

ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS: A NEW STRATEGY

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Redacted from a brilliant, all-inclusive 27 page article By Lt.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon of the Jewish state.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German priest executed by the Nazis, once wrote, "If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the opposite direction. Fifteen years ago, the signing of the Oslo accords with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) raised hopes that Israel had boarded the "peace" train. Over the years, however, it became clear that the train was not headed for the promised destination. Nevertheless, Israel's leadership has been pointlessly running along the corridor ever since.

Israeli statesmen hoped that diplomatic breakthroughs reached at the negotiating table would pave the way to ending the larger conflict. They believed that treaties, goodwill gestures and territorial concessions would ease tensions and violence in the region, and, as a result, security and stability would return to Israel's narrow strip of land.

This doctrine had already begun to falter before the outbreak of the Palestinian war against Israel in September 2000, but the extent to which it was in truth a monumental mistake has since become abundantly clear. **In the face of the Palestinian Authority's descent into corruption and violent chaos, the "peace process" has turned out to be an empty delusion.**

In light of this, Israel and the West have no choice but to revise their entire policy toward the Palestinians. Instead of trying to achieve historical change "from the top down," exaggerating the importance of declarations handed down to the masses as if from the peak of a diplomatic Mount Olympus, we should adopt a new, more pragmatic policy that promotes change "from the bottom up."

It is unfortunate, to say the least, that the partner in whom the Jewish state placed all of its hopes for a historic reconciliation was Yasser Arafat. From the 1960's on, Arafat engineered some of the most despicable terrorist attacks of the modern era, which claimed the lives of thousands of innocents, including women, children, and the elderly. We now know, Arafat never for a moment abandoned his dream of bringing about the elimination

Arafat's death in November 2004 and the election of Mahmoud Abbas as chairman of the Palestinian Authority on January 9, 2005, offered the Palestinian leadership an opportunity to change course. Unfortunately, the new PA chairman was unwilling to pay the price of a confrontation with Hamas. He wasted



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the international credit he was given by trying to incorporate the Islamic terrorist organizations into the Palestinian government. Today, the Palestinian agenda is increasingly dictated by Hamas, which finished the job Arafat began: burying the Oslo peace process. **Islamic jihadism openly proclaims its intention of wiping the Jewish state off the map and scornfully rejects any settlement based on a "land for peace" equation.**

There is no doubt that the overall picture is bleak despite the fact that since the signing of the Oslo accords, the Palestinian Authority has received international aid on a scale unmatched by any other country since World War II, relative to the size of its population. Between the years 1994 and 2000, this aid amounted to an average of half a billion dollars a year. And the pie has only been getting larger: At the December 2007 Paris Donor Conference, the decision was made to transfer over seven billion dollars in aid to the PA over the years 2008-2010.

Nevertheless, the impoverished masses have not benefited from the fruits of the international community's charity. Enormous bank accounts, plum profit making businesses and graft opportunities are held by senior officials of the PA and were held by Arafat himself. A report prepared by the International Monetary Fund in 2003 found that between the years 1995 and 2000, 900 million dollars of the Palestinian

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PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY RACIST, QUREI: “WE’LL ALLOW NO JEWS IN FUTURE PA STATE”

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The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) has condemned as racist the statement by Ahmed Qurei, former Palestinian Authority (PA) prime minister and currently head of its negotiating team, who has declared that there will be no Jews or Jewish communities allowed in Judea and Samaria, including the eastern half of Jerusalem, thus calling for these territories to be *Judenrein*.

According to a Jerusalem Post report, Qurei, speaking to Palestinian media, said that the PA was not budging at all in its rejection of Israeli proposals to retain major Jewish towns and centers in Judea and Samaria within the framework of any peace agreement. “There can be no peace with the presence of these settlement blocs in the West Bank. Our experiences have taught us that it’s impossible to co-exist with these settlers. The settlers are dangerous and that it’s impossible to live with them. If these settlers are allowed to stay, that would mean more friction and confrontation. Peace can be achieved only if Israel withdraws to the last centimeter of the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967”

ZOA National President Morton A. Klein said, “The ZOA condemns Ahmed Qurei’s racist policy and statement that Jews may not live in the historical and religious heartland of the Jewish people. We condemn him for suggesting that peace can somehow be built on the Nazi-like basis that an area must be de-populated of Jews.

“Imagine if Israel demanded as a condition of its statehood that it expel every Palestinian before there could be peace. The outrage would be deafening. Yet it appears that, while 1.2 Arabs can live among 6 million Jews in Israel, 400,000 Jews cannot be allowed to live among 2 million Arabs in Judea and Samaria and eastern Jerusalem. What does this policy position say about future Palestinian intentions towards the Jewish state of Israel?”

“Qurei speaks of Palestinian memories of Jewish attacks, which have been extremely few in number, whereas Palestinian attacks upon Jews have been in their tens of thousands and unrelenting across the years. ‘Friction’ and ‘confrontation’ stem from the Palestinian refusal to accept the existence of Israel as a Jewish state, not from the presence of Jews living in Judea and Samaria who have been victims of incessant Palestinian attacks. Arabs come into Jewish communities without fear of their lives, but no Jew can walk down the streets of Hebron or Nablus without fear of lynching or other acts of murderous violence and brutality.

“Qurei belongs to a regime which, as ZOA has noted on numerous occasions, is complicit in, promotes, and extols terrorism. Even if no Jews lived in Judea and Samaria, it would be the height of folly for Israel to withdraw totally from the area and such a course of action is nowhere demanded by UN Security Resolution 242 or any other agreement signed by Israel.”



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Authority’s budget was transferred to a secret bank account controlled by Arafat alone.

Instead of state-building, the Palestinians have been led into a treacherous quagmire of violence and corruption. Instead of forsaking terrorism, they have chosen to intensify their war against Israel, thus condemning themselves to self-destruction. Caught between a dysfunctional Palestinian Authority and a radical Islamic regime in Gaza—between Fatahland and Hamastan—the Palestinian people are currently at one of the lowest points in their history.

There is no panacea for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It must be treated as a chronic disease that requires lengthy, sustained therapy. **Economic**

recovery cannot be separated from the enforcement of law and order. Democratization cannot be separated from the war on terror and putting an end to incitement and hate-mongering. In order to ensure this, the United States and the donor countries need to formulate a new “road map,” one that will delineate clear guidelines and conditions for their cooperation with the PA. Only an unrelenting, uncompromising quid-pro-quo approach by Israel and the international community can push things in the right direction—and perhaps bring some comfort to two peoples who have known so much suffering.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HEBRON – BURIAL PLACE OF ABRAHAM AND SARAH, ISAAC AND REBECCA, JACOB AND LEAH? (The Arabs already attempt to destroy Rachel's tomb, near Bethlehem, regularly)

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The Jewish community of Hebron is under siege by its own government. At the end of October, I visited the community and spoke to Noam Federman, the father of nine. Coming in the middle of the night, the Israel Defense Forces

had torn his home down to its foundations, demolishing every piece of furniture, even breaking up the children's toys.

Since then, the situation has only become worse. The government has ruled that an additional 500 Palestinian Authority policemen can deploy in Hebron, ostensibly to crack down on the Hamas infra-structure there. Jewish residents are up in arms. The community's spokeswoman, Orit Struck said what is obvious; "A strong IDF presence is the best defense for Hebron." She warned that strengthened PA forces would merely be used to attack Jews.

In addition, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that the residents of Beit Hashalom in Hebron had only three days to evacuate their homes. This is the climax of a long government policy of harassment. Although the building was legally purchased, (at a highly inflated price) the government first refused residents permission to install windows. When windows finally went in, the government refused to permit out-side shades. It still has not allowed electricity to be installed. Calling an emergency meeting Beit Hashalom's supporters pointed out "It has taken a post-Zionist, post-Oslo Israeli government working hand in hand with a hopelessly politicized judicial system to adopt a racist policy of preventing Jews from buying and holding property in the Jewish homeland."

These actions are part of a government campaign that goes beyond the Jews of Hebron. Supported by the media and the "intellectual elite" the government has inculcated the derisory notion that the obstacle to peace is not the Arab world, intent on Israel's destruction in any borders, but the upwards of half a million Jews living beyond the armistice lines of 1949, absent their presence, "peace" would follow.

MOVIEMAKER WARNS WEST AGAINST ISLAM

*The Jewish Press December 19, 2008
By Hillel Fendel*

Geert Wilders, a Dutch Member of Parliament, continues to receive Muslim death threats because of his anti-Islam film *Fitna*. Wilders, who took part in the *Facing Jihad* conference in Jerusalem this week, goes nowhere without his bodyguards. "A lot of people do not like my political ideas about the threat of Islamic ideology," he explained to Israel National Radio's Yishai Fleisher. "And so unfortunately I have lost my freedom. This is the price I have to pay."

The 15-minute film, *Fitna*, which was screened at the conference, portrays the Koranic verses and teachings that inspire modern jihadist terrorism. Release of the video on the Internet was accompanied by threats against Wilders, international debate about the limits of freedom of speech, and discussion of what Wilders called his "call to shake off the creeping tyranny of Islamization."

Upon its release last March, the movie was banned by the Internet registrar, *Network Solutions*. The video provider *LiveLeak* then screened it, but was forced to recall it under Islamic pressure. *IsraelNationalNews* then, among others, stepped in and hosted *Fitna* on its website. The movie ends with a dramatic call for Europe to awake and defeat Islamic ideology, just as it defeated the threats of Nazism and Communism in the past. The purpose of the movie, Wilders told Fleisher, "was to educate people in the Netherlands and around the world about what the Koran and Islam really stand for. So far, some 20 million people have seen it. So I hope I have been somewhat successful. **What you in Israel face is not just a territorial conflict, but an ideological one.**

NETUREI KARTA DECLARES MUMBAI ATTACK, "G-D'S PUNISHMENT ON CHABAD"

(Who punished the other 171 non-Jews killed and 230 injured, at last count?) jsk

Jewish Press, December 19, 2008

A leaflet distributed over the weekend in Jerusalem by the anti-Zionist *Neturei Karta* group said the attack on the Mumbai Chabad House was G-d's punishment for Chabad work with "Zionist" Israel, the Israeli News Service, Ynet reported Monday. The leaflet criticized Chabad for hosting both religious and secular Jews without distinguishing "between good and evil, right and wrong, pure and impure, a Jew and a convert a believer and a heretic? (Whatever that means?)

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