

# The Third Intifada. Israel's Crimes. Palestine's Wrath. Ray of Hope?

Conversations with Richard Falk, Richard Silverstein and Laith Marouf

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*"What they need to do is they need to occupy the bases of the Canadian Armed Forces! They need to occupy the military hardware factories! They need to occupy their courts and stop the shipping of these weapons to apartheid Israel! Anything less than that will not actually cleanse them from the blood on their hands as Canadians!"*

- Laith Marouf, from this week's interview

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As of 2:00 am on May 21 by the Israel-Palestine hour this morning, or 7:00pm EDT on Thursday, the two sides of the disputing rivals had ceased hostilities - at least for the time being.[1]

By the [standard account](#), the bitter eruption rose up on May 6 when Palestinians rose up in protest to a Supreme Court of Israel ruling on the matter of evicting six Palestinian families from their housing units in Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem. This was followed the next day by Israeli police [storming the Al-Aqsa mosque](#), the third holiest site in Islam and firing stun grenades, rubber bullets and tear gas at the worshippers in attendance.

Then on May 10, Hamas, the militant force governing over Gaza, [wanted Israeli security forces](#) removed from Sheikh Jarrah and the Temple Mount complex, location of the holiest site in Judaism which also housed Al-Aqsa Mosque. When Israel refused [they fired rockets](#) on targets in Israel. What followed was a [campaign of airstrikes](#) by Israel.

What followed was the most [destructive period of violence](#) in years.. [2]

The following clip recorded by Middle East Eye is just a sample of what the last two weeks were like:

"I don't know what to do."

A 10-year-old Palestinian girl breaks down while talking to MEE after Israeli air strikes destroyed her neighbour's house, killing 8 children and 2 women [#Gaza](#) [#Palestine](#) [#Israel](#) [pic.twitter.com/jnZx8wruaX](https://pic.twitter.com/jnZx8wruaX)

Regrettably, [violence in the region](#) tends to spring up from time to time. And absent being held to account for past crimes by the UN, Washington, or really anyone, Israel will most likely continue on setting up more shelters on occupied land, and besieging the beleaguered Gaza, and ignoring the human rights of their Palestinian neighbours frankly at levels well beyond the harsh treatment of Blacks in modern day America.

But something is a little different this time. Despite Israel's 'Iron Dome' technology taking out as many as [90 percent of rockets](#), some projectiles, cruise missiles no less, are punching through and hitting Israel stronger than ever. The [Palestinians in Israel are themselves taking action](#) in the streets, in businesses, and synagogues. And even in the United States, while the [President continues to disappoint](#) with his tepid remarks about the right of Israel to defend itself, sharp and popular critics in Congress such as [Bernie Sanders](#) and [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#) are speaking out loudly against continuing to arm Israel despite its ongoing abuses against Palestinians.

Do these and other unique scenarios marking this 11 day period of terror mean things will be different now or in the long term? This is the question running through this Global Research News Hour and its sixty minute broadcast.

On the show in our first half hour, Richard Falk, professor emeritus of law at Princeton university talks to listeners highlighting some of the less talked about elements of the past month, including how it was incited by right wing settlers and during the Islamic holy period known as Ramadan. He also discussed attacks on media and the prospects for victory for Palestinians in the long term.

Following that, we hear from Richard Silverstein, a progressive blogger focused on the Israel-Palestine conflict. He will dwell on the growth in Hamas' arsenal, the growth of Palestinian solidarity in Israel, and the potential ability of the International Criminal Court to wound Israel's prospects.

Finally, Palestine activist and commentator Laith Marouf joins us again to dwell on the motives of the new Palestinian resistance, the prospects for the conflict to intensify, and the goals of Canadians wishing to show their solidarity with the damaged but determined victims of 73 years of Israeli confrontation.

*Richard Falk is an international law and international relations scholar who taught at Princeton University for forty years and holds the title of professor emeritus. In 2008 he was also appointed by the UN to serve a six-year term as the Special Rapporteur on Palestinian human rights. He contributes regularly to Global Research.*

*Richard Silverstein is a political writer and commentator. Since 2003 he has authored the progressive Jewish blog [Tikun Olam](#), which focuses on exposing the excesses of the Israeli national security state. He contributes regularly to [Middle East Eye](#), and has contributed in the past to Truthout, Alternet, Haaretz, Mint Press News, Jewish Forward, Los Angeles Times, Comment Is Free and Al Jazeera English.*

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Notes:

1. [www.bbc.com/news/57200843](http://www.bbc.com/news/57200843)
2. [www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-palestinians-idUSKCN2D12SV](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-palestinians-idUSKCN2D12SV)

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