

Living Conditions in the Apartheid State

During Netanyahu's rule since early 2009, the Palestinians living conditions have gradually deteriorated. Interest in this injustice caused Ch. 15 of my daily monitoring to explode. In October, I included the Palestinian daily Ma'an from Ramallah in my daily work, until then dominated by Haaretz. This documentary, the foundation for the present essay, can be found at [1].

Gaza - living in the Ghetto

Gaza is with the population of ~1.5 million inhabitants in the world's densest populated area. It is 25 km long but in the north just 6 km broad. It is surrounded by an advanced fence with remotely controlled guns. They help to control a 300 meter no-go zone, recently (2010) unilaterally declared from Israel. This zone covers 20% of the strip's farm land, thereby aggravating the Strip's chronic famine. An apartheid wall as in the West Bank is not present because that would hinder Israel's frequent intrusion with bulldozers and armed vehicles. The strip is under constant surveillance from the air, both with unmanned drones, helicopters and fighter jets, the latter exerting acoustic terror 8n breaking the sound barrier in low heights.

By democratic elections in 2006, Hamas gained majority in Palestine. In reaction to this result, Israel blocked the Gaza Strip and persuaded its sovereign states (mainly in North America, Europe and Australia) to pronounce Hamas a terrorist organization with the argument that it does not recognize Israel. In the meantime, Hamas has expressed willingness to recognize an Israel with the borders before the 1967 war, but this has been ignored by Israel, who wants all of Palestine (and therefore deserves the title of a terrorist state).

This hypocrisy is amplified by Israel's desire to be considered 'The only democracy in the Middle East,' a false designation but it helped Israel to join OECD in May 2010. Moreover, Israel was substantially involved in the creation of Hamas as an oppositional factor to Yasser Arafat's Fatah. *Shame on all the corrupt politicians in the Western world, who bowed to the pressure of the Zionist lobbyists!* Hamas was created in 1987 by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and associates. The invalid sheik was murdered in March 2004 and his successor a month later together with scores of civilians from the air. When shall we get accustomed to these extrajudicial assassinations in our art of the world, too?

In May 2006, the racist state opened warfare activities against the strip, causing massive destruction – after all, that is their speciality – but soon, the 2nd Lebanon drew their full attention. Both of these calamities were described in a separate essay [2]. Since the summer of 2006, Israel declared an economic blockade, upheld ever since. Shortly after Christmas 2008, Israel started a new warfare against Gaza [3], characterized by multiple war-crimes [4], claiming the lives of ~1,400 Palestinians, the vast majority civilians with many children, at the cost of 13 Israeli lives, three of them civilians.

Since then, Gaza has been held in a condition of warfare, at best compared to the Warsaw Ghetto during the Second World War. Thousands of houses, including several schools and hospitals, were destroyed and cannot be rebuild (economic resources were guarantee after the war at a donor congress) since concrete is not allowed into the strip. Many people are forced to live in tents, for which the climate is often too hot or in winter occasionally too cold. Israel has decided to uphold the blockade as long as Hamas governs the strip, a decision which further strengthens the elected government. The permitted import into the strip only contributes 23% of previous levels. Necessitated by this blockade is hundreds of smuggling tunnels between, in particular, houses in the parted city of Rafah. An excellent summary of Gaza's misery can be found in a video on Youtube – at least it was still there in the middle of May 2010 [5].

1 http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/AV_FOR_HP/AV%20Palestine_6_months_Cat.pdf

2 <http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/Israels%20New%20War.pdf>

3 <http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/2nd%20Gaza%20Warx.pdf>

4 http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/Goldstone_Report.pdf

5 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFK5TNcmEmg&feature=player_embedded

Gaza and Egypt

Egypt is a disappointment to the Palestinians. In extreme cases, it has indeed helped, e.g. with hospital treatment of serious injuries inflicted by the Israeli warfare. The assistance was undoubtedly limited by fears over the Israeli war-machine (world-wide the masters of destruction), but also by secret American influence. It is difficult to evaluate the true value of the Egyptian support, because it is, after all, not quite absent. The relation between President Mubarak's government and Hamas is clouded by the fact that Hamas originates from Mubarak's mortal enemy, the Muslim Brotherhood (The Society of the Muslim Brothers). On this basis, it was an easy construct for the Israeli-American influence to sever further relations.

Gaza - Israeli acts of war

Gaza lives in a state of war, even if the major fighting was formally ended in January 2009. The blockade is already serious enough, but armed intrusion is a daily occurrence, whether by the aerial surveillance and more than occasional bombing, the naval aggression shelling Gazan fishermen or the repeatedly use of arms and bulldozers. The masters of destruction make what they can best: destroy, and they do not waste time on formalities.

West Bank - humiliating living conditions

To anybody who live there, any talk about peace in a two-state-solution have turned into an open hypocrisy after the racist government of Netanyahu took office. Living conditions have deteriorated considerably in that period. It has become obvious that Israel is a racial state in which Palestinians generally (with a few exceptions) enjoy no rights. Fortunately, also many Israelis experience this under protest, and the world offers less support to the racial supermen (in spite of powerful Zionist lobbies in many states) than they could enjoy support of previously – but it is still too much. It is obvious that the present government will not give up any worthy part of Palestine, whether East-Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley or their settlements (generally build on stolen land). The West Bank is scattered in small stripes where the superior race is hiding behind their apartheid walls, connected through Jews-only roads and enjoying free access to water, which – like their land – is also stolen from the Palestinians. They are living in the prison between the settlements of the superior race, their movement on small village-roads involves several road-blocks and great detours. Moreover, the ethnic cleansing proceeds with a new regulation, permitting the military to deport whom they decide. Several people from the West Bank have been displaced to Gaza where they are living in tents just behind the border.

Home Demolitions

Jewish houses are built, Palestinian ones are demolished. The background for this simple fact is that the plans for projected Jewish houses are generally granted whereas hardly any Palestinian new or revised buildings are approved. Only in Zone A – a small part of the West Bank – can the Palestinians, according to the still valid Oslo agreements decide for themselves what shall be constructed. Home demolitions (with Caterpillar or Volvo bulldozers) are an almost daily occurrence and frequently followed by building activities for the superior race. Only exceptionally (and with big announcement in the press) is this measure turned against settlers in the illegal outposts. In no other country of the world has the concept of state-mastered demolitions received such importance as in Israel and its colonies.

Settler Crimes

Actually, there may be a few among the Israeli settler who have actually bought land from Palestinian owners, but most have plainly stolen it or bought it from the Israeli state, which in practice means the same. The rule is that if a piece of land could not be fertilized in a period of three years, the Israeli government confiscates it – and sell it

cheaply to Jews. The settlers have their methods of preventing Palestinians from working at their land, and therefore it is justified to state that **almost all settlers are criminal, since they live on stolen land**. Their crimes may, however, go far beyond that.

Nearly 500,000 settlers live in the occupied territories, to which also Syrian and Lebanese parts of the Golan Heights are counted (the latter mainly consists of the Sheba Farms and Ghajar). In East-Jerusalem, almost 200,000 of these settlers are found, the other 300,000 in the territories. The most aggressive settlers are found by Hebron (Kiryat Arba) and Nablus (Yitzhar). Settlers are armed, use their weapons on the Palestinians and are generally supported by the Israeli army and police in their misdeeds. It is extremely rare that settlers are punished, let alone temporarily detained, for their crimes

Water and Sewage

Water is a precious topic. Generally spoken, the Israeli are stealing most of the water present in the Palestinian underground and giving it at liberty to their settlers, but also using it in the State of Israel. The River Jordan has been changed largely to a sewage channel with ecological problems for the Dead Sea pending (as if it was not dead enough). Moreover, a few of the hilltop settlements use their (partly toxic) sewage as a weapon against their Palestinian neighbours in the adjoining valley, leading it over farmland and destructing its products.

IDF and Border Police crimes or neglectance.

The soldiers are exclusively Jewish men (3 years service) and women (2 years), and they are not all brutal and ignorant. However, their officers largely seem to be, and therefore the IDF and the so-called 'Border Police' (Israel recognizes no borders) is practically always taking the settler's stance in the frequent, generally settler-provoked conflicts. The usual attitude to trouble is to declare the place 'a closed military area'. This practice has increasingly been abused by settlers, while it involves the expulsion of Palestinians (living there for decades) and Settlers (being there for hours). The ethnic cleansing proceeds with all means.

Last year, a Palestinian demonstrator was blindfolded and bound with his hands on his back, then shot in a foot at close distance [6]. The horrible crime was filmed from a neighbouring house and caused the soldier, but not his commanding officer, receive a soft reprimand. Since then, the local IDF exercises shooting and throws teargas grenades into the house from where the misdeed was filmed.

Political support of settler crimes

The settler movement is exploding. Ever more extremist orthodox Jews are invited to immigrate to Israel – understood as Greater Israel. Although not officially (outside Greater Jerusalem), settlements and outposts are given approvals, even now occasionally in spite of the 'settlement freeze,' a strange construct introduced reluctantly by the racist government for all settlements outside what Israel considers is Jerusalem and unilaterally restricted to 10 months, after which all halted construction should be continued. There is considerable political support for the idea that this delay should lead to economical compensation.

Juridical support of settler crimes

Settler attacks on Palestinians escalate while Israel does nothing to apprehend the culprits. Except for a few judges, the majority of their colleagues demonstrate inequality for the law. In the intermediate consequences, settlers are assumed to be right, e.g. when they claim their right to occupy a given building based on false documents and therefore evict Palestinians who have lived there for decades – with a definite decision still pending.

6 <http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/video.html>

Apartheid wall

It is almost too ridiculous to be true: the West Bank is scarred by a strange complex of 8 meter high separation walls (official terminology: security fence) guarding the illegal settlements and the Jews-only roads connecting them to original Israel. A heritage from war-criminal Ariel Sharon, these structures are always built 'on the other side.' They increase the land-grab and frequently separate Palestinian farmers from part of their land, if not already stolen.

While the apartheid wall and the modern roads help the superior race toward faster transport, the Palestinians suffer from extreme detours and endless waiting at the multitude of road blocks. From time to time, some road-blocks are removed for giving a European politician the feeling he has obtained something, but somehow their number is soon restored. The apartheid wall thus has become as well a symbol as a remedy in the ethnic cleansing of the third millennium.

Deportation

In the beginning of April, a new horror was proclaimed: "A new military order aimed at preventing infiltration will come into force this week, enabling the deportation of tens of thousands of Palestinians from the West Bank, or their indictment on charges carrying prison terms of up to 7 years ... the infiltrator pay for the cost of his own detention, custody and expulsion." The order has already led to the deportation of numerous Palestinians from the West Bank to the Gaza-Strip. There, the 'convicts' are collected in a tent close to one of the ghetto's entrances, adding to the horrendous acts carried out by Israel in the strip.

In addition, Jerusalemites are only 'tolerated' for a limited time since they possess a limited residency status in the eastern part of the city which Israel has violently conquered in 1967 and later engulfed into the country. On various occasions, these original inhabitants are deported to areas not yet added to the Israeli state.

Palestinian Politicians

Nowhere in the world are more elected parliamentarians found in jail, an administrative detention, as they call it, which involves not seeing a judge. A total of 45 lawmakers and many leading administrative were arrested in 2006 by Israel forces after the soldier Gilad Shalit's seizure, obviously as a precaution for a bail-out. Israel is thereby recognizing the practice or taking hostages – quite expectable for a criminal state.

"Peace negotiations"

That the two-state concept is an illusion has been made totally clear by the Racist government of Israel. It insists on its major occupations (East-Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, the large settlement blocks and the Golan Heights) and it will be difficult for the government simply to give up any of the illegal settlements and outposts.

Conversely, it is strange that there is so much sympathy for the two-state solution. Israel has systematically worked to wipe the Palestinian State, which the United Nations formed in 1948 (according to older partition plans, anyhow favourising the Jewish part) and which foresaw Jerusalem as an international city. Logically, the UN should declare the Jewish state misconduct, and the states forming the UN declare Israel an illegal construct. Of course, with the creeping 'Zionization' of the world, this will not happen but ethnic cleansing will not go away by itself, Apartheid was also once considered an eternal phenomenon in South Africa [7]. Simple moral forbids us to support the Zionist state.

Israeli Palestinians and Bedouins

Twenty to twenty-five percent of the Israeli citizens (various statistics) are not Jewish. These statistics include the half million settlers, although they do not live in Israel proper. The racial discrimination does not stop there. These Arab and Bedouins have a much lower social status and are steadily in danger of house demolitions, perhaps because they

7 <http://www.schou.de/terrorwar/Apartheid.pdf>

adjusted their homes to a growing family, for which a building permission is never granted. Only Jews serve in IDF, so by restricting works to former soldiers, racism is hidden behind a patriotic mask.

Conclusion

The new Israeli government under Netanyahu has shown an explosive increase in the racist motivated suppression of the non-Jewish population. It is high time for civilized humans to speak out against this kind of injustice. In order to be effective, that includes attention towards corrupt politicians who, in contrast to their voters' intention, are serving a foreign nation's interest. We know that the United States is completely under the oppression of such parasites, but the recent inclusion of Israel into the OECD is a symptom that other countries may suffer from the same dysfunction.