

by UN human rights organizations. No official statements were issued by European governments. No sanctions against the cruel victimizers were passionately promoted by human rights organizations worldwide.

Certainly, no Arab states or the Arab League demanded repatriation or reparations for the hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs abused and expelled by their fellow Arabs.

The world, and especially the Arab world, is energetic in condemning Israel for any activity, political or military, that adversely affects the Palestinian Arabs.

But a look at history demonstrates that Palestinian Arabs have, for decades, been primarily the victims of their fellow Arabs and other Arab states, with massive expulsions and the denial of citizenship and work permits in their "host" countries. Jordan is the only partial exception to the rule.

It is apparent that the world only cares about the Palestinian Arabs when it can conjure a Zionist enemy for its accusations. This includes the organs of the UN as well as the "virtuous" leftists who seem incapable of affixing blame and demonstrating against the corrupt and brutal Arab states of the Middle East.

Now, an even greater tragedy for Palestinians has unfolded in the hellhole known as Syria. Again, the world is silent about the victimization of Palestinian Arabs by their Arab "friends."

In this week's featured FLAME Hotline article (see below), Dr. Edy Cohen, a researcher at the BESA Center argues that the horrific displacements and loss of life for Palestinian Arabs—by Arabs—in the Syrian Civil War is again being neglected by world bodies. Meanwhile, not a day goes by without Israel's condemnation from the United Nations and its agencies, its Arab members, and the political left in general.

I hope you'll forward this incisive perspective to friends, family and fellow congregants to help them understand why the avid condemnation and pressure on Israel regarding Palestinian Arabs is, at best, selective indignation by Arab states and, more tellingly, world bodies.

I hope you'll also quickly review the P.S. immediately below, which describes one of FLAME's *hasbarah* campaigns to explore the nature of the Palestinian Arab refugee problem. I hope you agree with and will support this message.

Best regards,

Ken Cohen

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When Palestinian Blood Isn't Equal

by Dr. Edy Cohen, *BESA Center Perspectives*, August 24, 2018

A recently published report by the Action Group for Palestinians in Syria (AGPS), a human rights group, documented 3,840 cases of Palestinians who have been killed since the onset of the Syrian civil war in 2011—nearly four times as many as those killed during the six years of the first intifada (December 1987-September 1993). The causes of death ranged from artillery shelling to shootings to torture in the regime's infamous prisons across the country.

In addition to this report, the Syrian regime released for the first time a list of names that included 548 killed Palestinians. While the regime's report did not note their causes of death, rights groups agree that those Palestinians died as a result of being tortured, starved, and deprived of adequate medical treatment.

The AGPS also said that 1,682 Palestinians are still missing, their fates unknown. According to some assessments, these Palestinians were either killed at some time during the bloody civil war or—"in the best case"—are still in prison. Therefore, at least 5,522 Palestinians have either been killed or have gone missing since 2011.

Along with those killed or missing, tens of thousands of Palestinians in Syria have lost their homes and employment. The Yarmouk refugee camp, which was home to tens of thousands, was utterly demolished over the course of the war. Before the camp was destroyed, the Assad regime laid siege to it. During that time, images of emaciated Palestinians began emerging in Syrian opposition media outlets.

Despite these horrors, not one official in the Palestinian Authority publicly condemned the Assad regime.

This is incredible. Where is the outcry from the PA, Arab and global news outlets, rights groups, Palestinian and Arab politicians? Where is their denunciation of Syrian President Bashar Assad's war crimes against the Palestinians? Why isn't every single Arab lawmaker in Israel excoriating the Syrian dictator?

When a Hamas or Islamic Jihad terrorist from Gaza is killed by IDF soldiers while trying to plant a roadside bomb or trying to breach the border fence, the Arab and Western worlds are apoplectic. The Arab League issues its familiar condemnation; the consistently hostile Kuwait denounces Israel at the UN and tries to convene the Security Council; Mahmoud Abbas requests international protection for the Palestinians; and all these reactions are covered round the clock by the Arab and Western press.

When Palestinians are killed by other Arabs, evidently no one cares—not in the Arab world, and not even among the Palestinians themselves, whether in the PA or Hamas. Everyone is silent. Palestinian blood in the West Bank and Gaza is far more valuable than Palestinian blood in other parts of the globe.

Palestinians who are killed by IDF fire can be used as a tool, whether by Arab countries or the Western world, to undermine and weaken Israel. Human rights groups in the West and in Israel too invest most of their energies and attention to the Palestinian issue in Israel. The equation is plain to see: When Israel or the Jews can't be blamed for killing Arabs, it's not interesting.

Throughout the war in Syria, Abbas's silence on the plight of the Palestinians there has been deafening. He has never repudiated Assad or Iran for killing Palestinians. He seeks the best of all possible worlds: support from both Iran and the Arabs. It appears he

has been successful.

During the atrocities perpetrated in Iraq several years ago, a downtrodden Yazidi woman held a placard that said: "The tragedy of the Yazidi people is that the Jews aren't their enemy."

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