

Ban Ki-moon's Visit to Israel. UN Secretary General Supports Netanyahu War Crimes

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He appeared on the same rostrum with Netanyahu, smiling, shaking hands, showing solidarity with his war on Palestine, murdering defenseless victims daily, terrorizing an entire population.

Ban showed support, instead of forthrightly denouncing his ruthlessness. He and Netanyahu met behind closed doors – plotting Israel's next moves, pretending he cares about Palestinian lives and welfare.

His visit was an exercise in photo op deception, doing nothing to alleviate Palestinian suffering, save lives, and support their liberating struggle.

In nearly nine years as UN Secretary-General (since January 1, 2007), Ban never once did anything to help them, largely silent while Israel continues to brutalize them, collectively punishing them for not being Jewish, especially Gazans blockaded and isolated under lawless siege.

He disgraces the office he holds – complicit in high crimes against peace. Speaking alongside Israeli President Reuven Rivlin ahead of meeting with Netanyahu, he lied saying:

My visit reflects the sense of global alarm at the dangerous escalation in violence between Israelis and Palestinians. I am here to encourage and support all efforts to lower tensions and prevent the situation from spinning out of control.

It's been out-of-control for decades. Millions of Palestinians suffer horrifically. Nothing in prospect suggests relief – because world leaders able to make a difference and Ban don't give damn about their rights and welfare, only their own self-interest.

Ban is an imperial stooge, a mouthpiece for wealth and power, installed by Washington, serving its interests, supporting its wars of aggression, mindless of how many millions die and suffer grievously.

He thanked Netanyahu “for the warm welcome,” instead of demanding his arrest for high crimes against peace. His vacuous and insulting remarks including saying:

These are difficult times for Israelis and Palestinians. I...hope that we can work together to end the violence...

I want to offer, first of all, my sympathy for the loss and injury of innocent (Israeli, not Palestinian) victims. Allow me to express my condolences to you and the people of Israel for the killing of your citizens.

...I plan to meet with some of the families of the victims... I understand the fear and the anger felt by many Israelis in the current environment, as well as the duty that weighs on you, Mr. Prime Minister, to ensure that your citizens can enjoy safety and security.

The rest of his comments were all one-sided – ignoring Netanyahu’s well-planned, premeditated state-sponsored terrorism, outrageously praising Israel as “a democratic state,” a shocking disregard for reality, ignoring nearly 70 years of ruthlessly persecuting and brutalizing an entire population, then deplorably arguing against the right to resist, guaranteed under international law.

Palestinians are being murdered, wounded, tear-gassed, beaten, kidnapped, imprisoned and tortured daily by a brutal occupier Ban and Western leaders support.

Most alleged attacks on Jews are fabricated – the phony pretext Israel uses to terrorize an entire population with world community support.

Life in Israel for Jews is normal. In Palestine it’s nightmarish, families afraid to leave home, fearful they’ll be harassed, assaulted, arrested, tear-gassed, shot, maybe killed – by Israeli soldiers, police and/or settlers.

On Wednesday, the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR) said Israeli forces killed five Palestinians in less than 12 hours, including two children.

It blasted the international community’s “policy of silence over grave crimes and violations committed by Israeli forces...against” defenseless Palestinian civilians.

Ban’s silence and disgraceful visit encourages Israel to continue terrorizing them freely. Nothing is done to challenge its killing machine responsibly.

Young children murdered in cold blood arouse no sympathy. Jewish lives alone matter. Last Friday, Israel’s deputy UN envoy David Roet addressed an emergency Security Council session, saying:

Israel is facing an onslaught of terrorism. Men, women and children are being stabbed to death on the streets on a daily basis.

The world community accepts this rubbish and all other vicious Israeli Big Lies. Palestinian suffering goes unnoticed.

A Final Comment

Addressing the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, Netanyahu tried reinventing history, outrageously claiming former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Haj Amin al Husseini convinced Hitler to exterminate European Jews, saying:

“Hitler didn’t want to exterminate the Jews at the time. He wanted to expel (them). And Haj Amin al-Husseini went to Hitler and said: “If you expel them, they’ll all come here” to

Palestine.

Netanyahu then claimed Hitler asked: "So what should I do with them? Saying Hussein replied: "Burn them." He accused the Mufti of inciting violence against Jews in the 1920s.

International Institute for Holocaust Research Professor Dina Porat debunked Netanyahu's claims. Hussein met Hitler after he declared war on Jews, not before.

Netanyahu denigrated Palestinian suffering at a time Israeli security forces are terrorizing, brutalizing and murdering innocent people – his longstanding blame the victim policy in plain sight for everyone to see.

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