

The Ceasefire of the Arsonists. Manlio Dinucci

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In the tragic play of the 'ceasefire between Israel and Hamas,' every actor plays his part:

President Biden, who supported and armed Israel in the demolition of Palestine, assumes the role of peace mediator;

Prime Minister Netanyahu, who carried out the genocide of the Palestinians, assumes the role of representative of a country attacked and forced to defend itself;

the leader of Hamas, who with the 7 October attack triggered a plan in the Middle East similar to that of 11 September 2001 devised by the CIA and Mossad, assumes the role of the victor by declaring that *'the ceasefire agreement constitutes a defeat for the Jewish state'*.

The 'ceasefire', i.e. the interruption of the Israeli bombardment of Gaza, will in any case (if implemented) save Palestinian lives after more than 100,000 Palestinians, the overwhelming majority of them civilians, have been slaughtered. There remains however a territory, Gaza, destroyed and militarily occupied by Israel; there remains the West Bank, where the genocide continues to demolish the foundations of the State of Palestine. What remains is the war strategy implemented in the Middle East that the West can no longer dominate.

This situation does not only concern the Middle East. The confrontation is now global: on the one hand, the West resorting to war to maintain its unipolar dominance in a changing world; on the other the emergence of a multipolar world, with the economic advance of China, the resistance of Russia, the enlargement of the BRICS.

The political-media apparatus spreads the idea of an enemy that increasingly threatens the 'democracies of the West' to fuel the war. Emblematic is what NATO **Secretary General Mark Rutte** told the European Parliament:

"Russia's war against Ukraine continues. At the same time, Russia is accelerating its destabilisation campaign against our countries with cyber-attacks, assassination attempts, acts of sabotage, and more. And Russia is not alone. It has China, North Korea, and Iran at its side. Meanwhile, many other dangers persist, from terrorism to nuclear proliferation to disinformation."

The NATO secretary then calls on Europe to "rapidly increase production of crucial goods, including ships, tanks, jets, munitions, satellites, and drones." This implies a further increase in the already colossal military spending at the expense of social spending.

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