

## For Israel, Palestinian State Is Dead

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A Palestinian State will never come without a devastating **military** defeat of Israel.

Israel is united in rejecting a Palestinian State. This is demonstrated clearly in a very important piece today 24 February 2024.

"In recent weeks, various leaders of Western countries have publicly broached the idea of the unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state, asserting that the time has come to give the Palestinians independence, even in the absence of a negotiating process. ...

But what these esteemed statesmen have apparently failed to grasp is that the very idea of a Palestinian state is no longer geographically viable, morally acceptable, or even politically tolerable to the overwhelming majority of Israelis.

Simply put, the idea of "Palestine" is dead and buried."

—<u>The Jerusalem Post</u>, February 24, 2024

Israel's whole war time coalition government including PM Netanyahu and opposition leader Benny Gantz unanimously reject Palestinian statehood.

A whopping 74% of all Israelis reject a Palestinian State. It is false to say that only the right of Israeli politics hate the notion of a Palestinian State.

Many Israelis dislike Netanyahu. But don't fool yourself to believe that those many Jewish Israelis who dislike Netanyahu like Palestinians or are open for a Palestinian State. Don't even make the error to believe that those Israelis who dislike Netanyahu are against

Netanyahu's policies. The vast majority is not.

The support for Netanyahu from right wing parties doesn't mean that an other Israeli government or leader like Benny Gantz would follow any other policy. They won't.

Israeli settlers in East Jerusalem and the West Bank number more then 700,000 Jews. The settlers are not only right wing wingers – they constitute a large and integral part of Israeli society. The settlers are already so many and so deep rooted in Israel that it is already impossible for Israel to retract its settlements

The past 10 years, the number of settlers in the West Bank alone has grown 38%. After 7 October 2023, Israel will speed up many-many more settlements. A qualified guess is that Israel wants to soon achieve some 1.5 million Jews living in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. And consequently, more evictions – cleansing – of Palestinians.

It should be added, that hate against Palestinians has exploded in Israel after 7 October 2023 – they want to punish, kill, and destroy Palestinians, not give them anything.

No matter who runs Israel, Netanyahu, Gantz, or any other, Israel is implementing its policies from the Book of Joshua: Removing Palestinians by the most ugly means possible, cementing an Israel "from the River to the Sea", and perhaps into Lebanon up to the Litani river.

No amount of "protests" or "isolation" of Israel will change Israel or make a Palestinian State possible.

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