

# The Battle of Words in Palestine: It is not "Apartheid", it is "Genocide"

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**GR Editor's Note.** In a November 2013, the Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal condemned the State of Israel of Genocide against the people of Palestine.

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Words, in the battle of Liberation are of prime importance, but in the age of Internet, where Cyber Battles are waged, between truth and falsehood, the use of the right word becomes more vital than ever.

We have observed how the word, "apartheid" has crept in and has been intensely used by many Palestinians and their supporters without much reflection upon the meaning, implications or outcome of such use.

The definition of "Apartheid"

a·part·heid (ə-pärt hīt , -hat)

n.

- **1.** An **official policy of racial segregation** formerly practiced in the Republic of South Africa, involving political, legal, and economic discrimination against nonwhites.
- **2.** A **policy or practice of separating** or segregating groups.
- **3.** The condition of **being separated** from others; **segregation**.

Thus, the use of apartheid to describe "Israel", the entity which was established by terror, planned ethnic cleansing and continues to practice slow genocide is extremely inappropriate, insufficient and falls very short from giving a complete and accurate portrait.

## Calling "Israel" an Apartheid is a CONCEALMENT of GENOCIDE

Calling the Zionist entity mere "apartheid", i.e "separation", would only serve in concealing the true genocidal nature of the Jewish state, and present it as a "normal" and "legitimate" political system with only few holes, some racist laws, and wrong policies which can be easily changed. Such use would promote the legitimization of this entity. From a legal aspect, crimes of apartheid does not carry the same weight in International Law as Crimes against Humanity, thus may be harder to prosecute.

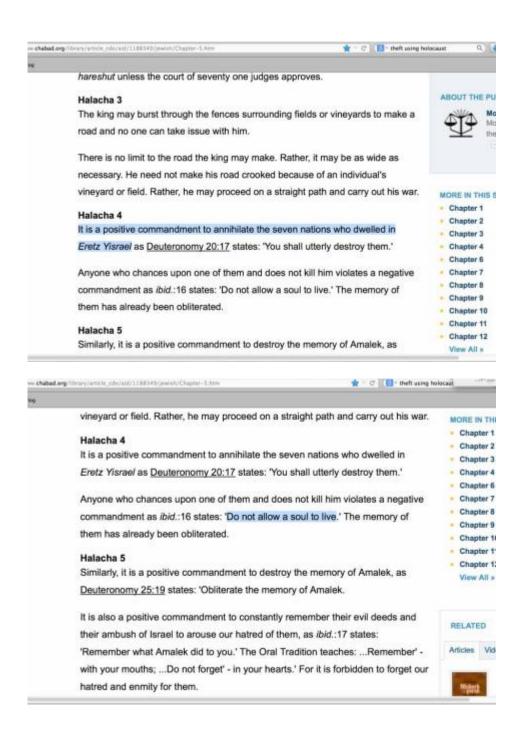
Campaigning to demand that the existing Jewish state, would change some of its policies (rather than to call for its dismantling and delegitimisation, to end this entity, once and for all) would simply **enable the usurpation of historic Palestine**.

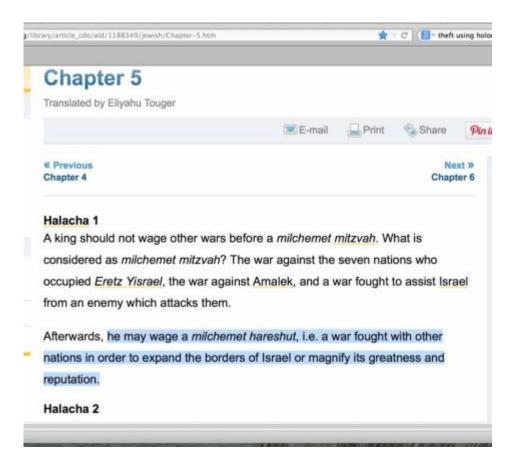
Calling for ODS (one democratic state, as a continuation of "Israel"), while ignoring the right of Palestinians to FULL LIBERATION, would enable the Zionist entity to **expand and enlarge its boundaries**, to encompass the ENTIRE land of Palestine, by annexing what remains of Palestine.

Calling for "equal rights" between mass-murderers and their victims, means wilful participation in wiping out the Palestinian Identity, under "Israeli" authority thus promoting giving Palestinians "israeli" citizenship, which means unwittingly promoting the "israelization" of what remains of Palestinians, i.e upgrading their state from "occupied Palestinians" to "israeli slaves".

I call upon our people and our supporters to be alert and not to participate in whitewashing the crimes of the Jewish state, by calling it an "apartheid" rather than what it really is, a genocidal, supremacist, expansionist, ethnic-cleansing entity.







#### The Genocide Convention

Article 2 of the United Nations issued Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide states:

"any of the following acts committed with intent to **destroy**, in **whole or in part**, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group as such:

- 1. Killing members of the group; [Israel ...guilty]
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; [Israel ...guilty]
- 3. **Deliberately inflicting** on the group **conditions of life calculated** to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; [Israel ...guilty]
- 4. Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; [Israel ...guilty]
- 5. Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

#### Article 4 states:

Persons committing genocide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article 3 shall be punished, whether they are constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials or private individuals.

#### Nuremberg Principles,

#### Principle VI. states,

"The crimes hereinafter set out are punishable as crimes under international law:

## (a) Crimes against peace:

- (i) Planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a <u>war of</u> <u>aggression</u> or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances;
- (ii) Participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the acts mentioned under (i).

## (b) War crimes:

Violations of the laws or customs of war which include, but are not limited to, murder, ill-treatment or deportation of slave labor or for any other purpose of the civilian population of or in occupied territory; murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons on the Seas, killing of hostages, plunder of public or private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns, or villages, or devastation not justified by military necessity.

## (c) **Crimes against humanity**:

Murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation and other inhumane acts done against any civilian population, or persecutions on political, racial, or religious grounds, when such acts are done or such persecutions are carried on in execution of or in connection with any crime against peace or any war crime."

In Contrast:

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#### **The Sanhedrin** Principles:

Wars of aggression . . . NO PROBLEM

## Mishneh Torah, Chapter 5, Halacha 1

"A king should not wage other wars before a *milchemet mitzvah*. What is considered as *milchemet mitzvah*? The **war against the seven nations who occupied** *Eretz Yisrael*, the war **against Amalek**, and a war fought to assist Israel from an enemy which attacks them.

Afterwards, he may <u>wage a milchemet hareshut, (war of aggression)</u> i.e. a war fought with other nations in order to expand the borders of Israel or magnify its greatness and reputation."

#### Extermination . . . NO PROBLEM

## Mishneh Torah, Chapter 1, Halacha 2:

"Amalek's seed should be annihilated before the construction of the Temple"

#### THE LAWS OF KINGS AND THEIR WARS

- 6) The obligation to destroy the seven nations living in the Land of Canaan:
- 7) The prohibition against allowing any one of them to remain alive;
- 8) The obligation to destroy the descendents of Amalek;
- 9) The obligation to remember what Amalek did;
  - Subjugation and Enslavement . . . NO PROBLEM

## Mishneh Torah, Chapter 6, Halacha 1

"If the enemy accepts the offer of peace and commits itself to the fulfillment of the seven mitzvot that were commanded to Noah's descendents, none of them should be killed. Rather, they should be subjugated as *ibid*.:11 states: 'They shall be your subjects and serve you.'

If they **agree to tribute**, but do not accept subjugation or if they **accept subjugation**, but do not agree to tribute, their offer should not be heeded. **They must accept both**.

The subjugation they must accept consists of being on a lower level, scorned and humble. They must never raise their heads against Israel, but must remain subjugated under their rule. They may never be appointed over a Jew in any matter whatsoever."

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