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2013 RAINBOW ROUND TABLE

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Opening Meditation: Cheryl Croci

Housekeeping: Cheryl Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
  - We need **\$300 each week**; this week, we are caught up ].. **Many thanks to everyone.**
    - Needs everyone of us to donate something, would like to hear from all on the call.
    - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls!
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- T & R:**
- T & R have moved; rent for the new spot is \$1000 / mo; due on 1<sup>st</sup> of the month –  
**NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED OR IT BECOMES AN EXTRA \$50 / DAY**
    - also need food & gas money this week
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Santa Fe, NM 87505
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or by e-mail: [stargatemarietta@gmail.com](mailto:stargatemarietta@gmail.com)
  - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

#### HARD NEWS

**T: E-mail – new address: Koran9999@hotmail.com**

**R:** Rama has witnessed the Council of 36 on Saturn, with LMNada presiding  
What we have going on earth in comparison is "mere toys" - at the same time, it seems that all is lost but it is not! All is in the bag!

**Talked to MR X and Katherine today Putin did not shoot down the Malaysian jet liner**

- On the fake news channel with Brett Hume, special report: the only white knight on that news channel is Shepherd Smith who, at the right time, will take off his tie and talk of the galactics
- **It is Black Ops** – Tom the Cat told him yesterday it was the mercenaries; hired hands – also desecrating the debris field – why Tom called them "vultures"

- they are playing a brinkmanship game, trying to start WW 3 – already cancelled!
- Playing with ancient war weapons which are dangerous, but which can be contained in a second.
- The criminals in the US, the bankster/gangsters, are freaking because the energies are so high.

**Camp Lovewave:** talked about chemtrails today; Guest was Clifford Carnacom

- He brought up the **geo engineering video** and how they are messing with the planet and that because Thom Hartmann got 3 bullet holes in his car, he will not speak about chemtrails
- also that Edward Snowden talked of aerosol sprays, the contents of which can detect emissions of the warp drive signatures of the cloaked ships in our atmosphere;
  - as this comes out, it changes the laws of what we understand, as physics moves into the realm of hyper dimensional physics. The scientists are freaking out because they can do nothing about it! This is great: the galactics are giving them the fear of the Lord!
  - How do you take on a craft that is **15 – 100 million years** in advance of our culture?
  - He said Snowden spoke of it in released files connected with Wikileaks
- We have the biggest cosmic breakthroughs happening right now in every segment of our lives, and things are in a completely different way because the frequencies have changed: this is 5<sup>th</sup> dimension going into 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> dimensions. Where the doorways are opening all around us
  - The elves, the fairies. The pixies the dwarves, and others who are hybrids of them and humans are peeking out from behind doorways and asking us to suspend our disbelief about the realities of what is going on:
- Time for us to change our context that what we cannot see, taste, hear or feel is not real.
- The matrix is falling apart at the seams, and we are the cause of the changes – have to be living under a rock not to feel the awesome energies and, at the same time, the dark ones are rattling the sabres.
- It's about the money: there is no more fiat currency – we are moving into the 19<sup>th</sup> week since the markets were zeroed out and supposedly the Dow is at 17,000
- R wants to see Elizabeth Warren elected: she has said that Jamie Diamon is not too big to wear an orange jumpsuit, nor is Lloyd Blankfein [or any of the other CEOs of major banks]
- Hank Paulson, the hologram, has come back into the picture in the last 2 weeks – it's the revolving door of the “zombie Lies” as Bill Maher calls them, and Max Keiser.
- So horrendous to see kids in Palestine being killed just because of the colour of their skin: as here, “I am Tory Davis”: I am Trayvon Martin

**R: talked to Katherine and Mr X**

- the rumors that Putin and a secret set of forces did it – **these rumors are put out via Fox News** – Brit Hume/Fox News reporter
  - that Putin had a secret force of the KGB: it is the mercenaries tied to Blackwater “separatists”
  - A Dutch official said the Russian military are disturbing the dead
  - the criminals who are setting up the pre-fabricated pile of lies to cover up the involvement of the US and Britain and their Black Ops will be exposed and arrested for international crimes and genocide
- And about **Obama: he will turn the tables on the 13 families** at the appropriate time
  - he has 3 key witnesses to 9/11 – “ask more and I will have to kill you” [Mr X would say no more!]
  - these key witnesses have also implicated the Bush-Clinton crime families and their minions in the murder of JFK Jr [1999] when he was working with Al Franken on the George Magazine
  - These 3 will talk from a safe location; they are highly placed or would not be alive now
  - Rama **knows they are feminine – the goddess!** - wrap them in the violet flame
    - will speak in a timely manner from where no one can track them
    - [T guesses: Valerie Plame, Sybel Edmunds, Jane Mayer- **will hear nothing about this!**]
- **Mr X also brought up Paul Wellstone**, murdered for wanting to talk of NESARA

**T:** By now, we should be getting the picture of how lethal these dark ones are: and how easy it is for them,

without emotions, to murder people who “get in the way”

- Thom Hartmann can get very nasty with people – he has been attacked 4 times by MIB – it is a long strong message – this is Thom reacting with fear.
- T wanted to wring Rachel Maddow's neck Friday night; she was lying through her teeth, yet she has told them that sometimes she has talk the way she is told to

### **Alex Witt July 12 – Monitors got brief access**

**T:** on another channel, learned that anti-Russians are in charge of the area which covers a multitude of sins: don't forget the US Black Ops are in charge

**Baghdad:** reeling after 8 car bombings s today

- Before the US got into Baghdad, there were not such bombings
- Maliki is pushing the Sunnis out
- The bigger game of the Powers That Were using innocent civilians to make the point about making war

**R:** This is about the war inside of us

### **Weekends With Alex Witt 2014, July 19**

### **The cost of Afghanistan**

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan, John Sopko, talks to Alex Witt about the reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan despite recent setbacks.

As the Us military prepares for the draw down from Afghanistan - \$100 Billion of US Taxpayer money on various re-construction projects in the country: yet most of it was snatched by the Pentagon. This is in addition to the money spent on the war itself



The interview reveals how much money was wasted and on what!

Eg Planes sitting on the tarmac at Kabal – have never been flown

Eg, buildings built at Helmand province – the generals did not want a base built

- never asked the Afghanis what they wanted – it is also about the most corrupt country in the world
- To ensure terrorists do not get back into the country, will have to see \$8Billion a year plus oversight to make sure things happen properly

**T, R:**

- it is NOT about 9/11, and those behind this knew it well.
- Need healing centres, education, creative arts, mental health facilities – not war buildings!!!!

- Alex: reached out to USAid for a response: [basically a canned answer!]  
reached out to the Pentagon: no response

**T:** what is required is love, compassion, over standing – that we work in a unified field of Oneness where everyone is healthy, happy, harmonious, has a free high quality education, free health care, free energy, lives under universal economics [called NESARA!]

**T:** discusses how those who fight get off on killing: they turn into dirt dog murderers!

**T: commentary on the Democracy Now audio:** the 4 boys killed on the beach: no one else was there –

out and out murder! Also, the news is from Thursday and the death toll is 227; today it is over 300

**2014, July 17 Horror on Gaza Beach: New York Times Photographer Witnesses Israeli Killing of 4 Palestinian Boys**

**2014, July 17 U.S. Turns Back on Child Migrants After Its Policies in Guatemala, Honduras Sowed Seeds of Crisis**

**2014, July 17 Nobel Economist Joseph Stiglitz Hails New BRICS Bank Challenging U.S.-Dominated World Bank & IMF**

[SEE BELOW FOR ALL TRANSCRIPTS]

**Audio: Pirate TV Rebecca Solnit**

**An Evening with Rebecca Solnit, TRT 1:16 recorded 6/5/14      June 5, 2014**



The author of 13 books, Rebecca Solnit writes on art, landscape, public and collective life, ecology, politics, hope, meandering, reverie, memory, and the power of story. Her most recent work, **The Faraway Nearby**, explores the ways we make our lives out of stories, and how we are connected by empathy, by narrative, and by imagination. Her earlier books include *River of Shadows: Eadweard Muybridge and the Technological Wild West* (2004), for which she received a Guggenheim, the National Book Critics Circle Award in criticism, and the Lannan Literary Award.

Thanks to Seattle Town Hall and Seattle Arts & Lectures

**T:** talking about the people killed in the plane crash & what gets blocked out of our news

- 108 people of the 298 were going to the AIDS conference in Australia, including Dr Yoplanda, the scientist who held the total cure for AIDS, the only one! – makes her suspicious!
- **It is Blackwater** - not the “anti government terrorists”, “Russian separatists”
  - Almost 500,000 people who have gone to Russia;
  - horrific pictures of the dead, completely killing their own people, using 100% American money!!!!
- **It is not Putin** - people have not unhinged themselves from the cold war thinking – it is our Blackwater people doing it and getting paid for it!
- On the radio, it says over and over it is Putin doing it and we need to give Kiev more money  
Yet Boreshenko, who is a Nazi, said in English in a public speech that the people in Eastern Ukraine are animals and do not deserve to live! It is blocked out in news coming to US.
- Dr Abdul Al Sayed a professor of epidemiology at Columbia University said the cure pushes up against all the drugs: more effective – T & R hope that someone else has the info to help
  - AIDS – created from the brain rot virus of a cow combined with a leukemia virus of a sheep; our black mercenary medical OPS people created the AIDS virus in a lab; they contaminated whole herds of cows and sheep in Texas: then people ate it and got the virus into their blood streams and got AIDS.
- Hard to watch Obama putting sanctions on Russia/Putin:
  - BO is “emitting his opinions based on the dis-information given until such time” [from MrX and Katherine] he can have 3 high-ranking individuals, women, tell the true story, including how the Bush-Clinton crime family did 9/11 –
  - they want to start WW 3.

**BRICS:** Brazil, Russia, Indian, China, South Africa – **represent 40% of the world population** who are out from under the tyranny of the US fiat dollar – we will be watching a shift and a half!

## Music

## Astrology: Richard

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** – Jupiter went into Leo

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>** – moon went into Aries and he said it would heat up

**Today:** we can see in world news how things have heated up

**Sun:** moon in Taurus today; Saturn goes direct

**Mon:** Saturn goes retrograde; when the energy goes inward, Saturn will take a bigger part

**Tuesday: sun goes into Leo**

**Wed; Moon trines mars which is still in late Libra today**

**Thurs:** the sun has been approaching Jupiter and adding energies as we go

- when astrologers do aspects between planets, can use a wider difference from exact
- the moon and the sun can use 10\* from being exact
- right now, sun is 4\* away from being exact to Jupiter and trine Saturn, and Moon conjunct Venus

**Fri:** Mars moves into Scorpio, moon conjuncts Mercury and when it is in Cancer, it opposes Pluto

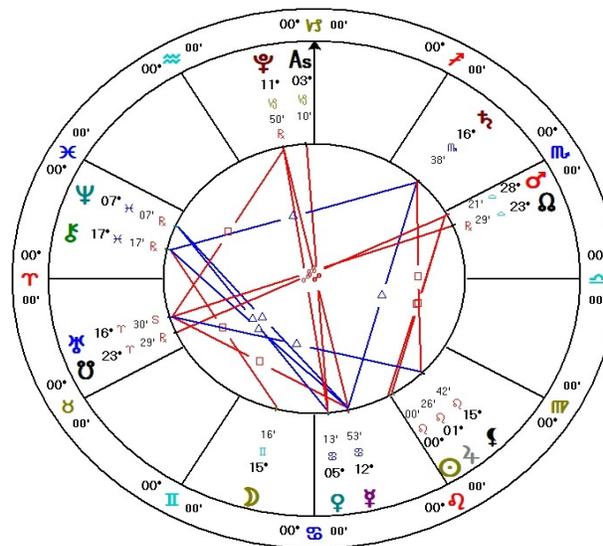
- Lots of changing actions; will take a while for things to settle down
- Next Saturday: Mercury and Saturn go into Scorpio – Mars conjuncts Saturn July 25<sup>th</sup>

## July 15, 2014 Pele Report, Astrology Forecast

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=KvKd4h423b0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=KvKd4h423b0)

click here for the Sun Enters Leo astrology chart

Sun Enters Leo  
Natal Chart  
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As I discover more self worth,  
It's good to keep in mind,  
That everyone has their day in the Sun,  
But together we shine Divine.

English transcription | Spanish translation | French translation | Pele Report mp3 only

Wednesday Jupiter enters Leo, Tuesday the Sun. Friday Venus enters Cancer, Sunday Saturn goes direct. Monday Uranus goes retrograde and Mercury opposes Pluto. Finally, next Tuesday the Sun Conjunct Jupiter is exact. All this points to the possibility of all of us exploding like balloons with too much hot air

haha! We're all getting bigger and bigger and bigger.... so let's get bigger and better together instead of the old "This town's not big enough for both of us partner.....draw!" If we can all manage to be big without making others small we can all have a good time together. Enjoy!

Music by my buddy Scott Huckabay.... <http://scotthuckabay.com> check him out! namaste

**Reading: The Oracle Report**      **Saturday, July 19 - Sunday, July 20, 2014**  
<http://www.oraclereport.com/blog/2014/7/18/saturday-july-19-2014>

**Third Quarter Moon Phase:** reassess, re-evaluate

**Moon in Taurus**

**Ruling Mahavidya:** Dhumavati (Goddess of Smoke) and Kali (The Destroyer)

**Negative Imprint:** breaking loose, untouchable, harsh judgment, over-reliance on others, too much chatter, maliciously unsettling/upsetting others

**Positive Imprint:** mutual respect and understanding, seeing signs, planning the future, accepting opportunities being offered

This month's themes of independence and foundations are reinforced this weekend. The energy is complex and quite intense. But when the weekend ends, much will have shifted. In many ways, it is like the end of a relay race.

This weekend squeezes the last drops of the Mars-Eris aspects. The power of this transit ends as Eris stations direct, and Mars continues to move out of range. So the Illuminati's war efforts will not have that dynamic to work off of after Sunday.

But the potential for things to break loose even more is amplified with Saturn stationing direct on Sunday (around 4:00 pm ET/ 8:00 pm UT). Keep in mind that energy comes in waves and is present for varying lengths of time. The Moon will be making opposition to Saturn at the same time. The Moon in strong aspect will greatly multiply the effects of Saturn moving direct. Remember that the day a planet stations retrograde or direct (appears to move backward or forward in the sky) is like a slingshot effect. Saturn is located at a degree that breaks things apart. Saturn rules foundations and structures and it is closely associated with control issues, so this is a wily mixture. On the global level and in our individual lives, things can break into more chaos, break loose wider to include more people or areas/issues, break apart, break free, etc. Structures and situations that have been degrading further degrade under this barrage.

But this month we have been "feathering our nests" - the nest of our psyche and the nests of our lives. We have been constructing/building new frameworks or reinforcing existing frameworks - ones that are strong and in alignment with higher order. This includes frames of mind, frames of emotion, and frameworks of new ideas.

With this, the weekend's energy brings heightened ability to go to new heights and see the future. We can leap ahead. We see the symbols and get the message about something in our futures. It prompts planning. The negative polarity of this is comparing oneself to others and finding weakness. We are all unique and we are all the same. If you are compelled to compare, recognize what's truly valuable.

When we come to the Third Quarter phase of the Moon, it is a time to assess and re-evaluate. We consider all that has developed since the New Moon and assume responsibility for wherever we are right now. It's natural to see what we need to do better with, but it is divine to not harshly judge ourselves. We don't cry over spilled milk; we clean it up and pour another glass. Another

month is on the way, bringing another opportunity to progress our journey.

This weekend's stage of the journey takes us to a finish line of sorts. The Wisdom Goddesses Dhumavati and Kali are hard at work facilitating liberation from what has bound us. What is liberating inside of you?

(Note: Sunday's energy has elements of gloom. Dhumavati is sometimes called "sad smoke" because she wafts in to help with deep sadness. If sadness overtakes you, go outside and give your emotions to Dhumavati or to the planet. You will feel better.)

Your support of the Oracle Report is much appreciated.

**Dane Rudyar** reads about Leo 1\*; Leo 2\*; Leo 3\*; Leo 4\*, Leo 5\*

**Reading:**

**[SEE BELOW]**

**A SMALL FRAGMENT OF SOLARA'S JULY 2014 SURF REPORT ~ RIDE LIKE THE WIND**

- by the end of the month, we will be running with a new current & will be in zoom mode!
- This is the Chinese Year of the wind horse only occurs every 60 years – carries on its back the Tibetan gem that grants wishes
- We all have a once in a lifetime opportunity to move our lives to a completely new level, to fully inhabit the landscape of the new world and manifest the world of our dreams.
- From our true points, we will be able to act as anchor points when the shift occurs.
- Many of us are not utilizing these powerful energies.

**Conference Call**

**T:** they want to do to us what they are doing to Ukraine; this in response to comments about the program dropping on BBS and on various computers attached to the news program

- comments that the messages from all the astrologers being the same means that the movement into unity consciousness is happening.
- 15 babies got killed in Gaza last night

**Caller1:**

**T:** will see a turn-around from Barack pretty soon: giving them as

**T:** send a plane load of kids back to Honduras; have already done the same to kids from Guatemala

- Have been watching a documentary in Ukraine: dead bodies all over the place; Len reported the same on BBC World

**Caller2:** has received his gem sphere in the mail from Judy Beebe!

**T:** tells him to look after it!

**C2:** an apple shaped sphere with a little bit of water in

**T:** watching RT – 20 more killed since this morning! 342 Palestinians dead, including 72 children

- Catastrophic what these ones are doing: too many people have been telling them what a crock!

[Steve Cohen and Katrina Van Den Heuval are a couple!]

**T:** Watching protests on RT in downtown Berlin: **free Palestine!**

**Caller1:**

**T:** we are experiencing what they have done to downgrade our DNA – now we will begin to experience the upgrade of our DNA as we go up higher

**C1:** is there a good possibility we won't have to deal with bankers and their hassle? Can't pay credit cards and they are trying to get blood out of the turnip – not really threatening; first contacted by a bill collector for City Bank; told them had no \$ to pay & please send

proof the money is owed with a signed agreement and a certified copy that this is genuine.

**T:** they have no business talking to caller or anyone else; they have no authority; they are in criminal mode as no contract was signed with them. Bank is downloading this down on crooks who will try and strong arm people

**C1:** has the right to an accounting of the money owed

**T:** Tell them “ as you are not my original contractor, you must show me original documents, certified”

**C1:** giving them 10 days to provide the information

**C3:** asking about people stripping dead bodies at the crash site and using the credit cards – it is true

**T:** talks about the amount of \$ spent on Afghanistan and Alex Witt's interview this morning

- What is the truth is 100x worse than what we have been hearing for all these wars and Viet Nam as well

- Abby Martin telling about GMOs and the effects they have on people's bodies

- In response to questions about what has been happening on the ground where the plane crashed in Ukraine: we will be going back to the original crime scene of 9/11, and this will subsume all the smaller issues people are bringing up

- Obama has the 3 female witnesses -

**T:** went to dentist because of toothache: the pain was horrendous so had to go – were talking in general and the dentist said was all he wanted was for someone to take the Koch Bros out of everyone's lives; that they had taken over the school he attended in Florida and forced their curriculum on the whole school and tossed out teachers they did not like!

- Every 5 hours, she takes 3000 units of Vit C in liquid form

**Caller4:** has e-mailed info from Dr Olly ?.com website

- talking about penicillin – amoxyl requires you to take probiotics so you are re-seeding your digestive system – you need the lacto bacillus to counter the effects of the penicillin and need to do it daily!!! Can get tremendous diarrhea and get dehydrated.

**Caller 5:** heard what C4 said – makes sense!

**C5:** Koch Bros own McGraw Hill, a text book company, so have been affecting education for a long time

**T:** the dentist was talking about the dentistry program; they told him it was nazi money that came from their mother who made lamp shades out of human skin

**C5:** had a good class last week on energy transmissions: powerful for the people who attended. Going to teach **SHY – Spiritual Human Yoga** and has shaman training from Rocking Bear, so she is a SHY shaman!

**T:** this kind of horse is here only once in 60 years, so that is powerful energy

[www.millionsagainstm Monsanto.org](http://www.millionsagainstm Monsanto.org) all kinds of science here

**C5:** did we know that Monsanto does not serve any food with GMOs in it in their plant?

**T:** Monsanto owns Whole Foods too

**C5:** has seen propaganda inside the local supermarket – announcement on the PS system “organic food is not proven to be better for you; it's just a different way of growing food! “

**C1:** that's what they say about vitamins

**T:** certain vitamins in certain stores are pure poison! They are pushing every river they can push

**Agenda 21** – has been large meetings on this in California – the aerial sprays have aluminum oxide in them and even the weeds cannot grow!

**BBS:**

**Reading:** T provides commentary on the reading.

2014, July 12 **Facts All US Citizens Need to Know About Israel and Palestine** [SEE BELOW]

**T:** every single thing that is being put on the Palestinians is **NOT TRUE: THE ISRAELI CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED BY BLACKWATER DRESSED UP AS “INSURGENTS”**

- Mercenaries are hired and dressed up to look like insurgents – has been going on for a time.
  - They only report \$3 Billion because they are a state of the union PLUS another \$3 billion behind the scenes.
  - The 13 families ruling the roost – in reference to comments about Obama
- **Article needs some tweaking to make sure people know the paragraph about Obama is not quite what is going on!**

**Audio: Pirate TV** Keith McHenry: The Case for Food Not Bombs (January 15, 2014)

<https://archive.org/details/scm-382725-kiethmchenrythecaseforfoodnot>

Keith McHenry talks about the history of Food Not Bombs! This event was hosted by the UW Student Food Cooperative and funded by the Associated Students of the University Washington (ASUW). Introduction by Carl .Chatzky.



[Currently lives in Taos, NM in the Food Not Bombs skool!!!!]

**THIS IS A TERRIFIC STORY!!!!**

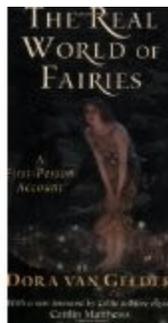
**The kind of energy we need to have – he is in constant joy!**

**Reading: The Real World of Fairies: a first person account by Dora van Gelder**

Forward by Celtic Folklore Specialist Kaitlin Matthews

Quest Books, the Theosophical Publishing House ISBN 978-0-8356-0779-7

The Real World of Fairies: A First-Person Account by Dora van Gelder Kunz and Caitlin Matthews (May 25, 1999)



**Closing:** **Rainbird**, complete with story of buying a truck for her son so the fairies could ride on it!

**Music:** **Rumi**

## INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

### 2014, July 17 Horror on Gaza Beach: New York Times Photographer Witnesses Israeli Killing of 4 Palestinian Boys

[http://www.democracynow.org/2014/7/17/horror\\_on\\_gaza\\_beach\\_new\\_york](http://www.democracynow.org/2014/7/17/horror_on_gaza_beach_new_york)

Israel says it is considering a new ceasefire proposal from Egypt that would take effect on Friday. There is no word yet from Hamas, which rejected the last proposal on the grounds its leaders were never consulted and the terms would have allowed for the continued siege of Gaza and for Israeli bombardment at will. The news of a fresh proposal comes just as a five-hour humanitarian pause has ended. The United Nations asked for the break to let Gazans receive supplies and repair damage following 10 days of Israeli bombings. On Wednesday, an Israeli gunboat shelled a beach, killing four boys who were playing. The boys were all between the ages of nine and 11 and from the same extended family. Seven other adults and children were wounded in the strike. The scene was witnessed by several international journalists, including our guest Tyler Hicks, a Pulitzer Prize-winning staff photographer at The New York Times. We are also joined from Gaza City by Democracy Now! correspondent Sharif Abdel Kouddous, who has interviewed family members of the young victims.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: A five-hour humanitarian truce has just ended in Gaza. The break was requested by the United Nations to allow residents of the Gaza Strip to gather supplies and repair damage following 10 days of attacks by Israel. The death toll in Gaza has reached at least 227, mostly civilians. One Israeli has died since the attack began. There are reports today of a new ceasefire agreement between Israel and Gaza, but details remain unclear.

AMY GOODMAN: On Wednesday, an Israeli gunboat shelled a beach, killing four boys who were playing there. The boys were all between the ages of nine and 11 and from the same extended family. Seven other adults and children were wounded in the strike. The scene was witnessed by a number of international journalists, including France 24 correspondent Gallagher Fenwick.

GALLAGHER FENWICK: We witnessed the incident. The first strike occurred, and we went out onto our balcony. You have to understand that this happened right in front of the hotels on the Gaza beachfront where most of the international media are staying, so there were very many witnesses of this incident. As I mentioned, there was a first very loud strike that hit a structure that is right on the Gaza port. So, many people looking out onto there. And after that first strike happened, we saw four very young children running away from the point of impact on a completely empty beach, so very clearly visible from a distance. And that's why—that's when, excuse me, there was a second strike that obviously hit the other children, so leaving four children dead on that beach—a very shocking incident given that, again, these children were clearly simply playing around and were very, very clearly visible from a distance.

AMY GOODMAN: Ashraf al-Qidra of the Gaza Health Ministry condemned the attack on the four children—[Ismail] Mohammed Bakr, age nine; Ahed Bakr, age 10; Zakaria Bakr, age 10; and Mohammed Bakr, age 11.

ASHRAF AL-QIDRA: [translated] The Zionist occupation committed a new crime against the Palestinian civilian population and the children who were playing near the Gaza port, which led to the death of four children, who died on the spot. In addition, the fifth is now clinically dead. Their ages vary from 10 to 12 years old. Medical teams are still in the area looking to evacuate the dead and wounded from the site that was completely destroyed. A large number of injuries arrived to Shifa Medical Center.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: On Wednesday, President Obama said he was, quote, "heartbroken" by the deaths of civilians in Gaza, but he maintained Israel had a right to defend itself.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: Israel has a right to defend itself from rocket attacks that terrorize the Israeli people. There's no country on Earth that can be expected to live under a daily barrage of rockets.

Over the next 24 hours, we'll continue to stay in close contact with our friends and parties in the region, and we will use all of our diplomatic resources and relationships to support efforts of closing a deal on a ceasefire.

AMY GOODMAN: We go now to Gaza City, where we're joined by Democracy Now! correspondent Sharif Abdel Kouddous. Sharif, can you tell us what happened yesterday? Tell us what happened on the beach.

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS: Well, Amy, as you heard, these four young boys, aged between nine and 11, were playing on a pier just jutting out into the sea, right in front of the Deira Hotel, which houses many foreign correspondents. There were more than four; there were eight kids, actually, playing. And apparently a naval gunboat fired on them. One of them was killed, and the rest of the children began to run. I visited the site today. There's a lot of rubble and twisted metal where the initial hit came. About 20 or 30 yards away from that, while the children were running, which seems to indicate that an adjustment was made to give a direct hit on these children, they were hit. I spoke to a witness, a fisherman who was right there, who said the kids were blown apart. One landed about 20 meters from the other two. They were all killed. Mohammed was 11 years old; Zakaria, nine; Ismail, 11; and Ahed was nine—all from the Bakr family. They're all cousins.

And there was four others who were injured. Two of them are in hospital. I spoke to one of them today. He said he was—they were just playing on the beach, and that they go to the beach every day. They come from a family of fishermen. And he said he was right next to his cousin Mohammed when the strike hit, and he somehow managed to survive. Another one is suffering deep psychological trauma. His name is Younis. He's suffering deep shock from what happened.

So, and we spoke—I also met with the mother today of Mohammed, the 11-year-old who was killed. She said he was a child that loved the sea. He had seven—he has seven sisters. His father ruined his back about 10 years ago fishing, and they were waiting for him to grow and become the family breadwinner. And there was just deep, deep tragedy and sorrow in the house. So, you know, this is just some of the stories of people who are killed in Gaza. As we know, it's almost 50 children have been killed over this 10-day bombardment, and close to 230 people overall have been killed.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Sharif—

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS: As you mentioned earlier, we're just approaching now the—go ahead.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Sharif, I just wanted to interrupt you. We also have on the phone with us Tyler Hicks, the New York Times photographer who was there on the scene when the children were killed. Welcome to Democracy Now!, Tyler Hicks.

TYLER HICKS: Thank you.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Yeah. You wrote a firsthand account in the Times today of what you saw. Could you tell us, in your own words?

TYLER HICKS: Yes, actually, my hotel room overlooks the beach. I have a perfect view of that area that was actually hit yesterday. I had been out working for most of the day. This happened in the late afternoon. And I just, you know, heard a loud explosion, a big crack right outside the window. I immediately looked outside, with my—my driver was here with me. And I could see just this part of the port, this jetty that goes out into the water, just outside my window, with a small structure, really just like a little shack, that had just been hit by a bomb. And at that time, I could just see one child running away from that into the open sand. I knew that there was a strong possibility that there would be injuries or even deaths because of this, and I quickly started to grab my cameras, my protective flak jacket, when another second explosion happened outside about 30 seconds after the first one. When I looked back out, that very boy that I had seen running was then lifeless, killed on the beach in the open, and along with three other boys who were playing with him.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Tyler Hicks, prior to these attacks, had there been any shelling going on in that area or any missiles that you could see or rockets being fired?

TYLER HICKS: Not in that area. I mean, the whole—all of Gaza has, you know, rockets, all kind—it's hard to tell exactly what these are, whether they're mortars, rockets from a jet, from a drone. Unless you're able to do the forensics and really know about those things, you can't really tell exactly what it was. One thing we know is it's coming from Israel.

This particular area is just—it's a quiet little strand of beach, sometimes a few fishermen out there with nets trying to catch just small bait fish, occasionally a few children. We learned later that these kids had actually been warned by their families not to play on the beach because it's an open area. But they would be no reason—now, this isn't a military area. It's a place that this part of the beach has hotels that are frequented by journalists. It's not a place that Hamas would be gathering—certainly not this little shack that's out on the seawall. There would be no reason that people would be out there in the sweltering sun having some kind of meeting that would be attacked.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, Tyler Hicks, as you've been covering this, it was—the Israeli military used the words "this was a tragic outcome" when their missile from the ship hit the children. They didn't say "tragic mistake." They said "tragic outcome." Can you explain, from covering this situation for a while now?

TYLER HICKS: Yeah, I mean, they have a very sophisticated military, and they can see what's going on, whether it's from a drone, from a ship. I mean, they know what they're hitting. And it's pretty hard—in my opinion, would be—to mistake grown men and, you know, Hamas militants, at that, for children no more than four feet high wearing beach clothes, scattering from this initial explosion. I mean, in my opinion, it would be pretty obvious, especially given the 30-second window between the first explosion and the second that killed three of the four. One was actually killed by that first bomb. But that 30 seconds should be enough to assess whether or not those are children or civilians or actual Hamas militants.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Sharif Abdel Kouddous, I'd like to go back to you for a moment. This temporary lull in the fighting, the talk of another possible truce, could you talk about that?

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS: Well, as you mentioned, this five-hour ceasefire expired just as we went to air. The streets are already emptying out, as I speak. But earlier today, they were crowded for the first time in 10 days, thousands of people going to market to buy much-needed food and water, and just to see each other after these 10 days of bombardment. Banks and ATMs, there were massive queues outside for people trying to withdraw money. And I expect that it will go back to Gaza, you know, returning to kind of being more of a ghost town, to being quiet, except for these sounds of war that are everywhere—the incessant buzzing of drones overhead, loud booms from warships, the screech of F-16s and the constant blasts of missiles raining down.

And they've hit so many homes. I mean, there's destruction almost around every corner. You see all these two-, three-story concrete buildings completely buckled under, their insides spilled out into the streets, people's belongings. They hit many graveyards, which are open spaces, where I guess the Israeli military believes rockets are being fired from. But the driver that I'm working with here said, "The Israelis are even trying to kill the dead."

And there's also thousands of people that have been displaced, many from Beit Lahiya in the north, who came after the Israeli military dropped leaflets warning of attacks. They're crammed into these U.N.-run schools. It's very, very hot. It's very humid. There's usually somewhere between 10 to 20 people, families crammed into one room, many of them sleeping on the floor. They don't have enough mattresses to go around. They have very little food and clean water. And many people have said, as well as Hamas officials that I've spoken to, that they feel abandoned by the international community, that this is going on and has been allowed to go on. They're asking for people to intervene and for this to stop.

AMY GOODMAN: Sharif, you've just come from Egypt, and I was wondering if you can talk about these ceasefire agreements. The first one, it's been reported, there was a secret conversation, phone conversation over the weekend, between General—the president of Egypt, el-Sisi, and the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. Hamas says they weren't consulted on this. Can you talk about the significance of this in this next ceasefire?

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS: Well, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi apparently did have this secret phone call with Benjamin Netanyahu, the first time he's spoken to Netanyahu since being inaugurated president in early July. This was apparently at the urging of Kerry, according to a report in Ha'aretz. I think, you know, this is—the difference between the last president that Sisi ousted, Mohamed Morsi, was that the Muslim Brotherhood had close ties with Hamas. During the 2012 assault, Mohamed Morsi sent in his prime minister, Hesham Qandil, into Gaza during the bombardment, which the people of Gaza here—I came to cover that, as well—said was a great show of solidarity. Other leaders came in after that, including the Turkish prime minister Erdogan. And so, he was really toasted for brokering a ceasefire.

And I think Abdel Fattah el-Sisi is trying to restore Egypt's historic role as a broker between Israel and Palestine, but, in this instance, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has engaged in a severe clampdown on the Muslim Brotherhood, the ally of Hamas, and has constantly vilified and demonized Hamas as trying to collude with the Brotherhood to overthrow the military in Egypt and overthrow the state. And so, they have destroyed hundreds of tunnels that link between Gaza and Egypt, in the interim. And this ceasefire agreement that was negotiated—I just spoke with a Hamas official, who confirmed that they were not consulted whatsoever. They learned about the ceasefire agreement from the media when it was reported. So, you now, I think this was a move to try and restore Egypt as being seen as a possible broker, but also to marginalize Hamas as a political movement.

There's talk of a new ceasefire. The details aren't apparent yet. But everyone wants the shelling and the bombing to stop.

AMY GOODMAN: Is there reports of a ground invasion, a possibility, of the Israeli troops lined up on the Gaza border?

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS: We keep hearing different reports. There was an unnamed Israeli military official who spoke with foreign correspondents yesterday—it was reported by The New York Times and The Washington Post and other papers—that was saying, as each day passes, a ground invasion becomes more likely, saying it was very, very possible. If that happens, then we can only imagine that the level of violence will only go up.

AMY GOODMAN: Sharif, we want to thank you for being with us. Please be safe. Sharif Abdel Kouddous, Democracy Now! correspondent, reporting from Gaza. I also want to thank Tyler Hicks, the Pulitzer Prize-winning staff photographer at The New York Times, wrote the firsthand account of witnessing the attack on the four boys today on the Gaza beach. We'll link to that report at [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org). Tyler Hicks is also the photographer who worked with Anthony Shadid, the New York Times reporter who died as he was leaving Libya [sic]. Tyler Hicks carried him over the border. This is Democracy Now!, [democracynow](http://democracynow.org)—when he was leaving Syria, that is. This is Democracy Now! We'll be back in a minute.

2014, July 17 **U.S. Turns Back on Child Migrants After Its Policies in Guatemala, Honduras Sowed Seeds of Crisis**

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As tens of thousands of children cross the U.S. border fleeing violence in their native Central American home countries, we look at the historical roots of the crisis. The United States has a long and sadly bloody history of destabilizing democratic governments in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador — the very countries that are now the sources of this latest migration wave. This week saw the first planeload of children deported to Honduras since President Obama vowed to speed up the removal of more than 57,000 youth who have fled to the United States from Central America in recent months. The group of 38 deportees included 21 children between the ages of 18 months and 15 years, along with 17 female family members. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the experience of Cordova and others should demonstrate to Central Americans that "they will not be welcomed to this country with open arms."

But U.S. funding and foreign policy has long shaped the lives of Central Americans. June 28 marked the fifth anniversary of the military coup that deposed democratically elected Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, which the United States did not oppose. For analysis, we are joined by University of California-Santa Cruz Professor Dana Frank, who argues it was the coup — more than drug trafficking and gangs — that opened the doors to the violence in Honduras and unleashed an ongoing wave of state-sponsored repression. We are also joined by human rights activist and lawyer Jennifer Harbury from Weslaco, Texas, about five miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. Harbury's husband, Efraín Bámaca Velásquez, a guerrilla commander, a Mayan comandante and guerrilla, was disappeared after he was captured by the Guatemalan army in the 1980s. Harbury is the author of "Searching for Everardo: A Story of Love, War, and the CIA in Guatemala" and has spent decades pressing for classified information on her husband's case.

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Among them was Victoria Cordova, who came to the United States with her nine-year-old daughter. They were captured at the U.S.-Mexico border after a 25-day journey and are now back in San Pedro Sula, the city with the highest murder rate in the world. Last month, children in Honduras were murdered at a rate of more than one per day. Cordova described her ordeal to reporters.

**VICTORIA CORDOVA:** [translated] I don't have any work. It's been four months without work. This is a part of what motivated me to go—the poverty, the situation here, this insecurity we live through. We see children nearby who are very young, 12 and 13 years old, and they drug themselves. It's terrible to live like this. Here we live a life where you can't even call the police, because they are controlled by the gangs.

When we crossed the river and they trapped us, we didn't think. We had some hope. And then, when we

arrived in McAllen, we were on the floor. There was dust. There were a lot of people there, and I was there for various hours. They call it an ice box, because it's very cold there. We were there for two days. They took us to El Paso, Texas, on a plane, and there in El Paso, Texas, we spent two days there sleeping on the ground, cold.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: On Tuesday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the experience of Cordova and others should demonstrate to Central Americans that, quote, "they will not be welcomed to this country with open arms."

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, Honduran officials called for an increase in U.S. aid to Central America. Honduran Foreign Minister Mireya Agüero called for a, quote, "mini-Marshall Plan," similar to the U.S. anti-drug programs in Colombia and Mexico.

AMY GOODMAN: In fact, U.S. funding and foreign policy has long shaped the lives of Central Americans. June 28th marked the fifth anniversary of the military coup that deposed the democratically elected Honduran president, Manuel Zelaya, which the U.S. did not oppose. Our next guest argues it was the coup, more than drug trafficking and gangs, that opened the doors to the violence in Honduras and unleashed an ongoing wave of state-sponsored repression.

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Dana Frank, welcome to Democracy Now!

DANA FRANK: Thanks a lot.

AMY GOODMAN: Thank you for joining us from the Stanford University studios. Explain what the background is for so many—and so many children—to be fleeing the violence in Honduras.

DANA FRANK: Yeah, I think, you know, we keep hearing the fact that people are fleeing gangs and violence, but there hasn't been an analysis or discussion of why is there so much gang activity and violence in Honduras. And the answer is this tremendous criminality that the 2009 military coup opened the door to when it overthrew the democratically elected president, Manuel Zelaya. The coup, of course, itself was a criminal act, and it really opened the door for this spectacular corruption of the police and up-and-down, top-to-bottom of the government. And that, in turn, means it's possible to kill anybody you want, practically, and nothing will happen to you. It's widely documented that the police are overwhelmingly corrupt. Even a government official charged with cleaning up the police admitted last fall that 70 percent of the Honduran police are beyond saving. And you heard the woman, Ms. Cordova, say that the police themselves are tied in with organized crime and drug traffickers. So, when we talk about this violence, it's really important to understand there's almost no functioning criminal justice system and no political will at the top to do anything about this.

The president, the new president, Juan Orlando Hernández, who came into power in January, himself was a major backer of the criminal coup when he was the president—was head of a key committee in the Honduran Congress at the time, and a year and a half ago, as president of the Honduran Congress, illegally overthrew part of the Supreme Court, and he illegally was part of naming a new attorney general loyal to him last summer, named to an illegal five-year term. And he's built his campaign not around cleaning up the police, but a new military police that is expanding this militarization of Honduran society, and that military police itself is committing serious human rights abuses, including, recently in May, beating up and jailing the most prominent advocate for children in Honduras.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Dana Frank, I remember being in San Pedro Sula back in the early 1990s. I

mean, not only was the level of corruption incredibly high among the police forces, but there were—the military was out in the streets constantly patrolling. It's also one of the poorest countries in all of the Americas. You've also referred to the impact of the CAFTA deal on Honduras and on the poverty of the country.

DANA FRANK: Oh, yeah, certainly, it's not like there was ever a golden age in Honduras. But, you know, as Senator Tim Kaine said in a hearing for the new ambassador of Honduras, that Hondurans are saying that the level of militarization, as well—he said the level of military repression and terror there is worse than it was in the early 1980s at the height of the U.S.-funded Contra war in Nicaragua that Honduras was the base for. So we need to talk about, relatively, this is even more terrifying than then, which is really saying a lot.

Yeah, when we talk about the fleeing gangs and violence, it's also this tremendous poverty. And poverty doesn't just happen. It, itself, is a direct result of policies of both the Honduran government and the U.S. government, including privatizations, mass layoffs of government workers, and a new—in Honduras, a new law, that's now made permanent, that breaks up full-time jobs and makes them part-time and ineligible for unionization, living wage and the national health service. And a lot of these economic policies are driven by U.S.-funded lending organizations like the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, which itself is funding the corrupt Honduran police. The Central American Free Trade Agreement is the other piece of this. Like NAFTA did for the U.S. and Mexico, it opens the door to this open competition between small producers in agriculture in Honduras, small manufacturers, and jobs are disappearing as a result of that.

So, with this poverty that we're seeing that people are fleeing, it's not like people are like, "Let's go have the American dream." There are almost no jobs for young people. Their parents know it. And we're talking about starving to death—that's the alternative—or being driven into gangs with tremendous sexual violence. And it's a very, very tragic situation here. But it's not like it tragically just happened. It's a direct result of very conscious policies by the U.S. and Honduran governments.

AMY GOODMAN: Professor Frank, I wanted to go to this issue of U.S. responsibility and turn to former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, who was ousted five years ago. We got a chance to sit down with him in 2011 at his home in Tegucigalpa. I had just flown in with him. This was after the coup when a new president was chosen. And his family flew back from Nicaragua to Honduras. It was the first time that he was at his home for several years.

MANUEL ZELAYA: [translated] The U.S. State Department has always denied, and they continue to deny, any ties with the coup d'état. Nevertheless, all of the proof incriminates the U.S. government. And all of the actions that were taken by the de facto regime, or the golpista regime, which are those who carried out the coup, and it is to make favor of the industrial policies and the military policies and the financial policies of the United States in Honduras.

AMY GOODMAN: That's former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya. Professor Dana Frank, he strongly felt that the U.S. was involved with the coup. What evidence is there for that?

DANA FRANK: Well, the biggest evidence we have is that his plane stopped at the air force base at Palmerola, known as Soto Cano Air Force Base now, which is a joint U.S. and Honduran base. That plane could not have stopped there without U.S. permission. We don't have the big smoking guns. We certainly have the behavior of the U.S. State Department and the White House after the coup, which was to legitimate the coup government as an equal partner to Zelaya—in fact, as a superior partner. They never denounced the spectacular repression after the coup. And they treated Zelaya like a bad child for trying to return to his own country. They recognized—they announced that they would recognize the outcome of the illegitimate November elections after that, even before the votes were counted. And it was clearly they wanted the whole situation to go away.

I mean, they clearly—Zelaya was, in many ways, the weakest domino of all the center-left and left governments that had come to power in Latin America in the previous 15 years. And it was a message to all those other governments that we will back coups, and we will overthrow you, as well. The U.S. then supported President Lobo, the outcome of that November 2009 election, and made up this fiction that it was a government of national reconciliation, and, ever since, has been turning a blind eye, for the most part, to the spectacular human rights abuses, including killings by state security forces and really spectacular lack of political will to deal with corruption at the very top of the government. And the U.S. keeps acting like this is just a hunky-dory government that we should be working with as a partner.

You know, I found it tremendously chilling to be reading newspaper reports and media reports of that planeload of children that came back to Honduras and the U.S. working with the Honduran government, welcoming those children with open arms, when the government itself is countenancing this problem. The government itself, you know, beat—has countenanced the beating up of the leading independent children's activist in the country. The government itself doesn't have the political will to clean up the police. So, what does it mean that we're working with this partner to help these Honduran children?

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: We're also joined by Jennifer Harbury, a human rights activist and lawyer based in Weslaco, Texas, near the U.S.-Mexico border. Her husband, Efraín Bámaca Velásquez, a Mayan guerrilla commander, disappeared after he was captured by the Guatemalan army in the 1980s. She's the author of *Searching for Everardo: A Story of Love, War, and the CIA in Guatemala* and has spent decades pressing for declassified information on her husband's case.

Welcome, Jennifer Harbury.

JENNIFER HARBURY: Thank you very much. I'm glad to be with you.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Talk to us about the—as we've been discussing Honduras, many of the children are also coming from Guatemala. And again, some of that history of U.S. involvement in Guatemala, especially in recent years.

JENNIFER HARBURY: Yes. We've been horrified by the thought of sending any of these children back, since, by international and domestic law, they qualify as refugees, almost all of them.

I can certainly talk about the Guatemalan counterpart to what Dana was just discussing. We talk sometimes about maybe the solution is to send more funding—as she was saying, a new Marshall Plan—to Central American countries. But that's in fact going to pour gasoline on the fire, especially in Guatemala, where a number of former and current top officials in the military are in fact the drug lords. Some of them have left the military; some are still in. They got involved in the drug trade while the wars were going on and they had airstrips that were valuable to the Colombian drug lords. They became very wealthy that way and now have what are called parallel structures. And they organize, arm and train the gangs themselves to do their dirty work.

For example, the Zeta cartel that terrorize the border strip where I live now, which is almost down to Brownsville—I'm 10 miles from the Rio Grande—the Zetas are one of the most feared cartels anywhere, totally brutal. They were armed, trained and organized by the Guatemalan military special forces, called the Kaibiles, who, of course, in turn, were armed, trained, organized, etc., by the United States intelligence networks, and trained many of them at the School of the Americas. Another example is Julio Roberto Alpirez, a colonel, one of many high-level military officials, who is on the DEA corrupt officer list, but because he also worked as a paid CIA informant, no one has ever been able to go after him. So, much like Honduras, we have one of the highest murder rates in the world. The femicide rate is something like 10 times higher than that in Juárez.

As these refugees pour into the United States, we're taking all kinds of measures to justify sending them back and claiming they're not refugees. But the way we're doing that is to expedite or rush them through

proceedings so quickly that they can't really tell their stories. And, of course, they have no legal advice. And basically turns on whether or not a 10-year-old child, when confronted with a Border Patrol agent, or young mother confronted with a Border Patrol agent, is able and willing to say, "I'm asking for political asylum. I'm in danger of persecution or abuse at the hands of the drug lords and the gangs." And all of those people know, if they ever say those words, they're going to be dead when they go back home. It's the death penalty to squeal, basically, on the gangs and the drug lords in any way. So, without a lawyer, within days, they're going to be headed home under expedited proceedings.

And this is a violation of international law and also U.S. domestic law. If they qualify for asylum or treatment under the Convention Against Torture, if they're in danger of being harmed in this way by people who either are government officials or who are acting without the local governments being able or "willing," quote-unquote, to protect the population, then these people are refugees. They cannot be sent back. And sweeping them under the rug and getting them out of the country so fast that they can't tell their stories or get any legal advice is a double violation of humanitarian law, and it's something we're going to be answering for for a long time. We're certainly not proud of having turned back the boatload of Jews to Nazi Germany, but at least we didn't sail out on the high seas, board the ships and throw people overboard. These are children. These are refugees. We have to let them in.

There are many kinds of programs that we can put into action that would deal with the situation well, in the same way we've done before. We can do deferred action, deferred enforcement, temporary protected status. We've done those things for Honduras and Haiti. It would let people stay for a year or two and then have the danger in their homelands reconsidered. Meanwhile, they can work and support themselves. It would relieve the backup in the court. There's many alternatives. We're choosing to pretend that they're not refugees, and send them home in violation of the law.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to have to leave it there, but we thank you both very much for being with us. We'll link to both of your work.

Jennifer Harbury, human rights activist and lawyer, we're speaking to her right near the border in Weslaco, Texas, near the Mexico border. Her husband, Efraín Bámaca Velásquez, a Mayan guerrilla commander, disappeared after he was captured by the Guatemalan army in the 1980s. He was tortured. He was murdered. And those involved with his killing were trained by the United States, and specifically the Central Intelligence Agency.

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**Guest:** **Joseph Stiglitz**, Nobel Prize-winning economist, professor at Columbia University and former chief economist at the World Bank. He is author of numerous books. In 2002, Stiglitz published a best-selling book called *Globalization and Its Discontents*, in which he critically examined international institutions such as the IMF, WTO and World Bank.

A group of five countries has launched its own development bank to challenge the U.S.-dominated World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Leaders from the so-called BRICS countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — unveiled the New Development Bank at a summit in the Brazilian city of Fortaleza. The bank will be headquartered in Shanghai. Together, BRICS countries account for 25 percent of global GDP and 40 percent of the world's population. To discuss this development, we are joined by Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz, a professor at Columbia University and the World Bank's former chief economist. "It's very important in many ways," Stiglitz says of the New Development Bank's founding. "This is adding to the flow of money that will go to finance infrastructure, adaptation to climate change — all the needs that are so evident in the poorest countries. It [also] reflects a fundamental change in global economic and political power. The BRICS countries today are richer than the advanced countries were when the World Bank and the IMF were founded. We're in a different world — but the old institutions haven't kept up."

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**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** A group of five countries have launched their own development bank to challenge the United States-dominated World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Leaders from the so-called BRICS countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa—unveiled the New Development Bank at a summit in Brazil. The bank will be headquartered in Shanghai. Chinese President Xi Jinping said the agreement would have far-reaching benefits for BRICS members and other developing nations.

**PRESIDENT XI JINPING:** [translated] Through the concerted effort from all sides, we have managed to reach a consensus in the creation of the BRICS development bank today. This is the result of the significant implications and far reach of BRICS cooperation and is therefore the political will of BRICS nations for common development. This will not only help increase the voice of BRICS nations in terms of international finance, but, more importantly, will bring benefits to all the people in the BRICS countries and for all peoples in developing countries.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That was Chinese President Xi Jinping. Together, BRICS countries account for 25 percent of global GDP and 40 percent of the world's population.

For more, we're joined now by Joseph Stiglitz, the Nobel Prize-winning economist, professor at Columbia University, author of numerous books. His new book is called *Creating a Learning Society: A New Approach to Growth, Development, and Social Progress*.

We welcome you to Democracy Now!

**JOSEPH STIGLITZ:** Good to be here.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Talk about the significance of this bank.

**JOSEPH STIGLITZ:** Oh, it's very, very important, in many ways. First, the need globally for more investment—in the developing countries, especially—is in the order of magnitude of trillions, couple trillion dollars a year. And the existing institutions just don't have enough resources. They have enough for 2, 3, 4

percent. So, this is adding to the flow of money that will go to finance infrastructure, adaptation to climate change—all the needs that are so evident in the poorest countries.

Secondly, it reflects a fundamental change in global economic and political power, that one of the ideas behind this is that the BRICS countries today are richer than the advanced countries were when the World Bank and the IMF were founded. We're in a different world. At the same time, the world hasn't kept up. The old institutions have not kept up. You know, the G-20 talked about and agreed on a change in the governance of the IMF and the World Bank, which were set back in 1944—there have been some revisions—but the U.S. Congress refuses to follow along with the agreement. The administration failed to go along with what was widely understood as the basic notion that, you know, in the 21st century the heads of these institutions should be chosen on the basis of merit, not just because you're an American. And yet, the U.S. effectively reneged on that agreement. So, this new institution reflects the disparity and the democratic deficiency in the global governance and is trying to restart, to rethink that.

Finally, there have been a lot of changes in the global economy. And a new institution reflects the broader set of mandates, the new concerns, the new sets of instruments that can be used, the new financial instruments, and the broader governance. Realizing the deficiencies in the old system of governance, hopefully, this new institution will spur the existing institutions to reform. And, you know, it's not just competition. It's really trying to get more resources to the developing countries in ways that are consistent with their interests and needs.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And the importance of countries like China, which obviously has huge monetary reserves, and Brazil, which had developed its own development bank now for several years, their being key players in this new financial organization?

JOSEPH STIGLITZ: Very much. And that illustrates, as you say, a couple interesting points. China has reserves in excess of \$3 trillion. So, one of the things is that it needs to use those reserves better than just putting them into U.S. Treasury bills. You know, my colleagues in China say that's like putting meat in a refrigerator and then pulling out the plug, because the real value of the money put in U.S. Treasury bills is declining. So they say, "We need better uses for those funds," certainly better uses than using those funds to build, say, shoddy homes in the middle of the Nevada desert. You know, there are real social needs, and those funds haven't been used for those purposes.

At the same time, Brazil has—the BNDES is a huge development bank, bigger than the World Bank. People don't realize this, but Brazil has actually shown how a single country can create a very effective development bank. So, there's a learning going on. And this notion of how you create an effective development bank, that actually promotes real development without all the conditionality and all the trappings around the old institutions, is going to be an important part of the contribution that Brazil is going to make.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And how has that bank functioned differently, let's say, than other development banks in the North?

JOSEPH STIGLITZ: Well, we don't know yet, because it's just getting started. The agreement—it's been several years underway. The discussions began about three years ago, and then they made a commitment, and then they—you know, they've been working on it very steadily. What was big about this agreement was—there was a little worry that there would be conflicts of the interests. You know, everybody wanted the headquarters, the president. Would there be enough political cohesion, solidarity, to make a deal? Answer was, there was. So, what it is really saying is that in spite of all of the differences, the emerging markets can work together, in a way more effectively than some of the advanced countries can work together.

AMY GOODMAN: Joe Stiglitz, you're the former chief economist of the World bank. What's your assessment of the World Bank under the tenure of Jim Yong Kim, who is the former Dartmouth president?

We just passed the second anniversary of his tenure there.

JOSEPH STIGLITZ: Well, it's still too soon to say.

AMY GOODMAN: When it comes to issues of debt and other issues.

JOSEPH STIGLITZ: You know, because it takes a while for somebody to get in charge of the bank and to—you know, it's like a big ship, and you're trying to shift it. I think there's a broad concern that he brings certain very positive strengths to the bank—a focus on health and other social issues—but successful development will have to continue to have a focus on some of the old issues. So, you know, you have to grow. And he has a little bit less experience in the fundamentals of economic growth. I think he has probably more sensitivity to some of the problems that have plagued these international financial institutions in the past, the high conditionality. But he faces a governance problem. And that's what this issue is about, a governance problem, where the head of the World Bank is chosen by the U.S., even though the U.S. is not playing the economic role and the leadership role that it did at one time. And we all believe in democracy, but a democracy says it shouldn't be just assigned to one country.

One of the interesting aspects of the discussions that I've heard is, you know, during the East Asia crisis, one of the senior, very senior U.S. Treasury officials said, "What are you complaining about, about our telling countries what to do? He who pays the piper calls the tune." And what I hear now is the developing countries, emerging markets, China and the other countries, saying, "We're paying the tune. We're the big players now. We have the resources. We're where the reserves are. And yet, you don't want to let us play even a fair share in the role, reflecting the size of our contributions in the economy, in trade." And so, that's one of the real grievances—I think valid grievances. And it's hard for an institution where the governance is so out of tune with current economic and political realities to be as effective as it could be.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: I wanted to ask you about a subject we just had on—were discussing in an earlier segment: immigration and this whole issue of the world economy and financial systems. You have the contradiction that, on the one hand, globalization is breaking down barriers to capital everywhere, and yet, in the advanced countries especially, you have the growth of anti-immigrant movements, not just in the United States, but in Europe, in England and in Holland. And so you have a situation where there's an effort to erect barriers to labor and to the free flow of labor. And the impact of these kinds of debates—just a few days ago, you had Warren Buffett, Bill Gates and Sheldon Adelson, a conservative Republican, all blasting Congress for not being able to achieve some kind of comprehensive immigration reform. The impact of this on the world economy?

JOSEPH STIGLITZ: Well, I think there are a couple of aspects of this that one has to appreciate. On the one hand, it's absolutely true that free mobility of labor would have an impact on global incomes that is an order of magnitude greater than the free mobility of capital. So, the agenda that the U.S. has pursued, that free mobility of capital, has been driven not by on the grounds of global economic efficiency. It's really special interests. It's the banks that wanted this. On the other hand, both the movement of capital and labor can have disturbing effects. You know, we saw how free mobility of capital, short-term capital, especially, going in and out, can cause crises. We also know that migration of labor has—social adjustment processes have to occur. One of the real concerns, increasing concern, say, in a country like the United States, is that—how do you share the benefits of globalization? And there are wages are driving—been driven down. You know, the median income, income in the middle, of the United States today is lower than it was a quarter century ago. Median income of a full-time male worker is lower than it was 40 years ago. Productivity of workers has gone up over 100 percent in, say, the last 40 years—

AMY GOODMAN: We have 15 seconds.

JOSEPH STIGLITZ: —but wages are down by 7 percent.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to have to continue this conversation off air, and then we will post it at [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org). I also want to ask you about the Trans-Pacific Partnership—you talk about it being on the wrong side of globalization—your assessment of President Obama when it comes to the growing gap in inequality in this country. Joe Stiglitz is the Nobel Prize-winning economist, professor at Columbia University,

former chief economist of the World Bank. He is author of many books; his latest, *Creating a Learning Society: A New Approach to Growth, Development, and Social Progress*.

That does it for our show. I'll be speaking at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut, Monday, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m.; in Martha's Vineyard, Saturday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. at Katharine Cornell Auditorium in Vineyard Haven. Check out [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org).

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### **A SMALL FRAGMENT OF SOLARA'S JULY 2014 SURF REPORT ~ RIDE LIKE THE WIND!**

A very encouraging and important update from Solara.

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July is an extremely powerful month in which just about anything could happen, on numerous levels. This month feels extremely potent, both full of promise and with a heightened sense of alert. There's the sense that something wondrous, or something ominous, or both, could happen at any moment. This is why it's essential that **WE STEP OUT OF DUALITY NOW**.

For the past few months, extensive rewiring has been taking place within us. We are being more thoroughly disconnected from our old lives, old belief systems and expired ways of doing things. The wiring of duality is being removed from our beings, making space for fresh, new, high speed wiring.

In July, the new connections are being put into position. Increasingly we will make the switch-over from the old wiring to the new. By the end of the month, the new, heightened current will be running through us on a completely rebuilt internal grid system. This will thrust us into an accelerated Zoom Mode and move everything forward at lightning speed.

This is the Chinese Year of the Windhorse which only occurs every sixty years. The Windhorse carries upon its back the fabled Mani Stone, the Tibetan Wish Granting Gem that is born from the center of the Lotus. In ancient times in Tibet, the horse was the symbol of traveling with the greatest speed, as well as the transmutation of everything from negative to positive, from bad to good, from misfortune to good fortune.

This means that we all have a once in a lifetime opportunity this year to move our lives to a completely new level, to fully inhabit the Ultra Greater Reality of the New Landscape and to manifest our Wildest Dreams. An important component of our Wildest Dreams is the connection with our True Home. This is where we will find the fulfillment of our True Purpose.

Our True Home is in our True Position. At this time of the changeover from duality to Oneness, it's critical that we get ourselves in our True Positions as soon as possible. From our True Position, we will be able to serve as anchor points and stabilization pinions for the massive flip over between the reality systems of duality and Oneness.

Our magical, wondrous Windhorses are with us this year to take us on the ride of a lifetime to our True Homes, just at the perfect time when it is essential to do so. We are in this amazing Wind Horse Year when we can quite easily manifest our most Wildest Dreams and get into our True Positions, yet many of us aren't fully utilizing these energies. Miracles abound and all things are truly possible this year, but in order for this to happen, we must fully embody our stripped down Trueness and then ride like the wind to our True Homes in our True Positions.

It's easy to see who is already on their Windhorse this year and who is not. If you are holding on for dear life so you won't fall off, as you zoom into the New Landscape with a look of both shock and awe on your face and a huge smile in your heart, you are definitely on your Windhorse. If you have set the Compass of your Heart to take you to your True Home without any detours or diversions, you are riding your Windhorse. If you are experiencing a massive creative surge without a free moment for yourself, you are galloping on your Windhorse. If fully aligning with your True Purpose is your highest priority, you are on your Windhorse. If you are already in your True Position, you are on your Windhorse.

If you are still making excuses why you cannot do this, if your Windhorse is languishing for your attention, if you are pretending that you don't have a Windhorse, you might look around and see that it's waiting for you to acknowledge its presence and leap upon its back. We all have a mighty Windhorse beside us this year. Right at this very moment, we can choose to jump on our Windhorse and begin the ride of our life!

If you're not already riding with the wind, please leap onto your Windhorse now. It's super exhilarating! It's the Quantum Leap of all Quantum Leaps. Our Windhorses will take us out of the world of duality and into our True Positions. And it just may be essential to our survival and the survival of this planet.

LET'S RIDE LIKE THE WIND!!!

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## 2014, July 12 Facts All US Citizens Need to Know About Israel and Palestine

by Robert Barsocchini

<http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2014/07/facts-us-citizens-need-know-israel-palestine.html>

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- Gaza (along with the West Bank and East Jerusalem) is occupied Palestinian territory under international law, determined by the vast majority of the world, as well as the highest court in the world, the UN's International Court of Justice. Gaza cannot commit aggression against Israel, since Israel is in constant and continual commission of illegal aggression against Palestine by occupying it (illegally and sadistically blockading it and frequently committing terrorism against its civilians, including by targeting them with chemical weapons provided by US taxpayers – see “Rain of Fire” by Human Rights Watch). As documented by Amnesty Int'l, Human Rights Watch, and many others, Israel intentionally targets and murders civilians, including children, en masse.

- Israel also kidnaps and tortures children, including by keeping them in outdoor cages, over night, in winter.

- But, even ignoring international law and that Gaza is under illegal Israeli occupation, Gaza did not initiate this current round of violence; Israel did:

- Western/US/Israeli propaganda says the violence started with the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli youths on June 12th. That is a lie:

- On May 20th, the Israeli government murdered 2 unarmed Palestinian teens, one on video, and wounded a third.

The firing of pathetic scrap metal rockets from impoverished Gaza, which have killed no one, were in fact launched in response to earlier Israeli bombings, killings, assassinations, and arrests of Palestinians, including children.

Since the year 2000, Israel has killed 1,500 Palestinian children, while Palestinians have killed 132 Israeli children. That means Israel has killed over 1,000% percent more Palestinian children than vice versa.

As documented by the Washington DC based non-Profit, The Jerusalem Fund, Israel breaks far more ceasefires than Palestine – this includes firing of the Palestinian scrap metal rockets.

For example, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and many other human rights organizations reported that in Israel's 2009 Gaza Massacre, Israel killed about 450 children, and it was Israel, they documented, that broke the ceasefire. (In that massacre, Israel killed overall from 1,400 to 7,000 Palestinians, almost all civilians, while 13 Israelis were killed, several from friendly fire.)

According to a landmark, comprehensive study of all of Israel's wars, by Zeev Maoz, Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Davis, former head of the Graduate School of Government and Policy and of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, and former academic director of the M.A. Program at the Israeli Defense Forces' National Defense College:

“. most of the wars in which Israel was involved were the result of deliberate Israeli aggressive design . None of these wars – with the possible exception of the 1948 War of independence – was what Israel refers to as Milhemet Ein Berah (war of necessity). They were all wars of choice . ” – Defending the

Holy Land, pg. 35, (bold added)

“I review a number of peace-related opportunities ranging from the Zionist-Hashemite collusion in 1947 through the collapse of the Oslo Process in 2000. In all those cases I find that Israeli decision makers – who had been willing to embark upon bold and daring military adventures – were extremely reluctant to make even the smallest concessions for peace . I also find in many cases Israel was engaged in systematic violations of agreements and tacit understandings between itself and its neighbors.” – Defending the Holy Land, pg. 40

Israel has violated more UN resolutions than any other country. That includes Iraq under Hussein.

Hamas is the government elected by Gaza in elections that Jimmy Carter (and many others) observed and said were completely fair and free. Israel constantly says Hamas uses human shields. But in Israel's biggest massacre of Gaza, the one in 2009, all the human rights organizations, including Amnesty, HRW, and the jurist Richard Goldstone, found that Hamas DID NOT use human shields. On the contrary, Israel used human shields, which is a regular practice for Israel. Israel uses civilians as human shields.

Israel forced Palestinian civilians to dig and lay naked in trenches around Israeli tanks. See here at 6:45.

Goldstone Report:

#### XIV. THE USE OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS AS HUMAN SHIELDS

“The Mission received allegations that in two areas in north Gaza Israeli troops used Palestinian men as human shields... The Mission found the foregoing witnesses to be credible and reliable. It has no reason to doubt the veracity of their accounts and found that the different stories serve to support the allegation that Palestinians were used as human shields.”

Noam Chomsky: “ Hamas is regularly described as ‘Iranian-backed Hamas, which is dedicated to the destruction of Israel.’ One will be hard put to find something like ‘democratically elected Hamas, which has long been calling for a two-state settlement in accord with the international consensus’—blocked for over 30 years by the US and Israel. All true, but not a useful contribution to the Party Line, hence dispensable.”

In the history of all rocket and mortar fire into Israel, 26 people, total, have been killed. And remember, Palestine breaks ceasefires far less often than Israel, as documented above.

This number of 26 is in contrast to the minimum number of 1,400 people who were murdered by Israel in a single one of its terrorist atrocities, the 2009 Gaza Massacre.

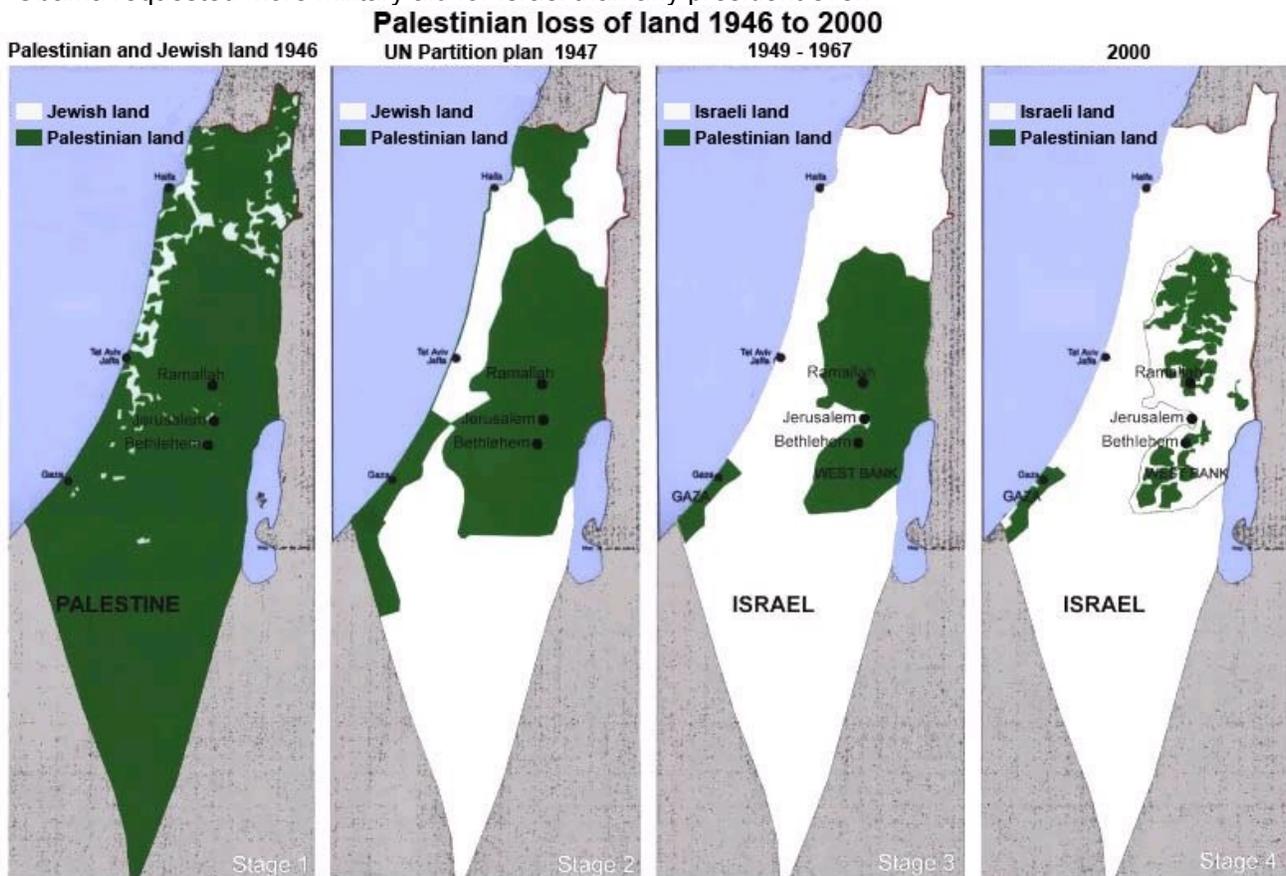
Noting that in the current massacre, zero Israelis and over 100 Palestinians have thus far been killed, and noting that Gaza is a concentration camp – Israel allows no one to enter or leave – Dan Sanchez gives a perfect description of the disparity in arms between the US/Israeli war machine and Palestinian scrap metal projectiles: “They [the Gazans] are like fish in a barrel, being blasted by a shotgun from above. It's like some of the fish in the barrel pathetically spitting water at the gunman, and [US media calls] that a “shooting battle.”

The rhetoric and tactics of Hamas and other groups resisting Israeli occupation and colonization can be brutal (though far less so than Israel). Propagandists try to attribute this to anti-Semitism, to distract from the fact that these groups are resisting having their country stolen and their people dispossessed and annihilated. Native American resistance to European colonizers was sometimes extremely brutal, as was their rhetoric, but everyone universally recognizes that this was not because of “anti-White-ism”, or “anti-European-ism”, but because they were having their land stolen and their people massacred, the same thing that Israel is doing to the Palestinians.

Palestinians have the right under international law to resist occupation, ethnic cleansing, colonization, aggression, and annexation. Miko Peled, son of an Israeli general, recently stated that if Israel doesn't Like rockets, they should decolonize Palestine. Dr. Norman Finkelstein notes that "The Palestinians have the right to use arms to resist an occupation . However, the fact that morally and legally they have that right doesn't mean that it's the most prudent strategy. In my opinion, a national Palestinian leadership committed to mobilizing nonviolent resistance can defeat the Israeli occupation if those of us living abroad lend support to it."

In 1948, the people who wanted to form a Jewish state carried out a massive terror and ethnic cleansing campaign against the occupants of Palestine, expelling about half of them (750,000) from their land and into concentrated areas (Gaza and West Bank). Israel has slowly continued colonizing even those areas, which were specifically reserved by the UN for Palestinians. Israel takes all the best land and resources, such as water. Here is a visualization of what has happened, and is currently happening with massive support from Obama:

Obama requested more military aid for Israel than any president ever.



Israeli settlement building in Palestine is a war crime under international law. Under Obama, Israeli settlement building is up over 130%.

For about 40 years, there has been an international consensus that Israel must stop colonizing territory outside its 1967 borders. The consensus has been blocked by the United States, in isolation from the international community (much like the USA's isolated, strong support for South African Apartheid). Every year there is a UN vote on the issue, and every year it goes about 165 to 2, the world against the US and

Israel. This continues under Obama. All human rights groups support the consensus, as does Hamas, the Arab League, Iran, the Organization of the Islamic Conference... Virtually everyone, except the US and Israel. (More details on this page.)

Palestinians are brutalized, repressed and impoverished by Israel. To get a quick visual understanding of the difference between Gaza and Israel, take a look at the images of people and cities being wantonly pummeled by Israeli terrorism when you search the word "Gaza", and the images of opulence, wealth and luxury that come up when you search "Tel Aviv".

Israel has an illegal stash of hundreds of nuclear weapons.

Israel, whose government intentionally targets, tortures, and murders civilians, including children, including with chemical weapons, and whose government uses Palestinian civilians as human shields, and whose government is the last entity on Earth carrying out old-style ethnic cleansing and colonization of foreign countries, is the single biggest recipient of US aid, at over three billion dollars a year and huge amounts of lethal weaponry such as attack helicopters and white phosphorous chemical explosives.

To reiterate, Obama requested more military aid for Israel than any president ever. This is not because Obama and the USA love Jewish people. Obama was recently an accomplice in a literal neo-Nazi-led coup d'état in Ukraine, and is currently fully supporting the junta-integrated Ukrainian government, which is staffed with several neo-Nazis in high ministries, and which uses neo-Nazi paramilitaries to carry out massacres (and possibly genocide) against people resistant to the junta. The actual reason the US supports Israel is discussed below.

As Amnesty International has noted, all aid to Israel is illegal under international (and US) law, because Israel is a consistent violator of human rights.

Amnesty International also noted that Israel's 2009 massacre of Gaza would not have been possible without the illegal funding (money and weapons) and support Israel gets from the USA.

This is also true of the current massacre Israel is committing in Gaza.

However, in a way, that is good news.

That means US citizens can STOP the massacres.

If we stop our money and weapons-flow to Israel, which is illegal anyway, we stop Israeli terrorism! All we have to do is stop committing a crime, and we will stop more crimes! That's great news.

Here is a previous example of how this has worked: When the USA cut its funding for Indonesia's genocide against East Timor, which the USA was funding almost exclusively, Indonesia was forced to stop and withdraw. All it took was cutting off our illegal flow of money and weapons to the criminals.

The same thing would happen if we cut our illegal funding for Israel's genocides and acts of terrorism, ethnic cleansing, colonization, and annexation against Palestine.

But since the USA is an anti-democratic country, the only way to stop US plutocrats from using our money to fund Israeli terrorism is to force it through massive, non-violent pressure.

One way it happens is when it becomes too politically costly for the plutocracy to keep funding genocide and terror, meaning the costs of their illegal support outweigh the benefits, as in Indonesia. In that case, massive publicity and indigenous resistance accomplished the goal.

But Israel is the USA's main imperial – and nuclear – base for controlling the Middle East, which US

planners, in 1945, called the greatest material prize in world history, due to the oil and gas. Thus, it might require more, as in non-violently making our country into a democracy so that people control their own institutions and money, and thus the way we operate as a society and interact with the world.

Last note: To be clear, Israel is a legal state, but only within the borders allotted to it by the United Nations – the Pre-1967 borders, which existed before Israel started eating away, through terror, ethnic cleansing, colonization, and annexation, at the areas reserved by the United Nations for Palestinians, as well as areas of other countries, such as Syria (the Golan Heights).

Per international law, US domestic law, and common sense, Israel doesn't deserve any support until it abandons isolationism and accepts that it can't steal other people's countries, and stops blockading and withdraws its soldiers and settlers, all there illegally, from those countries.

Israel is, militarily, the most powerful country in the Middle East, by far. Removing our support for the Israeli government (which we are legally required to do) will not put Israelis in danger. It will pressure the Israeli government to stop doing what endangers Israelis, which is committing aggressive acts against Israel's neighbors.

If Israel ends its status as a consistent violator of human rights, decolonizes Palestine, and respects its neighbors, it could be a pleasure – and legal – to work with and support Israel.

Germany, Japan, and South Africa went from being the most reviled countries on Earth to being some of the most admired. Maybe Israel could undergo the same transformation, but not unless we, US citizens, help by ceasing to enable Israeli terrorism and war crimes by illegally supporting them.