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The Contraption of the Independent Palestinian State



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A state for the Palestinians such as there could be anywhere would be the death knell for classical Zionist ideology. The two-state solution belongs to the realm of political illusionism.

Throughout these 100 days of Israeli atrocities in Gaza, one of the main arguments — peculiar, like almost everything else in the decalogue of U.S. foreign policy for the Middle East — revolves around the "Palestinian statehood solution." Thus, in capital letters, because they hold it up as the balm of Fierabrás that will put an end to the "problematic" Palestinian question and consolidate "Peace", also in capital letters. The beginning of a new, grandiose text for the Middle East, in a big way: State, Peace, Stability, Economic Bonanza, Free Trade in the Region, Peaceful Coexistence, etc. The problem is that the recourse to the "Palestinian state" is nothing more than a way of diverting the focus from the issue that should be attracting the most attention today: the barbarism, the senselessness, the destruction unleashed by the Tel Aviv regime in Gaza and the efforts deployed by the most extremist sectors of the Israeli government, army and society to achieve one of its greatest desires. namely, the expulsion of as many Palestinians as possible.

The goal is to banish them from the West Bank, which is what they want to do. it is truly in the interest of the Zionist colonization project; But if you A few hundred thousand people in Gaza are also out of the way. Ok. For the time being, among the dead, missing and families, wounded or displaced persons who have managed to leave the Gaza Strip, and who have been They will probably never come back, they are on their way to 50,000.

The The story of the Palestinian state has become the question of Antony Blinken, Lloyd Austin — before he joined the John Kirby, and a long list of representatives U.S. "Says" to Address in Their Talks with Leaders Arab. They try to convince them that by "the day after," that no one He knows when he will be given the fierce and organized resistance of the Palestinian militias, we will have a new peace conference and political advances that they, the Arab leaders willing to make peace with Israel, can be presented to their public opinion.

Some of the Gulf, such as the Emiratis or the Bahrainis, who already have peace with Israel, or the Saudis, who were preparing them before the explosion of October 7, they want, as much or more than the regime of Tel Aviv itself, wipe out Hamas and all Islamist factions hostile to the political and economic model—a neoliberal Islam in the economic, authoritarian in the political sphere—which, above all, represents Saudi Arabia.

The problem is that they can't say it clearly. although certain Emirati leaders, who are very talkative, are noticeable with great ease. Israeli political circles come to the fore from time to time. when the Gulf powers are asking — demanding — that under no circumstances should put an end to the collective punishment operation in the Gaza Strip without ensure that Hamas has completely lost its capacity before it has lost its capacity Operative; the Prime Minister himself and unconfessed war criminal, Benjamin Netanyahu said in early December that the Saudis and the Emiratis were willing to pay for the reconstruction of Gaza.

Both Riyadh and Abu Dhabi refrained from confirming the But this is known to anyone who follows regional policy Arabs, both are closer today to the theses American-Israeli claims that defend claims legitimate Palestinian institutions. But they have to cover the dossier; And although every are acting more brazenly, the independent Palestinian state is It would serve to justify the unconditional acceptance of the plan for the Middle East. It is striking, in any case, that these plans are usually discussed among themselves, leaders Americans, Israelis, and Arabs in the area, with no of Palestinian interlocutors, especially Gazans. I know They will try to chew it up, without allowing any kind of rejection.

The The problem is that the plan has already been sold several times; in good We find ourselves in this situation today, in the context of the the most brutal and ruthless offensive against the Palestinian population since the end of the year. 1948, thanks to the failure of the peace accords signed since the end of the 1940s. the first intifada in the early 1990s. They failed because they were leaving of the priority of protecting the interests of the Israeli state above of any other considerations and to minimise concessions to the Palestinians.

These, due to ineffectiveness, venality and self-centeredness of their representatives, as Edward Said recounts in his writings, in despair, about the disaster of negotiations such as those of the The Oslo Process — read, for example, *Gaza and Jericho. Pax Americana*—, They didn't know, or didn't care, how to grant the autonomous system that led to the Palestinian National Authority and a delusional system of territories A, B and C in which the Palestinians are They became hostages of their own demarcation, subjected to the security imperatives of the occupying forces and the needs of the colonies, which have been continuously expanding ever since in spite of these Peace Accords.

But Americans, most of the authoritarian and mendacious Arab political elites, and, unfortunately, the Palestinian National Authority in Ramallah, whose leaders would make anything to maintain their fiction of power and political importance, They need this kind

of speech. You can't destroy a territory of 360 square kilometers and condemn hundreds of thousands of people to the hunger, cold, and dispossession without selling the idea that "all of this is it's going to fix" when the war is over.

However, the current Israeli leadership is not do not agree with any project for a Palestinian state and, to despair, of their American supporters, they proclaim it without any blushing. To the President Biden would have liked to deal in this crisis with an elite more presentable and subtle Zionist politics, such as the one they represented pristine façades like Ben Gurion or Golda Meier, for example, example; however, he has come across elements of Bezalel's jaez Smotrich or Ben-Gvir, current ministers in Netanyahu's cabinet. These, representatives of religious Zionism, refractory to any type of secularizing ideology and adherents of the most biblical discourse. apocalyptic, they believe that the only way to secure a future prosperous for Eretz Yisra'el (The Land of Israel) involves expelling the Palestinians. Logical: they know that the Zionist is first and foremost a project colonizer, supremacist and expansionist.

For this reason, proposals that give rise to "adventures" such as the Authority Palestinian National or so-called self-government is an aberration. even if, in essence, they are at the antipodes of a true state Palestinian. But Zionism has always survived in hyperbole, in the victimizing exaggeration of the supposed dangers of giving almost the original inhabitants of Palestine. Well, that thing about Smotrich, the Minister of Finance, is wont to say that The real Palestinians are him and his people. The "Other" Palestinians They are impostors, upstarts, Bedouin nomads—how tiresome they get the NaziZionists with the idea that the Palestinians are Arabs who, like everyone else can live anywhere in the desert. The It is curious that the family of Smotrich, with that very Slavic surname, Like a very large part of the Jewish population, he comes from the Occupied Palestine, from distant and foreign territories.

In short, Americans and a good part of the Western Sympathizers of International Zionism Show Signs of dejection. International public opinion is reacting, according to The days go by, with greater irritation at the horror of the massacres of Gazan civilians; The occupying hordes are buffeted by a bundle of militiamen coming out of their lairs with bazookas and grenade launchers in flip-flops and sweatpants and, to top it all off, the South Africans throw an international cause of genocide, a term already used by numerous sectors to refer to this carnage.

Never before Zionism's international position had been so delicate. For Anyone with common sense what the pack is doing Tel Aviv would have been reason enough, for

months, to An international embargo and a string of decisive sanctions. But Israel is something else and, given what we're seeing today, For today, their situation, questioned and unstable, is unprecedented.

By As a result, the Americans and their associates are forcing war such as the one initiated in the second week of January against the Houthis in Yemen; or try to amplify the effect of militia attacks Islamists in Iraq and Syria talking about a looming escalation of war. Attention must be diverted from both Israeli atrocities and the the failures of their occupying forces, and keep the people busy with other things. Like the Palestinian state. Already in 2020, the Administration of Donald Trump aired his particular proposal in this regard, to incentivize, once again, the Arab-Israeli peace accords. Nations The United Nations also invited at its meetings of the General Assembly to go for this line.

No one, however, knows what this state consists of Because, again, the presuppositions of political theory they blow up when Israel is involved. That is, a A Palestinian state should have demarcated and secure borders. full sovereignty within them, economic independence, and, in short, all the elements that confer the identity that any sensible person would assume in a "normal" state. But the confusing statements of Washington and its Western allies and Arabs do not talk about eradicating settlements or recognition the right of return of millions of refugees and displaced persons Neither an army of their own nor an economy based on the Exploitation and administration of own resources.

A State for the Palestinians, such as there may be anywhere else, it would mean the death knell for classical Zionist ideology. In the opinion of its less radical supporters, the most that can be reached is something similar to what we have today with the Palestinian National Authority in the West Bank, or the "controlled chaos" in Gaza since the blockade imposed in 2007: an entity that doesn't really control anything at all without armed forces, airports, or decision-making capacity who leaves or enters its territory, deprived of jurisdiction over the settlements or control over the land connections between them.

Settlements that, of course, would stay where they belonged. are. Because they can't, they can't even dispose of the money collected by the taxes paid by taxpayers or even aid from abroad. The Tel Aviv regime, as it has done Recently, you can withhold these amounts, always with the argument of the right to self-defense, in this case to avoid financing of armed groups or any activity hostile to the occupation.

Hence the proposal of what they bombastically call "the two states". A new trick with the prospect of keeping the conflict entrenched indefinitely. This is not a bad solution for the Zionist elites, who are used to fishing for a stir and reversing past crises to their advantage,

as happened the day after the two intifadas (1987 and 2000). Then, the political and military upheaval stemming from both popular revolts was channeled into international negotiation processes in which pressure from Washington and allies resulted in disastrous treaties for any Palestinian national project. Today they are running out of time. And many, even among the Tel Aviv regime's Western allies, wonder whether maintaining such an anachronistic and ultimately ineffective colonial structure in the Middle East isn't starting to be tiresome.

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