

PALESTINE

BETWEEN HORROR AND DIGNITY











2014: sionism unleashed hell over Gaza

WITHIN ITS OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE, IN 50 DAYS ISRAEL MURDERED 2101 PALESTINES INCLUDING 493 CHILDREN AND LEFT ANOTHER 10224 WOUNDED / **ABELARDO J. PÉREZ**

Last June 12th, three Israeli adolescents, Naftali Frenkel, Gil-ad Sheer (16) and Eyal Yifrach (19) were kidnapped in the Hebron area (West Bank)

Right after the kidnapping came to light, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu himself, claimed that the three youngsters, who were taking religious studies, had been kidnapped by Hamas.

In response the Islamic resistance movement refused disclaimed the accusations and assured that the official Israeli version about the happenings was not to be trusted "Honestly we have no information about what happened," said the Hamas leader Jaled Mashal to Al-Jazeera on June 30th.

The true fact is that after the disappearance of the youngsters, Israel launched on the West Bank the biggest military operation since the Second Intifada.

Thousands of troops blocked roads, searched houses and detained people. In the course of these operations they killed 5 Palestinians and arrested, without any warrant, more than 400 citizens.

After finding the bodies of the youth buried in a half-dug grave near Hebron, Israel was ready to unleash hell over the Palestinian people.

TARTARUS OVER GAZA

Attacks on Gaza began on July 1st with the bombing of 34 different points in the city. In addition, on June 2nd a group of radical Israelis murdered the 16-year-old Palestinian Mohamad Abu Khdei, in Jerusalem in alleged reprisal for the death of the three young Israelites.

Since 8th of July on the attacks intensified. On that very day the Israeli Army killed 23 people and the land operation on Gaza was activated resulting in the activation of 40 000 reserve troops and the mobilization of hundreds of tanks.

On the 10th of July the number of Palestinians victims was already 64. "We have decided to intensify the attacks on Hamas and the other terrorist organizations in Gaza said Netanyahu after the Israeli Air Forces had bombed about 550 targets as part of the Operation Protective Edge.

On the list of "terrorists" massacred by Israel in that first raid appear a 40-year-old woman and her son (14), while east of the city of Gaza two brothers of 12 and 13, as well as a one-year old baby and its mother had the same fate.

U.N.O SURFACES

On July 11th the Secretary General of the U.N.O, Ban Ki Moon, Ask the Security Council to agree on a cease-fire on the Gaza Strip, and called the international community for help to stop violence. Meanwhile in Gaza, the air raids of Israel killed twenty-four more Palestinians raising the number to 81 murdered and at least 540 wounded. Among the dead there were already 22 children and youth, 15 women and 12 elders.

On the same day, Netanyahu, not listening to the international call for a cease-fire, threatened to continue the military operations.

On July 12th the inhabitants of Gaza lived the bloodiest day since the beginning of the attacks. An air raid killed 15 people at the house of a chief of Police and a mosque. By that time the Palestinian dead



From air, land and sea, bombs fell on Gaza.



After the Israelite attack the neighborhood of Shijaia.

numbered 150 and the wounded were over one thousand.

On July 14th a massive exodus of thousands of Palestinians began. They were people fleeing their places due to the night bombings and the threats of Israel to intensify the offensive despite the international call for a cease-fire. Meanwhile Netanyahu insisted on his decision to continue with his military offensive "striking Hamas every time more intensively" As questioned by the Press on the great number of civilians killed (especially women and children), the Zionist leader accused the Islamic movement of using civilians as "human shields."

MASSIVE DESTRUCTION

The day after, the medics assisting people affected by the Israelite air

strikes, claimed they had found "evidence of the use of massive destruction weapons" illegal under the international laws, on the bodies of the deceased and the wounded.

The Director General of the Palestinian Ministry of Health, Yusef Abu Rish, urged U.N.O and the international community to create committee of experts to investigate this violation of international treaties and the Geneva Convention by Israel. At that time the Palestinian at the U.N.O. refugee's centers numbered 17 thousand.

INFANTICIDE CONTINUED

On July 17th an Israelite frigate attacked some children who were playing at a beach next to a hotel in Gaza where journalists covering

the conflict were staying. Four of the children were killed on the spot and some of the wounded took shelter in the resort. In all 3 more people were killed that day summing up 220.

On the next day, 10 days after the bombings from the air and from the sea, Israel launched its land operation. In those attacks three children belonging to the same family were killed in the center of the city of Gaza, while another got killed in a subsequent attack. By that time the number of people killed was 296 and the wounded numbered 2 300.

On the 18th and 19th of July the Israelite army completed a new bloody journey (13 days after the beginning of the Operation Protective Edge). A number of 106 Palestinian civilians (mainly women and children) were assassinated in 48 hours.

NIGHTMARE IN SHIJAIA

On Sunday July 20th the neighborhood of Shijaia as reduced to ashes after the Zionist offensive. In all 96 Palestinians were killed that day. Even the ambulances carrying the wounded were attacked. Besides the Press Office of the Israelite Government warned the war correspondents covering the Zionist military offensive, that the Israel Government was not responsible for their safety. On the next day Israel attacked the hospital of Deir-al-Balah killing four patients. By that moment Israel had taken 570 Palestinian lives and had left more than 3 200 more wounded.

ATTACKS ON REFUGEES

On July 2nd Israelite tanks opened fire against a U.N.O school in Al-Maghazi (center of Gaza) where thousands of Palestinians refugees took shelter. Miraculously no one was killed or hurt. Seven days after, on July 29th a Zionist drone (unmanned aerial vehicle) murdered 7 children who were playing at a refugee's center in Shati.

Another slaughtering of at least 16 people, took place on July 30th when two artillery shells fired from tanks hit the walls of a school used as shelter for the refugees from the Jabaliya Camp (north of the strip) under U.N.O administration. Pre-

viously during a meeting of the U.N Human Rights Council held in Geneva (Switzerland), the representatives of Venezuela, Bolivia and Cuba condemned the assassination of more than 600 civilians, among them 147 children by Israelite troops, actions they agreed to be terrorism.

By August 4th the first 72-hour truce was convened which was broken by Israel on the first hours in Rafah (south): two children and a nurse were killed on their way to a hospital, while a cannon shell shot against a building in Shati (west) killed three Palestines, among them an 8-year-old girl.

On the following day, The United Nations Fund (UNICEF) released a report revealing the magnitude of Tel Aviv's war crimes: at least 408 Palestinian children had died and 2 800 more had been wounded after 29 days of Israelite bombing on Gaza. Besides that U.N entity alerted that some 370 000 children needed urgent psychological assistance to help them overcome that traumatic experience.

PERMANENT TRUCE

On August 8th, after the end of the truce, Israel reassumed the air raids. In 18 they massacred another 141 Palestines. On August 26th, with Egypt as a mediator, Israel and Hamas agreed a permanent cease-fire.

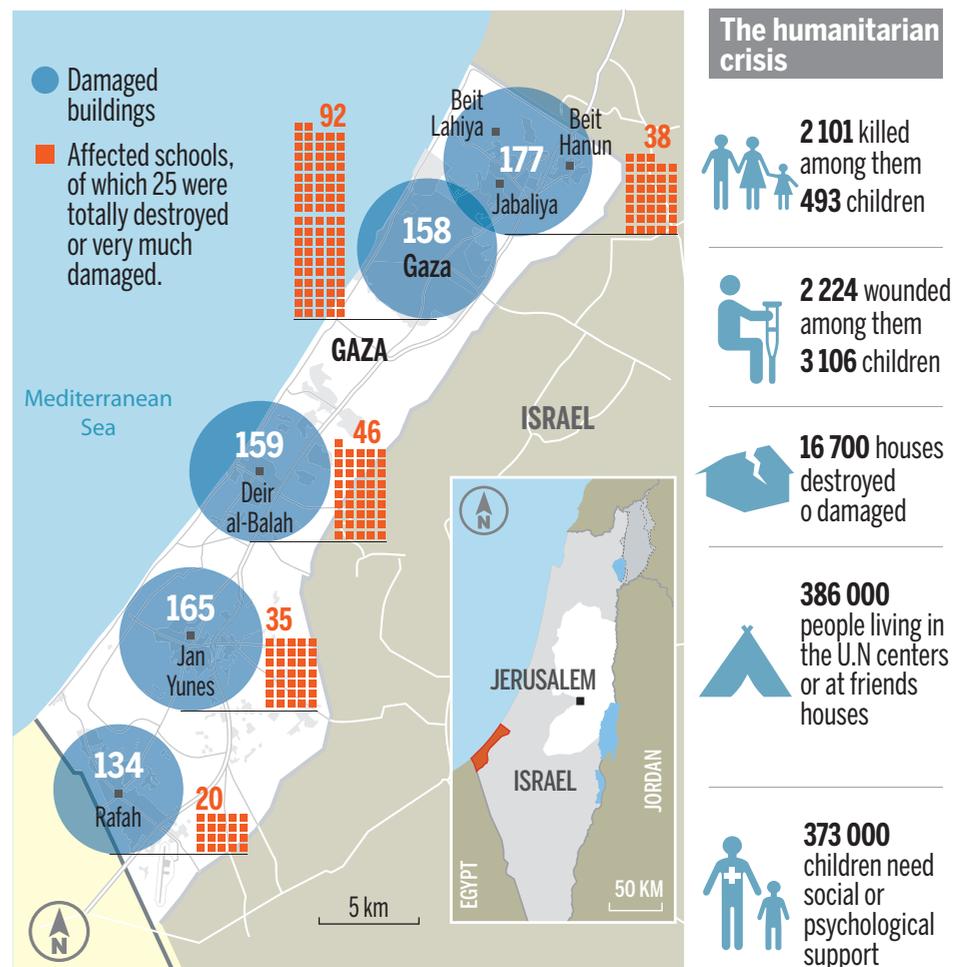
The balance of the 50 days the Operation Protective Edge lasted shows 2 101 Palestinians killed, among which there are 1 460 civilians, and at least 10 224 wounded.

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza includes 1000 children who are doomed to live with some kind of physical disability and at least 370 000 more who must receive psychological support to overcome the horror they lived. Moreover, nearly 500 000 people out of the one million eight hundred thousand who live on this coastal strip, lost absolutely all their belongings.

On September 26th, the date on which peace talks between Israel and Hamas are supposed to be reassumed, the world will know if the present peace Gaza is living, will be permanent.

Balance of damage and victims

From July 8th to August 26th



Valeria Cortés: a venezuelan on the front line

If we are to outstand someone amidst the Zionist massacre against Gaza, that is the Venezuelan pro-Palestine activist Valeria Cortés, who on her Twitter account @valeriacortesm kept us permanently informed (through pictures, anecdotes and videos) about the savage acts of Israel.

Cortés was one of the eight international activists – the group was integrated by citizens from the U.K, the USA, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and Sweden – who on July 14th in the geriatric hospital Al Wafa, located in the Gaza Strip, made up a human shield against the threats announced by Tel Aviv against that center.

Through a contact of Cortés with VTV, she denounced that the attacks of Israel against Gaza “are not war, but a massacre. Palestine is being invaded and occupied by the Zionist regime.

The Gaza Strip is under siege from the land, from the sea and from the air”

She also referred to the disadvantage of the Palestinian people to confront the overwhelming attack of the Zionist forces,

This situation has led the Palestinians to defend their land “with courage and strength since they do not even have an army.”

“It hurts to see the mass media referring to the victim and the executioners on the same terms as if the aggressor and the victim were the same; this is a massacre before the eyes of the world. Palestine is fighting using even their finger nails.”

She remarked that it's a problem of land, “imperialism and colonization, and what the government of Israel really wants is the land, and it counts on the support of the European powers and the main accomplice of the Zionists; The United States Government.”

Israel, a record of harrassment and death

IN ADDITION TO THE DEADLY ATTACKS OF THE ZIONIST ARMY, THERE ARE OTHER HARMFUL EFFECTS AS A RESULT OF A TOTAL ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF ISRAEL THAT PAYS ITS TOLL ON EVERYBODY'S LIVES.

LAILA TAJELDINE

The current situation of the Palestinians living in Gaza has been assessed as catastrophic. People live in poverty, neglect and unemployment. The restrictions on the free circulation of people and goods imposed by Israel since the year 2006 through a rigorous blockade provoked the deterioration of the living conditions of over 1.7 million Palestinians who live in Gaza.

The blockade has made it impossible to reconstruct and rehabilitate the affected areas. This situation adds to the constant bombings and operations of the Israelite army, which has resulted in the destruction of the Palestinians' infrastructures. On the other hand the Egyptian border has been closed since the year 2012, for this reason the Palestinians are literally enclosed within a territory of barely 362 km² what limits their chances of finding a safe place to hide.

Israel controls the Palestinian territory by land, sea and air. Palestine is at present a divided territory, against human reason, by walls that stretch to 600 km resulting in the expansion of Jewish colonization with the multiplication of settlements and the military occupation.

On the U.N report issued on October 13th under the name "The Palestinian Issue," we can read how unarmed Palestinian civilians have been the victims of an excessive use of force by the occupation force of Israel. In addition to that, the criminal Zionist State continues to increasing the illegal settlements on the West Bank, including West Jerusalem, and has giving green light to the construction of other thousands of houses as well as to the construction of the separation

wall against the mandate of the International Court of Justice. The building of that wall has brought about the confiscation of lands and the demolition of Palestinian properties as well as the displacement of Palestinian families.

The U.N. report describes how the situation in West Jerusalem continues to be alarming. The confiscation of houses and the eviction of Palestinians continue. On the other hand the acts of aggression and vandalism against sacred Catholic and Muslim places increased in the city. This year 563 546 new Israelite colonists occupy the West Bank and West Jerusalem.

Israel does not allow the free circulation of people and goods, so it hinders the economic activity the growth and sustained development. In addition to that it limits the external support if donor countries do not complies with their commitments.

The attacks and military raids continue in the West Bank which leaves dead and wounded people, including children. Between the months of January and October 2013 over 3000 military operations had been registered resulting in the detention of more than 3500 Palestinians, children and women among them who add up to the thousands of Palestinians who are in Israelite prisons widely known because of their illegal detention procedures and tortures.

The present sanguinary operation carried out by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people, coincided with the 10 years of the indictment by The Hague International Court of Justice about the wall in the West Bank. That precedent marked a sentence in which 14 out of the 15 magistrates agreed that the wall Israel is



The wall, a fence around the lives of the Palestinians.

building in the West Bank violates the international law and the principles stated on the U.N. Chart as it is being built on Palestinian territory. This wall affects directly hundreds of thousands Palestines and annexes illegally territories that were not granted by the 1949 Resolution. The International Court of Justice acknowledges that the wall is part of the colonization and illegal annexation and has urged Israel to cease the construction, to destroy the parts that have been built, and repair the damage that has been caused. This claim has been disregarded by the outlaw State of Israel.

MANDATE OF U.N.O. AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

The United Nations have enacted a number of resolutions that demand:

- The withdrawal of Israel, occupation power, from the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including West Jerusalem and other Arab territories
- Respect for the right of each state to live in peace within safe borders
- Recognition and exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people
- Accomplishment of the resolu-

tions of the Security Council 242 (1967) and 38 (1973)

In spite of all this, even when the international community demands the withdrawal of the Israelite occupant from Palestinian territory, new permits are being granted for the construction of settlements in the West Bank and West Jerusalem which surpassed the figure of 12 000 by the end of 2013.

WHAT NORMS DOES THE STATE OF ISRAEL VIOLATE?

Israel is failing to recognize the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination as well as the obligations established in the International Humanitarian Right, which includes: the obligation of not moving its population into occupied Palestinian territory, the abidance of Article 49 of the 1949 Geneva Convention pertaining the protection of civilian people in times of war, and putting an end to all settlements without previous conditions.

The recent ratification of Palestine to the Rome's Statutes evidences that the Court can take action against the occupying power, its war crimes and against human-kind.

In the construction of Israelite settlements in Palestinian territory,

the European Union participates cooperating in the construction of new dwellings, thus keeping a policy of double standard.

TODAY'S TRAGEDY

The exclusive control by Israel on all hydro resources either subterranean or on the surface implies another formula of domination and harassment.

- According to U.N.O. statistics, at present 1,2 million people do not have access to water or their access to fresh water and sanitary services is limited.

- 8% of the population has access to electricity only four hours a day due to malfunctioning which affects the power supply together with the shortening of fuel to feed the only power plant on the Gaza Strip.

- By the end of 2013, according to the Association of Civil Rights of Israel, 78% of the Palestinians living in West Jerusalem lived under the level of poverty including 85% of the children.

- 1/3 of the Palestinian lands in West Jerusalem have been confiscated and used to build houses for the colonists

- According to the Office of Humanitarian Affairs of the U.N.O, more than 11 000 Palestinians require permits to occupy their own houses after the construction of the wall that divides the West Bank.

- 150 Palestinian communities have their land on the other side of the wall which affects their economic activity.

- By the end of 2013 the occupying power carried out the demolition of 594 structures. This increase in demolitions surpasses those of the years 2011-2012.

- The access to fishing areas in banned for the Gaza population; the 10 000 people registered in the year 2000 has been reduced to 3500 and out of these 95% depends on international assistance.

- A million Palestinians living in the west bank have access to a maximum of 60 liters of water, much less than the 100 liters a day recommended by WHO (World Health Organization). 313 000 Palestinians are not connected to the water pipelines.



In 2009 Israel threw bombs of phosphor over the Population.

- At the same time the colonists consume six times more water than the Palestinians.

- By the end of 2013 the U.N.O pointed out that more than 90% of the water extracted was not suitable for human consumption, the present situation is not known.

- The Israelite occupying force carried out procedures that are incompatible with the Rights of the Children and Women. Children are detained in their homes, they are blindfolded and handcuffed. They are also tortured.

VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Other circumstances related to the military and police activities of Israel add to the daily drama previously described:

- Use of physical violence
- Threatening during questionings
- Unjustified attacks
- Forced confessions
- Extrajudicial murders
- Illegal imprisonment
- Not granting access to lawyers and relatives
- Impunity of their officials who have committed excess
- Territorial expansion
- Attacks and murdering of civilians, especially women and children
- Destruction of plantations and occupation of the land.

The last 10 years of attacks

2004

September 29th. The Operation Penitence Days is launched. The excus of Israel was the assassination of two Jewish children. The Operation resulted in 107 Palestinians killed and 430 wounded

October 24th. Attack of Israel on the camp of Khan Yunis results in 17 Palestinians killed.

2006

June 9th. A military offensive on the coast of Gaza provoked 15 people killed, mostly children.

June 28th. Israel launched its Operation Summer Rains with the excuse of liberation private Gilad Shalit, and kills 165 Palestinian civilians

July 26th. The Operation Samson's Columns leaves 22 people killed.

October 17th. An alledge attack on the tunnels results in 9 people killed

November. Israel launched the Operation Autumn Clouds leaving 50 people killed

2007

May 15th. Nine days of air raids leave 38 Palestinians killed and 157 wounded.

June 27th. Israel launches one of the deadliest attacks as a reprisal for the electoral victory of the Hamas Party. 13 Palestinians got killed and 40 other were wounded.

2008

An air raid causes the death of 20 Palestinians

February 27th – March 3rd. Operation Invierno Caliente leaves 120 Palestinians killed

April 16th -17th – Israelite armor cars attack the refugee camp of Al-Bureij. 20 Palestinians get killed, among them 5 children and a photographer of Reuters Press Agency.

2009

December 27th. to January 18th. Operation Molten Lead provokes one of the biggest slaughters ever with 1500 Palestinians killed and 5 000 wounded. The U.N.O denounced that war crimes were committed during the attack.

2012

March 9th. to March 14th. A series of attacks on Gaza put an end to the lives of 26 people. The militia from Gaza fired 220 rockets which left no people killed on the Israel side.

November 15th. Operación Pilar Defensivo provokes at least 150 people killed and 1 300 wounded in eight days.

2014

July 8th. to august 26th. Operation Protective Edge killed 2 101 people and left at least 10 224 wounded.

Hope in the midst of horror

TO ALAA NIJIM, CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES OF THE PALESTINIAN EMBASSY TO VENEZUELA, WE HAVE TO KEEP ON WORKING TO ACHIEVE PEACE SO THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE CAN HEAL THE WOUNDS OF ALL THESE YEARS OF ISRAELITE OCCUPATION / HINDU ANDERI

The hurt for 66 years of occupation, the absence and loss of many lives, seems to blend between dignity and hope. Utopia, as Eduardo Galeano said, helps to move on, and that is the way Palestinians assume it.

At least that is the way it is conveyed by Alaa Nijim, a young diplomat (31) Chargé d'affaires of the Palestinian Embassy in Caracas.

He is Palestinian; he was born in a refugee Camp in Syria, but with his heart close to his parents' land.

His testimony is that of a Palestinian from the Diaspora who is "privileged" as he said to have been able to set foot on the land of Palestine... "to eat fruit from the trees there, smell the soils... I felt I was in my country" that is the way he narrated it one day in the middle of a concert dedicated to the solidarity with Palestine.

—What is the different between the previous aggressions of the Zionist State of Israel and this new attack called Operation Protective Edge?

In fact there is not much difference. Palestine is doing its best to achieve peace. Oslo was a Palestinian initiative since 1991 in the peace negotiations with Israel (He refers to the Oslo Treaties in 1993 in which Yasser Arafat e Isaac Rabin reached an agreement that allowed Palestinians to create a self-government with some limitations what gave origin to the National Palestinian Authority.)

We have accomplished all the agreements and Israel has accomplished nothing.

Hijim recalled all the terrorist attacks Israel has launched against the Palestinian people and the expulsion of more than 50% of the population in 1948. He also mentioned the tragic situation of the Palestinians who has lived in refugees

camps in neighboring countries ever since.

To Palestine it is indispensable to count on a peace partner, but Israel has not precisely been willing to be it. We do not have an army to fight back the aggressions that is why our call is for peace. In the present Israelite government and the previous governments, we have not found a peace partner.

THEY ARE NOT ALL ENEMIES

Alaa Nijim acknowledges that within the Israelite regime there are sectors that oppose its policy towards Palestine.

We know of people in the Jewish community in Israel who oppose its policy. Eight thousand Jewish in Israel demonstrated in the streets marching against what that State and Government are doing. The Jewish community rallies in the streets saying that Israel does not represent the Jewish people that mean conscience is changing.

However, he also denounces the racism practiced by the Zionist State which keeps the population under an apartheid regime that from his point of view can be retaliated, among other actions, with a boycott.

—Through those actions we can exert some pressure to reach a peace agreement, because the government of Israel is strong due to the support it receives from the U.S. Government.

The words of Alaa Nijim constitute a lesson for those who see the Palestinians as blood-thirsty terrorists.

—Despite all the Israelite aggression, we do not abandon our humanity; we do not let hatred enter our hearts. In spite of the situation of the Palestines in the refugee camps, the lack of work, the condition of refugee in their own land as the people in



To Nijim, Israel has not been willing to be a partner in Peace to Palestine.

Gaza, because Gaza is a refugee camp itself. Gaza is an outdoor prison.

There are not right, nor access to food or education and medical services, all that because the occupation.

—Is Israel an allied of the United States or a U.S platform state in the Middle East?

—Zionism y a western project and the United States has interests in the area, that is why it has overlooked its own constitution which bans the sending of soldiers to fight with other armies, and in Israel there are U.S troops.

—What about Hamas?

- Hamas forms part of the social structure of Palestine. The firing of rockets is the answer to the slaughtering of the Palestinian people by Israel. It is the answer to the attacks and bombing against Gaza. Not a rocket has been fired from the West Bank, still Israel continues building settlements there where there are 700 000 colonists; however the firing of rockets is the excuse of Israel to launch these attacks.

What can you comment about the call made by an Israelite congresswoman about killing all Palestinian pregnant women?

To Israel killing a boy, a girl or a woman is the same, but killing 1 800 people now, is killing 100 000 families in 50 years' time. Israel wants to control the growth of the Palestinian population and the United States does nothing to prevent it,

Shedding some light on the world's confusion about what is actually

happening between Israel and the Palestinians, Alaa Nijim explained:

—Zionism has no religion. It is a racist ideology that seeks to destroy the Palestinian people. Is uses the Jewish religion to affect other religions. That is why we claim it is not a religious conflict. We protect the monotheistic religions. Before Israel we all lived in peace. Jewish, Christians and Muslims traded and shared the religious festivities of all. Everybody lived together in the Holy Land. They have wanted to turn this in a religious conflict to get the support of the Christian world, because Israel's diplomacy is based on lies.

Nijim acknowledges that besides, the conditions may change due to the fact that now information about the genocide in Palestine circulates more freely.

—Thanks to the social networks the world now knows what is happening in Palestine. Thanks to President Hugo Chávez who broke the silence and the taboo that meant talking about Palestine. Now all Latin America is denouncing thanks to President Nicolás Maduro who raised his voice and called for a campaign to collect humanitarian support for the Palestinian cause. Thanks to the people and the organizations. Palestine and Venezuela are only one heart.

Finally, he expressed his absolute conviction of continuing the efforts to achieve peace.

We will keep our struggle to obtain freedom, and we hope to get Israel to be a partner for peace to cure these 66 years of suffering.

Who commands who?

THE UNITED STATES WHICH PRETEND TO BE THE ADVOCATE OF FREEDOM, ASSUMES AS HIS OWN THE ARGUMENT OF LEGITIMATE DEFENSE AND IGNORE THE MASSACRE AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS, TURNING THE BACK ON THE WORLD

ALBERTO COVA

The relations between the United States and Israel pose a paradox which is hard to understand: How can a small country with hardly 7 million inhabitants determine the foreign policy of the North American imperial power? Against any geopolitical logic, in the bilateral agreements Israel's interests usually prevail over the North American's. This situation turns intolerable at moments like this when the atrocities of the Israelite war machine – which attacks schools and hospitals and murder Palestinian children before everybody's eyes – cannot be ignored due to the wide broadcasting of the testimonies on the Internet. Such evidence is ignored by Washington which assumes a tooth-and nail defense of Benjamin Netanyahu's regime and accept as his own Israel's argument of legitimate defense to justify the ethnic cleanse that the Jewish State pretends to carry out in Palestinian territory.

It is obvious that this time the little and witty David put giant Goliath at his service. In the last 40 years Israel has received from the United States over 100.000 million dollars. It is the only case in history in which a little nation gets tribute from the dominant empire. 3.000 million dollars are sent to Israel from the United States every year which, besides, supplies its ally the latest and most sophisticated armament what makes of Israel a regional power. Another example are Israelite immigrants and export products which have Carte Blanche in the United States. The U.S Government offers Israel support in case of war and a certain veto in the Security Council to any Resolution that affects the interests of Israel. How come David tamed Goliath?

"The explanation to this paradox lies in the powerful and influential role of the pro Israelites in strategic sectors of the U.S. economy, political parties, The Congress, and the Executive Power," affirms James

Petras, American sociologist, author of a book about this unusual relation between the two states.

"The power of Israel manifests in the numerous yearly pilgrimages that important North American politician make to Israel to plead their loyalty to the State of Israel, even during periods of intensive repression. At U.N.O voting, even in the Security Council, in spite of the overwhelming evidence of violation of human rights put forwards by the European Union allies, Washington has worked hard at the service of its hegemony. Sacrificing its own international credibility and putting a distance between other 150 nations, Washington considered criticism to Israel's racism as anti-Semitism," says Petras.

Since 1973 up to now, the United States have vetoed 41 Security Council's Resolutions that contained criticism or admonishments to Israel. An example of this is the Resolution of March 5th 1976 passed by 14 out of the 15 country member states of the Council which condemned Israel for modifying the status of Jerusalem as an international city.

The Jewish Diaspora is the basis of the Israelite power in the United States, as stated by James Petras. It is about well organized networks in the economic and political spheres which have access to the centers of power and propaganda in the imperial power. "These internal colonialists" operate as opinion makers at universities and in the main stream media, have free way in the Congress and the Presidency.

The internal debate about the Middle East in the United states is shaped by these networks that persistently repeat on the media that the repression of the Palestines is a justified answer to the Holocaust. The argument of anti-Semitism – absurd and old statement because it is based on a supposed discrimination against the Semite race – is used to attack all who criticize the systematic and daily



Benjamin Netanyahu and Barack Obama, unconditional.

violence of Israel against the Palestinians.

Beyond the Transference of money and resources, the American society must pay a higher price for its special relation with Israel: the paranoia of a people who lives surrounded by supposed enemies has been transplanted in the United States' territory, that is why all Arabs are suspects in the Unites States, that is why they have established a summary justice and secret military tribunals in a country that pretends to be an example of democracy and legality.

ISRAEL IS AN UNSINKABLE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER

The paradox of the small country that submits the big one dissolves when you take into consideration an opinion different from that of the absolute power of the Israelite lobby in the United States as the one that conditions the relations between the two countries. According to this hypothesis the supply of money and weapons is the price Washington pays Israel for keeping a powerful guardian in the Middle East who watches over the United States' interests in the most explosive region of the planet.

Keeping on the line the Arab countries and guaranteeing the oil supply is the task the United States have given Israel in the Middle East, which in this way becomes the keeper of the United States' geostrategic interests without this country putting its own soldiers at risk.

Israel is the largest U.S. Aircraft carrier in the world, said once Alexander Haig, former U.S Secretary of State, who also said that it was an Aircraft-carrier that could not be sunk and had no American soldiers on it. Following this idea it is erroneous it tag Israel as the meanest country in the world, because this idea covers the true culprit of the atrocities in the Middle East, the United States government.

That is why we should not be surprised to hear Barack Obama call the Palestinians who are defending their territory terrorists and affirm his support to the genocide regime of Netanyahu. I reassure my absolute support to the right Israel has to defend itself. No country should accept rockets fired beyond its borders or terrorists entering its territory through tunnels, said the North American mandatary.

GAZA UNDER SIEGE

The Israelite military operation called Operation Protective Edge began on July 1st of land bordering Israel to the southeast and the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, to the Northeast. It shares 51 km of borders with Israel and 11 with Egypt.



The approximate distance between Venezuela en the Gaza Strip is 10 729 km. A plane would cover that distance in 13 hours and 20 minutes.

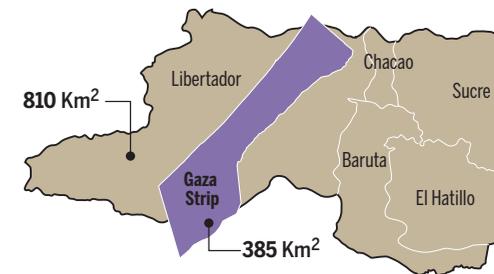
Population of Gaza

Population density per square kilometer

- City of Gaza: 6 708
- North of Gaza: 4 430
- Deir Al Balah: 3 543
- Rafah: 2 709
- Khan Yunis: 2 509

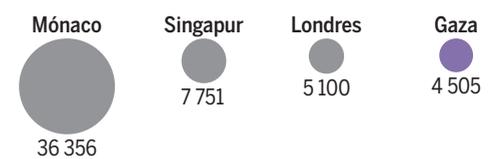


Size of Gaza as compared to Caracas



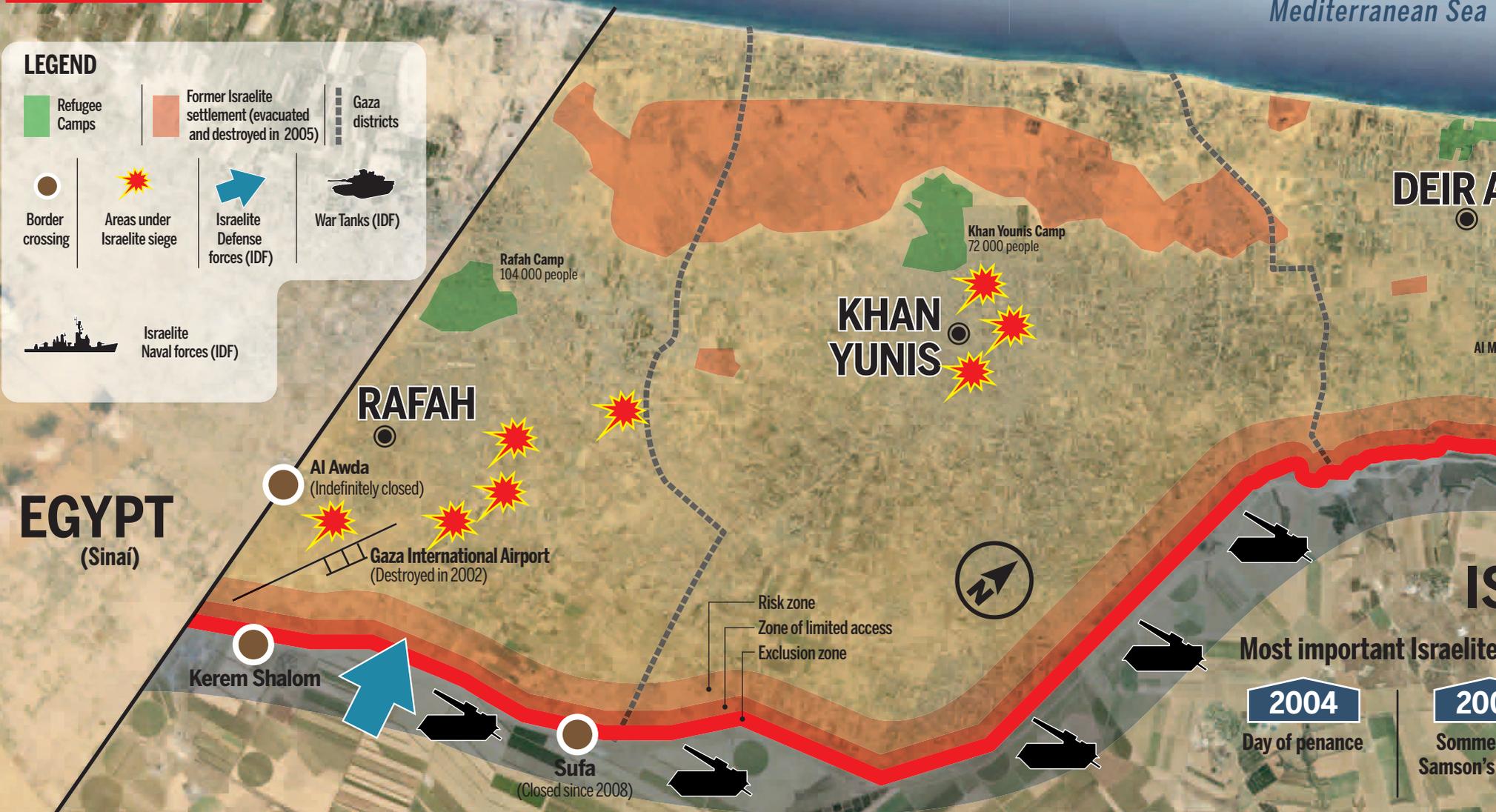
Comparative population density

People per square kilometer



LEGEND

- Refugee Camps
- Former Israelite settlement (evacuated and destroyed in 2005)
- Gaza districts
- Border crossing
- Areas under Israelite siege
- Israelite Defense forces (IDF)
- War Tanks (IDF)
- Israelite Naval forces (IDF)



Chronology of the conflict



94% of the historical Palestine before the division.



The U.N.O passes the plan of division of Palestine.



The State of Israel is proclaimed.



1949-1967

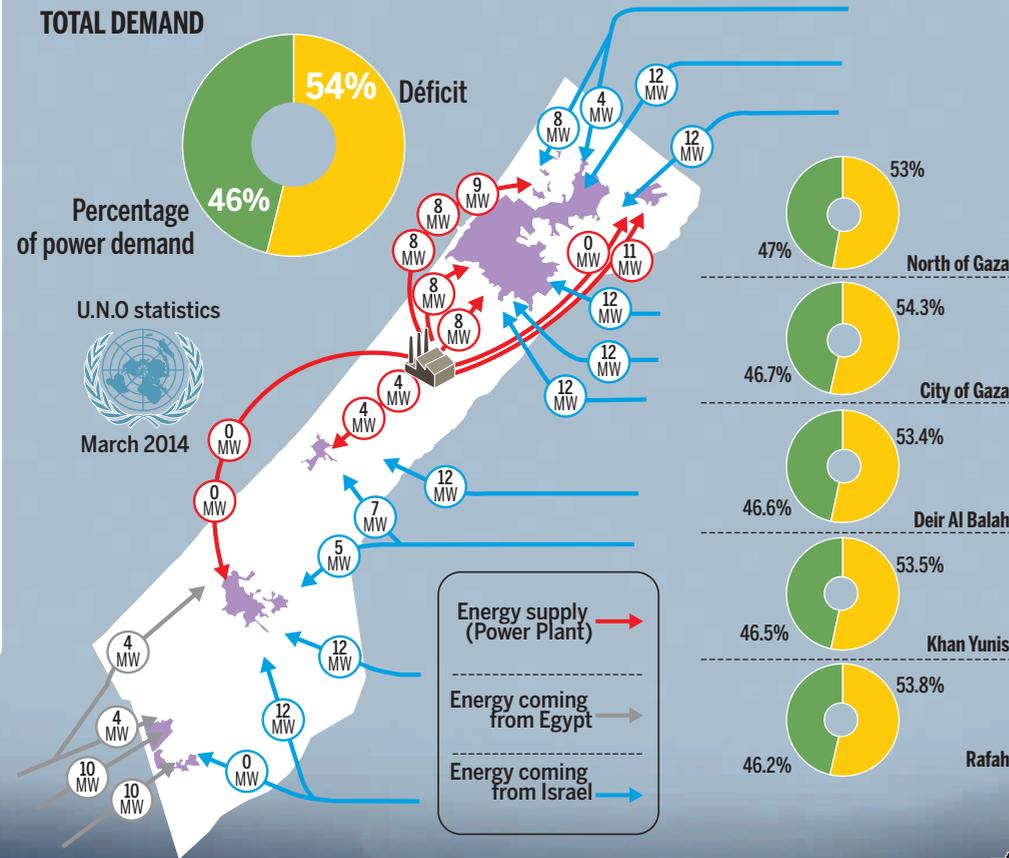
Armistice after the 1948 war. Israel occupies more Palestinian territory.



Resolution 242 of the Security Council demands the withdrawal of Israel from the occupied territories to solve the problem of the Palestinian refugees.

Shortage of electricity

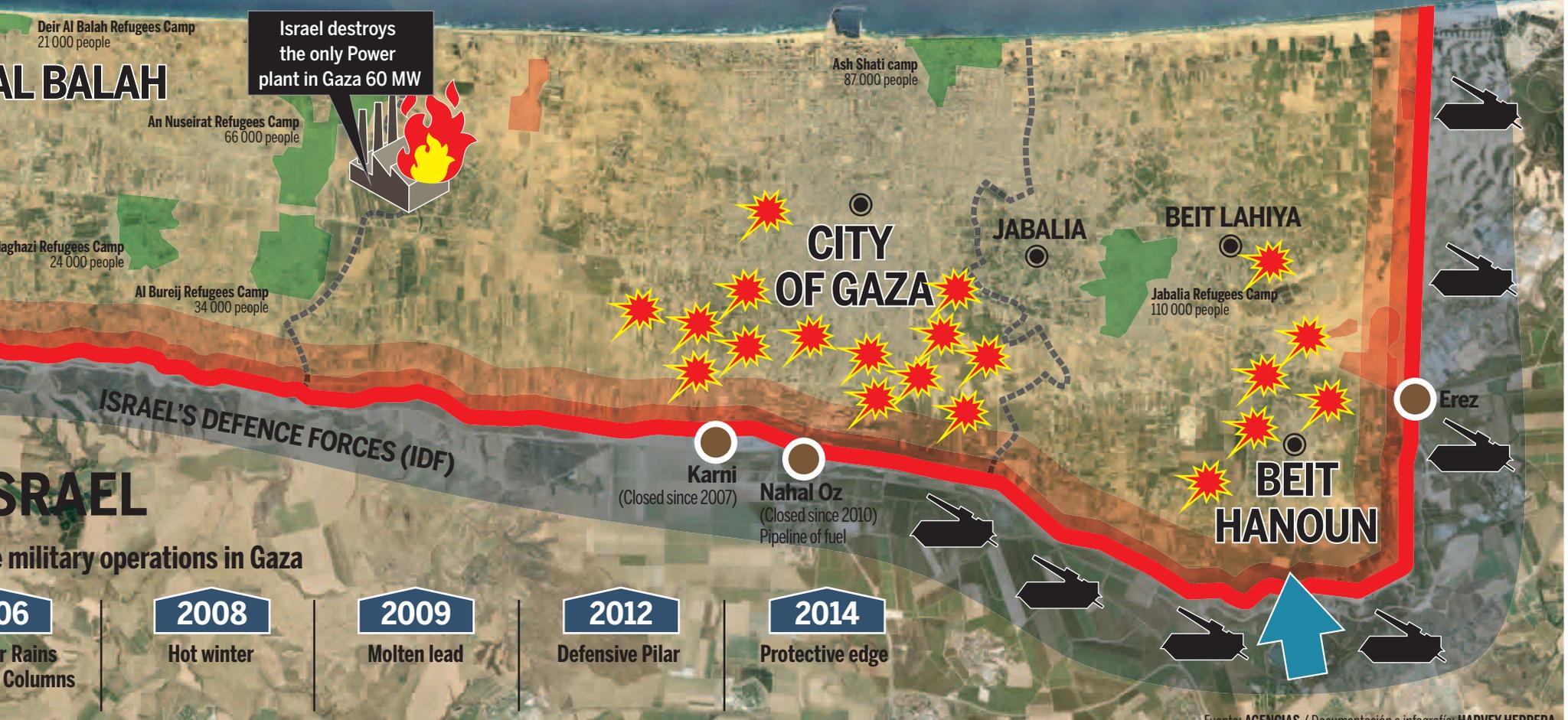
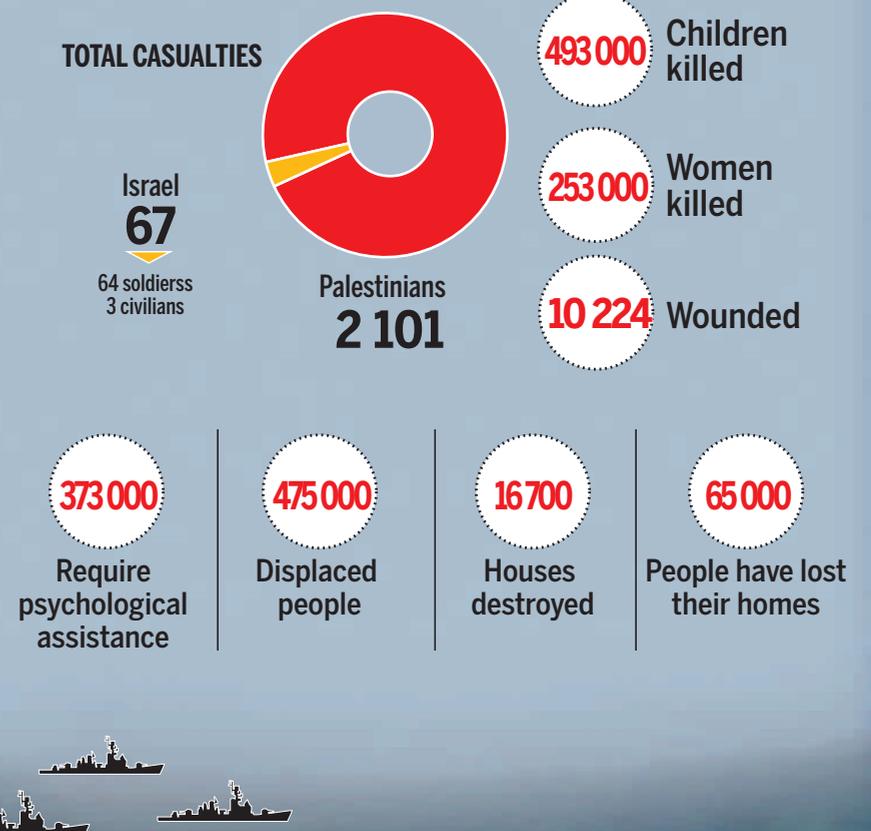
The only electric power plant in the Gaza strip which supplied about 30% of electricity stopped running after being attacked by Israelite tanks.



Deseased children

The number surpasses all de children killed in all the previous military operations that Israel has carried out in Gaza.

U.N.O. statistics (OCHA) - August 2014



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1973
Syria and Egypt attack Israel to recover the occupied territory, but the Hebrew State repels the attack



1978
Israel and Egypt sign the Peace Treaty that would make possible the withdrawal on Israel from the Sinai Peninsula.



2000
The leader of the Israelite right wing visits the Temple Mount. The second Intifada arises. The first one began in 1987 and lasted until 1993.



2008
The Operation Molten lead launched by Israel on the Gaza Strip provoked the suspension of the peace talks with the Palestinians and Syria.



2010
Israel and Palestine resume the peace talks, but they are suspended due to discrepancies on the subject of the colonies in Palestinian territory.

Maduro: Israel is and occupying power in Gaza

THE CRIMINAL OFFENSIVE OF ISRAEL AGAINST GAZA HAS GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW VENEZUELA'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE / **ALBERTO COVA.**

The political stand and the historic solidarity of Venezuela with Palestine has been stressed during the present episode of fascist violence provoked by the Israelite military force in the Gaza Strip; the words of President Maduro has left no doubt to express Venezuela's rejection to the aggression to the Palestinian people.

Venezuela cannot be indifferent before this tragedy, which is why it has resolutely condemned the massacre of Israel in Palestine through the voice of its president.

"There is no war between Israel and Palestine, Israel, admitted by the U.N, is an occupying power that has been systematically evicting the Palestines from their territory and has launched an extermination war to draw People in Gaza from their land," said the President.

Nicolás Maduro compared the Israelite President, Benjamin Netanyahu, to "a modern Herodes" and accused him of wanting to eliminate Palestinian children in order to exterminate that people.

"They do it to exterminate the Palestinian people. Behind that Israel's racist project, that has taken the Jewish religion as a justification, lies the power of powers, and if the Palestinian people were exterminated, they would come after the rest of the Arabs and would try to blackmail and impose governments in all latitudes, said President Maduro on commenting the photographs taken in Gaza that show Palestinian children torn apart by Israelite bombs.

"That is why we want to make this call, on this occasion, to all the Jews in the world, especially to our own brothers and sisters of Jewish

origin, here in Venezuela, who we respect and appreciate: only you can stop the massacre against the Palestinian people, which has no justification" stated the President appealing to the Venezuelans who profess Judaism, but do not agree with the atrocities of the Tel Aviv regime.

President Maduro also urged the Arabs to do more for the Palestinian cause."Our second call is to the Arab peoples to be aware of this, to the governments in the Arabic world to be aware of this, Palestine deserves more than what has been done for them so far"

The Venezuelan Chief of State alerted that the greed for power behind Israel goes beyond Palestine. "If they managed to eliminate the Palestinians, they would come after the rest of the Arab peoples."

We exhort everybody to increase solidarity with the Palestinian people and not to accept any kind of blackmailing from Israel.

The mandatary stated that Israel in governed by economic interests that seek to eliminate the Palestinian people to expand through the Middle East and the rest of the world.

SHELTER FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN

On August 1st, when the bombing on the Gaza Strip increased, president Maduro made a call for active solidarity and summoned a rally in Caracas to protest against the Zionist aggression.

We summon the Venezuelan people, the Arab community, to the rest of the international communities in Venezuela, to a big rally of love, of solidarity with the Palestinian people, to denounce the massacre and the genocide of



Chancellor Maliki was welcomed by President Maduro.

Israel against the Palestinian people."

The President also urged the Venezuelan Jewish to mobilize against the massacre in Gaza "I make a humanist call to the Jewish people who live in Venezuela, to the people in Israel to stop the massacre. It is time to stop the killing of innocent children."

President Maduro announced that his government will built a shelter in Venezuela to receive some of the Palestinian children who have been wounded or who have lost both their parents in the massacre.

"I have decided to build a shelter by the name of 'Hugo Chávez' to bring children who have been wounded in this war, and for those children who have lost their mother or their father and now are orphans.

This facility will show once more the love of Venezuela for the Palestinian people, conditions were created in a short term, and it is now ready to receive children from Gaza. The house was fitted in an area of Maracay by the Government of the Aragua State."

VISIT OF THE PALESTINIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

In the midst of the Israelite offensive against Gaza, the Palestinian Chancellor, Ryad Al Maliki, traveled to Caracas to see over the humanitarian, political and diplomatic assistance plans, along with the Venezuelan government.

On August 13th Maliki was received by president Maduro at Miraflores Palace, the House of Government.

At the end of the conversations, the President told the Press about the conversations held with the Palestinian chancellor. We have ratified all the lines of economic, political and energetic cooperation" Venezuela embraces them with love and solidarity. You can always count on the loving heart of the people of Bolívar and Chávez. The message we send to the children, mothers and families who are suffering the blows of war, is love."

In this sense, he called all the people in the world to increase with courage solidarity towards Palesti-



People in Caracas overflowed the street in support to the Palestinian people.

ne and not to yield to the blackmail that the economic, mediatic and the biggest military industry that governs Israel might exert.

“It is not a religious war, it is not even a war, it is a military aggression. There is no excuse to justify this,” said Maduro.

The mandatory and chancellor Malaki analyzed future action of support to Palestine. “We were reviewing all the information about the process that has led to intermittent truce in the aggression to the Palestinian people and the solidarity of the Venezuela, the Caribbean and the Latin American people as well as the next steps we are taking to support the Palestinian cause, which is the cause of humanity. We vindicate the Palestinian cause from our souls and hearts. It is the most just human cause. It is doing with racism, discrimination and death. It is a cause against this

unjust war that attacks children because they do not want the future of the Palestinian people to bloom.”

The President also offered cooperation in the reconstruction of the areas in Gaza that were devastated by the bombings. “We are going to summon the Arab community in Venezuela to elaborate a plan of action for the reconstruction of Palestine once the military aggression finishes.”

The Chancellor of Palestine thanked the government of Nicolás Maduro for its support. “Venezuela has proved to be a true friend of friend, a true sister of the Palestinian people.”

“I want to thank you all for the support, the solidarity you have expressed during this aggression of Israel against the Gaza Strip, but I also hope you keep on doing it because the aggression is not over.

It is going to continue in different places of Palestine.”

Malaki also expressed his gratitude for the sending of the first 12 tones of humanitarian support collected by the Venezuelan Foreign Office and sent to Palestine on a Venezuelan military plane via Egypt.

VENEZUELAN CHANCELLOR IN EGYPT AND TEHERAN

On August 1st as part of the actions of solidarity with Palestine, President Maduro sent Chancellor Elias Jaua to Teheran to attend a meeting of the chancellors of the Palestinian Committee of the Non-Aligned Movement.

At the meeting the Venezuelan Foreign Minister reaffirmed the consequent stand of Venezuela concerning the Palestine cause and its people and condemned in strong terms the illegal occupation of

Palestine by Israel.

Jaua addressed more than 30 chancellors who gathered in the capital of Iran to see about the concrete actions to be taken in favor of the State of Palestine.

“Beyond the present situation, Palestine claims for concrete actions to strengthen its State and the functioning of its society.

The Palestinian subject is a first priority for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that is why on December 2012 both countries held the Joint Commission in a historical context for the struggle of the Palestinian people when the United Nations Organization admitted Palestine as an Observer Member.”

“It is worth to outstand among the concrete initiatives that the Venezuelan and the Palestinian governments have agreed and are looking

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forwards to the supplying of 240 000 barrels of diesel from Venezuela to Palestine every three months; the construction of an Ophthalmological Health Center in Ramallah, and the training of 50 Palestinian students every year as Comprehensive Communitarian Doctors at Venezuelan institutes, among other actions carried out by president Chávez and continued by president Maduro.”

“We, the members of the Non-Aligned Movement, and de international community in general should not remain passive before the aggressions the Palestinian people are suffering at present. The movement must demand that the mandate of the U.N Council of Human Rights concerning a thorough investigation about the crimes and violations of human right in the Gaza Strip is enforced.”

After participating in the Non-aligned Movement in Teheran, the Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Egypt to coordinate the support offered by the government of Venezuela to the people of Palestine. Jaua regarded as invaluable the actions taken by the government of Egypt achieve the end of the Israeli military attacks on the Gaza Strip.

“The efforts of the Egyptian government are invaluable; on the first hand, from the point of view of the humanitarian protection of the Palestine people, and on the second hand the political and diplomatic effort it has deployed and is still deploying which has contributed to this 72- hour truce,” the Venezuelan chancellor said.

Jaua assured that Venezuela joins this effort to achieve peace for all the Palestinians in Gaza. In referring to the house of shelter for Palestinian children that Venezuela is opening, Jaua said it will be a temporary shelter. We hope these children can return to a free and independent Palestine,” said the chancellor.

Jaua visited the survivals of the violence in Gaza who are in the Nasser hospital in Cairo. There he said that the Government “has left a testimony of love from the noble people of Venezuela before the wounds of Gaza. You can see



Chancellor Jaua visited the wounded in an Egyptian hospital.



The plane carried the humanitarian assistance from the Venezuelans.

suffering in them, but also dignity, there is more.”

“A Palestinian convalescent old man said to me: ‘You, the Venezuelan, are the best people,’” said Jaua and at the same time stressed that the face of a wounded Palestinian

child lit up when he told him he was coming from Venezuela.” I know who Chávez is” said the little child when he remembered that the Commander always defended the right of the Palestinians to have their own country.

The Chancellor said that the mission that led him to that Arab country is part of the tasks president Maduro entrusted him.

He added that his Visit to Cairo will be an opportunity to renew the relations between Venezuela and Egypt. “We have held an extraordinary bilateral meeting with the chancellor of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Sameh Shoukry with whom we have discussed an agenda for the renewal of our relations as agreed by presidents Maduro and Al-Sisi.”

He said they are looking forwards to a joint meeting in October where both countries will assess the cooperation in the fields of energy, agriculture, tourism, cultural exchange and education.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

On Monday, August 13th a Venezuelan Military plane with a Cargo of 12 tonnes of goods as part of the humanitarian support from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America to the Palestinian people landed at the military base of Ismaeliya in Egypt.

Chancellor Elias Jaua let this known on his twitter account @JauaMiranda on which he also congratulated the crew that flew that humanitarian cargo: “Congratulations to Commander Justi and his crew. The plane with the humanitarian support for Gaza landed in Egypt Long live the Venezuelan solidarity”, he wrote.

The plane took off from the “Simón Bolívar International Airport in Maiquetía last August 12th and made stopovers in Brazil, Senegal .Algeria and Malta.

On the next day the delivery of the Cargo was arranged with the Palestinian Red Half-moon through the border pass of Rafah to the Gaza Strip.

On the C130 plane of the Bolivarian Military Air Force there were Medicines, Medical surgical supplies, fresh water, food, clothes, blankets, pillows, large tents, battery flashlights, mattresses, among other items

The Government has plans for a second shipment as a token of our solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Chávez: Palestine will live and prevail

PRESIDENT CHÁVEZ ALWAYS DEFENDED THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THEIR RIGHT TO A FREE STATE, AND ALERTED THE WORLD ON EACH ATTACK OF ISRAEL, TODAY, PRESIDENT MADURO CONTINUES HIS HUMANITARIAN LEGACY
YULEIDYS HERNÁNDEZ TOLEDO

His struggle for equality, justice and the welfare of the people was not limited only to Venezuela, but it transcended to countries all over the world. The supreme Commander Hugo Chávez Frías, always defending the poor and the oppressed, raised his voice in a number of occasions to alert the world and condemn the crimes of Israel against the Palestinian people.

“This morning Israel bombed Gaza again not listening to the U.N. resolutions and five children and two women were killed: irresponsibility keeps on being the norm of the State of Israel which does not abide by the U.N.O’s mandate. For Israel there is no U.N.O, nor international rights. Nobody is liable for those murders. They simply say that it was legitimate defense, that their artillery is striking the places from where they think rockets are being fired, and so on.”

Seeing the recent happenings in Palestine, it seems as if the Eternal Commander Hugo Chávez had pronounced those words a few days ago, but the truth is that he did it on November 8th 2006 from Miraflores when he denounced the massacre the Israelite government was, once again, perpetrating against the Palestinian people.

On June that year Palestine was victim of the Operation Summer Rain which consisted in an Israelite military operation in the Gaza Strip and the bombing of the region which left hundreds of Palestinians killed.

A NEW CONDEMN

On January 5th 2009, Chávez condemned a new massacre against the Palestinian people after Israel intensified the aggression

when they launched the Operation Molten Lead on December 27th, 2008 an attack that lasted 25 days consisting in bombing and ground operations of the Israelite Government against Palestine which left about 1300 Palestinians killed and the destruction of thousands of buildings.

“A true massacre, bombing every fifteen minutes, now the ground operation in the Gaza Strip, and that is encouraged and supported by the Government of the United States,” he pointed out.

From the “Teresa Carreño Theater” the leader of the Bolivarian Revolution urged everybody to raise their voices for Palestine. “The world should stand up, the United Nations; the governments of this continent, of Europe, of the Middle East, Arabia, the Arab World, Persia, the big countries of the world should all raise our voices and demand, as Venezuela demands through our voice, and our morality the end of the invasion on Gaza and the murder of thousand innocents.”

A STRATEGY OF THE EMPIRE

A strategist and a history lover, on that January 5th 2009, Chávez explained the Venezuelans the benefits that the death of Yasser Arafat on November 2004 gave Israel and the United States. Arafat was the President of the National Palestinian Authority since 1994 until his death as well as president of the Organization for the Liberation of Palestine (OLP) and leader of the Fatah Political Party. In 1994 he also received the Nobel Prize of Peace for his endeavor to achieve peace in the Middle East.

“I have no doubt, I have proved, but still I have no doubt, that our



brother Yasser Arafat was murdered, poisoned, he was killed and that was a plan elaborated by the CIA and the Mossad, he was the first step to weaken what has already been conformed,” expressed Chávez in a statement compiled by the Ministry of the People’s Power for Communication and Information.

He added that “when they killed Yasser Arafat, the strategist of the imperialism knew, know what was coming: the division of the Palestinian movement (...) they knew that afterwards a man without any leadership would come (Rawhi Fattouh). They also knew that would produce a division, they knew that the Palestinian people would elect- as they did- the Hamas Movement for the Government in free elections. As they accuse

Hamas of terrorists, they said: we do not accept a terrorist government, and that was the excuse to invade, to kill, to murder, and now to bomb and destroy.”

On that occasion Commander Chávez said that Israel has ended up being, that’s how I see it, the assassin arm of the North American empire.”

A day after this statement, President Chávez sent the Israelite ambassador in Venezuela back home, in this way he expressed his rejection to the attacks of that government against Palestine.

TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

On January 6th 2009, President Hugo Chávez said that the presi-

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Arafat and Chávez during a meeting in Cuba in the year 2000.

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dent of Israel should be taken before the International Court of Justice, together with the president of the United States, if there were some shame in this world.”

On that opportunity he denounced the blockade Israel kept on Palestine what prevented the humanitarian support to enter in that nation.

“We are trying to create an air bridge, because they even prohibit the access of the Red Cross, see how far brutality can reach!, they prohibit the entrance of water, they have surrounded the Gaza Strip,” he said that day.

JEW'S REFLECT!

Chávez also made a call to the Jewish people to reflect on the crimes committed by the Israelite government.

“I appeal to the people in Israel (...) to put their hand on the heart, to see their own children; and, well I modestly ask the world to put an end to this madness,” he stated on January 6th during a visit to the “Dr. Gilberto Rodríguez Ochoa” Latin American Children’s Heart Hospital. Afterwards he added “Now, I wish the Venezuelan Jewish Community would stand up against

these atrocities, I urge them to do it. You do not express a heartfelt rejection, well to all acts of persecution, the Jewish do not condemn the Holocaust and, what are we witnessing? Do it! Put your hand on the heart, be just. Let us be just.”

THE REVOLUTION WITH PALESTINE

“The Bolivarian Revolution stood by the Palestinian people since the very first day. We have stood by the Palestinian people all our lives. By their historical struggle against the Yankee imperialism, we have stood against their acolytes, against the Genocide State of Israel that abuse, that kills, that intends to eliminate the Palestinian people. All who fight for justice in this world add our voices to that of the Palestinian people.”

Those were the words of President Chávez when on November 27th, 2009, he welcomed Mahmud Abbas, President of Palestine. From the Palace of Miraflores, Chávez reaffirmed once more his solidarity with the Palestine struggle.

A LETTER TO BAN KI – MOON

The support of president Chávez to the Palestinian people even reached the United Nations Organization (U.N.O). On September 20th,

2011, the Secretary General, Ban Ki. Moon received a letter from Chávez delivered by the former Chancero Nicolás Maduro. In that letter the by that time President of the Republic reaffirmed his support and recognition of the Palestinian State, he also defended the right of Palestine to become a free, sovereign and independent state.” It is an act of historical justice to a people that has always carried within all the pain and suffering of this world,” he states in that letter.

He added “How right is the great Spanish writer Juan Goytisolo when he clearly states: The biblical promise of the land of Judea and Samaria to the tribes of Israel is not a property contract registered before a lawyer that authorizes to evict from their land the ones who were born and live in it. That is why the solution to the conflict in the Middle East must begin by giving the Palestinian people the justice they deserve; that is the only road to peace.”

IT IS NOT A RELIGIOUS CONFLICT. IT IS POLITICAL

In the letter sent to the Secretary General of the U.N.O, President Chávez emphasized that the conflict between Israel and Palestine is not religious, but political.

Despite what Israel and the United States intend to make the world believe through the transnational of communication, what happened and is still happening in Palestine, as Said (Edward) says. Is not a religious conflict: it is a political conflict with a colonial and imperialist imprint; it is not a millenary conflict, but contemporary; it is not a conflict that was not born in the Middle East, but in Europe,” said Chávez in his letter.

Chávez wonders; what used to be and what still is the gist of the conflict? and he immediately provides an answer “the considerations and discussion about Israel’s national security is privileged, but not Palestine’s

On that line of thought the leader of the Bolivarian Revolution continued, “ Palestine’s national security cannot be reduced to the simple acceptance of a limited self-government and self- police control in their areas on the eastern bank of the Jordan river and in the Gaza Strip, leaving out not only the creation of a Palestinian State on the border that existed before 1967, and with West Jerusalem as its capital, the rights of their citizens, and its self-determination as a people, but also the compensation and eventual return of the Palestinian population that is now scattered around the world to their country, as established by Resolution 194.”

Chávez ended his message by saying “Palestine will live and prevail! Long live a free, sovereign and independent Palestine!”

TO SUPPORT PALESTINE IS TO SUPPORT THE HUMANKIND

Less than a month after his letter, the then President of the Republic held a meeting with the President of that nation, Mahmud Abás in Venezuela on October 11th 2011 at the Miraflores Palace.

In that meeting he claimed that Palestine “is a State, it has a territory, it has a history, it has a people, it has laws and its own and legitimate government. What else, what else does it take to accept it as a legitimate state? So it is then a just cause. I urge all the Venezuelan people regardless their political preference, we must all support this

cause, supporting the cause of the Palestinian people is supporting the cause of the humankind, the cause of justice and peace.”

AGGRESSIONS MUST STOP

On November 15th on a National Television Network, he again criticized the bombing on the Gaza Strip that had taken place a few days before.

“Savages! Savages! The State of Israel bombing The Gaza Strip again,” he said.

That month the President of Palestine, Mahmud Abás was supposed to request the membership of Palestine to the United Nations as a member without the right to vote victory achieved 14 days after, when that country was accepted in that organization as an observer State thanks to the support of the overwhelming majority of the countries which, of course, did not include the United States and Israel which opposed.

On November 15th, Chávez called for the no aggression to Palestine. “We want a world of peace. Let the aggressions against Syria, Palestine and against the peoples of the world stop. Let everybody mind his on affairs,” he said.

STOP THE MASSACRE IN GAZA

A number of countries of the world reject and demand the end of the massacre the Government of Israel is carrying out in Palestine especially after July 7th when the Jewish State launched its Operation Protective Edge which up to August 5th had so far caused the death of more than 1 965 Palestines, 9 500 wounded and the displacement of 845 000 people most of whom will not be able to return to their places of origin according to the United Nations Organization Office for the Coordination of humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Among the peoples that have raised their voices against the military aggression of Israel, an ally of the United States against the Palestinian people are Venezuela, Ecuador, Cuba, Brazil, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Germany, Italy, Greece, France among others.

Venezuela has manifested its support to the Palestinian people in a number of ways during these



Mahmud Abas is welcomed by President Nicolás Maduro in Caracas.

days. An example of this is the big demonstration held in different states of the country on August 2nd to condemn the massacre against that country.

Four days before, on July 29th the presidents of the States members of Mercosur (Common Market of the South) at the end of the XLVI Presidential Summit of that organization held in Caracas issued a statement undersigned by the President of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro; Argentina, Cristina Fernández; Uruguay, José Mujica; and Brazil, Dilma Rousseff where they strongly

condemned the irrational use of force by Israel in the Gaza Strip which affects mainly civilians especially women and children.

Last July 1st, the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, announced the creation of a house shelter by the name of Hugo Chávez which will receive Palestinian children who have been wounded or are orphans as a consequence of the bombings on that Arab country by the Israelite army.

During a meeting of the countries that belong to the Non-Aligned Movement held in Teheran that very day, the Chancellor of Vene-

zuela, Elias Jaua proposed to demand the Security Council of the United Nations to issue an urgent Resolution to attain a truce and the lifting of the blockade on the Gaza.

Last Tuesday August 12th, Venezuela sent to Egypt a plane loaded with humanitarian support for the Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip.

CONDEMN AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Among the condemns to Israel for its military operations against Palestine are those of the U.N.O and the Non-Aligned countries.

Last July 3rd, the U.N Human Rights Council passed a Resolution that supports the international protection of Palestine and the beginning of an investigation about the Israelite aggression to the Gaza Strip. The document, discussed during an extraordinary meeting of that organism had the approval of 9 out of the 45 members states and the rejection of the united States while other 17 member states abstained as published by Prensa Latina (Latin Press) on that occasion. A day after the Non-Aligned Movement at UNESCO also condemned the military aggression carried out by Israel.



Chávez always supported the Palestinian cause.

Israel is a product of the capitalist system

TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO, **JUAN BOSCH** ALERTED AS TO WHAT THE CREATION OF A ZIONIST STATE ON PALESTINIAN TERRITORY MEANT FOR THE PALESTINIANS

“ The State of Israel, which at present occupies the territory of ancient Palestine, parts of the Lebanon territories, Syria, Transjordan and the Sinai Peninsula, is not, as some profit-seeking people have said, a product of history: it is a product of the capitalist system as it developed in the XIX century.

That was the alert of Juan Bosch, intellectual, and former President of the Dominican Republic in the last of four lectures he delivered at Don Bosco College in Santo Domingo on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of August, 1975.

Here are some excerpts of the lecture “what the creation of the Israelite State in Palestinian territory meant for the Palestinians”:

Though the mechanic industry had appeared on the last third of the XVIII century, by the year 1765 (...) its true development began in the first 25 or 30 years of the last century and that development required an appropriate reorganization of the world in keeping with the industrial growth, that is to say an appropriate reorganization of the world in keeping with the growth of the economic, political and military power of England, the country where modern industry was born. By the year 1938 that advanced capitalism had the need of introducing a wedge between Africa and Asia, and that wedge had to be a country under British protection.(...)

Palestine that was part of Assyria, remained a zone of the Caldeus who took it from Egypt; but as the Palestinians up rose time after time against the Caldeus, the later decided to devastate the region, and they took Jerusalem and destroyed it. This happened about the year 587, that is V century B.C. A large part of the Palestinian and the Judah population was taken to Babylon. The Jewish people did not disappear, but the State of Israel no longer existed, and

after a series of wars along the centuries, Palestine fell in the hands of the Greeks who governed Egypt after the death of Alexander, of the Seleucids who governed the region after the Ptolemaic Greeks, and finally it fell in the hands of the Romans in the 1st century B.C. (...)

In the year 44 (A.D), all Palestine became a Roman province governed by a Roman Protector. (...)

The Jewish State in Palestine had totally disappeared, and it had not only disappeared as a national State, that is, as a political organization, but as a religious State as well, because the most sacred for the Jewish, the Temple of Jerusalem, built by Salomon according to the blueprints and the money left by David, had been destroyed three times. (...)

In 1838 England established a Consulate in Jerusalem whose mission was to give protection to the Jewish that lived in that city and we are referring to the English plans revealed in 1840 of turning the Palestine State into a wedge between the Arabs of Africa and the Arabs of Asia. (...)

And now we must say that in 1839 Moses Montifiori, an English Jewish (...) put forwards a plan for the Jewish colonization of Palestine, and it was based on that plan of Sir Moses Montifiori that in 1856 the first orange grove was planted in the region. In 1870 Charles Netter founded a School of Agriculture in the Jewish colony called Mikve Israel, and the Baron Edmond of Rothschild, from a wealthy family of big Jewish bankers in England and France, bought some land and established vineyards in the south of Palestine. All those activities organized by great figures of the English Judaism of the last century responded to an expansion plan of the English industrial capitalism which was by then at the head of the industrial development of the capitalist system.(...)



Since 1838 England established a Consulate in Palestine.

Dr. Theodore Herzl, Austrian Jewish, Republican, a fervent Francophile, feels the whole world in crumbling in the Dreyfus trial. He abruptly discovers the truth: the Jewish will never have peace, security or respect while scattered among other nations. Their only salvation is finding a homeland, a country for them: That home has always existed, it is Palestine. Herzl decides to write a book, *The Jewish State*, where he exposes his ideas, the creation of a Hebrew State. A year after the book is published in several languages and provokes an indescribable emotion in Jewish circles. (...)

But, when Herzl was in Paris working for an Austrian Newspaper, to report the trial against Dreyfus, which was the most famous trial of its time, there already were Jewish colonies in Palestine; they had been there for many years. What is more Theodore Herzl had not been born yet when the Jewish colonists planted orange groves in Palestine following the plans drawn by Sir Moses Montifiori. What Herzl did was to publish, two years after the Dreyfus trial, a book entitled *The Jewish State* in which he gives an organic form to an idea and a practice that had many years of existence, and it is possible that Dreyfuss' sentence (absolutely unjust because it was not he who sold military secret to Germany, but his superior, who happened to be a Colonel of the French Army) encouraged Herzl to write his book, but it is not true that book emerged suddenly from the bottom of his brain when he

heard Dreyfuss' sentence. The ideas Herzl expressed in that book had been developing for a long time, gradually in many Jewish minds and in other not precisely Jewish, but it was Herzl who put them together; instead of talking about sending Jewish to set up agricultural colonies in Palestine, he talked about the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine. What is more Herzl even drew the borders of that State when he said these words: We must have access to the sea to favor our future foreign trade.

We must also possess a large extension of land so as to introduce our modern agriculture in a large scale. Further in the book he says that the motto of the Jewish should hold was that of the Palestine of David and Salomon. But as time went by, his idea of the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine was gaining adepts among the Jewish population of Europe and America and, together with that success Herzl's ambition also grew and lately the idea of the Palestine of David and Salomon was not enough and he wanted a Palestine stretching from the Egyptian river, that is, the Nile river, to the Euphrates. The Jewish did get to the Nile River, actually, near the Nile River, because they got to the Suez Canal in 1967; what seems a little unlikely is that they can get to the Euphrates although we can be sure that there are many of them, if not a majority of them who cherish that dream (...)

In his first steps as an ideologist of Zionism, Herzl thought that the



Since the first half of the XIX, England wanted to have a Wedge in the region.

Jewish State could be established in South America and there were Zionist who thought of establishing it in Argentina, Brazil and even in Uganda. (...)

But the first Zionist congress, held in the Swiss city of Basle in 1897, that is, a year after the publishing of Herzl's book, pointed as Palestine as the place where the Jewish State would be formed and indicated that the method to Palestine and stay there was through (and now I read Herzl's words) the rational colonization of Palestine by means of farmers, craftsmen and Jewish industrialists what they had already been doing for many years since the times before he was born, because Theodore Herzl was born in 1860 and Jewish farmers, craftsmen and industrialists were already there.

The second Zionist congress held in 1899 decided to fund the Jewish Colonial Bank with its venue in London and was to be devoted to the financing of agricultural, commercial and industrial business in Palestine and in the East. What the Zionists were really planning was buying The Palestine from the Turkish government and Herzl himself told Sultan Abdul – Hamid;

If you Majesty gave us the Palesti-

ne, we could regularize completely the finances of Turkey. To Europe we would become in the region a sector of the wall against Asia; we would be the advanced guardian of civilization against barbarity. We would remain as a neutral State, in a permanent relation with Europe which should guarantee our existence (...)

On August 17, 1903 the British government wrote to Herzl, who would die in 1904, offering him the African territory of Uganda to establish in it the Jewish State what means that the British already accepted the idea that the State were Jewish even though it was not located where they thought it would be, but Uganda. Herzl summoned the sixth Zionist congress to study the English proposal and the conclusions they arrived at, were the following: The Zionist organization abides firmly by the fundamental principles of the Basle Program, that is, the creation of a country guaranteed by public right for the Jewish people in Palestine and declines, either as an end or as a means every colonizing action out of Palestine and the neighboring countries.

Those words, action of colonization, reveal that Jewish leaders had it clear that what they were going to do

in Palestine was to colonize the territory. Herzl opposed infiltration, which was a method of penetration into Palestinian territory followed individually for many Jews. Herzl died, as we said, in 1904, in the middle of that year and could not stop that penetration which continued after his death. Going to Palestine was what the Jews called the aliyah, the dream of young Zionists. One of the youth who made the aliyah was David Ben Gurion, who afterwards would become the Head of Government of the Israel State. (...)

All the big capitalist countries participated in the First World War together with others, which without being so big, were on the way to be it. In that war Japan fought at the side of Germany, Austria and Turkish. The purpose of the big capitalists country was to take profit of the raw materials coming from the least industrialized countries in the world, but as raw materials are not in the air, they do not waft, they are on the ground, and the ground is divided by countries, it was necessary to take part in the war so that when it finished to have positions that allow them to participate in the distribution of those colonial countries that would undoubtedly come afterwards, or at least to

participate in the sharing of the zones of influence that would make it possible to exploit those regions without occupying those territories physically. (...)

Since the very first moment Zionism organized, it had in mind the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine, and beforehand that plan had the support of England which was the first capitalist country par excellence, the head of the capitalist system in the world, and that support is understandable because due to the historical reasons we will try to explain briefly, the Jews had produced a true elite a world crème of big capitalists, especially in the field of finances in which they had been working for centuries, first as pawnbrokers of kings and governments, afterwards as bankers of merchants and industrialists and also of Rulers.

Where did that elite, the Jewish world crème of big capitalists, especially in the field of finances, come from? It came from the last Diaspora. What is the meaning of Diaspora? That word means dispersion, and applied to the concrete case of the history we are referring to in these talks, it means dispersion of the Jewish, that is, it refers to the fact that the Jews were expelled from Palestine and had to go to live in other countries, that is to say they were dispersed. So, every time you hear the word Diaspora, you must give it only that meaning.

The first Diaspora was the banishment to Babylon, which lasted from the year 597 B.C to 538 B.C approximately 60 years by the end of which the Jews returned to Palestine, especially to Jerusalem; the second Diaspora was very prolonged and has no date of beginning (...) by the II century there were Jewish who had settled in different places of the Mediterranean Sea whose business was commerce, but above all trading with money. (...)

As the Jewish were penetrating European countries, they began to be seen as dangerous foreigners because Christianity was spreading throughout those countries and Jews were no Christians; and even worse the Jews were accused of having killed Jesus. But religious hatred had a different kind of origin: it was the

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money trading many Jews were involved in. That trading made them the target of people's hatred because they the interests on the money they loaned were very high, but at the same time they lent people money, they made friends with kings and nobles who borrowed money from wealthy Jews every time they needed it. Now then, to assure the payback of the loans they gave to Kings, Princes and Nobles (it is even said that the money used in the discovery of America was given to Queen Isabel the Catholic by the Jews living in Spain. Those Jews demanded authorization to collect taxes, and collecting taxes was something that neither nobles nor the people liked. (...)

Though it might be hard to admit, it is the persistency of the pogroms (attack and destruction and plundering of a Jewish Ghetto by the Christians, generally encouraged by the authorities which needed to distract people's attention either for political reasons or because they wanted to seize the Jews' possessions) and generally the violent discrimination against their people, what led many Jewish intellectuals to elaborate what we could call an ideology of isolation and differentiation what separated them from other people, while others, as it was the case of Marx, responded seeking the profound truth about what separated Christians from Jews and found that it was a false division led to deceive people, that what really divided people was not religion, but the place each individual occupies in the production relations. (...)

As the western society developed and entered the capitalist era and capitalism was developing itself. Capitalistic minds and skills developed among the Jews who associated with the big non-Jews capitalists in a natural and logical way, because as Marx said, the societies which are not primitive are divided in classes, and, as people have said since earliest time way before Marx was born, birds of a feather flock together (...)

Zionism was born as a practical and ideological expression of capitalism at the moment that in Europe the newly-born socialist organizations were developing, so if we look at what is happening in the Near East from a



After the I and the II World Wars the United States became the main protector of Zionism.

Marxist standpoint, we have to conclude that what is happening in that region, is a reflection at an international scale of the class struggle around the world, and it is that an no other thing what explains the role the United States have played and is still playing in the conflict in the Near East on the side of Israel.

That struggle when carried out by a powerful and rich country against a weak and poor country has a name or better, two names, on the one hand imperialism and on the other hand colonialism.

Israel is carrying out an imperialist war in the Near East with the purpose of colonizing the peoples in the region taking Palestine as an operational base. If you look back you can have a testimony of what we are saying, when you see that since the very first moment the Jews prepared for this struggle organizing as you organize an economic enterprise that pursues political ends.

They started saving money to buy lands in Palestine or managing to have bankers like Rothschild to buy them; afterwards they organized a bank by the significant name of Jewish Colonial Bank which half a century later became the National Bank of Israel. In order to capitalize that bank, that is, to provide it with

funds, the National Jewish Fund was created, and almost 30 years after in 1929 the Jewish Agency was organized in the city of Zurich, Switzerland whose main purpose was to control the economic activities of the Jews that lived in Palestine, but with political criteria. (...)

A motherland is the home of a people, and a people without the territory where it should live and produce cannot form a motherland. Now then, those big Arab proprietors, many of them absentees (term that means people who live away from their country o business) sold the Jews their lands without taking into account the future suffering of the Palestinian people when they saw they were deprived of their land to toil, to produce their food, and they did it without any remorse because they were acting according to the capitalist morality. (...)

From the end of the First World War on, it would be easier to carry out that plan, because Palestine was under English mandate. (...)

Golda Meyer, whose original name was Golda Meyerson, was right when, on August 24th 1921, being a young girl, stated: It is not the Arabs the ones the English are going to choose to colonize Palestine, but us. And she proved right, it had to be that way given that on that ground

England was not improvising; they were following, as we said a while ago, a line they had drawn 80 years before By 1920, the British had authorized a yearly settlement of 16 500 Jewish immigrants, and by 1922, the Jewish population was already 11% of the Palestinian population (...)

With a population of 752 048 inhabitants Palestine had in 1922, it reached 1 033 314 in 1931, of which the Muslims, including the nomads, were 759 700; Jews, 174 606; Christians, 88 907; and from other religions 10 101, the only ones who had double their number were the Jews who, from 83 790 were at that moment 174 606; the increase of the Arab population was barely one third. (...)

The Jews got the best quality lands, though when the United Nations established the sharing of Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews in 1947, they got besides the best lands most of the lands of Neguev (...) the big Arab proprietors, especially the absentees, as we said before, sold their lands to the Jews, and the Jewish workers organization called Histadruth prohibited Jewish proprietors, either private or the Jewish Agency to employ non-Jewish workers, so in that way the majority of the Palestinian people who did not possess lands and sold their labor force was in a desperate situation.

That situation gave way to explosions of violence that worsened from 1929 on. We must make clear that violence did not prevent the Jewish immigration in Palestine. (...)

But so it happened that in that year of 1939 the Second World War broke initiated with the German attack to Poland, as we said in the previous talk, and it also happened that Hitler and his Nazi party had as a principle of their doctrine the destruction of the Soviet Union along with the annihilation of the Jewish race which Hitler considered the reason of all evils in Germany. The emigration of Jews from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia increased to a large extent in 1939 and became a human stream from the occupation of Poland on. One part of those Jews migrated to other countries, especially the United States, but a large number went to Palestine. The enormous butchery of Jews carried out by the Nazi in the years of the war, aggravated the situation of the Palestines, because it created a climate of horror in the world towards the Nazi crimes which manifested through a general support to the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. It was no use that in the Alexandria Protocol, which was the basis of the Arab League, they stated a truth larger than the Egyptian pyramids: There can be no bigger injustice than solving the problem of the Jews, so cruelly treated in Europe, by means of another injustice caused to the Arabs of Palestine. (...)

In 1945, after the Second World War ended, the crown of Queen of the capitalist system had passed from England's head to the United States' head. The Jewish world crème of the capitalist which had established their headquarters in England the century before because England had been the center of the world capitalism in the XVIII century, had now moved and settled in the United States. (...)

After the Conference of Yalta (February 4 to 11, 1945) (...), Mosley paragraph says "Roosevelt promised, first by word and then he reaffirmed by letter that, as President he would never lead any hostile action against the Arabs, and that Washington would never change its policy towards Palestine without consulting Arabs and Jews first, (...) but it happened that Roosevelt died two



The Palestinians were driven out of their homeland which was occupied by another people.

and a half month after it and as Mosley says, 'his promise died with him,' and in a footnote Mosley explains the following; On breaking Roosevelt's promise, President Harry S. Truman used some words that have been haunting, as Mosley says, either oil producers or diplomats who try to do business with the Arabs. Truman's words which Mosley quote are the following "Sorry, gentlemen, but I owe to hundreds of thousands of people who are willing to see the success of Zionism. I lack of hundreds of thousands of Arabs among my voters"

In terms of leadership there was a political encounter between the Soviet Union and the United States, and the Soviet Union which never manifested in acts, because the Soviet Union supported the idea of establishing in Palestine a State in which Arabs and Palestines could live together, that is to say, neither a Palestinian nor an Arab State, but a State of Arabs and Jews. (...)

Palestine could have been a State, but the English occupation prevented it, and the Jewish infiltrations, and the Jewish immigrations afterwards, both carried out with English support, snatched from the Palestinian people the lands they had occupied for centuries; in return, the Jewish, who were a landless people, and so they were not a nation, became a nation

as they appropriated the Palestinian land and from a nation, they became a State, the State of Israel which was proclaimed a day before the English troops abandoned Palestine territory. The English evacuated that territory on May 15th 1948, and the Israelites proclaimed the existence of the State of Israel in the afternoon of the 14th. (...)

As soon as the State of Israel was constituted, the Jews began to organize the confiscation or conquest of the Arabs' lands by means of some laws of which the first three were enacted in 1948, that is, the same year in which the State of Israel was established. Those three laws were the Ordinance of the abandoned Areas, the regulation of the properties of the absentees, and the Emergency Regulations for the Use of Non-cultivated Lands. By the first one, all Arabs who were not present in their cities or villages after November 29th, 1947 were considered as absentees; it was resolved that all Arabs who had properties in the new city of Acre, would be considered as absentees even though they had never been more than 30 meters away from the old part of the city. It looks incredible, but that is the way it happened. They also declared as absentees all who moved within Israel from one place to another, and

to top it all, all Arabs who had been visiting Beirut or Belem on the last days of the English mandate, even if the visit lasted only twenty-four hours, as absentees as well, and the Minister of Agriculture and a special guardian were appointed to seize the lands of those absentees, and afterwards, by the law of March 14th 1950, the custodian as authorized to sell the lands of those absentees, and all the illegal distributions of the lands of the Arabs that had been done so far, were licensed. (...)

The root of the conflict in the Near East lies on that fact; a whole people as bereft of their natural country to be occupied by another who had been out of it for more than 1 200 years. (...)

When the Jews who have established a Jewish State in Palestine, uprooting from those lands, as if they had uprooted a tree, the people who formerly inhabited those lands, and what the big power behind them is not able to understand, is that when there exist peoples with such a deep sense of unity, when there are peoples who feel the suffering of their brothers as their own, then, even though many years of struggle are needed, and that struggle costs many lives, there is no power on earth that can perpetuate such a repugnant injustice as the one committed against the Arab people of Palestine.

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