

# Israel's 9/11: "The Greater Israel", Maritime Natural Gas, and the Prospect of a Middle East Multi-Front War

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"Israel needs the United States in this fight, and the way to get the United States into this fight is to provoke a large scale attack from Iran or an Iranian proxy. That's I think the game that's being played right now. So, where I see this going Michael, is we are heading to a major, major war in the Middle East." – **Dimitri Lascaris** (From this week's interview.)

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"You must remember what Amalek has done to you, says our Holy Bible."

"go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey." [1] These are the statements made by the Prime Minister of the country ranked <u>15th in the</u> <u>world</u> in total military expenditures – and a <u>major ally</u> of the United States. And <u>Canada</u>.

**President Joe Biden** and **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau**, for all their proclaiming of <u>upholding science</u>, for their respect for <u>progressive political values</u>, still seem to be prepared to support an apparent "religious fanatic" spouting claims from the same book of the Old Testament that proclaimed that the sun stood still in the sky while the forces of the children of Israel pounded the enemy of the day.

"Then Joshua spoke to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered the Amorites before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel: 'Sun, stand still [dom] upon Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ayalon.'" (Joshua 10:12)

The dead in Gaza have now <u>vastly outnumbered</u> those who died in Israel. The Israeli Defense Forces have slowly <u>begun a ground invasion</u> of Northern Gaza.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has positioned aircraft carriers. guided missile ships, Bataan ARG ships, aerial defense and Tomahawk cruise missiles, THAAD and Patriot missiles, and 2,500 marines in the Middle East in addition to two F-16 an A10 Squadron and 20 refuelling tankers in the Persian Gulf. [2]

These developments are disturbing. Just as Russian forces parked their troops <u>at the border</u> <u>with Ukraine for months</u> before eventually <u>charging in on the 24th of February</u> of last year, one can only wonder what new development Uncle Sam is waiting for before the second shoe drops.

It's been said that war is <u>good for business</u>, as was the case with World War I and World War II. And right now, one can see where certain elite figures might welcome and even agitate for another major financial windfall.

However, the citizens of countries around the world, including the U.S. are protesting Israel's action in sizes growing every weekend. November 4 is expected to be the largest Palestine solidarity protest in history. [3]

The Great Plan for Gaza, supposedly to prevent any more terror attacks from Hamas, may <u>escalate into other areas</u> supporting Palestinians, from Lebanon, to Syria and Iran and ultimately to the United States, Russia and China. Is the epic World War III finally on the collective plate of humanity? One of many questions to be probed on this week's Global Research News Hour.

Our first guest, **Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya**, returns to the Global Research News Hour to share one of his own analyses of the Israel-Gaza conflict, explains how the October 7 attack by Hamas was an early "Christmas present" for **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu**, talks about the disinformation surrounding the crimes of Hamas, focuses on Natural Gas as a prize for Netanyahu's biblical crusade, and mentions how Iranian involvement could spark a horrific cataclysm.

Our second guest, **Dimitri Lascaris**, took a trip to Lebanon since the Israel-Gaza war was underway. He brings an assessment of how forces there could be shaping into a second front against Israel, how he sees the war escalating to a broader front, and how the people of the West wanting to thwart the plans of Israel should take to the streets and "protest like Hell."

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## Transcript of Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya, October 31, 2023.

## Part One

Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya: One thing I'd like to start off with is, you brought up

September 11<sup>th</sup>, or 9/11 as it is colloquially called. People have paralleled this, called this Israel's 9/11. Well, you should – the audience should remember that the president of the United States, George W. Bush Jr., was very unpopular before 9/11. There was a lot of problems in the United States, and all that disappeared. His popularity went up and it was – it allowed for this new militarized foreign policy to come into play. Now, the same thing is happening with Israel, although Israel's foreign policy has always been militaristic. And I think it's even a misnomer to call it a foreign policy, because it's dealing – we're dealing with occupation here.

Second point I'd like to bring is: pardon me, but I will use some religious expressions. Christmas came early for Benjamin Netanyahu. Mr. Netanyahu, he was under investigation by the Israeli judicial system. There is so much evidence to prove that Mr. Netanyahu was going to be found guilty.

Definitely, the courts were going to throw the book at him. His solution to this was to politicize the judicial system of Israel, the state of Israel.

So, what he was doing is basically he wanted to have control over the judicial system by changing the law and, basically, the constitutional structure of Israel. Re-wiring it, whereas the court system, which has always been independent, the judicial branch has been independent from the executive and legislative branches in Israel, the Prime Minister's office and the Knesset. He wanted to basically subordinate it. This basically resulted in a civil war in Israel. What do I mean by a "civil war"? **I mean, that the country was divided heavily.** There were protests, the rule of law was not being followed. Benjamin Netanyahu started even re-channelling security and military and police assets to Tel Aviv and other major centres against protesters, you know. Because the protesters were not letting up, they were getting stronger. He was trying to outlaw them. So, this was the dynamics in Israel, and even the President of Israel, on the records, said he was afraid there would be a civil war.

So, what this – what happened in Israel with the October 7<sup>th</sup>, actually froze this civil war. It put it on ice. And it gave Mr. Netanyahu, I think, he thought, a gift. But in the end, he's going to realize that this is not a gift. It's actually going to hurt him in the end. What he has done, he has made many strategic blunders. He has blamed all the Israeli securities for what's happened.

The second point in regards to this constellation of what I'm talking about that I'd like to make audiences think about: what happened with the Egyptians – I don't want to segue – is they sent intelligence to Netanyahu saying that there – Palestinians are in Gaza, Hamas, and other Palestinian resistance fighters, they're going to do something. So, a message was sent.

And even the United States government, the US Congress, Senate Foreign Affairs committee has testified that this is correct. **The Israeli government knew days beforehand that something was going to happen.** 

Now, someone can say they were distracted, someone can say they underestimated it, and someone can say they looked the other way. It's possible, all these are possibilities. So, this was very convenient for Netanyahu. That's what I'd like to put forward.

Of course, there are people who are conspiratorial-minded and they think that maybe Hamas was manipulated into doing this. Maybe the Palestinians were manipulated into doing this. These are all possibilities that can't be ruled out. But I want to talk on sureties, on facts that we know. We know that there were problems in Israel with Netanyahu. We knew that he was in legal trouble. We knew his popularity was diving. And we also know that the Israeli economy is not as robust as it was before. The handouts coming from the West, the United States, are still coming, but there's economic problems in the West and that is also affecting Israel. And the Israelis also have their eyes on the Gaza Strip's territorial waters where there are massive natural gas reserves.

So, in the Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus, where there was conflict between the Turks, the Greeks, Cypriots, and even Israelis over natural gas. Syria, Lebanon, and the Gaza Strip all have large amounts of natural gas, and the Israelis want this. It's specifically Northern Gaza, just to let you know.

If you look on a map, you can find the maps. Anybody who wants to in this age of technology can find maps showing the gas reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean. You'll see Northern Gaza, which the Israelis want evacuated, has a lot of natural gas.

So, did Hamas give them moral grounds to do this? Absolutely not, I disagree. First of all, I want to point out that Hamas is being typecast in the wrong way. In many ways,

the situation is misrepresented. First of all, Hamas is a resistance group that is not solely a militia. It is a political party as well. It has a militia branch. The militia branch, the militants, the resistance fighters, or as the Israelis call them, and the Canadian government, terrorists. They were the ones who launched this as a joint Palestinian operation. It was not just Hamas. It was different Palestinian resistance groups. They released a letter about it when they did it. And they did not expect it to be so easy.

Why? I cannot say why it was so easy. Maybe it's because the resources weren't there. Maybe it's because Israel is not as strong as people think. Maybe that they planned this so well. But the Israeli defences fell immediately. So much so, that —

Global Research: Do you think -

MDN: — civilians from Gaza were —

**GR:** But, sorry to interrupt. Basically, what you're saying is: it doesn't – I mean, they might have had foreknowledge, or they may not. But either way, I guess Netanyahu was kind of, you know, rubbing his hands together saying, 'Okay, this is our opportunity.'

MDN: Exactly, —

GR: I mean, that -

**MDN:** — you hit the nail right on the head. So, this was opportunistic. So, this is the parallel with September 11<sup>th</sup>: the United States used this as an excuse to invade Afghanistan. Geostrategically, very important placement between Pakistan, India, Iran, China, and the former Soviet Union. It used this to invade Iraq to steal Iraq's oil. It used this as an excuse to go into other countries in the region that we call the Middle East. Longest serving prime minister of Israel.

Yeah, basically Christmas came early for him. And he used this opportunity to justify what is undoubtedly a genocidal attack on a predominantly civilian – like, almost all of these people are civilians. We cannot forget that the Gaza Strip is the most densely populated place on the Earth. That the Gaza Strip is – the distance in the Gaza Strip is less than the distance of a marathon. People who run the Boston Marathon run a longer distance than the entire length of the Gaza Strip, all right? So, you can run the Boston Marathon and that's a longer distance of land than the Gaza Strip, that's just to put it into comparison. And the majority of people there are children.

**GR:** 2.3 million people in that space.

**MDN:** 2.3 million prisoners, essentially. It has been called by Jimmy Carter, former US president, a man who supported Israel, he has – he basically said it was an open-air prison. Many Israelis themselves say that. The United Nations says that. How many people and how many qualified people have to say this for those people in the rest of the world who disagree and support Israel to see that this is an open-air prison and it's unacceptable to do that.

And this is not a defensive war, this is not a war. First of all, the language, as a sociologist – a sociologist who studies power, who has throughout his life studied

power dynamics and how language is used to exercise power relationships and to show them and to instruct people, I can tell you that it's not a war. And legally, it's not a war, it's an occupation. And there's a resistance to an occupation. Nobody would say anything about the Chinese in Nanking who resisted the Japanese attacks on Nanking. Nobody would say anything about the French Resistance. Now, the French Resistance did some really bad things to Nazis, or German soldiers, all right? People do bad things in war. And I'm not here to justify them. I, actually, morally think that one civilian getting killed is unjustifiable.

So, that said, Hamas has been smeared. How do I believe Hamas has been smeared? I can tell you from the first days they said they beheaded people. There was absolutely no evidence, and this type of nonsense, or propaganda, has been used many times.

Then, they talked about rape. I highly doubt that there was rape. It's possible, but that would not be the trend. I mean, there was no – I don't believe that there was massive rape and people were intentionally raping. I believe that there was an attack. And I believe that the light of the event will become clearer over time of exactly what happened. There still is this fog of war over what happened.

So, when I heard about children being beheaded and 40 children being beheaded, I knew immediately that's not true. The reason I knew it's not true, one of the reasons I knew it's not true is because there is a history of Israel and the United States using these type of statements and then retracting them or forgetting about them, and just using it to rile people up, to work up people's emotions.

So, they said 40 kids and now, everybody, all these politicians started talking about 'Beheaded kids, beheaded kids.' A gentleman by the name of Ben Shapiro started saying '40 kids, 40 kids,' and then when he was asked to provide evidence, he brought a picture that later, experts said used AI. And it was just one kid and nobody third party, nobody in a position of authority even authenticated it.

The Israeli president started presenting Al Qaeda booklets – I don't know if you're aware – he did a press conference and he said this Al Qaeda booklet was found amongst Hamas fighters. He expects us to believe Hamas fighters within an hour were planning on building chemical weapons, and they're using a manual in English? The front of the manual says Al Qaeda in English. That was clearly meant for a foreign audience. No Hamas fighter would have a paper manual that says Al Qaeda. It would use the Arabic language with squiggly writing. The script wouldn't be Latin and the language wouldn't be English.

**GR:** I'm reminded of the 1991 Persian Gulf War where they took the nurses talking about incubator baby being thrown on the floor by Iraqi —

MDN: Exactly.

**GR:**— soldiers. (inaudible)

**MDN:** Exactly. A PR company. She was trained by (Hill and Knowlton), a PR company, who was – she was pretending to be a nurse. But she was really the Kuwaiti ambassador's daughter. She gave a false testimony to the US Congress, George H. Bush (SIC) used it to start war. In fact, Michael, that is exactly what I thought of when I

heard "beheaded children." I thought of that. I don't think they went around beheading children.

These are people under occupation and I don't think that they want to necessarily spread the same misery that they've been facing through an occupation that I actually, in my head, I recall biblical stories of the pharaoh, what he did to the children of Israel. And I parallel this to that. Like, you know, all those things that are described in the Bible that were done to the children of Israel, the Palestinians today are facing that from a modern Netanyahu or a pharaonic Egypt embodied in this state of Israel. The other propaganda —

GR: How is -

**MDN:** — was the rapes. There's no evidence. They never provided any – I don't believe anything unless they provide evidence. And they have not provided —

GR: (inaudible, 14:17) —

**MDN:** — any evidence.

**GR:** Going, like the Yinon Plan going way, way back, you know, in which they're wanting to expand, you know. And that's something that's been happening, you know, going into West Bank and Gaza. But they're aiming to go also to expand, at least according to articles, into Syria and into – also into parts of North Africa. I'm wondering

MDN: Well, they have -

GR: - like, the -

**MDN:** — expanded, Michael. They're already annexed Golan Heights in Syria. They already occupy the Shebaa Farms still in Lebanon. They had a plan to annex a lot of Lebanon. It didn't work, because the Lebanese resistance was so strong with the Iranian support.

The view of the Israelis is not necessarily to physically occupy land, as you can see in Gaza. Gaza, and officially and under technical and legal terms and in practice, is occupied. But no Israeli army has been on Gazan territory. They control the airwaves, they control the borders. What is imported was exported. The finances. They control the skies, they control the seas. So, that's how they occupy Gaza, still. There's still legally the occupational power of who's responsible for the civilians. Israeli is still, under International Law, responsible for the civilians. A responsibility that it has intentionally neglected.

But in regards to expanding Israeli influence, they don't necessarily see this as physical, territorial gains. They see this as – it does include that, but they see this as economic influence. Which is why there is this normalization, the Abraham Accords. They see themselves as being the economic, I would say, gendarme of the United States.

Now, I want to also point out that the Yinon Plan is not necessarily just about Israel. It's about Israel serving a great power's interest in the regions. So, Israel would be the

local bully, or the local policeman. I don't want to use the word "police" because they enforce the law. So, maybe local bandit of a great power like the United States.

I have to also point this out since we're talking about the subject: the Jewish people themselves are victims of the state of Israel. And what do I mean by this? The state of Israel thrives on anti-Semitism. It thrives on this. And in the sense that when people dislike or there's bad things happening to them, some might turn to Israel. Some might think the only place in the world we got to go is Israel. So, it thrives on this and it gives it a raison d'etre. It uses this to justify its existence and this colonialism.

When in reality, specifically in that region of the world, anti-Semitism in terms of negative views towards Jews was not really a common thing. Most Muslim Arabs and Christian Arabs, as well as Jewish Arabs, and other people, ethnic people of those three faiths, got along. Jews, Muslims, Christians predominantly lived together in peace. When they say they haven't lived together, that's ahistorical. It's not historically correct.

So, Israel thrives on these things and it wants the region, that region of the world, to be redrawn in a Zionist image. What do I mean by Zionist image? It wants states that are homogeneous and solely made for specific ethno-sectarian religious groups. So, a Kurdish state or a Shiite Arab state or a Sunni Muslim Arab state. It wants that. And that's not how the world really is. People live together of different faiths and creeds – I mean, different creeds and colours. And that's how that region really is. It's always been a mixed region, you can look at Lebanon: Orthodox Christians, various Catholic Christians, even Protestants living together with different types of Shiite Muslims such as Alawites and Jaafaris and Sunni Muslims, as well as Druze.

Palestine was just like this before the Israelis came. Different Christians, Palestinian Christians, Palestinian Muslims, both Shiite and Sunni, the North had Shiite, as well as Druze and Jews. Palestinian Jews, until this day, there are even Palestinian Jews still in the West Bank, they're called Samaritans. They call them Samartians. This area was a place of coexistence, and the state of Israel, the experiment of Israel, tried to erase this and create a model of a homogeneous state, although Israel is not a homogeneous state in many ways. There are many cleavages there between different types of Jews in terms of where they originate from and in terms of different sects of Judaism. As well as different ethnicities. Like, for example, there are Israeli citizens who are Palestinian, they call them Israeli Arabs. Some of them are Christian and many of them are Muslim. Twenty percent, roughly, they even have seats in the Knesset.

The Yinon Plan though, however, going back to it – sorry, I might have sidetracked a little. It wants to redraw the region in this model of Zionism in terms of just homogeneous states. And to do this would mean war and partition. Just think of what happened in India and Pakistan and the misery that came with it and the tensions between a fraternal people. Indians and Pakistanis are more or less the same people. But until —

GR: You mentioned in -

**MDN:** — this day there's animosity between them.

# -Intermission-

# Part 2

**GR:** What about the other states that are going to fight back. I mean you have Hezbollah in Lebanon, you have Hamas, of course. There's also things that Palestinians could do in the West Bank. There's even the topic of Iran being (inaudible), a five front war against Israel. Do you think —

**MDN:** Okay, that's a great subject you're bringing up. I, first of all, I have to be very frank. I have never considered the Israelis to be this juggernaut militarily. I always thought it was an illusion. And myself being a former soldier, you know, as a former serviceman in the military myself, I always looked at how they – I mean, I always looked at generally a lot of the things that they did in their military and it was very questionable on how professional they were.

So, I mean I don't think that this is a strong military in many ways. And answering your question, they're very good at beating up civilians, you know? They're very good at going at against countries that had civil wars and who have been downgraded and, you know, their military has been broken. They're very good at sucker shots, like against Syria while there's internal fighting and the military is worn down. Going against Lebanon after a bloody civil war when everyone is divided. They're very good at bombing Iraq while it's at war with Iran. So, they can do things like that and assassinations. But when it comes to an actual, conventional war, I think they'll lose.

Now, they always – looking at what military historians talk about their success in the Yom Kippur War, for example. You have to remember, the Arab armies they fought at were also – fought with were also fledgling armies. Those Arab armies were fledgling. They were not well organized. They were young, they were new. Those states also freshly became independent. And they were not as well-armed, in many cases. So, the Israelis have used this propaganda and this image to make themselves look like this Goliath in the region, which I have never agreed with and I want to make that clear. I have always seen it as an illusion. And that's another point I make. The Israelis are very good at casting illusions. And for them, always their deterrent power was their most prized possession. And that's why they're good at making illusions as deterrents.

If they fight against the Iranians, I think that the – first of all, the Israelis won't fight against the Iranians. It would be the United States. That's why the US Navy is there. That's why those US Navy battle groups are there. So, the United States, ironically, calls for constraint while it funnels weapons into that region to Israel. While it stops ceasefires, while it's there to fight. That's some strange definition of constraint. The Iranians and the Americans are negotiations. There are negotiations going between them. As well as Hamas through Qatar. In fact, the Iranians even said there was talk about sending the Israeli captives to Iran, through Turkish or Qatari intermediaries.

So, yes, this could end up being a multi-front war. Now, if this becomes a multi-front war, it is a regional war that will escalate to a global war. No question about it. The Chinese and the Russians back the Iranians. There was an Iranian advisor who came to Beijing, government advisor, two weeks ago. More or less, when I listen to him, he said, essentially, it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when. So, the conflict will escalate. But it's not because this is something that's going to happen in the Middle East, because all these states there are at each other's throats. I think it's by design that the United States is trying to create a broader, three-front conflict. I'm not going to use the word 'war' yet, between Russia, China, and Iran. They've already started war in Eastern Europe using Ukraine. Now in Palestine, they're using the Palestinians and the Israelis to create a front there. In Chinese Taipei, which is basically, more or less, a rogue province of China, as Beijing sees it, they're arming Taipei. And there's a connection.

In fact, the funding that Mr. Biden is sending right now is for all three of these places. Maybe Israel has priority, but it's all three of them. There is a connection: the conflicts in the Middle East and in Eastern Europe will go to the – are being pushed in the Asia Pacific region. And definitely, the Chinese are cognizant about this. And the Chinese position against Israel on this has been very assertive. And I think, very fair in terms of International Law.

And definitely, the Chinese public, more or less, are not supportive of Israel. In the Chinese public, if you go on Weebo, TikTok, WeChat, if you look at all these, majority of the Chinese public are against Israel. And the Israelis actually have agents trying to push their propaganda and win hearts and minds in the People's Republic of China and it's not successful. The Chinese understand what's at stake, they understand that this is connected to great power maneuvers. At the end of the day, the United States is – this goes back to Washington. It's not a question of —

GR: I want —

**MDN:** — what television is necessarily doing.

**GR:**Yeah. Mahdi, unfortunately we're starting to run out of time. I wanted to basically give you a chance to maybe remark on anything that you haven't remarked on yet or maybe emphasize the things that you have. Basically, you know, say in terms of this war where, you know, there are citizens all over the place who are still determined to – who are resisting, you know, in numbers like —

# MDN: Well, —

**GR:** — what we've seen since 20 years ago. What do you think we should say to the citizens to communicate the importance of this situation and maybe —

# MDN: So, —

**GR:**— things like what you do and how to stop it.

**MDN:** I'm not anybody special to pontificate to other people on how to follow their moral compasses. But I do think that time is running out for a lot of innocent people. So, I believe that if you have no – if you can do something to help, do it. If you can't do something positive to help, then at least speak about it. Speak out against that evil or negativity or darkness. And if you cannot do that, and you're (inaudible) hate it in your heart, dislike it in your heart. What I have to say is: I think time is running out for a lot of innocent people. There is a genocide, no question about it. When you listen to Israeli media and Israeli leaders, they are talking about genocide. Like the president of Israel said this is a collective crime, all Palestinians are guilty. Hamas represents them,

it's their government, they're all guilty. The Israeli defence minister called them "human animals."

A few years ago, they said they would even do another Holocaust there, a few years ago. I mean, Benjamin Netanyahu invoked the Bible and a people that were erased in the Bible. So, they are going to do this. And in fact, in Israel, there is a government document that has been circulated by Israeli media that calls for the ethnic cleansing, or genocide, in Palestine, where all of the Palestinians will be forced to go into the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt and never allowed to come back. They will never be allowed to come back. They will be kicked off the land and forced to live in a tent city in the Sinai, kilometres away from the border with Gaza. And that document actually goes out of it's way to tell them – they want to tell them that God punished them. That's what they'd like to tell them, that God punished the Palestinian people and that's why they're there. This is actually an Israeli government document from the intelligence services, that they put together.

The final thing I have to say is that I hope that peace prevails, but I think that, in the end, this is going to hurt Israel and the United States. They will be the two biggest losers from this. That is my strong belief, this will actually backfire against Israel. They are actually committing political suicide. And you can see that the whole world is waking up in this age of social media technology and realizing what they are doing. And in that sense, there is a danger for the supporters of Israel who are trying to outlaw supporting Palestinians.

So, in Europe, in France and Germany, at the start, they were trying to ban rallies in support of Palestine. And then, there are people Orwellianly trying to say if you support Palestinian rights and freedom, it means you support terrorism or Hamas. Hamas is not the Palestinian people, and the Palestinian people are not Hamas. But I also think Hamas is being misrepresented, as well. I want to point that out. A lot of things you're hearing, you should double-check. And in much of the world, they are not considered a terrorist organization in a large part of the world. They are considered a resistance group.

Whether you like their politics and their tactics and their ideology, they are considered a resistance group. So, those are some things that I want to put out there. And I hope this fighting stops, but in the end I think that we all need to speak out in whatever way we can to stop it.

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