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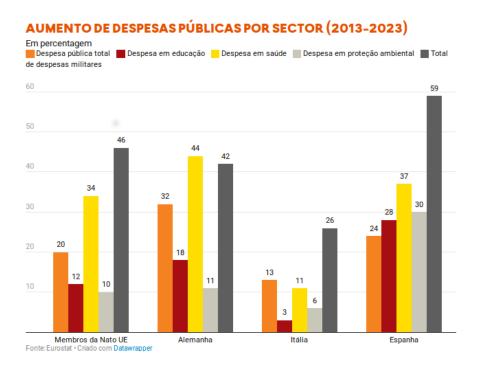
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Have you ever wondered if any government in the The world could attack another country with impunity and in two months assassinate almost 20,000 people, mostly children and women, liquidating more than a hundred expel their representatives, attack journalists, and arresting doctors, destroying hospitals and schools?... If this has already been done The question is because you know the answer. Only Netanyahu has the right to lead a racist coalition to systematically exterminate a people, obtaining financing and arming of the most powerful governments, starting with the House of Representatives. White. War has become their instrument of extermination, and the The spiral of destruction continues unabated. Terrorism has a beacon in the world today: it's Netanyahu.

Saramago wrote, long before this of death, that "one day history will be made of the suffering of the Palestinian people and It will be a monument to the indignity and cowardice of peoples." Maybe not I could have imagined the abysses of indignity we are witnessing now.

## Netanyahu's two victories

The government in Tel Aviv achieved two important victories. The first, which attracts the attention of producers of military technology, is the experimentation of new instruments of destruction. The most prominent is the artificial intelligence system perversely called "Habsora" or "Gospel," which selects targets for bombing.



According to an Associated Press study, during the During the 2014 war, which lasted 51 days, 6,000 targets were hit, causing the 89% of civilian deaths, including 20 families, who lost more than 10 limbs. Now, in the first month of fighting alone, 15,000 targets were destroyed and, according to the UN, about one-fifth of the Victims belong to 312 families, which lost more than 10 of their members. But the determination of this mortality generates some hesitation among the military occupiers, who know better than anyone that they are committing war crimes and killing according to a xenophobic criterion: the Palestinian must die. Therefore Transferring the decision to a machine eliminates human agency, depersonalizes the missile and allows the violence of the offensive to be Multiply. Netanyahu is using what could be one of the major weapons of the future, and the merchants of war are delighted with innovation.

The second victory, perhaps half-heartedly, is submission from some Western governments to the invocation of a "right to self-defense" who proclaims the legality of genocide and blames anyone who opposes it of promoting "hate speech." A law professor at the University of Chicago, Genevieve Lakier, denounced this logic as McCarthyite. The most famous case of this censorship mechanism was the the ban on the writer Adania Shibli at the Frankfurt Fair or the ban on pro-Palestinian demonstrations in France. However, the truth is that in France the demonstrations were imposed and that the Palestinian culture It is more listened to, as a sign of resistance to the atrocity. What this What it highlights is how conflict also occurs in public opinion.

After the violence of the Hamas attack on September 7, October, which killed some 840 civilians and 350 soldiers, led to the capture of 240 hostages and, according to Physicians for Human Rights of Israel, crimes We are not witnessing revenge, much less the defense of Israel. We are facing the trivialization of terror, the literal crushing of a country in name of an impossible goal, as no peace of graveyards will solve the conflict in the Middle East, nor is it the intention of Netanyahu, who wants to war as a way of survival in the face of his corruption trial and as a cement of the government that chooses death as its flag.

## And meanwhile the business of death

The war in Gaza, the war in Ukraine, enlargement NATO's Tensions in the South China Sea: This Is Paradise for the sale of weapons. But even this does not explain why the investment today surpasses that of the Cold War, when the global confrontation It was a threat. The reason is different: it is a splendid business, protected by a screen of silence and complicity, visible in the European countries of NATO, which in ten years increased military spending from \$145 billion to \$215 billion. billion, tripling arms imports (half of USA).

Now, this good business is a bad choice for Europeans. A study published in recent weeks by a team from the universities of Florence, Milan and Newcastle, led by Mario Pianta, "Arming Europe", indicates that between 2013-2023 the real output of the The Union increased by 12 per cent, employment by 9 per cent and expenditure on arms by 46 per cent (see Chart for details of some countries). The problem is that guns they destroy and do not create: in the case of Italy, these academics estimate the effect of on the product of 1 euro of military expenditure of 0.7 euros, while 1 euro in health, education and environment generates a variation of 1.9 Euros. To live better, it is better to invest in life than in death.

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