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Palestinians speak the language of violence Israel taught them



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The indiscriminate shooting of Israelis by Hamas and other Palestinian resistance organizations, the abduction of civilians, the Rocket fire into Israel, drone strikes against a variety of Targets – from tanks to automated machine gun nests – are the language that is known to the Israeli occupier. Israel has spoken to the Palestinians with this bloody language since the Zionist militias occupied more than 78% of historic Palestine, destroyed some 530 Palestinian villages and towns and murdered some 15,000 Palestinians in more than 70 massacres. About [750,000 Palestinians were ethnically cleansed between 1947 and 1949](#) to allow for creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

Israel's response to this armed incursion will be a genocidal attack on Gaza. It will kill dozens of Palestinians for every Israeli killed. Hundreds of Palestinians have already been

killed as a result of airstrikes Israelis since the start of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm on Saturday by the tomorrow, which left 700 Israelis dead.

Prime Minister Netanyahu on Sunday warned the Palestinians from Gaza who had to "flee now" because Israel will "reduce debris is the hideouts of Hamas." But where are the people supposed to be able to flee? Palestinians from Gaza? Israel and Egypt have blocked land borders and there is no exit by sea or by air, both controlled by Israel.

Collective reprisals against innocents is a familiar tactic of colonial governments. The United States used it against the natives Americans and later in the Philippines and Vietnam. The Germans Used against the [Herero and the Namaqua in Namibia](#). The British in Kenya and Malaysia. The Nazis used in the areas they occupied in the [Soviet Union and Eastern and Central Europe](#). Israel follows the same manual: death by death, atrocity for atrocity. But it is always the occupier who initiates the Macabre dances and changes piles of corpses for bigger piles of corpses.

This is not a question of defending the war crimes of Nowhere. Nor to gloat over the attacks. I've witnessed enough violence in the Israeli-occupied territories, where I covered the conflict for several years, to detest her. But that is the known outcome of all colonial projects. The schemes introduced and maintained by the Violence begets violence: Haitian war of liberation, rebellion of the Mau Mau in Kenya, the African National Congress in South Africa. These Uprisings do not always succeed, but they follow similar patterns. The Palestinians, like all colonized peoples, have [the right to armed resistance according to International Law](#).

Israel never had an interest in an equitable solution with the Palestinians. It built an apartheid state and has been hoarding each time Larger tracts of Palestinian land in a campaign of ethnic cleansing slow motion. In 2007 it turned Gaza into the largest open-air prison in the world. world.

What does Israel or the international community expect? ¿How you can lock up 16.2 million people in Gaza for 3 years, half of them are unemployed, one of the most densely populated places in the world. planet, reduce the lives of its residents, half of whom are children, to a subsistence level, deprive them of basic medical supplies, food, water and electricity, use fighter jets, artillery, units mechanized, missiles, naval guns and infantry units for slaughter randomly unarmed civilians and not expect a violent response? Israel is carrying out waves of air strikes on Gaza, preparing a ground invasion and has cut off the electricity supply to the Strip, which It usually only works between two and four hours a day.

Many of the resistance fighters who were They infiltrated Israel and knew without a doubt that they would end up dead. But at the Just like other resistance fighters in other wars of liberation They decided that if they couldn't choose the way they lived, they would at least choose the way to live. way to die.

I was a close friend of Alina Margolis-Edelman, who formed part of the armed resistance in the Warsaw ghetto uprising in the World War II. Her husband, [Marek Edelman](#), was the Deputy commander of the uprising and the only leader to survive the war. The Nazis had locked up 400,000 Polish Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. Trapped Jews died by the thousands, from starvation, disease and violence. Indiscriminate. When the Nazis Began Transporting the Remaining Jews At the death camps, resistance fighters defended themselves. None expected to survive.

After the war, Edelman condemned Zionism as an ideology. racist used to justify the theft of Palestinian land. He put on the On the side of the Palestinians, he supported their armed resistance and met frequently with Palestinian leaders. He railed against the appropriation of the Holocaust by part of Israel to justify its repression of the Palestinian people. While Israel reveled in the mythology of the ghetto uprising, treating it as a pariah to the only surviving leader of the uprising, who refused to leave Poland. Edelman understood that the lesson of the Holocaust and the The ghetto uprising was not that the Jews were morally superior or eternal victims. History, Edelman said, belongs to everyone. The oppressed, including Palestinians, they have the right to fight for equality, dignity and freedom.

"To be Jewish means to always be with the oppressed and never with the oppressors," Edelman said.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising has inspired Long time to the Palestinians. Representatives of the Liberation Organization of Palestine (PLO) used to place a wreath on the annual commemoration of the uprising that took place in Poland, in the Monument to the Ghetto. The more violence the colonizer exerts to subdue the busy, the more he transforms into a monster. The current government of Israel is populated by Jewish extremists, exalted Zionists and religious fanatics who They are dismantling Israeli democracy and calling for the expulsion or expulsion of mass murder of Palestinians, including those living inside Israel.

Israeli philosopher Yeshayahu Leibowitz, whom Isaiah Berlin called "Israel's conscience," warning that if Israel did not separate. Church and State would spawn a corrupt *rabbinate* who would deform Judaism into a fascist sect.

"Religious nationalism is to religion what religion is to religion. National Socialism went to socialism," said Leibowitz, who died in 1994.

He predicted that "the Arabs would be the workers and the Jewish administrators, inspectors, officials and police, especially The secret police. A state ruling over a hostile population of a One and a half or two million foreigners would have to convert necessarily in a police state, with all that that implies for the education, free expression and democratic institutions. Corruption which prevails in any colonial regime would also prevail in the State of Israel. The administration would have to suppress the Arab insurgency on the one hand. and acquire Arab collaborators on the other. There are also good reasons to fear that the Israel Defense Forces, which until now were a People's army, would degenerate into an army of occupation, and Their commanders, who would have become military governors, they would resemble their colleagues from other nations."

Leibowitz foresaw that the prolonged occupation of Palestine It would inevitably generate "concentration camps".

"Israel," he said, "would not deserve to exist, and it will not be worth it. safeguard it'.

The next stage of this struggle will be an Israeli campaign of large-scale killings in Gaza, which has already begun. Israel is convinced that that higher levels of violence will ultimately crush aspirations Palestinian. Israel is wrong. The terror that Israel inflicts is the terror that Get.

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