Now there is no electricity, all water is turned off, no food, no hospitals, nowhere to hide from the bombing, most roads are closed with rubble from destroyed buildings, no transportation and nowhere to go, all borders are closed.

No Jewish person should have died, but just like in the US, 9/11, Israeli government also sacrifices their own people without blinking an eye. Hamas was installed by Israel years ago; this is a known fact. We've seen it for years, one dead Israeli equal 100 dead Palestinians. The times has come to tell the truth. The Jewish people are not responsible for their government, massacres, only their own government is. We have all seen the protest of the Jewish population against their own government in Israel. Many Jewish people also protested for many years against the treatment of the Palestinians by their own Israeli government who without warning simply bulldozed Palestinian homes.

For once we all have to be honest to ourselves and speak up. Before we were born nobody ask us as what religion we want to be in life. We're all humans, bleeding red, have feelings, want to be free and enjoy life as it was meant to be.

Israeli journalist Gideon Levy reflects on the Israeli arrogance that allowed it to think it could ignore horrible injustices toward Gazans forever, and get away with it. by Gideon Levy, reposted from Ha'aretz, October 9, 2023

Behind all this lies Israeli arrogance; the idea that we can do whatever we like, that we'll never pay the price and be punished for it. We'll carry on undisturbed.

We'll arrest, kill, harass, dispossess and protect the settlers busy with their pogroms. We'll visit Joseph's Tomb, Othniel's Tomb and Joshua's Altar in the Palestinian territories, and of course the Temple Mount – over 5,000 Jews on Sukkot alone.

We'll fire at innocent people, take out people's eyes and smash their faces, expel, confiscate, rob, grab people from their beds, carry out ethnic cleansing and of course continue with the unbelievable siege of the Gaza Strip, and everything will be all right.

We'll build a terrifying obstacle around Gaza – the underground wall alone cost 3 billion shekels (\$765 million) – and we'll be safe. We'll rely on the geniuses of the army's 8200 cyber-intelligence unit and on the Shin Bet security service agents who know everything. They'll warn us in time.

We'll transfer half an army from the Gaza border to the Hawara border in the West Bank, only to protect far-right lawmaker Zvi Sukkot and the settlers. And everything will be all right, both in Hawara and at the Erez crossing into Gaza.

It turns out that even the world's most sophisticated and expensive obstacle can be breached with a smoky old bulldozer when the motivation is great. This arrogant barrier can be crossed by bicycle and moped despite the billions poured into it and all the famous experts and fat-cat contractors.

We thought we'd continue to go down to Gaza, scatter a few crumbs in the form of tens of thousands of Israeli work permits – always contingent on good behavior – and still keep them in prison. We'll make peace with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and the Palestinians will be forgotten until they're erased, as quite a few Israelis would like.

We'll keep holding thousands of Palestinian prisoners, sometimes without trial, most of them political prisoners. And we won't agree to discuss their release even after they've been in prison for decades.

We'll tell them that only by force will their prisoners see freedom. We thought we would arrogantly keep rejecting any attempt at a diplomatic solution, only because we don't want to deal with all that, and everything would continue that way forever.

Once again it was proved that this isn't how it is. A few hundred armed Palestinians breached the barrier and invaded Israel in a way no Israeli imagined was possible. A few hundred people proved that it's impossible to imprison 2 million people forever without paying a cruel price.

Just as the smoky old Palestinian bulldozer tore through the world's smartest barrier Saturday, it tore away at Israel's arrogance and complacency. And that's also how it tore away at the idea that it's enough to occasionally attack Gaza with suicide drones – and sell them to half the world – to maintain security.

On Saturday, Israel saw pictures it has never seen before. Palestinian vehicles patrolling its cities, bike riders entering through the Gaza gates. These pictures tear away at that arrogance. The Gaza Palestinians have decided they're willing to pay

any price for a moment of freedom. Is there any hope in that? No. Will Israel learn its lesson? No.

On Saturday they were already talking about wiping out entire neighborhoods in Gaza, about occupying the Strip and punishing Gaza "as it has never been punished before." But Israel hasn't stopped punishing Gaza since 1948, not for a moment.

After 75 years of abuse, the worse possible scenario awaits it once again. The threats of "flattening Gaza" prove only one thing: We haven't learned a thing. The arrogance is here to stay, even though Israel is paying a high price once again.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu bears very great responsibility for what happened, and he must pay the price, but it didn't start with him and it won't end after he goes. We now have to cry bitterly for the Israeli victims, but we should also cry for Gaza.

Gaza, most of whose residents are refugees created by Israel. Gaza, which has never known a single day of freedom.

Jewish Israeli journalist Amira Hass, who has for years criticized Israel's oppression of Palestinians, reminds us, "Ongoing oppression and injustice explode at unexpected times and places." When bombs are dropping all around you, do you embrace your wretched life, or pray for death?

Between January 2008 and September 2023, according to the U.N., a total of <u>308</u> <u>Israelis</u> were killed by Palestinian groups. Of those, 131 were members of the Israel Defense Forces and 177 were civilians (90 of whom were settlers on Palestinian land), including 25 children. In that same time frame, the U.N. reports <u>6,407</u> <u>Palestinians</u> killed by the IDF, about 21 times the number of Israeli casualties. Of those, over 2,000 were women and children. The Western audience has grown accustomed to this casualty imbalance, which usually includes, on top of the loss of life, the destruction of whatever Gazan infrastructure remains from the previous Israeli bombing campaign. Yet Palestinian casualties almost never warrant any type of lip service from any mainstream politicians or outlets.

RABBI DOVID FELDMAN: "THE STATE OF ISRAEL DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL JEWS" Rabbi Dovid Feldman, spokesperson for Neturei Karta, an international Orthodox Jewish anti-Zionist group addresses a crowd in downtown Montreal in reaction to the Israeli government turning off Gaza's electricity and water. Israel's blockade of Gaza is a criminal undertaking: Gaza is a concentration camp, the World's largest open air prison from which no one can escape.

Two million Palestinians live under an Israeli siege. Israel controls the entry of essential goods including food, water, energy and medicine. Israel also controls Gaza's territorial waters in derogation of international law.

The Zionist project supports the Jewish settlement movement. More broadly it involves a policy of killing, impoverishing and excluding Palestinians from Palestine with a view to eventually implementing the annexation of both the West Bank and Gaza to the State of Israel:

Today, six million Palestinians dispersed in various refugee camps are denied the right of return to their ancestral Palestine; the other six million lived under occupation in Gaza and the West Bank. For twelve years, two million Palestinians have been imprisoned under a brutal land and sea military blockade in Gaza.

During this time there were three major military assaults where Gaza was relentlessly bombed for weeks. Recently, since 30 March 2018, unarmed Gaza demonstrators calling for the Right of Return are shot at with high grade military assault rifles leaving more than 124 dead and 13,000 severely wounded with hundreds of amputees and potential amputees. (Dr Swee Ang, <u>Global Research</u>, July 2018

The crimes committed by Israel against the people of Palestine, with the tacit support of Western governments must be addressed in the broader context of the criminalization of war.