

Middle East: The Terror Strategy. Manlio Dinucci

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The Israeli-led war in the Middle East continues to spread like a self-feeding fire.

The air and ground bombardment of the Gaza Strip continues, which has made this territory uninhabitable and has resulted in more than 50,000 deaths, including about 20,000 children, and more than 100,000 wounded, most of whom will die as a result of Israel's destruction of hospitals. The number of deaths caused by Israel's deprivation of the Palestinian population of food, drinking water and medical supplies is incalculable.

At the same time, Israel is "redrawing" the West Bank, demolishing entire neighbourhoods with bulldozers, killing and terrorizing the population with constant round-ups. There have already been about 1,000 civilian deaths and 6,000 wounded. In a methodical genocide condemned by the UN International Court of Justice, Israel is destroying the occupied territories that constitute the Palestinian state. Backed politically and militarily by the United States and NATO, it does so with impunity.

The Israeli-led war is now engulfing Lebanon: First, targeted attacks against Hezbollah's political and military leaders, then massacres by exploding pagers and walkie-talkies, followed by indiscriminate air and ground attacks, including the use of white phosphorus shells against civilian settlements.

The death toll has risen to more than 700 in four days. The terrorist attack, which involved exploding pagers and walkie-talkies, is particularly serious because of the consequences it entails. "Israel Has Built a Modern Trojan Horse," headlines the New York Times, reconstructing in essence the plan implemented by Israeli intelligence: They used a Hungarian company, B.A.C. Consulting, which was contracted to manufacture the devices on behalf of a Taiwanese company. In addition to ordinary pagers and walkie-talkies, the company produced pagers and walkie-talkies with batteries containing a powerful explosive. The shipment of these devices to Hezbollah in Lebanon began in the year 2022. They were detonated on September 17 and 18, causing dozens of deaths and thousands of serious injuries, including among those standing next to them.

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criminally motivated terrorist attacks. Many electronics manufacturers outsource the manufacture of components, making it difficult to trace and verify the origin of each piece of the final product. As a result, any product can be turned into a deadly weapon.

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