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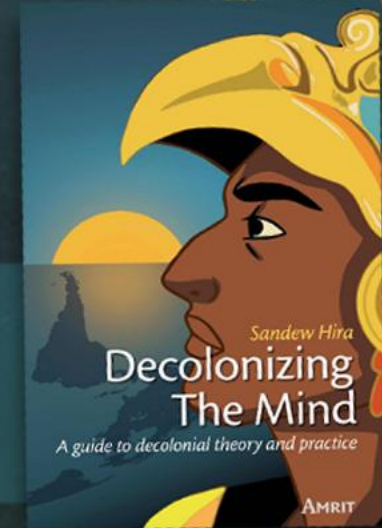
World Affairs

A decolonial analysis of current world affairs

The Israeli response to the attack of October 7, 2023



Decolonizing The Mind,
the final frontier of colonialism
with Sandew Hira



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Ubuntu: in teaching you I educate myself

- ❑ Israeli Defense Force (IDF) = Israeli Occupation Force (IOF). Terminology and the construction of lies
- ❑ My sources
 - ❑ Websites of main players: USA, UK, Israel, Iran, R. Hezbollah
 - ❑ Other analysts
 - ❑ My digital library of PDF
 - ❑ My database of notes

Episode 001 freedom or nuclear war

<https://www.memri.org/reports/palestinian-terror-organizations-are-duplicating-gaza-strip-fighting-methods-west-bank>

Recently, there has been an escalation in efforts by Palestinian terror organizations, led by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), to establish themselves in the West Bank and set up a military infrastructure to conduct terror attacks and armed struggle against Israel from there. This is evident primarily in a) the cooperation among the various armed factions and the prevalent terror activity in the refugee camps being carried out by terrorist militias such as the Jenin Brigade and Lion's Den; b) in the significant increase in terror activity emanating from the West Bank, particularly Jenin; c) in explicit public statements by terror organization leaders concerning escalating terror activity in the West Bank, and d) in the undermining of the Palestinian Authority's control and governance in Jenin refugee camp, which was highlighted by Israel's July 3-5 Operation Home and Garden military incursion into Jenin.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvx2mmXG_B8&t=1254s

What Will Israel's Next War Look Like? with Mordechai Kedar

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/ex-idf-general-likens-military-control-of-west-bank-to-nazi-germany/>

<https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2023/08/19/709247/Israeli-settlers-shooting-West-Bank>

The Palestinian man is believed by the Israeli army to have approached the carwash on foot and opened fire at the two Israeli men with a handgun, according to a preliminary investigation. It was unclear how the assailant fled.

<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/the-palestinian-occupation-authority/>

how the PA offers paid jobs to resistance fighters

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/9/whats-the-israel-palestine-conflict-about-a-simple-guide>

November 2, 1917, Britain's then-foreign secretary, Arthur Balfour, wrote a letter addressed to Lionel Walter Rothschild, a figurehead of the British Jewish community. It committed the British government to "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" and to facilitating "the achievement of this object". A British

The Israeli response to October 7

- ❑ The immediate response of the population
- ❑ The immediate response of the leadership
- ❑ The long term response of the leadership

The immediate response of the population

- ❑ Panic
- ❑ Disbelieve
- ❑ Total insecurity
- ❑ Focus on family survival
- ❑ Disintegration of social fabric: north of Israel/Lebanon: villagers are leaving their villages
- ❑ Those who stay become completely radicalized: erase Palestinians from the face of the earth
- ❑ Lost trust in leadership

MEMRI President Yigal Carmon: a realist

Interviewer: "You say that Israel should release those [Palestinian] prisoners, in exchange for the hostages held in Gaza?" ¶

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Carmon: "In exchange for all the people who were kidnapped, all the wounded [hostages], all the raped women, everybody held by them. We'll take them back, and they can take all their..." ¶

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Interviewer: "But this might be seen by the world as a defeat of the IDF and Israel..." ¶

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Carmon: "The defeat already happened. We cannot tell ourselves anything else. Even if we exact revenge from them – and I am sure we will – the defeat will not go away. It is here to stay. What is left for us to do is to save the poor people held by them, so we can tell their families that we have offered everything, that there was nothing else for us to offer." ¶

MEMRI =Middle East Media Research Institute. Carmon joined the IDF in 1968 and served in the Intelligence Corps until 1988

The immediate response of the leaders

Middle East

Israel's new war cabinet vows to wipe Hamas off the earth

Reuters

October 12, 2023 1:35 AM GMT+2 · Updated 19 days ago



Gaza ground operation approved unanimously: Netanyahu

JERUSALEM, Palestine

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday that the decision to expand ground operations in the Gaza Strip was approved unanimously by the members of the war Cabinet.

Addressing a joint press conference along with Defense Minister Yoav Galant, and Emergency Government Minister Benny Gantz, Netanyahu stated: "We are only at the beginning of the journey. The battle in the Gaza Strip will be tough and protracted, and we are prepared for it."

He described the ongoing war on Gaza as "an existential test for Israel. This is our second war of independence."

He continued: "In the first weeks of the war, we crushed the enemy massively to help our forces enter the ground more safely. This war will be the mission of our lives."

Regarding Hamas' proposal for a prisoners' exchange deal, Netanyahu said the war Cabinet debated the proposal, "but discussing it now will not help."

To a question about who was responsible for the military and intelligence failure on Oct. 7, Netanyahu said: "After the war, we all must provide answers to difficult questions. There has been major negligence, and this will be investigated thoroughly."

How to destroy Hamas

- ❑ Relentless bombing of Gaza: genocide
- ❑ Ground war in Gaza
- ❑ Draw US into the war
- ❑ International support

The Hannibal directive

The order allows commanders to take whatever action is necessary, including endangering the life of an abducted soldier, to foil the abduction, however it does not allow for a soldier to be killed in order to prevent his abduction, according to the IDF chief of staff, [Benny Gantz](#).^[1]

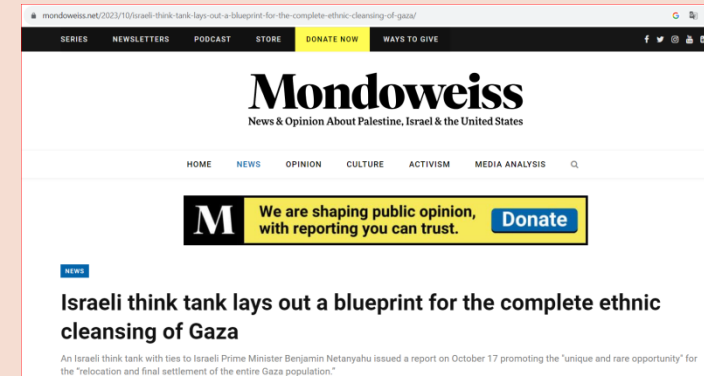
Hannibal, general of Cartagenian (Tunisia) army against Roman empire: preferred suicide by poison rather than being taken prisoner by his Roman enemies

Long term objective: ethnic cleansing

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In the plan being proposed by the Intelligence Ministry, Palestinians in Gaza would be displaced from Gaza to the northern Egyptian Sinai peninsula. In the report, the ministry described different options for what comes after an invasion of Gaza and the option deemed as "liable to provide positive and long-lasting strategic results" was the transfer of Gaza residents to Sinai. The move entails three steps: the creation of tent cities southwest of the Gaza Strip; the construction of a humanitarian corridor to "assist the residents"; and finally, the building of cities in northern Sinai. In parallel, a "sterile zone", several kilometers wide, would be established within Egypt, south of the Israeli border, "so that the evacuated residents would not be able to return".



The screenshot shows the Mondoweiss website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for SERIES, NEWSLETTERS, PODCAST, STORE, DONATE NOW, and WAYS TO GIVE. The main header features the Mondoweiss logo and the tagline "News & Opinion About Palestine, Israel & the United States". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, NEWS, OPINION, CULTURE, ACTIVISM, and MEDIA ANALYSIS. A prominent banner reads "We are shaping public opinion, with reporting you can trust." with a "Donate" button. The main article headline is "Israeli think tank lays out a blueprint for the complete ethnic cleansing of Gaza". Below the headline is a sub-headline: "An Israeli think tank with ties to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a report on October 17 promoting the 'unique and rare opportunity' for the 'relocation and final settlement of the entire Gaza population.'"

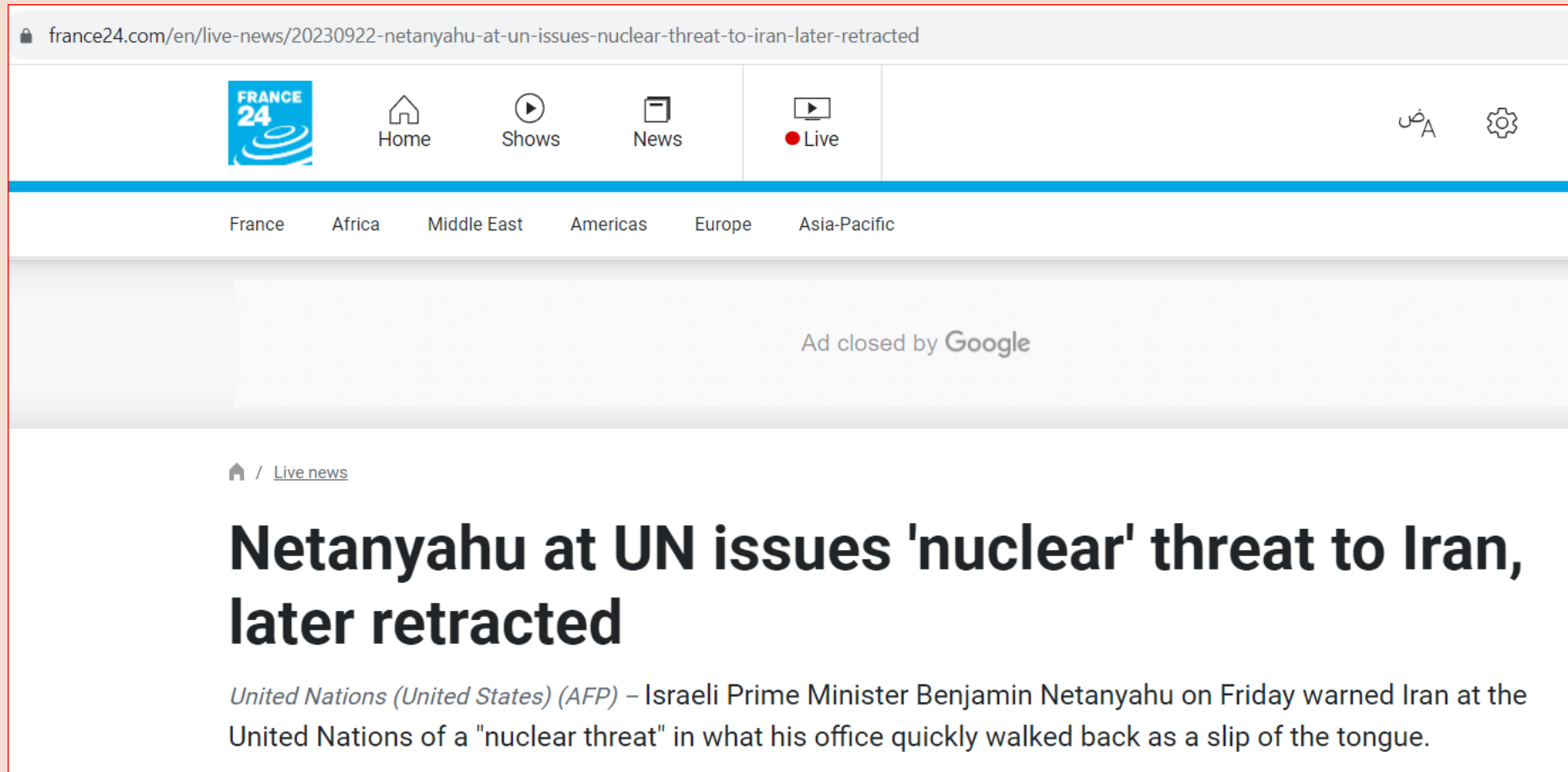
The policy of bragging

- ❑ We will invade Gaza in days
- ❑ We will flood the tunnels with chemical weapons (nerve gas)
- ❑ Marcon: we will set up an international force to fight Hamas

The source added that the US Delta Force will oversee "large quantities of nerve gas being pumped into Hamas tunnels, capable of paralysing the bodily movement for a period of time between six and 12 hours.

The policy of nuclear threat

The most important force behind Hamas: Iran



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a news article on the France 24 website. The URL in the address bar is france24.com/en/live-news/20230922-netanyahu-at-un-issues-nuclear-threat-to-iran-later-retracted. The page features the France 24 logo and navigation icons for Home, Shows, News, and Live. A secondary navigation bar lists regional categories: France, Africa, Middle East, Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific. Below the navigation is a placeholder for an advertisement that has been closed, with the text "Ad closed by Google". The main content area shows the breadcrumb "Home / Live news" followed by the article title "Netanyahu at UN issues 'nuclear' threat to Iran, later retracted" in a large, bold font. Below the title is a short summary: "United Nations (United States) (AFP) – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday warned Iran at the United Nations of a 'nuclear threat' in what his office quickly walked back as a slip of the tongue."

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Netanyahu at UN issues 'nuclear' threat to Iran, later retracted

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How to destroy Iran: nuclear war

Table 10.1. World nuclear forces, January 2021

All figures are approximate and are estimates based on assessments by the authors. The estimates presented here are based on publicly available information and contain some uncertainties, as reflected in the notes to tables 10.1–10.10.

State	Year of first nuclear test	Deployed warheads ^a	Stored warheads ^b	Other warheads	Total inventory
United States	1945	1 800 ^c	2 000 ^d	1 750 ^e	5 550
Russia	1949	1 625 ^f	2 870 ^g	1 760 ^e	6 255
United Kingdom	1952	120	105	–	225 ^h
France	1960	280	10 ⁱ	..	290
China	1964	–	350	–	350
India	1974	–	156	..	156
Pakistan	1998	–	165	..	165
Israel	..	–	90	..	90
North Korea	2006	–	..	[40–50]	[40–50] ^j
Total^k		3 825	5 745	3 510	13 080

.. = not applicable or not available; – = nil or a negligible value; [] = uncertain figure.

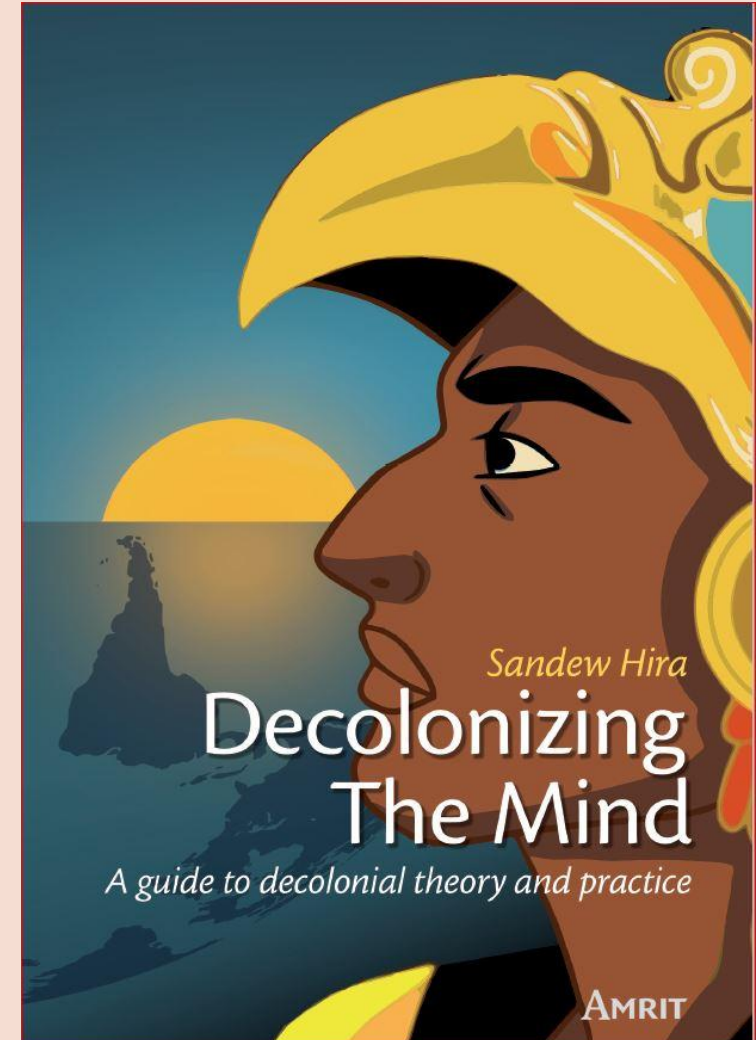
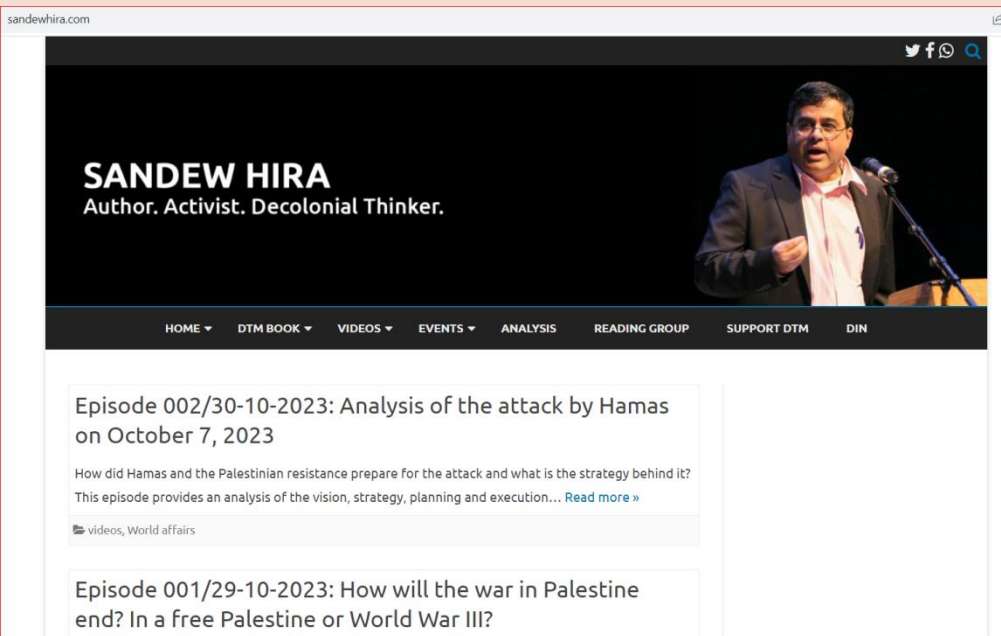
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- ❑ The role of Iran in the liberation struggle of Palestine
- ❑ The role of Iran in the anti-imperialist struggle



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