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The Terror State of Israel: A Nation in Unity and Defiance on the Face of Global Disdain

The settler colonialism project in Palestine that became the state of Israel in 1947 had its roots in the Zionist movement that began much early at the end of 19th century by Theodore Herzl.¹ The rise in antisemitism in Europe culminating with the holocaust of European Jews in World War II hastened the efforts to create a separate homeland for the Jews by the displacement of native Palestinians through ethnic cleansing and mass murders, all done by design.² The ensuing first Nakba in 1948, meaning catastrophe, led to nearly three quarters of a million Palestinians removed from their own land.³

The Nazis under Hitler were the perpetrators of the slaughter of Jews in 1940s, would Germany had been an ideal host nation for such a project, a reparation of some kind? Instead, the effort and attention shifted to the land of Palestine already inhabited by Palestinian Arabs for a millennium,² framed so to entice the diaspora to return under the biblical reference of Palestine for the Jews.² The end of the British mandate in 1947 and the declaration of Israel heralded the start of endless brutalities heaped on the Palestinians by the Zionists in Israel.³ Post 6-day war in 1967, the illegal occupation of the West Bank including East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip marked the beginning of the most brutal and systematic human rights violations of the Palestinians⁴ living in the occupied Palestinian territories (OPT). To name a few initiatives; state sponsored confiscation of land, a state policy of building of illegal settlements, planned dispossession, and rampant discrimination of basic rights of the Palestinians.⁵

The very existence of settlements in the OPT violates international humanitarian law and is a war crime, but Israel continues to defy multiple United Nations resolutions.⁶ The OPT are open air prisons, they are governed by a system called apartheid and after fifty years of illegal settlements: more than 600,000 Jewish Israeli settlers living on OPT, more than 100,000 hectares of land appropriated by Israel from Palestinians, more than

50,000 Palestinians homes and buildings were destroyed, and nearly 5 million Palestinians facing daily restrictions on even the most basic needs to move or travel.⁵ The systematic destruction of Palestinians lives is assisted by a myriad of military laws in Israel that are designed to eliminate any voices of dissent, the very few Israelis speaking out are labelled as traitors to the state and face stiff punishment.⁵

Israel's occupation is five decades of dispossession

In the only truly democratic country in the eyes of her western backers, what is the operative of justice? After 50 years of violations, only 1% of referred cases heard by Israeli military courts in the occupied West Bank⁶ that end in conviction (Israeli settlers are tried by civilian courts). Despite more than 1,000 complaints of torture submitted to Israel's justice since 2001, there was not even a single conviction despite inconvertible photo evidence in majority of cases.⁶ In the West Bank, 60% is under full Israeli control and only 13% of East Jerusalem is zoned for Palestinian construction, but illegal Jewish Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem cover 35% of the land area.⁶

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Israel and her backers did not want you to recall what had happened to the Palestinians in the previous seventy-five years that led to 10/7/23, to them only the present is material and relevant. And only the selective "terror" that had befallen the state of Israel. The present confrontational narrative repeated by the regime and her backers namely the US, UK and EU was a terror attack by a proscribed terror group Hamas, the democratic choice and the voice of the people ethnically cleansed and subjugated under apartheid for decades in Gaza.⁷

A selection of their key responses to the attack by Hamas; "hunt them like the Amalek", an ancient call for genocide coming from the mind of the architect of the current genocide, Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu.⁸ The defence minister's genocidal intent was also clear, "We are

fighting human animals, and we act accordingly,” said Yoav Gallant, indicating the absence of any humane consideration in their response.^{9,10} Most alarming is the action of Israeli medics. In a letter signed by a group of Israeli medics working in Israel, they supported the action of Israel Defence Force (IDF) to destroy Al Hifa Hospital¹¹ on the lie that there were tunnels and Hamas operatives, how preposterous! For these medics, where is their solemn oath to always do good, prevent harm and preserve life? An anonymous letter from a few Arab medics working in a hospital in Israel painted the same picture too among the Israeli medics,^{12,13,14} widespread complicity in the genocidal intent of the regime to eliminate Palestinians from Gaza, it is just unfathomable.¹⁵ The monstrosity of the response by the regime and IDF even jolted their most consistent backer the US, urging restraint but as expected that it was predictably ignored.¹⁶

What does all this tell us?

The basis of the creation of Israel was based on plunder, and therefore it is illegal.¹ The successive Israeli governments were continuously breaking international laws and operate a system of apartheid,⁴ and despite whatever live streams of war crimes or criminalities presented to the global public they were and are beyond any rebuke.⁴ Israeli government is not bothered any bit because the US will always bail them out regardless of the crimes. In a normal existence, a humane and just people would repel and negatively react to continuously living under such a system but not for the ordinary Israelis or the state administrators or civilians in the country, especially the IDF. To me, it is obvious that they all as a nation, the composite are part and parcel of sustaining this illegal nation. The absence of dissent isn't a proof of acceptance but in this case silence in the face of repeated monstrous crimes and genocides is complicity.

What can we do?

As Muslims, our jobs are judged individually by our actions. The simple answer is to do all that we can within our control and influence, and we trust our future and fate only in Allah SWT.

The right global approach would be a concerted pressure for Israel and her backers, namely the US, to cede and allow justice as dictated by the international laws take charge of the fate of Israel.

All actions through BDS are commendable, and they have defined the necessary scopes of actions succinctly.¹⁷ In academia, boycott any association with all academic institutions in Israel or if possible, with institutions outside of Israel if they are clearly supporting the genocidal regime of Benjamin Netanyahu. It easy nowadays to know one because they are unashamed in their intent and the social media, so should we in exposing them. If proven and verified, exposed academicians who support genocides of the Palestinians and lay bare their lies.

In Malaysia, the percentage of people who chose to remain impartial and confused over the issue of Palestine is still high, therefore advancing advocacy on justice and international law on Palestinian issue is important via clarification programmes or forum or lectures or writings to explain to the public are avert deliberate disinformation and Zionist lies.¹⁸

We know it is a big challenge because we are going against the strongest, the most organised, and resourceful lobby front on this planet earth because the wheel of history favours the supremacy of the genocidal maniac at this minute. Justice however will always prevail in the end, by the will of Allah, the Most Able, the Most Just.

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