

Now to the headline over this article – Zionism’s Colonial Enterprise Is Doomed, but...

In 1948, as a consequence of Israel’s victory on the battlefield, **the Palestine file was closed**. One of the unspeakable truths of the time was that behind closed doors the divided, defeated and impotent Arab regimes shared the same hope as Zionism and the major powers. It was that the Palestine file would **remain closed**. In the script written by Zionism and endorsed by the major powers and the Arab regimes, **there was not supposed to be a regeneration of Palestinian nationalism**. The Palestinians were supposed to accept their lot as the sacrificial lamb on the altar of political expediency.

On reflection it’s my view that Zionism’s colonial enterprise was **doomed by its failure to keep the Palestine file closed**. Once the file was re-opened by Yasser Arafat and his Fatah colleagues, Zionism had a choice – **either** to make an accommodation with the Palestinians (by the end of 1979 Arafat had prepared the ground on his side for peace on terms which any rational government and people in Israel would have accepted with relief); **or** by all and any means, including state terrorism, to try to break the will of the Palestinians to continue their struggle for an acceptable amount of justice.

Israel’s leaders chose the latter course, and in doing they have not deviated from Zionism’s defining ethic as written and published by Vladimir Jabotinsky, the founding father of Israel’s army. His text, published a decade before the Nazis came to power in Germany, explains why Israel was bound to become a rogue state and, at the time of writing, a monster beyond control. As put into words by Jabotinsky, the following was, is, Zionism’s defining ethic (my emphasis added):

“Zionism is a colonizing adventure and therefore it stands or it falls by the question of armed force. It is important to speak Hebrew but, unfortunately, it is even more important to be able to shoot – or else I am through with playing at colonization.

“To the hackneyed reproach that this point of view is unethical, I answer – absolutely untrue. This is our ethic. There is no other

ethic. **As long as there is the faintest spark of hope for the Arabs to impede us, they will not sell these hopes** – not for any sweet words nor for any tasty morsel, because this (the Palestinians) is not a rabble but a people, a living people. And no people makes such enormous concessions on such fateful questions, **except when there is no hope left, until we have removed every opening visible in the Iron Wall.**”

Today the incredible almost superhuman steadfastness of the occupied and oppressed Palestinians is proof if more was needed of Zionism’s failure and that its colonial enterprise is doomed. And that begs the following question. How will the story end?

Because of Israel’s colonization, still on-going, of the occupied West Bank, a genuine and viable two-state solution is D.B.A. (Dead Before Arrival). It follows that there are now