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PARADIGM SHIFT IN PALESTINE (3)

A crime is brewing before our eyes, will we prevent it?

The Israeli army is preparing to ethnically cleanse the Gaza Strip in accordance with the old dream of the Jewish supremacists. However, in Israel, and in the United States, many citizens oppose this crime. Meanwhile, in the Middle East, many volunteers are preparing to save them by attacking the Jewish state. Contrary to our perception of this conflict, the impossibility of resolving it for 76 years does not stem from the bad faith of its protagonists. But the absence of a choice between two systems: a world "based on rules" or "on international law".



This article is a follow-up to:

- "[Paradigm shift in Palestine](#)", 10 October.
- "[Israeli Military Censorship Is Hiding the Truth from You](#)," October 17

PREPARATION FOR THE CRIME

Events are rushing forward in Israel/Palestine. Everyone sees the Israeli army preparing and beginning the ethnic cleansing of the Gaza Strip. The UN tally on Friday night was that already a third of Gaza City had been burned to the ground while almost all of the city's residents had fled south, with no alternative but to camp in the fields.

After considering launching a counterinsurgency war along the lines of the Battle of Algiers or Operation Phoenix in Vietnam, the Israeli General Staff is considering razing Gaza City to the ground and then sending its army to eliminate the survivors. According to the Israeli defense minister, the plan is expected to take three months, according to his U.S. counterpart, nine months.

IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Herzl Halevi said on October 21: "We will enter the Gaza Strip for an operational and professional mission: to destroy Hamas operatives and infrastructure... Gaza is complex and dense, the enemy is preparing a lot of things there, but we are also preparing for him."

On 14 October, the World Health Organisation (WHO) protested against the Israeli evacuation order for hospitals in Gaza. She pointed out that moving patients to intensive care would condemn them to death [1]. Three days later, Al Ahli Hospital was destroyed. Israelis and Palestinians blame each other for the massacre. Moreover, none of Israel's allies has sought to help Gazans. Yet the U.S., Germany, and the U.K. have field hospitals, medicines, and food that they can airdrop into Gaza. In fact, all three were preparing to help the Israeli army rather than to help a population in distress.

The U.S. has sent the IDF thousands of 155-millimeter shells and an unknown number of penetrating Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) bombs, capable of destroying everything at a depth of 30 or 40 meters and within a radius of 400 meters.

ISRAEL DIVIDED

For months, massive protests have denounced Benjamin Netanyahu's Jewish supremacist allies and the reform of the Basic Laws that place the judiciary under the control of the executive. Nothing helped, the "coup d'état" took place this summer.

By "Jewish supremacists" I mean the Jewish Force (Otzma Yehudit) party, the assumed heir to the American Jewish Defense League movement of Rabbi Meir Kahane. This organization has opposed any contact with the Soviet Union and now with Russia. She

called for the murder of neo-Nazis and assassinated the director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. It is explicitly racist and opposes any marriage between Jews and goyim (non-Jews). It has been classified as a terrorist organization in the United States since 2001. It was secretly financed by Yitzhak Shamir from the State of Israel's funds [2].

In a "divine surprise," the attack by the United Palestinian Resistance (except Fatah) on October 7 provided an opportunity for Jewish supremacists to achieve their oft-stated goal: to ethnically cleanse Palestine of Palestinian Arabs, whether through the transfer of its population or its extermination.

Faced with the emotion of the Israeli population and the danger threatening the Jewish state, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu formed an emergency government like all his predecessors in such cases. However, where it took Golda Meir a few hours during the Six-Day War, it took her 7 days during Operation Al-Aqsa Flood. A war council was formed, within the government, in order to keep Jewish supremacists at bay.

But this small cabinet has, from its first meeting, been the scene of a confrontation between those in favor of the destruction of Gaza and those of a targeted operation against the Palestinian resistance. Most ministers have been content to speak publicly about action against Hamas, since military censorship prohibits accountability for the actions of other Palestinian factions. Defense Minister Gen. Yoav Gallant lashed out at both the prime minister, whom he considers delusional, and his predecessor, Gen. Benny Ganz, whom he considers weak. In June, the prime minister banned his defence minister from entering his office at army headquarters, a ban that has remained in place. He refuses to work with the military head of infrastructure repair, General Roni Numa. He has appointed a senior official to do the same thing, Moshe Edri, but he reports to the supremacist Jewish finance minister, Bezalel Smotrich, and military-civilian relations in this area are not organized, or even planned. Let us remember that General Numa led demonstrations against the Prime Minister two weeks ago. He has filed a legal challenge against the "reforms" that he rightly calls a "coup d'état." In addition, several key ministries (National Security, Education, Information, Intelligence and Culture) still do not have directors general. The military censorship that covers up this disorder is such that the Minister of Information, Distel Atbaryan, slammed the door in the middle of the war.

Before the war, reservists assured en masse that they would not obey criminal orders from their country's anti-democratic government. Today, they have been mobilized and no

one knows what they will do. Benjamin Netanyahu came to visit some of them to ensure their loyalty. At the moment, Israeli infantry and cavalry (tanks) are stationed in front of Gaza and in front of the Lebanese border, waiting for orders that do not come. Yet, the Air Force is bombing Gaza City at an unprecedented rate. According to the United Nations, it has already reduced at least a third of the population to dust.

Gilad Erdan, Israel's ambassador to the UN, is scrambling to get all UN agencies and member states to condemn Hamas. Although he was well received in the first days of the war, he found it increasingly difficult to make his country's point of view heard.

THE RESISTANCE DIVIDED

While the Palestinian resistance in Gaza managed to reunite thanks to consultations organized by Iran in Lebanon earlier this year, President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah Party is continuing its policy of collaboration with Israel. He does not hesitate to tell all his interlocutors that he, alone, is not complicit with the Muslim Brotherhood (i.e. Hamas).

He probably hoped to remain the only one to be associated with in the eyes of the West, but he immediately lost all moral authority over the Palestinians in general and those in the West Bank in particular. So when U.S. President Joe Biden, in the face of the protests in Jordan, cancelled the summit he had convened there and in which President Abbas was to participate, the latter refused to take the phone call from the former. The controversy sparked by the destruction of a hospital in Gaza has opportunely masked the mistakes of the Palestinian Authority, which no longer knows how to behave. It has just sanctioned a member of Fatah's Central Committee, Abbas Zaki, who praised the "Al-Aqsa Flood" operation and regretted that Fatah did not participate in it.

Hamas, too, is divided between supporters of the resistance in Gaza and supporters of political Islam abroad. While its fighters are fighting fiercely, Khaled Meshaal, chairman of the Politburo, while thanking the Lebanese Hezbollah for keeping part of the Israeli army on alert on the Lebanese border, criticized it for not doing enough. Meshaal's goal (to kill Israelis) is not at all the same as that of Hezbollah (to defeat the State of Israel) and its own Hamas fighters.

THE U.S. DIVIDED

U.S. President Joe Biden visited Israel to assure the country of his support. He did not meet with the Jewish supremacist ministers, but participated in a council of war. He said he was aware that the Israelis had to put an end to Hamas. He assured his interlocutors that he would supply them with 155-minute shells and penetrating bombs... But he asked them

to exercise moderation. His ambiguous remarks were interpreted as a free pass by supporters of ethnic cleansing, but as an order of restraint by others.

In the United States, Jewish pacifists demonstrated in front of Congress. The Capitol Police, remembering the Trumpists' assault, cracked down harshly. 500 of them have been arrested and could be brought to justice.

A senior State Department official, Josh Paul, resigned on Oct. 18 with a bang, accusing the Biden administration of having no policy and, ultimately, of covering up an ethnic cleansing in the making. It's not just anyone, after a distinguished career in the office of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and in Congress, he had been the director of the Bureau of Political and Military Affairs for 11 years. He was the one who approved all arms transfers.

In the build, 441 congressional aides gathered in an adjacent building on Capitol Hill to denounce the lack of conscience of the Biden administration and members of both chambers. If Josh Paul was a Jew close to J Street, the pro-Israel anti-Netanyahu lobby, these rebels come from both the Jewish minority and the Muslim minority. They do not contest the fight against the political Islamists of Hamas, they warn against the commission of genocide. All of them are well aware that their stance exposes them to dismissal.

State Department officials, regardless of their rank in the hierarchy, have the opportunity to express their disagreement on a dedicated forum. This is usually to criticize the abuses of a department head. However, now officials are exchanging about the moral bankruptcy of the Biden administration, which is ignoring the advice of its experts. The most virulent e-mails were signed by many office colleagues, so that this forum gave rise to a mutiny [3].

Senate Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has tabled a draft resolution to ban President Joe Biden's

\$14.3 billion emergency aid to Israel Tim Scott (R-Calif.), a presidential candidate, has announced that he refuses to vote for Israel. He is the leader of the Republicans on the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

U.S. VASSALS TAKE A WAIT-AND-SEE APPROACH

The vassals of the United States persist in blindly aligning themselves with Washington's positions. A closed-door meeting of the United Nations Security Council was met with a stupid opposition by US Permanent Representative Linda Thomas-Greenfield to her Russian counterpart, Vassily Nebenzia. While the two countries have agreed on many

crises in the Middle East, the current tension between them has led Washington to use its veto.

The session focused on a Russian proposal for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. The ambassador accused Russia of protecting Hamas because its draft resolution did not condemn it. However, as a matter of principle, all humanitarian actions, since Henry Dunant and the creation of the International Red Cross, must not take sides in the conflict in which they intervene. Whether one is shocked by the Hamas commandos or by the Israeli Air Force, one should not condemn either of them, or even condemn their actions, but only come to the aid of the victims. However, Washington, adopting a one-eyed moral posture and not a humanitarian or political one, condemns at all costs. And it does not refer to barbaric acts, but to some of the individuals who perpetrate them.

During the session, France, Japan and the United Kingdom made similar remarks to those of their overlord. France used its veto for the first time since 1976, giving a blank cheque to a genocide in preparation. As the meeting was held behind closed doors, the United Nations does not publish verbatim or even minutes, but Ambassador Nicolas de Rivière has acknowledged this, while the daily *Le Monde* has denied it.

This same attitude was chosen by the French Minister of Justice, Éric Dupont-Moretti. He stressed before the National Assembly that supporting the Muslim supremacists of Hamas is supporting the terrorist acts it commits, and that this exposes it to 5 years in prison. True, but supporting the Jewish supremacists who began to destroy Gaza City is exactly the same offense. Initially, France banned pro-Palestinian demonstrations, until the Council of State repealed this provision, which violates the constitutional right to express opinions.

A second meeting of the Security Council rejected an identical draft resolution by Brazil. It explicitly repeated the official version that the October 7 attack had been carried out by Hamas alone and condemned the organization. This time, it was the United Kingdom and Russia that denounced it. In the end, no text was adopted.

At the same time, Qatar managed to secure the release of two U.S.-Israeli Hamas prisoners, in exchange for the passage of 20 trucks of humanitarian aid, 7 fuel tankers and other undisclosed commitments. Before the war, he was passing at least 100 a day. The issue of prisoner exchanges is becoming more complex: since the beginning of the war, Israeli security forces have arrested and incarcerated an additional 1070, <> Palestinians in maximum security prisons.

Abu Oubaida, the spokesman for the Izz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades, said Hamas had considered releasing two more prisoners, but Israel had not followed through on its proposal.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak visited Israel after the US president. He similarly supported Israel's response to Hamas. The Defences of the United Kingdom and Israel are bound by a treaty, signed two years ago, the terms of which have never been made public. In London, 100,000 citizens took to the streets in an attempt to dissuade their government from supporting the crime in the making. In response, the Jewish Leadership Council organized a rally of a few thousand people in Trafalgar Square.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni also made her pilgrimage to Tel Aviv. Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulidis, French President Emmanuel Macron and Dutch interim Prime Minister Mark Rutte are expected to arrive soon.

Celebrating his Sunday Mass, Pope Francis said: "War, every war in the world — I am also thinking of tormented Ukraine — is a defeat. War is always a defeat; It is a destruction of human fraternity. Brethren, stop! Stop it! ».

THE MIDDLE EAST WANTS TO SAVE THE PALESTINIANS

An international peace conference was held in Cairo at the initiative of President Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi. UN Secretary-General António Guterres, European Council President Charles Michel and EU High Representative Josep Borrell, King Abdullah II of Jordan, President of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas, President of the United Arab Emirates Mohamed bin Zayed, King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain, Crown Prince of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammad Shia el-Sudani, Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulidès, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. A total of thirty states were represented. But neither the United States, nor China, nor Russia, and especially not Israel, participated in this summit. The Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, arrived with the halo of the release of the "US hostages", but did not give a speech, given the anti-Hamas stance of the West. Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune declined the invitation. Algeria had organized, in October 2022, a conference for the unity of the Palestinian people. She amended the Arab League resolution by noting that it disassociated itself from the "double standard" that does not establish a hierarchy between Palestinian rights and Israel's violations of them.

Guterres said the October 7 attack "can never justify collective punishment of the Palestinian people."

Mahmoud Abbas, meanwhile, said: "We will not leave, we will stay on our land." Egypt clings to the Arab League's 1969 position that to take in new Palestinian refugees would be complicit in the ethnic cleansing of their historic homeland. This is an intellectually correct position, but one that does little to mask the fear of a Palestinian invasion such as Lebanon and Jordan have experienced. The Palestinians then tried to take power by force of arms in Beirut (the Lebanon War), then in Amman (Black September) and to establish the State of Palestine by default.

In the end, this summit was useless: everyone stuck to their positions. On the one hand there were those who wanted to condemn Hamas, on the other those who wanted to support the Palestinian resistance, of which Hamas is the main component.

In the Middle East, many groups gather volunteers to rescue Palestinians and attack Israel. The Iranian Revolutionary Guards are trying to set up a joint general staff that would unite Palestinian fighters from Hamas, PFLP and Islamic Jihad, Lebanese fighters from Hezbollah, SSNP and Jamaa Islamiya, as well as Jordanians and Iraqis.

WHY CAN'T WE RESOLVE THIS CONFLICT?

The widespread division, on all sides, makes decision-making impossible. While it seems unlikely that Israel would place its army at the service of the genocidal project of its Jewish supremacist ministers, time is not an ally of peace. While each side is trying to establish its position, bombs continue to rain down heavily on Gaza and weapons continue to arrive in Israel. Already 1,300 Israelis and 4,137 Palestinians dead.

The impossibility of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict does not lie in Israeli bad faith. In reality we are all complicit: it shows the ineptitude of the "rules-based world" that US President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill tried to create in 1942-45 and which we accepted when the USSR was dissolved. It operates on the basis of the rules laid down by the Anglo-Saxons, now made public by the G7. On the contrary, the general secretary of the CPSU, Joseph Stalin, and the head of the French government-in-exile, Charles De Gaulle, demanded a "world based on international law." In the latter, states are sovereign and are only bound by the treaties they have signed. It was on this basis that the United Nations was created. It is up to us to return to the founding text, the San Francisco Charter. Applied to the current conflict, this means, first of all, for Israel the respect of its own signature at the bottom of its letter of accession to the UN, and for the Palestinian Authority, that of its signature affixed to the Oslo Accords.

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