



Nicole Zedeck of i24 News remains the widely discredited journalist who reported the misinformation about the beheaded babies. Her sole, unverified source was an Israeli soldier and President Biden readily propagated the misinformation. PHOTO i24 News



Joanna was martyred on November 23, 2023 in an Israeli airstrike on a house in Rafah where she and her mother and aunt had taken shelter.

10 000
Children martyred
and counting...



Leah was martyred in the massacre committed by the Israeli occupation against the Na'im family on January 7, 2024.

ZIONIST MYTHS REACH A DEAD END

Zionist myth-making is finally being exposed as a deeply flawed “art” of propaganda

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Indeed, the ongoing coverage of the horrendous genocide perpetrated in Gaza, provides unparalleled insight into the failure of the settler colonial regime’s dependence on Zionist myths.

Historians who have for decades been unearthing damning information about how Zionist leaders had created myths as they conspired to dispossess Palestinians of their land, are now deservedly vindicated.

Honesty has never been the bedrock of Zionism nor of the rogue colonial outpost it spawned in the heart of the Muslim world.

Just as David Ben-Gurion is known to have justified myth-making by insisting that “it is not important whether the story is a true record of an event or not”, so too do the current crop of extreme right-wing Islamophobic racists headed by Benjamin Netanyahu.

The best example of it is how the events of October 7 have been manipulated to unleash a relentless hi-tech war of vengeance on Gaza’s besieged population.

The story of babies beheaded by Hamas not only turned into one of the most outrageous myths spun by Israel, but morphed into a notorious blueprint for the inhumane slaughter of Palestinian civilians, gaining the unconditional backing of western powers.

Marc Owen Jones, a Qatar-based scholar who wrote a 2022 book titled *Digital Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Deception, Disinformation and Social Media*, said the unconfirmed report had at least 44 million impressions, 300,000 likes, and over 100,000 reposts within about 24 hours on X, reported Anadoulou Agency at the time.

Aljazeera also confirms that unverified claims about the beheading of Israeli children and sexual assault of hostages by the Palestinian armed group had gone viral on social media in the days following October 7th.

“The claims blew up after Nicole Zedeck, a reporter with Tel Aviv-based news channel i24, said during a live broadcast that she had spoken to Israeli soldiers who had witnessed decapitated babies”. Even US president Joe Biden, a self-confessed Zionist, fell hook, line and sinker for this myth. Without bothering to verify it he not only authenticated a blatant lie, but did so at the cost of his administration’s faltering credibility.

Though he subsequently walked back his false claim, the humiliating reversal came after Biden described seeing images of mutilated children during a meeting with Jewish leaders at the White House.

“I never really thought that I would see, have confirmed, pictures of terrorists beheading children,” said Biden, who described October 7th as the “deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust”.

The “art” of propaganda referred to earlier, though as flimsy as a spider’s web, was refined to manipulate truth in favour of consciously shaping myths to suit the political expediency of the Zionist enterprise, as explained by John Rose.

Palestinians in Gaza and the rest of Occupied Palestine especially the West Bank, have and are experiencing the worst forms of injustice, oppression and savage killings, as a result of myths and falsehoods.

From invoking biblical tales of the “land of Israel” to the dangerous history behind Netanyahu’s Amalek rhetoric, the colonisation of Palestine has been cloaked in religious myths.

Respected intellectual and academic, Professor Sami Al-Arian, asserts that the Zionist movement’s main goal is to dispossess the indigenous people of Palestine and replace them with Jewish communities. To achieve this Israel is compelled to construct myths and distortions.

Seeking “motivation” to continue the project of ethnic-cleansing and the consent of western

powers to unconditionally support its genocide in Gaza, Israel yet again made huge investments in myth making.

However to their dismay, Netanyahu and his war cabinet fell victim to their own myth which said that to defeat Hamas will be a walkover.

The myth spun to denigrate the Resistance Movement has been that Hamas is deeply unpopular within Gaza and that people will revolt against it as soon as Israeli bombardment commences.

The reverse has been true. Not only in Gaza but also in the West Bank. Hama’s popularity has grown exponentially. This is an unequivocal affirmation that Zionist myth-making has backfired.

In fact results from a recent poll indicate that over half of US adults from ages 18 to 24 believe the ongoing crisis in Gaza should be resolved by abolishing the state of Israel and turning it over to Hamas and the Palestinian people.

The Harvard-Harris poll, conducted during December 2023, showed that 51% of young Americans believe the Israeli state should be “ended”.

Scorched earth policies resulting in mass destruction of civilian infrastructure, hospitals, churches, mosques, schools, residential buildings, refugee centres, and an orgy of killings, does not attract friends.

No matter how sophisticated Israel may be at myth-making, truth will always emerge to vanquish falsehood.



"I have determined that it is time to officially recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel"
December 6, 2017

Jerusalem

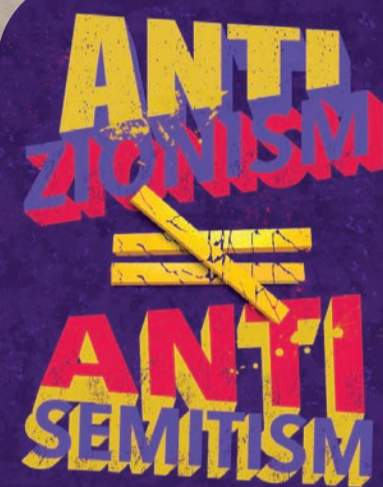
Jerusalem is pivotal for the Zionist Project and Islam. Minister Steinitz opposes its division. Israel unilaterally annexed East Jerusalem in 1980. International law deems it under Israeli occupation, and settlement activity is illegal. Trump's recognition lacked international backing, with not many countries following suit.

Zionism

Zionism aimed for a Jewish state in Palestine, prioritizing Jewish control. Its founder, Herzl, was a nationalist, not religious. Exploiting religious claims, it violates Jewish theology and is deemed genocidally racist. The UN labelled it racism in 1975. Zionism demands land, resources and global Jewish support as a settler colonialist state. Ilan Pappé sees Israel erasing Palestinians to reconcile with its belief system.

1975, which most severely condemned zionism as a threat to world peace and security and called upon all countries to oppose this racist and imperialist ideology.
Determines that zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination.
2400th plenary meeting
10 November 1975

This UN Resolution 3379, adopted in 1975, was revoked in 1991 when Israel made its revocation a condition for its participation in the Madrid Conference of 1991.

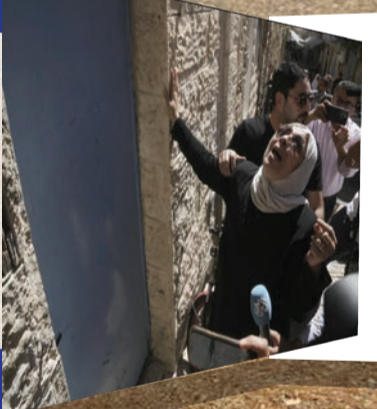


Is criticising Israel or Zionism the new anti-Semitism?

Important to distinguish between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. The former opposes a Jewish state without hatred for Jews. Zionists conflate criticism of Israel with anti-Jewish sentiment. They exploit Holocaust history for political mileage to deflect scrutiny and perpetuate a cycle that hinders progress and victimises Palestinians.

Apartheid

Discriminatory laws since 1988 impose bureaucratic hurdles on Palestinians, evident in the Law of Return granting Jews automatic citizenship while excluding indigenous Palestinians. The Absentees' Property Law facilitates violent land confiscation without compensation from Palestinians during Nakba. The Jewish National Fund's ban on non-Jews buying land enforces exclusivity. In East Jerusalem, laws often prejudice Palestinians in property transfers to Jewish settlers.



A distressed Nora Ghaith-Sub Laban weeps the day she is evicted from her home to make way for Israeli settlers in Jerusalem's Old City on July 11, 2023. Her family has resisted eviction for 45 years.

PHOTO Mahmoud Illean/AP

Gaza

Gaza, 'the world's largest open-air prison,' hosts 73% Nakba refugees. Gaza had already been in crisis due to the Israeli blockade since 2007, prior to Israel's genocidal assault in October 2023. Due to the blockade, Gaza relies on 80% international aid and experiences 60% unemployment. Israel, in justifying its aggression as self-defence, aims, since 2008, to keep Gaza's economy on the brink of collapse.

As the war hit the 1-month mark: Palestinian GDP fell to 4.2%

As the war extended to the 2nd month: the estimated economic loss increased to 8.4% of GDP

In the 3rd month of the war: the estimated economic loss increased to 12.2% of GDP

SHATTERING ZIONIST MYTHS

Islamophobia

The 1979 Tel Aviv conference, attended by Bush and Begin, mainstreamed Islamophobia. Subsequent events linked Islam to terrorism, notably by Bernard Lewis. This narrative served neo-conservatives and Zionists, justifying imperial agendas. The post-9/11 era fuelled the lucrative "Islamophobia Industry". This is financially backed by Arab Gulf monarchies and influenced by Zionists, fostering a global climate of religious intolerance.



Bernard Lewis (1916-2018) is one of the leading Western scholars of Islam who perpetuated Islamophobic stereotypes.

PHOTO Bernstein Literary Agency



Colonialism and Zionism

The colonisation of Palestine is manufactured, stemming from 75 years of settler colonial occupation by Israel, backed by the UK, the USA and their allies. This ongoing project involves seizing Palestinian land, rendering them landless and denying them basic human rights. This is a type of settler colonialism that necessitates a transformation akin to post-1994 South Africa.

The Bible

The Bible's land claims lack legal weight. Israel's fluid Jewish identity definition raises political concerns. Zionist justifications on divine right disregard human rights, challenging arguments against Arab presence on religious grounds. Groups like Neturei Karta oppose a Jewish state for global peace. Unclear borders fuel debates on Israel's territorial claims and actions.



A child member of Neturei Karta, an orthodox Jewish movement, that rejects Zionism and the establishment of Israel, attends a pro-Palestinian rally in New York on May 24, 2021.

PHOTO TRT World



Hamas Charter & Narrative

Imperialists and colonisers have historically labelled liberation groups as terrorists. The 2017 update of the Hamas Charter proposes a Palestinian state without recognising Israel. It rejects conflating criticism of Israel with anti-Jewish sentiment and underscores Hamas's participation in democratic processes. The Charter rejects a two-state solution, asserting the entire area as Arab Islamic land.

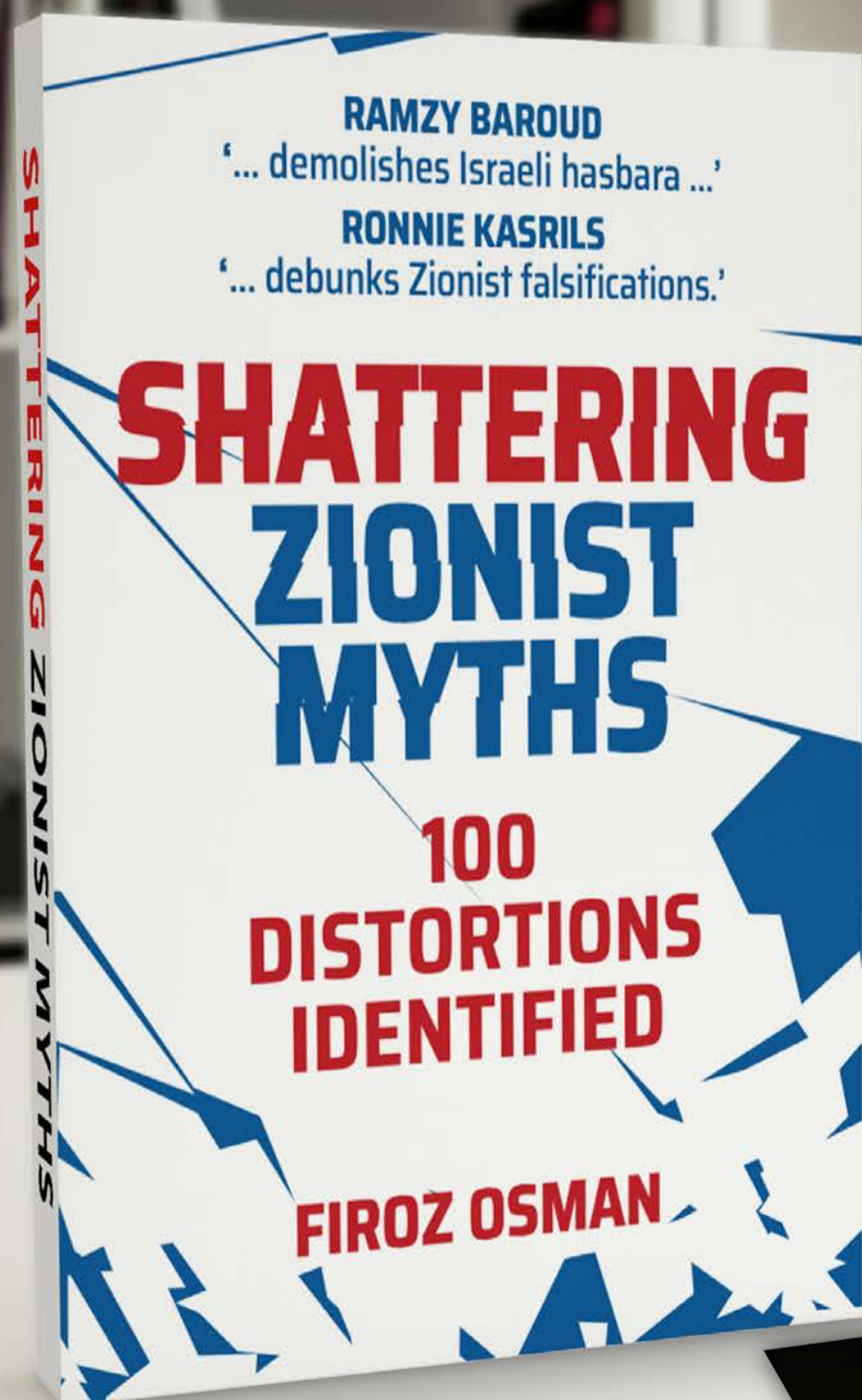
Genocide

Israel's leaders, spanning from the nation's inception to the present, exhibit violent histories tied to the expulsion of Palestinians. Historical events, from pre-state militias to crackdowns on uprisings, exemplify ongoing injustices. These actions align with international definitions of genocide, underscored by calls for more violence from Israeli officials. They perpetuate a persistent legacy of harm against Palestinians.



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THE ERA OF DEBUNKING ZIONISM



Scan the QR CODE with your mobile to download a free copy of the book *Shattering Zionist Myths*.

US President Joe Biden first spread the myth of beheaded babies on October 11, 2023, saying that he saw images of this alleged atrocity, and he repeated it subsequently. Biden is reported to have ignored the advice of White House staff to refrain from repeating unverified reports that Hamas had beheaded babies on October 7.

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Shortly after the Hamas special military operation on 7 October, the Zionist entity's hasbara machinery stepped into high gear to garner global support for its genocidal war in Gaza.

Morbid myths of beheaded and burnt babies, mass rape and mutilation of women, and other figments of the Zionist imagination were quickly and widely circulated to a colonised world ready to believe any Zionist claim against the wretched of the earth. Acting as eager scribes for the Zionist entity, mainstream media outlets led by CNN et al, immediately began disseminating these myths as incontestable truth before quietly withdrawing many of them after the real truth emerged.

Amidst the ongoing genocide in Gaza, which has killed upwards of 25,000 indigenous Palestinians, this supplement provided a compelling account of ten of the most prominent Zionist myths based on Firoz Osman's hasbara-busting book, *Shattering Zionist Myths*.

It comes hot on heels of the Zionist entity having been found to have a case to answer on genocide by the International Court of Justice and certain provisional measures, meant to protect Palestinians, having been ordered by it.

It is unlikely that the Zionist entity will implement the order since it enjoys diplomatic

protection of the veto-wielding US at the United Nations Security Council, the body charged with ensuring compliance with the ICJs order.

This damning judgement and emergency measures also comes during election year in South Africa and the US, the former which brought the genocide case to the Hague, and is staunchly pro-Palestinian, and the latter, which defends it to the hilt.

South Africa has a strong pro-Palestine lobby whilst the US has a large and highly influential voting bloc, evangelical Christians, and the strongest Zionist lobby in the world, AIPAC, which determines the country's Middle East foreign policy.

The issue of the Gaza genocide and its nuances will be a major voting issue in both elections for differing reasons. In South Africa, it may sway the Muslim vote in favour of the ANC whilst in the US, evangelicals and AIPAC, will be pressuring the Biden administration to vociferously protect the Zionist entity and to punish SA.

The reaction of the Biden administration to this defeat at the ICJ will determine his re-election prospects.

Whatever the geopolitical and domestic implications for SA, we must play our part to destroy all Zionist myths thereby playing a role on the path to Palestinian liberation.

