international statute.

Sometimes we wonder how it is possible that in all of Israel (because that is what they want us to believe) there is not a single Jew willing to accept the idea that with the demolition of Palestinian homes, the legalization of colonial settlements, the annexation of occupied territories and the appropriation of lands belonging to Arab communities from the Negev to the Galilee, they are not going anywhere. In this way it is not possible to lay even the most basic foundations for a democratic confrontation in parliament between Jews and Arabs.

Furthermore, it is clear to everyone that the Netanyahu government, in order to finance colonial settlements, has launched destructive blows on healthcare, education, the elderly... Are the Jews happy with this trend?

[12] The trap of anti-Semitism

As is known, one of the favourite arguments with which Zionists justify the birth of the State of Israel is anti-Semitism.

This ideology was born in the second half of the 19th century, as a collateral aspect of European nationalism and racism, in relation to the imperialistic spread of capitalism, and without religious references to the classic anti-Judaism of the Christian world.⁸ The word “anti-Semitism” was coined in Germany around 1870.

Europe needed racism to dominate the planet, and hatred against Jews served to validate the idea of European supremacism towards non-European (or rather non-Western) populations, those populations that are today defined as the

⁸ We could even argue that the first traces of anti-Judaism date back to the Gospels themselves, in which the Jews are condemned as a people and for eternity to suffer the ostracism of other peoples because of the killing of the “son of God”. As if the Jews of 2000 years ago could have been aware of such an identity! As if this identity had not been attributed to Christ for the first time by Paul of Tarsus alone! As if the transformation of the political Christ, of the Jewish type, into a theological Christ, of the Christian type, had not been accomplished by a part of the Jewish people themselves!

Global South and which until recently were included in the term Third World.

The then dominant *mainstream* wanted to make the petty bourgeoisie believe (the socialist proletariat did not fall into the trap) that in order to overcome their fears towards the antagonisms produced by capitalism, it was necessary to focus attention on a common enemy: the Jews.

All the main causes of the social problems of the lower and middle classes were attributed to this imaginary enemy; and since they were “Jews” within fundamentally Christian nations, albeit increasingly secularized, it became very easy to consider them a foreign body.

Zionists reacted to anti-Semitism by saying that to survive as a “people” they had to build an independent nation and therefore a sovereign state.

They gave a completely wrong interpretation to a phenomenon that actually existed (just think of the very famous Dreyfuss case). That is, they failed to understand that the anti-Jewish persecutions unleashed in some European countries only had the function of distracting the popular masses from the true origin of their social problems. The Jew was nothing but an outlet for the unsustainable contradictions of capital.

What the Zionists did not understand was that capitalism had to be overcome with a socialist revolution where people lived, without deluding themselves into thinking that they could do it better by creating their own autonomous state. In fact, creating such a State, inevitably confessional, would have entailed pure and simple self-ghettoization, that is, a fall back into the same limit that it said it wanted to fight.

[13] The last post

Maybe it's old age, but I haven't trusted anyone for a while now. Too much life experience has made me a misfit. I no longer want to write anything about the massacre of the Palestinians. The suffering of civilians, especially that of children, distresses me too much. I can't handle them.

I don't want to say anything anymore also because what I said is more than enough to understand where the rights and wrongs are. I would only risk repeating myself.

They all scare me, starting from religious fanatics, and going much higher, towards those who sell their souls to make money or to obtain a certain power, maybe even just the power to censor you. I don't see any place other than the Middle East where it's a matter of life and death when religion is at stake.

I am afraid of terrorists, whether private or state, including those who sacrifice themselves to eliminate any person on the other side of the barricade, whether civilian or military. For me it is inconceivable to hate each other to the point of killing each other in the name of a God or an idea with an ethnic or, even worse, racial flavour.

The Jews undoubtedly invented racism. We can also establish the precise moment: when the Persians, with Cyrus, allowed them to return to Palestine as subjects. About 2500 years ago. It was the clergy who rewrote the history of their people, affirming a rigid monotheism, the centralization of worship and the canonization of biblical texts. And above all they invented the ideology of the "chosen people", the one according to which the Jews were oppressed because of their betrayals but could redeem themselves in the eyes of God by fighting against external enemies. Hence the prohibition of mixed marriages and the idea that all non-Jews, the uncircumcised and anyone who did not accept the cult of Yahweh in Jerusalem were judged "impure". Judea became a theocratic and profoundly racist state: the Jews could not even tolerate the Galileans.

We Europeans (Catholics and Protestants) have also been masters in propagating racism. Even today the "spirit of crusade" distinguishes us: we have only secularized it, since ours is a Christian-bourgeois civilization, a civilization that is leaking from all sides and which seems to have reached the end of the line.

However, even people who make atheism a new religion scare me. Fanaticism appears to be a psychological characteristic that goes beyond what one thinks of religion. If I met a Jew or a fundamentalist Muslim, but also a Christian funda-

mentalist (whether Catholic or Protestant), I would be afraid, as I would be if I met a blaspheming and iconoclastic anticlerical.

I am afraid of atheists who behave cynically, as if they did not believe in any human value, but only in themselves, and therefore only in those tactics and strategies to acquire a certain economic or political power. By behaving like this they only confirm the absurd clerical thesis, according to which those who do not have faith are inevitably immoral people.

Everyone scares me, even those who have a cult of science, technology, ecology, means of communication, weapons, of sport... This is because they radicalize one aspect, losing sight of the whole, the whole.

I don't believe that the human race was born "evil", but we certainly live in a sick world, which does not know how to be itself, which no longer knows the difference between natural and artificial.

I no longer see the search for truth, disinterested sincerity, intellectual honesty: those virtues that make you appreciate friendship. Of course, on social media you can meet people with whom you would like to do something in common, but the distance that separates us seems to me to be an insurmountable obstacle.

In my opinion, the alternative must be built first of all on site, where we live with real people, who we can see with our own eyes very easily. On social media we seem more like monads looking for a place. Virtual life cannot replace real life.

We should set ourselves a fundamental objective to achieve: to reclaim the territory in which we live. That is, building a bastion of resistance against those who want to make us dependent on something that we cannot manage independently.

The fight is against markets, states, international organizations, bureaucratic, military, fiscal, financial systems and everything beyond our control. We must cut the strings of the strong powers, those who make us puppets.

Conclusion

Today we are forced to talk a lot about Zionism, due to the war in Palestine. But what is Zionism? It seems to be the Jewish version of fascism.

However, many analysts maintain that Zionism has nothing to do with Judaism. Or rather, it seems that Zionism uses Judaism for power needs, that is, to justify its own reactionary, colonialist, racist, authoritarian politics... So it could be said that Zionism, as it uses Judaism, is in reality is an old-capitalist ideology, whose religiosity or spirituality is zero. It is an ideology that is as outdated as Protestantism or Catholicism can be in relation to modern capitalism.

But for this reason the Islamism of the oil countries also seems to be a late-medieval ideology in an ultra-capitalist social context. All these religious ideologies have common aspects that make them rather revolting: chauvinism, racism, fundamentalism... They are cultural limits that are at odds with modern Western capitalism. They belong to countries that have not had a long process of secularization like Western Europe (which it then exported to the United States). They are countries that have imported from us a type of economy, the capitalist one, within a para-feudal ideological superstructure.

We in the West are more willing to combine capitalism with secularism, in the sense that everyone is free to follow the religion they want. Our fundamental religion is bourgeois liberalism (or neoliberalism), in which the role of the State is marginal, as politics is subordinated to the economy, and today the economy is subordinated to finance. All other ideologies are just obstacles to overcome, they tell us nothing in terms of values.

If and when the West wants to be authoritarian, racist, imperialist or globalist etc., it does not do so in the name of a specific ideology, to be flaunted in a blatant manner. The ideology underlying any of our actions is always that of liberalism (based on private ownership of the fundamental means of production, free market, monopolies, multinationals, debt policy,

etc.) or, if you want, that of representative democracy (human rights, parliamentary elections, separation of the three powers, formal equality before the law, etc.).

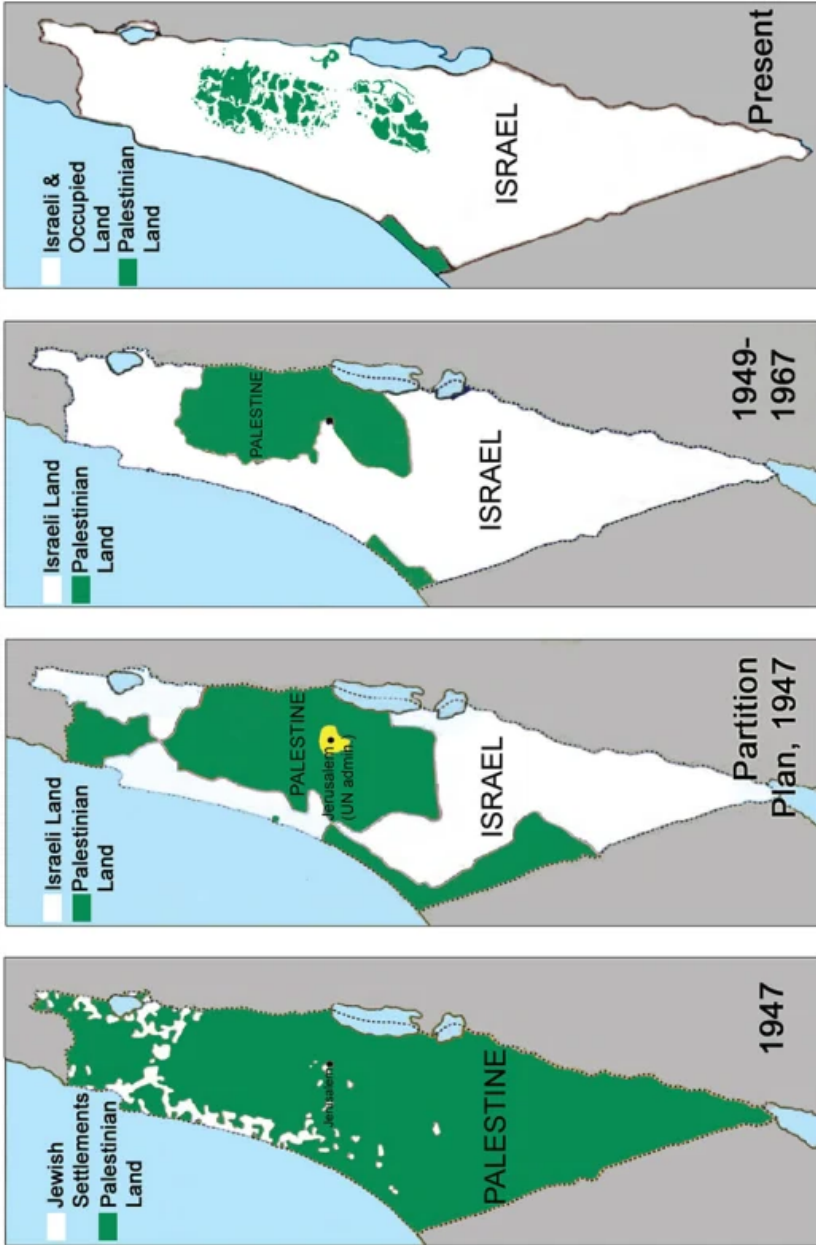
Is it possible to think that Western secularism could feel judged by ideologies such as Zionism, Judaism, Islamism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Orthodoxy? No, it's not possible. For us, these are all ideologies (more or less religious) that belong to the past.

If anything, it is our private capitalism that feels it has water up its throat. In fact, among the importing countries of our capitalism, the most significant (China, Russia, India...) claim to keep capitalism under state control. We have not been used to such control since at least the 1980s. And we don't want to go back. Indeed, even if we wanted to, we wouldn't even be able to, since some private powers have become so strong that no state would be able to reduce them.

The fact is, however, that these enormous private powers make peaceful coexistence within Western states impossible. Hence the need they have to discharge their irreducible contradictions externally. If these contradictions are not resolved by virtue of civil wars that place collective interest above private interest, world wars become inevitable.

Finally, I would like to say that when you write books like this, about highly dramatic situations, at a certain point you end them not due to lack of arguments, but because you are convinced that the solutions proposed are sufficient to address them in a serious manner.

Palestinian Loss of Land 1947 to Present



The Palestinian National Charter

Resolutions of the Palestine National Council July 1-17, 1968

Article 1:

Palestine is the homeland of the Arab Palestinian people; it is an indivisible part of the Arab homeland, and the Palestinian people are an integral part of the Arab nation.

Article 2:

Palestine, with the boundaries it had during the British Mandate, is an indivisible territorial unit.

Article 3:

The Palestinian Arab people possess the legal right to their homeland and have the right to determine their destiny after achieving the liberation of their country in accordance with their wishes and entirely of their own accord and will.

Article 4:

The Palestinian identity is a genuine, essential, and inherent characteristic; it is transmitted from parents to children. The Zionist occupation and the dispersal of the Palestinian Arab people, through the disasters which befell them, do not make them lose their Palestinian identity and their membership in the Palestinian community, nor do they negate them.

Article 5:

The Palestinians are those Arab nationals who, until 1947, normally resided in Palestine regardless of whether they were evicted from it or have stayed there. Anyone born, after that date, of a Palestinian father - whether inside Palestine or outside it - is also a Palestinian.

Article 6:

The Jews who had normally resided in Palestine until the beginning of the Zionist invasion will be considered Palestinians.

Article 7:

That there is a Palestinian community and that it has material, spiritual, and historical connection with Palestine are indisputable facts. It is a national duty to bring up individual Palestinians in an Arab revolutionary manner. All means of information and education must be adopted in order to acquaint the Palestinian with his country in the most profound manner, both spiritual and material, that is possible. He must be prepared for the armed struggle and ready to sacrifice his wealth and his life in order to win back his homeland and bring about its liberation.

Article 8:

The phase in their history, through which the Palestinian people are now living, is that of national (watani) struggle for the liberation of Palestine. Thus the conflicts among the Palestinian national forces are secondary, and should be ended for the sake of the basic conflict that exists between the forces of Zionism and of imperialism on the one hand, and the Palestinian Arab people on the other. On this basis the Palestinian masses, regardless of whether they are residing in the national homeland or in diaspora (mahajir) constitute - both their organizations and the individuals - one national front working for the retrieval of Palestine and its liberation through armed struggle.

Article 9:

Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine. This it is the overall strategy, not merely a tactical phase. The Palestinian Arab people assert their absolute determination and firm resolution to continue their armed struggle and to work for an armed popular revolution for the liberation of their country and their return to it . They also assert their right to normal life in Palestine and to exercise their right to self-determination and sovereignty over it.

Article 10:

Commando action constitutes the nucleus of the Palestinian popular liberation war. This requires its escalation, comprehensiveness, and the mobilization of all the Palestinian popular and educational efforts

and their organization and involvement in the armed Palestinian revolution. It also requires the achieving of unity for the national (watani) struggle among the different groupings of the Palestinian people, and between the Palestinian people and the Arab masses, so as to secure the continuation of the revolution, its escalation, and victory.

Article 11:

The Palestinians will have three mottoes: national (wataniyya) unity, national (qawmiyya) mobilization, and liberation.

Article 12:

The Palestinian people believe in Arab unity. In order to contribute their share toward the attainment of that objective, however, they must, at the present stage of their struggle, safeguard their Palestinian identity and develop their consciousness of that identity, and oppose any plan that may dissolve or impair it.

Article 13:

Arab unity and the liberation of Palestine are two complementary objectives, the attainment of either of which facilitates the attainment of the other. Thus, Arab unity leads to the liberation of Palestine, the liberation of Palestine leads to Arab unity; and work toward the realization of one objective proceeds side by side with work toward the realization of the other.

Article 14:

The destiny of the Arab nation, and indeed Arab existence itself, depend upon the destiny of the Palestine cause. From this interdependence springs the Arab nation's pursuit of, and striving for, the liberation of Palestine. The people of Palestine play the role of the vanguard in the realization of this sacred (qawmi) goal.

Article 15:

The liberation of Palestine, from an Arab viewpoint, is a national (qawmi) duty and it attempts to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression against the Arab homeland, and aims at the elimination of Zionism in Palestine. Absolute responsibility for this falls upon the

Arab nation - peoples and governments - with the Arab people of Palestine in the vanguard. Accordingly, the Arab nation must mobilize all its military, human, moral, and spiritual capabilities to participate actively with the Palestinian people in the liberation of Palestine. It must, particularly in the phase of the armed Palestinian revolution, offer and furnish the Palestinian people with all possible help, and material and human support, and make available to them the means and opportunities that will enable them to continue to carry out their leading role in the armed revolution, until they liberate their homeland.

Article 16:

The liberation of Palestine, from a spiritual point of view, will provide the Holy Land with an atmosphere of safety and tranquility, which in turn will safeguard the country's religious sanctuaries and guarantee freedom of worship and of visit to all, without discrimination of race, color, language, or religion. Accordingly, the people of Palestine look to all spiritual forces in the world for support.

Article 17:

The liberation of Palestine, from a human point of view, will restore to the Palestinian individual his dignity, pride, and freedom. Accordingly the Palestinian Arab people look forward to the support of all those who believe in the dignity of man and his freedom in the world.

Article 18:

The liberation of Palestine, from an international point of view, is a defensive action necessitated by the demands of self-defense. Accordingly the Palestinian people, desirous as they are of the friendship of all people, look to freedom-loving, and peace-loving states for support in order to restore their legitimate rights in Palestine, to re-establish peace and security in the country, and to enable its people to exercise national sovereignty and freedom.

Article 19:

The partition of Palestine in 1947 and the establishment of the state of Israel are entirely illegal, regardless of the passage of time, because they were contrary to the will of the Palestinian people and to

their natural right in their homeland, and inconsistent with the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations; particularly the right to self-determination.

Article 20:

The Balfour Declaration, the Mandate for Palestine, and everything that has been based upon them, are deemed null and void. Claims of historical or religious ties of Jews with Palestine are incompatible with the facts of history and the true conception of what constitutes statehood. Judaism, being a religion, is not an independent nationality. Nor do Jews constitute a single nation with an identity of its own; they are citizens of the states to which they belong.

Article 21:

The Arab Palestinian people, expressing themselves by the armed Palestinian revolution, reject all solutions which are substitutes for the total liberation of Palestine and reject all proposals aiming at the liquidation of the Palestinian problem, or its internationalization.

Article 22:

Zionism is a political movement organically associated with international imperialism and antagonistic to all action for liberation and to progressive movements in the world. It is racist and fanatic in its nature, aggressive, expansionist, and colonial in its aims, and fascist in its methods. Israel is the instrument of the Zionist movement, and geographical base for world imperialism placed strategically in the midst of the Arab homeland to combat the hopes of the Arab nation for liberation, unity, and progress. Israel is a constant source of threat vis-a-vis peace in the Middle East and the whole world. Since the liberation of Palestine will destroy the Zionist and imperialist presence and will contribute to the establishment of peace in the Middle East, the Palestinian people look for the support of all the progressive and peaceful forces and urge them all, irrespective of their affiliations and beliefs, to offer the Palestinian people all aid and support in their just struggle for the liberation of their homeland.

Article 23:

The demand of security and peace, as well as the demand of right and justice, require all states to consider Zionism an illegitimate

movement, to outlaw its existence, and to ban its operations, in order that friendly relations among peoples may be preserved, and the loyalty of citizens to their respective homelands safeguarded.

Article 24:

The Palestinian people believe in the principles of justice, freedom, sovereignty, self-determination, human dignity, and in the right of all peoples to exercise them.

Article 25:

For the realization of the goals of this Charter and its principles, the Palestine Liberation Organization will perform its role in the liberation of Palestine in accordance with the Constitution of this Organization.

Article 26:

The Palestine Liberation Organization, representative of the Palestinian revolutionary forces, is responsible for the Palestinian Arab people's movement in its struggle - to retrieve its homeland, liberate and return to it and exercise the right to self-determination in it - in all military, political, and financial fields and also for whatever may be required by the Palestine case on the inter-Arab and international levels.

Article 27:

The Palestine Liberation Organization shall cooperate with all Arab states, each according to its potentialities; and will adopt a neutral policy among them in the light of the requirements of the war of liberation; and on this basis it shall not interfere in the internal affairs of any Arab state.

Article 28:

The Palestinian Arab people assert the genuineness and independence of their national (watanīyya) revolution and reject all forms of intervention, trusteeship, and subordination.

Article 29:

The Palestinian people possess the fundamental and genuine legal right to liberate and retrieve their homeland. The Palestinian people determine their attitude toward all states and forces on the basis of the stands they adopt vis-a-vis to the Palestinian revolution to fulfill the aims of the Palestinian people.

Article 30:

Fighters and carriers of arms in the war of liberation are the nucleus of the popular army which will be the protective force for the gains of the Palestinian Arab people.

Article 31:

The Organization shall have a flag, an oath of allegiance, and an anthem. All this shall be decided upon in accordance with a special regulation.

Article 32:

Regulations, which shall be known as the Constitution of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, shall be annexed to this Charter. It will lay down the manner in which the Organization, and its organs and institutions, shall be constituted; the respective competence of each; and the requirements of its obligation under the Charter.

Article 33:

This Charter shall not be amended save by [vote of] a majority of two-thirds of the total membership of the National Congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization [taken] at a special session convened for that purpose.

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The 2017 Hamas Statute

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon Muhammad, the Master of Messengers and the Leader of the mujahidin, and upon his household and all his companions.

Preamble

Palestine is the land of the Arab Palestinian people, from it they originate, to it they adhere and belong, and about it they reach out and communicate.

Palestine is a land whose status has been elevated by Islam, a faith that holds it in high esteem, that breathes through it its spirit and just values and that lays the foundation for the doctrine of defending and protecting it.

Palestine is the cause of a people who have been let down by a world that fails to secure their rights and restore to them what has been usurped from them, a people whose land continues to suffer one of the worst types of occupation in this world.

Palestine is a land that was seized by a racist, anti-human and colonial Zionist project that was founded on a false promise (the Balfour Declaration), on recognition of a usurping entity and on imposing a fait accompli by force.

Palestine symbolises the resistance that shall continue until liberation is accomplished, until the return is fulfilled and until a fully sovereign state is established with Jerusalem as its capital.

Palestine is the true partnership among Palestinians of all affiliations for the sublime objective of liberation.

Palestine is the spirit of the Ummah and its central cause; it is the soul of humanity and its living conscience.

This document is the product of deep deliberations that led us to a strong consensus. As a movement, we agree about both the theory and the practice of the vision that is outlined in the pages that follow. It is a vision that stands on solid grounds and on well-established principles. This document unveils the goals, the milestones and the way in which national unity can be enforced. It also establishes our common understanding of the Palestinian cause, the working principles which we use to further it, and the limits of flexibility used to interpret it.

The movement

1. The Islamic Resistance Movement “Hamas” is a Palestinian Islamic national liberation and resistance movement. Its goal is to liberate Palestine and confront the Zionist project. Its frame of reference is Islam, which determines its principles, objectives and means.

The Land of Palestine

2. Palestine, which extends from the River Jordan in the east to the Mediterranean in the west and from Ras al-Naqrurah in the north to Umm al-Rashrash in the south, is an integral territorial unit. It is the land and the home of the Palestinian people. The expulsion and banishment of the Palestinian people from their land and the establishment of the Zionist entity therein do not annul the right of the Palestinian people to their entire land and do not entrench any rights therein for the usurping Zionist entity.

3. Palestine is an Arab Islamic land. It is a blessed sacred land that has a special place in the heart of every Arab and every Muslim.

The Palestinian people

4. The Palestinians are the Arabs who lived in Palestine until 1947, irrespective of whether they were expelled from it, or stayed in it; and every person that was born to an Arab Palestinian father after that date, whether inside or outside Palestine, is a Palestinian.

5. The Palestinian identity is authentic and timeless; it is passed from generation to generation. The catastrophes that have befallen the Palestinian people, as a consequence of the Zionist occupation and its policy of displacement, cannot erase the identity of the Palestinian people nor can they negate it. A Palestinian shall not lose his or her national identity or rights by acquiring a second nationality.

6. The Palestinian people are one people, made up of all Palestinians, inside and outside of Palestine, irrespective of their religion, culture or political affiliation.

Islam and Palestine

7. Palestine is at the heart of the Arab and Islamic Ummah and enjoys a special status. Within Palestine there exists Jerusalem, whose

precincts are blessed by Allah. Palestine is the Holy Land, which Allah has blessed for humanity. It is the Muslims' first Qiblah and the destination of the journey performed at night by Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. It is the location from where he ascended to the upper heavens. It is the birthplace of Jesus Christ, peace be upon him. Its soil contains the remains of thousands of prophets, companions and mujahidin. It is the land of people who are determined to defend the truth – within Jerusalem and its surroundings – who are not deterred or intimidated by those who oppose them and by those who betray them, and they will continue their mission until the Promise of Allah is fulfilled.

8. By virtue of its justly balanced middle way and moderate spirit, Islam – for Hamas - provides a comprehensive way of life and an order that is fit for purpose at all times and in all places. Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. It provides an umbrella for the followers of other creeds and religions who can practice their beliefs in security and safety. Hamas also believes that Palestine has always been and will always be a model of coexistence, tolerance and civilizational innovation.

9. Hamas believes that the message of Islam upholds the values of truth, justice, freedom and dignity and prohibits all forms of injustice and incriminates oppressors irrespective of their religion, race, gender or nationality. Islam is against all forms of religious, ethnic or sectarian extremism and bigotry. It is the religion that inculcates in its followers the value of standing up to aggression and of supporting the oppressed; it motivates them to give generously and make sacrifices in defence of their dignity, their land, their peoples and their holy places.

Jerusalem

10. Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine. Its religious, historic and civilisational status is fundamental to the Arabs, Muslims and the world at large. Its Islamic and Christian holy places belong exclusively to the Palestinian people and to the Arab and Islamic Ummah. Not one stone of Jerusalem can be surrendered or relinquished. The measures undertaken by the occupiers in Jerusalem, such as Judaisation, settlement building, and establishing facts on the ground are fundamentally null and void.

11. The blessed al-Aqsa Mosque belongs exclusively to our people and our Ummah, and the occupation has no right to it whatsoever. The occupation's plots, measures and attempts to judaize al-Aqsa and divide it are null, void and illegitimate.

Refugees and right of return

12. The Palestinian cause in its essence is a cause of an occupied land and a displaced people. The right of the Palestinian refugees and the displaced to return to their homes from which they were banished or were banned from returning to – whether in the lands occupied in 1948 or in 1967 (that is the whole of Palestine), is a natural right, both individual and collective. This right is confirmed by all divine laws as well as by the basic principles of human rights and international law. It is an inalienable right and cannot be dispensed with by any party, whether Palestinian, Arab or international.

13. Hamas rejects all attempts to erase the rights of the refugees, including the attempts to settle them outside Palestine and through the projects of the alternative homeland. Compensation to the Palestinian refugees for the harm they have suffered as a consequence of banishing them and occupying their land is an absolute right that goes hand in hand with their right to return. They are to receive compensation upon their return and this does not negate or diminish their right to return.

The Zionist project

14. The Zionist project is a racist, aggressive, colonial and expansionist project based on seizing the properties of others; it is hostile to the Palestinian people and to their aspiration for freedom, liberation, return and self-determination. The Israeli entity is the plaything of the Zionist project and its base of aggression.

15. The Zionist project does not target the Palestinian people alone; it is the enemy of the Arab and Islamic Ummah posing a grave threat to its security and interests. It is also hostile to the Ummah's aspirations for unity, renaissance and liberation and has been the major source of its troubles. The Zionist project also poses a danger to international security and peace and to mankind and its interests and stability.

16. Hamas affirms that its conflict is with the Zionist project not with the Jews because of their religion. Hamas does not wage a struggle against the Jews because they are Jewish but wages a struggle against the Zionists who occupy Palestine. Yet, it is the Zionists who constantly identify Judaism and the Jews with their own colonial project and illegal entity.

17. Hamas rejects the persecution of any human being or the undermining of his or her rights on nationalist, religious or sectarian grounds. Hamas is of the view that the Jewish problem, anti-Semitism and the persecution of the Jews are phenomena fundamentally linked to European history and not to the history of the Arabs and the Muslims or to their heritage. The Zionist movement, which was able with the help of Western powers to occupy Palestine, is the most dangerous form of settlement occupation which has already disappeared from much of the world and must disappear from Palestine.

The position toward Occupation and political solutions

18. The following are considered null and void: the Balfour Declaration, the British Mandate Document, the UN Palestine Partition Resolution, and whatever resolutions and measures that derive from them or are similar to them. The establishment of “Israel” is entirely illegal and contravenes the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and goes against their will and the will of the Ummah; it is also in violation of human rights that are guaranteed by international conventions, foremost among them is the right to self-determination.

19. There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity. Whatever has befallen the land of Palestine in terms of occupation, settlement building, judaisation or changes to its features or falsification of facts is illegitimate. Rights never lapse.

20. Hamas believes that no part of the land of Palestine shall be compromised or conceded, irrespective of the causes, the circumstances and the pressures and no matter how long the occupation lasts. Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea. However, without compromising its rejection of the Zionist entity and without relinquishing any Palestinian rights, Hamas considers the establishment of a fully sovereign and independent Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital along the lines of the 4th of June 1967, with the return of the refugees and

the displaced to their homes from which they were expelled, to be a formula of national consensus.

21. Hamas affirms that the Oslo Accords and their addenda contravene the governing rules of international law in that they generate commitments that violate the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. Therefore, the Movement rejects these agreements and all that flows from them, such as the obligations that are detrimental to the interests of our people, especially security coordination (collaboration).

22. Hamas rejects all the agreements, initiatives and settlement projects that are aimed at undermining the Palestinian cause and the rights of our Palestinian people. In this regard, any stance, initiative or political programme must not in any way violate these rights and should not contravene them or contradict them.

23. Hamas stresses that transgression against the Palestinian people, usurping their land and banishing them from their homeland cannot be called peace. Any settlements reached on this basis will not lead to peace. Resistance and jihad for the liberation of Palestine will remain a legitimate right, a duty and an honour for all the sons and daughters of our people and our Ummah.

Resistance and Liberation

24. The liberation of Palestine is the duty of the Palestinian people in particular and the duty of the Arab and Islamic Ummah in general. It is also a humanitarian obligation as necessitated by the dictates of truth and justice. The agencies working for Palestine, whether national, Arab, Islamic or humanitarian, complement each other and are harmonious and not in conflict with each other.

25. Resisting the occupation with all means and methods is a legitimate right guaranteed by divine laws and by international norms and laws. At the heart of these lies armed resistance, which is regarded as the strategic choice for protecting the principles and the rights of the Palestinian people.

26. Hamas rejects any attempt to undermine the resistance and its arms. It also affirms the right of our people to develop the means and mechanisms of resistance. Managing resistance, in terms of escalation or de-escalation, or in terms of diversifying the means and meth-

ods, is an integral part of the process of managing the conflict and should not be at the expense of the principle of resistance.

The Palestinian political system

27. A real state of Palestine is a state that has been liberated. There is no alternative to a fully sovereign Palestinian State on the entire national Palestinian soil, with Jerusalem as its capital.

28. Hamas believes in, and adheres to, managing its Palestinian relations on the basis of pluralism, democracy, national partnership, acceptance of the other and the adoption of dialogue. The aim is to bolster the unity of ranks and joint action for the purpose of accomplishing national goals and fulfilling the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

29. The PLO is a national framework for the Palestinian people inside and outside of Palestine. It should therefore be preserved, developed and rebuilt on democratic foundations so as to secure the participation of all the constituents and forces of the Palestinian people, in a manner that safeguards Palestinian rights.

30. Hamas stresses the necessity of building Palestinian national institutions on sound democratic principles, foremost among them are free and fair elections. Such process should be on the basis of national partnership and in accordance with a clear programme and a clear strategy that adhere to the rights, including the right of resistance, and which fulfil the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

31. Hamas affirms that the role of the Palestinian Authority should be to serve the Palestinian people and safeguard their security, their rights and their national project.

32. Hamas stresses the necessity of maintaining the independence of Palestinian national decision-making. Outside forces should not be allowed to intervene. At the same time, Hamas affirms the responsibility of the Arabs and the Muslims and their duty and role in the liberation of Palestine from Zionist occupation.

33. Palestinian society is enriched by its prominent personalities, figures, dignitaries, civil society institutions, and youth, students, trade unionist and women's groups who together work for the achievement

of national goals and societal building, pursue resistance, and achieve liberation.

34. The role of Palestinian women is fundamental in the process of building the present and the future, just as it has always been in the process of making Palestinian history. It is a pivotal role in the project of resistance, liberation and building the political system.

The Arab and Islamic Ummah

35. Hamas believes that the Palestinian issue is the central cause for the Arab and Islamic Ummah.

36. Hamas believes in the unity of the Ummah with all its diverse constituents and is aware of the need to avoid anything that could fragment the Ummah and undermine its unity.

37. Hamas believes in cooperating with all states that support the rights of the Palestinian people. It opposes intervention in the internal affairs of any country. It also refuses to be drawn into disputes and conflicts that take place among different countries. Hamas adopts the policy of opening up to different states in the world, especially the Arab and Islamic states. It endeavours to establish balanced relations on the basis of combining the requirements of the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian people's interests on the one hand with the interests of the Ummah, its renaissance and its security on the other.

The Humanitarian and international aspect

38. The Palestinian issue is one that has major humanitarian and international dimensions. Supporting and backing this cause is a humanitarian and civilisational task that is required by the prerequisites of truth, justice and common humanitarian values.

39. From a legal and humanitarian perspective, the liberation of Palestine is a legitimate activity, it is an act of self-defence, and it is the expression of the natural right of all peoples to self-determination.

40. In its relations with world nations and peoples, Hamas believes in the values of cooperation, justice, freedom and respect of the will of the people.

41. Hamas welcomes the stances of states, organisations and institutions that support the rights of the Palestinian people. It salutes the free peoples of the world who support the Palestinian cause. At the same time, it denounces the support granted by any party to the Zionist entity or the attempts to cover up its crimes and aggression against the Palestinians and calls for the prosecution of Zionist war criminals.

42. Hamas rejects the attempts to impose hegemony on the Arab and Islamic Ummah just as it rejects the attempts to impose hegemony on the rest of the world's nations and peoples. Hamas also condemns all forms of colonialism, occupation, discrimination, oppression and aggression in the world.

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