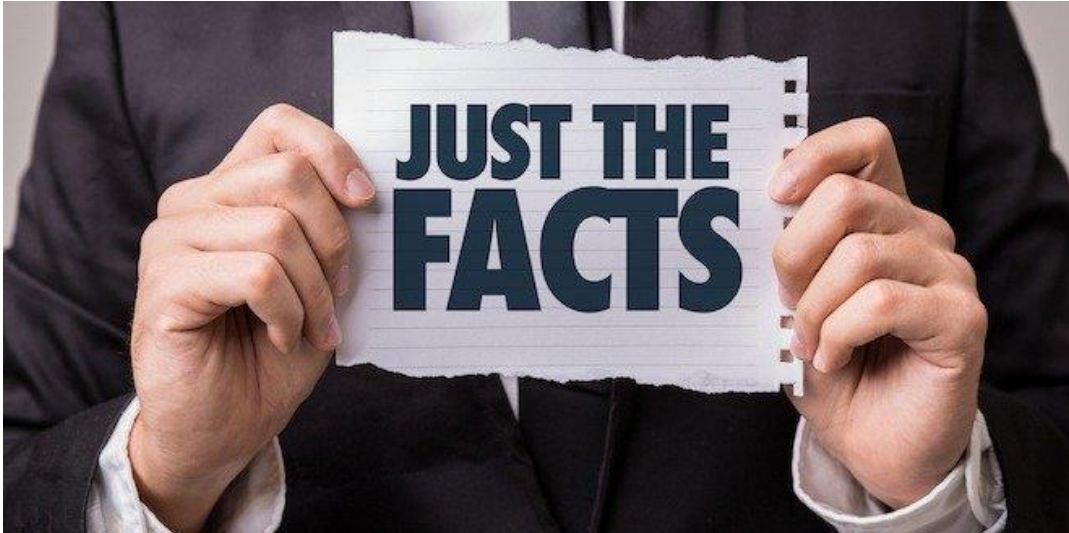


Truth Is Often Painful

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The truth can be painful, and many people find it easier to deny reality than confront it. I lack a background in sociology, and I don't possess precise global data on those who, observing the current events in Gaza, believe it's a natural consequence of history, where a conqueror (Israel, in this case) must endure the repercussions of their actions. It's a "you sin, you pay" view.

Some may embrace the notion: "Don't confuse us with facts because facts play no role in our views." The number of demonstrators against Israel who lack knowledge or understanding is unknown, but I suspect there are much too many who have no idea about historical facts leading to the present situation.

For those in the dark, here are the facts:

1. Arab terror predates Israel's creation, with the first murder of a Jew in Palestine occurring in the mid-19th century.
2. Under British mandate, Arab leadership in Palestine resisted Jewish presence, and organized pogroms and killings.
3. The Arab countries rejected the UN partition plan of November 1947, which proposed two states, while the Jewish community in Palestine accepted it.
4. The 1948 war was initiated by Arab countries who lost it, resulting in Arab refugees. Arab states encouraged them to flee, anticipating an Arab victory and a return. Only a small part fled because the Israeli army drove them out.
5. From 1948-1967, the Arab territories of former Palestine were under surrounding Arab countries' control, the Gaza strip under Egypt, the West Bank under Jordan. These countries had no initiative whatsoever to create a Palestinian state.
6. The Six-Day War (1967) was triggered by Egypt's decision to evacuate the UN troops from the Sinai Peninsula. It closed the Tiran straits at the Red Sea, a clear sign that Nasser, the Egyptian president, was preparing for war against Israel.
7. Israel requested Jordan not to enter the war in 1967, but despite this request King Hussein attacked, he was defeated, which led to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank.
8. The first Jewish settlement in the West Bank, Kyriat Arba, was established in 1972 after five years of waiting for the Arab countries to accept negotiations. The Khartoum conference (1970) ended with the 3 famous « NO »s : NO recognition, NO negotiations, NO peace.

9. During Camp David negotiations (1978-1979), the then Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin proposed to the Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, to take back the Gaza strip, but Egypt categorically refused.
10. In 2005, Israel dismantled all Jewish settlements in Gaza, handing control to the Palestinian Authority. The free elections two years later were won by Hamas, leading to a terrorist regime. Hamas threw out or killed PA people. Its aim, as stated in the introductory part of their Charter, is to annihilate the Jewish country and its Jewish population. « Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it. »
11. The recent wave of Arab terror is rooted in the denial of the Jewish people's right to their own country, unrelated to the West Bank occupation.
12. Prime Minister Olmert's peace proposal in 2008-2009, which included territorial exchange and division of Jerusalem, was rejected by Palestinian President Abbas.
13. On October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked Israel with the goal of killing as many Jews as possible. It was a barbaric act, very similar to what the Nazis had done 80 years ago, and to what ISIS did only few years ago. It contradicts Article 24 of the Hamas Charter : The Islamic Resistance Movement does not allow slandering or speaking ill of individuals or groups, for the believer does not indulge in such malpractices.

I recommend reading the Hamas Charter

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to understand the extremist Islamic threat to the civilized world. I'll delve deeper into this topic in a future letter.

As they say in an American court : The prosecution rests his case.

Feel free to challenge any facts in my 13-point argument !

Wishing you a quiet and pleasant day.

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