



Imperialist Manuevers, Political Turmoil and the Palestinian Question

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As Israel is committing genocide in Palestine the world has divided into two sides- one that is anti-imperialism and pro imperialism. Since 7th October, 2023 Hamas Attack on Israel, Israel has started a war on Palestinians. At least 34,683 Palestinians, about 15000 of whom are children have been killed and 78,018 wounded in Israeli attacks on Gaza since October 7.

In the name of the way that Palestine has stayed under occupation for a really long time, notwithstanding the cases of win of a vote-based system and basic liberties, has uncovered the nexus among colonialism and worldwide accounts woven with the guide of well-known media. Similar media is, once more, attempting to bend current realities to criticize the survivors of occupation and their opposition against it. Such endeavours should be countered by placing the Palestine-Israel question in a legitimate chronicled point of view. Steady viciousness has defaced the connection among Israel and Palestine for a long time. Conflicts among police and public regularly prompts persevering slaughter. Some term the Israeli occupation on Palestinian land as “contentious”, when burdened International and helpful regulation. Hence, it’s vital to comprehend the contention likewise according to a lawful perspective.

The Israel-Palestine struggle which is one of the ‘world’s most unmanageable clash’ is established in an argument about land asserted by the Jews as their scriptural inheritance and by the Palestinians, who look for self-assurance. Regardless of rehashed endeavours to end the contention between the two nations, there is not a single long harmony settlement to be found.

This contention has established in late nineteenth and twentieth hundreds of years, with the introduction of significant patriot developments among the Jews and among the Arabs, both intended to achieve sway for their kin in the center East. The British government provided a public articulation named as The Balfour affirmation in 1917 during the First World War reporting support for the foundation of a “public home for the Jewish public” in Palestine. The crash that happened between those two developments in southern Levant upon the rise of Palestinian patriotism after the Franco-Syrian War during the 1920s swelled into the Sectarian clash in Mandatory Palestine in 1930s and 1940s. This contention ventured into the more extensive Arab-Israeli clash.

The start of Palestinian liberation struggle to lay out a public home for Arabs in Palestine was set apart by the arrival of a few firm stance under the arising administration of Haj Amin-al-Husseini. Strip commission, previously known as the Palestine Royal commission, a British commission for request headed by Lord Peel, which was selected in 1936 to explore the turmoil in compulsory Palestine suggested the parcel of Palestine and move of Palestinians from the land allotted to a Jewish state. Beginning around 1938, an equipped Zionist gathering named IRGUN began sending off a progression of assaults against Palestine remembering the bombarding at the King David lodging for Jerusalem which brought about 91 passings. Zionists held a meeting in Biltmore lodging in New York city, setting US-Israel relationship. At 1939 the three

drawn out Arab revolt was crushed by the British. North of 80% of Palestinians in what the future held and roughly 80% of Palestinian land was seized by Zionists. The UN goal which comprised of a parcel plan for Palestine was dismissed by the Palestinian.

After the Hamas attack on Israel, 7th October 2023 and followed by Israel's attack on Gaza strip the death toll of Palestinians have crossed thirty-five thousands most of whom are civilians.

However, to understand the Palestine issue we need to look at its history.

THE BALFOUR DECLARATION

The Israeli-Palestinian issue goes back nearly a century when Britain, during World War I, pledged to establish a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine under the Balfour Declaration. British troops took control of the territory from the Ottoman Empire at the end of October 1917. A large-scale Jewish migration to Palestine started, increased by Jewish people fleeing Nazism in Germany. Between 1918 and 1947, the Jewish population in Palestine rose from 6 percent to 33 percent. Zionist organisations continued to campaign for a homeland for Jews in Palestine. Armed Zionist militias started to attack the Palestinian people, forcing them to flee. Zionism, which emerged as a political ideology in the late 19th century, called for the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

WHAT IS NAKBA (1948-49)?

The British command of Palestine was casted a ballot to parcel into a Jewish state and an Arab state by the United Nations in November 1947. This called as goal 181 was dismissed by the Palestinians and Clashes broke out nearly among Jews and Arabs in Palestine. As British soldiers ready to pull out from Palestine, struggle kept on heightening, with both Jewish and Arab powers submitting hawkishness. The assault on the Arab town of Dayr Yasin on April 9, 1948 was among the most scandalous episode. Frenzy and counter were enlivened by the speedy heightening fresh insight about a fierce slaughter by Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang. Days after the fact, a Jewish escort set out toward Hadassah Hospital was gone after by Arab powers, killing 78. Just before the British powers' May 15, 1948, withdrawal, Israel proclaimed freedom. The following day, Arab powers from Egypt, Transjordan (Jordan), Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon involved the regions in southern and eastern Palestine not distributed to the Jews by the UN segment of Palestine and afterward caught East Jerusalem, including the little Jewish quarter of the Old City. The expressed reason for the intrusion was to reestablish peace and lawfulness considering British withdrawal, referring to incidents like that at Dayr Yāsīn, and a developing outcast emergency in adjoining Arab nations. The Israelis won control of the primary street to Jerusalem through the Yehuda Mountains ("Hills of Judaea")

Also, effectively repelled rehashed Arab assaults. By mid 1949, all of the Negev up to the previous Egypt-Palestine outskirts, aside from the Gaza Strip were involved by the Israelis. Among February and July 1949, because of discrete peace negotiation arrangements among Israel and every one of the Arab expresses, a brief wilderness was fixed among Israel and its neighbors. In Israel, the conflict is recognized as its War of Independence. In the Arab world, it came to be known as Nakba or Disaster" in light of the enormous number of outcasts and uprooted people coming about because of the conflict. Zionists seized around 80% of Palestinian land and more than 80% of the Palestinians were removed from the land what became Israel. Truce arrangements were endorsed among Israel and adjoining Arab nations: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. UNRWA, an organization for Palestine exiles were shaped by UN. Albeit the displaced person emergency wasn't tackled in any way.

NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS EXPLOITED BY IMPERIALISTS

Whatever ideas the Arabs and therefore the Jews may need entertained about the position of Palestine it had been clearly understood among the imperialist bandits that the titbit was to be divided among themselves. By the time the Arabs and therefore the Jews awakened to the very fact that their nationalist movements had been dexterously exploited by British Imperialism. Zionism had been used as a tool of British imperialism. Under the classic principle of divide and rule, Arab was pitted against Jew during a bitter war of mutual extermination while British Imperialism utilizes the deadlock so as that the Iraq pipeline could also be guarded and therefore the Suez Canal protected.

PRESENT ISRAEL, ISN'T A PAWN OF AMERICA?

The aid alone that Israel receives from the U.S. allows it to get tanks, helicopter gunships, F-16 war planes, machine guns and bullets – all of which it uses to commit human rights violations against the Palestinian people on a day to day . it's therefore no exaggeration to mention that the U.S. is funding and supplying the Israeli government's occupation of the Palestinian territories, as without financial subsidies from the U.S., the Israeli government would have found it considerably harder to sustain its military occupation of the Palestinian territories for the past 34 years. The Israeli government is that the largest recipient folks aid within the world, receiving more than one-third of total U.S. aid to foreign countries. Since 1949, the U.S. has given Israel a complete of \$84854827200. The interest costs born by US taxpayers on behalf of Israel are \$49937000,000 – making the entire amount of aid given to Israel since 1949 \$134791507200 (more than \$134 billion). Israel isn't a rogue, of which you speak, but a pawn in an American game of chess. The Israeli government's policies within the occupied Palestinian territories are condemned by human rights organizations worldwide. The Israeli army's "excessive use of force" toward Palestinian civilians and its policy of "state assassinations" violate international human rights law.

For one thing, the US approach to the center East didn't change that much after the conflict . The US became increasingly involved in managing disputes and problems inside the center East during the conflict, and it maintained that role because the world's sole super-power within the 90s. Stability within the Middle East continued to be a serious American interest, for variety of reasons that included the worldwide oil market, and therefore the US took on the role as guarantor of regional stability.

That meant the US saw it as strategically worthwhile to support states like Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Israel, which saw themselves as benefitting from an essentially conservative US approach to Middle Eastern regional politics. Unlike, say, Iran, Syria, and Saddam's Iraq, these countries were basically alright with the established order within the Middle East. The US also supported the established order, so it supported them accordingly.

This view of Israel as a "force to bring stability" helps maintain US support, in the sense that any unruly situation within the Middle East can be stabilized by the Israel. If there's fear of Jordan being undermined by an indoor or external enemy, the US sometimes turns to Israel to pose a threat to their threat.

America's self-appointed role as manager of the center East also promised it the work of Israeli-Palestinian peace broker.

CURRENT ESCALATION

The scale of destruction in Gaza, the targeting of family homes and civilians, the war being a war on children, all make clear that Israel is committing genocide on Palestine. While western media channels are referring to the conflict as Israel - Hamas conflict, the most of the victims are Palestinian civilians including children. To say that the incident of 7th October was an armed resistance, an uprising is not wrong. It was not an anti-semitic attack, it was an uprising against colonizers. Violence done to Palestine has been happening for decades, even before the October 7 incident.

October 7, 2023 was an uprising that comes from a state of subjugation and against a violent state apparatus.

The Israeli far right doesn't just dream of a new Nakba, but also views it as a profitable opportunity for the 'free market'. Numerous western companies are speculated to be involved in the occupied Palestinian territories, with banks having already invested over \$300 billion in shares and investments in the region.

In a recent report by Giulia Bosetti for Spotlight, RaiNews24, it was revealed that the occupation of Gaza isn't solely the agenda of a few Zionists, as emphasized by slogans from figures like Daniella Weiss, president of the settler organization Nahala ("God granted us the land of Israel!"), or Belazel Smotrich, Israeli finance minister ("Security depends on settlements!"). Rather, specific economic interests of capitalist groups align with Israel's imperialist policies.

The construction and real estate sector stands out as one of the main beneficiaries, with Harey Zarav agency's official page showcasing images of potential seaside villas amidst the rubble of Gaza. Over a million housing units have already been erected on occupied land, indicating the limitless extent of their "free market" ambitions.

As highlighted in the report, the 'free market' has already made inroads into Palestine. A June 2023 study by the OHCHR (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) lists 96 Israeli and Western companies engaged in commercial activities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

This roster includes familiar names such as TripAdvisor, Booking.com, and Airbnb, which advertise properties seized from Palestinians or constructed on occupied land on their platforms, thereby legitimizing and profiting from Israel's transgressions. Superficial attempts to mask their actions, such as Airbnb's pledge to donate revenues to charity, do little to conceal their complicity in actual war crimes.

According to what Lenin explained, war doesn't stem solely from governments' ill will but rather serves as a manifestation of the imperialist interests held by ruling classes.

Another study, presented in December by the 'Don't Buy Into Occupation' coalition, reveals that approximately 776 financial institutions are economically involved in Israeli settlements, with loans totalling around \$160 billion and equity shares amounting to an additional \$140 billion. Leading the lending list are BNP Paribas (\$22.19 billion), HSBC (\$14.21 billion), Deutsche Bank (\$13.23 billion), and, in tenth place, the Italian bank Unicredit (\$6.66 billion).

These openly conducted financial manoeuvres reaffirm that the capitalist system prioritizes profit over safeguarding the Palestinian people, even if it means benefiting from war and extermination.

Despite widespread expressions of concern over the "excessive civilian death toll" in Gaza by leaders of imperialist powers like Biden, Scholz, Macron, and others, their actions demonstrate collaboration with the Israeli government. They provide military aid and contribute to economically and socially strangling the Palestinian people, thereby hindering any possibility of viable Palestinian self-administration. Their overt cooperation with Netanyahu and his far-right Zionist allies further undermines what little remains of Palestinian territory.

In addition to the genocidal military campaign in Gaza and continuous expansion of settlements in the West Bank, there is an ongoing economic war. This includes reducing funding to UN aid agencies, withholding tax revenues from the Palestinian Authority, and depriving Palestinian workers of jobs they held in Israel prior to October 7th.

It's important to refresh our understanding of the social and economic realities in Gaza and the West Bank before the October 7 attack. The net unemployment rate in the Palestinian Territories, encompassing both Gaza and the West Bank, was approximately 25 percent, with Gaza experiencing a notably more severe situation.

Back in 2009, Oxfam released a report titled 'The Gaza Strip: A Humanitarian Implosion,' which highlighted the dire conditions faced by the 1.5 million residents of Gaza at the time (now increased to 2.3 million). The report described the situation as the worst since the start of the Israeli military occupation in 1967, attributing it to man-made factors that were entirely preventable. The severity of the situation escalated significantly following Israel's imposition of stringent restrictions on the movement of goods and people in response to Hamas assuming control of Gaza.

Unemployment in Gaza was recorded at 40 percent and steadily climbing towards 50 percent. Poverty levels soared, with 80 percent of families relying on humanitarian aid, underscoring the critical importance of assistance provided by organizations like UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).

Israel's implementation of an economic blockade against Gaza served as a punitive measure against the populace for supporting a political entity not favoured by Israeli authorities. The official justification for this harsh policy was the rise of Hamas as the dominant party in the 2006 elections, followed by its consolidation of power through an armed takeover of Gaza a year later.

Hamas's electoral gains stemmed from widespread disillusionment among Palestinians towards Fatah and the PLO, which had governed both the West Bank and Gaza. This disillusionment was fuelled by rampant corruption within these entities and their perceived collaboration with Israeli security forces in suppressing rather than safeguarding the Palestinian population.

Consequently, the economic blockade of Gaza was enacted as a punitive measure against the populace for their support of a political entity not aligned with Israeli interests. The underlying message was clear: failure to vote for Palestinian leaders cooperating with Israel would result in economic strangulation and military aggression.

Contrast the rapid reduction of desperately needed aid for Gaza's Palestinians with the continuous military assistance provided to Israel as it devastates essential infrastructure in the Strip. Biden is advancing a bill to increase aid to Israel, the majority earmarked for military purposes, with only a fraction designated for humanitarian aid, specifically excluding any allocation to UNRWA. The disparity between these actions is stark.

As Philippe Lazzarini, the commissioner general of UNRWA, has emphasized, over two million individuals in Gaza rely on the agency "for basic survival." In January, nearly 1.4 million Gazan refugees sought refuge in 155 UNRWA facilities, with an additional 500,000 benefiting from UNRWA services. Johann Soufi, a lawyer and former director of the agency's legal office in Gaza, asserted to Agence-France Presse that penalizing UNRWA for the alleged misconduct of a few employees equates to punishing the entire Gazan populace collectively.

UNRWA has faced ongoing threats and funding cuts for an extended period. As far back as August 2018, then-US President Trump announced the unilateral cessation of US contributions. The reality is that the Israeli government has long sought to slash UNRWA's funding. Israeli administrations have vehemently opposed the agency, arguing that its definition of a Palestinian 'refugee,' encompassing 5.9 million individuals, is overly broad and fosters the hope of eventual return to their homeland.

The social unrest escalating across numerous Middle Eastern countries could trigger widespread upheaval and revolutionary movements. Consequently, imperialist powers, led by the US, are striving to avert catastrophe.

Their urgent objective is to install a reliable figurehead in Israel, someone they perceive as trustworthy. Gantz, Israel's defence minister, is lauded by some as the rational voice within the Israeli government, positioning him as the potential successor to Netanyahu's embattled leadership.

However, Gantz's past actions paint a different picture. As Chief of General Staff during Netanyahu's tenure, he earned notoriety for his uncompromising approach during 'Operation Protective Edge' in 2014, which resulted in the deaths of over 2,300 Palestinians and left more than 10,000 wounded.

Recently, Gantz issued a stark warning, declaring that unless Israeli hostages are returned by Ramadan, hostilities will persist, extending even to the Rafah area. This underscores the uniformity among top Zionist politicians when it comes to quashing Palestinian resistance.

The ongoing war in Gaza has already unsettled the region and poses a significant risk of further destabilization. Any offensive in Rafah would not only exacerbate tensions but also jeopardize neighbouring Arab regimes, potentially triggering revolutionary fervor with global repercussions.

Given the broader interests of the global capitalist class, it is rational for imperialist powers to seek a resolution, prompting Biden's announcement of a ceasefire by March 4th. However, this optimism is not shared within Israel or Gaza, where a ceasefire is viewed as a temporary measure rather than a definitive end to hostilities.

The proposed deal, which includes the release of only a fraction of hostages held by Hamas, falls short of addressing the root causes of the conflict. Netanyahu's insistence on pressing forward with military preparations further complicates the situation, conflicting with the interests of global capitalism.

Even within Israel's political spectrum, divisions exist regarding the treatment of Palestinians. While Gantz may present a more moderate stance compared to Netanyahu, their fundamental objectives align. However, Gantz may be more receptive to pressure from Israel's imperialist allies.

For Netanyahu, conceding to Hamas would be politically disastrous, potentially leading to the collapse of his government and personal repercussions. His recent manoeuvres aim to sabotage negotiations with Hamas, making acceptance impossible.

As tensions escalate, the risk of wider conflict looms, with potential implications for neighbouring Arab regimes and international relations. The Palestinian struggle highlights the inherent contradictions within the global capitalist system, resonating with workers and youth worldwide.

Ultimately, resolving these contradictions requires transcending mere reform and dismantling the capitalist system altogether, a task that falls upon the shoulders of the global working class.

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