



Deir Yassin, Palestina, hace 60 años

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Mi padre, Fakhri Quasim Hamideh, fue un superviviente de la matanza de Deir Yassin el 9 de abril de 1948. Como la mayoría de los refugiados palestinos, su mayor deseo desde su expulsión forzosa en 1948 era volver un día a su pueblo en Palestina. Desgraciadamente 53 años después, el 7 de febrero de 2001, mientras conducía hacia su visita habitual al médico, falleció en un puesto de control militar israelí en Ramala. Mi padre recibía regularmente tratamiento de diálisis renal en el hospital de Ramala. Debido al retraso en el puesto de control militar israelí ese día no consiguió pasar a tiempo. Le dio un paro cardíaco y falleció en su vehículo a pesar de todos los esfuerzos para pasar por el puesto militar de control. Hubo testigos que explicaron esto a la familia, incluso los estudiantes de medicina de la ambulancia palestina y los funcionarios del hospital en Ramala. Volamos a Palestina al día siguiente para el sepelio y nos reunimos con la administración del hospital. Llevamos a mi padre a su tumba de Ramala, lejos de Deir Yassin, su pueblo. ¡Su sueño de volver pasaba ahora a sus hijos, los descendientes de su querido pueblo Deir Yassin!

Breve historia de Deir Yassin antes de la masacre

Durante siglos, el pueblo de Deir Yassin (5 km al oeste de Jerusalén) fue un lugar pacífico de Palestina. La palabra árabe Deir quiere decir monasterio. A principios del siglo XVIII, alrededor de 1742, un beduino nómada árabe y su familia se establecieron en este pueblo. Su nombre era jeque Muhammad Al-Yassin. El pueblo se llamó después Al-Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yassin y se conoció desde entonces como Deir Yassin.

La Matanza de Deir Yassin, el 9 de abril de 1948

En 1948, los preparativos sionistas para la matanza de Deir Yassin habían empezado. La banda sionista-terrorista judía Stern presentó una propuesta para perpetrar una matanza de los residentes del pueblo para mostrarles a los árabes lo que pasaba cuando las bandas Irgun y Stern se unían en sus operaciones. Uno de los objetivos del ataque era «romper la moral árabe» y sembrar el pánico a lo largo de Palestina. Deir Yassin domina Jerusalén desde su punto montañoso más alto. Tomar Deir Yassin era, militarmente, estratégico para los planes sionistas de vaciar Palestina de sus habitantes indígenas.

A primeras horas de la mañana del 9 de abril de 1948, el pacífico pueblo de Deir Yassin fue atacado y sus habitantes masacrados por las bandas sionistas-terroristas Irgun y Stern capitaneadas por Menajem Begin y Benzion Cohen respectivamente. Irgun y Stern mataron a todos los que se cruzaron en su camino, hombres, mujeres (algunas embarazadas) y niños, hasta vaciar el pueblo entero. La matanza se planeó para aterrorizar a los árabes más allá del pueblo de Deir Yassin, de forma que huyeran lejos y así los expulsaron de sus casas. Esto explica por qué los escuadrones de la muerte judíos sionistas no enterraron a los hombres, mujeres y niños que mataron. Dejaron los cadáveres expuestos para que asustaran a los demás árabes palestinos. Los que todavía estaban vivos fueron capturados por las bandas terroristas sionistas y cargados en camiones con las manos atadas y los ojos vendados. Desfilaban por las calles de Jerusalén mientras otros judíos sionistas aplaudían y celebraban la deshumanización de los árabes palestinos.

Después de la humillación de nuestra gente por las calles de Jerusalén, los devolvieron a Deir Yassin, los pusieron en fila contra el paredón y los asesinaron a tiros. Cincuenta y tres niños huérfanos fueron arrojados, literalmente, a lo largo de las murallas de la Ciudad Vieja de Jerusalén,

donde los encontró Hind Husseini, que los llevó a su casa, que estaba detrás del Hotel American Colony, y se convirtió en la primera especie de orfanato «Dar-al-Tifl al-Arabi».

Unas semanas después «Israel» se proclamó Estado y casi inmediatamente el presidente estadounidense Harry Truman lo reconoció como tal. Con la excepción de unas pocas, no se conocerán las tumbas de los mártires de Deir Yassin porque el «Estado de Israel» las excavó, al parecer para dejar paso a los nuevos colonos judíos. Nunca se castigó a los delincuentes terroristas que perpetraron la matanza de Deir Yassin ni fueron presentados ante la justicia. Al contrario, recibieron condecoraciones y un ex líder de la banda de Irgun, Menajem Begin, se convirtió en Primer Ministro poco después. Después, el bien conocido criminal de guerra Ariel Sharon, siguió llevando a cabo el lento genocidio, encendido por el proyecto sionista estadounidense-europeo contra los países árabes, que continúa hasta hoy. Morton A. Klein, de la Organización Sionista de América, publicó un informe titulado Deir Yassin «la historia de una mentira» en el que afirma que no hubo ninguna matanza en Deir Yassin. Negar Deir Yassin es como negar el judeicidio nazi en Europa durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. La matanza de Deir Yassin es tan verdadera como el holocausto nazi en Europa.

La del pueblo de Deir Yassin sólo fue una de las muchas matanzas perpetradas por los sionistas «israelíes» para aterrorizar a la población indígena. Otras ciudades y pueblos palestinos donde tuvieron lugar masacres fueron Ein Karem, Kakoun, Tantura, Yaffa, Safad, Sufsaf (115 personas fueron masacradas contra los muros de la Mezquita de Susaf), Haifa, Tirt Haifa, Jibsu y muchos más. Los residentes de Sufsaf fueron testigos de su segunda matanza en el campo de refugiados de Shatila en Líbano 34 años después, en 1982. El criminal de guerra Ariel Sharon fue el responsable directo de de esa matanza.

¡Al contrario de la creencia sionista de que «el viejo morirá y el joven olvidará», 60 años después, algunos de nuestros mayores pueden haber muerto, pero los jóvenes todavía recuerdan! Los descendientes de Deir Yassin, los refugiados palestinos y la gente en la tierra, en las casas y en cualquier parte continúan luchando por el momento en que podamos exigir nuestro derecho incuestionable y sagrado, individual y colectivo, a volver a nuestras casas y tierras de origen.

La Resolución 194 de la ONU reconoció el derecho de los palestinos de volver a sus casas y tierras. Esta resolución fue ratificada posteriormente por la Resolución 3236 de la Asamblea General de la ONU que reafirmó en la subsección 2 «el derecho inalienable de los palestinos a volver a sus casas y propiedades de las que habían sido desplazados y desarraigados, y exige su retorno». El «derecho al retorno» palestino es específicamente a sus casas originales y sus tierras y no simplemente a lo que quizá se denomine como un Estado Palestino en el futuro.

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Commemorating Deir Yassin, Palestine/60 Years Later

The following article will appear in the next issue of Al-Awda's newsletter: Until Return!

Commemorating Deir Yassin, Palestine 60 Years Later

By: Abbas Hamideh

April 9, 2008

My father, Fakhri Quasim Hamideh was a survivor of the Massacre at Deir Yassin on April 9th 1948. Like most Palestinian refugees, his greatest wish since his forced expulsion in 1948 was to one day be able to return to his village in Palestine. Unfortunately 53 years later, on February 7, 2001, while driving himself to his regular doctor visit, he passed away at an Israeli check point in Ramallah. My Father was receiving kidney dialysis treatment on a regular basis at the Ramallah Hospital. Due to the delay at the Israeli check point that day he could not get through in time. He went into cardiac arrest and passed away inside his vehicle despite all efforts trying to get through the check point. There were witnesses who explained this to the family including the Palestinian ambulance medics and hospital officials in Ramallah. We flew to Palestine the next day for burial procedures and met with the hospital administration. My Dad was laid to rest in Ramallah away from his village of Deir Yassin. His dream to Return was now passed on to his children, the descendants of his beloved village of Deir Yassin!

Brief History of Deir Yassin Before the Massacre

For centuries the village of Deir Yassin (3-miles West of Jerusalem) was a peaceful place in Palestine. The Arabic word Deir means monastery. In the early 18th Century around 1742 a nomadic Arab Bedouin and his family settled in this village. His name was Al-Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yassin. The village was named after Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yassin and known ever since as Deir Yassin.

The Massacre at Deir Yassin, April 9, 1948

In 1948, Zionist preparations for the massacre at Deir Yassin had begun. The Terrorist Zionist/Jewish Stern Gang put forward a proposal to massacre the residents of the village in order to show the Arabs what happens when the Irgun and Stern Gangs unite in their operations. One of the aims of the attack was to "break Arab morale" and create panic throughout Palestine. Deir Yassin overlooks Jerusalem from its high mountain point. Taking Deir Yassin was militarily strategic to Zionist plans to empty Palestine of its indigenous inhabitants.

In the early morning of April 9, 1948, the peaceful village of Deir Yassin was attacked and its inhabitants massacred by the Terrorist Zionist Irgun and Stern Gangs led by Manachem Begin and Benzion Cohen, respectively. The Irgun and Stern gangs butchered everyone in their way, men, woman (and some were pregnant), and children, to empty the entire village. The massacre was designed to terrify Arabs beyond the village of Deir Yassin so that they would run away and thus be driven out of their homes. This explains why the Zionist/Jewish death squads did not bury the men, woman and children they killed. They left the dead bodies to be seen and frighten other Palestinian Arabs. Those who were still alive were taken by the Zionist Terrorist gangs and loaded into trucks with their hands tied and eyes blindfolded. They were paraded through the streets of Jerusalem, while other Zionist/Jews applauded and celebrated the dehumanization of Palestinian Arabs.

After our people's humiliation through the streets of Jerusalem, they were taken back to Deir Yassin and lined-up against a wall and systematically sprayed with gunfire and killed. Fifty three orphaned children were literally dumped along the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, where they were found by Hind Husseini. She took them to her home, which is located behind the current American Colony Hotel, and they became the first class of "Dar-al-Tifl-al-Arabi" orphanage.

A few weeks later "Israel" declared itself a state and was recognized almost immediately as such by American President Harry Truman. With the exception of a few, the graves of the Martyrs of Deir Yassin will not be known because they were bulldozed by the "State of Israel" apparently to make way for new Jewish settlers. The Terrorist criminals who perpetrated the Deir Yassin massacre were never punished or brought to justice. Instead, they were rewarded and one former leader of the Irgun Gang, Menachem Begin, became Prime Minister soon after. Later, the renowned war criminal Ariel Sharon continued to carry out the slow genocide set in motion by the European/US Zionist project against Arab countries that continues until this day. Morton A. Klein, of the Zionist Organization of America, published a report entitled Deir Yassin "History of a Lie" that claims that there was no massacre at Deir Yassin. To deny Deir Yassin, is like denying the Nazi Judeocide in Europe during World War II. The massacre at Deir Yassin is as true as the Nazi holocaust in Europe.

The village of Deir Yassin was only one of many massacres perpetrated by the Zionist "Israelis" to terrorize the indigenous people. Other Palestinian towns and villages where massacres occurred include Ein Karem, Kakoun, Tantura, Yaffa, Safad, Sufsaf (115 people massacred at the wall of Susaf Mosque), Haifa, Tired Haifa, Jibsu and many more. The Sufsaf residents witnessed their second massacre in Shatila refugee camp in Lebanon 34 years later in 1982. The war criminal Ariel Sharon was directly responsible for that massacre.

Contrary to the Zionist belief that "the old will die and the young will forget," 60 years later some of our elders may have died, but the young still remember! The descendants of Deir Yassin, the Palestinian refugees and people on the ground at home and elsewhere continue to struggle for the time when we can claim our absolute, sacred, individual and collective Right to Return to our original homes and lands.

UN Resolution 194 affirmed the right of Palestinians to return to their homes and lands. This

resolution was further clarified by UN General Assembly Resolution 3236 which reaffirmed in Subsection 2: "the inalienable right of Palestinians to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted, and calls for their return." Palestinians "right to return" is specifically to their original homes and lands and not simply what maybe designated as a Palestinian State in the future.

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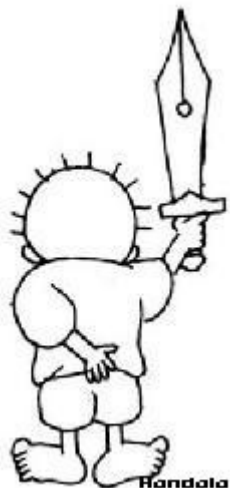


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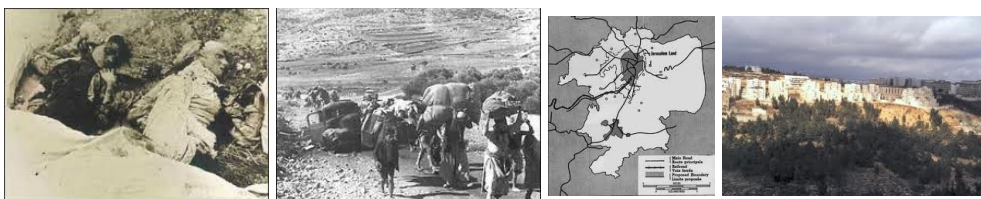
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"We Created Terror Among the Arabs" The Deir Yassin Massacre

The Deir Yassin Massacre

by WILLIAM MARTIN

On April 9, 1948, members of the underground Jewish terrorist group, the Irgun, or IZL, led by Menachem Begin, who was to become the Israeli prime minister in 1977, entered the peaceful Arab village of Deir Yassin, massacred 250 men, women, children and the elderly, and stuffed many of the bodies down wells. There were also reports of rapes and mutilations. The Irgun was joined by the Jewish terrorist group, the Stern Gang, led by Yitzhak Shamir, who subsequently succeeded Begin as prime minister of Israel in the early '80s, and also by the Haganah, the militia under the control of David Ben Gurion. The Irgun, the Stern Gang and the Haganah later joined to form the Israeli Defense Force. Their tactics have not changed.

The massacre at Deir Yassin was widely publicized by the terrorists and the numerous heaped corpses displayed to the media. In Jaffa, which was at the time 98 percent Arab, as well as in other Arab communities, speaker trucks drove through the streets warning the population to flee and threatening another Deir Yassin. Begin said at the time, "We created terror among the Arabs and all the villages around. In one blow, we changed the strategic situation."

From about 1938 on to the founding of Israel, Begin was the leader of the Irgun. That group regularly assassinated English soldiers in Palestine and frequently hung their booby-trapped bodies in public places. Under Begin, the Irgun blew up the King David Hotel in Jerusalem in 1946, killing 97 British civil servants. The Stern Gang, under Shamir, also assassinated the U.N. representative to Palestine, Count Bernadotte, in 1948.

But Deir Yassin was not the only massacre by the Israeli Defense Force. That army, under Moshe Dayan, took the unarmed and undefended village of al-Dawazma, located in the Hebron hills, massacred 80 to 100 of its residents, and threw their bodies into pits. "The children were killed by breaking their heads with sticks ... The remaining Arabs were then sealed in houses, as the village was systematically razed ..." (Nur Masalha, *The Historical Roots of the Palestinian Refugee Question*).

We read further. According to Yitzhak Rabin's biography:

We walked outside, Ben-Gurion accompanying us. Alon repeated his question: "What is

to be done with the population?" BG waved his hand in a gesture, which said: Drive them out! ... I agreed that it was essential to drive the inhabitants out.

Continuing the narrative, Ben-Gurion University historian Benny Morris writes in "Operation Dani and the Palestinian Exodus from Lydda and Ramle in 1948", Middle East Journal, 40

At 13.30 hours on 12 July [1948]... Lieutenant-Colonel Yitzhak Rabin, operation Dani head Operation, issued the following order: '1. The inhabitants of Lydda must be expelled quickly without attention to age. They should be directed to Beit Nabala,... Implement Immediately.' A similar order was issued at the same time to the Kiryati Brigade concerning the inhabitants of the neighboring town of Ramle, occupied by Kiryati troops that morning... On 12 and 13 July, the Yaftah brigades carried out their orders, expelling the 50-60,000 remaining inhabitants of and refugees camped in and around the two towns....

About noon on 13 July, Operation Dani HQ informed IDF General Staff/Operations: 'Lydda police fort has been captured. [The troops] are busy expelling the inhabitants.... Lydda's inhabitants were forced to walk eastward to the Arab legion lines; many of Ramle's inhabitants were ferried in trucks or buses. Clogging the roads... the tens of thousands of refugees marched, gradually shedding their worldly goods along the way. It was a hot summer day. The Arab chroniclers, such as Sheikh Muhammed Nimr al Khatib, claimed that hundreds of children died in the march, from dehydration and disease. One Israeli witness described the spoor: the refugee column 'to begin with [jettisoned] utensils and furniture and, in the end, bodies of men, women, and children.

There were many other such villages with Arabic names that have almost been expunged from memory—but not quite. These facts have always been known to some historians, however they have been consistently denied by the official Israeli histories, as, indeed, Israel has never taken any responsibility for the exodus of Palestinians from the land of the present state of Israel.

Within the last 10 to 20 years, however, there has been an exponential increase in historical studies of the origins of the state of Israel which have coincided with the release by Israel of many, but not all, of the historical and military archives. Ben-Gurion University historian Benny Morris, as well as others, have systematically mined these documents and found numerous instances of massacres, and, by the way, not one shred of evidence for the frequently repeated official Israeli lie that the Palestinians fled Palestine because the surrounding Arab states told them to.

In fact, according to UN estimates, which some say are conservative, 750,000 Palestinians fled the site of the present Jewish state in 1948. Those refugees and their descendents now number about 4.5 million and constitute the largest and longest standing refugee population in the world. Many live in squalid refugee camps distributed in the surrounding Arab states or in the West Bank or Gaza, many retain the titles to their land, recognized by the British before 1948 or the Ottomans before that, and many retain the keys to their front doors of their former homes in what is now Israel, whether or not those doors still exist.

The '67 War generated a second wave of about 300,000 refugees from the West Bank and Gaza who were either expelled through direct or psychological methods or fled the Israel aerial attacks on the territories which included the extensive use of napalm.

The reader is invited to read the [Hagana's Plan D](#), which has been available in English since the 1960s and was a military strategy of 1948 that entailed the evacuation of the Palestinian population from the areas of a future Jewish state.

Those who invoke the suicide bombings against mostly Israeli civilians to infer the righteousness of

the Israeli cause live in a twilight of psychic denial of an otherwise unambiguous historical record: the state of Israel was founded on terrorism and ethnic cleansing.

The suicide bombings inside Israel, the first of which only occurred in 1994, after 25 years of occupation, is only a side show. That is a symptom and long way from the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

There will never be a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict until Israel takes responsibility, under U.N. Resolution 194, calling for reparation of the Palestinian refugees, and recognizes the immense suffering it caused at that time. We need also to recognize the US is giving unqualified moral support to a state that is based on racial purity and one that is intrinsically expansionist.

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