

Rockets Remind the World of the 12-Year Blockade of 1.8 Million Gazans

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The blockade of the Gaza Strip is the ongoing land, air, and sea blockade of essential food, medical and building supplies imposed by Israel in 2007 under the pretext of arms-control but which, in reality, is in order to try to force regime change. This is the criminal action that has deprived a population of nearly 2 million of their electricity, power and basic needs of existence for more than 12 years in addition to heavily restricting the free movement of civilians and goods.

Furthermore, there is the illegal settlement of over 600,000 Israeli citizens in the Occupied Territories that is, in effect, supported by British arms and military exports notwithstanding the violation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334 that clearly states that such settlements 'Have No Legal Validity and Constitute a Flagrant Violation of International Law.'

Gaza, of course, has no Army, no Air Force and no Navy, only civilian protestors and militants who fire homemade rockets into the land of their nuclear-armed oppressors who then bravely retaliate by indiscriminately bombing a defenceless civilian population. The IDF, heavily-armed with American and British equipment, attack targets in Gaza leaving the wounded to die as they themselves return in their brand new F-35 US-made warplanes to drink coffee and eat hummus at home with their wives and families.

This then is the Middle East of 2019, controlled by the Netanyahu government, supported by US President Trump that advocates a Greater Israel with all Palestinian indigenous people ethnically cleansed to leave a single Jewish-only state extending from the Mediterranean to the far side of the River Jordan.

Five million indigenous Palestinian Arabs would then become stateless in their own land in a travesty of justice reminiscent of the bygone colonial times of the British Imperial Empire when Cecil Rhodes strode about Africa planting a British flag in the soil and claiming entire countries and their populations as the subjects and chattels of the British Crown. And now the world watches as Messrs Trump and Netanyahu continue to violate the command of the United Nations Security Council, with impunity.

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