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NATO, the Genocide of Palestinians, and the Globalization of War



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Reiterating their support for Israel in the face of Hamas' offensive, the thirty members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) urged Israel to "defend itself proportionately against these unjustifiable acts of terrorism." Together with its leading partner, the United States, it will have to face the consequences of its complicity with what its ally will be able to do now.

The commitment is firm, but the consequences of this support for U.S. strategy in the Middle East could be disastrous for Washington in the Middle East and crack the united front against Iran that it seeks among its Arab allies, especially Saudi Arabia. The Gaza Strip may become the Armageddon that Biden spoke of so many times in relation to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Israeli and U.S. intelligence were left in a bad light, as was the latter in 2001 when it had no idea about the 11/8200 attacks. Israel is not only considered a military power, but also a technological one, but neither of them served to foresee, know and prevent what happened, despite the fact that its Unit \diamond within the Israel Defense Forces has invested billions of dollars in Artificial Intelligence (AI), with which to spy on any communication in Gaza.

The first casualty of war is always the truth (Aeschylus had already said so 2,500 years before our era). In the parallel campaign of media terrorism, the media from all over the world, so Western and Christian, spread the *fake* (lie) that had been launched by a newspaper close to the far-right Israeli government: "40 Israeli babies beheaded" in the attack committed by Hamas in Kfar Aza.

Suspecting that it could be another Israeli propaganda stunt, the journalist who signs the "exclusive" of the 40 decapitated babies explains that her source was an Israeli soldier who says he believes it happened, but is not sure. A diversionary maneuver that aims to turn the Palestinians into the animals and beasts described by the Israeli defense minister. And the ineffable Biden touts *fake*: "I never thought I would see and confirm images of terrorists beheading children."

Several NATO partners indicated that they are already providing practical support to Israel. The war unleashed between Israel and Hamas, if it continues, beyond the risk of unleashing a regional conflagration with devastating consequences, could also have dire consequences in Europe, such as those unleashed by the war in Ukraine: rising oil and gas prices, migrant crisis, a new wave of racism.

Although the ties between Biden and Netanyahu have been known for decades, the far-right radicalism – Jewish, political and religious fundamentalism – of the Israeli government, makes things very difficult for US diplomacy, especially with pressure from the street holding the Israeli prime minister responsible for what happened with Hamas. Today it is easier to support the war option than mediation.

To tackle defection among Arab countries that have good relations with Washington, in the event of a full-scale Israeli attack on Gaza, Blinken announced in Tel Aviv that he will

meet with the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. For analysts, the U.S. message is clear and aimed at Hezbollah and Iran itself. "We are making that clear to the Iranians. Be careful," Biden said, riding on his aspiration to globalize war. The hawks in Washington and NATO dream of globalizing war, bringing it to the whole world. The one in Ukraine would be remembered – if anyone were left alive in a conflagration that threatens to be the last for humanity – as a mere ex-Soviet conflict. Meanwhile, the EU did not clarify the alleged blocking of the economic aid that the EU had planned for Palestine, some 691 million euros in total, with the excuse of creating "responsible institutions for a future Palestinian state and support for the birth of a self-sufficient economy".

Ahead of next year's U.S. presidential election, where Republicans accuse him of being soft on Iran, an alleged sponsor of Hamas, President Joe Biden said he is willing to deploy additional military forces to the Middle East. It would not be unreasonable to think that any European country, in the uniform of NATO, would join this attempt at generalized war.

Does war have rules?

Israeli troops used white phosphorus in attacks on Gaza and Lebanon, Human Rights Watch (HRW) denounced, warning of the risks of "serious and long-lasting injuries." The human rights organization verified a series of videos taken on October 10 and 11 that "show multiple bursts of white phosphorus fired with artillery over the port of Gaza and two rural towns along the Israeli-Lebanese border."

Many talk about the rules of war. The head of the Pentagon, Lloyd Austin, stressed that his country did not impose any conditions on Israel for the use of its military aid, and in response to a question from the press, he replied: I am not going to define proportionality. In other words, anything goes.

For the Palestinians, no medicine, no water, no electricity, no fuel. Hunger and desperation as a political weapon. "We are fighting animals and we are acting accordingly," Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said.

These rules of war have had no bearing on Israel's war policies against the Palestinian population, particularly in Gaza, for years, and have been repeatedly denounced as war crimes by Amnesty International and other human rights organizations.

Israel and its Western allies have been justifying this war strategy with the argument that it is facing a terrorist threat where the rules of war are not easily applicable. Israel's response

to what it calls war crimes committed by Hamas has been a total siege of Gaza, which is technically a war crime because it is collective punishment of a civilian population.

The Gaza Strip, which has been under attacks and a total blockade since 2007, is controlled by the militias of Hamas, the group that carried out a massive armed attack on Israeli territory on 7 October. These events triggered the current Israeli siege of Gaza, under bombs since that day and with 300,000 soldiers and hundreds of tanks ready to enter that Palestinian territory, without any regard for its 2.2 million inhabitants.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a far-right Prime Minister, said that "every member of Hamas is a dead man." This means that there will be no prisoners and no one will ask for mercy. Israel's ultraconservative forces are demanding that the army raze the Palestinian territories and then repopulate them with their own settlers, with whom Biden and his envoys in Tel Aviv have to contend.

U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken traveled to Tel Aviv to reiterate the formula that the United States supports Israel, but avoided acknowledging that his government, like all previous ones since 1948, is complicit in Israel's war strategy, partly financing the military occupation of Gaza, facilitating the expansion of settlements in the West Bank and allowing its ally to develop nuclear weapons.

Successive U.S. administrations have given more than \$158 billion to Israel since 1948, with two-thirds of that sum in military assistance, according to the Congressional Research Service report. No other country in the world received even close to it. Successive administrations in Washington looked the other way as the Israelis developed their nuclear weapons.

Since the middle of the last century, the United States has supported with all its forces (political, military, communicational) to obstruct any possibility of peace in the Middle East, which always involved the creation of two separate states, Israel and Palestine. And the icing on the cake was Donald Trump's acknowledgment of the annexation of East Jerusalem into the West Bank.

British journalist Helena Cobban, a veteran observer of the Middle East region, points out on her blog Globalities, that this is the current policy, as Joe Biden has never reversed that, nor has Trump's recognition of Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan.

It was the United States that facilitated this process of Israeli settlement expansion. In 2010, the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* headlined a story like this: "U.S. taxpayers are paying for Israel's occupation of the West Bank."

Washington granted a tax break to several organizations in the United States that build Israeli settlements that, in effect, take their subsidies from taxpayers to use in the construction of new settlements.

China asserted that the crux of the conflict is that justice has been denied to the Palestinian people; French President Emmanuel Macron defended the two-state solution, an indispensable guarantee for achieving peace in the Middle East, and made it clear that the fight against terrorism cannot replace this purpose.

Iranian President Ebrahi Raisi called on Muslim-populated countries to tackle the Zionist regime's crimes against the oppressed Palestinian nation during a call with his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad. Raisi said Iran will coordinate with Islamic countries as soon as possible to stop the Zionists' genocide of the Palestinians.

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And, he sees how the West continues to look the other way and lacks the capacity to contribute to the construction of a peaceful solution, which may be as profitable for us for its arms companies, contractor armies, as the genocide of the Palestinians and the reconstruction of their territory annexed to Israel, and the business of total war. It seems that Washington and NATO have been preparing.

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