

PALESTINE; THE 194TH MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1) WHY INSISTING TO GO TO THE UN IN SEPTEMBER?

Palestinians want to go to the UN in order to get International recognition for their future Palestinian State..... And legitimize Palestinian claims for freedom, independence and statehood...

2) WILL THE UN HELP IN MATERIALIZING THOSE GOALS?

The majority of World countries support Palestinian statehood. The goal is to get rid of the four and a half decades of Israeli tight occupation of the Palestinian territories...

3) CAN YOU IDENTIFY THOSE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES?

The occupied territories are situated on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. They are within the 1967 borders lines violently and illegally occupied by the Israeli armed forces; they make 22% of historical Palestine...

4) WHY IS ISRAEL OPPOSED TO THE PALESTINIAN DRIVE TO GO TO THE UN IN SEPTEMBER 2011?

Israel is opposed because of its denial to the Palestinian rights and rejection to Palestinian statehood. Israel intends to keep the occupied territories and enlarge its "lebensraum" at the expense of the Palestinian people and their land properties. In keeping the occupied territories Israel will carry on its policy of building settlements and Walls in order to fragment the territories like a Swiss cheese and block the establishment of a Palestinian State.

5) HOW CAN ISRAEL ALONE DEFY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND CHALLENGE UN RESOLUTION?

Unfortunately, Israel is shielded by multiple US vetoes (43) since 1967 providing Israel with all the needed aggressive spirit to carry on its violations against the Palestinian people and their land properties on all levels. So Israel is not alone in defying the international Community and its peaceful resolutions.

6) CAN WE SAY THAT THE **WASHINGTON-TEL AVIV AXIS IS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?**

In other words: **YES** When we see the blind support of the successive US Administrations, including the Obama administration to the Israeli aggression and occupation, we can conclude that the US is a major obstacle to peaceful coexistence in the Region as well...

Can you elaborate more on this issue?

- Look at the unlimited financial support in billions of US Dollars provided to Israel every year used to build illegal settlements on Palestinian ground ...
- The military and the technical support and cooperation between Israel and the US military industries...
- The US vetoes used at the UN Security Council to block the condemnation of Israeli violations of International resolutions including human rights violations in the occupied territories
- The falsification of the facts and the US biased media coverage of the events in the Middle East demonizing Palestinians and their legal rights; while favoring Israel and its illegal occupation and aggression ...
- Look at the empathic support of the Congress and the standing ovations in the US Congress during Netanyahu's speech defying the US President's moderation ...
- All this and many other indications testify the so-called unbreakable bounds (Obama) between Israel and the US in which Palestinians are the victims and have to pay a high price with their blood and properties ...

7) WHAT HAPPENED TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL?

Heading to the UN in September is not a substitute for direct and honest negotiations. However present Israeli leadership OF EXTREME RIGHT closed all the doors to honest and tangible negotiations. Negotiating and simultaneously confiscating Palestinian properties reflects Israeli mentality of fooling Palestinians and the world community. That's why President Abbas asked for settlement stop in order to open the way for honest and serious negotiations.

8) WHAT ABOUT DELEGITIMIZING ISRAEL?

Going to the UN and obtaining international recognition for a PALESTINIAN STATE on the 1967 borders doesn't mean delegitimizing the state of Israel as such, but the illegal occupation of Israel. The military occupation of Israel to the West Bank and Gaza is illegal through Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 in addition to other agreements and treaties (Madrid, Oslo agreements, Road Map, Annapolis Statement and others). Yet Israel and the US are blocking the withdrawal from those occupied Palestinian territories. The whole world considers Israel's occupation as illegal and the Palestinians too. Yet Israel is intentionally mingling between its proper existence and its illegal occupation and expansion.

9) WILL THERE BE RIOTS IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES DURING PRESIDENT ABBAS' SPEECH AT THE UN GA?

Palestinians will celebrate the INDEPENDENCE DAY on the day of his speech which will be delivered to the International Community in order to express Palestinian willingness to obtain their freedom and establish a Palestinian free and independent state...There will be no riots or confrontations with the Israeli occupation soldiers.

There will be great support for President Abbas' speech in New York and a greater rejection to the Israeli occupation.

10) WHAT KIND OF RELATIONS WILL THE NEW BORN STATE 194TH UN MEMBER STATE ENTERTAIN WITH ITS NEIGHBORS?

The 194th member state, the State of Palestine will be peaceful, democratic and secular (not religious). It will be a state for all its citizens and entertain peaceful relations with all states of the region, Israel in particular. The **PALESTINIAN STATE** will be a peaceful contribution to a turbulent Middle East where all nations can live, coexist and flourish peacefully together.

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