

slavery with an individual and a community is that mental slavery with individuals impacts their knowledge and attitude and with communities it impacts the public memory and the economic, political, social and cultural institutions of that community. The difference between mental slavery with the colonizer and the colonized is that mental slavery with the colonized is aimed at having the colonized accept their position of subjugation while with the colonizer the aim is to strengthen his confidence to successfully subjugate the colonized.

3. It must make an analysis of the techniques that are used to colonize the mind. Define the aim of the technique and describe and analyze how they operate in the process of the colonization of the mind.

An empirical study into the mechanisms of the colonization of the mind through case studies is quite a huge endeavor. It is important and it should be done.

#### 4.3.1.2 *The method of studying handbooks for the colonization of the mind*

There are actually handbooks of colonizers that go into how to colonize the mind. I came across one from Zionist settler colonialists in Palestine. In order to understand the handbook, it is necessary to study the history of the colonization of Palestine. The Holocaust brought the plight of the Jewish people to the fore of humanity. But in a peculiar twist of history the historical injustice committed *against* the Jewish people turned into a historical injustice committed *by* the Jewish people: the colonization of Palestine. The project of colonization started long before the Holocaust. In 1902 Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism, wrote a letter to Cecil Rhodes, the Minister of Colonies of Great Britain in which he asked him for his support for the colonization of Palestine. Herzl wrote: “*You are being invited to help make history. It doesn’t involve Africa, but a piece of Asia Minor; not Englishmen but Jews... How, then, do I happen to turn to you since this is an out-of-the-way matter for you? How indeed? Because it is something colonial.*”<sup>130</sup>

The colonization of Palestine for the Jewish population started well before the Holocaust. Palestine, part of the Ottoman empire, was populated by Palestinians from different faiths, mostly Muslims. In 1917 the British launched an attack against the Ottomans and captured Palestine. On entering the city of Jerusalem British general Edmund Allenby declared: “*The wars of the Crusades are now complete.*”<sup>131</sup> Palestine was now a British colony.

Fifteen years after Herzl’s letter the Jewish lobby was able to successfully press the British Foreign Secretary, Arthur Balfour, to make a declaration on November 9, 1917, in which he announced: “*His Majesty’s Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object.*”<sup>132</sup>

The Zionist colonization of Palestine began with a systematic increase of the Jewish population through immigration. In 1917 Jews constituted 3% of the Palestinian population. Under British rule Jewish immigration led to an increase of their share

to 30% in 1938.<sup>133</sup> Already in this period Zionists had purchased land, uprooted Palestinian farmers with the protection of the British and taken control of the economy with the support of capital from the Jewish Diaspora. This led to repeated revolts by the Palestinians in 1920, 1921, 1929 and a big revolt between 1936 and 1939. A brutal repression of that revolt by the British with the active assistance of Jewish paramilitary forces led to 19,792 Arab casualties, of which 5,032 were fatalities. After World War II, the Zionist colonization of Palestine that began before the Holocaust gained a disastrous momentum when Zionist paramilitary forces started a guerrilla campaign against the British army in order to establish a Jewish state and a terror campaign against the Palestinians in order to expel them from their homes and land. On May 14, 1948, they proclaimed the establishment of a Jewish state on Palestinian land. By the end of the Zionist terror campaign, 700,000 Palestinians had been driven out of Palestine. Their houses and lands were taken over by Jews who came from Europe and the US. People who were born and raised in New York, Amsterdam, London or Paris went to Palestine and occupied the land and houses of Palestinians whose ancestors had lived there for thousands of years.

This historical injustice was carried out with brutal force and was ultimately condoned and supported by Western powers. Much of the German reparations funds of US\$ 70 billion went to Israel. Between 1949 and 2020, the USA has provided Israel with US\$ 147 billion in all kinds of aid, of which the largest contributions came from the Obama administration.<sup>134</sup> For a long time, large sections of the population in the West supported this historical injustice because of the horrors of the Holocaust. The suffering of the Palestinian people was not acknowledged by them. But times are changing.

*"Since the foundation of the state of Israel and particularly in the last decade, there has been a dangerous and steady erosion in international perceptions regarding the legitimacy of Israel. At the same time, there is an erosion of support for Israel on particular issues in both the United States and Europe. The two problems are intimately related. The crisis is more serious in Europe than in the USA. There is not yet an Israel public relations disaster in the USA, where support levels generally hover between 50 and 63%, but even there, the problem cannot be ignored."<sup>135</sup>*

This statement comes from the *Israel Advocacy Handbook* (IAH). It is a guide on how to colonize the mind in favor of justifying the Zionists' crimes against the Palestinian people. It is a great source to study the techniques of colonizing the mind.

Step one in the methodology is defining the place and time. The techniques for colonizing the mind should be studied in a particular place and time in history. The IAH focuses its efforts in two regions: the countries in Europe and the USA that used to support Israel. It came about when a clear decline in the support started to take place in the first two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. So it does not even relate to the colonized people of Palestine. It is not about colonizing the minds of the Palestinians.

Step two in the methodology is to define the object of mental slavery (whose mind is going to be colonized?) and the subject of mental slavery (the one doing the colonization). IAH has a clear goal. *"Jews constitute about 2% of the U.S. population,*

and are even a smaller minority in Europe,” it argues. “It is absurd and hopeless to try to build an advocacy network or a movement based exclusively on this tiny and often socially isolated minority... We have to reach the vast majority of people, who are not Jewish.”<sup>136</sup> So the target groups for the colonization of the mind are people in Europe and the USA who should pressure their governments to support Israel.

The support of the apartheid state of Israel in the West is organized by institutions like universities, media and other cultural institutions. But that support is not very effective in the long run. So IAH looks for a more effective approach, the creation of an army of dedicated volunteers: “This handbook is meant for Israel advocates, primarily volunteers... Advocacy is best done by devoted amateurs who are convinced that their cause is right. An ideal or an ideology cannot be sold with gimmicks as if it was hand cream or breakfast cereal. If you don’t believe in the ideals, you will not be able to convince anyone else.”<sup>137</sup> IAH provides them with tools to do their work.

The main technique for the colonization of the mind for Zionists is the manipulation of the emotions about the Holocaust to justify the historic injustice of the creation of the state of Israel. IAH states: “In 1948 and since, Zionist advocacy used the Holocaust extensively as an emotional tool and as a rationale for “justifying” the need for a Jewish state. The Holocaust was a tragic illustration of the correctness of Zionist doctrine, but it should not be referred to as the “reason” for creating a Jewish state, It is not a good reason and it was not the reason for Zionism, which began long before.”<sup>138</sup> IAH is candid about the manipulation of emotions about the Holocaust to justify the genocide of Palestinians. But the manipulation has limited effect. There is a better, classical, technique that all colonizers use: present colonization as progress and liberation, as modernity and civilization, as liberation and democracy. According to IAH “Israel and Zionism are not just about Jews. They are about freedom, social progress, democracy and other ideals that appeal to large groups in the Western world. Our message has to be couched in these terms.”<sup>139</sup>

Once you grasp the core idea for colonizing the mind - present a crime as progress and something positive - than you should know how to deal with exposition of the crimes: shift the focus away from the crime. IAH continues: “You are in the ‘business’ of advocating for the rights of the Jewish people. You are not primarily in the business of explaining the latest actions of the Israeli government. You should not get bogged down in denying the latest atrocity stories invented by anti-Israel groups... you need to focus on the main goal and not allow yourself to be entirely distracted by red herrings and marginally relevant issues.”<sup>140</sup> So, whenever someone comes up with facts about the crimes that Zionists commit today, shift the focus away from the crime to something positive: freedom, social progress, democracy. Don’t get bogged down in defending the criminal actions of the government. Keep the focus on the key issue: the Jewish people have the right to realize their self-determination in the land of Israel; they have the right to be a free people in their own land. IAH understands very well what a shift in focus means: “If one accepts the Arab Premise ... that Jews are only a religion and have no right to self determination, then Israel indeed ‘discriminates’ against people of other religions or outsiders with ‘racist’ immigration laws.”<sup>141</sup>

A peculiar form of shifting the focus is going from the defensive to the offensive. Attack is the best defense. If you are attacked in a weak spot with a “deliberately loaded question”, then don’t answer the question itself, but go on the offensive. IAH states: *“If the opponent yells about ‘Israel Apartheid,’ stand on Israel’s record of democracy and integration... Ask them to explain why Christians are separated and suffer persecution in virtually every Arab and Muslim country, why Egyptian religious leaders declared that it is a sin to build a church. Ask them if their use of the false ‘Apartheid’ slogan indicates that they are opposed to the existence of Israel as a Jewish national home, rather than to any particular Israeli policy. Use the opportunity to draw them out and expose their real views, which are often extremist and racist, and hide behind a veneer of “progressive” rhetoric. Get them to explain enthusiastically that they support a one-state solution and genocide of the Jews, that the Jews control the media, that the Jews are somehow inferior or that ‘Hitler was right.’”*<sup>142</sup>

IAH aims to build an army of activists who can get actively involved in colonizing the minds of people in Europe and the USA. Once the basic strategy is clear, they can develop plans for campaigns, demonstrations, advertisements and flyer-distribution. IAH provides a checklist:

- Define the goal.
- Choose a target for your campaign.
- Measure success and monitor progress.
- Identify and segment the target audience.
- Frame the issue and your group.
- Present your issue convincingly and effectively.

Colonization is war. Enslaving the mind is an act of war. So use the techniques of war to colonize the mind. IAH explains that in a chapter titled “*Advocacy as war*”: *“The war is conducted using all the strategies and principles that are set forth in books of strategy beginning with the ‘Art of War’ by Sun Tzu. The most important ones to remember are:*

- *Form alliances.*
- *Maintain unity and discipline.*
- *Concentrate your forces.*
- *Divide the enemy,*
- *When at all possible, choose the battleground and the time - be proactive.*
- *Attack where the enemy is weakest.*
- *Be on the lookout for opportunities and exploit them.*
- *Follow up and reinforce successes.*
- *Do not defend hopeless positions.*
- *When you are strong, act weak.*
- *When you are weak, act strong.”*<sup>143</sup>

The IAH is a manual for Zionist activists to manipulate the minds of people in Europe and the USA in order to support the apartheid state of Israel and the

occupation of Palestinian land and the oppression of the Palestinian people. It was published in 2009. But despite its well-written style and systematic and simple explanation, its activists have not been successful compared to other activists that support the liberation struggle of Palestine.

In assessing the effect of pro-Zionist agenda, IAH speaks of an “*absurd situation in which Israel is made to look like a rights violator in comparison with one party, totalitarian, brutal, reactionary dictatorships such as Syria, Libya and Iran.*”<sup>144</sup> After more than seven decades of massive economic, military and ideological support from Western government and their allies for Israel the legitimacy of Israel is questioned now more than ever. How is this possible? The most important factor is the character of the Palestinian people. Against all odds they have refused to accept defeat and have kept on resisting the occupation of their land. They are going through hell and are suffering every day, yet they steadfastly refuse to surrender their rights to freedom and self-determination. That spirit has led other people and movements to build the international infrastructure for support. And one element of that support is bringing out the information about the colonization of Palestine as part of the struggle to decolonize the mind. Bringing out the facts, figures and human stories of oppression and confronting the decades long disinformation campaigns have proven to be very effective in delegitimizing the apartheid state of Israel. There is still a long way to go before the apartheid state will disappear, but like in South Africa and the United States where apartheid existed for a longer period there will come a time when the minds of the people of Europe and the USA will change to such an extent that they can exert enough pressure to end the support of their government for Zionism.

Maybe there are similar handbooks in the office of Western intelligence services. Mike Pompeo, former director of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 2017-2018 admitted to an audience from Texas A&M University on April 15, that the agency especially trains employees to lie, cheat and steal. Pompeo: “*When I was a cadet, what’s the cadet motto at West Point? You will not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do. I was the CIA director. We lied, we cheated, we stole. We had entire training courses.*”<sup>145</sup> It would be interesting to study these courses to get an idea of how mechanisms in the colonization of the mind are used in a conscientious manner.

#### 4.3.1.3 *The method of studying the institutions of knowledge transfer*

Concepts that fill the colonized mind are transferred through cultural institutions, the second layer in the colonization of the mind. These concepts are produced in the first layer of the colonization the mind: knowledge production. The cultural institutions popularize the concepts.

In the transfer of knowledge from the first to the second layer the concepts are reduced to basic ideas in the current historical period we live in. These basic ideas are:

1. The world consists of good and evil people and institutions. The good people and institutions are the ones that follow Western norms and values, that are presented as universal norms and values. The evil people and institutions are the ones resisting these norms and values.

the idea that there are two states with the name “China”, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of China (ROC). It is also against the idea that China and Taiwan form two separate countries.

Taiwan has two major political parties. The Kuomintang eventually wants a reunification with China. The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) wants complete independence from China. China has repeatedly argued that Taiwan is an inseparable part of mainland China and will be integrated into the PRC with or without force. The US formally adhered to the One China policy in a statement on February 27, 1972, on the last evening of President Richard Nixon’s visit to China. However, as the DPP pushes more and more for recognition of Taiwan’s independence, president Joe Biden has shifted the US position on the One China Policy. On the one hand he pays lip service to this position, on the other hand he clearly states that in the event of a military take-over of Taiwan by PRC the US would militarily intervene to defend Taiwan.

So developments in Taiwan and the South China Sea could be triggers for a nuclear war between the US and China.

#### *13.4.3.6 The US’ stance towards Iran and Palestine*

*“Iran will present a continuing threat to US and allied interests in the region as it tries to erode US influence,”* says the Director of National Intelligence of the US in its Annual Threat Assessment of 2021.<sup>1014</sup> The primary ally of the US in Western Asia is Israel. The biggest threat to Israel comes from a long history of resistance against its occupation of Palestinian land.

In 1964, sixteen years after the foundation of the apartheid state of Israel in 1948 the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was established to further the liberation of Palestine through armed struggle. The PLO carried out many attacks, but the brutal response of Zionists drove the PLO on the defensive. They had to retreat from Israel, Jordan and Lebanon, eventually moving to Tunisia,. Even there they were not safe, being bombarded by the Israelis in 1982. It eventually led to negotiations that were concluded in the Oslo Accords in 1993 with the two-state solution. It turned out to be a political defeat for the Palestinians. But it was not a final defeat, just a defeat in a battle. It does not mean that they have lost the war.

The two-state solution envisioned an independent State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel. From the very start the two-state solution was doomed. It was an agreement on paper only, reached after considerable pressure of the US on Israel. Israel did not accept an independent Palestinian state. It did everything possible to torpedo the Oslo Accords. The Palestinians had no alternative but to struggle for one free State of Palestine in the occupied territories.

The initiative to restart the resistance came from the masses. The driving force behind their actions is the daily oppression and humiliation of the Palestinians. In December 1987 the first intifada began with stone-throwing Palestinians and eventually led to the formation of Hamas as a liberation movement dedicated to armed struggle. The Oslo Accords had led to the establishment of the Palestinian Authority (PA) in 1994 as

an administrative entity for the future state of Palestine. It had limited administrative power over the Palestinian population in Gaza and the West Bank.

In 2000 the second intifada started as a protest against the visit of butcher Ariel Sharon to the Al-Aqsa Mosque site in Jerusalem. It developed into a large scale armed conflict that left 3,000 Palestinians and 1,000 Israelis dead. It ended on February 8, 2005 with an agreement between Israel and the PA on a cease-fire and the release of 900 Palestinian prisoners. Meanwhile in Gaza 8,000 Jewish settlers living among one million Palestinians in 21 settlements were faced with armed attacks from the resistance. The PA was supposed to prevent this. They could not. In 2005 (from August to September) Israel was forced to relocate the settlers from Gaza, because they could not protect them anymore. The settlers received an average of more than US\$ 200,000 in compensation per family. The Palestinians claimed their land, but they were controlled from the outside: via sea, air, and land blockade imposed by the Israelis. In 2006 Hamas won the Palestinian legislative elections and took control of the government of Gaza. In December 2008 the first Israeli war on Gaza started (Operation Cast Lead) when Israel began with aerial bombardments of Gaza after being unable to stop rocket attacks by the resistance. On January 3, 2009, Israel began a ground invasion of Gaza. On January 21 Israel withdrew its troops after a cease fire was reached under international pressure. In March 2012, Israel killed a leader of the Palestinian resistance which led to retaliation and a full-scale war with aerial bombardments and rocket attacks. In October of the same year a new round of confrontation began that led to hundreds of Palestinian deaths. In 2014, the worst round of fighting was during a 50-day bombardment of Gaza that resulted in more than 2,000 Palestinians being killed.

In 2021 the eviction of six Palestinian families living in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah led to mass protests and eventually to a war that lasted for eleven days. The war exposed the long-term strategy of the resistance for the liberation of Palestine. Speeches by different leaders of the resistance show the pillars of their strategy, which is based on the one state solution: a free Palestine in all of the occupied territories. And Iran plays a crucial role in that strategy.

The first pillar is the unity of the people of Palestine, exemplified by Hamas Leader in Gaza Yahya Al-Sinwar, who praises deceased Fatah leader Yasser Arafat (Abu Ammar), despite the fact that the Palestinian Authority led by Fatah frequently arrested Hamas members: *“All hail to the spirit of the eternal leader, Abu Ammar. On this occasion, and following this latest round of fighting, I say to him: Rest in peace, oh Abu Ammar! You died trying to strengthen our nation’s combat capabilities following the 2002 Karine A affair. Karine A was the famous ship, you all know about it... It was carrying some weapons – Grad rockets, some anti-tank missiles, and some short-range rockets, like 20km and 30km Grad rockets. Arafat was trying to strengthen our people’s ability to be steadfast in their confrontation. He turned to bringing in weapons, in order to create some change in the balance of power between the occupation and us. Rest in peace, Abu Ammar, along with all the martyrs, now that the resistance forces of your people, your sons at the Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam Brigades and the other resistance factions, have obtained hundreds*

of rockets, and not just 20-kilometer-Grad rockets, but hundreds of rockets that in one salvo can crush the Tel Aviv metropolitan area.”<sup>1015</sup> By reaching out to Fatah he hopes that in the next confrontation the security forces of the PA “will attack Israelis at all the junctions and bypass roads”.<sup>1016</sup> There are half a million settlers in the West Bank in closed colonies guarded by the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) and approximately three million Palestinians. During the war there were already attacks on settlers. The central committee of Fatah issued a statement on May 8 saying that “the continuation of the settler attacks on the holy places and the homes of Palestinian residents, their expulsion and expansion of settlements — will lead to an all-out conflict in all the Palestinian territories.”<sup>1017</sup> The unity between the rank-and-file of Fatah and Hamas was building up during the last war.

The greatest surprise was the reaction of the 1948 Arabs in Israel. The policy of turning the so-called Arab Israelis into compliant citizens failed utterly. They took to the streets in Akka, Lod, Ramla, the Negev, Galilee, and Wadi Ara. Yahya Al-Sinwar says: “From the bottom of the heart of everyone in Gaza, we salute the tough men of Haifa, the tough men of Jaffa, the tough men of Lod, the tough men of Ramla, the tough men of Acre, and our men and women in the ‘Triangle’ area, in the Galilee, and in the Negev, who proved that all the years that have gone by and all the Israelization campaigns – the attempts to turn them into Israeli citizens, rather than Arab-Palestinian citizens – and the so-called coexistence campaigns collapsed once and for all.”<sup>1018</sup> The unity of Palestinians now extends to the two million Palestinians living within the 708 km wall that separates Israel from the West Bank.

And finally, the six million Palestinians in the Diaspora: they felt empowered by the rocket attacks of the resistance. Palestinian journalist Abdel Bari Atwan, who is frequently in the Western media, described the impact of this war: “I hail from the Gaza Strip. We were refugees there. My family came there from Ashdod. I sing twice when the rockets reached Ashdod. I was born in the so-called diaspora. By Allah, when the rockets reach Ashdod and I hear the sirens, it’s like music to me, like a Beethoven symphony. I have never heard such music. The second thing is that when we see those rockets hit Tel Aviv, and the settlers flee the beach in their bathing suits, to the nearest bomb shelter – this is unprecedented in the history of the Arab-Zionist conflict.”<sup>1019</sup>

Unlike previous wars in which the sacrifice of human lives weighed heavily on the morale of the people, this war boosted morale. This was a political victory. Why? Because it achieved something that previous wars could not achieve: the unity of the Palestinian people to carve out another route for resistance instead of the two-state or one-state solution. The biggest threat to this unity is the monthly payment by the European Union to the Palestinian Authority for the salaries of Palestinian police officers and civil servants. Since 2003 the EU has paid US\$ 613 million annually to the PA.<sup>1020</sup>

The second pillar of the strategy that became clear from this war is the belief that a military victory over Israel is possible. That possibility became a real option with the information that the resistance provided. They have managed to build 500 km of tunnels in Gaza. Israel could destroy only a tiny fraction. Many rockets were built by



Palestinian engineers. Al-Sinwar mentions Professor Jamal Zabeda: *“Rest in peace, our martyrs in this last round of fighting. Rest in peace, distinguished Professor Jamal Zabeda. You could have remained a distinguished professor working for NASA, and the world would have celebrated you, but you insisted on coming to Gaza, and to take part in the development of the rockets that rock the Zionist entity.”*<sup>1021</sup> The stock and quality of rockets of the resistance were so high that they could continue for months bombarding Israel with 150-200 rockets per day. And even if the Israel Iron Dome could intercept 90%, still 15-20 rockets per day were able to create havoc in the cities. But not only the cities were hit this time. The military bases of Hatzor, Hatzertim, Palmachim, Rehovot, Nevatim, Tel Nof, and the southern army base of Ramon got hit by Gaza rockets. Israeli cities and Ben Gurion Airport were closed. International flights were suspended. The war led to a loss of US\$ 100 million per day for Israel.

The third pillar is the organization of an international military coalition against Israel. This round of fighting with Israel was prepared by the Palestinians in close cooperation with Iran as a major anti-imperialist force in the region. The US government and Israel had worked hard for an alternative to the two-state solution: create a Israel-Sunni coalition against Iran, pour money into the West Bank and isolate Hamas in Gaza. The 2021 war shattered that illusion. This war was prepared by Sunni’s and Shi’ites. Isma’il Haniya, head of the political bureau of Hamas declared in May 2020: *“Iran Has Never Hesitated To Support The Resistance And Assist It Financially, Militarily, And Technologically.”*<sup>1022</sup> Haniya’s deputy Al-Arouri said in an interview in the same month: *“Iran Has Given Hamas And The Resistance Movements All The Support And Weapons They Need.”*<sup>1023</sup> He revealed that during the 2008-2009 Israel-Gaza war, Iranian general Soleimani had been present in the Hamas military operations room in Damascus, and added that Soleimani’s successor Esmail Ghaani was maintaining coordination and assistance to the Palestinian resistance.

Naim Qassem, the deputy secretary-general of Hizbullah, gave an interview after the May 21 ceasefire came into effect and explained the relationship between the resistance in Gaza and Lebanon: *“We were in daily contact with the leaders of the resistance and the Palestinian jihadi fighters. Our position was that we would assist the Palestinian resistance in every way that we can and that we will do what we must do at the appropriate time and in the way that we choose... Today the Palestinians have a significant capability to produce weapons. I can reassure you that the smuggling of rockets into Palestine is continuing at full force. There are important Palestinian brains which are helping in the creation and establishment of the capabilities. They have trained and been in contact with the axis of resistance. The support will not cease but will only increase.”*<sup>1024</sup>

There was even coordination with the resistance in Iraq. A drone from Iraq managed to penetrate Israeli airspace, photographed important military sites and transferred its coordinates to Gaza and returned safely to the place of its launch.

The last pillar is preparation for a new type of struggle: the struggle inside the occupied territories rather than just firing rockets from Gaza. Hamas leader Al-Sinwar sketches the struggle inside Israel. Palestinian Authority security forces will attack Israelis at

all the junctions and bypass roads in the West Bank. Palestinians within the 1948 borders of Israel will take to the streets and block the roads. There will be at least 10,000 “martyrdom-seekers” among them, who will carry out stabbing attacks, car-rammings attacks, throw Molotov cocktails, and set forests on fire. Al-Sinwar added that “resistance forces in the region” would come in. Gaza launched 150 to 200 rockets per day in this war. The Lebanese Hizbullah has prepared to launch a thousand rockets and missiles every day. The Iron Dome will not be able to handle this volume of strikes. The Saban Institute for Middle East Policy at Brookings published a report in 2011, after the 2006 war between Israel and Hizbullah, about the next war between Israel and Hizbullah. The authors write: *“With the support of Iran, Hizbullah has made further advances in its signals intelligence (SIGINT) and communications capabilities. Hizbullah is expected to use these upgraded weapons and SIGINT capabilities to play an offensive role in a future conflict with Israel, attempting to seize the initiative, rather than adopting the reactive and defensive posture of 2006. Among the new battle plans being prepared by Hizbullah are land and seaborne insertions into Israel to carry out commando-style raids. Given the range of the missiles in Hizbullah possession, the battlespace in the next war will likely be larger than the traditional theater of southern Lebanon and northern Israel, encompassing large portions of both countries.... Israeli territory could become a front line for the first time since 1948.”*<sup>1025</sup>

In June 2017 Hizbullah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said: *“The Israeli enemy must know that if an Israeli war is launched against Syria or Lebanon, it is not known that the fighting will remain Lebanese-Israeli, or Syrian-Israeli... This doesn’t mean there are states that might intervene directly. But this could open the way for thousands, even hundreds of thousands of fighters from all over the Arab and Islamic world to participate - from Iraq, Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan.”*<sup>1026</sup>

If in any of the coming rounds of fighting between Israel and the Palestinian resistance the Palestinians stand their ground and a prolonged war between Gaza and Israel ensues, then international forces will come into play for the final battle which will cease to be an air battle. Ballistic missiles from Iran will enter the fray. Rockets, drones and physical confrontations will enter the scene. Airfields, the Iron Dome and the stockpiles of weapons, including the nuclear arsenal, would be major targets of rocket attacks. In the West Bank, the 700,000 settlers will be attacked in man-to-man fights to reclaim the land that they have occupied. With mounting Israeli casualties the question will be: how will Israeli morale fare? Will Israel unite and will liberals and extreme right be willing to fight side by side or will there be disintegration with some wanting to fight using extreme measures and others wishing to flee the occupied land? Will Israel still exist in the coming decades?

The conclusion of the resistance of the Palestinians in half a century is that the spirit of resistance is unbroken. The struggle of the Palestinian people comes with a huge price in human suffering. But they have shown that they are willing to pay the price, because the alternative is an eternal life of suffering, humiliation and oppression for them, their children and grandchildren. If their leadership fails them, they generate new leadership. If they have a setback, they use their intelligence and creativity to overcome

it and prepare for the next stage in the battle. The next stage might be the final round if we are looking at it in the context of World War III, the US or Israel could use a nuclear bomb to ensure their survival.

#### *13.4.3.7 The US' stance towards North Korea*

After World War II the surrender of Japan in 1945 led to the division of Korea with the Soviet Union occupying the north, and the United States occupying the south. In 1950, the Korean War broke out. The war ended in a stalemate, not with a peace treaty. The US has fifteen military bases in South Korea housing almost 30,000 US military personnel. North and South Korea were separated by the Korean Demilitarized Zone, a strip of land running across the Korean Peninsula near the 38th parallel north. North Korea was named the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and South Korea the Republic of Korea. North Korea has a population of 26 million and a GDP per capita of US\$ 1,700 per year. South Korea has a population of 52 million and a GDP per capita of US\$ 35,000 per year. North Korea is a centrally planned economy and South Korea a capitalist market economy. North Korea lives under a heavy economic boycott by Western countries. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, China has become North Korea's main trading partner.

The country has 40-50 nuclear warheads. This arsenal constitutes a big worry for the US. China is the biggest economic, political and military threat to the US. A military attack on China might bring the nuclear arsenal of North Korea into play in a nuclear war. That is why the US and its partners in the Pacific - South Korea, Japan, Australia - are so adamant about destroying the nuclear arsenal of North Korea. They do that with regular military exercises that threaten North Korea with a possible military attack and a severe economic and political boycott. Those exercises are the source of a possible escalation into a nuclear war.

#### *13.4.3.8 Colonizing the mind in order to prepare for World War III*

There are two nuclear countries that have a No First Use (NFU) pledge. That is a pledge not to use nuclear weapons as a means of warfare unless first attacked by an adversary using nuclear weapons. These are China and India. The US is the only country that has used nuclear weapons in a war and has no NFU. It is the most likely candidate to use a nuclear weapon again. And the reason is simple: it would be the ultimate way to stop the decline of Western colonialism and regain world hegemony. The US and its Western allies have a long colonial history of wars and genocide and the use of destructive military force.

But the decision to go nuclear will not be a democratic decision by the US congress. It will be a bipartisan decision of politicians and generals of the military industrial complex (MIC) without putting it to a debate in Congress. They will take the decision when they realize that they cannot win a war unless they go for total destruction of their enemy without realizing the devastating effect on themselves. It would be an irrational decision taken by irrational politicians and generals in the MIC. Their European partners would have no choice but to accept that decision.