

MAY 2020 PERSEVERING PALESTINIANS



The image was snapped at a protest against Israel's blockade of Gaza on October 22.
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A World War III pandemic has begun, and will wreak havoc for years. Just a hint of what Palestinians have been living with for decades. Let's list some items:

Living with Rage: This May 15th was the anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba (translated Catastrophe). From 1947 to 1949, 750,000 Palestinians became refugees. Zionist forces ethnically cleansed and destroyed about 530 villages and cities. In the process they killed about 15,000 Palestinians in a series of 70 massacres. Now Israel claims 85% of the land.

Living with Fear: A vibrant 85 year old Palestinian friend of mine in Seattle lived in Jerusalem as a girl. In the summer of 1946, 12 year old Huda visited a friend who lived across from the King David Hotel. They were chatting on the girl's front steps when there was a large explosion at the hotel. They saw the south wing, which housed the British administration of Palestine crumble. 91 were killed by a bomb planted by the Irgun. This Zionist terror organization was trying to get Britain to give up control of Palestine. Huda's family fled to Egypt. Months later the Zionists succeeded in gaining control of 56% of historic Palestine and the state of Israel was born.

Living with Untruths: Words are used to cleverly to rewrite history. Israel has boasted for decades that Palestine was "land without a people for a people without a land." When Palestinians are referred to as "a people without a culture," young impressionable Israeli minds can easily accept that. The truth is that thousands of Palestinian libraries, private collections, great art, and music have been eliminated. Israel Defense Force (IDF) is a deception for extremely aggressive army forces that conveniently label their opponents as "terrorists" when Israel is the true aggressor.

David vs. Goliath: Palestinians have knives, stones, slings, and "bottle rockets." Israel has armored vehicles, tear gas, white phosphorus, rifles, machine guns, fortified walls, guided missiles, drones, helicopters, warships, and nuclear bombs. America has annually pledged

Israel 3.8 billion in aid and military hardware a year. This year the U.S. pledged the Territories 5 million to fight the virus, but cut off millions of dollars of UN aid to refugees.

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