

The Mask of "Liberal Democracy" Falls with a Bang

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Nakba, May 15, 2021. Future historians will mark the day when Western "liberal democracy" issued a graphic proclamation: We bomb media offices and destroy "freedom of the press" in an open air concentration camp while we forbid peaceful demonstrations under a state of siege in the heart of Europe.

And if you revolt, we cancel you.

Gaza meets Paris. The bombing of the al-Jalaa tower – an eminently residential building which also housed the bureaus of al-Jazeera and AP, among others – by "the only democracy in the Middle East" is directly connected to the *verboten* order carried out by Macron's Ministry of Interior.

For all practical purposes Paris endorsed the occupying power's provocations in East Jerusalem; the invasion of al-Aqsa mosque – complete with tear gas and stun grenades; racist Zionist gangs harassing and crying "death to Arabs"; armed settlers aggressing Palestinian families threatened with expulsion from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan; a campaign of carpet bombing whose lethal victims – on average – are 30% children.

Paris crowds were not intimidated. From Barbes to Republique, they marched in the streets – their rallying cry being *Israel assassin, Macron complice*. They instinctively understodood that Le Petit Roi – a puny Rothschild employee – had just firebombed the historical legacy of the nation that coined the *Déclaration Universelle des Droits de L'Homme.*

The mask of "liberal democracy" kept falling again and again in a loop – with imperial Big Tech dutifully <u>canceling</u> the voices of Palestinians and defenders of Palestine en masse, in tandem with a diplomatic kabuki that could fool only the already brain-dead.

On May 16, Chinese **Foreign Minister Wang Yi** chaired a <u>United States Security Council</u> (<u>UNSC</u>) <u>debate</u> via video link that had been stalled by Washington, non-stop, throughout the week. China presides the UNSC throughout May.

The UNSC could not even agree on a mere joint statement. Once again because the UNSC was blocked by the – cowardly – Empire of Chaos.

It was up to **Hua Liming**, former Chinese ambassador to Iran, to break it all down in a single sentence:

"The US doesn't want to give the credit of mediating the Palestine-Israel conflict to China, especially when China is the president of the UNSC."

The usual imperial procedure is to "talk", "offer you can't refuse" Mafia-style, to both sides under the table – as the combo behind Crash Test Dummy, an avowed Zionist, had already admitted on an appalling White House tweet "reaffirming" its "strong support for Israel's right to defend itself".

Liming emphasized, correctly, "this is the key reason why any solution or ceasefire between Israel and Gaza or other forces in the region would be temporary."

The whole Global South is incessantly bombarded by the imperial "human rights" rhetoric – from convicted crook Navalny to fake reports on Xinjiang. Yet when there is a real human rights catastrophe unleashed by the settler colonialist ally's carpet bombing, Liming pointed out how "the hypocrisy and double standards of the US have been exposed again".

One phone call can stop it

Amos Yadlin is the former IDF Military Intelligence Directorate chief, and also former Israeli military attaché to the US.

In a meeting with South African Zionists, he admitted the obvious: the Zionist carnage against Gaza can be stopped by Crash Test Dummy – who happens to be, what else, a Zionist puppet.

Yadlin claimed that the Crash Test Dummy administration, rather the combo behind it, was getting "impatient" and he would be "not surprised if this will all stop in 48 hours." And once again he had to reinforce the obvious: "When the Egyptians ask Israel to stop, Israel doesn't want to stop. But if the Americans will ask Israel to stop, Israel will have to listen."

The Empire practices trademark doublespeak when referring to the "international community" – which in theory gathers at the UN. The concomitant 24/7 propaganda barrage applies only to the motley crew of partners in crime, minions, lackeys, poodles and vassals, imperially ignoring and/or pissing on the heads of over 80% of the planet. Confronted with the reality of Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Ukraine and others, "rules-based international order" does not even qualify as a joke for retards.

So next time you see some sub-zoology specimen deploying the "Israel has the right to defend itself" Maximum Stupidity argument, the only possible response is to unleash facts as missiles.

Every sentient being with a conscience knows Palestine faces a racist settler colonialism project boasting an armed-to-the-hilt-military and several nuclear bombs, specialized in practicing state terrorism.

Gaza though is a particularly horrifying case. Population: nearly 2 million people. One of the top densely populated areas on the planet. A de facto open air concentration camp where no less than 50% are children, one in ten stunted to a great extent because of food

shortages provoked by the Israeli blockade. The official Israeli military plan is to allow just enough food in so the whole population barely survives. 50% of the population depends on food aid.

No less than 70% of families are refugees, who were ethnically cleansed from what is now southern Israel: there are roughly 1.46 million refugees out of a population of 1.9 million.

Gaza has 8 refugee camps – some being bombed as we speak. Never forget that Israel ruled Gaza directly from 1967 to 2005 and did less than zero to better their appalling conditions.

There are only 22 health centers, 16 social services offices and 11 food distribution centers, serving roughly 1 million people. No airport or port: both destroyed by Israel. The unemployment rate is 50% – the highest on the whole planet. Clean water is available to only 5% of the population.

But then there's the Resistance. Elijah Magnier has <u>shown</u> how they have already pierced Israel's pre-fabricated aura of invulnerability and "prestige" – and there's only one way to go, as the speed, accuracy, range and potency of rockets and missiles can only improve.

In parallel, in a wise strategic move, Hamas and Islamic Jihad have made it very clear they prefer that Hezbollah does not get itself directly involved – for now, thus allowing the whole Global South to be focused on the carnage perpetrated against Gaza.

"A landscape of iron and desolation"

<u>Sociologie de Jerusalem</u>, by Sylvaine Bulle, is a short but quite illuminating book showing how the battle for East Jerusalem is as imperative for the future of Palestine as the tragedy in Gaza.

Bulle focuses on the "internal racism" in Israel directly linked to the hegemony of extremeright Zionist "elites". A key consequence has been the "peripherization" and marginalization of East Jerusalem, thrown into a situation of "forced dependence" of Westernized West Jerusalem.

Bulle shows how East Jerusalem only exists as "a landscape of iron and desolation", through a juxtaposition of ultra-dense and totally abandoned zones. Palestinians who live in these areas are not regarded or respected as citizens.

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Beit Lahia - the horrifying detail (Source: The Saker)

It got much worse after 2004 and the construction of The Wall – which prevented the daily mobility of Palestinians living in the occupied territories and the Palestinians in Jerusalem. That was an extra fracture, with parts of East Jerusalem isolated on the other side of the wall and a lot of people now living in a real no man's land. Very few across the "liberal democratic" West have any idea how does that feel in practice.

Palestinians in East Jerusalem don't have Israeli nationality. Most have Jordanian passports. Yet now even Palestinians with Israeli nationality are rebelling – in most cases in very poor towns in the center of the country. Young generations simply have no reason to believe they belong in Israel. As for Israeli secular leftists, they have been "neutralized" and carry no political power, as they were incapable of integrating the working masses, which in turn were completely captured by hardcore religious extremists.

Bulle's conclusion, expressed with way too much diplomacy (this is France, after all), is inevitable: the state of Israel is more and more Jewish and less and less democratic, a de facto Zionist regime. She believes it might be possible to rebuild the link between Jewish national identity and democracy, including the rights of Palestinian minorities.

Sorry, but that's not gonna happen, as the current tragedy, which started in East Jerusalem, graphically shows.

The Via Dolorosa continues – as we all watch in horror. Just imagine the inter-galactic Western levels of hysteria if Russia or China were bombing, firing shells and missiles and killing children in residential areas. No wonder the Empire of Chaos – and Lies, posing as a "liberal democracy" while enabling the murderous Zionist project, is firmly flirting with the dustbin of History.

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