

Palestinian Leadership and the Failure of Peace

Sent to the BN:

Dr. Qazi's column on the catastrophes that befell the Arabs when the United Nations recognized Israel as a Jewish State in 1948 can elicit sympathy - but not if you know the facts.

It was the Arab leaders who told their fellow Palestinians to leave, to get out of the way, because they were going to attack Israel. The Arabs were clear in their intention. The Secretary General of the Arab League threatened there would be a massacre greater than that carried out by the Mongols if the Jews living in Palestine declared themselves an independent state. Qazi's "nakbah" (catastrophe) was actually the failure of the Arab forces of Palestine, together with the armies of five Arab states, to massacre Jews. However, the Nakba did succeed in murdering over 6000 Israelis, about one percent of Israel's population at that time.

Dr. Qazi should question the dozens of Muslim countries with a land mass roughly one-quarter of the Earth's total surface to see why Palestinians aren't welcomed there. On the other hand, no one asks how tiny Israel, the size of New Jersey, absorbed almost one million Jews fleeing massacres from Arab countries during the same time period.

Perhaps Dr. Qazi can explain why the Palestinian leadership turned down multiple offers for statehood. Is it because the real goal is destroy Israel?

Only when the Palestinians reach out their hand in friendship to the Jewish people will these self-induced Palestinian catastrophes end.

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