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Now it is time for academia to acknowledge the new reality.

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 05:47:48 AM PDT, D. Pipes Mailing List wrote:



Convincing Anti-Zionists that the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Is Over

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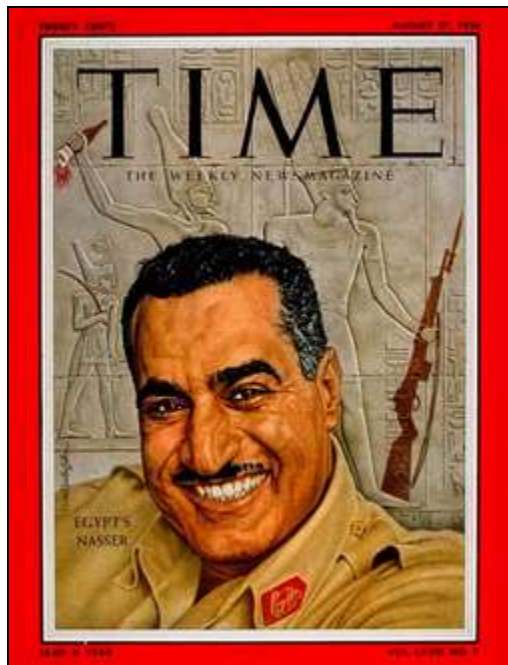
[N.B.: *WT* title: "Convincing Islamists, fascists and all anti-Zionists that the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is over"]

In the wake of the exhilarating joint UAE-Israel statement, that old sourpuss, [Hanan Ashrawi](#), emerged from her hole to pronounce that "There is an erroneous assumption that the Palestinians are defeated, and they have to accept the fact of their defeat." No, she insisted, "The Palestinians are willing, generation after generation, to continue their struggle."

There you go, an unambiguous statement of intent from [my old adversary](#), mirroring the views of both the Palestinian Authority and Hamas: No matter what anyone else does, she says, we Palestinians will battle unto the end of time to eliminate the Jewish state and subjugate the Jews.

Now, some may wonder: Didn't Yasir Arafat long ago accept Israel, was that not the gist of the 1993 Oslo accords, when he [recognized](#) "the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security"? No, he only pretended to accept Israel.

Let me explain.



Gamal Abdel Nasser: "The only solution to Palestine [is] the annulment of Israel's existence."

For the first nineteen years of Israel's modern existence, 1948-67, virtually all Arabic-speakers viewed it disdainfully as a bug that somehow escaped getting squashed, blithely confident that their overwhelming size, resources, and diplomatic heft would enable them eventually to remedy that problem.

Then came the shock of the 1967 Six-Day War, when Israel rapidly achieved a near-total victory over four Arab armies and seized territory at-will from three of its neighbors. This thrashing [sobered Arab state leaders](#), who now focused attention on winning back their lost territories rather than eliminating Israel, a task they happily turned over to the Palestinians, who joyfully received it.

Egypt left the field in 1977, Jordan in 1994, and Syria came tantalizingly close in 2000. But what about the Palestinians and their 1993 accord? At this point, two interpretations kick in, the naïve and the realistic.

The *naïve* view, which prevails internationally, holds that Arafat and the other Palestinian leaders, including the current one, Mahmoud Abbas, are completely serious about accepting "the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security." Therefore, moving forward requires the Israelis to be more generous. Outside powers try to make themselves useful by pressuring Jerusalem to be more forthcoming, which they are only too pleased to do.



Yasir Arafat and Mahmoud Abbas: Not exactly "partners for peace."

The *realistic* view – now [dominant in Israel](#) – holds that Palestinians never reconciled themselves to Israel's existence. To be sure, Palestinians acknowledged their weakness in 1993 by making empty promises. But, as Mrs. Ashrawi reiterates, they never abandoned the goal of eliminating Israel.

Rather, they bided their time, probing for signs of weakness. They seemed to find these in the Oslo accords, Israel's 2000 retreat from Lebanon and 2005 withdrawal from Gaza. Exhilarated, Palestinians ramped up the violence, believing they had a fatigued Israel on the run, that pure revolutionary fervor made up for economic and military weakness, that Muslims would annihilate Jews.

But they were wrong: the powerful Israeli state had made [painful concessions](#) in the hope that its enlightened self-interest would turn Arafat, Abbas, and Co. into "partners for peace" and settle an antediluvian conflict obstructing its [creative culture and hi-tech prowess](#). And so, the would-be revolution failed.

With time, Israelis – and [youths](#) far more so than their elders – realized that the hopeful discarding of deterrence in favor of [appeasement](#) and then unilateral withdrawal inspired not Palestinian goodwill but dreams of conquest. Israelis finally understood they had failed to perceive the continued Palestinian determination to eliminate the Jewish state; that they had ignored the persistent Palestinian drive for victory.

This hard-earned insight now needs to be translated into a new strategy. But which? Not ["price tag" attacks](#) on West Bank Palestinians, foul provocations that discredit Zionism. Not [annexing parts of the West Bank](#), which undermines the integrity of Israel and spurs widespread opposition.



"Price tag" attacks discredit Zionism.

Rather, it is achieved by crushing the Palestinians' persistent anti-Zionist dream, by an [Israel victory](#) based on an indomitable Israeli will. Palestinian insistence on victory, in other words, compels a parallel Israeli retort. Fortunately for Israel, the Palestinians lack muscle but rely on [fumes](#): religious doctrine, international support, and Israeli timidity.

While naïfs seek yet more useless agreements premised on counterproductive Israeli concessions, we realists scoff and call for Israel to win. We understand that only defeat will convince Palestinians like Mrs. Ashrawi, and through them Iranian, Turkish, Islamist, leftist, fascist, and other anti-Zionists, that the century-plus conflict is over, that Israel has

prevailed, and that the time has come to give up on futile, painful, and genocidal ambitions.

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