

# Netanyahu Pretends to be Dumb. He's Not

Part I. Netanyahu Pranced Around Washington DC Avoiding the Fact that in Israel He Is a Primary Suspect in the Disappearance of the Young Women Spotters with Their Close Observations on the Road to Oct. 7

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Step by step, the UN's top judiciary backed by a strong plurality of informed public opinion is in the process of making Benjamin Netanyahu the world's most notorious war criminal during the twenty-first century's opening decades. This development casts a shadow of harsh judgment over those that invited the Israeli Prime Minister to Washington DC.

Netanyahu's fourth address to the US Congress on 24 July, 2024, came at a time when the stench of bribery, blackmail and organized crime had become unmistakable in the sordid operations of the US legislative branch.

Inside the most famous legislative edifice in Washington DC, a few hundred paid political stooges bobbed up and down as Netanyahu spoke. They repeatedly sprang to their feet to applaud the Perpetrator-In-Chief of the shocking genocidal atrocity currently afflicting the collective consciousness of global society.

Sensitive people throughout the world cannot help but notice the presence in our midst of a highly-publicized mass atrocity going on steadily for almost a year now. In the process, the diabolical crime is being normalized as if we are supposed to learn to take such mind-boggling atrocities in our stride.

Much of humanity is refusing to go along with this travesty of mass murder in which most of our governments, our corporations, and our churches are very complicit.

The dehumanizing effect on all sides of this most vicious ongoing crime spree is becoming too unconstrained and insidious to be tolerated. No more! How can we the witnesses of such sustained bestiality best convey our refusal to accept such a demoralizing effrontery to humanity?

The monstrosity of the US-backed onslaught on Gaza and the West Bank expresses a particularly barbaric form of belligerence that classically illustrates the broader meanings of Crimes against Humanity.



Pro-Palestinian supporters, holding banners, gather outside of the U.S. Capitol to protest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to the United States Congress in Washington, DC on July 24, 2024 (Source: Tyrone Turner for NPR)

The macabre theatre inside the Capitol Building contrasted starkly with the understanding displayed by tens of thousands of demonstrators marching in the Washington streets around what came to be known as Fort Netanyahu.

The Capitol was dubbed "Fort Netanyahu" throughout the duration of the war criminal's reign in Washington DC. How much longer can the person who was the most protected figure inside Fort Netanyahu continue his reign of terror? Can the war criminal continue the carnage on the basis of the argument he is innocent until proven guilty?

The War criminal's "bunker" was the *Watergate Hotel*, another legendary building in Washington DC often associating with the crashing of Richard Nixon's presidential career.

A meal of maggots was provided for the Genocider-In-Chief and his entourage. They used the network of tunnels emanating from the Watergate Hotel to travel back and forth to Fort Netanyahu.

What does the concept of innocent-until-proven-guilty mean to Palestinians currently being subjected to many different types of purposeful execution inside the Israeli-US concentration camp of Gaza. Palestinians in the Occupied Territories are not treated like they have the right to life, let alone the right to pursue liberty and happiness. Their lives are being snuffed

out, often in agonizing and prolonged ways, because they are members of a group currently targeted for mass murder on a genocidal scale.

## Let It Happen, Make It Happen, or "Security Failure"?

The event that unfolded outside the Capitol included in its agenda a call for citizens to promote and plan the *Arrest of Netanyahu*. Prominent among the participants in the initiative to apprehend the credibly-accused war criminal were seven major labour unions. These vehicles of organized labour include the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA-CWA), the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), the National Education Association (NEA), National Nurses United (NNU), the United Auto Workers (UAW), and the United Electrical Workers (UE).

The membership of these organizations encompasses over 9 million working people, about half of the USA's trade unionists. The quest of organized labour for a lasting ceasefire is part of a much larger coalition including the formation of many associations encompassing, for instance, doctors and rabbis calling for an end to the genocide. See this.

This level of involvement by organized workers builds on what started as loose associations of students and faculty members. Such networking led to the appearance on many hundreds of campuses of tent encampments that provided strategic spaces for like-minded citizens to assemble and collectively stand up for the human rights of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

These developments resulted in efforts of obstruction urged on by Netanyahu's extreme and inflammatory rhetoric.

The result was that Zionist-controlled university administrations, police forces and several violent goon squads soon created the condition where it became necessary for peaceful protestors to stand up for the rights of Americans to speak, assemble and write freely even when it comes to flagged subjects. Prominent among the taboos of the increasingly-repressive police state, is the nature of the US-Israeli collaboration in pushing forward the genocidal elimination and forced displacements of the targeted Palestinians.

Part of the toxic demagoguery pushed by Netanyahu and those that support the war crimes of his regime, is that the Israeli people were hit by Hamas terrorists out of the blue on October 7. Many accounts of October 7 have depicted the Israeli people and government as innocent victims of lethal attack.

So the argument goes, on Oct. 7 Hamas "animals" fired first. From this it is supposed to follow that the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank deserve everything pointed their way in the Israeli-US assaults that followed.

This simple-minded explanation puts the largest weight of the blame on Palestinians generally and on the leadership of Hamas particularly. Such an argument simply cannot stand up to close scrutiny. Starting with the testimony of the Herzl Halevi, Chief of the General Staff of the Israeli Defence Force, there are many Israeli voices on the inside of events that point out that the official account of the breaching of the Gaza Wall by Hamas fighters acting independently, is simply not credible.

Those who broke through those walls were, at the very least, allowed to do so by the national security apparatus of Israel. Authorities responsible for maintaining the division between Gazans and Israelis on either side of the Gaza prison Wall must have *let the breach happen*. More than incompetence or negligence was involved.

In fact, with the complicity of Netanyahu the authorities might even have assisted in *making* the breach happen. Once many Palestinians had broken through the Wall in full sight of the spotters assigned to the watch video images of every inch of that strategic installation, the same authorities who let the Palestinians break through the barrier held back. They prevented the mounting of a concerted military responses for several crucial hours to help exacerbate the scale of the desired debacle.

The evidence is strong that those in charge of the Israeli security apparatus, including its US elements, wanted to create a pretext dramatic enough so that public opinion would gather in support of a genocidal response with the goal of depopulating Gaza of its Palestinian inhabitants. This preoccupation with depopulation is occurring at precisely the moment when the number of Palestinians on territory controlled by Israel is surpassing the number of Jewish Israelis.

While there is growing awareness that the Israeli Armed Forces bear much responsibility for the eliminating many Israeli citizens on October 7, this aspect of the ongoing debacle is generally downplayed.

Instead the official position usually emphasized, is that a massive "intelligence failure" prevented officials from acting on much prior information that Hamas was about to mount a military manoeuvre involving a breach of the Gaza Prison Wall. This "intelligence failure" was then followed by a massive litary of supposed incompetence, mistakes, and miscalculations on the part of the IDF, Mossad and related agencies on the US-Israeli side of October 7.

The constant repetition of the phrase, "intelligence failure," has been embedded into the official narrative of October 7. The constant references to "intelligence failures" is meant to cause confusion especially of members of the Israeli public who tend to be well aware that something is terribly wrong with their government's official explanation.

For instance, in a thinly-veiled intelligence agency spin published by <u>Haartez</u> in November of 2023, Prof. Uri Bar-Joseph of the University of Haifa referred to the future creation of a "Commission of Inquiry to Study the Intelligence Failure." What kind of inquiry introduces the conclusion to be reached in the very title of the project?

The mood is changing in Israel as a growing constituency comes to understand that there is a giant cover up in their midst involving authorities that do not want a genuine inquiry of what happened on October 7. For instance the members of Kibbutz Be'eri responded on July 11 to a mini investigation into what happened to cause the failure of the IDF to respond to the crisis they faced.

#### The people of Kibbutz Be'eri asked

"Why did numerous army forces gathered at the gate not enter the kibbutz for hours, while the kibbutz was burning and its residents cried for help? What caused the intelligence failure that enabled Hamas' infiltration plan, and how did the border breach

occur without an immediate response from the IDF? Did the soldiers who arrived at the kibbutz understand that their primary goal was to defend civilians?"

In responding to the inadequate findings of the IDF, a Local Regional Council member observed that the report

"continues the line that governs Israel – no one is responsible. No one is to blame. This is the greatest disaster in the country's history, and the entire political and military leadership is standing still. For us, this is a partial investigation, since there was no interaction at all with the Council, and therefore does not reflect a complete picture of the heavy disaster. We demand a state commission of inquiry, and hope that the lessons and conclusions will be implemented now."

The assertions that no one in government was responsible and that a series of "intelligence failures" constituted the main cause, is reminiscent of the response to the 9/11 false flag meant to give justification to the series of US-backed wars for Israel that followed. Both 9/11 and October 7 involved Netanyahu who has based much of his political career around his claims that he is an expert at protecting Jews and Christians from the incursions Muslim "terrorists" who are actually his paid assets.

The persistent stonewalling by Netanyahu of an investigation is explained by Allison Kaplan

over nine months since the devastation of October 7, Netanyahu has done everything in his power to avoid what every responsible Israeli political and military leader (and the vast majority of the Israeli public, according to multiple polls), has demanded: a full and complete official government investigation of the <u>intelligence</u>, <u>operational and leadership failures</u> that took place that day.

Thus, Netanyahu has been free to weave his own narrative, in which all mistakes and missteps can be attributed to the Israel Defense Forces – and none to the government responsible for proper oversight of the military, which he has led for years.

So it is disappointing – but hardly surprising – that once again, Netanyahu fended off a push for a national commission of inquiry into the October 7 failures, again claiming that "first, I want to beat Hamas" – without, of course, defining exactly what that means.

Sommer quotes Netanyahu's political opponent, Yair Lapid, who went right to the core of the matter, arguing, the government is "afraid of an inquiry committee because they are responsible for the most severe disaster in the history of the state – and they know it." See this.

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