What's at stake: Particularly when attacks and retaliations are increasing, with Dag
Hammarskjold let us recognize the fear felt by all sides and affirm the dignity and worth of all
people. With painful irony, Israel has become the oppressor, but we cannot forget the depth of
fear that pervades that nation. The Holocaust and the Arab attacks were and are ever-
present in their hearts and minds. It would be well for us all to remember what Dag
Hammarskjold wrote about fear and its resistance in 1956 following his trip to the Middle East
to try to restore adherence to armistice agreements, when attacks and retaliations were
increasing. And his words apply to all the Middle Eastern combatant nations, then and today.

“Why is war and fear of war in the headlines of every daily paper, if not because man fears
man and nation, nation? . . . Can there be a greater challenge for us to work for such a
recognition of the dignity of man as would eliminate the fear which is eating our world like a
cancer?” See the full passage p. 249, Lipsey, Hammarskjold.

Because of the immense imbalance of power between Israel and Palestine, the illegal
settlements, and other reasons, these essays express mainly Palestinian perspectives and
sympathy for Palestinians.

"...if way to the Better there be,
it exacts a full look at the Worst."
—Thomas Hardy
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Once again the violence of the Israeli Occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza and the violence of Hamas and other extremist groups in Gaza have combined to create a spiraling violence that serves the extremists on both sides who can point to the intended violence on the other side to justify their own. We call upon both sides to agree to an immediate cease fire from both sides.

In my book Embracing Israel/Palestine, I show how both sides have co-created this mess, and why it is futile, stupid, intellectually lacking in credibility, and ethically perverse to try to pin the blame on one side or the other, because both sides have been incredibly tone deaf to the suffering of the other side and the most negative possible interpretation of the other side's intentions increasingly prevails in the public perceptions on each side of the intentions of the other. Of course at the moment there is no equivalence in power or violence. Israel has already killed over 150 Palestinians, and wounded hundreds; Gazans have not inflicted any deaths and few injuries on Israelis (which I'm glad about--I don't want Israeli blood to flow any more than I want Palestinian blood to flow! My fervent prayer: STOP ALL THE VIOLENCE, END THE OCCUPATION AND CREATE A LASTING PEACE AND A RECONCILIATION OF THE HEART. This reconciliation does not deny the vast inequality of power between Israel and Palestinians, and the corresponding responsibility of the more powerful force to take the first major steps toward a real peace, NOT a "peace process" which goes nowhere, but a true resolution of the conflict.

Please order Embracing Israel/Palestine and create a study group around it in your neighborhood, friendship circles, synagogue, church, mosque, ashram, political party, civic organization, labor union or professional organization. Order the book at [www.tikkun.org/eip](http://www.tikkun.org/eip) or on Kindle at Amazon.com.

Nothing is going to change in the Middle East until we can change the way the struggles are understood both in the media and in the larger publics that have increasingly moved toward extremist perceptions of one side or the other. The extremists who killed three Israeli teens must be celebrating at the moment--because Netanyahu rewarded them by giving them precisely what they wanted, the kind of violent repression in the West Bank of Hamas sympathizers that would push Hamas into feeling the need to retaliate with a resurgence of missile strikes on Israel, thereby precipitating the predictable scenario: the ultra-nationalist Netanyahu has to show his toughness by escalating attacks on Gaza while Hamas in Gaza has to show its toughness by escalating attacks on Israel.

Of course, at any point either side could have broken this cycle. Israelis could have refused to allow Netanyahu to use the tragic murder of those teens as excuse to arrest dozens of West Bank Hamas supporters and refused to let the IDF break into hundreds of homes. Hamas could have refused to allow their even more extreme opponents in the Islamic fundamentalist world to use the situation to resume bombings of Israeli towns. (The bombs have no impact except to provide justification of Netanyahu's militarist approach).
Netanyahu could have told Israelis the truth: that the bombs from Gaza are militarily so unlikely to cause significant loss of life that it could be seen as politically and militarily irrelevant, given Israel's missile shield.

But instead, the ridiculous and yet dangerous and murderous leadership on both sides choose their insane path: Hamas chooses to continue the shelling of Israel, refusing to acknowledge that none of its missiles are going to do any damage but only supply the Israeli militarists with the excuse they need to enter and decimate Gaza; Netanyahu, faced with even more extremist pressure from his political right, uses this opportunity to create a hysteria in Israel and the global Jewish community so that they will resist future pressures to push Israel to end the Occupation, and will insist that the Palestinian Authority stop its reconciliation with Hamas.

And the resulting anti-Arab riots scare Israeli Palestinians into feeling that they can't trust their Jewish neighbors, and gives "proof" to Arabs and Muslims around the world that Israel is indeed a hate-dominated society. And all this will only increase the likelihood of the Occupation continuing, the oppression of Palestinians continuing, and the recruitment of more Palestinians to extremist groups and suicidal attacks on Israel and Jews around the world.

So yes, a first and critical step is to change the discourse, and only you and hundreds of thousands of others can do that by refusing the dominant discourse, challenging the media and the politicians who side blindly with Israel no matter how horrible its escalating violence becomes, and challenging the leftists who rightly criticize Israel's occupation as the central cause of the present violence but wrongly refuse to challenge Hamas' violence or to see how that violence is a gift to the Israeli settlers who insist that it is they who will provide the first line of protection against Palestinian extremists.

What can you do?

Challenge the public discourse everywhere you can.

Form a local chapter of the Network of Spiritual Progressives (need help--email Cat@spiritualprogressives.org). Go to media and picket their buildings until they give a fairer and more nuanced account of what has caused the current mess. Meet with your elected officials and insist that they publicly endorse the Tikkun plan for peace (outlined in Embracing Israel/Palestine). Form a study group to read Embracing Israel/Palestine and to read articles in Ha'aretz newspaper--so that you and fellow participants can feel adequately knowledgeable to challenge the distortions that exist on both sides. Challenge the dehumanizing of each side by the other, of Israel by the Left in Western countries and of Palestine and Palestinians by the Right.

Stop saying, "I don't know enough about it to actively participate in discussions," and instead LEARN ABOUT IT in all its complexities. Above all, refuse every act that seems to dehumanize the other side. YOU, YES YOU, can be the vehicle for spreading a new way of
thinking. And to do that you need to prepare yourself for a tough and long-lasting process of consciousness changing. And that is precisely what the Network of Spiritual Progressives is all about—it's about changing consciousness locally, nationally and globally to achieve a New Bottom Line of love, kindness, generosity, environmental sanity, social and economic justice, and awe/wonder/radical amazement the grandeur and mystery of the universe. Help make this happen: join the Network of Spiritual Progressives and help build a new consciousness in your area.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, July 15, in a one-day Fast for Peace, called by some a Hunger Strike Against Violence. Tikkun's ally Rabbi Arthur Waskow and the Shalom Center point out: This day is in both Muslim and Jewish traditions a time of Fasting from sunrise to sunset, arousing inner spiritual reflection and shared effort to turn from violence to compassion, from idolatry to celebration of the One. This year it is specially intended as a response to the worsening spiral of violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Tuesday, July 15, in the Jewish calendar is the 17th of Tammuz. It commemorates the day in 586 BCE when the Babylonian Army broke through the walls of Jerusalem. Three weeks later, on Tisha B'Av (the 9th of Av) the invaders destroyed the First Temple. The Fast therefore recalls the suffering of people subjected to war and conquest by more powerful armies, and renews our sacred calling for compassion rather than hatred.

This year, the Jewish lunar month of Tammuz coincides with the Muslim lunar month of Ramadan, during which Muslims fast on every day from sunrise to sunset. During that month Mohammed the Prophet, peace be upon him, first received the early revelations that came to make up the Quran.

This day of fasting is NOT JUST FOR JEWS AND MUSLIMS—IT'S FOR EVERYONE (SECULAR HUMANISTS, CHRISTIANS, BUDDHISTS, HINDUS, JAIN, WICCA, AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO SAY "NO" TO NETANYAHU AND THE ISRAELI FORCES OF VIOLENCE AND "NO" TO HAMAS AND THE PALESTINIAN FORCES OF VIOLENCE. INSTEAD, WE MUST SAY "YES" TO PEACE, RECONCILIATION OF THE HEART, NON-VIOLENCE AND DEDICATION TO THE STRUGGLE FOR THE PEACE, ENVIRONMENTAL SANTITY FOR ALL PEOPLE ON THE PLANET.

But of course, fasting is not enough. Neither are demonstrations against the violence on both sides. These are valuable things to do. But a more serious effort will begin when you and others you know are ready to articulate what a world of love and kindness could look like, in the Middle East but also here in the U.S., how it could work, and what you and your neighbors are going to do to make it all happen! And the NSP will help you do that.

Join us. Join the (interfaith and secular-humanist-welcoming Network of Spiritual Progressives. at www.spiritualprogressives.org. (with membership comes a free sub to Tikkun Magazine).
Warm regards,
Rabbi Michael Lerner  rabbilerner.tikkun@gmail.com

And please read the following articles from Ha'aretz:

It's time for Israel to seek a cease-fire in Gaza
Israel should declare that it achieved its aim of punishing Hamas, before tragic surprises strike on either side.

Smoke rises following an Israeli strike on Gaza Strip, Saturday, July 12, 2014.
Smoke rises following an Israeli strike on Gaza Strip on Saturday. Many Israelis say 'The only way is to keep pounding them, because the Arabs – especially the Palestinians – only understand force.' Photo by AP

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Like in previous operations in which the Israel Defense Forces has confronted Hamas, throughout Operation Protective Edge politicians and commentators have been using numbers to describe the balance of forces.

After six days of the operation the meaning of these figures should be questioned. Does it really matter how many targets the IDF hit in the Gaza Strip? Is there any meaning to the number of missiles Hamas has fired so far? Only one piece of data has chilling significance, and that is the number killed.

Israel can note with satisfaction that thus far Hamas missiles have only inflicted damage to property, while in Gaza the number of killed has passed the 100 mark. Many of them are innocent citizens, children and women, whose death was a result of “collateral damage,” the type that reputedly is unavoidable in war.

The decision makers in Israel, and at their head, the prime minister, are still finding it difficult to define the operation’s purpose. “The attack will continue until there is quiet,” says Benjamin Netanyahu. The foreign minister, Avigdor Leiberman, has a far-reaching suggestion of his own, “to go all the way,” that is to conquer the Gaza Strip. Others are offering ideas such as conquering Gaza, then handing over its control to Mahmoud Abbas, and forming a Palestinian army along the lines of the South Lebanese Army. These solutions are imaginary and untenable.
Operation Pillar of Defense brought quiet for a year and a half. Operation Cast Lead produced a longer period of quiet. In both an attempt was made at “going all the way,” which clarified time after time that it is possible to reach understandings with Hamas. In doing so, Hamas recognizes that the missiles will not destroy the State of Israel, while in Israel the recognition exists that “wiping out the terrorist infrastructure” is a nice motto that cannot be carried out.

In the absence of a diplomatic process, Israel has to depend on partial understandings and arrangements that do not guarantee absolute solutions, but do allow periods of normalcy. This is the type of understanding Israel must reach with Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.

Israel can wait until public opinion worldwide and in the Arab countries begins to rage. It can also expect that, as in several previous operations, tragic surprises on the Israeli or Palestinian side could produce strategic changes in direction.

On the other hand, Israel could declare that the operation’s aims, especially punishing Hamas, have been achieved. This is the time to let the mediators achieve a cease-fire and leave the infrastructure alone for another long period of quiet.

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The shame of an Israel dripping with venom
A new protest is forming, and not just against the occupation. It's against the racism that's erupting everywhere.

By Uzi Baram | Jul. 14, 2014 | 3:29 AM

Palestinian protester scuffles with Israeli soldiers at Nakba protest in al-Walaje
Palestinian protester scuffles with Israeli soldiers at Nakba protest in al-Walaje, May 15, 2014. Photo by Reuters
What’s clear to me is that the past two months can’t be ignored as if they didn’t happen. We should be ashamed of an Israel dripping with venom toward the other, an Israel that easily moves on after the Facebook comments about the burning to death of an Arab boy.

I tried to think up a response to these questions, even a partial one, involving a wider opposition, an enhanced Jewish-Arab solidarity. I was told I had to wait because the entire country was anxiously waiting to learn about the fate of the three kidnapped teenagers.

When their bodies were found I was told the pain would make any protest seem pathetic. Then came the military operation with its bombastic name and unattainable goals, during which real or phony patriotism extinguished every other aspect of Israel.

Suddenly, however, came articles by young writers expressing shame and scorn about the Internet comments by paid hacks or volunteers. There was a feeling that something was brewing.

The 2011 social protests revolved around one issue: the way of life of Israel’s productive sectors – young people who won’t ever be able to afford housing or enjoy a secure pension. So when the match was lit it showed the way for many people.

The current protest isn’t the usual one of the left protesting the occupation’s evils. It’s one that addresses the country’s basic values and the path it’s following. It’s targeting the racism that’s erupting everywhere, the hatred and disregard shown toward the pain of others.

Many people yearn for a different kind of Israel. The protest won’t succeed through decisions
by opposition parties or parties that joined the Netanyahu government and are now straddling the fence. The protest will come from a wider community that’s ashamed of an Israel that has abandoned its democratic goals. These people are ashamed of an archaic, faith-based interpretation of concepts such as Zionism and Judaism.

The slogan “We want a different Israel” could attract tens of thousands of people — or more. Clearly this would be an anti-establishment protest, and some people would try to steer it in totally different directions.

Astute commentators have stated recently that the left no longer exists in Israel. This may be true based on the way these writers define the left and its objectives. Their left is clear and concrete but powerless to attract communities that don’t think the way it does, despite the common revulsion for the new right, for hysterical Economy Minister Naftali Bennett or Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who fails to confront the filth. In every corner one can sense anger, fury and shame.

“We want a different Israel” can be a rallying cry for Israel’s Arab citizens who, according to opinion polls, seek to integrate into the country’s fabric. When an Israeli cabinet member visits the family of the murdered Arab boy that minister is hit by threats to his family on Facebook, we can’t remain silent. This isn’t the Israel envisioned by its founders, and something needs to be done about it.

In the Haaretz supplement that accompanied the paper’s Israel Conference on Peace, writers seemed divided on the solution. They offered models for attaining peace, but all seemed anachronistic and unfeasible. A nation that desires peace is one that will fight for a different kind of country and society. The new mutation on the extreme right, whose rabbis have contempt for anyone different, demands a clear statement: This shall not pass.
today pope francis visited the israeli apartheid wall built thru occupied territory
The Pope at the Wall

By Mazin Qumsiyeh, Bethlehem

The children of Al-Rowwad from Aida Refugee Camp delivered a message to Pope Francis when he stopped to pray at the apartheid and annexation wall. They emphasized prisoners plight and the right to return home. This impromptu stop was in my opinion the most memorable part of the Pontiff's visit to Bethlehem. The Pope recognized "The State of Palestine" (Google just did it too!) and also met with refugee children at Dheisheh and shared food with some family members who each had a story to tell him about horrific suffering under Israel's colonial occupation. Christians and Muslims here were all genuinely touched by the visit of this more humble Pope and his gestures of understanding and solidarity. But most said they wished he would use his influence more to pressure the Zionist regime. The Western Zionist dominated media tried to hide things including the Pope's gestures of solidarity with us but social media was prominent and the story could not be ignored.

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From David Druding:
Let's see the spin US mainstream media puts on this one  [Did “Zionist dominated media..hide things”? How? An excellent project for journalism, media, communications, corporations classes, and other students both on college and high school levels. --Dick]

Here's Qumsiyeh's full letter:

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The Pope later went on to Tel Aviv to be was sandwiched between two Zionist Polish liars who continue to build walls of hate and destruction: Persky (aka Peres) and Mileikowsky (aka Netanyahu). The Pope had to listen as both atheists said that God gave this land to the Jews and that Israel was "the land of the Jewish people" and is a "democracy that guarantees freedom of religion"! Unfortunately, the Pope is also forced to lay a wreath at the tomb of Theodore Herzl (in addition to the obligatory stops at "Yad Vashem" and Herod's retaining wall). Herzl is another atheist who is "credited" with organizing a world-wide Zionist movement that resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths (not counting those crimes committed by its subservient armies like the US army killing Iraqis etc). It is a movement that has created millions of refugees and continues to commit crimes against humanity as it consolidates an apartheid system here while money laundering billions of illicit financial gains money. Israel continues to demolish homes and lands. Just to welcome the Pope: Israel murdered Palestinian youth, imprisoned many, destroyed over 1500 trees in the Land of the Nassar family (called Tent of Nations) and more. Israeli Jewish "activists" even distributed flyers calling for destruction of Churches (claiming Christians
worship idols according to Jewish law), and some sprayed graffiti on Churches that "Mary is a Cow" and "Jesus: a son of a Whore"!

Who are these Zionist leaders that brilliantly brainwashed Jews to support racist Zionism and pressured some Gentiles to do the same?

Shimon Peres was born as Shimon Perski in Vishniva, Poland (now Belarus). He and his parents came to Palestine in 1934 (under British rule). He joined the underground terrorist group the Haganah, and served as a chief of its manpower division in the 1940s and participated in the ethnic cleansing of 1948-1949. He is the architect of Israel's nuclear program. Appointed in 1953 as director general of the ministry of defense, he immediately started exploring the nuclear development. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Israel developed its nuclear program primarily with the help of France while maintaining the Peres doctrine of "ambiguity." The US and Britain and other countries looked the other way. He is known as a slick politician able to lie with ease claiming wanting peace but rejecting any responsibility for his ethnic cleansing of Palestine and rejecting the rights of refugees to return to their homes and lands. He was awarded (with Rabin and Arafat) the Nobel Peace Prize for their disastrous Oslo accords. Many Nobel committee members later signed a letter regretting their awarding Perski the Nobel Peace Prize (based on his actions as member of the Sharon government during its war crimes spree).

Benyamin Mileikowsky (aka Netanyahu) was born to Benzion Mileikowsky (later changed names to Netanyahu), a polish immigrant. His Americanized father became secretary to terrorist leader Vladimir Yevgenyevich Zhabotinsky (aka Zeev Jabotinsky) founder of "revisionist" Zionism and supported groups like Irgun terrorist organization during the mandate in Palestine. His son continues to idolize these early Jewish terrorists. Both Benjamin and his brother served in units of the Israeli forces responsible for assassinations on foreign lands (in violations of international law) and committed war crimes. Benjamin Mileikowsky (Netanyahu) is known both among Israelis and globally as a consummate liar who refused to accept the Oslo accords (even though they were partial to Israel) and has gotten rich off of his political activities. Here is a video of him thinking the camera was off explaining his true contributions during his first stint as Israeli prime minister in the 1990s. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrtuBas3lpw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrtuBas3lpw)

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This is after all the same terrorist who gave a speech to dozens of Likud Party members in Eilat in which he admitted this is his strategy. According to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz (15 July 2001): "...giving his audience a bit of advice on how to deal with foreign interviewers (Netanyahu said):'Always, irrespective of whether you're right or not, you must always present your side as right.' In 2011, the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, described Netanyahu as a liar in a private exchange with US
President Barack Obama at the G20 summit (it was inadvertently broadcast to journalists). "I cannot stand him. He's a liar," Sarkozy told Obama. The US president Obama responded by saying: "You're fed up with him? I have to deal with him every day."
http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/nov/08/sarkozy-obama-netanyahu-gaffe-microphone.

Other Zionist leaders have even more interesting backgrounds. See http://qumsiyeh.org/israelileaders/

But in very good news, and inspite of sending in legions of professional propaganda men to DePaul University, the students there voted to support Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions. http://electronicintifada.net/blogs/ali-abunimah/depaul-students-vote-divestment-despite-israeli-government-interference

The BDS campaign must grow. Other forms of resistance must grow. Injustice must end. Join the struggle.

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Cindy interviews Zionist turned Peace Activist, Miko Peled about his inspirational story of sacred transformation!

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Freedom and Justice for Palestine

Israel, fully backed by the United States, has engaged in collective punishment of the Palestinian people since 1948 through forced evacuation, war, occupation, apartheid practices, expanding settlements, mass incarceration, and outright terrorism. From its inception, the Zionist objective has been ethnic cleansing and land appropriation.

The Israeli propaganda machine always has a pretext, based on charges of anti-Semitism and “existential” threat, to justify its murderous actions against the indigenous Palestinian population. Today, they blame Hamas for the kidnapping and killing of three teenagers. This comes in the context of the Israeli government’s anger at the recent reconciliation agreement between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.

In “retaliation” for the slain Israeli youth, reminiscent of the Southern lynchings in the U.S., a racist gang of thugs kidnapped a Palestinian 16-year old, Mohammad Aba Khudair, and brutally beat and tortured him and finally, burned him alive. Days later, his American 15-year old cousin, Tarek Abu Khdeir, was savagely beaten by masked police and others, and then arrested and held while medical treatment was withheld.

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ABC News Tells Viewers That Scenes of Destruction in Gaza Are in Israel

Rania Khalek, The Electronic Intifada, Truthout, July 13, 2014: There is no equating the killing and maiming of dozens of innocent Palestinians with scared Israelis seeking shelter from crude rockets that rarely cause damage. But that hasn't stopped media outlets from trying, and in some cases, outright lying, to distort the violence.

Read the Article and Watch the Video

There Was a Palestine by Dick Bennett

For as long as I can remember, discussion of Israel and Palestine and of the two-state solution with Zionist Jews has been skewed by their refusal to concede the historical existence of “Palestine.” They permitted only the world “Palestinians,” never “Palestine.” Israel had a state; Palestinians were only scattered Arabs. The cards of history were stacked
from the beginning.

Recently, two articles in the same number of a magazine corrected this distorted history. In *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* (June/July 2014) appeared “Pictures Don’t Lie: refuting #there_was_no_Palestine” by Juan Cole and “The Hope and Ultimate Tragedy of the 1919 King-Crane Report” by Richard Drake.

Cole makes the case that “Palestine has been used for a very long time to refer to the geographical area south of Sidon and north of the Sinai.” For evidence he argues regarding this area, for example, that “At the Versailles Peace Conference, the Class A Mandate of Palestine was created, and in 1939 it was scheduled for independence within 10 years.” But these plans were “forestalled” by the Zionist “ethnic cleansing campaign of 1947-48...which made most Palestinians refugees and stateless.”

Cole’s argument is reinforced by Drake’s account of the disposition at the Paris/Versailles Peace Conference, 1918, of the Arab lands (in the article also referred to as “Palestine”) formerly occupied by the defeated Ottoman Empire. The King-Crane Commission, created by President Woodrow Wilson, “concluded that the people of the Middle East fervently desired independence,” and did not want British or French rule to replace the Turks. King and Crane also reported that the Arabs “bitterly opposed the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine,” and that such a state would produce “an endless force of arms against the non-Jewish residents of Palestine.”

I have only barely represented the rich assembly of historical facts these two articles provide.

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**Zunes articles #164: the US and Israel/Palestine**

- *James R. Bennett*

I communicate your ideas and distribute your articles in appropriate newsletters of mine. Thanks for this impressively helpful list. Dick

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Below are links to some other articles of mine on U.S. policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

* On bipartisan Congressional efforts to undermine the peace process: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-zunes/house-resolution-israel-b_1553439.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-zunes/house-resolution-israel-b_1553439.html)


* On bipartisan Senate efforts to undermine Obama’s initiatives for Israeli-Palestinian peace: [http://fpif.org/senate_again_undermines_obamas_middle-east_peace_efforts/](http://fpif.org/senate_again_undermines_obamas_middle-east_peace_efforts/)

Finally, last weekend marked the fourth anniversary of the Israeli attack on an unarmed humanitarian aid convoy in international waters which initially left nine people dead, including a 19-year old U.S. citizen, who was shot execution-style in the back of the head while lying wounded on the deck. (A tenth victim, in coma since also being shot in the head, died two weeks ago.) Here are a series of articles I wrote at that time addressing the decisions by the Obama administration and a broad bipartisan majority of Congress to defend the Israeli action in the face of overwhelming international criticism:

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* QUMSIYEH ON THE REPRESSION, PRESBYTERIAN DIVESTMENT, AND BIODIVERSITY IN
PALESTINE

Bad news followed by Good news: In the past 10 days, Israeli occupation soldiers murdered 7 Palestinians (including a 13 year old child), injured dozens, kidnapped nearly 400, demolished many houses, destroyed contents and broken doors on hundreds of homes invaded in the middle of the night, blocked travel to hundreds of thousands, and continues to imprison thousands many on hunger strike for being held without charge for months.
... Read more and leave comments at http://popular-resistance.blogspot.com/2014/06/presbyterian-divest.html

Also we created a listserv for those interested in biodiversity and natural history in Palestine. We sent invitations to join to those who showed earlier interests. If you have not received the invitation from googlegroups and is interested do let us know.

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URL: <http://lists.qumsiyeh.org/pipermail/humanrights/attachments/20140623/10e56942/attachment.html>

BOOKS ABOUT ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Every number of The Washington Report on Middle Eastern Affairs contains a review of a book, nine annotated citations, and several references to books in the articles. Excellent magazine well-worth the subscription price. –Dick

DISPATCHES

Excerpt from The Battle for Justice in Palestine
Like most of what he writes and says, Ali Abunimah’s new book, The Battle for Justice in Palestine, is provocative, erudite, impassioned, aggressive, and certain to make even some political allies uncomfortable with their tacitly held beliefs (beginning with the book’s very first sentence: “The Palestinians are winning”). One need not agree with all of his

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