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Palestine: The Cursed Statistic of The Supermen

Two wounded by firebombs and hundreds wounded by shelling; four wounded, stabbed and dozens shot and some killed; a Palestinian drops a bomb at a closed Israeli site, three are killed and the Palestinian commits suicide.



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The figures are approximate because I am only relying on the fallible memory, but the situations, the proportions and the relationships of dead and wounded on one side and the other, try to be more faithful to a sad, incredible story of subjugation and destruction of a society, which lasts for decades and does not have many equivalents.

Let's take another example, this one with figures that were known at the time and were publicly recorded: in 2005, an Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit, is taken prisoner in a bloody

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skirmish and, through what Israel called "Operation Summer Rain", more than two hundred Palestinians were killed, under the pretext of raids looking for the prisoner.

Even an Israeli source, B'Tselem, then acknowledged that among the dead were many unarmed civilian adults and minors also without weapons (the imprisoned soldier will appear alive and whole, without traces of torture, a year later, testifying about conditions of confinement in such a way that it will not lead to new press conferences, because he contrasted painfully for the Israeli "Public Relations" the good treatment received by him with the fate of prisoners taken by the army of the prisoner, including children).

This asymmetry in the treatment of the two parts is very significant.

Why is Israel massively preserved from much of the criticism that others (not all, however) receive for similar actions?

The last collective and violent episode between Israelis and Palestinians occurred in May 2021. The Palestinians have been on the defensive for a long time. Because the strengthening and support for Israel has been as strong as the isolation and abandonment of the Palestinians. For example, Donald Trump, then president of the US, in 2020 felt called to eliminate the Palestinians from all political presence in the world: the signatures of the "Deal of the Century", were that of Trump as president of the US and that of Netanyahu as Israeli premier. The Palestinians, at most, the object of the "Agreement" (the same, on the other hand, as in 1948).



The devil of the almanacs was the spark in that last episode we remembered. On April 13, 2021, the date of Muslim Ramadan and Israel's Remembrance Day coincided.

And the Israeli authorities put together the show for "its" date. Without further ado, without any need for clarification or coordination, they went to the Al Aqsa facilities, put aside prayers and caregivers and without giving explanations "cut the cables of the speakers". [1] At the site, sacred to Muslims, where the Muslim parishioners were to gather. Simultaneously, the Jewish parishioners were going to do it, there in front of them, at the Western Wall.

As in addition to such a "short circuit", right in the disputed and stressed Jerusalem, the Jewish authorities were preparing to forcibly evacuate, for the second time in history, a group of Palestinians to cede those houses, or their land, to Jewish settlers, the conflict only strengthened. [2]

Once again, Troy burned. In religious ceremonies, Israel retains the "same principles" as Mr. Israel. Trump: Israelis play the limelight; the Palestinians are the object. Whatever. In this case, of the sound measurements of the Jewish event.

The rejection of Israel's all-embracing power was expressed in several ways: videos appeared on tik-tok condemning the abuses and at the same time, exerting direct resistance.

Links to the void continued to follow: at the end of April Mahmoud Abbas canceled the postponed and promised Palestinian elections. The sad and irritating memory of the last ones, carried out in 2006, validated by international and American observers, but unknown by the Israeli government and the Palestinian National Authority (jointly). Abbas, once again, now in 2021, puts his power (waning and residual) above and ahead of a democratic body.

"To create chaos and confuse everything," at the end of April 2021 Lehava, a right-wing Jewish organization takes to the streets of heated Jerusalem harassing and attacking Palestinian passers-by and loudly claiming "that they must be killed." They carry posters of Baruch Goldstein, the Zionist doctor who murdered some thirty prayerful men before the survivors tore him to pieces.

On May 4, a Hamas leader announced a "final warning" that they would no longer endure aggression. And there were aggressions.

The first Friday of Muslim Ramadan (May 8) is "greeted" by Israeli police and/or military forces with grenades and bullets. The stones arrived.

And the results in lives cut short until then: 145 Palestinians, 11 Israelis.

By 25 May the massacre had followed previous cycles; the Israeli killing machine unfolds its deadly power: by then, 232 Palestinians dead, 12 Israelis.

And in this situation, in which violence is unleashed by an authority that does not admit reply, with the result, expected given the difference in equipment and damage capacity, in an initial ratio of 12 to 1 and final of 19 to 1, the considerations of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky are published, with profusion, about "*the rain of rockets dropped from Gaza*" (full count: 4000 rockets, 1800 bombings).

Serhly Osachuk, Ukrainian governor of Chernivtsi in turn declared: "*Today we are all Israelis, because unfortunately innocent people are dying there. Death has no nationality [sic]. He has only pain. Let's stop the rocketry, we support the people of Israel.*"

Zelensky's sensibility, that of Osachuk, that of an immense majority of the mass media flows reaches Israeli humans (also even Europeans, at least certain), but languishes until it is almost extinct when it comes to humans... Peripheral.

But the reasons are clear. Another Ukrainian lawmaker Andriy Denysenko (from dneiperpetrovsk municipality) explained: "*Israel is the only outpost of the civilized world in the Near East, the only democracy that opposes extremists and totalitarians [...] whether israel likes it or not, Israel has natural allies between Ukrainian patriots and bannerists.*" [\[3\]](#)

Let us observe that Denysenko takes up the idea of Herzl, of the nineteenth century, of seeing the Jewish people as an advanced civilization in the midst of barbarism. And also, as we pass, it is worth observing alliances receding in the geopolitical whirlwind; pro-Israel allies followers of Bandera, a Ukrainian nationalist leader of very good dealings with Nazis and Stalinists (we do not know how much simultaneously and how much alternately).

Sergiy Osachuk's appeal that "*death has no nationality*" would be to take into account, if he did not reduce everything to "*the population of Israel*", by demanding only that the rockets (Palestinians) be stopped and not the bombings (Israelis; on top of that, much more deadly).

But that's how much humanity goes; one-eyed.

Notes:

[1] See the truthful and nuanced chronicle of a British journalist; Patrick Kingsley. www.nytimes.com/es/2021/05/19/espanol/palestinos-Israel-a-que-se-debe-la-crisis.html.

[2] This handful of villagers had suffered the Nakba, in 1948; expelled from their homes and territory; at that time they obtained, with the agreement of Jewish authorities, that new site in Jerusalem, then inhabited equally by Muslims, Christians and Jews.

[3] <https://ukrainianjewishencounter.org/en/news/how-ukraine-has-reacted-to-the-rocket-attacks-against-israel/>, 25 May 2021. The banderistas are the fans of Stepan Bandera (1909-1959), a nationalist leader who created the Ukrainian Legion, collaborating in the crimes of the Nazi occupiers before being arrested by them after their attempt to proclaim an independent Ukraine. In the last years of the war he fought at the same time the Germans and the Soviets. A refugee in Federal Germany, he was assassinated in 1959, allegedly by the Soviet services. [NdE]

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