

Revealing the Myths and Realities of Israel-Palestine Struggles, and of October 7.

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"My cousin's husband, his name is Salim, he is now in Egypt...he's a doctor. He's a surgeon...When Hamas went into Israel and captured those prisoners, brought them back to Gaza, some of them were injured and he was treating them! And he was also treating Palestinians! ... If this situation was reversed, and actually it did get reversed when Israel went into Gaza, did they provide the same aid and care to Palestinians?"

- Louay Alghoul, from this week's interview.

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As of the 10th of May, 2024:

- Almost 35,000 people in Gaza, including more than 14,500 children have died.
- 498 people in the West Bank, including 124 children have died.
- More than 78,500 people in Gaza and close to 5,000 people in the West bank have been injured.
- More than half the homes in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged by Israeli attacks.
- 267 places of worship, 73 percent of school buildings and 80 percent of commercial facilities have been damaged by Israeli attacks.
- 1.1 million people were ordered by the Israeli Army to leave Northern Gaza and flee south.

- 12 out of 35 hospitals are partially functioning.
- Over 100 Palestinian journalists have died.
- Israel, with one of the highest standards of living in the Middle East and ranked as one of the most advanced and technological countries, stands accused at the International Court of Justice of committing genocide against the Palestinian people.[1]

All these distressing indicators flowed from the response to a single calamitous day:

October 7.

There were already horrific realities in Gaza, for instance the 2012 Report by the UN Country Team in the occupied Palestinian territory stating that “there will be virtually no reliable access to sources of safe drinking water, standards of healthcare and education will have continued to decline, and the vision of affordable and reliable electricity for all will have become a distant memory for most.” [2]

But after the Israeli equivalent of 9/11, the indescribable vanquishing of an entire civilization happening in real time, NOW, goes beyond any injustice delivered supposedly in the name of protecting Jews from another Holocaust.

Much of the task of ending the massive bloodshed that seems to drip to the far limits of what human beings can endure, is correcting a lot of the narratives that one side is making up about the other. Clarifying the myths and realities, exposing the truths and the lies, this is our principle task during this unrelenting chapter of the Global Research News Hour.

In the first half hour, we hear from Winnipeg lawyer Louay Alghoul. He has lost a number of relatives in Gaza over the course of the last seven months. Mr Alghoul will speak of the toll of the personal loss on himself, the history of Palestinian and Jewish people living together in harmony and of the resemblance of the settler-colonialism of Israel with its counterpart in Canada with the Indigenous population.

In our second half hour, we have a conversation with Richard Sanders, the journalist and film maker who directed the film *October 7*, which looked at the attacks of the Operation Al Aqsa Flood, and reveals details that negates the prime acts of barbarism for which Hamas and its associates were allegedly responsible.

Louay Alghoul is an immigration lawyer based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He also has numerous relatives in Gaza, many of whom perished since the October 7 attack.

Richard Sanders is the director of October 7, and an award- winning TV producer, Journalist and author. He has made more than 50 other films, mostly for British Channel 4 public broadcast television station.

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1. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker>
2. <https://www.un.org/unispal/document/auto-insert-195081/>

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