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Zionism in crisis: Palestinian resistance forges a new horizon



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For too long the global solidarity movement has only regarded Palestinians as victims of Israeli violence. The present moment invites us to question the invincibility of the Zionist project and reframes our struggle.

Important developments in historic Palestine have taken place in recent weeks. January 7 marked the beginning of Zionist protests in response to proposed judicial reform in Israel. In parallel, we have also witnessed an intensification of the ongoing settler violence

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perpetrated by the Zionist entity against Palestinians: January was the deadliest month in the West Bank in almost a decade, and in recent weeks violence against Palestinians at Al-Aqsa Mosque has intensified. In response to these aggressions we have witnessed increased resistance efforts by groups throughout historic Palestine, as well as Lebanon and Syria. Although the media may suggest that these are isolated events politically, geographically and temporally, they constitute a collective history of important developments in the Palestinian liberation struggle.

It is easy to dismiss the Zionist protests against the judicial reforms as insignificant for the Palestinians, for who subjugate to Israeli violence persists regardless of Who's in government. While this is true, the deepening of the Contradictions within the global Zionist movement reflect the Shaky foundations on which the Zionist state and the The ensuing tension between its underlying fascist base and the façade of democracy that projects to the world. These tensions highlight the Artificial Nature of Zionist Colonization: While All Settlers They are united against the external threat of Palestinian resistance and in favor of of the colonial social order, little else binds them together or keeps them together politically.

In this sense, it should be noted that it is through the excesses of the settlement project, through colonization and exploitation of the Palestinian people, as Zionism seeks to resolve its internal contradictions. Thus, the attempt to construct the citizen-settler duality, in which his arm "Liberal" sometimes tries to distance itself from the fascism of the The settlers, it must be questioned. We believe that the two exist in mutual relationship. and, more importantly, in relation to Zionist colonialism. The Settler movement has long been part and parcel of expansion. of the Zionist state: the state through which liberal Zionists have exercised power and by which they exercise "democracy" by who today claim to be struggling. By refusing to address this issue in terms of of "democracy" versus "fascism" and questioning in its Where the relationship of this contradiction with colonialism is located, we can understand The role of Palestinian resistance and unity in the inevitable demise of the Zionist project.

Although the judicial reforms proposed by the government of Coalition represent the interests of the fascist settler movement, are It is also these interests that underpin the growing violence in the mosque. Al-Aqsa. Many have been quick to rightly point out that the current assaults Al-Aqsa is textbook: Israeli violence against Palestinians is It intensifies every year during Ramadan, either through raids on Al-Aqsa or bombing of Gaza. However, violence against Palestinians also increases during Jewish holidays, and

this year the Jewish Passover, the Week Santa and Ramadan have taken place at the same time, so the increase of violence must be interpreted as such: as the manifestation of a State extremist who tries to impose a new reality, tending to dismantling of Al-Aqsa in the hope of building the temple over it of Solomon. While it is true that the movement that insists on raiding Al-Aqsa during Passover he has been isolated from the Zionists "pro-democracy", these dreams of turning Jerusalem into a city of a single faith are much broader in Israeli society, which reveals a Once again the symbiotic relationship between the currents apparently contradictory to Zionism when placed in its broader colonial framework.

In the face of Zionism in crisis, Palestinians have united and coalesced around increased resistance efforts across the Historic Palestine, building on the legacy of the Intifada for the Unity of 2021. As the May Uprisings Grew, a Common Chant resounded from Haifa to Ramallah: *mishan Allah, and Gaza yalla* (for God's sake, forward Gaza!). For the first time since that we have memory, the cities of the interior (the lands conquered in 1948) led an uprising instead of supporting it. The young people of that Community of two million people rebelled against repeated incursions of the police forces in Al-Aqsa. Buses from dozens of Palestinian cities moved to Jerusalem and the police were responsible for Block the main streets. The dramatic images of elderly people opting By walking to avoid the checkpoints crystallized the unity between Two areas that Zionist policies have been trying to fragment for 75 years. When resistance frayed, isolated and besieged Gaza responded to Jerusalem and prevailed over Tel Aviv's calculation. About the same time, in Jenin, the martyr of 25 years Jamil Alamoury and his companions created the Jenin battalion, starting A new chapter of confrontation that uses the local urban environment as area of operations and popular support as a shield. Throughout the West Bank Small units of resistance began to be formed, which today demand the care for about 60 per cent of the occupying forces. If Gaza rises to war, Jerusalem and the interior rise and the West Bank is involved in a war of Attrition and popular resistance, the costs of Zionist impunity will be made Unbearable. The Palestinian people today possess something that Israel has strived to do. Dismantle: Unity and Revolutionary Optimism.

The May 2021 uprisings amalgamated into the "All Fronts Unity" approach and currently We are witnessing how this slogan becomes a reality politics. In particular, we are witnessing the expansion of this notion to Lebanon and Syria. In response to repeated abuses in 2021 against the Al-Aqsa faithful, the Palestinian factions operating in Lebanon and Syria twice fired rockets into northern Palestine. The protests grow in the cities of the

1948 Nakba and West Bank battalions have redoubled its efforts. In response, the Zionist leaders decided attack Gaza, confirming that policies of containment and isolation have failed and that the "Unity of All Fronts" prevails. For the first time Once since it is remembered, it was the Zionist entity that acted with restraint, rushing to absolve regional actors in Lebanon and Syria of the role which they certainly play in supporting the Palestinian resistance. The regime The Zionist also made sure that its bombardment of Gaza prevented major Loss of human life and properties of the resistance.

On 10 April, Israeli journalists confirmed that the The occupation forces had stopped using the name "Operation Break". the Wave" to describe their attempts to quell Palestinian resistance in West Bank, implicitly recognizing resistance groups Palestinians are here to stay. On April 11, Netanyahu announced that the settlers would not be allowed to enter Al-Aqsa during Ramadan for fear that Tensions in Jerusalem will increase. Taken together, these examples illustrate the Lack of confidence of the Zionist entity when it comes to confronting force of the current Palestinian resistance.

Palestine defenders must never forget the truth Gone are the days of invincibility of the entity Zionist, and have been the persistence and accumulation of Palestinian resistance. those who have succeeded.

For too long the Palestinian diaspora and the Global solidarity movement has been paralyzed by a reactive that understands that Palestinians are only victims of violence Israeli. However, this moment calls us to question the invincibility of the Zionist project and to reevaluate the tools of our struggle. Today we can To claim that the Zionist project is as fragile as it has ever been. To the At the same time, Palestinian resistance is stronger than it has ever been. The global change we are witnessing reflects the potential for a change in Paradigm in this framework: we are victims of their violence, but we are also able to take our destiny into our own hands. In the diaspora, This means joining organizations to build transnational power and Undertake a principled struggle to realize the promise of liberation.

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