



IS ISRAEL BEING UNDERMINED WITHIN

Peter Adamis 2 August 2014

Yochanan Gordon's ill conceived comments places all Israeli soldiers and Defence Force at risk.

It is well known that in war, emotions and passion can get the better of anyone if driven by a desire for revenge rather defeating an enemy. The US and the UN are not completely out of touch and to make that statement borders on lunacy and the ill-informed. The UN in particular is a coordinating body that attempts to bring nations together to resolve issues rather get involved. Genocide is one of these times and deliberate extermination and crimes against humanity is another.

He states that he was not aware that warfare had undergone a major shift where wars are fought to a draw. I am of the opinion that there is no such concept as a draw in warfare as lives are lost on both sides. He is supposed to have an understanding of the Israeli and Palestinian conflict but his comments indicate that he is clueless as to the origins and does not offer solutions that would be conducive to efforts to bring about a lasting peace.

War is no laughing matter and to make similarities between an NBA basketball game and war is ludicrous. who was his intended audience and what was he thinking when he wrote the article. does this young man have rocks in his head. does he not know that every time someone writes silly comments that the other side will use it as proof that Israel does not seek a peaceful solution. Has he forgotten how Israel had fought to gain recognition.

I a pretty straight forward bloke and call a spade a spade, and in it is my personal view that Yochanan Gordon is a stupid bastard. Israel's hands are not tied, world leaders are not against Israel and the bulk of the world seek to see Israelis and the Palestinians live in harmony. Yes, I must agree that some of the Palestinian reports from the Gaza strip may be exaggerated and false, but that is what propaganda is all about and in war.

Diplomacy, Deception, and Destruction are but three words that when used in conjunction with each can only lead to misery and a huge loss of life. It is also a battle for the hearts and minds that have to be won over to make it appear that it's a "Just War", otherwise the lives lost were for nothing. Unfortunately it would appear that external forces are involved in the land battle, a battle by proxy if you will and there is little that we can do but provide moral support and bring pressure through diplomatic means to achieve a lasting peace.

Yochanan Gordon's observations on CNN, BBC and Al-Jazeera reporting on the lives lost is not far from the truth and yet he does not go far enough to describe the reason why. Had it not being for the protective dome by Israel, the lives lost in Israel would have been in the thousands. There have been more rockets intercepted by Israel than all the firepower used against the Palestinians during the recent conflict and yet journalist hype up the reports by using emotive language and images that are designed to invoke anger and directed hostility. This is not professional journalism, but they know that they have a hungry audience who just lap it all up. Proof of this is by monitoring the millions of comments on social media.

A social media that has been cleverly been manipulated by Hamas and their supporters. The propaganda, the use of image manipulation, the use of distorting and describing incidents that are not related to the current conflict have been almost successful in changing world opinion. The tide is turning however due to the efforts of others who have the courage to speak out and write in response t the distortion and manipulation of the events in the current Israeli and Palestinian conflict. Syria has suffered far worse and yet the world is almost silent on that subject. That is what I would call selective journalism.

In summary, I am of the belief that the current hostilities were planned in advance by Hamas in order to gain world sympathy and support to bring about a solution that recognises Palestine as sovereign nation. This battle therefore will not come to a halt until Hamas believes that their political objectives have been met and that the loss of life was worth it. Having said the above, comments from individuals like Yochanan Gordon will not help bring about that peace that has elude both nations in the past. Undermining and criticising a nations ability to win the battle on all fronts is but undermining its ability to reach its objectives.



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TIMES OF ISRAEL REMOVES AN UNACCEPTABLE BLOG POST

Blog was blatant breach of editorial guidelines

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The Times of Israel on Friday removed an unacceptable blog post, entitled "When genocide is permissible." This blog post, which was described by our Ops & Blogs editor as both damnable and ignorant, blatantly breached The Times of Israel's editorial guidelines. We have discontinued the writer's blog.

The Times of Israel maintains an open blog platform: Once we have accepted bloggers, we allow them to post their own items. This trust has rarely been abused. We are angry and appalled that it was in this case, and will take steps to prevent a recurrence. We will not countenance blog posts that incite to violence or criminal acts.

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WHEN GENOCIDE IS PERMISSIBLE

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Yochanan Gordon Yochanan's father founded the Five Towns Jewish Times.

Judging by the numbers of casualties on both sides in this almost one-month old war one would be led to the conclusion that Israel has resorted to disproportionate means in fighting a far less-capable enemy. That is as far as what meets the eye. But, it's now obvious that the US and the UN are completely out of touch with the nature of this foe and are therefore not qualified to dictate or enforce the rules of this war – because when it comes to terror there is much more than meets the eye.



Apology from Yochanan Gordon

Yochham Gordon 2 August 2014
5Towns Jewish Times

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I wish to express deep regret and beg forgiveness for an article I authored which was posted on 5TJT.com, Times of Israel and was tweeted and shared the world over.

I never intended to call to harm any people although my words may have conveyed that message.

With that said I pray and hope for a quick peaceful end to the hostilities and that all people learn to coexist with each other in creating a better world for us all.

Yochanan Gordon

I wasn't aware of this, but it seems that the nature of warfare has undergone a major shift over the years. Where wars were usually waged to defeat the opposing side, today it seems – and judging by the number of foul calls it would indicate – that today's wars are fought to a draw.

I mean, whoever heard of a timeout in war? An NBA Basketball game allows six timeouts for each team during the course of a game, but last I checked this is a war! We are at war with an enemy whose charter calls for the annihilation of our people. Nothing, then, can be considered disproportionate when we are fighting for our very right to live.

The sad reality is that Israel gets it, but its hands are being tied by world leaders who over the past six years have insisted they are such good friends with the Jewish state, that they know more regarding its interests than even they do. But there's going to have to come a time where Israel feels threatened enough where it has no other choice but to defy international warnings – because this is life or death. Most of the reports coming from Gazan officials and leaders since the start of this operation have been either largely exaggerated or patently false.

Responses to Apology from Yochanan Gordon



Peter Adamis

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Your comment is awaiting moderation.

Open letter to Yochanan Gordon from Peter Adamis – Australia.

Mate I am not an Israelite nor of the Jewish faith and I don't know you from a bar of soap. But you have just put Israel back to the Stone Age with your silly and ill conceived comments, even though you may have meant well. You have also done irreparable damage to Israel's reputation throughout the world.

Are you not aware that your comments will now be used by others who wish to harm Israel for years to come. Comments like yours belong to the rubbish bin cobber. There are many who support Israel, but your recent comments have made it difficult under the circumstances.

I am of the opinion that you either lack emotional maturity, are an ill informed galah or your huge ego has expanded beyond all comprehension. In future may I suggest that you spare a thought for all those who died to give you the freedoms you enjoy today. Israel deserves better than the rubbish you wrote. Keep a sock in it.

The truth is, it's not their fault, falsehood and deceit is part of the very fabric of who they are and that will never change. Still however, despite their propensity to lie, when your enemy tells you that they are bent on your destruction you believe them. Similarly, when Khaled Meshal declares that no physical damage to Gaza will dampen their morale or weaken their resolve – they have to be believed.

Our sage Gedalia the son of Achikam was given intelligence that Yishmael Ben Nesanyah was plotting to kill him. However, in his piety or rather naiveté Gedalia dismissed the report as a random act of gossip and paid no attention to it. To this day, the day following Rosh Hashana is commemorated as a fast day in the memory of Gedalia who was killed in cold blood on the second day of Rosh Hashana during the meal.

They say the definition of insanity is repeating the same mistakes over and over. History is there to teach us lessons and the lesson here is that when your enemy swears to destroy you – you take him seriously. Hamas has stated forthrightly that it idealizes death as much as Israel celebrates life. What other way then is there to deal with an enemy of this nature other than obliterate them completely? News anchors such as those from CNN, BBC and Al-Jazeera have not missed an opportunity to point out the majority of innocent civilians who have lost their lives as a result of this war.

But anyone who lives with rocket launchers installed or terror tunnels burrowed in or around the vicinity of their home cannot be considered an innocent civilian. If you'll counter, that Hamas has been seen abusing civilians who have attempted to leave their homes in response to Israeli warnings to leave – well then, your beginning to come to terms with the nature of this enemy which should automatically cause the rules of standard warfare to be suspended.

Everyone agrees that Israel has the right to defend itself as well as the right to exercise that right. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has declared it, Obama and Kerry have clearly stated that no one could be expected to sit idle as thousands of rockets rain down on the heads of its citizens, placing them in clear and present danger. It seems then that the only point of contention is regarding the measure of punishment meted out in this situation.

I will conclude with a question for all the humanitarians out there. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu clearly stated at the outset of this incursion that his objective is to restore a sustainable quiet for the citizens of Israel. We have already established that it is the responsibility of every government to ensure the safety and security of its people. If political leaders and military experts determine that the only way to achieve its goal of sustaining quiet is through genocide is it then permissible to achieve those responsible goals?

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