

# Re: KATHLEEN DICKSON IS A ANTI-JEWISH BIGOT

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georgia wrote:

The Stark Raving LoonaTick wrote:

Kathleen the Loon wrote:

The Stark Raving LoonaTick wrote:

Jan Musinski the criminal wrote:

Jan Musinski the criminal  
wrote:

metafrc@xxxxxxxxxx  
wrote:

Gimme  
a  
break.  
Biggest  
RACISTS  
on  
the  
planet.

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Hurling  
Towards  
the  
Next  
Intifada

An  
Interview  
with  
Jonathan  
Cook

Re: KATHLEEN DICKSON IS A ANTI-JEWISH BIGOT

by  
Andrea  
Bistrich

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This  
is  
an  
edited  
version  
of  
an  
interview  
published  
in  
German  
in  
the  
newspaper  
Die  
Junge  
Welt  
on  
July  
1,  
2006  
between  
Andrea  
Bistrich  
and  
the  
British  
journalist  
Jonathan  
Cook,  
based  
in  
Nazareth,  
Israel,  
about  
his

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new  
book  
Blood  
and  
Religion:  
The  
Unmasking  
of  
the  
Jewish  
State  
(Pluto  
Press,  
2006)  
about  
Israel's  
plans  
for  
the  
further  
dispossession  
of  
the  
Palestinians.  
The  
interview  
was  
conducted  
before  
Israel's  
attack  
on  
Lebanon.

Andrea  
Bistrich:  
Your  
book  
has  
been  
released  
in  
Britain  
and  
is  
about  
to  
come  
out  
in

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the  
US.  
Already  
it  
is  
widely  
praised  
by  
various  
experts  
and  
academics  
related  
to  
the  
Middle  
East.  
Why  
does  
the  
"Jewish  
and  
democratic  
State"  
need  
to  
be  
unmasked?

Jonathan  
Cook:  
I  
chose  
the  
word  
"unmask"  
because  
it  
was  
the  
term  
Ehud  
Barak  
used  
about  
Yasser  
Arafat  
after  
the  
failure  
of

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the  
Camp  
David  
negotiations  
in  
June  
2000:  
he  
said  
he  
had  
unmasked  
the  
Palestinian  
leader  
as  
no  
partner  
for  
peace.  
But  
in  
fact  
the  
reverse  
happened:  
the  
Camp  
David  
failure  
and  
Israel's  
subsequent  
actions  
during  
the  
second  
intifada  
unmasked  
those  
like  
Barak  
who  
claimed  
that  
Israel  
was  
a  
partner  
for  
peace.

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The  
nature  
of  
the  
conflict  
between  
Israel  
and  
the  
Palestinians  
is  
irreconcilable  
as  
long  
as  
Israel  
sees  
itself  
as  
a  
"Jewish  
and  
democratic"  
state.  
This  
is  
the  
premise  
of  
my  
book.  
The  
Jewish  
and  
democratic  
myth  
keeps  
Israelis  
both  
from  
examining  
the  
essentially  
undemocratic  
nature  
of  
their  
state  
--  
what

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social  
scientists  
often  
term  
an  
ethnic  
state  
or  
an  
ethnocracy  
--  
and  
from  
finding  
a  
peaceful  
solution  
to  
their  
conflict  
with  
the  
Palestinians.

AB:  
Can  
you  
explain  
the  
problems  
of  
a  
"Jewish  
and  
democratic  
state"  
in  
more  
detail?

JC:  
Most  
educated  
Israelis  
are  
made  
uncomfortable  
by  
the  
idea  
that

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Israel  
is  
simply  
a  
Jewish  
state;  
it  
sounds  
a  
little  
too  
like  
an  
Afrikaner  
state  
or  
a  
Catholic  
state.  
So  
the  
"democratic"  
is  
added  
as  
a  
kind  
of  
public  
denial  
that  
Israel  
is  
an  
ethnic  
or  
religious  
state.  
The  
Jewish  
and  
democratic  
idea  
is  
crucially  
important  
to  
Israel  
and  
Israelis;  
it

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is,  
for  
example,  
the  
central  
tenet  
of  
the  
1992  
Basic  
Law  
on  
Freedom  
and  
Human  
Dignity,  
the  
nearest  
thing  
Israel  
has  
to  
a  
Bill  
of  
Rights.  
This  
document  
defines  
Israel  
as  
a  
Jewish  
and  
democratic  
state  
and,  
in  
contradiction,  
also  
excludes  
equality  
as  
one  
of  
its  
principles.  
That's  
because  
most  
Israelis

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believe  
that  
equality  
applies  
only  
to  
Jews  
inside  
Israel,  
not  
to  
the  
one  
in  
five  
Israeli  
citizens  
who  
are  
not  
Jewish  
but  
Palestinian.

These  
one  
million  
or  
so  
Palestinians  
are  
the  
remnants  
of  
the  
Palestinian  
majority  
that  
once  
inhabited  
Palestine.  
They  
have  
been  
given  
citizenship  
but  
are  
treated  
as

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a  
sort  
of  
abscess  
--  
or  
cancer,  
as  
they  
are  
often  
referred  
to  
--  
in  
the  
Israeli  
body  
politic.  
Israel  
has  
not  
tried  
to  
integrate  
or  
assimilate  
them.  
Why?  
Because,  
as  
non-Jews,  
they  
threaten  
the  
Jewishness  
of  
the  
state.  
So  
they  
have  
to  
be  
kept  
apart,  
separate,  
as  
pseudo-citizens.  
Although  
usually

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ignored  
in  
discussions  
about  
the  
regional  
conflict,  
Israel's  
relationship  
to  
its  
Palestinian  
"citizens"  
is,  
I  
think,  
revealing  
about  
what  
Israel  
wants  
to  
be  
and  
how  
it  
sees  
itself.  
For  
Israelis,  
"Jewish  
and  
democratic"  
means  
democratic  
for  
Jews  
only.  
The  
opposite  
of  
a  
Jewish  
and  
democratic  
state  
would  
be  
a  
"state  
of

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all  
its  
citizens"  
(what  
we  
think  
of  
as  
a  
liberal  
democracy),  
which  
has  
been  
the  
main  
campaign  
platform  
of  
Israel's  
Arab  
political  
parties  
since  
the  
Oslo  
agreements  
were  
signed  
in  
the  
1990s.  
These  
Arab  
parties  
want  
every  
Israeli  
to  
be  
treated  
as  
an  
equal  
citizen  
irrespective  
of  
ethnicity.  
Such  
a  
platform

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is  
technically  
illegal  
in  
Israel,  
and  
parties  
and  
candidates  
can  
be  
banned  
for  
promoting  
it.

In  
other  
words,  
the  
overriding  
concern  
in  
Israel  
has  
nothing  
to  
do  
with  
being  
democratic  
and  
everything  
to  
do  
with  
being  
Jewish  
--  
at  
all  
costs.  
This  
is  
backed  
by  
polls  
of  
Israeli  
Jews  
which

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show  
an  
overwhelming  
majority  
reject  
the  
idea  
of  
Israel  
being  
a  
liberal  
democratic  
state.

All  
of  
this  
is  
the  
context  
for  
my  
main  
argument,  
which  
is  
that  
the  
recent  
developments  
in  
the  
conflict  
have  
been  
almost  
entirely  
driven  
on  
the  
Israeli  
side  
by  
concerns  
about  
demography,  
about  
Palestinians  
becoming  
a

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majority  
in  
the  
region  
and  
Israel  
being  
compared  
to  
an  
apartheid  
state  
like  
the  
old  
South  
Africa.  
The  
question  
facing  
Israel  
has  
been  
how  
to  
ensure  
the  
Jewish  
state  
remains  
entirely  
in  
the  
hands  
of  
Jews,  
and  
how  
to  
distort  
the  
reality  
entailed  
by  
this  
so  
that  
Israel  
can  
continue  
to

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claim  
it  
is  
both  
Jewish  
and  
democratic.

The  
disengagement  
from  
Gaza  
last  
year  
and  
now  
the  
convergence  
plan  
for  
the  
West  
Bank  
are  
about  
two  
things:  
protecting  
Israel  
as  
a  
"Jewish  
and  
democratic"  
state  
in  
the  
sense  
that  
Palestinians,  
citizens  
and  
non-citizens  
alike,  
will  
be  
excluded  
from  
any  
say  
in

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its  
future;  
and  
emasculating  
the  
region's  
Palestinians  
by  
locking  
them  
up  
in  
a  
series  
of  
ghettoes  
so  
that  
they  
pose  
no  
threat  
to  
the  
Jewish  
state  
because  
they  
are  
powerless  
to  
assert  
their  
rights  
as  
a  
single  
national  
people  
and  
their  
historical  
rights  
to  
most  
of  
their  
own  
land.  
Israel  
is

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hellbent  
on  
achieving  
these  
two  
goals  
because  
in  
fact  
they  
are  
inseparable:  
the  
more  
space  
in  
what  
was  
once  
known  
as  
Palestine  
Israel  
takes  
for  
itself,  
the  
weaker  
the  
Palestinians  
will  
become.  
In  
that  
way,  
Israel  
thinks  
--  
wrongly,  
I  
believe  
--  
its  
future  
as  
a  
Jewish  
state  
is  
more  
secure.

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AB:  
What  
are  
your  
major  
conclusions?

JC:  
I  
explain  
how  
Israel  
presented  
a  
distorted  
image  
of  
Palestinian  
behavior  
during  
the  
intifada,  
and  
then  
used  
that  
image  
to  
justify  
certain  
policies,  
in  
particular  
the  
Gaza  
disengagement  
and  
the  
building  
of  
the  
West  
Bank  
wall.  
I  
place  
--  
and  
to  
the

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best  
of  
my  
knowledge  
no  
one  
has  
done  
this  
before

--  
Israel's  
Palestinian  
citizens  
at  
the  
center  
stage  
of  
the  
conflict  
in  
terms  
of  
understanding  
what  
has  
been  
going  
on  
during  
the  
last  
six  
years  
of  
the  
intifada.

When  
Israel  
went  
to  
Camp  
David  
to  
offer  
the  
Palestinians  
some  
sort

of  
state,  
we  
know  
from  
Barak's  
advisers  
that  
it  
did  
not  
meet  
the  
minimal  
expectations  
of  
the  
Palestinians:  
it  
was  
a  
very  
shrunk  
state,  
and  
it  
did  
not  
include  
East  
Jerusalem,  
which  
any  
Palestinian  
state  
needs  
as  
its  
capital.  
The  
breakdown  
of  
the  
talks  
led  
directly  
to  
the  
Palestinian  
intifada,  
the

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outpouring  
of  
anger  
from  
ordinary  
Palestinians.  
Israeli  
military  
intelligence  
knew  
a  
lot  
about  
the  
intifada's  
causes:  
that  
it  
was  
because  
of  
Palestinian  
frustration  
at  
being  
denied  
a  
proper  
state;  
it  
was  
a  
popular,  
grass-roots  
rebellion;  
and  
that  
Yasser  
Arafat  
was  
largely  
caught  
unawares  
by  
its  
ferocity.  
We  
also  
know  
now,  
because

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of  
leaks  
from  
the  
generals  
in  
charge  
of  
Israel's  
military  
intelligence,  
that  
this  
information  
was  
misrepresented  
to  
and  
entirely  
ignored  
by  
the  
political  
leadership  
in  
Israel.

The  
politicians,  
notably  
Barak  
and  
Ariel  
Sharon,  
argued  
instead  
that  
the  
intifada  
was  
long  
planned  
by  
Arafat  
and  
that  
it  
was  
last-ditch  
attempt  
by

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him  
to  
defeat  
the  
Jewish  
state.  
At  
the  
Camp  
David  
talks,  
they  
claimed,  
Arafat  
insisted  
on  
a  
right  
of  
return  
to  
Israel  
for  
the  
millions  
of  
Palestinians  
living  
in  
refugee  
camps  
outside  
Israel  
and  
occupied  
territories  
so  
that  
Israel's  
Jewish  
majority  
would  
be  
decimated.  
When  
his  
demands  
were  
rejected,  
he  
chose

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another  
weapon:  
an  
armed  
uprising,  
the  
intifada.

Both,  
Barak  
and  
Sharon  
believed  
Arafat  
had  
a  
second  
weapon:  
a  
Trojan  
horse  
inside  
Israel  
that  
he  
hoped  
to  
use  
to  
subvert  
the  
Jewish  
state  
from  
within.  
The  
Trojan  
horse  
was,  
of  
course,  
the  
one  
in  
five  
Israeli  
citizens  
who  
are  
Palestinian.  
Arafat,

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they  
said,  
was  
secretly  
conspiring  
with  
the  
Palestinian  
minority  
inside  
Israel  
to  
destroy  
Israel  
as  
a  
Jewish  
state.

Israel's  
leaders  
also  
believed,  
or  
at  
least  
claimed  
to  
believe,  
that  
the  
country's  
Palestinian  
citizens  
had  
a  
twin-track  
for  
defeating  
Israel.  
First,  
they  
could  
step  
up  
their  
political  
campaigns  
for  
a  
state

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of  
all  
its  
citizens  
to  
end  
the  
Jewish  
dominance  
of  
the  
state;  
in  
Israeli  
eyes  
that  
was  
simply  
a  
prelude  
to  
engineering  
a  
right  
of  
return  
for  
the  
Palestinian  
refugees.  
And  
if  
they  
failed  
in  
this  
strategy,  
they  
could  
try  
to  
erode  
the  
Jewish  
majority  
by  
marrying  
Palestinians  
in  
the  
West

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Bank  
and  
Gaza  
and  
thereby  
winning  
them  
citizenship.

As  
a  
result  
we  
have  
seen  
in  
the  
last  
few  
years  
two  
major  
policy  
changes  
to  
negate  
both  
of  
these  
supposed  
threats:

First,  
the  
establishment  
of  
the  
final  
borders  
of  
an  
expanded  
Jewish  
state  
through  
the  
Gaza  
disengagement  
and  
the  
building

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of  
the  
West  
Bank  
wall,  
designed  
to  
exclude  
Palestinian  
claims  
inside  
an  
enlarged  
Israel.  
If  
these  
borders  
are  
completed,  
Israel  
will  
be  
able  
to  
dismiss  
Palestinian  
political  
demands  
inside  
Israel,  
even  
from  
its  
own  
citizens,  
by  
arguing  
that  
Palestinians  
have  
their  
own  
(ghetto)  
state  
next  
door  
in  
which  
they  
can  
exercise

sovereignty.

Second,  
the  
banning  
of  
marriages  
between  
Palestinians  
from  
the  
occupied  
territories  
and  
Israelis,  
meaning  
in  
practice  
Palestinians  
with  
Israeli  
citizenship,  
to  
prevent  
a  
"right  
of  
return  
through  
the  
back  
door",  
as  
Israelis  
like  
to  
call  
it.

These  
policies  
are  
meant  
to  
remove  
once  
and  
for  
all  
any  
demographic

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threat  
the  
Jewish  
state  
faces  
from  
the  
Palestinians.

AB:  
You  
use  
the  
term  
"glass  
wall"  
in  
the  
book.  
Can  
you  
explain  
what  
you  
mean  
by  
this?

JC:  
I  
contrast  
the  
idea  
of  
the  
"glass  
wall"  
with  
the  
famous  
revisionist  
Zionist  
philosophy  
of  
the  
"iron  
wall".  
The  
Revisionists  
argued  
that

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the  
Palestinians  
would  
never  
agree  
to  
their  
dispossession  
so  
the  
Jewish  
state's  
leaders  
must  
force  
them  
to  
submit  
with  
an  
iron  
wall  
of  
force  
---  
a  
sort  
of  
"might  
makes  
right"  
philosophy.  
I  
argue  
that  
in  
practice  
Israel  
developed  
a  
different  
strategy  
for  
dealing  
with  
the  
Palestinians:  
what  
I  
call  
the

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glass  
wall.  
Israel  
separated  
the  
two  
ethnic  
populations,  
Jews  
and  
Palestinians,  
both  
inside  
Israel  
and  
in  
the  
occupied  
territories,  
and  
for  
most  
of  
its  
history  
managed  
to  
make  
this  
division  
invisible  
to  
the  
world.  
The  
separation  
walls  
existed  
but  
you  
couldn't  
see  
them.  
This  
is  
what  
I  
call  
the  
glass  
wall.

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In  
the  
occupied  
territories,  
for  
example,  
Jewish  
settlers  
lived  
next  
to  
Palestinian  
communities  
in  
a  
way  
that  
made  
it  
possible  
to  
believe  
they  
were  
simply  
neighbors.  
But  
of  
course  
in  
practice  
the  
settlers  
had  
full  
rights  
under  
Israeli  
civil  
law,  
both  
in  
the  
occupied  
territories  
and  
inside  
Israel  
while  
the  
Palestinians

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were  
governed  
by  
a  
much  
less  
benign  
military  
law.  
Movement  
was  
unrestricted  
for  
Jews  
but  
not  
for  
Palestinians.  
Water  
resources  
were  
provided  
to  
the  
settlers  
but  
were  
severely  
rationed  
to  
the  
Palestinians.  
In  
this  
way  
Israel  
maintained  
the  
pretence  
of  
a  
benevolent  
occupation  
for  
a  
couple  
of  
decades.  
Much  
the  
same

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has  
happened  
inside  
Israel  
for  
the  
country's  
Palestinian  
citizens.

That  
all  
began  
to  
crumble  
in  
the  
occupied  
territories  
in  
the  
late  
1980s  
when  
the  
Palestinians  
refused  
to  
have  
their  
lives  
and  
the  
occupation's  
image  
managed  
by  
Israel.  
The  
first  
intifada  
forced  
Israel  
to  
convert  
the  
glass  
walls  
into  
concrete  
and

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steel  
walls:  
first  
the  
Gaza  
strip  
was  
sealed  
off  
from  
Israel  
and  
now  
the  
same  
is  
happening  
to  
the  
West  
Bank.  
That  
has  
been  
very  
damaging  
to  
Israel's  
image  
as  
a  
Jewish  
and  
democratic  
state,  
and  
the  
political  
leadership  
is  
now  
desperately  
trying  
to  
recover  
the  
high  
ground.  
The  
completion  
of

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the  
West  
Bank  
wall,  
I  
think,  
is  
the  
key  
to  
succeeding.  
If  
Israel  
can  
create  
the  
appearance  
of  
a  
Palestinian  
state  
without  
the  
reality  
of  
one,  
then  
it  
is  
simply  
erecting  
again  
the  
glass  
wall  
as  
cover  
for  
the  
real  
concrete  
and  
steel  
walls  
around  
the  
West  
Bank  
and  
Gaza.  
It

is  
making  
a  
series  
of  
prisons  
look  
like  
a  
state.  
That  
is  
the  
real  
point  
of  
Olmert's  
convergence  
plan.

AB:  
What  
exactly  
is  
behind  
Olmert's  
"disengagement"  
or  
"convergence"  
plan?

[Author's  
note:  
Since  
Israel's  
failure  
to  
defeat  
Hizbullah  
in  
south  
Lebanon,  
Olmert  
has  
been  
forced  
officially  
to  
shelve  
his  
convergence

plan.  
However,  
the  
author  
believes  
this  
is  
merely  
a  
postponement  
of  
the  
completion  
of  
the  
physical  
separation  
program  
begun  
with  
the  
signing  
of  
the  
Oslo  
accords.  
None  
of  
the  
demographic  
pressures  
on  
Israel  
have  
abated.  
With  
his  
reputation  
battered,  
Olmert  
does  
not  
currently  
have  
the  
political  
support  
to  
dismantle  
even  
the

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small  
number  
of  
Jewish  
settlements  
on  
the  
wrong  
of  
the  
wall  
required  
by  
the  
convergence  
plan.  
But  
pressure  
will  
mount  
for  
the  
wall  
to  
be  
completed  
at  
some  
stage  
in  
the  
future,  
whether  
it  
is  
because  
Palestinians  
begin  
demanding  
political  
rights  
inside  
Israel  
or  
because  
they  
relaunch  
their  
suicide  
attacks.  
Either

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way,  
given  
its  
view  
of  
the  
conflict  
and  
its  
refusal  
to  
stop  
being  
a  
Jewish  
state,  
Israel  
has  
no  
choice  
but  
to  
pursue  
separation.]

JC:  
Let's  
be  
clear:  
Olmert's  
plan  
isn't  
about  
a  
disengagement.  
The  
word  
in  
Hebrew  
is  
hitkansut.  
The  
English  
equivalent  
is  
something  
like  
"convergence,"  
"consolidation,"  
"ingathering."  
There

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are  
important  
differences  
from  
the  
Gaza  
disengagement  
last  
year,  
which  
is  
why  
Olmert  
has  
used  
a  
different  
term.  
This  
plan  
is  
really  
about  
consolidating  
Israel's  
Jewish  
population  
wherever  
it  
has  
managed  
to  
entrench  
itself  
over  
the  
four  
decades  
of  
the  
occupation,  
including  
the  
majority  
of  
some  
430,000  
settlers  
who  
live  
on

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Palestinian  
land  
in  
the  
West  
Bank  
and  
in  
East  
Jerusalem,  
both  
of  
which  
were  
occupied  
by  
Israel  
in  
1967.  
Only  
a  
tiny  
number  
(maybe  
60,000  
settlers,  
maybe  
far  
less)  
will  
have  
to  
move  
from  
their  
homes,  
usually  
those  
in  
isolated,  
remote  
settlements.  
They  
will  
be  
mainly  
relocated  
to  
the  
large  
settlement

blocs,  
the  
long  
fingers  
of  
which  
probe  
deep  
into  
the  
West  
Bank  
severing  
it  
into  
a  
series  
of  
cantons  
or  
ghettoes,  
each  
physically  
disconnected  
from  
the  
next.

Also,  
there  
is  
much  
talk  
of  
"consolidating"  
the  
Jordan  
Valley,  
the  
long  
flank  
of  
the  
West  
Bank  
that  
is  
the  
border  
with  
Jordan.

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Even  
though  
it's  
sparsely  
populated  
with  
Jews,  
this  
huge  
stretch  
of  
land  
was  
annexed  
de  
facto  
by  
Israel  
many  
years  
ago:  
the  
main  
road  
connecting  
the  
Galilee  
in  
northern  
Israel  
to  
Jerusalem,  
and  
open  
only  
to  
Israelis,  
runs  
much  
of  
the  
length  
of  
the  
Valley;  
Palestinians  
who  
don't  
live  
in  
the

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Jordan  
Valley  
need  
special,  
almost-impossible-to-obtain  
permits  
to  
enter  
the  
area,  
even  
if  
they  
have  
family  
living  
there.  
So  
the  
Jordan  
Valley  
is  
a  
sort  
of  
closed  
military  
zone  
as  
far  
as  
Palestinians  
are  
concerned.  
If  
Israel  
keeps  
the  
Jordan  
Valley  
under  
its  
convergence  
plan,  
which  
seems  
almost  
certain,  
then  
we  
are

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talking  
about  
some  
40  
per  
cent  
or  
so  
in  
total  
of  
the  
West  
Bank  
being  
out  
of  
bounds  
to  
most  
Palestinians.  
(And  
remember  
even  
if  
the  
Palestinians  
got  
all  
of  
the  
West  
Bank  
and  
Gaza,  
they  
would  
have  
only  
22  
per  
cent  
of  
their  
historic  
homeland.)  
So  
let's  
first  
dispel  
the

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myth  
that  
Israel  
is  
suggesting  
that  
it  
will  
disengage  
from  
the  
West  
Bank.

The  
point  
of  
the  
convergence  
is  
for  
Israel  
to  
add  
a  
veneer  
of  
legitimacy  
to  
the  
annexation  
of  
the  
main  
Jewish  
colonies  
in  
the  
West  
Bank,  
and  
to  
imprison  
the  
Palestinians  
in  
the  
space  
left  
behind,  
in

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the  
hope  
that  
eventually  
they  
will  
grow  
so  
desperate  
they  
will  
leave.  
It  
is  
about  
the  
theft  
of  
some  
Palestinian  
land  
now,  
and  
all  
the  
Palestinian  
land  
later.

AB:  
So  
you  
don't  
think  
the  
occupation  
is  
about  
to  
end?

JC:  
Israel  
and  
the  
international  
community  
may  
claim  
that  
the

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occupation  
is  
coming  
to  
an  
end,  
but  
let's  
look  
at  
the  
facts.  
If  
Israel  
controls  
the  
eastern  
flank  
of  
the  
West  
Bank,  
the  
long  
border  
with  
Jordan,  
and  
has  
a  
series  
of  
long  
territorial  
fingers  
of  
settlement  
blocs  
behind  
a  
fence-cum-wall  
dissecting  
the  
West  
Bank  
in  
at  
least  
three  
strategic  
points

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on  
its  
western  
flank,  
how  
exactly  
has  
the  
occupation  
ended?  
Who  
will  
control  
the  
borders  
and  
movement  
between  
the  
West  
Bank  
and  
Gaza  
and  
between  
the  
West  
Bank  
cantons?  
Israel,  
which  
will  
doubtless  
continue  
the  
checkpoints  
and  
pass  
systems  
it  
evolved  
in  
the  
1990s.  
Who  
will  
control  
the  
scarce  
water  
resources?

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Israel,  
because  
its  
settlements  
blocs  
have  
been  
positioned  
to  
sit  
over  
the  
main  
aquifers.  
Who  
will  
deliver  
services,  
such  
as  
electricity  
and  
water?  
Israel,  
which  
can  
use  
the  
supplying  
and  
withholding  
of  
these  
services  
as  
forms  
of  
collective  
punishment.  
Who  
will  
control  
the  
airspace,  
including  
flights  
in  
and  
out  
of  
the

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West  
Bank?  
Israel  
again.  
And  
the  
radio  
frequencies.  
And  
of  
course  
there  
is  
no  
possibility  
that  
the  
Palestinians  
will  
be  
allowed  
their  
own  
army.  
So  
what  
we  
are  
talking  
about  
here  
is  
a  
reinvention  
of  
the  
occupation.  
It's  
a  
bit  
like  
a  
prison  
that  
through  
technological  
advances  
dispenses  
with  
the  
need

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for  
guards.  
Cameras  
control  
the  
doors  
of  
the  
cells,  
and  
machines  
deliver  
the  
food.  
Would  
we  
say  
that  
such  
an  
institution  
is  
no  
longer  
a  
prison?  
Well,  
the  
same  
goes  
for  
the  
occupation,  
I  
think.

AB:  
Israeli  
peace  
activists  
such  
as  
Jeff  
Halper  
from  
the  
Israeli  
Committee  
Against  
House  
Demolitions

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are  
quite  
clear  
that  
"the  
two-state  
solution  
is  
now  
dead."  
Would  
you  
call  
this  
estimation  
too  
pessimistic?

JC:  
Not  
at  
all,  
they  
are  
right.  
It  
died  
years  
ago,  
only  
the  
international  
community  
didn't  
notice  
or  
was  
too  
afraid  
to  
point  
it  
out.  
I  
think  
there  
are  
clear  
reasons  
why  
Israel

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fears  
a  
two-state  
solution.  
Remember  
Barak  
and  
Sharon  
were  
both  
profoundly  
opposed  
to  
the  
Oslo  
agreements  
because  
they  
saw  
them  
as  
creating  
a  
proto-Palestinian  
state  
in  
the  
West  
Bank  
and  
Gaza  
under  
the  
government  
of  
Yasser  
Arafat  
and  
the  
Palestinian  
Authority.  
They  
feared  
that  
with  
a  
fledgling  
Palestinian  
state  
emerging  
on

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Israel's  
doorstep,  
the  
Palestinian  
leadership  
could  
assert  
its  
rights  
not  
only  
inside  
the  
Palestinian  
state  
but  
also  
inside  
Israel,  
through  
the  
subversive  
activities  
of  
Israel's  
Palestinian  
citizens.

Of  
course,  
I  
think  
they  
were  
entirely  
wrong  
in  
that  
reading  
of  
Palestinian  
intentions.  
The  
reason  
Israel's  
Palestinian  
citizens  
were  
demanding  
"a  
state

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of  
all  
its  
citizens"  
was  
that  
they  
wanted  
civic  
equality,  
they  
wanted  
an  
end  
to  
discrimination.

AB:  
There  
have  
been  
numerous  
proposals  
and  
agreements  
attempting  
to  
address  
this  
conflict  
--  
Geneva  
conferences,  
the  
Mitchell  
Plan,  
Camp  
David  
Accords,  
Oslo  
Accords,  
Camp  
David  
Summit  
--  
but  
they  
all  
have  
failed.  
What

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are  
the  
reasons  
for  
these  
constant  
failures?

JC:  
The  
reason  
for  
the  
continuing  
failures  
is  
the  
false  
assumption  
that  
Israel  
is  
acting  
in  
good  
faith  
in  
the  
peace  
negotiations.  
But  
as  
I've  
pointed  
out,  
it  
isn't.  
It  
doesn't  
want  
a  
real  
Palestinian  
state  
and  
any  
agreement  
that  
sets  
that  
as

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a  
precondition  
will  
either  
be  
rejected  
by  
Israel  
or  
manipulated,  
as  
the  
Road  
Map  
has  
been,  
so  
that  
in  
practice  
the  
deal  
is  
worthless.

AB:  
What  
role  
and  
responsibility  
do  
you  
see  
for  
the  
international  
community  
and  
the  
UN  
to  
end  
this  
conflict  
and  
to  
deal  
with  
Western  
hypocrisy?

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JC:  
Absolute  
responsibility.  
Israel  
has  
no  
will  
to  
end  
this  
conflict  
and  
the  
Palestinians  
have  
no  
power  
to  
end  
it.  
So  
a  
solution  
must  
be  
imposed  
from  
outside.  
The  
problem  
is  
that  
the  
US,  
the  
world's  
sole  
superpower,  
is  
in  
charge  
of  
determining  
the  
outcome  
of  
the  
conflict,  
not  
the  
UN

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or  
the  
Quartet,  
as  
the  
Israelis  
understand  
only  
too  
well.  
Washington  
portrays  
itself  
as  
an  
honest  
broker  
when  
in  
truth  
it  
is  
exactly  
the  
opposite.  
It  
is  
fully  
committed  
to  
supporting  
Israel,  
wrong  
or  
right.  
So  
for  
the  
time  
being  
any  
international  
solution  
appears  
to  
mean  
an  
Israeli  
solution.  
That  
is

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why  
unilateralism  
is  
now  
the  
name  
of  
the  
game.

One  
can  
ponder  
the  
reasons  
for  
Washington's  
blind  
loyalty  
to  
Israel.  
It  
may  
be  
that  
the  
Israel  
lobby  
is  
phenomenally  
powerful  
and  
wealthy,  
and  
American  
politicians  
are  
afraid  
of  
it;  
or  
it  
may  
be  
that  
Israel  
is  
a  
very  
useful  
ally

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in  
the  
region  
to  
the  
US.  
That  
is  
another  
debate.  
But  
the  
upshot  
is  
that  
Washington  
has  
so  
far  
refused  
to  
put  
any  
real  
pressure  
on  
Israel  
to  
reach  
a  
fair  
accommodation  
with  
the  
Palestinians.

AB:  
Ultimately,  
you  
conclude,  
there  
will  
be  
a  
third,  
"far  
deadlier  
intifada."  
Could  
you  
specify

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the  
reasons  
that  
led  
you  
to  
this  
prognosis?

JC:  
Vladimir  
Jabotinsky,  
the  
early  
leader  
of  
revisionist  
Zionism,  
coined  
the  
phrase  
the  
"iron  
wall",  
meaning  
the  
use  
of  
unremitting  
force  
against  
a  
Palestinian  
population  
that  
he  
believed  
would  
never  
submit  
to  
their  
national  
dispossession  
and  
enslavement.  
Well  
he  
was  
right  
about

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the  
Palestinians  
refusing  
to  
submit  
willingly,  
I  
think,  
but  
a  
little  
optimistic  
that  
simple  
force  
would  
be  
enough  
to  
subdue  
them  
for  
good.  
You  
can't  
steal  
from  
a  
people,  
then  
lock  
them  
up  
in  
prisons  
if  
they  
demand  
their  
possessions  
back,  
and  
expect  
them  
to  
keep  
quiet  
for  
ever.  
Israel  
can

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seal  
the  
Palestinians  
into  
a  
series  
of  
ghettos  
but  
that  
will  
not  
contain  
them  
indefinitely.  
Sooner  
or  
later  
they  
will  
find  
a  
way  
to  
fight  
back,  
even  
from  
behind  
their  
walls.  
My  
guess  
is  
that  
the  
next  
intifada  
will  
be  
called  
the  
Qassam  
intifada  
after  
the  
homemade  
rockets  
Palestinians  
fire  
out

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the  
Gaza  
Strip  
to  
try  
to  
hit  
Israeli  
communities.  
We  
are  
going  
to  
see  
more  
of  
that  
kind  
of  
resistance.

Also,  
my  
view  
is  
that  
in  
the  
longer  
term  
the  
convergence  
plan  
will  
envision  
sealing  
Israel's  
Palestinian  
citizens  
into  
their  
own  
ghettoes,  
some  
severed  
from  
the  
new  
borders  
of  
the

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Jewish  
state  
and  
others  
corralled  
into  
areas  
where  
they  
will  
become  
effectively  
guest  
workers.  
So  
Israel  
is  
creating  
common  
cause  
among  
the  
region's  
Palestinians,  
whether  
those  
in  
the  
occupied  
territories  
or  
those  
currently  
inside  
Israel.  
That  
raises  
the  
stakes  
on  
both  
sides  
considerably.

AB:  
What  
are  
the  
prerequisites  
for  
both

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sides  
in  
this  
conflict  
in  
order  
to  
achieve  
a  
genuine  
and  
durable  
peace?

JC:  
To  
be  
honest,  
nothing  
less  
than  
the  
eradication  
of  
Zionism  
as  
Israel's  
national  
ideology.  
In  
the  
current  
circumstances,  
you  
can  
no  
more  
have  
a  
Zionist  
state  
committed  
to  
peace-making  
with  
the  
Palestinians  
than  
you  
could  
an

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apartheid  
South  
Africa  
ready  
to  
make  
peace  
with  
its  
native  
black  
population.  
Maybe  
Zionism  
at  
an  
earlier  
stage  
in  
its  
development  
was  
capable  
of  
it,  
but  
the  
Jewish  
state  
we  
have  
today  
is  
incapable  
of  
making  
a  
deal  
with  
the  
Palestinians  
unless  
it  
renounces  
Zionism  
or  
is  
forced  
to  
do  
so.

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Andrea  
Bistrich  
is  
a  
writer  
based  
in  
Germany.

Jonathan  
Cook,  
a  
British  
journalist  
living  
in  
Nazareth,  
is  
the  
author  
of  
Blood  
and  
Religion:  
The  
Unmasking  
of  
the  
Jewish  
and  
Democratic  
State  
(Pluto  
Press,  
2006).  
Visit  
his  
website  
at:  
[www.jkcook.net](http://www.jkcook.net).  
Other  
Articles  
by  
Jonathan  
Cook  
\*  
After  
Lebanon,  
Israel  
is

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Looking  
for  
More  
Wars  
\*

Lebanese  
Deaths  
and  
Israeli  
War  
Crimes  
Kept  
off  
the  
Balance  
Sheet  
\*

How  
I  
Found  
Myself  
with  
the  
Islamic  
Fascists  
\*

Hypocrisy  
and  
the  
Clamor  
Against  
Hizbullah  
\*

UN  
Resolution  
\*

Israel,  
Not  
Hizbullah,  
is  
Putting  
Civilians  
in  
Danger  
on  
Both  
Sides  
of  
the  
Border  
\*

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Why  
Do  
They  
Hate  
Us?  
Listen  
to  
Qana  
(Again)

\*

The  
Lies  
Israel  
Tells  
Itself  
(and  
We  
Tell  
on  
Its  
Behalf)

\*

Five  
Myths  
that  
Sanction  
Israel's  
War  
Crimes

\*

Beirut  
Evacuations

\*

Notes  
from  
Northern  
Israel:  
In  
the  
Line  
of  
Media  
Fire

\*

Israel's  
Latest  
Bureaucratic  
Obscenity

\*

Jewish  
Tribalism

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Comes  
Clean  
\*  
"Escalation",  
"Retaliation"  
and  
BBC  
Double  
Standards  
in  
Gaza  
\*  
The  
Truth  
Lies  
Buried  
in  
Gaza  
Sands  
\*  
How  
Israel's  
Jewish  
Terrorist  
Became  
a  
Victim  
\*  
How  
Olmert  
Conned  
Washington  
Over  
Convergence  
\*  
Boycotting  
Israeli  
Academia  
\*  
Israel's  
Marriage  
Ban  
Closes  
the  
Gates  
to  
Palestinians  
\*  
Israel's  
Road  
to

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"Convergence"

Began

with

Rabin

\*

The

Long

Path

Back

to

Umm

al-Zinat

for

Palestine's

Refugees

\*

The

Real

Meaning

of

Deporting

Hamas

Members

of

Parliament

\*

The

Israeli

Consensus

Shows

its

True

Colors

\*

Britain's

Duplicity

and

the

Siege

of

Jericho

Jail

HOME