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## ***75 years after the Nakba and the Israeli reaction to its commemoration by the UN***

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*We are about to mark the 75th anniversary of the day when the Zionists "consecrated" the first cover of the conquest of Palestinian territory, until then in increasingly bloody dispute. When the British withdraw their "forces of order" from the historic Palestine that they administered as a colony, although always with a tendency to favor the claims of the*

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*Zionist Jews and not those of the old Jewish community (called Old Yishuv) and even less to the Arab population, considered handicapped (homo non europaeus), comes what for the Zionists is their "moment of truth". Date of dispossession of Palestinian society and foundational for the State of Israel: May 14, 1948 (5 Lyar 5708 in the Hebrew calendar, 5 Rajab 1367 in the Muslim calendar). The Zionist plan for the seizure of the territory had been finalized on March 10 of that same year, with the name of Plan Dalet, which scheduled the destruction of more than 500 Palestinian villages and the emptying of several urban neighborhoods. That plan resulted in thousands of Palestinians killed (the Zionist attacks were barely repelled, since they were civilians, almost unarmed (or with hunting shotguns) and several hundred thousand Palestinians violently evicted from their homes, fields and territories.*



The plan (Dalet) was ready, but it was the British military withdrawal that gave carte blanche to the onslaught. Which Palestinians call Nakba.

Faced with such an event and in view of the worsening, ever greater of the conflict, and the increasingly violent and unbridled outburst of the troops of a supermilitarized society, such as the Israeli, on the Palestinian territories, permanently under mistreatment and

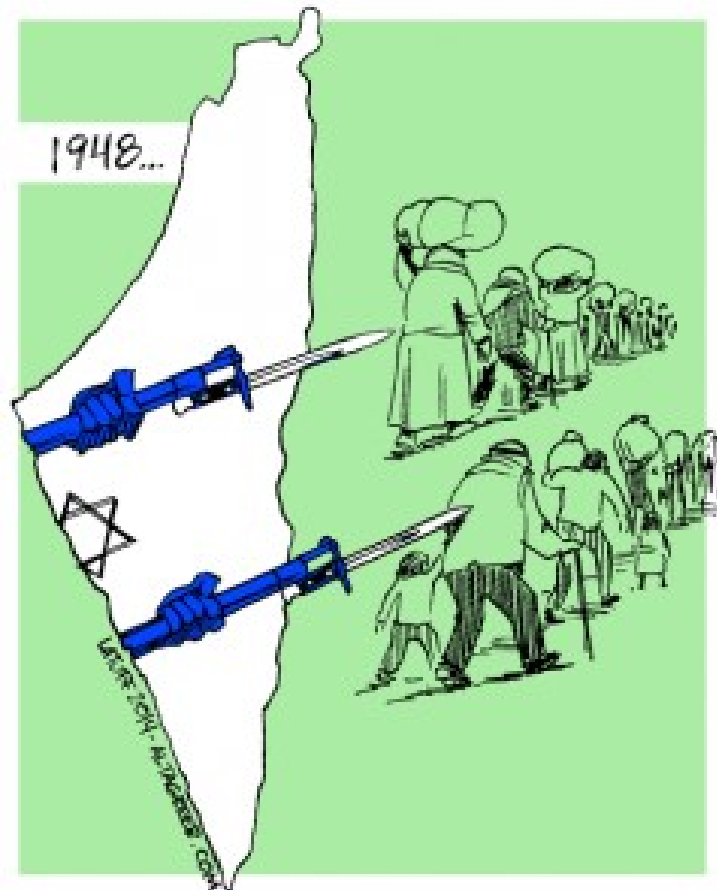
reduction, Palestinian networks have tried to remember such a sad anniversary from the UN.

It is paradoxical, since it was the UN that finally co-honestized the Zionist solution with radical ignorance of the Palestinian presence and history in that same disputed territory.

But it is that denominations, states of consciousness, moral criticism, change with the times. The procedure given in the UN, with its fifty-eight member states in 1948 to the Palestinian question, with the then unappealable guidance of the United States, Soviet support, the defense of *apartheid* policies, is very different from what we can observe today, with this "other" UN, with its almost two hundred member states. where the Soviet bloc has disappeared, the Security Council – now slightly enlarged – does not have a China belonging to the Western axis (and what remains of that pro-Western China, today the Republic of China, is Taiwan), where racism and all *apartheid* are now expressly condemned, where now the Arab states, left aside when the Special Commission for Palestine (UNSCOP) is appointed, have a certain presence.

It is this 75-year-old UN that decided to commemorate the Nakba.

Let no one believe that UN change is strong and radical. Rather cosmetic, but necessary because of the wear. And change at last. The commemoration was approved with only the vote of 90 states (less than half of its components), with 30 against – a minority of weight – and 47 abstentions (missing therefore those who abstained until abstaining, that is, according to the payroll, another 26).



It is true that of the list of 193 "member states of the UN" there are a long score of nominal political units, with populations of a few thousand inhabitants (we do not know if there will not even be some with hundreds ...), many of which have little less than permanent adhesion to some "great nations" of which they are like appendages. It should also be remembered that this list does not include Palestinians or Kurds, or so many other nations without legal recognition.

But in any case, the presence of, roughly, half of the UN attentive to the abuse of the Zionist occupation, qualifying the relationship of the "state of conquest" [1] of Israel with the Palestinian population as unacceptable, reveals how difficult it is to preserve indefinitely an outrage with impunity, and allows us to see the Zionist and Israeli reaction to the denunciation.

Briefly, let us review the instances. On December 1, 2022, just 4 months ago, the UN General Assembly votes to recognize the Nakba, before its imminent 75th anniversary, on May 14, 2023 (less than a month away). With the results of the vote we have just seen.

Along with that hard-fought but devastating outcome for the preservation of Israel's "untouchability" came several other resolutions addressing key issues of the conflict; for example, the one calling for "a halt to all actions contrary to international law aimed at

altering the demographic composition and status of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and an end to settlement activities." [2]

This is a frontal rejection of Israel's usual and normal policy... for decades. It is as if we are seeing that the pitcher that was so many times with impunity... broke.

In any case, as seems inherent in these large bureaucratic and global structures, another resolution postulates, repostulates, "solutions" that have been faced repeatedly and that never solved one iota:

"The G.A. has passed a resolution stressing the 'urgent' need for collective efforts to launch credible negotiations on all final status issues and achieve a just and lasting peace, based on UN resolutions." [3] What this resolution and its pious signatories deliberately ignore is that such "collective efforts" were made at this stage of the colonizing project, many times – UN resolutions 181 (1947), 194 (1948), 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 479 (1980) – and many more, in addition to bipartite or tripartite negotiations all hailed as imminent triumphs and all failed; those of Camp David, Taba, Oslo, and a long etcetera.

Why such failures?

Synthesizing, because both parts have been irreducible. With a fundamental difference: the Palestinians were trampled, humiliated, maneuvered and in the face of resistance, killed, and that has not been conducive to any conversation or dialogue.

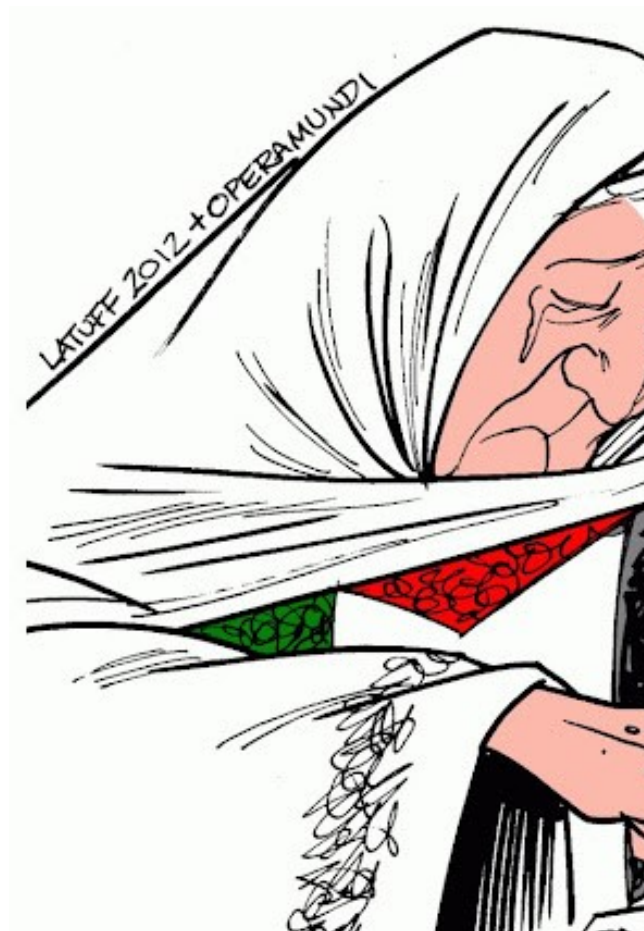
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That is why, if 'peace was about to break out', the Zionists sought the springs to aggravate the conflict. Let us understand each other: an organized and armed people always has an enormous, overwhelming advantage against an unarmed people, even when armed groups, resistance guerrillas, are born in that people.

It is enough to compare the military facilities of the Israeli State, with tens of thousands of armed men and women and military and security devices of enormous voltage, with the irregular armed groups that have been created over the decades among the Palestinians to see the enormous difference in military and violent devices available.

For all that we have been outlining, the UN's recognition of the Nakba constitutes a disturbing threat to the project of the State of Israel. For example (with some delay that there is not, but to interpret politically), in 2022 the UN has resolved to condemn the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights, taken from Syria in 1967, an occupation "legalized" by Israel in 1981 and recognized only by the US in 2019. Forty-one year later, the UN declares Israel's territorial "expansion" null and void. Think about all that would have to be said about the tug-of-war of Palestinian territory that was not conquered/snatched in 1948. [4]

Riyad Mansur, the representative of Palestinians to the UN, responded to certain criticisms raised by representatives of several countries that refuse to "criticize exclusively Israel", adopting a kind of equidistance before the conflict and its most painful aftermath. Mansour clarified: "What points only to Israel is not the amount of legitimate criticism directed at its crimes and violations but the level of impunity it enjoys despite convictions." [5] Touché! Mentioning impunity, the carte blanche available to Israel, is encouraging.



Mansour ended his speech at the UN by arguing that "the only way to end the Israeli occupation is to end impunity." I allow myself to think that the only way to end impunity is to end the occupation. And the first step, mention "the thing".

Gilad Erdan, in turn the Israeli representative to the UN, criticized that the resolutions adopted seek to "blame Israel for everything that happens in the Middle East, absolving the Palestinians of their responsibility in this situation." [6] Strictly speaking, since the attack on Palestinian society came from violent Zionism, there is reason to blame Israel for "everything." Let us remember that for the UN itself, the rejection and defensive violence of the attacked has another value than the violence of the trigger of any conflict.

Erdan has maintained that "whenever peace proposals are presented, the Palestinians reject them, refusing to negotiate or to give an inch." This is psychologically or psychiatrically striking: for a representative of the Israeli state to maintain that it is the Palestinians who have never yielded a single, when over the decades, if we see a part that has never yielded an inch, territorial, judicial, labor, environmental, it has been Israel.

Erdan finally complained about the call to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Nakba, which is also the 75th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel. "They have planted a clause that presents their distorted view of the truth." It is not a distorted version, because the historical facts to which the Nakba refers are true, uncollectible. But, yes, very uncomfortable to sound next to the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel. "The truth is never sad, what it has no remedy."

The final exhortation of this Israeli ambassador is very worrying (always according to the source Europa Press, Dec. 1, 2022): "Stop supporting the Palestinian libels and voting in favor of these dangerous inventions."

The moral disqualification for "libel" qualifies rather the author. Invoking Palestinian "inventions", when the ideation of the State of Israel did not come from reality, but, in any case, as a millenary inference from a book understood as a history book without being one, thus summoning Zionism to embody a dream or aspiration, which in turn can also be considered an invention, It is still painful.

And if we note that Zionism has constituted a dangerous invention, Erdan's invocation is really, if I may use the neologism, schizodangerous.

Notes

[1] *This is how historian Miguel Ibarlucía aptly describes the Zionist settlement (Editorial Canaán, Buenos Aires, 2012).*

[2] *UN G.A. Resolution, 28 Nov. 2022.*

[3] *EUROPA PRESS INTERNATIONAL*, 1st Dec. 2022.

[4] In 1947 UNSCOP proposed by majority (with the rejection of the minority that does not accept partition) 52% for a Jewish state and 47% for a Palestinian state (and the remaining 1% as internationalized territory, administered by the UN, in Jerusalem). With the British withdrawal, the military devices of the newly inaugurated State of Israel appropriate 78% of historic Palestine. And over the decades, Israel has been taking land from what was left in Palestinian hands, suffocating more and more the material and daily life of the remaining population.

[5] *E P I*, *op. cit.*

[6] *Ibid.*

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