

The dichotomy between the overwhelming international support for the establishment of an independent, sovereign and contiguous Palestinian State and the continued suffering of the Palestinian people under the prolonged Israeli occupation persists particularly because of the short-sighted vision of Israeli leaders.

The Israeli strategy is based on creating facts on the ground to render the envisaged Palestinian state consisting of a number of disconnected Israeli-dominated ghettos, which may even be called the United Empire of Great Palestine.

Israel's stubbornness will eventually prove fatal for its own design. The continued Israeli policies and practices particularly the unabated grab of Palestinian land render the two state solution unattainable something which would lead eventually to its alternative; namely the South Africa solution of one state with equal rights for all its citizens. Israel is axing its Zionist roots.

Israel, the occupier and aggressive military power, excels at depicting itself as a threatened state. Foreign occupation is a prescription for resistance. Occupied Palestine has the right to defend itself and its people as well as to get rid of the Israeli occupation. Palestine has the right to live in peace and security free of the Israeli military boots.

The extraordinary support extended to Israel despite its colonial occupation of Palestine, the Syrian Golan and Lebanese land warrants contemplating answers to the following questions:

Given that millions of civilians perished during the Second World War including the population of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, why only the suffering of Jews is given prominence and treated as holier than the holy guarded by legal measures? Do Jews have a monopoly on suffering? Why the Israeli-inflicted suffering of the Palestinian people is not treated at par?

As Jews had suffered in Europe, why they have been transformed into persecutors in Palestine? Is it a psychological syndrome and / or a manifestation of colonisation?

Let us hope that the promise to establish the independent, sovereign and contiguous State of Palestine by the end of this year will be fulfilled.