

# Israel's plan to dominate all Mideast countries

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## OPINION EXCLUSIVE

The Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was a reminder of the Palestinians' zeal for martyrdom and courage to defend their rights. Palestinians showed the world the vulnerability and fragility of the Zionist regime with minimal military means and proved how easily one could break into the heart of the occupied territories and even achieve victories. However, I believe the operation could have been carried out with better planning and foresight and might have even led to Hamas's control over some of those areas. Unfortunately, after this operation, the occupying regime laid into the defenseless people of Gaza with brutal attacks, killing thousands of women, children, and innocent civilians. Many hospitals, schools, mosques, churches, and religious sites were destroyed, causing severe damage to Gaza's infrastructure. Currently, the situation in Gaza is such that many citizens are grappling with hunger and death. The Zionists do not even allow international humanitarian aid to get through to the people of Gaza. All routes by land, sea, and air have been closed,



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu holds a map of "The New Middle East" that does not include Palestine, during his address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 22, 2023.  
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preventing assistance from reaching those in need, which has sparked widespread global outrage. Many countries and Jewish communities worldwide have condemned these actions of the Zionists. Even inside the occupied territories, people have taken to the streets to protest against the war crimes. Jewish communities around the globe, alongside people from many countries in Europe, South America, North America, and Muslim nations, have denounced these atrocities. In Iran, strongly worded statements have been issued by our Jewish parliamentary and Jewish associations from various cities, with numerous gath-

erings organized to condemn the crimes in places like Esfahan, Shiraz, Tehran, Kermanshah, Kamyaran, and Yazd. The Zionist assault on Gaza has made Jewish communities in various countries, even in those that support the Zionist regime, insecure. Several Jewish religious sites were set alight, and armed attacks occurred against Jews and their homes. However, Iran has seen none of this against its Jewish community. Despite everyone knowing the depth of hostility between Iran and the Zionist regime, no issues or concerns have arisen for Iranian Jews, either from the public or the government. Yet, as the Gaza war drags on, the anxiety among Iranian Jews



This frame grab from video released by the Global Sumud Flotilla shows Israeli navy soldiers aboard one of the flotilla's vessels after it was intercepted as it approached the coast of Gaza on October 2, 2025. The flotilla was the largest yet to try to break the blockade on Gaza.  
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over the conflict's consequences only continues to build. Since Iran's Islamic Revolution, the peaceful coexistence among religions has increased, and Jews in Iran live in harmony alongside other groups. In contrast, the Zionist regime's leaders take no such approach, always aiming to stir up conflict in Palestine and elsewhere. We Iranian Jews hope the Zionist officials will soon come to their senses and stop the bloodshed so Palestinians can live safely in their lands alongside followers of other religions. Two years of war in Gaza and Zionist attacks on other areas, including Lebanon, have made it clear that the Zionists' aim in continuing their assaults

after October 7 is to create a new Middle East where all countries fall under their domination. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all of us to stand up to these Zionist designs and stop them from achieving their goals. Netanyahu is an extremely autocratic and selfish individual who is willing to set the whole region on fire just to keep his seat. As a member of the Jewish community, I urge Netanyahu to step down swiftly for the sake of his people's welfare, so the world will no longer have to witness the slaughter of innocent men, women, and children, and the region can be freed from further conflict and turmoil.

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# Two years of genocide in Gaza, 77 years of denial

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## OPINION

Following the revolt of the besieged against their jailors on October 7, 2023, the Zionist hasbara machine mobilized across the world to impose a false narrative. Its goal was clear: erase history, distort reality, and present Israel as the eternal victim. According to this framing, Israel was a peaceful entity blindsided by an unprovoked attack that supposedly emerged out of nowhere. October 7 did not fall from the sky. It was the culmination of decades of dispossession, siege, and systematic dehumanization. Long before October 2023, Gaza was described by international observers as the world's largest open-air prison. It was subjected to a starvation diet blockade for more than 16 years, or 5,800 days. Long before that, its 2.3 million inhabitants, of whom 1.3 million are refugees or their descendants, were driven from their homes and villages in 1948 during the Nakba, a catastrophe created by Zionist terror militias who ethnically cleansed the native Palestinians to create a state for Jews escaping European hatred. To understand October 7, one



must place it within the continuum of Palestinian suffering. That single day was not an aberration. It was one out of nearly 28,000 days since 1948 of Zionist hate and Israeli oppression. Each day carried the weight of exile, siege, humiliation, poverty, and hopelessness. Yet hasbara wants to delete those decades from recorded memories, 28,000 days of Palestinian statelessness, and reduce history to a single day divorced from context. The "first October 7" was not

in 2023; It was in 1948, when Zionist terrorist militias, transformed into today's Israeli army, committed massacres, razed villages, and expelled Palestinians en masse. That foundational act of ethnic cleansing continues today. The daily bombardment, the starvation, the denial of basic human dignity to the people of Gaza are extensions of that original Zionist sin. The hasbara's greatest weapon is controlling the media, re-framing narrative, and selective memory. It seeks to decontextu-

alize memory and conceal the structural violence that made October 7 inevitable. To remember the 28,000 days that preceded it is to expose the ongoing injustice at the heart of this so-called war: a colonized, besieged people struggling for survival against an occupying power that insists on their permanent subjugation. Two years have passed since Israel unleashed its genocide plan. A strategy of systematic destruction, of homes, hospitals, schools, infrastructure, and of

life itself. Gaza today is not a war zone. It is a graveyard of a people suffocated before the eyes of a world that lost its humanity. Two years, 24 months, and 730 days more than that one October 7 day. However measured, life since October 2023 has been an eternity of suffering for the people of Gaza. A chronicle of genocide streamed live on TV. The most fundamental measure of this holocaust is the destruction and staggering loss of life. Gaza today stands as the most ruthlessly bombarded place in history: measured by explosives per square meter, Israel has dropped nearly 70 times more bombs on Gaza than the Allies did on Germany in World War II, and 100 times more than the US dropped on North Vietnam during Operation Rolling Thunder. This genocide isn't Israel's alone; it's the collective moral failure of the so-called Western civilization. By enabling indicted war criminals, providing them with the genocide tools, and diplomatic protection, Western governments have exposed the selective value system they uphold. Their conspicuous silence, even as a war minister labels 250,000 civilians "terrorists," reveals "Western values" as nothing but a cynical façade masking their hypocrisy and racial hierarchy.

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The photo above shows one of the earliest instances of the genocide of Palestinian lives by Israel, while the photo below it shows the Nakba day, where Palestinians were forcibly displaced and driven out of their homes in 1948.  
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