

## A Certain Path to Permanent Peace in Israel and Palestine

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Stop the war in Gaza and West Bank!

The horrendous casualty in Gaza by Israeli bombardment is a serious crime against humanity. It must be stopped immediately.

The terrorism by Hamas on 7, October

is a trigger, not the cause of the war. Hamas is responsible for the crime, hence must be captured, tried, punished and the terrorist organization be disbanded. But Israel cannot achieve it by her current policy. In fact,

Hamas grew by Israeli policy; blockade of Gaza

which is the true cause of the war. The blockade is a cruel form of the war, and has continued for so many years! Hamas achieved the power in 2006 by election. But Hamas has taken over Gaza without further election for the past 16 years. The blockade has given Hamas an ideal situation to strengthen its dictatorship in Gaza. How could Gaza people, enclosed in the small area by the blockade, campaign against Hamas who is firmly organized by a strict ideology and military structure?

The blockade has deprived Gaza of any chances of industrial development. Having the long coast along the Mediterranean sea, the blockade kills any chances of fishing industry in Gaza. The jobless rate in Gaza has been always high. The poverty and loss of hope for the future, sorrow, despair and hatred to Israel grown by the continuous state of war have given Hamas an ideal condition to keep grasping control of Gaza.

Withdraw from Gaza early

The Israeli bombardment in the current war has already killed more than ten thousand people! Millions of innocent people have their families, relatives and friends killed, maimed and lost under the debris for no reasons. Contrary to the objective of eradicating Hamas, the Israeli war has sown tens of thousands of new seeds that will grow to become Hamas fighters or supporters in the future. The existence of Israeli army in Gaza will only perpetuate the state of war. Israel should withdraw from Gaza as early as possible.

Conditions for permanent peace in Palestine

(1) Democracy

The wars occur where the democracy is killed. With firm equality and freedom of the people, who would ever want a war?

(2) Knowledge

The basis of democracy is knowledgeable people. Freedom of speech, thought, activities in search of truths must be guaranteed and fully operated.

(3) Prosperity

Democracy is the basis of industrial development that brings prosperity and peace.

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The above conditions will be achieved through the following processes;

[1] Destroy the military organization of Hamas

- It must be conducted with maximum protection of civilians.
- At completion of the work, Israel shall withdraw from Gaza.

[2] Autonomy of Gaza shall be established

- 1- Blockade of Gaza should be abolished.
- 2- Gaza people form an interim government with the help of UN.
- 3- UN shall establish an Assistance team for Gaza.
- 4- The interim Gaza government establish Gaza development plan with help of UN.
  - The UN shall help Gaza with political/economic/social advice and financial support.
  - The UN shall help Gaza with policing capability to arrest Hamas and other terrorism criminals to bring them to the international court of justice.
- 5- The reconstruction plan shall contain establishment of electoral system and schedule.
- 6- The interim government must conduct the election to form a democratic government.
- 7- The UN assistance team shall continue to help Gaza until the government is firmly established.

It is expected to take about five years.

On two states solution

Israel was established in 1948 based on the division of Palestine plan authorized by the United Nations. Now is the time for establishment of the Palestinian state long overdue. The above process shall be promoted in both Gaza and the West Bank to establish a Palestinian state. So long as Israel remains to be a Jewish state, the two states plan will be the only possible solution in the land of Palestine.