

Israel's New War

Actually, the title is wrong – this is not a new war that broke out by the end of June, it is just the most recent chapter of a long, and ever-proceeding war, for the conquest of who knows how much land – will they ever get enough? But the actual warfare inspired me to search my notes of the three months April, May and June to see if there were indications of a not so spontaneous act. And there were indications, quite a lot actually.

Olmert and his 'Convergence Plan'

Before his election at the end of March, Ehud Olmert had introduced his 'Convergence Plan,' which foresees that the big settlement blocks (at least around Ariel, possibly Hebron), the enlarged Jerusalem and its "corridor" to Ma'aleh Adumim, and finally the whole of Jordan valley except Jericho. That would include around 43% of the present so-called West Bank (the best land, of course) and leave the remaining Palestinian population in small islands, heavily guarded and unable to move out of their new prisons.

On April 14, he asked the international for assistance in the pullout of the remaining (omnipresent) settlements, estimated to cost NIS 46 billion [1]. They stole the land and ask us to pay for it. Later, Olmert broached the possibility of Israeli settlers in the West Bank remaining in their homes under Palestinian sovereignty, but would not accept withdrawal to Israel's pre-1967 borders [2]. Later, you can imagine the remaining plus new settlers will give rise to a new 'convergence.'

Of course, the plan should be negotiated with the cooperative Palestinians. Cooperative means that they obey to our will. However, "if the Palestinians do not act in accordance with these conditions in the near term, the gov. will also take action in the absence of negotiations and an agreement with them, on the basis of a broad national agreement within Israel and a deep understanding with Israel's friends abroad, chief among them the US and President Bush" [3]. During his visit in USA in May he told a joint meeting of the Congress that Israel would be a "willing partner in peace" with the Palestinians, but would draw its own borders in the West Bank should it conclude it has no negotiating partner [4]. Note who shall conclude that!

From this, you can deduct that there shall be no cooperative Palestinians left, and that the unilaterally dictated convergence plan shall be carried out during the remaining time in office of acting-president Bush, who is fully controlled by the Israelis (probably by a blackmail already used by Sharon on knowledge of the American government's own involvement in 9/11). And the regular time of Olmert in the office of Prime Minister has been full of bloody provocations in both Gaza and the West Bank. The last action will do the rest: there will be no negotiations.

The Fence is a Wall

As part of his strategy, later presented by his successor as 'the convergence plan,' Ariel Sharon started building the so-called 'security fence' in 2002. It is largely constructed on Palestinian soil and has the obvious purpose to support the ongoing land-grab in the West Bank. Once finished, around 49,400 Palestinians in 38 villages will remain stranded on the Israeli side of barrier. Add to that, however, that many more Palestinians have lost land which, according to an Israeli practice, will be lost when the real owners have been prevented from harvesting it in two years (a rule that the criminal settlers use for stealing soil from Palestinians by various terror means, where after they buy it cheap – from the Israeli government). What is still called 'separation fence' in the Jewish-dominated western press is a disgusting 8-meter high concrete wall with guarding towers and protective areas on both sides (except in urban areas). Imagine the Berlin wall was called a fence? We would still be laughing at it. The 'Sharon Apartheid Wall,' as would be a more appropriate name, leaves little reason for laughing.

In May, 336 km of total 790 km were considered operational. Although the exact course is steadily challenged, the courts only occasionally demands an altered route but in

1 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/705891.html>

2 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/730273.html>

3 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/710299.html>

4 http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060524/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/us_israel_30_yll=AolG2c3kZ6Cv4VCd_IooWglVioA-yIu=X3cDMTRiMw04NW9mBHNIYwMlURPUCU

principle agrees with the existence of the apartheid wall, regardless of its abuse for continued land grab. The International Court of Justice in The Hague has ruled against it, but Israel generally ignores international rules, as it has in the past ignored a large amount of UN declarations, among them, such which considers East Jerusalem.

Is Hamas a Terrorist Organization?

Hamas predecessor, the Muslim Brotherhood in the Gaza Strip, was founded after 1967 as a mixed religious and social organization in Gaza [5]. The political/charitable arm of Hamas was officially registered and recognized within Israel; supporting it was seen as a measure against Arafat and his Fatah-movement. Towards the mid-80ies, however, the movement was taken over by an armed faction led by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. He was murdered in March 2004, his successor, Dr. Rantissi, one month later – it was Rantissi who declared the unilateral “truce of up to 10 years,” and it was Sharon who demonstrated the meaning of ‘unilateral.’ Until recently, Hamas never recognized Israel, but it has for the last 1½-year not carried out any attacks.

Up to the election in Palestine in January 2006, Hamas also gained popular support in the West Bank, and it won this democratical election. Then something strange happened: The United States, the European countries and the United Nations declared (while asked by Israel) that the government of Palestine was not worthy of receiving any aid because Hamas was regarded a terrorist organization [6]. In Europe, only Russia and Switzerland tried to exert some moderation [7]. Israel confiscated (read: stole) the tax revenues it collects on behalf of the Palestine government (~50 mill. \$ monthly). As a result, the Palestinian Authority has no income to pay long overdue salaries to 165,000 government employees. An offered long-term truce was again rejected by Israel after Olmert’s formation of government in April [8].

The Western countries are much worried about Hamas’ refusal to acknowledge Israel. The lack of recognition from the other side is never criticized. But Israel has good reasons not to recognize a Palestinian state – what they are aiming at is best illustrated by considering, what they have achieved in the 20th Century. In 1947, the newly formed UN created a Jewish and an Arab state from the British mandate Palestine. Since then, the first has succeeded progressively to ‘wipe the latter off the map,’ as Iran’s President was quoted of saying last year. This statement stirred much attention, and later proof of a wrong translation has been successfully ignored in the Mainstream Media.

The withdrawal from stolen land in Gaza in 2005 – in Israel fiercely disputed – was to be understood as a charming offensive, covering the continued land grab in the West Bank, where the illegal settlements are still being enlarged. To illustrate this, a quotation of an Egyptian traveller is useful: “New settlements spring up everywhere; more than 60 since I was here last. You can watch their metamorphosis from a handful of caravans, to some Portakabins, then basic bungalows and, finally, the bristling, concrete hilltop fortress that is an Israeli settlement. Hardly a Palestinian village exists without an Israeli settlement lowering down on it from above ... wide, Israeli-only highways to connect the settlements to each other, great mounds of rubble and yellow steel gates to block the old roads between Palestinian villages. And there are people waiting; waiting with bundles, with briefcases, with babies, at gates, at roadblocks, at checkpoints, waiting to perform the most ordinary tasks of their everyday lives” [9].

A brilliant illustration of the desperate living conditions in the West Bank is given in Israel Shamir’s book ‘Flowers of Galilee.’ Ironically, the French translation of the book was forbidden in court for being ‘anti-semitic,’ (a term also used against honest Jews who criticise the Israeli racist government’s abuses). Permit me in this connection to declare, that I do not consider myself anti-semitic but I do not care that others may do; anyhow, the paint on this brush is slowly drying out.

Under these terrible living circumstances, dramatically enforced by the international blockade, it is demanded that Hamas recognizes Israel’s right to exist without receiving any guarantee of improvement in return. It is also difficult since Israel obviously does not

5 http://www.aljazeera.com/me.asp?service_ID=10217

6 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=89E6F9A3-1422-0CEF-701A02FB59554FA6>

7 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=D2CD4829-1422-0CEF-983C02AC2C29F894>

8 http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-04/10/content_4407830.htm

9 http://www.thewe.cc/contents/more/archive/december2003/now_the_landscape_itself_has_changed.htm

want to relieve the pressure, part of the terror strategy revealed later. On April 7, Haaretz reported, " Hamas is ready for a two-state solution with Israel ... a position that would imply the militant group's recognition of Israel for the first time. The announcement came as Hamas has been sending go-betweens to Israel recently with an offer to reach an unofficial understanding on "quiet in return for quiet" [10]. A month later, you could read, " Hamas is ready to consider a 2002 Arab League peace plan - which calls for recognition of Israel and a return to pre-1967 war borders - but only if Israel accepts the proposal first" [11]. One week later, imprisoned Fatah and Hamas high-standing members formulated a joint platform [12], which was later jointly accepted by Palestinian President Abbas and Prime Minister Haniyeh. Abbas called for Israel to return to negotiations, primarily accepted by Olmert but then cancelled in view of the present war (end of June). Abbas tried to enforce a public vote, demanding the State of Palestine in the area conquered by Israel in 1967. "We will fight the Israeli plan and continue the struggle until the establishment of a Palestinian State within the 1967 borders," Haniyeh said in May [13]. Olmert rejected the initiative as "unimportant," arguing that he anyhow would not withdraw to the 1967-borders or anything near it [14]. Instead, Israel increased its illegal settlements in Samaria, by Hebron and near Jerusalem [15,16,17,18], partly to absorb settlers from Gaza. Even under impression of the current warfare, Hamas and Fatah completed an agreement over a plan that implicitly recognizes Israel [19]. Six days before, with the most serious troubles still lying ahead, the Israeli Defence Minister Peretz had argued that the government must begin preparing now so that the convergence plan can be implemented in about a year and a half [20]. And on June 29, Olmert finally cancelled all preparations for a meeting with Abbas concerning a peaceful agreement. The main topic of the war has been achieved, the unilateral convergence plan, stealing nearly half of the West Bank and leaving settlers in the remaining part for a later convergence, can begin.

At this point, I want to refer to the peace agreement, achieved in Geneva in Nov.-Dec. 2004 [21]. Although ridiculed and preferably ignored, this must be the opening basis for a separation between the two states, imposed by the international community (only with strong rejection of the Israeli demands can a solution possibly (but not probably) be reached. As a basis do I *suggest that the recognition of Israel as an independent state is nullified* since the later land grab in the West Bank has occurred quite opposite to the International agreements after the 6-Days-War in 1967. Only in case of a mutual agreement can the two states be recognized – again. The non-recognized state of Israel must be excluded from all international cooperation until these conditions have been met. The settlers living on stolen soil (and that is most of them) shall be removed from the State of Palestine – there is no confidential basis for having them there. Israel can build a wall if they want, but on their own territory. What happens to the ¼ millions parasites (of whom only a few are expected to be within the Israeli borders) is their problem.

Of course, you may argue, Israel exists, is the strongest military power in the Middle East and at least the 6th most powerful nuclear power of the World. Whether you like it or not, you must recognize it. My response, whether realistic or not, is that only the strongest measures against this state can show a result. And I am aware that this will not be the case as long as the United States act as an Israeli colony, with the majority of the parliamentarians being bribed by Israeli lobbies, with an excess support of nearly 3 billion \$ annually while their own population suffers from public mismanagement and while even much larger sums are spent for carrying out Israel's war in Iraq and possibly later in Iran and Syria. But it may not stay that way forever. Therefore, while

10 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/703434.html>

11 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/712083.html>

12 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/712083.html>

13 http://www.ynetnews.com/Ext/Comp/ArticleLayout/CdaArticlePrintPreview/1_2506_L-3255036_00.html

14 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/726015.html>

15 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/718227.html>

16 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/719856.html>

17 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?keyID=D9D08A04-1208-4059-9F63F3737491F484&startpage=1&ObjectID=98FBD31C-1422-0CFF-70C071870FA8B181>

18 http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2006-06-12T080707Z_01_L12305074_RTRUKOC_0_US-MIDEAST-SETTLEMENT.xml&archived=False

19 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0,,1807200,00.html>

20 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/730642.html>

21 <http://www.friedensrat.ch/genferinitiativekarte.html>

Hamas is slowly adapting to the two-state solution, I recommend not recognizing Israel because it does not respect the given borders and refuse to negotiate on a reasonable revision of those. Most importantly, however, because *the Israeli government fulfils all criteria for classification as a 'terrorist organization'* and this was a reason not to recognize the Hamas government. You must be blind and deaf in order not to recognize who is responsible for nearly all terror in the previous British mandate Palestine; and when you finally recognize it, shame is the right feeling.

The mystical Qassam attacks

The Qassam rocket is a rather primitive construct, fired from the Gaza strip towards the Israeli towns of Ashkelot and Sderot. It uses all fuel for the flight and has no explosive effect. Still, it managed to kill 5 Israelis in the 5 years it has been fired. Compared to the weapons used by Israel, it can be considered a firework with somewhat dangerous consequences, first of all for the users – as the old canons.

Two questions cannot be answered presently but demand attention: First, what is the purpose and second, where do they get the fuel for the rockets? The ones delivering that may well have another purpose than the ones firing these primitive constructs, often letting their lives.

It is a fact that many Qassam rockets have been fired towards Israel (a few of which have even reached urban areas). However, the retaliation has been completely disproportionate. Already in April, the Israeli Defense Forces [**IDF**] proudly announced that they had fired 400 rockets on Gaza in two days [22]. Following three attacks that demanded the lives of 14 Arab civilians, Olmert expressed “deep regret” but simultaneously said that the lives of Israeli citizens threatened by Qassam attacks were “even more important” [23]. Let us therefore deal with the other side now.

Israeli Terror in Gaza

The Israeli terror in the West Bank is a very complex matter and we shall therefore restrict the considerations to the Gaza Strip. Immediately after the ‘disengagement,’ the Israeli Air Force [**IAF**] felt free to utilise low flights, releasing sonic explosions at any time of the day or night. For some reason, these terror-acts were soon limited, perhaps due to the widespread use of unmanned drones, whether armed killer drones or unarmed surveillance drones. These prompted numerous attacks by IAF (but the exact technical circumstances have seldom been revealed), causing assassination strikes often in the middle of Gaza city, with several dead and wounded civilians (so-called ‘collateral damage’). I cannot briefly quote the large amount of such terror acts and therefore refer to my monthly notes. It only seems obvious that they have increased since late March. Since the beginning of April, the destruction from the guns has been regular, occasionally added by the use of Caterpillar Bulldozers to destroy Palestinian homes. Mostly, this terror avoided taking further lives, occasionally it did. And frustrated youth answered by sending their fireworks against Sderot. Few arrived but many Palestinians were killed, thus increasing the frustration.

On June 9, a grenade suddenly hit the beach in North Gaza, a place previously reserved the supremacist race. A video showing the 13-year-old Ghalia in shock going from one to the other of the 7 members of her family who were instantly killed on that occasion, went around the World and caused disgusted reactions, also in Jerusalem where Olmert’s daughter joined a demonstration [24]. The Israeli first excused, then claimed that it might have been a Hamas mine hidden in the sand. An American expert, however, undoubtedly determined the cause of explosion as the shell from a 155 mm gun [25]. And Bush stressed Israel’s right to defend themselves (against beach balls?).

Four days later, the collateral round was served again. IAF fired two missiles toward a suspicious car in Gaza city. The first missile did not do much harm; on the second occasion, seven civilians were killed, including two schoolchildren and three medical

22 <http://www.zaman.com/?bl=hotnews&alt=&trh=20060416&hn=32090>

23 http://news.independent.co.uk/world/middle_east/article1095841.ece

24 <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-3260826.00.html>

25 http://news.independent.co.uk/world/middle_east/article994070.ece

employees on their way to tend to the wounded from the first missile [26]. On the 20th, three children were killed and 14 wounded by a similar strike. The day after, two civilians were killed and 14 others wounded in an IAF strike in the southern Gaza Strip when the missile skipped the target (a jeep) and struck a house instead [27]. Since Sharon provoked the outbreak of the 2nd Intifada in late 2001, more than 800 children have been killed by IDF and paramilitary Jewish terrorists among the settlers [28].

The Assumed Cause for War

On June 12, following the beach killing and the long row of atrocities, the militant arm of Hamas finally declared the truce for ended [29]. On June 25, two IDF soldiers were killed and another was caught when Hamas and other armed Palestinian groups attacked an IDF post within Israeli territory near the utmost Southern Gaza Strip border [30]. Two Palestinians were also killed, an Israeli left on site seriously wounded. The Palestinians had dug a tunnel under the border – in the meantime, they have developed a marvellous technique for that – and attacked a single tank in which all the Israeli victims were present. Quite forgotten was the arrest (or kidnapping) of two Palestinians the day before in the Gaza strip [31].

The abduction released the prepared invasion – but the ‘Operation Summer rain’ implied first of all shelling and air raids, the troops remained at open field outside Rafah. On the first day, three bridges were bombed, interrupting the connection between the South of the strip (where the captive was expected) and the North. Then the Power station was hit, interrupting for the electricity (with fatal consequences in the hospitals). It turned out to be an American construction, insured in the US for 48 million \$.

Looking back, the raid was long expected; the army was just waiting for a reaction to their massive provocations. In April, IDF had warned that a wide ground invasion to the Gaza Strip might be carried out in the near future [32,33].

The supremacists took hostages, and quite a lot for their half-French corporal. On June 29, IDF detained 6 ministers, 58 parliamentarians and 23 military operatives in the West Bank. The arrests had been demanded several weeks in advance but were only signed the day before. The Israelis also threatened to kill Haniyeh and assassinate Hamas leaders in Damascus. Today, on July 2nd, they attacked Haniyeh’s office in Gaza. I guess you can call it open warfare, even though not declared as such. Presently, the outcome is still open. The Egyptian President Mubarak negotiated a deal by which the Israeli should release the parliamentarians and delayed a number of other prisoners (there are more than 8,000 in ‘administrative’ prison), but Israel refused the deal. I guess they are not really interested in getting their soldier back alive.

The Israeli-friendly media referred to the corporal as ‘kidnapped.’ Soldiers in active warfare – and as such, the situation in Gaza must be described – may be taken prisoners of war but they are not kidnapped. Interestingly, the ICRC in Geneva asked for a humane treatment of the prisoner – they did not ask for his unconditional release.

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Update (Gaza):

As expected, the conflict escalated. On July 7, 21 persons were killed, including one of the supreme race (how terrible, never mind the other 20). Worse, IDF may have killed them all, including their own soldier by ‘friendly fire’ [34]; you may search for long for finding this information. The following day, IDF claimed to have killed ‘40 militants’ [35], to which you must add the definition of a killed militant: if he/she was killed and was older than 3 years, it must have been a militant.

26 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/726378.html>

27 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/729271.html>

28 <http://www.irna.ir/en/news/view/menu-234/0606211970074749.htm>

29 http://www.aljazeera.com/me.asp?service_ID=11486

30 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/730994.html>

31 <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=COO20060720&articleId=2767>

32 http://aljazeera.com/me.asp?service_ID=11155

33 http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/israel_palestinians

34 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/735455.html>

35 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/735911.html>

But then, there were also slight movements in direction of an interruption of the blood-thirsty expedition: Abbas claimed that Israel had declared its readiness to release some Palestinian prisoners and stop its expedition in exchange for a release of their soldier [36]. Mubarak should have made a guarantee for the agreement. Israeli sources did not report it but for days, the military – contrary to the government – had urged for such a solution [37].

Also there was some sort of movement towards an International reaction. Switzerland and later the European Union [38] condemned the excess use of violence by the Israeli. The Security Council discussed the matter but could not agree on a resolution – guess who blocked it by a veto [39]?

On July 12, however, something happened that moved the attention fro Gaza up northwards. It is improbable that the conditions in Gaza have improved, we are just overwhelmed with bad news from the other front. May we not totally forget the misery created in Palestine in light of the new warfare?

War against Lebanon

On the mentioned day, two supremacists were taken prisoners by Hezbollah across the border to Lebanon while three other soldiers were killed. Four other soldiers were killed as their car hit a mine on Lebanese soil, an eight a little later. The reaction was so well prepared that it was speculated if Israel sacrificed its own soldiers in order to make war. Indeed, the Asian Times later reported that the Israeli troops had invaded Lebanese soil as the fighting broke out [40]

The Israeli warfare was unexpected fierce and directed against all civil targets in Lebanon. They argued that Lebanon was responsible for Hezbollah's deeds and demanded that this organization be demilitarised – suddenly, they cited a UN-resolution, an instrument they have themselves ignored several times in the past; in the present, it is not necessary as demonstrated by the American-Israeli ambassador John Bolton's veto on July 14 to a resolution condemning Israel's Gaza War crimes. Simultaneously, acting President Bush commented both warfares with "Israel has the right to defend itself." Who has the right to defend themselves toward Israeli aggression?

The first 24 hours demanded the life of 52 Lebanese civilians. Israel declared an air- and sea-embargo. Air strikes demolished the airports of the country, all harbours were subjected to a naval blockade, the highway Beirut-Damascus was blocked, a power plant and oil tanks in Beirut was hit. On the morning of the 14th, a southern Suburb to Beirut was attacked while home to some leading Hezbollah officials (of whom one was lightly wounded while many civilians were killed). Again, the Israeli demonstrated that they were true masters of destruction. Another mastership was probably exerted the same day, that of performing a false-flag operation.

The Katyusha attacks

Hezbollah had declared that it was in possession of more than 10,000 Katyusha rockets. These are somewhat more potent than the Qassam rockets fired off from Gaza. In the first 48 hours, some 120 were fired within 20 km range from the border, and four Israeli civilians were killed. What then falls down appears to be a heavy projectile but not (or not necessarily) exploding, as demonstrated in the picture to the right.

Then there were also one or two such rockets that hit the city of Haifa, 30 km from the border and out of range from the conventional Katyushas, though Hezbollah claims to be in possession of more powerful ones. Whatever hit in Haifa exploded and Hezbollah denied the delivery [41]. Possibly it is a false-flag action, fired off by the Israeli themselves (without threatening their own people). The reaction – peculiar among spreading death and destruction already – was underlining this suspicion: Israel's ambassador to the US called it a "major, major escalation."

36 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=49FEE376-1422-0CEF-706C4C78A6B3F8FF>

37 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/733789.html>

38 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0,,1815129,00.html>

39 <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-un-israel-gaza,0,7151974.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

40 http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/HG15Ak02.html

41 http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=2&article_id=73960

It may be only the beginning. In remarks made before the UN Security Council [42], the Israeli ambassador claimed that Lebanon was willing to work with Iran to hide Weapons of Mass Destruction [WMD]. The WMDs were what the leaders of USA, Britain and Denmark lied about as a cause of war against Iraq in 2003, although told otherwise by the intelligence services [43]. I thought no honest man would use them later as an argument for war – in a way, I still think so.

Perhaps we should learn from history, how to deal with racist states: Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia, Austria and Poland before the 2nd World War started – when shall Israel stop? The threads against Iran and Syria are so that you can expect that Israel will continue its madness rage against both of these countries. Their influence in North-Iraq is already considerable. Perhaps some may then see the Iranian Presidents prophecy be fulfilled: “You can start a war against us, but it won’t be you who finishes it. Before that time arises, how much destruction will the World have witnessed?

What is Hezbollah doing in South Lebanon?

When Israel finally left Lebanon in May 2000, after 18 years of occupation, Hezbollah, not the Lebanese army, took control of the border area. The official army found it difficult to defend a border, which marked an Israeli land-grab. That relates to the complicated matter around the ‘Sheba Farms’ and Kora Sabea. The area is about 14 km in length and averages 2.5 km in width, at altitudes of 150 to 1,880 meters. This fertile farmland produced barley, fruits and vegetables [44]. The small land at the slopes of Mount Hermon called the **Sheba Farms** was, however, disputed between Syria and Lebanon and only recently, Syria acknowledged the Lebanese claim – which did not alter the fact that the land had been occupied by Israel since 1967. The original inhabitants, now living in Lebanon, support the ongoing pressure by Hezbollah against the land-grab. Also in present-day Lebanon, a part of the country is called Sheba Farm (IAF bombed them on July 12) and the village of the same name is situated in Lebanon. Israel consider the land part of the Golan Heights, which it conquered from Syria in 1967 – another unjust and unresolved chapter.

It all started as Hezbollah hit back

In the evening of July 14, the invasion troops were hit by an unexpected setback: A ship, which had at least participated in the sea-embargo of the Lebanese capital, according to some sources also in the shelling around it, was suddenly hit by a rocket and burst out in flames. As the flames were extinguished, four marines were missing and 20 were wounded. The severely damaged ship, the most modern in Israeli possession (except for the German nuclear-armed Dolphin submarines) was unable to manoeuvre and therefore towed to Haifa [45,46]. At a time where about 100 Lebanese had been killed, all but 3 civilians [47], the supremacists had not calculated own losses, and the ship had been 16 km out at sea when it was suddenly hit. Since Katyusha rockets have no fine guidance, it was first expected that the naval vessel had been hit by an unmanned drone carrying the explosives – this year, they had sent one over Israeli soil. Soon it was realized that a missile had been fired from a beach of Beirut. In other words, Hezbollah is in possession of arms unknown to the Israelis.

Another surprise turned up the next day. Three rockets hit Tiberias, 35 km from the border. Was it the same type, which hit Haifa the previous day, in spite of Hezbollah’s denial? It is, of course, quite possible that a local commander set off weapons intended for a later use; I guess, we must leave the question open, though still admitting the possibility of an Israeli false-flag operation. The IDF declared that it had now secured Haifa by Patriot-rockets (they may not have sold all of them to China, after that the Americans presented them in 1991 to protect against Saddam Hussein’s Scud-rockets),

42 http://www.rawstory.com/news/2006/Israel_says_Lebanon_will_hide_WMDs_0714.html

43 See: ‘Leaked documents for the War in Iraq’

44 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shebaa_Farms

45 <http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/AF23D116-9B23-4857-AA1A-9EA595F2D4B1.htm>

46 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/738611.html>

47 <http://observer.guardian.co.uk/world/story/0,,1821462,00.html>

but these are only useful against more sophisticated weapons, not against Katyushas [48].

On July 16, 8 people were killed as rockets fired by Hezbollah – this time admitting the deed – struck Haifa [49]. One was probably aiming a power plant and resulted in breakdown of the train traffic in Northern Israel. Hezbollah also warned that if the Israeli Air Force continues its strikes on Beirut, it would target petrochemical plants in Haifa.

Hezbollah and the other Lebanese

Accept as a hypothesis that the Israeli attack was not carefully planned and was precipitated by the abduction of two of its soldiers somewhere in the border region; accept further as a fact that the Israeli found that reason enough to attack a peaceful neighbour, destroy its infrastructure and kill hundred of its inhabitants (who knows now how long the conflict shall last and how many victims it will claim?); finally, register that the war-mongers had demanded from the Lebanese government demilitarisation of Hezbollah and release of the POWs. How would the Lebanese government and other parts of the population react to that?

According to Ynet-News, many Lebanese expressed anger towards Hezbollah. This is what the Israelis hopes would happen. Actually, thus far it is difficult to see any move in that direction. Not Hezbollah but the Southern neighbour is perceived as the enemy, and the small victories of Hezbollah are celebrated by most Lebanese, helping them to patiently cope with the daily humiliation. Their government has so far not issued a single command in direction of Hezbollah – what would be the use? They have no authority against it – the Israeli themselves have contributed to that through their brutal occupation in 1982 – and they would loose sympathy in the population if they made such useless statements. And abroad, could they gain any International pressure upon the pirate state? The Lebanese government has appealed in vain to the United Nation, and to civilized governments as a whole, to enable a cease-fire.

Equally powerless, the International community looks toward this struggle. In not exactly very strong words, various European countries have demanded an end to the Israeli aggression (strangely coupled to the two unhappy POWs), but Israel's only friend (or colony?) has denied it bluntly, repeating the words, "Israel has the right to defend itself" [50]. And what kind of defense ...

An Egyptian ship was hit and sank as it came between Israeli a Hezbollah fighting on July 15, it was claimed. The exact cause and the origin of the missile are currently obscure. The Syrian news agency reported [51] that the ship, which had loaded cement, was situated in International waters 65 km from the coast. 12 sailors, of whom one was seriously wounded, had been rescued by Arab ships and taken to the Syrian coastal city of Tartous.

Robert Fisk, of Independent, lives in Lebanon from where he wrote most impressive witness daily reports: "... the 2 children who were atomised in their home in Dweir on Thursday and whose bodies cannot be found. Their 6 brothers and sisters were buried yesterday, along with their mother and father. Another "terrorist" target ... Terrorist, terrorist, terrorist. There is something perverse about all this, the slaughter and massive destruction and the self-righteous, constant, cancerous use of the word "terrorist" [52]."

He also emphasized that the Lebanese was in possession of old-fashioned airplanes and helicopters, no match for the supreme race. Hezbollah was probably receiving its weapons from Syria, which now were in possession of dangerous missiles for the Israeli cities; therefore the defenceless Lebanon was punished.

Personal note: The daily violence has a deafening influence on us distant observers, to be compared with the daily carnage in Iraq. Also in Gaza, the killing and destruction proceeds on a terrific daily basis. It demands for strong comparison, as if our local power plant and water supply was destroyed, bombs had fallen in the neighbourhood, whole families of working colleagues had been killed, all the while Bush, Blair and Merkel denies an armistice and say "Israel has the right to defend itself."

48 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=732CE290-1422-0CEF-70044971C3B6DF4E>

49 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=738747&contrassID=1&subContrassID=0&sbSubContrassID=0>

50 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/738922.html>

51 <http://www.sana.org/eng/21/2006/07/15/47652.htm>

52 <http://news.independent.co.uk/world/fisk/article1178636.ece>

Children do respond to suggestions, so when you see the picture below left, do not blame the kids; blame whoever took them there to make hateful (otherwise useless) scripts on the grenades and thereby took pictures. What the grenades may have reached is shown on the picture below right, the bombed suburb of Beirut, or more appropriate in the pictures from the Marwaheen-Massacre, where 9 children were killed.

There have been several reports of shelling of civilian cars. One of these shall be especially commented, as it is also covered with pictures (see below). On July 15, thirteen people, including eight children, died when a truck and a car were incinerated by an Israeli air attack. The small convoy was carrying people evacuating the village of Marwaheen after Israeli loudspeaker warnings asked them to leave their homes [53]. So, first you drive them out, then you attack them on the road. Show these pictures to the Israeli pilots but first get their names for upcoming prosecution of war crimes!

It was claimed that the war was against Hezbollah, though it was difficult to find more than a handful of their fighters among the victims, with more than 200 dead Lebanese and 23 Israeli as a result of this madness. On July 17, also 9 Lebanese soldiers were killed [54] and the following day 11 more [55]. But of course, the Israeli soldiers have nothing against their Lebanese colleagues, who are not active against the invaders. It was kind of an accident, they are just shooting on anything that moves.

Strangely enough, the Western countries (except Switzerland) refused even to speak out the demand for a cease-fire. On the contrary, the US granted Israel another week of destruction on July 19. The Israeli-American ambassador to the UN blocked several resolutions demanding anything, which could be understood as blame on the Israelis or a call for ceasefire. Bothered by this inhuman attitude, Kofi Annan alone called for a cease-fire, which was immediately denied by the aggressors [56]. Their minister of warfare repeated army sources that they still needed 10-14 days to 'finish the job.' How many civilian lives shall be finished then? One can only guess and be ashamed of the own government's lack of reaction – perhaps our own, too.

It gets difficult to understand how the Israelis can still claim on a daily basis to increase their aggression – it seems that nearly everything worth bombing has been bombed. The destruction of Southern Beirut is terrible. On July 25, the propaganda machine told that they were now bombing the banks of Hezbollah [57]. In translation, it means that they are also aiming at the banking system, while they are anyhow bombing Lebanon back to the Stone Age. But then, there is some hope that the Israeli may lose the war – not military but in losing the patience and sympathy of the population – in grotesque opposition to most of their political leaders. The American congress offered support to the Israeli warfare although a poll of theirs revealed that 78% of the population was against it [58]. Many large cities witnessed large demonstrations (exceptionally under covered by the mainstream media). A British Tory MP, Sir Peter Tapsell, said that Tony Blair was "colluding" with Bush in giving Israel the okay to wage unlimited war in Lebanon - a war crime he claimed was "gravely reminiscent of the Nazi atrocity on the Jewish quarter of Warsaw" [59]. It is a question many should ask themselves, if one should deal with the holocaust of the 2nd World War when there is another one going on for our eyes – except, of course, in order to insult the allegedly victimized race with the comparison.

The recent days (July 20-25) revealed new war crimes against civil targets. In a resemblance of the Marwaheen massacre, the Israelis ordered the villagers of Taire, near the border, to leave their homes and then - as their convoy of cars and minibuses obediently trailed northwards - the Israeli air force fired a missile into the rear minibus, killing 3 refugees and seriously wounding 13 other civilians [60]. This is possibly a remake of the terror of 1948 in order to frighten the inhabitants away from the border area before a new land grab. That such is coming, the Israeli Minister of Warfare, A. Peretz, declared openly on 25th: Israel shall "create a security strip that will be in our

53 <http://observer.guardian.co.uk/world/story/0,,1821462,00.html>

54 <http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4BA16706-0A31-4524-ACE6-FD3420939327.htm>

55 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=82CCC966-1422-0CEF-7020FC1E1E097E7D>

56 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=8CFE5F0C-1422-0CEF-7096FCA30138AEF7>

57 <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14015377>

58 <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/>

59 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/742707.html>

60 <http://news.independent.co.uk/world/fisk/article1193097.ece>

control in the absence of a multinational force to take control over the border ... We will exercise military control against anyone nearing the strip; anyone approaching it will know that he is in danger of harm" [61]. Part of this terror was also as an Israeli pilot confused the red cross of ambulances with aiming marks: "The ambulance headlamps were on, the blue light overhead was flashing, and another light illuminated the Red Cross flag when the first Israeli missile hit, shearing off the right leg of the man on the stretcher inside. As he lay screaming beneath fire and smoke, patients and ambulance workers scrambled for safety, crawling over glass in the dark. Then another missile hit the second ambulance" [62].

I forgot to mention Condoleeza Rice's visit to the region – but it is really worth forgetting. She mentioned conditions linked to an armistice, as spoken out of Israeli mouths. The Lebanese bluntly rejected her suggestion. Later, various states met at Rome where the European states demanded an unconditional armistice and found a mutual statement blocked by the USA [63]. How stupid of them to waste energy by negotiating with Israel's colony. In the meantime, the bloodbath continued.

On July 25, an Israeli 'Precision-bomb' (their own designation) killed four Indian UN soldiers [64]. After first trying to give Hezbollah credit for the attack, the Israeli admitted that they had sent the package but it was, of course, an error. They even said 'sorry' to Kofi Annan but did not forgive him for saying that Israel appeared to have struck the site deliberately. Kofi Annan had good reasons to claim exactly that: there were 14 other incidents of Israeli gunfire directed at the targeted area that afternoon. "The firing continued even during the rescue operation," he informed [65]. The soldiers contacted Israeli troops 10 times before the bomb killed four of them [66]. The UN post was shelled for 6 hours; moreover, for a heavy precision bomb to hit its target exactly, this is 'painted' with a special coded laser called a 'designator.' This puts a laser dot, usually infrared so that the people near the target are not aware of it, but which is visible to the seeker on precision-guided munitions, to guide them. Yes, it was certainly a deliberate crime, but why? Asian Times speculates, "The bombing scotches any realistic chance of a reinforced UN or multinational peacekeeping force - which it is worth remembering that Israel itself opposed until a few days ago."

It gets worse: "The delivery of at least 100 GBU 28 bunker busters bombs containing depleted uranium warheads by the United States to Israel for use against targets in Lebanon will result in additional radioactive and chemical toxic contamination with consequent adverse health and environmental effects throughout the Middle East," Uruknet reported [67]. Supplying weapons in an ongoing conflict places the USA as an obvious partner in the warfare. Israel permitted humanitarian aid but on several occasions bombed the trucks. And it is most doubtful that any of these war crimes will ever be persecuted for an International court. But when you meet an Israeli pilot, ask him what he was doing during this war – if he participated (no further details), he is most probably a war criminal; if not, he may be a liar.

In the night to 30.7. the Israeli bombed a house in Qana where 100 civilians were seeking shelter for the bombings. More than 60 were killed, among them at least 37 children (later estimates down regulated this figure to 41 victims, the majority children). Qana was the site of another massacre of the Israeli Air Force 10 years ago, then 106 civilians were killed with a similar rate of children. As usual, the US blocked a demand for armistice in the security council, then the Israeli grasped the idea and declared a unilateral bombing pause in South Lebanon (during which they bombed the Beka Valley) with the purpose to let the civilians South of the Litani-river leave the (most severe) combat area. This is far from unproblematic: Palestinians were forced to leave their home nearly 60 years ago and are still hindered in returning; a similar strategy is still used in the West Bank. Israel to Litani, Lebanese water to Galilee? When will the settlers come to the emptied villages?

61 <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-3281338.00.html>

62 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0.,1828142.00.html>

63 <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/07/26/AR2006072600289.html>

64 <http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1153291996858&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>

65 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/743051.html>

66 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/5217176.stm>

67 <http://www.uruknet.info/?p=m25045&hd=0&size=1&l=e>

Following a 48 hours bombing pause – interrupted 12 times, – the aggression proceeded. Having bombed most standing structures in South Lebanon, a new strategy was needed. On August 3, ~10,000 soldiers invaded the South, still finding strong Hezbollah resistance, which caused the death of four of the superior race (and several more Arabs) that day, while Hezbollah-rockets killed 8 Israelis in two locations. It seems that the rockets now used are capable of causing some explosion, though not to be compared with the Israeli shells.

Another strategy was a commando-raid towards a hospital in Baalbek, a Hezbollah-stronghold Northeast of Beirut. Israeli helicopters landed (among others) at the roof of the hospital and then searched it for their enemies. Uruknet described the claimed Israeli success the following way [68]: Israel "was told" that there is a certain Hassan Nasrallah at the [Baalbek] hospital; they kidnapped other civilians along with him. In that 'daring raid,' Israeli soldiers also kidnapped Muhammad Nasrallah, a shepherd, but later released him. He was 14 and was released a little later. To cover the fiasco, the Israeli claimed that they kidnapped "members of Hizbullah." Even that claim was a lie. The attack also claimed the life of at least 13 civilians; the Israeli escaped without losses. Three weeks later, the vegetable merchant Hassan Nasrallah and the four other prisoners (three family members and a neighbour) were freed at the southern Lebanese border after it was determined, that there were no family bindings to the Hezbollah leader (blackmail option) [69]. How to come home to Baalbek from there? The story does not report.

The real Nasrallah offered to stop the rockets on Israel if the Bombing would stop; Israel resolutely rejected. He then threatened with attacking Tel Aviv if central Beirut was shelled. Israel replied with threatening to attack the remaining infrastructure of Lebanon if Tel Aviv was hit. Having spoken out the threat, they started the job without awaiting the firework. The attack on Aug. 4 was now on four bridges at the Northern coastal highway and a Christian village North of Beirut. The first interrupted the aid from the UN for the ~400,000 displaced persons in Beirut [70], worth considering when you are talking about, who this war is against.

This day, the Venezuelan Government took an important step: they retracted the ambassador to Israel, a step every honest nation ought to follow. Instead, one of the most dishonest nation, the United States, which actively participated in Israel's warfare in sending DU-ammunition and offering NSA intelligence for their use [71] while repeatedly blocking any resolution critical of Israel, hypocritically talked about exerting a cease-fire. The Israeli want this to be linked to the sending of UN peacekeeping forces (who they feel free to attack at random). Olmert would welcome the participation of German soldiers in a stabilization force in South Lebanon, stating, "There is no other nation that Israel considers more of a friend than Germany" [72]. It can be feared that the pro-Zionist government of Angela Merkel will grasp the invitation.

It remains a question if the victims of the propagandawar in Israel were all hit by Hezbollah; as Rivero puts it [73]: "If Hezbollah's rockets are so inaccurate, how come they only kill Israeli Arabs?" Replace in this statement 'only' with 'predominantly.' Also later was mainly Arab victims reported. This is consistent with my bewilderment that Katyusha rockets may not explode when landing; at least some of those, hitting Arab-Israeli houses, did explode (the topic must be considered unresolved).

Interesting is also this recent information to the background of the crisis: "Since its withdrawal of occupation forces from southern Lebanon in May 2000, Israel has violated the UN-monitored "blue line" on an almost daily basis, according to UN reports. Hezbollah's military doctrine, articulated in the early 1990s, states that it will fire Katyusha rockets into Israel only in response to Israeli attacks on Lebanese civilians or Hezbollah's leadership" [74]. Moreover, "Israel occupied Lebanon for 18 years and that in the past 6yrs years alone it's launched 11,782 missiles over the Lebanese border. In comparison {before the new war}, Hezbollah has launched 100 missiles over the border"

68 <http://www.uruknet.info/?p=m25356&hd=0&size=1&l=e>

69 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?keyID=D9D08A04-1208-4059-9E63E3737491F484&startpage=1&ObjectID=35DB8B79-1422-0CEF-7003B20F91CF41E8>

70 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/syria/story/0,,1837196,00.html>

71 http://www.rawstory.com/news/2006/US_supplying_Israel_with_NSA_signals_0803.html

72 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/746594.html>

73 <http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/onlyarabs.php>

74 <http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0801/p09s02-coop.html>

[75]. Quite recently, "Three days after the May 23 summit between Ehud Olmert and Bush, a car bomb killed two officials of Islamic Jihad in the Lebanese city of Sidon. On June 10, a man named Mahmoud Rafeh was arrested for the car bombing and, according to the Lebanese army, confessed that he was a Mossad agent" [76].

Who would have thought it possible? On August 11, signs were perceived that Israel is loosing, in spite of military superiority, widespread destruction, the use of prohibited weapons and more than 1000 Lebanese civilians killed. Of course, they are not losing the war but the peace, this last item is obviously no speciality of theirs. They have not managed to tame their defined target, Hezbollah, which is seen as the real defender of Lebanon's southern border among the Lebanese population. Even if they had wanted, the Lebanese army would not be able to disarm Hezbollah [77]. Also the Finnish foreign minister expressed that "Israel could be destroying Lebanon while leaving the guerrilla group Hezbollah intact" [78]. This day, however, Haaretz contained an important comment [79]: "Olmert will have to .. accept the compromise taking shape internationally, because it will be an admission of Israel's inability to achieve its declared goals ... a new military move would not change the outcome of the armed conflict ... The longed-for military victory will not vaporize Hezbollah; the cost of the attempt - estimated at hundreds of additional losses to the IDF {not to mention thousand of civilians} - will erode the authority of those who decided to implement it ... He who decides to fire the Northern Command without taking into consideration that the fighting may be over in two days, proves that even after a month of fighting he has not learned to predict the future." After Lebanon and Hezbollah refused a UN resolution demanding its disarmament, a new resolution may just talk about 20,000 UN forces (10 times more than now) controlling the border are (on the Lebanese side, of course). If Israel adapts to it, it would be the first UN resolution that they respect in 40 years. Remains the question of responsibility for the immense human and material destruction caused by the Israeli aggression – and a similar war is still raging towards the Gaza-Strip.

The Cease-Fire in Lebanon

Since Monday 14, 6 am local time, there was a cease-fire in Lebanon. The World was happy and seemed to forget, that this undeclared war against the weak neighbour consisted of unilateral bombardments and a serial of war crimes. In the last two days, after they knew that they would accept the armistice, Israel shovelled another 20,000 soldiers to South Lebanon, now amounting 30,000 soldiers; air raids, including against Beirut, were commenced until Monday morning. Hezbollah, the only Lebanese entity to fight back, used the occasion to kill 24 Israeli soldiers on the 12th, including 5 in a helicopter shot down. And as the cease-fire finally went into action, Israel proudly announced that the sea- and air-blockade of Lebanon continued [80]. Moreover, they resumed air strikes in Gaza from the now less employed air force.

The Lebanese army declared that they would deploy to the Litani River by the end of the week. However, they also made it clear that they would not attempt to disarm Hezbollah, by which the Israeli had failed [81], in spite of their massive action. However, there is no knowledge of, how long the Israeli will stay. "Troops lacking food can steal from Lebanese stores," IDF general Mizrahi said on the armistice day, adding that the logistics branch is prepared for the possibility that combat soldiers will have to remain in Lebanon during the winter [82]. The Lebanese hurried back to their abandoned houses in the South, although cease-fire does not mean peace and ignoring Israeli warnings not to travel, probably in order to occupy their land before the Jewish settlers arrive.

What exactly does the cease-fire, defined by UN Security Council resolution 1701 involve? From my present position (on holiday while writing this), I lack comprehensive

75 <http://wakeupfromyourslumber.blogspot.com/2006/08/did-you-know-that-israel.html>

76 <http://www.consortiumnews.com/2006/080806.html>

77 http://www.iht.com/bin/print_ipub.php?file=/articles/2006/08/08/opinion/edgreen.php

78 <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-3289453.00.html>

79 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/749257.html>

80 <http://www.berlingske.dk/udland/artikel:aid=777248:fid=100101034/>

81 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/750448.html>

82 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/750384.html>

understanding. According to Antiwar [83], it “lays the groundwork for a comprehensive solution to the current crisis in the Middle East – one in which Israel gains not an inch. If implemented, it endorses ... a mutual exchange of prisoners – not only the two Israeli soldiers, but the many Lebanese still being held by the Israelis – and the return of the disputed Sheba Farms enclave to Lebanon.” To which should be added that a Jew is not morally bound by a promise to goyim and Israel generally does not adapt to UN resolutions. While Olmert claim that the resolution demands that Hezbollah be disarmed and dissolved [84], Hezbollah warned that disarmament of was “not on the table” and they reserved the right to resume fighting against Israeli soldiers if they remained too long in Lebanon [85]. They would maintain a ‘no visible presence’ in the south [86]. Robert Fisk added, “The real war in Lebanon begins today ... the Israeli army .. is now facing the harshest guerrilla war in its history” [87].

The general concept, and the one fitting best in earlier history, is that when a War ends, some can celebrate a victory, others must be considered losers. In a modern warfare, there are entirely losers, though some lose more than others. The propaganda machinery will, of course, always declare that ‘we’ won, as did both Nasrallah on behalf of Hezbollah while Olmert claimed that his troops had inflicted lasting damage on Hezbollah and would continue to pursue the militia's leaders, despite a UN ceasefire [88]. It is difficult to me to see any winners of this tragedy. Those who lost most were undoubtedly the Lebanese; the Israeli warfare can be seen as one big terrorist action against the population of Lebanon. In this game, the decision not to let the army respond to the aggression, even when some of its soldiers were killed, was indeed a wise one, acknowledging the Israeli superiority in (American) weaponry. Hezbollah's guerrilla-warfare proved to be the only reasonable answer to this arrogant behaviour, marking the third such spectacular occasion where a technically superior army was forced to withdraw by local ‘bushmen’ (after Vietnam and Afghanistan, Iraq and again Afghanistan waiting to become numbers 4 and 5).

Did the Israeli lose the war? The answer must be relative: in spite of massive military instalments, they did not reach their goals. The political debacle now emerging in Jerusalem indicates that the Israeli population considers the war lost (regardless an eventual border correction by the Sheba Farms). With reference to the Labour minister of Warfare, a comment in Haaretz wore the title, “With this sort of left, do you need right?” Personally, I hope that this crime against a small, defenceless neighbour can help to reduce the Zionist influence on many governments in Europe, America and Australia. On the Israeli side, 53 civilians and 104 soldiers were killed. The Lebanese losses amount at least 1,283 persons, about one third of whom were children, also including at least 33 soldiers and an unknown amount of Hezbollah-fighters. The death rate is expected to increase when the rubble has been cleaned, some seriously wounded have succumbed and the consequences of the disastrous supply humanitarian supply crisis have been determined. Israel has already claimed that the War cost them 1.6 billion US-\$, properly calculated in this currency to present the bill to the Americans. The Lebanese costs are, of cause, to be estimated to a multitude of that amount – what is more expensive: a bomb or the damage it makes? As an irony, Israeli lawyers have sued the Lebanese government for having caused the war – for an American civil court [89].

Israel is a nation that has defied the United Nations on 321 different occasions, refused to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, and proudly proclaims its own lawlessness [90]. Who would count on Tel Aviv to keep its agreements? In the coming days, I am looking forward to see whether the cease-fire is indeed kept or Israel – only they can have an interest in breaking it, introduce crucial ‘exceptions.’ The immediate days showed such dangerous events from both parties, both Hezbollah rockets into Israel (no damage) and five men killed by the Israelis because they felt these “were posing a

83 <http://www.antiwar.com/justin/?articleid=9533>

84 <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?keyID=D9D08A04-1208-4059-9E63E3737491F484&startpage=2&ObjectID=1654D2BD-1422-0CEF-70B6380253D86C1A>

85 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0,,1851746,00.html>

86 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/751713.html>

87 <http://news.independent.co.uk/world/fisk/article1219037.ece>

88 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/syria/story/0,,1844753,00.html>

89 <http://www.counterpunch.com/schuh08152006.html>

90 <http://www.antiwar.com/justin/?articleid=9570>

threat" [91]. The Warfare in Palestine should not be forgotten, neither the aim to impose the 'Convergence-Plan' for further land grab. To my great surprise (and disbelief), Olmert claimed that this was now postponed because of the war [92].

Breaking the cease-fire

Who would you think broke the cease-fire? Yes, you are right, the Israelis; they performed a commando-attack by Baalbek already on August 19, thereby confirming their readiness to break all agreements whenever they feel inclined to do so – had they attacked in South Lebanon, it might have been more difficult to determine the warmonger. The fighting cost one Israeli and three Lebanese lives. Details about his raid have emerged [93]: Dressed in Lebanese army uniforms and ready with several Arabic speakers, the Israeli commando team was apparently trying to rescue two Israeli POWs. This failed when the commandos were stopped at a Hezbollah checkpoint, and the guerrillas became suspicious of their visitors unusual Arabic accents.

Israel has obviously no intention to respect the cease-fire for a long time. Its Minister of Warfare, Amir Peretz, said after one week that his country was preparing for another round of fighting [94]. And a senior Israeli soldier said that though there is a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, Israel intends to ensure that Hezbollah is not rearmed by Syria and to continue in her efforts to assassinate Hezbollah's leader [95].

Paying respect to this unreliability, the formation of the UN peacekeeping force is utmost difficult. Two thousand were there before the new war, which they could not prevent and which some fell victims to as the Israeli forces attacked them directly. Another two thousand may come from Bangladesh but of the remaining 11,000 will be difficult to find. France had offered to lead the force, for which they would send just 200 'leaders,' and many countries declined the challenge. Israel behaves as if they can make conditions of the composition of the UN peacekeeping force [96]. And at the end of August, Kofi Annan informed the Israeli minister of war that Israel is responsible for most violations of the UN-brokered cease-fire in southern Lebanon [97].

Another tragedy unveils: In the last 72 hours of its warfare, Israel was littering southern Lebanon with thousands of unexploded cluster bombs, in fact 90% of these terrible delayed killing machines were distributed as an armistice was already decided [98,99].

The propaganda war

How is your attitude to the war? I believe, since you have read so far, it is a clear condemnation of Israel and its war companions, USA and Britain, who have actively joined ranks in supplying weapons and ammunition. Also Germany has confirmed the contribution of two submarines at 1/3 off the regular price [100]. May I suggest that you enlarge the condemnation also to include practically all of the European countries, which failed to use a clear language towards their war crimes? American media insists on calling the Israeli 'incursion' (never Invasion') into Lebanon. Who shall be heard saying, "Israel has its right to defend itself" when its war crimes finally comes to trial?

In the meantime, the Jewish leaders condemn it as 'Anti-Semitism' to make aware of the Israeli war crimes [101,102]. Of course, some people are still impressed by this inflator use of the concept. To me, it is a symptom of *unmasked racism* to regard that the Jewish state has the right to commit war-crimes on innocents of other races. Fortunately, many Jews share that feeling – are they then Anti-Semites, too?

91 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/750448.html>

92 <http://172.20.5.5:8940/hasen/spages/751979.html>

93 <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/world/nv-woleba0824.0.4241685.story?coll=nv-leadworldnews-headlines>

94 <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/08/21/wmid21.xml>

95 <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-3293160.00.html>

96 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldlatest/story/0,-6026964.00.html>

97 <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/news.php3?id=111052>

98 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0,-1861606.00.html>

99 <http://news.independent.co.uk/world/politics/article1222829.ece>

100 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/754077.html>

101 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/756732.html>

102 http://www.adl.org/PresRele/IsIME_62/4878_62.htm

Listening to the German radio on Sept. 8 was painful to me. The German FM wanted to send the navy for patrolling the Lebanese coast in order to prevent Hezbollah from receiving replenishment. Recently, Germany has 'sold' two submarines to Israel, with kind supplement of the German taxpayer. It appears that the aggressor, which has performed the many war crimes in the last months, are free to rearm. In helping them for that, Germany, Britain and the USA should stop pretending that they are working for peace in the region. What also annoyed me was the repetition of the claim, that the new war had started with the 'abduction' of two Israeli soldiers (in reality: made 'prisoners of war' on Lebanese soil). It seems that endless repetition can overtone the truth (see above). This propagandistic warfare was commented by Uri Avnery: "Napoleon won the battle of Waterloo. Germany won World War II. USA won in Vietnam and the Soviets in Afghanistan .. and Ehud Olmert won the 2nd Lebanon War - In Israel, nothing changes but the past" [103]. Commenting on the massive invasion in the last days of war, he stated, "Israel is conquering South Lebanon as flies conquer fly-paper."

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On Sept. 12, Haaretz reported: "IDF fired around 1,800 cluster bombs, containing over 1.2 million cluster bomblets ... it is believed that there are around 500,000 unexploded munitions ... the army used phosphorous shells during the war, widely forbidden by int. law ... Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) platforms were heavily used in spite of the fact that they were known to be highly inaccurate" [104].

To be fair with its criticism, Amnesty International condemned Hezbollah's warfare as war crimes, due to their bombardment of civil targets [105]. Israel had criticized its previous condemnation by AI as one-sided. However, although both sides underlie the same designation, you must be blind for not recognizing the different dimensions.

On September 23, Hezbollah celebrated victory over Israel. Was it really a victory? The war had many losers, including Israel which, in spite of excessive war crimes, did not fulfil its own option, to destroy Hezbollah. It was indeed a positive sign that the Sheeba farms were mentioned in the UN resolution [106] – but Israel has so far never adhered to such. The rough warfare against Lebanese civilians also opened the eyes of many traditional allies who, to the great surprise of the Israelis, did not accept that 'Israel's right to exist' included Israel's right to attack its neighbours.

Israel itself decided to behave like a winner. As Napoleon won by Waterloo, Hitler the WW-II and USA in Vietnam, Israel won against Hezbollah, Uri Avnery ironically remarked [107]. Indeed, after the cease-fire they inserted their Caterpillar Bulldozers uprooting olive trees by Tyros [108], maintained their air- and sea-blockade weeks after and even re-united the city of Ghajar, of which 2/3 lies on Lebanese territory, into Great-Israel [109]. An Israeli government member, Ben-Eliezer, said at the end of September, that "Israel should assassinate Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah when an opportunity arises" [110].

The United Nations is committed to make peace, but Germany misunderstood it as a task to defend the aggressor – fortunately, they are restricting their efforts to a naval patrol together with the Scandinavian countries and the Netherlands. The most devoted ally, USA, will send extensive replenishment, but they will try to block Hezbollah from getting aid. Fortunately, Hezbollah is not dependant on their opinion.

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The New Genocide in Gaza

The War against Gaza never stopped. As the Israeli forces attacked their weakest neighbour, they also continued their aggression with daily casualties among the

103 <http://www.uruknet.info/?p=m26350&hd=0&size=1&l=e>

104 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/761781.html>

105 http://news.independent.co.uk/world/middle_east/article1578722.ece

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110 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/769125.html>

Palestinians. For illogical reasons [111], the Qassam firework continued, without causing any Israeli casualties. In response, the Israeli utilized the distraction caused by the American midterm-elections for an unprecedented bloodbath in the village of Beit Hanun in the North-Eastern corner of the Gaza-Strip. More than 60 persons were killed on that occasion. Many men were collected in the local mosque, which was then demolished over their head. As a crowd of unarmed women, acting to a radio appeal, marched to the mosque, the Israeli soldiers shot at them, at least killing 2 and wounding 10.

Preliminary culmination was the assault on a house with 19 inhabitants (including 5 women and 7 children), who were instantly killed in sleep on November 8th [112]. Around 60 people have thus been killed in this village within less than two weeks – and the atrocities go on.

On Nov. 11, the UN Security Council was asked to condemn Israel's bloodbath. As usual, the USA – acting as Israel's whore – blocked with a veto while, e.g., France, Russia and China voted for it. More disturbing to me is the fact that Denmark abstained – has my native country deteriorated to a second whore?

November 12, 2006

111 [Documentary: Why are these ineffective Qassam fired?](#)

112 <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/785380.html>