

On the “Excusable Pogrom”



“EXCUSABLE POGROM” is a phrase recently used by Frank Furedi to describe the leftist response to massacres in Israel. The photo above is eighty-two years old, yet it could have been taken last Saturday in Southern Israel. This is because Hamas is motivated by objectives similar to those of European antisemites of the last century. Hamas is committed to killing Jews and wiping out the state of Israel. Indeed, this is Hamas’s only objective: its *raison de être* – its reason for being in existence, so to speak. In 1988, in 2017,

and again in 2023 Hamas has made clear in its statements that its objective is the destruction of the state of Israel and the removal of Jews from 'Palestine' by any means necessary.

The Hamas statement in 2017 includes:

19. There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity. Whatever has befallen the land of Palestine in terms of occupation, settlement building, *judaisation* or changes to its features or falsification of facts is illegitimate. Rights never lapse. **20.** Hamas believes that no part of the land of Palestine shall be compromised or conceded, irrespective of the causes, the circumstances and the pressures and no matter how long the occupation lasts. Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea.

Here, the words "Occupation" and "*Judaisation*" take on a particularly sinister meaning: they mean all of Israel. They call for the liquidation of the State of Israel and the removal of its people. Many supporters of Palestinian solidarity use "Occupation" to mean the occupation of the West Bank rather than Israel in its entirety. They choose to ignore what Hamas says, and means, in order to justify their support for the Islamist organisation.

Füredi's phrase is particularly apt given the support for Hamas, being voiced by many on the left, explaining why the beheading of Jewish infants, the murder of Jewish pensioners, and Jewish youngsters, is 'understandable' given the way Palestinians have been treated.

There is no doubt that the Palestinians living in Gaza, in Israel, and in Judea and Samaria, are oppressed – their rights trampled on, their lives constrained by Israel's laws and the operations of the Israel Defence Force. This has been compounded in recent years by Jewish 'settlers'

in Judea and Samaria – the West Bank – and the role of the IDF in protecting Jewish settlements, and defending Jewish communities arbitrarily set down within the occupied territories.

The reason this is happening is the refusal of all Palestinian organisations to recognise the legitimacy of the existing Jewish state. This refusal to accept the right of the Jewish state to exist by Palestinians has exposed Israel to a perpetual state of war in which Islamists like Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and nationalist Palestinian youth, use every available opportunity to murder Jews. The upshot has been the relentless movement of Israeli politics to the right, and absolute intransigence regarding the rights of Palestinians in Israel, in Gaza, and in Judea and Samaria.

The response of Israelis to the murder of Jews is inevitably, ferocious. Likewise, the response of the Palestinians to their oppression is inevitably, ferocious. However, the only solution is for the Palestinians to accept the existence of Israel, to negotiate an end to the occupation of the West Bank, and an end to the imprisonment of 2.3m people in Gaza.

Only the establishment of a deep-water port and an international airport, along with large-scale economic development in Gaza can rescue its people from the misery of incarceration. None of these changes can happen without the destruction of Hamas and the brokering of peace between Palestinians and Jews.

However, as long as ‘Palestinian Solidarity’ and the fake left continues to support “excusable pogroms” against the Jews and against Jewish nationalism, whilst supporting Palestinian nationalists, and simultaneously, backing the Islamists of Hamas, confusion will reign supreme.

Zionism arose in Europe in response to the growth of antisemitism. Initially, it had little success but with the outbreak of the First World

War in 1914, and subsequent developments in the twenties and thirties of the last century the Zionist creation of a Jewish homeland began to make increasing sense to more and more Jews. In this regard, the attitude of governments in Canada, the US, Australia, and Britain, towards Jewish immigration was to prove decisive.

Despite the widespread terror, murder and wholesale massacres mounted by the Nazis and their allies throughout Europe, anti-Jewish restrictions remained in place. The operation of tight quotas by many governments left Jewish refugees with few options other than escape to Mandate Palestine.

This was the Palestinian territory ruled by the British from the end of the Great War until the foundation of Israel in 1948. During their administration the British played fast and loose with the different communities, sometimes, backing the Arabs, then the Jews, and sometimes fighting against the influx of Jewish refugees; at times, even corralling thousands of Jews in camps on Cyprus in order to prevent them from landing in Tel Aviv.

The history we are dealing with here is as complicated as it is terrible. Yet the Palestinian Solidarity wallahs in the West want to simplify it into a passion play, a play in which the Arabs are innocent, and the Jews are colonising demons. Consequently, it's a passion play in which Palestinians are invariably right, and Jews are consistently in the wrong. Oppressor and Oppressed: simple opposites in which leftists of various sorts can find themselves once again, "on the right side of history", on the side of Islamists against the Jews.

Needless to say, it will be the women, men, and children, of Gaza and Israel that will pay the price for Hamas's murderous agenda.