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Host: MariettaRobert

Meditation: Angelsu

Mayan Calendar: Rainbird

31st - Thurs – 1 IX – the magician - speaking the truth, spirituality

1st Aug – Fri – 2 MEN - one of the high holidays, the celebration of the wheat – Lamas, a Celtic word;
Men is the eagle, visionary aspect; 2 is 2nd tone of polarity, stabilizing

2nd Sat - 3 CIB – CIB is the warrior, activation tone

3rd Sun – 4 CABAN - planetary harmony; 4 is measure, structure

4th Mon – 5 ETZNAB – the mirror, the cutting stone; 5

5th Tues – 6 CAUAC – the storm energy; 6 is rhythmic movement

6th Wed – 7 AHAU – a portal day, last day of the first unial; a powerful day multi dimensional, inter galactic energy

7th Thurs – 8 IMIX – a portal day too;

Rainbird is teaching tomorrow: an energy healing method – spiritual healing yoga; a complete healing method she learned from a Viet Nameese person – a simple, powerful method created to help his people. Used for healing, for farming, wherever energy is needed. Can detox the environment too.

- The treatments are no longer than 5 minutes at most. It works; people are never charged
 - She likes the spirit of doing energy exchange – don't always have to pay with money.
- Wants to get to the point of knowing & being able to teach all 15 levels.
- Looks forward to being able to share with us on the conference calls.

MR: may be able to do it through Skype; another way of teaching around the world

Astrology: Annie Rose

- In for an active August – Jupiter coming into play – growth, expansion,
 - Feb 29, 1993 – Federal Agents invaded a Davidian centre at Mt Carmel
 - May 21, 1993 – concerned Uranus: a solar eclipse at 0° Gemini , 0° is a critical degree in astrology
 - Uranus means changes; the event at Branch Davidian was influenced by an eclipse
 - we've had 2 eclipses this summer; another one to go
- These things indicatate we are soon to go in one absolute direction: we may or may not like it, but it will be occurring and we will know where we stand
 - the Admin in Washington in for a lot more changes there, in addition to what has happened already; feels sorry for Obama: lots on his plate and not all his favorite foods! Since the last election – lots of action in his chart – being pulled in many directions; his actions determine what happens
 - Economy again under scrutiny; will be in news away beyond normal; people will have to learn more about what is happening, what makes the economy tick, & to participate more; people will face a lot of decisions financially
- thinks some kind of settlement between Palestinians and Israelis will happen, that the UN will help sort things out.
- Thinks there will be one more plane event – has to do with someone who is on the plane
- markets fell today – it's on a downturn this week, but it will turn around again
- People's lives have been on hold: will soon be able to see progress and set new goals, new hopes for their lives – a clear, sunny sign. Anything we choose to decide on in these times, should bring happy results

Leos – will be more burdened; feel like they will straighten out their lives; don't want hap hazard things to happen

Virgos – are very self critical; have to let themselves find enjoyment and new types of interests

- Thinks weather will be a cold one – felt like fall where she lives, air smelled of fall
 - moon is extremely bright as she looks at it – hopes it brings us all some light heartedness
- Will seem more restrictive in TV, entertainment
- something about taxes – **NOTE:** the phone line was not very clear – voice came & went

Hard News:

T, R: so much going on, it's overwhelming; it appears there is so much that is wrong. The ability to turn it into right is instantaneous – it has already been made right at higher levels! The energy coming into this dimension is powerful!

- Have had powerful rain; torrential when it goes on for 15 – 20 minutes; has happened daily for last week.
- At the same time, dire predictions for the SW –
 - 32,000 fires in the SW and California since the start of 2014
 - California - 120 fires burning, including Yosemite; supposed to get worse
 - Main water pipe in LA, sunset Blvd – 430 cars under 4' of water – LAST TIME THE PIPES WERE FIXED WAS 1926!

Delaware – the Danube Aquaduct that is 600' underground, is over 50 years old – has been leaking – looks like a river! Hundreds and hundreds of people in certain areas getting flooded basements - started with just a little bit, and then more and more every year; now water is chest high in the basements

- Infrastructure badly in need of repair!

Klu Klux Klan – has been around since 1860; a new chapter formed dedicated to using the KKK principles

- It was on **Al Jazeera, America Tonight:** there were a couple of the grand Magus dressed in the white,
 - They said they were serious, were here to stop the immigration of the kids - they said outright on TV that maybe if they killed a couple of kids and left them on the river, they'd get the message.
 - Pulled up their white costumes and showed their T-shirts: "AIDS cures fags" - this is about whites only; bringing up tremendous fear against people of colour
 - Their new chapter is against immigrants, Jews, blacks, anything not white; they claim to be Christian with these principles
 - the same motto in the Vatican where they vow to eradicate anything that is not white & Xian
- the energies are increasing exponentially which is why things seem to be so vile at the moment
 - when the acceleration of the frequencies gets to a certain point, the internal combustion burns up the heart because of the resistance to love & truth; you take yourself out: Mother said that 25 years ago

R: about the skin walkers in the guise of the 1%, the global elite – Koch Bros, Shelly Adelson, Romney, the Collins family, the other ones

Tom the Cat and Katar Tek [a Paschat who works Mother's ship] : talked to Rama on the phone about the ancient races who are technologically & scientifically advanced who have genetically engineered out emotions so there is no compassion or love from their DNA;

- They - Mother's people who turned to the dark side long ago - are a warlike people: conquest is how they rise in the ranks
- Some are the great white dragons from Dracos, in the guise of humans, like Brezinski and Kissenger who licks Brezinski's boots -
- The frequencies are so high because Maitreya is back plus the brotherhoods and the sisterhoods; these ones cannot stand it because the light is moving up exponentially and they continue to resist the love – they will experience spontaneous combustion of the heart because they will not comply with the Law of Love – doing all kinds of things like trying to start WW III

T: BO was funny last night in his speech in Kansas City: why don't you just stop being mad all the time?

- the vote was 225 – 221 in the House to sue Obama - a complete farce: as more and more people are waking up to the ACA

T: the judge said he committed some kind of offense against the constitution which is why they are suing

R: on Camp Lovewave last Saturday: confirmed this week - **Chief Whitehorse** said

- there are Wingmaker ships sitting outside the galactic orbit of our solar system; triangle shaped, completely cloaked, over every major city on the planet.
- This is affecting with the increase in violence, the atrocities in Gaza
- Rama learned this when he went to see Natasha in Albuquerque and she called Ed Snowden:
 - ES told Rama the info about the Wingmakers; the gov't leadership and the Illuminati know about it and are shaking in their shoes

R: why the chaos and the uptick in violence, and copse losing it too. Send them more love. At their last nano second. This is why she was here before the gods were here has come, and she comes to level the playing field: they all know it.

T: she asked MR to do a transformational session on Netanyahu; MR said she needed to have permission and the soul says no! This is the last time they get to say "no"; Mother does not take "no" as an answer

- Ed Snowden said Netanyahu is digging his grave deeper and deeper: Israelis have been practicing psychological warfare on the Palestinians - using robo calls and telling them that the next drone has their names on it, and then hanging up.
 - Gaza is 123 sq miles of space, same area as NYC; there are no high rises – 2 million people live there, without roads or any amenities

R: the world has put the pressure on Israel and said you will stop!

T: Snowden said keep watching the skies; Nada said we need to arrest these criminals now

- Let's drop our stuff about what needs to be done and how and when: does not mean it will happen immediately
- and at the same time, we've got this snot behaviour: the new KKK Chapter is no better than the old one, even worse – they have the idea of "conceal and carry" and "stand your ground"
- the energy is coming from the Wingmakers and it is giving an opportunity for people to embrace galactic energy; puts more responsibility on those of us who are aware of these energies:
 - we need to come out of our little cocoons and embrace ourselves and let our aura completely embrace the street as we walk –
 - our auras go for blocks and blocks: give that light out to everyone and also eliminate any negativity in ourselves; we all have a story about health issues or whatever, etc –
 - no matter the story, the story of love over lights everything; this is about the inner being matching the higher being that we all are, to the perfection of knowing that, **in this lifetime, St Germain and the Ascended Masters reduced the ascension requirements from 98% perfection to 50%** and we can do that – the power of our super consciousness, our super light body has the power to embrace multitudes of being; imagine that all of us have the power to do the loaves and fishes story which is symbolic
- As they decloak, all the old technology of war completely stops! They will all decloak at once and there will be no more war technology that will work & this will have a ripple effect!
 - Ed Snowden said the military will be shitting bricks! • Because Netanyahu has said to the IDF "shoot on sight"

Israel: the 6th school has been hit; killed 16 people in their sleep, over 400 injured; 3,000 people were there

- there are 86 refugee sites/schools – and 246,000 people in these schools in Gaza
- This kind of wiggled out Ban Ki Moon: he lost it this morning!

R: Send him Ban Ki Moon and his brother more love; they are Dracos life forms on earth; skin walkers; along with some of the other ET races, scientifically and technologically advanced; they are aware that the Ashtar Command is light years beyond them; they are aware of the Dark Rift.

France: Sarkozoy – embezzlement of funds and illegal campaign contributions from 2007 election was to be started; he pulled some strings to get off the hook

- On **France 24** – A Parisian paper, took back the story the day after they published it – we just goofed and it was about his 2012 campaign and we were wrong
- Sarkozy is hooked up with Christine Lagarde the lizard lady and Dominique Strauss Kahn
- Behind them is David Cameron, exposed by Ben Fulford as heroin users [he & wife] – true!

Ukraine: Fulford's story about bodies at the plane crash site – he admitted it was false

- What is true and even uglier: the collaborators in the Ukraine, along with US Nazi collaborators, and Brennan who went over there, are all hooked up with Blackwater, Kellogg Brown and Root; Raefeaon, - these are the ones called the pro-Russian separatists tied in with the Ukrainian gov't:
- they buried bomblets around the crash site – what Lady Di was campaigning against
- Now mongooses are trained & used; can smell the chemicals – they just point with their nose and humans can be more precise with their Geiger counters, dig them up & de-activate them
- they would rather kill anyone to prevent further investigation into the question of who did it – the galactics have some more homework!

Israel's attacks on the schools: The UN & US have condemned them

Argentina: The Majority Report – **Sam Seder** – had on **Greg Palast**

- The vulture capitalist, called Paul Singer paid off a judge in Argentina – has to do with when Argentina in 2002 was going to default the first time – he bought all the bonds representing the whole value of the sovereign nation for pennies on the bond, then sold them!
- The Judge said Argentina would have to pay \$1.7 Billion to Paul Singer – in full! - to retrieve the bonds! And the people are already at ski high inflation due to all this
- the same judge put a hold on Argentina's debt repayment schedule to the original bondholders, and said they could not make their monthly interest payments to the original bondholders; Argentina has paid their money like clockwork – the judge fixed things so Singer would get his money!

[SEE BELOW]

Greg Palast: said Singer has a bullet with his name on it! This info came from Anonymous

Spokesman for Anonymous was also on: called Ziggy who said that enough crimes have been committed across the planet by these ones that did 9/11 called Zionists that

- “Anonymous is now able and can and will hack into Israel's security and shut down their entire electrical grid & will fry all the back up generator circuits so they will not be able to get their lights on”
- which means Israel will look like Gaza as they blew up Gaza's electrical system so the people are not eating, getting water, or able to do anything requiring power, etc
- Israel is blowing up all the tunnels going into Israel and Egypt – those tunnels were to get help from all kinds of people, including compassionate israelis, for medicine, food, water and concrete to rebuild the mess,

Audio: Thom Hartmann talking to Greg Palast **Thursday, Jul. 31, 2014**

Hour One: Brunch With Bernie - Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) takes your calls

Hour Two: The GOP billionaire behind Argentina's financial crisis - Greg Palast, Billionaires and Ballot Bandits / PLUS, Geeky Science

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUV0IfXJWKM&feature=player_embedded

T: the audio is just a taste of what is going on - THEY ARE ALL GOING DOWN!

France: yesterday's story about Sarkozy – the Parisian newspaper has said the story was an error; his supporters have always said there is a conspiracy against him; he is the victim. The Parisian newspaper people were contrite

Caller: the status of the pope? When will he talk about UFO disclosure?

T: He is **Not the pope** – not a nice guy. Doubt he will do it on any level

R: wants to play with the idea of an ET invasion or of an anti Christ

C: so many individuals saying they know about others getting paid with Iraqi dinars.

T: the white knights have said only the elite involved were paid out; they will all be D E A D

C: what is the status of all of us: understands ships are decloaking in major cities around the world – what will happen to us when they do?

T: they will decloak all at once; St Germain gives the signal; we will feel the energy – it will be everywhere; we will not miss a thing! This story supersedes all other stories

C: so grateful to be here at this time, in this place!

The Sam Seder story

- Ziggie said there is only a small number of Khazars are orchestrating this, the same people who did 9/11
- the article she read last week details the whole story: 9/11 was planned from the 1940s
 - Have people come to 2013Rainbow Roundtable.ning.com

Caller: to find **copies of the 9/11 article:** go to July 5th and July 26th, 2014 notes in the Archives on 2013.

Audio: Amy Goodman – **Democracy Now** – JULY 31, 2014 **[FOR ALL 3 ITEMS, SEE BELOW]**

- "Enough Blood Has Been Spilled": Israel Condemned for Striking U.N. Shelter as Death Toll Tops 1300
- U.S. Jewish Leader Henry Siegman to Israel: Stop Killing Palestinians and End the Occupation
- Iron Dome or Iron Sieve? Evidence Questions Effectiveness of U.S.-Funded Israeli Missile Shield

T: there is intentional deception at every turn: Iron Dome is not effective! And by 2015, Susan Rice said that by 2015, US is putting another \$200 Million into that technology

This is one of the most important pieces of information we have ever had:

- Henry Seigman saying Israel is not a democratic state, and has no regard for the only spiritual constitution in the world which is the one St Germain got the founders to sign for the United States of America; those of us in this life time have put ourselves in the position of being responsible partners in the 250 years long endeavour to change the world is at its point of change now – it is up to all of us now to see that it is done
- how we do it is with Love, in every form – Mother has always said she is more merciful than just & in this case it is more merciful to take them out
- Our ultimate work is to make the difference and it will be at the right time that Barack Obama will turn things around; he will give these ones a flip they will not believe!
 - his light heartedness about not being so angry all the time when he spoke in Wichita, Kansas, the home state of the Koch Bros, where they lost out to alternative wind energy – even Brownback, the insane governor, came forward
- the nature of the changes are being overlighted by every single higher being and every single extended family from fairies to gnomes to dwarves to archangels to the whole elohigh [those who have never fallen from grace and have always remained in divine neutrality]
 - we have never had such a time where all these ships are aiding us.

Russia: KOS TOLD RAMA yesterday afternoon: Mr Putin had an undisclosed conversation with Mr Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine: Russia is going to be moving some of their naval ships off the coast of Palestine and put the fear of god in Netanyahu! If Net takes on Russia anyway, the top leadership in Israel will either arrest them themselves or take Netanyahu out. Netanyahu has days/hours left in his position

Text message from KOS later: Iran is joining Russia to defend the Palestinians

Their military guard are ready to defend the Palestinians in some way Netanyahu is totally terrified of Iran – and to remind us, Iran has had 12 nukes for 20 years! It has all been a game!

- The power of the love & the power of the greater number of the peoples in the world vastly overlights what is happening on the ground right now.

Reading: The I Ching for week of July 28th - there is a double 9 in the astrology of the Mayan calendar for the coming year; the I Ching for this week is also 9 - a triplicity of 9s **[SEE BELOW]**

Closing: **Angelsu**

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2014, July 31 **The Vulture~ Chewing Argentina's Living Corpse**

Vulture investor Paul Singer has forced the nation of Argentina into default. Here's the real story, from **Billionaires & Ballot Bandits** by Greg Palast.

A call came in from New York to my bosses at BBC Television Centre, London. It was from one of the knuckle-draggers on the payroll of billionaire Paul Singer, Number One funder for the Republican Party in New York, million-dollar donor to the Mitt Romney super-PAC, and top money-giver to the GOP Senate campaign fund. But better known to us as Singer The Vulture.

"We have a file on Greg Palast."

Well, of course they do.
And I have a file on them.

I had just returned from traveling up the Congo River for BBC and the Guardian. Singer's enforcer indicated that Mr. Singer would prefer BBC not run a story about him— especially not with film of his suffering prey: children, cholera victims.

Like any vulture, Singer feasts when victims die. Literally. For example, Singer made a pile buying asbestos company Owens Corning out of bankruptcy. The company had concealed from its workers they would get asbestosis from handling their product.

You don't want to die of asbestosis. Your lungs turn to mush and you drown inside yourself.

The asbestos company was forced to pay tens of thousands of its workers for their medical care and for their families after their deaths.

But then Singer used his political muscle to screw down the compensation promised to the workers. He offered them peanuts. And, dying, they took it. Like the Ice Man, Singer The Vulture used the cudgel of "tort reform" to beat the weakened workers into submission. With asbestos workers buried or bought-off cheap, Singer's asbestos death factories were now worth a fortune... and Singer made his first "killing."

Then it was on to Peru, where Singer had, through a brilliant financial-legal maneuver too questionable for others to attempt, grabbed control of the entire financial system of the country. When Peru's scamp of a president, Alberto Fujimori, decided it was a good idea to flee his country (ahead of his arrest on murder charges), Singer, Peru's lawyer Mark Cymrot of Baker & Hostetler told me, let Fujimori escape in return for the Murderer-in-Chief ordering Peru's treasury to pay Singer \$58 million. Singer had seized Peru's "Air Force One" presidential jet; for the payoff, Singer handed him the keys to the getaway plane.

And by the way, I didn't give Singer the name "Vulture."
His own banker buddies did—with admiration in their voices.

What provoked the threatening call to BBC from Singer's tool was my film from the Congos (there are two nations in Africa called "Congo"). There is a cholera epidemic in West Africa due to lack of clean water. Our investigation learned that Singer paid about \$10 million for some "debt" supposedly incurred by the Republic of Congo. To collect on his \$10 million, Singer had begun seizing about \$400 million in the poor



nation's assets.

Clean water for the Congo? Forget it—Singer and his vulture colleagues grabbed it all. In Africa, I spoke with Winston Tubman, the former deputy secretary-general of the UN. He asked me to ask the Vulture and his cronies, “Do you know you are causing babies to die?”

It's legal, it's sick, it's Singer.

Well, not legal in most of the civilized world. Britain, Germany, Holland, and many others have outlawed Singer's repo-man seizures. In Europe, Singer is a financial outlaw. But in the USA, he's a “job creator.”

Singer The Vulture gets loads of positive press, in the New York Times especially, where the corpse-chewer offered an open checkbook to any state Republican who would vote for the right of gays to marry. Don't think of this as an unselfish act of moral courage: it was more *droit du seigneur*, the right of the Lords of the Manor to deflower the virgins of choice on their lands. The Vulture's son wanted to marry another man, and so Vulture would buy the New York State Legislature to approve the nuptials. (That almost all Singer's money would go to national candidates who would make gay marriage illegal, well, money is thicker than blood.)

But, under press cover of funding the GOP for social rights, Singer's influence in the state legislature has paid back a hundredfold. He lobbied the legislature to change the law on the calculation of interest charges on his vulture loan-sharking operation, a change that will guarantee him hundreds of millions of dollars more from the Congo.

The Vulture's latest hit was a pay-off from the bankrupt government of Greece. On April 4, 2012, seventy-seven-year-old Greek pharmacist Dimitris Christoulas wrote, “I find no other solution for a dignified end before I start sifting through garbage to feed myself.” Christoulas then shot himself in the head. The government had cut his pension as part of an austerity plan to pay foreign creditors. One in four workers also lost their jobs.

Greece's creditor banks took their pound of flesh, but gave up some of theirs, canceling 80 percent of the loan principal. That is, all but two “bankers”: billionaires Ken Dart and Singer The Vulture told the European Central Bank and Greek government, they wanted it all. Singer and Dart would not cancel 80 percent or even 8 percent of the bonds they held, even though Singer and Dart, apparently, only paid a fraction of the face value for them only a few weeks before. Either the Greek government would pay Singer and Dart several times what the speculators invested, or Singer and Dart would undermine the entire bailout deal, bringing down the remnant of Greece's economy—and the rest of Europe with it.

Held hostage, the Greek government dipped into its emptying purse and paid Singer and Dart every penny they demanded. Singer's co-investors in his fund Elliott Management made a killing—including the “blind” trust of one Mittens Romney.

But the Vulture's gravy train of greed was about to run into an unexpected obstacle on the track. On April 4, just hours after Christoulas took his own life, in a courtroom in Washington, DC, the President of the United States and his Secretary of State hit Singer with a legal brick. Without any public announcement, without the usual press release and in language so abstruse only a lunatic journalist who went to the University of Chicago Law School would notice, Obama's Justice Department nailed the Vulture to the wall.

It was Ash Wednesday and Obama's boys drove those nails in: they demanded a US federal court to stop Singer from attacking Argentina.

In this case, Singer had sued to get millions, even billions, from the government of Argentina for old debt that President Ronald Reagan had already settled in a deal involving the biggest US banks. But Reagan's deal was not good enough for Singer and his hedge fund NML Capital. Singer demanded that a US court order Argentina to pay him ten times the amount he'd get under the Reagan deal. And to get his

way, the Vulture also sued to stop the Big Banks from getting their own payments from the Reagan deal.

But then a bolt of legal lightning cooked the Vulture's goose: Obama's Justice Department and Hillary Clinton's State Department together filed an *amicus curiae*, a "friend of the court" brief in the case of NML Capital et al. v. Republic of Argentina. It wasn't all that friendly. Obama, a constitutional law professor, suddenly remembered that the president has the power, unique to the Constitution of the USA, to kick the Vulture's ass up and down the continent, then do it again.

Specifically, Obama and Clinton demanded the court throw out Singer's attempt to bankrupt Argentina (because that is what Singer's demand would have done).

This was Singer's nightmare: that the President of the United States would invoke his extraordinary constitutional authority under the Separation of Powers clause to block the Vulture and his hedge-fund buddies from making superprofits over the dead bodies of desperate nations.

The stakes in the legal-financial-political war are enormous, yet the real battle is hidden from the public view.

A titanic struggle had now been set in motion, a battle over billions, between the Obama administration and the wealthiest men in America, the hedge-fund billionaires, all out of sight of the public and press.

Argentina's consul called me from DC, stunned by the Clinton move. WTF? Did I have any info?

I said, this action goes way, way beyond Argentina. Obama and Clinton told the court that the Vulture was undermining the safety of the entire world financial system, destabilizing every financial rescue mission from South America to Greece to the Congo. (What would Romney do? His expected replacement for Clinton would be his chief foreign policy advisor Dan Senor—currently on the payroll of . . . Paul Singer.)

Does Obama have the stones to stick with his decision? And do Singer and friends, working with Karl Rove, have the money-knife which could cut them off?

The Rove-bots are already flashing their blade: in June 2012, Republicans on the House Committee on Financial Services held an unprecedented emergency hearing about the president's stealth move on the Vulture. They sat for testimony by Ted Olsen, George Bush's former solicitor general, who attacked Obama and Clinton with code words and inscrutable legalism, not once mentioning Singer or his hedge fund by name.

But in the White House and on the top floors of the Wall Street towers, they knew exactly what this was all about. And in the golf carts on Martha's Vineyard, they knew the Vulture had to be put in his place. Robert Wolf, golfing with President Obama on the Cape, was furious. The CEO of UBS (a.k.a. United Bank of Switzerland), had put together the Argentina deal. And Swiss bankers don't allow anyone to move the hole on their green.

Wolf bundled plenty of campaign loot for Obama, who made Wolf his "economic recovery" advisor. UBS has recovered nicely (with a sweet plea-bargain deal on criminal tax-evasion charges).

Now, UBS, JPMorgan, and Citibank chieftains are lined up with Obama and Clinton. The Establishment banks look upon the nouvelle vultures like Singer as economic berserkers, terrorists in a helicopter ready to pull the pin on the grenade. If Singer's demands aren't met, he'll blow up the planet's finance system. In this war of titans, Obama and Clinton are merely foot soldiers, not the generals. It's billionaire banking-powers versus billionaire hedge-fund speculators. One is greedy and scary and the other is greedy and plain dangerous. Take your pick.

Here is the real battle—a winner-take-all war over the control of the world financial system.

2014, July 31, **"Enough Blood Has Been Spilled" ~ Israel Condemned for Striking U.N. Shelter as Death Toll Tops 1300**

Guests Christopher Gunness, spokesperson for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

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United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has condemned what he called the "outrageous" and "unjustifiable" Israeli shelling of a U.N. shelter in Gaza that killed 20 Palestinian civilians on Wednesday. Many of the dead were children who were sleeping. The United Nations has not directly condemned Israel, but says all available evidence points to its responsibility for the bombing. It was the sixth time a U.N. shelter had been bombed since the Israeli offensive in Gaza began 24 days ago. The United Nations said it had given the coordinates of the shelter to the Israeli military 17 times prior to the attack. According to the United Nations, more than 240,000 Palestinians are now staying in U.N. shelters in Gaza. Another 200,000 Palestinians have been displaced and are staying with other families. We are joined by Christopher Gunness, spokesperson for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. "UNRWA has reached a breaking point," Gunness says. "Eight of our staff have been killed. Our facilities are overwhelmed. Because of the continued displacement ... we may soon find ourselves where there are tens of thousands of people in the streets of Gaza — no food, no water, no shelter, no safety, frankly, after we've found that Israeli artillery is capable of hitting our shelters. And we're saying: enough is enough."

AMY GOODMAN: "Outrageous" and "unjustifiable." Those were the words used by the United Nations to condemn Israel after at least 20 Palestinian civilians died when a U.N. shelter was bombed in Gaza Wednesday. Many of the dead were children who were sleeping. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said all available evidence points to Israel being behind the attack. It was the sixth time a U.N. shelter had been bombed since the Israeli offensive in Gaza began 24 days ago. The U.N. said it had given the coordinates of the shelter to the Israeli military 17 times prior to the attack.

According to the United Nations, more than 240,000 Palestinians are now staying in U.N. shelters in Gaza. Another 200,000 Palestinians have been displaced and are staying with other families. Hours after the attack, Christopher Gunness, the spokesperson for the the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, broke down during an interview with Al Jazeera.

CHRISTOPHER GUNNESS: The rights of Palestinians, even their children, are wholesale denied, and it's appalling.

AMY GOODMAN: Joining us now is Christopher Gunness, the spokesperson for the the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, known as UNRWA. He's joining us via Democracy Now! video stream from Jerusalem.

Chris, welcome back to Democracy Now!

CHRISTOPHER GUNNESS: Thank you. Thank you very much.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you talk about what took place yesterday?

CHRISTOPHER GUNNESS: Well, we saw huge displacement in Gaza. There are now, in UNRWA facilities, 86 of them, nearly a quarter of a million people. And don't forget, these are people displaced because of the Israeli ground offensive, and according to international law, it's the belligerent parties in a

conflict which are responsible for the humanitarian consequences, particularly towards civilians. So, UNRWA has reached great breaking point. And we are at the point where eight of our staff have been killed. Our facilities are overwhelmed. Because of the continued displacement and the fact that Israel has dropped leaflets, etc., from the sky and sent text messages, possibly thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands more are going to be displaced. We may soon find ourselves where there are tens of thousands of people in the streets of Gaza—no food, no water, no shelter, no safety, frankly, after we've found that Israeli artillery is capable of hitting our safe shelters.

And we're saying enough is enough. We cannot be expected to have an endless capacity to absorb the consequences of Israeli military decisions, and it is time that we acknowledge that we've moved beyond the realm of humanitarian action alone, and we have moved into the realm of political accountability and political action. Pierre Krahenbuhl, the Swiss national who is going to be briefing the Security Council from Gaza today—it promises to be a truly historic moment; it's at 5:00 Gaza time and is available live-streaming through the U.N. website—is going to tell the Security Council that we have reached breaking point, and it's up to others, with the political weight, to bring correct influence to bear on the parties. And we all know exactly which parties and which influences have to be brought to bear. It's time for them to do so, to end this conflict, because the guns need to fall silent. Enough blood has been spilled. And that moment of ceasefire, of permanent ceasefire, will not come soon enough for the embattled people of Gaza—and, by the way, for the six million civilians in Israel who have been terrorized by these appalling barrages of rockets that have been flying out.

AMY GOODMAN: Chris Gunness, how does the U.N. know that it was Israel that attacked the U.N. shelter, the school that the U.N. is using to house thousands of refugees?

CHRISTOPHER GUNNESS: Well, Amy, first of all, the word "attack" is not a word that we've used, because that implies deliberate intentionality, and that's not something we're saying. We're saying that an Israeli artillery shell struck the school, and there's a big difference there. Intentionality is the difference. We know that because we did crater analysis, we did trajectory analysis, we analyzed the debris, including fragments that were found at the scene. And we are confident enough in our initial findings to have gone public and to have made a very strong condemnation of the serious violation of international law by Israeli forces. I think the very fact that a humanitarian organization is making such an accusation against one of the most powerful armies in the world, and certainly in the Middle East, I think says something about how certain of our facts we are. But, you know, let's have a proper investigation. There must be accountability. There must be transparency and proper reporting. The truth will come out. And, you know, we hope that with truth, as is often the case, will come justice.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to turn to Mark Regev, the spokesperson for the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, who was responding to the bombing of the U.N. school in an interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer.

MARK REGEV: First of all, it's not clear to us that it was Israeli fire, even Israeli errant fire, that hit that U.N. facility. What we do know is that terrorists, Hamas terrorists, were shooting at our forces, and there was a firefight, and they were shooting at us from the immediate vicinity of that U.N. school. Now, if our forces are in the field and being shot at, right, it's only natural that they would return fire to save their own lives.

AMY GOODMAN: Israeli spokesperson Mark Regev also responded to the U.N.'s finding that it was in fact Israeli shells which hit the school.

MARK REGEV: First of all, we'll be interested to hear what they'll say, and we'll cooperate in investigations, if need be, because we'll be totally transparent. If it was our fault, if it was errant Israeli fire, then we will of course come clean. In the past, we have admitted when we've made mistakes. But let's be clear. Here, the secretary-general of the United Nations has been very clear. He said when terrorists put weapons or use a U.N. facility for their military purposes, they are responsible, because they are endangering the lives of everyone who uses that facility. And that was clear today, that our forces were

taking fire from terrorists in the immediate vicinity of that school, therefore it's Hamas who has turned this area into a war zone, and they bear responsibility.

AMY GOODMAN: That's the Israeli spokesperson, Mark Regev. Christopher Gunness of the United Nations, can you respond?

CHRISTOPHER GUNNESS: Well, here are some questions for Mr. Regev. Do you not think that the self-described most moral army in the world, if it was going to attack—I mean, he seems to be saying that there were terrorists there, so Israel deliberately attacked. I think that's what I heard him say; I may be wrong. But if the most moral army in the world, as the Israeli army has called itself, feels that there's going to be an attack in which people are going to be killed, women and children, children who slept at their parents' side on the floor of a classroom in a U.N.-designated safe area, wouldn't it be sensible to allow the principle of distinction to take hold and for combatants and noncombatants to be distinguished and for women and children civilians to be allowed to leave the combat zone? And what about the notion of proportionality, the fact that you're attacking militants near an UNRWA compound, and the risk is that you kill women and children in large numbers? Isn't that something which the rules of war dictate that the Israeli army should be cognizant of?

The idea that because a few militants were near an UNRWA school somehow justifies an artillery shell hitting that school and killing children sleeping by the sides of their parents seems to me, at any rate, as a citizen of the world, not necessarily an expert in international law, completely unconscionable. And I think the very fact that we have seen the quite proper revulsion of the world, given the carnage that we saw, not just in Jabaliya, but last Thursday in Beit Hanoun, I think says something about the way that these arguments are stacking up. It's fine for Israeli spokespeople to say these things, but let us not forget, Amy, that our compound in January 2009 was struck by white phosphorus with a direct hit, where hundreds of people had taken refuge. And we heard similar apologies, protestations, you know, all sorts of fine words from Israeli spokespeople, including Mr. Regev, about how heartbroken they were and how terrible this all was. And here we are five years later with exactly the same parties hitting directly U.N. safe areas which are full of civilians. And, you know, one might also ask Mr. Regev about the pinpoint nature of these strikes, because if it is that nearly two-thirds of these civilians are being struck in pinpoint strikes, one seriously has to wonder about the high technology of the Israeli army and indeed the methodology behind their targeting techniques.

AMY GOODMAN: Christopher Gunness, I want to thank you for being with us, spokesperson for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, known as UNRWA, speaking to us from Jerusalem

This is Democracy Now! When we come back, a leading voice of U.S. Jewry, Henry Siegman, part two of our conversation with the former head of the American Jewish Congress. Stay with us.

2014, July 31 **U.S. Jewish Leader Henry Siegman to Israel~Stop Killing Palestinians and End the Occupation**

Henry Siegman, president of the U.S./Middle East Project. He is the former executive director of the American Jewish Congress from 1978 to 1994 and former executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America.

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In the second part of our interview, Henry Siegman, the former head of the American Jewish Congress and the Synagogue Council of America, discusses the assault on Gaza, Hamas' rocket attacks on Israel, and how peace could be attainable if the Obama administration reverse decades-long support for the Israeli occupation. Born in 1930 in Germany, Siegman fled as the Nazis came to power, eventually arriving in the United States. His father was a leader of the European Zionist movement pushing for the creation of a Jewish state. In New York, Siegman studied and was ordained as an Orthodox rabbi by Yeshiva Torah Vodaas. He now serves as president of the U.S./Middle East Project. Commenting on the Hamas charter that calls for Israel's destruction, Siegman says: "The difference between Hamas and Israel is that Israel is actually implementing [a destruction policy] — actually preventing a Palestinian state which doesn't exist. Millions of Palestinians live in this subservient position without rights, without security, without hope, and without a future." Commenting on Israeli justifications for killing Palestinians in the name of self-defense from 1948 through today, Siegman responds: "If you don't want to kill Palestinians, if that's what pains you so much, you don't have to kill them. You can give them their rights, and you can end the occupation. And to put the blame for the occupation and for the killing of innocents that we are seeing in Gaza now on the Palestinians — why? Because they want a state of their own? They want what Jews wanted and achieved? This is a great moral insult."

AMY GOODMAN: This is Democracy Now!, democracynow.org, The War and Peace Report. I'm Amy Goodman. As we continue our coverage of the Israeli offensive on Gaza, we turn to part two of our conversation with Henry Siegman, the former head of the American Jewish Congress and the Synagogue Council of America. What he says about the future of Israel and the ongoing assault on Gaza may surprise you. Siegman was born in 1930 in Frankfurt, Germany. His family fled Germany as the Nazis came to power. He eventually arrived in the United States in 1942. His father was a leader of European Zionism, pushing for the creation of a Jewish state. In New York, Henry Siegman studied and was ordained as an Orthodox rabbi by Yeshiva Torah Vodaas. He now serves as president of the U.S./Middle East Project. He recently wrote a piece for Politico headlined "Israel Provoked This War: It's Up to President Obama to Stop It."

Democracy Now!'s Nermeen Shaikh and I sat down with Henry Siegman on Tuesday. I asked him about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that Israel is just responding to the thousands of rockets that Hamas and other groups are firing from Gaza.

HENRY SIEGMAN: My response is that they wouldn't be firing those rockets if you weren't out—if you didn't have an occupation in place. And one of the reasons you say you do not have an occupation in place is because you really don't have a united partner, Palestinian partner, to make peace with, and when Palestinians seek to establish that kind of a government, which they just recently did, bringing Hamas into the governmental structure, Palestinian governmental structure, that is headed by Abbas, you seek to destroy that. You won't recognize it. And this is why I say there are several reasons for the Israeli action. A primary one is to prevent this new government from actually succeeding. It's an attempt to break up the new unity government set up by the Palestinians.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Why would they do that? Why would they want to do that?

HENRY SIEGMAN: They want to do that, for the first time—for years, I have been suggesting and arguing that they want to do that because they are intent on preventing the development of a Palestinian state. To put it bluntly, they want all of it. They want all of Palestine.

Now, this is something that Netanyahu said openly and without any reservations when he was not in government. He wrote about it, published a book about it, his opposition to a Palestinian state, that Israel couldn't allow that. The difference between the time that he—and he, incidentally, opposed not just Palestinian statehood. He opposed peace agreements with Egypt. He opposed peace agreements with Jordan. Any positive step towards a stabilization and a more peaceful region, Netanyahu has been on record as opposing.

And when he came into office as prime minister, he understood that it is not a smart thing to say that Israel's policy is to maintain the occupation permanently. So, the only difference between his positions in the past and the position now is that he pretends that he really would like to see a two-state solution, which, as you know, is the affirmation he made in his so-called Bar-Ilan speech several years ago. And some naive people said, "Ah, you know, redemption is at hand," when, to his own people, he winked and made clear, and as I just read recently—I didn't know that—that it's on record that his father said, "Of course he didn't mean it. He will attach conditions that will make it impossible." But that was his tactic. His tactic was to say, "We are all in favor of it, but if only we had a Palestinian partner."

Now, in fact, they've had a Palestinian partner that's been willing and able—they set up institutions that the World Bank has said are more effective than most states that are members of the U.N. today. And that, of course, made no difference, and continued to say we do not have a partner, because you have nearly two million Palestinians in Gaza who are not represented. So the unity government became a threat to that tactic of pretending to be in support of a Palestinian state.

AMY GOODMAN: In a response to the piece that you wrote for Politico that was headlined "Israel Provoked This War," the Anti-Defamation League writes, quote, " Hamas has a charter which they live up to every day calling for Israel's destruction. Hamas has used the last two years of relative quiet to build up an arsenal of rockets whose sole purpose is to attack Israel. Hamas has built a huge network of tunnels leading into Israel with the purpose of murdering large numbers of Israelis and seizing hostages." Henry Siegman, can you respond?

HENRY SIEGMAN: What I would point out to my former friend Abe Foxman of the ADL is that, too, is Israel's charter, or at least the policy of this government and of many previous governments, which is to prevent the emergence of a Palestinian state. And they have built up their army and their armaments to implement that policy. And the difference between Hamas and the state of Israel is that the state of Israel is actually doing it. They're actually implementing it, and they're actually preventing a Palestinian state, which doesn't exist. And millions of Palestinians live in this subservient position without rights and without security, without hope and without a future. That's not the state of—the state of Israel is a very successful state, and happily Jews live there with a thriving economy and with an army whose main purpose is preventing that Palestinian state from coming into being. That's their mandate.

But sadly and shockingly, they can stand by, even though international law says if you're occupying people from outside of your country, you have a responsibility to protect them. I mean, the responsibility to protect is the people you are occupying. The soldiers who are there, ostensibly to implement that mandate, will watch settler violence when it occurs when they attack Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, and they won't do a thing to prevent it. They won't intervene to protect the people they are supposed to protect, and they will tell you, "That's not our job. Our job is to protect the Jews."

NERMEEN SHAIKH: On the question of the support, the successive U.S. administrations supporting Israel, I'd like to again quote from something you said in a 2002 New York Times interview with Chris Hedges. You said, "The support for Israel," in the United States, "fills a spiritual vacuum. If you do not support the government of Israel then your Jewishness, not your political judgment, is in question." So

could you explain what you mean by that and what the implications of that have been, in terms of U.S. governments supporting Israeli government policy?

HENRY SIEGMAN: Well, what I meant by that, and that was an interview quite a while ago—

NERMEEN SHAIKH: 2002, yes.

HENRY SIEGMAN: I see, OK, which is not all that long ago, for me anyway. I meant by that something quite simple, that for many American Jews—and, I suspect, for most American Jews—Israel has become the content of their Jewish religious identification. It has very little other content. I rarely have been at a Shabbat service where a rabbi gives a sermon where Israel isn't a subject of the sermon. And typically, they are—the sermons are not in the spirit of an Isaiah, you know, who says, "My god, is this what God wants from you? Your hands are bloody; they're filled with blood. But he doesn't want your fast. He doesn't want—he despises the sacrifices and your prayers. What he wants is to feed, to feed the hungry, to pursue justice and so on." But that's not what you hear from rabbis in the synagogues in this country. So, what I meant by that is that there's much more to Judaism and to the meaning that you give to your Jewish identity than support for the likes of Netanyahu.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: And Henry Siegman, what do you think the Obama administration has done since his first administration? And what do you think he ought to be doing differently, on the question of Israel-Palestine and, in particular, his response to this most recent military assault on Gaza?

HENRY SIEGMAN: Look, I have written about this for years now. It's not all that complicated. It is quite clear that, left to its own devices, if Israel—if the United States says to the Palestinians, "Hey, you guys have got to talk not to us; you've got to talk to the Palestinians—to the Israelis, and you have to come to an understanding that's how peace is made, but we can't interfere. You know, we cannot tell Israel what to do"—left to their own devices, there will never be a Palestinian state. And the question is—I have very serious doubts that we have not gone beyond the point where a Palestinian state is possible. The purpose of the settlement movement was to make it impossible. And I believe they have succeeded: That project has achieved its goal.

AMY GOODMAN: The Jewish settlements.

HENRY SIEGMAN: The Jewish settlers have achieved the irreversibility of the settlement movement, in terms of the vast infrastructure that has been put in place. So, even if there were a leftist government, so-called leftist government, that came to power, it would not be able to do it, because of the upheaval that would be necessary to create such a state.

There is only one thing—as far as I'm concerned, there are only two things that could happen that could still, perhaps, produce a Palestinian state. The first one is for the—because the United States remains absolutely essential in terms of Israel's security, to its continued success and survival. If at some point the United States were to say, "You have now reached a point—we have been your biggest supporters. We have been with you through thick and thin. And we have based—we have treated you"—you know, a lot of people say, criticizing the U.S. and the international community, that we have double standards, that we expect things of Israel that we don't expect of the rest of the world. We do have double standards, but it works the other way around: We grant Israel privileges and tolerate behavior that we would not in other allies. We may say there's nothing we can do to change that, but we don't give them billions of dollars. And we don't go to the U.N., at the Security Council, to veto when the international—efforts by the United Nations to prevent that bad behavior. So we have double standards, but it works the other way. But if the United States were to say to Israel, "It's our common values that underlie this very special relationship we have with you and these privileges that we have extended to you, but this can't go on. We can't do that when those values are being undermined. The values—what you are doing today contradicts American values. We are a democratic country, and we cannot be seen as aiding and abetting this oppression and permanent disenfranchisement of an entire people. So, you're on your own." The issue is not America

sending planes and missiles to bomb Tel Aviv as punishment; the issue is America removing itself from being a collaborator in the policies and a facilitator, making it easy and providing the tools for Israel to do that. So, if at some point the United States were to say what is said in Hebrew, *ad kan*, you know, "So far, but no further. We can't—this is not what we can do. You want to do it? You're on your own," that would change—that could still change the situation, because the one thing Israelis do not want to do is have the country live in a world where America is not there to have their back.

And the other possibility, which I have also written about, is for Palestinians to say, "OK, you won. You didn't want us to have a state. We see that you've won. You have all of it." So our struggle is no longer to push the border to—to maintain a '67 border, where nobody is going to come to their help, because borderlines—international opinion doesn't mobilize around those issues. But this is a struggle against what looks and smells like apartheid—we want citizenship, we want full rights in all of Palestine—and make that the struggle. If Palestinians were to undertake that kind of a struggle in a credible way, where the Israeli public would see that they really mean it and they are going to fight for that in a nonviolent way, not by sending rockets, for citizenship, I am convinced—and I've seen no polls that contradict that belief—that they would say to their government, "Wait a minute, that is unacceptable, in fact, for us, and we cannot allow that. We don't want a majority Arab population here." I've talked to Palestinian leadership and urged them to move in that direction. There is now a growing movement among younger Palestinians in that direction. And that, I hope, may yet happen. Now, it has to be a serious movement. It can't just be a trick to get another state, but only if it is serious, where they are ready to accept citizenship and fight for it in a single state of all of Palestine, is it possible for the Israeli public to say, "This we cannot want, too, and we have to have a government that will accept the two states."

AMY GOODMAN: Why would Prime Minister Netanyahu, who has said he supports a two-state solution, create a situation that makes it virtually impossible, since it leads to this second possibility, which is a one-state solution, to the possibility that he does not want, which would be a majority Arab country?

HENRY SIEGMAN: He obviously believes that a one-state—well, I said earlier in our conversation that he never meant—when he said in his Bar-Ilan speech that he embraces a two-state, that was totally contrived. It was dishonest. Or, in simple English, he lied. And I appreciated the fact that several weeks ago, two weeks ago, he had a press conference in which he said—he didn't say, "I lied," but he said, "There will never be a truly sovereign Palestinian state anywhere in Palestine." So, it's quite clear now, and one of his friends, the former editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, who now edits *The Times of Israel*, had this big headline: "Finally, Now We Know It." We know he never meant it. He didn't say this critically; he said this positively. "Finally, he's back in the fold, and we know he will never allow a sovereign Palestinian state." Now, what will he do with a majority Arab population? He will do what the head of *HaBayit HaYehudi*, Bennett, has been advocating and proposed.

AMY GOODMAN: That means Jewish Home party in Israel.

HENRY SIEGMAN: That means the Jewish Home, and the Jewish Home meaning everywhere. And what he has said is that we'll solve this problem of a potential apartheid in Israel in the following way: We will allow certain enclaves where there are heavy population—heavily populated by Palestinians, in certain parts of the West Bank, and those enclaves will be surrounded by our military. In other words, a bunch of Gazas; there will be several Gazas. Gaza, of course, will be shed or will become one of those enclaves, so they're not part of the population of Israel. All the rest of Israel—the Jordan Valley, Area C, all of Area C, which is over 60 percent of the West Bank—will be annexed unilaterally by Israel. So, we will have shed two million Palestinians from Gaza. We will have shed another million and a half that live in the cities and in the more populated urban areas, in those enclaves—in those, essentially, bantustans. And the rest, that there are—what did he say? There are 50,000 Palestinians who live in Area C. We will make them citizens, and voila, apartheid is solved. That is—I believed that for the longest time, but that is the plan of Bibi Netanyahu. He may have to settle for less than 60 percent of the West Bank, but essentially he thinks he can solve this problem, this demographic bomb, as it's been described, in this manner.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: You've also expressed in an interview in 2012 with *The Jewish Daily Forward* a

concern that if Israel continues on its present path, its path in 2012, which I think it's safe to say it continues today, that Israel will not be able to exist even for another 50 years. Could you explain what you mean by that? Why couldn't it exist in the form that you've just described, for instance?

HENRY SIEGMAN: In which form?

NERMEEN SHAIKH: What you were saying earlier about the way in which the—

HENRY SIEGMAN: You mean in Bennett's form?

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Well—

HENRY SIEGMAN: Well, it certainly would not be existing as a Jewish state, and neither as a democratic state or a Jewish state.

AMY GOODMAN: Because?

HENRY SIEGMAN: Because a country that creates—for the same reason that South Africa could not claim it is a democratic state, because it has a bunch of bantustans.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you see Israel as an apartheid state?

HENRY SIEGMAN: If they were to implement Bennett's plan, absolutely. I don't know if technically this is apartheid, but it certainly would not be a democratic state. It would lose its right to call itself a democracy.

AMY GOODMAN: Henry Siegman, I wanted to ask you about media coverage of the conflict right now in Gaza. In a comment to close the CBS show Face the Nation on Sunday, the host, Bob Schieffer, suggested Hamas forces Israel to kill Palestinian children.

BOB SCHIEFFER: In the Middle East, the Palestinian people find themselves in the grip of a terrorist group that is embarked on a strategy to get its own children killed in order to build sympathy for its cause—a strategy that might actually be working, at least in some quarters. Last week I found a quote of many years ago by Golda Meir, one of Israel's early leaders, which might have been said yesterday: "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children," she said, "but we can never forgive them for forcing us to kill their children."

AMY GOODMAN: That was the host, the journalist Bob Schieffer, on Face the Nation. You knew Prime Minister Golda Meir.

HENRY SIEGMAN: Yes, I did. I wasn't a friend of hers, but I knew her, and I heard her when she made that statement. And I thought then, and think now, that it is an embarrassingly hypocritical statement. This statement was made by a woman who also said "Palestinians? There are no Palestinians! I am a Palestinian." If you don't want to kill Palestinians, if that's what pains you so much, you don't have to kill them. You can give them their rights, and you can end the occupation. And to put the blame for the occupation and for the killing of innocents that we are seeing in Gaza now on the Palestinians—why? Because they want a state of their own? They want what Jews wanted and achieved? I find that, to put it mildly, less than admirable. There is something deeply hypocritical about that original statement and about repeating it on the air over here as a great moral insight.

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2014, July 31 **Iron Dome or Iron Sieve? Evidence Questions Effectiveness of U.S.-Funded Israeli Missile Shield**

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Guests Theodore Postol, professor of science, technology and national security policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a physicist at the university and an expert in missiles, missile defenses and other aspects of modern warfare. His recent article in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is called "The Evidence That Shows Iron Dome Is Not Working."

Just hours after the White House condemned the shelling of a U.N. school in Gaza, the Pentagon confirmed it was providing Israel with fresh supplies of ammunition, including mortar rounds for tanks and ammunition for grenade launchers. Meanwhile, members of Congress are working to supply hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding for Israel's "Iron Dome" missile shield. While U.S. news anchors, pundits and politicians have repeatedly extolled the efficacy of the Iron Dome in deflecting rocket attacks, the acclaimed physicist Theodore Postol says there is no evidence Iron Dome is actually working. He estimates the Iron Dome, which is partially built by Raytheon, intercepts just 5 percent of rockets fired at Israel. A professor of science, technology and national security policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Postol is an expert in missiles, missile defenses and other aspects of modern warfare.

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SUSAN RICE: In recent weeks, on average, over 100 rockets a day have been fired at Israel. Iron Dome has literally meant the difference between life and death, and I'm deeply proud that President Obama helped make it possible. And I'm proud that with his enthusiastic support, the United States will more than double our investment in Iron Dome in 2015.

AMY GOODMAN: In the U.S. media, news anchors, pundits, politicians have extolled the efficacy of the Iron Dome in deflecting the barrage of Hamas rockets that put Israeli lives at risk.

UNIDENTIFIED: Iron Dome is working. It's minimized casualties and fatalities.

REPORTER: Red flash as it intercepts the rocket. Now this defense system is proving hugely successful.

SEN. TED CRUZ: Rockets begin coming through the sky, the night sky. And you see rockets come across the sky, and then you see Iron Dome interceptors come up and explode the rockets.

MARTIN FLETCHER: The Iron Dome anti-missile system did its job tracking the missiles, hitting them head-on, destroying them.

DAVID LEE MILLER: As we gazed overhead, we saw the interceptor missiles, the Iron Dome system, doing its job, at least three of those rockets shot down just a few moments ago.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, our next guest says exactly the opposite, suggesting the Iron Dome is more of, quote, an "Iron Sieve." He has just written an article in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists called "The Evidence That Shows Iron Dome Is Not Working." Physicist Theodore Postol joins us now from Boston,

Massachusetts. He's professor of science, technology and national security policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an expert in missiles, missile defenses and other aspects of modern warfare. Professor Postol, welcome to Democracy Now! I mean, over 1,300 Palestinians have been killed. Three Israeli civilians have died, it's believed two of them as a result of rocket or mortar. Yet you're saying Iron Dome is not responsible for the low casualty rate for Israelis. Why?

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, the low casualty rates are due to an extremely effective system of early warning and sheltering. There are shelters all over Israel that have been built by the government. People have shelters in their homes, by law. And there is a warning system that tells you that a rocket might be traveling in your direction. So, all you need to do is get into the shelter, or into a shelter, and even if the rocket hits your house, you will not be killed. Now, if you don't get into a shelter and a rocket hits your house and, for example, enters the room where you were sitting, you will be killed. So, the sheltering and warning is very critical to saving lives.

Now, even the Israeli government has made this point, because there are Bedouins who the Israeli government does not recognize as deserving or does not protect them. These are nomadic Arab peoples. And the Israeli government argued against providing the Bedouins with shelter, simply because all the people have to do, according to the Israeli government, is lie down on the ground if they know that an artillery rocket might be coming in, and if they do that, their chances of being a casualty will be reduced by 80 percent. That's the Israeli government itself saying that.

So, the reasons that this civil defense is so effective is because, first, the artillery rocket warheads are not very large, 10 to 20 pounds, and the second thing is that people have adequate warning to take shelter. That is extremely effective. Let me just give you an example of how dramatically effective early warning can be. In World War II, during the bombing of London, there were V-1 and V-2 rockets being used. The V-2 was a ballistic missile that hit without warning, because people had no radars at that time to know it was coming. The V-1 was kind of like a cruise missile. It was called a buzz bomb, because it had a particular kind of a what's called pulse jet motor that made a buzzing sound. Now, the V-1s did the same amount of damage as the V-2s, but the chances of being killed by a V-1 when it hit the ground, relative to a V-2, were 60 percent lower, 60 percent lower. And this great reduction in casualties is ascribable to the fact that if you're walking in the street during World War II in London and you hear the buzz bomb overhead, its motor will turn off and it will dive to the ground, but you have seven seconds between the motor turning off and the warhead hitting. And just getting to the ground increases your chances of survival by a factor of 60 percent. So—

AMY GOODMAN: So what is the so-called—this dome, the Iron Dome, doing?

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, we know—we have videos of the contrails—by contrails, I mean the smoke trails left by the Iron Dome rocket motor—that indicate the geometry of the engagement between the Iron Dome interceptors and the incoming artillery rockets. So, for example, if you see a contrail that ends with an explosion of an Iron Dome, and the contrail is traveling parallel to the earth, this means that the Iron Dome attempted to engage an artillery rocket from what you call a side-on geometry, because the artillery rocket is falling in a highly vertical trajectory. In a side-on geometry, the probability of destroying the artillery rocket warhead is essentially zero, for all practical purposes. We also see Iron Domes chasing artillery rockets from behind. The probability of destroying an artillery rocket warhead in that geometry is also zero. We occasionally, very occasionally, see an Iron Dome intercept arising in a near-vertical trajectory. That is the only engagement geometry where the Iron Dome has a non-zero chance of destroying the rocket—the artillery rocket warhead.

AMY GOODMAN: So how often have these rockets been intercepted?

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, we don't know exactly, but my guess is maybe 5 percent of the time. It may not even be that good.

AMY GOODMAN: Ninety-five percent of the time, they miss?

THEODORE POSTOL: It looks that way, yes.

AMY GOODMAN: I mean, if you're watching television in the United States, as we just played those clips, it's universally accepted that it is the reason for the low casualty rate for Israelis.

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, let me remind you that in the Gulf War of 1991, the interceptor rate of the Patriot missile defense over Israel and Saudi Arabia was reported as 96 percent, even higher. And we analyzed the information we obtained from television videos, and when we were finished, the general view among all—all—informed technical people was that the intercept rate of Patriot was probably zero. So, people look at these explosions in the sky, they associate this light show with successful intercepts, and what they are seeing are the explosion of the Iron Dome warheads.

AMY GOODMAN: U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel sent a letter to Congress requesting \$225 million more in U.S. funding—

THEODORE POSTOL: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: —to accelerate production of the Dome missile defense components. What is the company that benefits from this, or the military contractors that are getting this money?

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, the company that will benefit—the American company that will benefit most—there will be companies in Israel that also benefit—is the Raytheon Corporation, which is out here in Massachusetts.

AMY GOODMAN: So, that's where the money goes.

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, a large part of it will go. I haven't been able to find any information on how much will be paid to Raytheon for each interceptor that's built.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you think the money is well spent, Professor Postol?

THEODORE POSTOL: I would not spend money on an interceptor that has a near-zero chance of intercepting an artillery rocket. The interceptor probably costs well in excess of \$100,000 per interceptor, and it's maybe achieving a 5 percent rate—maybe, could be lower—against rockets that maybe cost \$1,000 each or \$500 each. So the cost-exchange ratio is fine, if you're Israeli and the dollars are not coming out of your pocket. But in the case of an American system, I would certainly not support such a system.

AMY GOODMAN: How can there be such a disparity between what you claim and everyone else? I mean, the Israeli government says 85 to 90 percent success rate. Is it lying?

THEODORE POSTOL: Well, I think there's been quite a lot of sleight of hand on the part of the Israeli government. Now, in all fairness, there are reasons—I mean, that could be justified in warfare—for lying. First of all, you could lie because it calms your population to think that they're being defended. Now, there is a double-edged sword here, though, because if people think they are being defended, they may not take shelter. And in November of 2012, three people were killed—

AMY GOODMAN: We have 10 seconds.

THEODORE POSTOL: Oh, three people were killed on a porch because they were out looking at Iron Dome supposedly successfully intercepting.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to continue this conversation after the show, and then we'll post it at democracynow.org. Professor Theodore Postol of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, thanks so much for joining us.

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#9 Xiao Chu The Small Accumulating

Above: Sun root, foundation, nourishing
Below : Quin/Ganh heaven, energy, spirit, power

The Wisdom:

You are entering a time of great potential
Heaven awaits the lightening
Lighting beckons thunder;
You are the thunder

Progress has been good, yet completion is elusive. Frustration will take your power and the goal will slip further away. Be confident, and you will find completion is not your aim. The benefit is to focus on the present moment.

As you proceed on this road less traveled, you inevitably come up against the obstacles of guilt, shame, and judgment. At this moment in time, these obstacles are showing at precisely the right time. Your inner strength, wrought by hard work and suffering is at its zenith and is like a finely honed and sharpened sword. Raise the sword and cut away at the ties that bind you to old patterns and empty relationships, both personally and in commerce. In this moment be the skilled warrior who knows that a sword this sharp is the sword with two edges; on one side it can cut through a lifetime of ill-fated patterns, while on the other side, if you do not come to battle with pure intent, this sword has the potential to slice away at your resolve and leave you powerless, able to go no further.

Your true power now lies in the beauty of graceful, small and well thought-out movements. Proceed slowly and with a well-planned strategy. Meet the obstacle head on; reach inward to reveal your shadow, the self of darkness. Make the darkness useful as you reach in stillness to your authenticity, that of light and dark, yin and yang.

In this life journey, we suppress our dark side, what Jung called the shadow. In this shadow you will find some pretty ugly old stuff: disappointment, guilt, abandonment and shame. It is from this dark, shadowy, potentially troubling unknown that negative patterns and self-doubt arise. Mostly, this shadow side is denied and projected onto others, our partners, friends, and associates, but if we dare, we can know our shadow, and therein lies our liberation from all the fear and the key to activating our intentions. But be fully aware that you are dancing with the dark side and if your intent is not aimed to work for the greater good of all, you will find yourself exposed as you move into the light and you will be derailed as you come into the light. Meet your dark side head on in the full light of your love, acceptance, and compassion, and it crumbles. And in its place is a stronger, lighter you, a more sustainable you, who will be loved and able to receive the love and abundance you have desired.

Operating without being aware of the truth of your dark side is folly. All things contain both light and dark, yin and yang. If you are too sunny, you will not have influence or be trusted. If you allow yourself to operate from negativity, you will allow fear free reign, and what you really want in your heart of hearts will not come to fruition, as you will have been your own worst enemy.

This is not the time to expect perfection. Be the light, but not too light; be dark, but not too dark. Aim for balance without grasping onto outcomes. If reading this makes you smile and shudder at the same time, it is your truth.

Act with small movements, including minimal verbal flourishes; in this way you will hold in place the peace

you have wanted and deserved, and you will have success in small measure. This is good enough for now—the power of the small.

Completion is near;
Gather your inner resources;
You will need to reach into the darkness;
What you find there will be very useful;
No blame, no fear.

When nearing a goal of completion there is the tendency to want to rest, to take a break. This is not yet the time; there are a number of small tasks to be addressed at this juncture.

Set ambition aside for now and attend to the small details, so that your path, your vision, will be clear. You will then be able to dip into the subconscious and bring to light the negative beliefs about yourself and the world that have been blocking you. What you find as you delve into the shadow may feel shocking, like a big dark monster; but know that the monster, in reality, is really quite tiny, like a little toy monster; it cannot really harm you or stop you on your path to love, health, and abundance.

Do not reach for a conclusion.
Now is not the time.
Tie up loose ends,
End what must be ended,
Tend to what must be mended.

Moving forward does not always make for real progress. At times like these, progress will be made by going inward rather than forward, paying attention to the smallest things, things that might not seem to be relevant to your goal for your own and the greater good.

Your mind must be clear of any chaos, doubts, or fears. At this time, hone your skills and make strong your commitment, not to completion, but to living in a better way, in the way of your truth.

Look to your relationships and address the small things that have held you back from loving fully or letting yourself to be loved. Ask for what you know you deserve. This will bring clarity, and you will know what to do.

When it comes to your projects, family, or health, deal with the small matters; vow to remain authentic and have honest, open communication with all those in your life. By dealing with small details, you can remove the obstacles that have blocked your path to wellness, true love, abundance, or spiritual evolution.

Completion is near. These last few steps will only be bridged by cleaning up the things you have left unattended. Clean up your desk, straighten the closets, clean out your car if you have one, balance your accounts, lighten your load. Give some of your “stuff” away, literally and metaphorically. These seemingly small gestures will pave the way toward what you want and deserve.

It seems that taking care of the little details should be the simplest of tasks, yet we often get blocked from doing so. This is where the inner work begins. Take the time to look deeply into your thoughts about yourself; be real about where you doubt yourself in your work, your relationship, and your spiritual practice. Acknowledge what you truly want and deserve.

Now, to attain what you want, you must go inside and clean up the inner recesses of your mind. Look unabashedly at your dark side, and don't allow shame or guilt to cause you to avert your gaze. We all have a dark side, a shadow self. There are hidden resources and strengths in these recesses of the subconscious. Look at what you are ashamed of and forgive yourself. In this way you will retrieve your authenticity, which has been obscured by the dark. Don't be afraid—it is nowhere near as bad or

dangerous as your ego wants you to think it is.

This is where you are found: wanting to survive, wanting to be fully loved and to be able to love freely, but are blocked. It is only by looking deep into the shadow side, examining what you fear and are ashamed of, that you will find liberation. Then, after a light is cast on these small, shadowy things still lurking in the hidden recesses, you will be able to joyfully reach your destination of wellness, peace, love, and abundance in proper measure.

Being diligent about your meditation practice or developing one is of great importance now. Don't be afraid to hold the energy back and give yourself some moments of quietude and inner spaciousness. In this vast place within yourself is a universe of possibilities, where you will again fall in love... with life and your own authenticity. Here you can feel the tribal unity of all struggling beings and you will feel the heart of compassion. Don't worry, your guardian angels and guides have your back. You are safe. Just do the work. It will make you smile and shine like the sun at midday.

With Love,
I am the other you,

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