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## **"Jewish Atrocities in the Holy Land", a Book**

Issued in English by the Arab League Information Bureau in Cairo, this 13-page document shows a book entitled "Jewish Atrocities in the Holy Land". Published in March 1949, the book features black-and-white photographs documenting horrible events following the 1948 Nakba. Found in the Talal Kan'an Collection, this document found its way to the Palestinian Museum through Kan'an who saw the document at a cart in the streets of Gaza.

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THE world has only just been shocked by the disgusting revelations of the horrible, sadistic cruelties practised by the Nazis in the infamous camps of Belsen and Dachau. In these instances, a great number of the victims were Jews; and their more fortunate compatriots saw to it that their sufferings were made known all over the world. Their powerful and far-reaching propaganda machine enlisted the sympathies of every decent man and woman on behalf of the "poor, down-trodden Jew."

Now we have once more to hear the horrible tale of sadistic cruelties and wanton brutalities perpetrated against an innocent population, mainly composed of women, children and old men. But this time the aggressors are those very Jews who were lately so loud in their outcry against the Nazis.

When the question arose concerning the partitioning of Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews, the latter claimed as their possession the best territory lying along the coast. At that time this area had, in addition to its Jewish inhabitants, an extensive Arab population of over 35,000 souls. The prime object of the Jews was to get rid of this Arab population by any means, in order to strengthen their claim to this valuable territory by the fact that the area in question was inhabited solely by Jews. By embarking upon a series of brutal massacres, and isolated atrocities, which in modern times have only been paralleled by the horrors of Belsen and Dachau, the Jews succeeded in spreading panic among the Arab inhabitants, who, fearful of sharing the terrible fate of the other victims of Jewish cruelty, fled from their homes and sought refuge outside their own country.



This was a carefully planned campaign of terror, not isolated cases of brutality due to the fact that a sadistic maniac happened to be placed in a position of power. This can be proved by the fact that in February 1948, an official of the Jewish Agency actually boasted to a British friend, that the Zionists would commence their campaign in Palestine by a series of massacres. This fiend in human form had the audacity to boast "when we massacre, we shall not only kill the men, we shall massacre the women and children, and then their cows, sheep and oxen."

Thus we see that the Zionist gangs were deliberately setting out to inflict upon others the very same treatment of which the Jews had so bitterly complained when they themselves had been the victims of the Nazis and Fascists. Furthermore, is it not a strange sidelight on Zionist mentality, that they should commit upon the Arabs the very same shocking crimes which had so recently gained for the Jews the sympathy of every right-minded person? Why, even the Balfour Declaration itself was largely a measure designed to protect the Jews from insult and oppression and to enable them to realize their ambition to possess a national home where they could be free to live and practise their religious customs in peace and security. The chief claim of the Jews to the world's sympathy was their oppressed state and the fact that they were a homeless race. Yet now, the Zionists are actively and savagely oppressing an innocent people and are actually rendering hundreds of thousands of harmless and peaceful human beings homeless wanderers. This is a poor way of showing gratitude for the sympathy so lately shown to Jewish sufferings in Nazi Germany and to those who gave them shelter and abode!

The boast of the Zionist quoted above is only an echo of what his ancestors had done in ancient days, as we may read in Joshua 6:21 and Psalm No. 137: 8, 9. But there is no need to rake over the ashes of the past; what we are concerned with in this pamphlet is the record of the atrocities committed by the Zionists in Palestine during the past months. In this connection we must say that all these are authenticated instances, and furthermore, these crimes

against humanity were mostly committed upon innocent civilians, and where prisoners of war are concerned, their treatment was against all the accepted rules of civilized warfare and common decency. When reading of these atrocious acts, one unconsciously thinks of their perpetrators as being untaught savages, or barbarians of the remote past. Yet these same Jews have for centuries, by virtue of their money-mongering activities, gathered to themselves the cream of culture and refinement of whatever country they have settled in. The wealthy, educated Jew, surrounded by all the culture and art that his riches can command, has been a long familiar figure in civilized society. How superficial that veneer of culture really is, is shockingly revealed in the following pages. At Jerusalem, Acre, Safed, Haifa and Jaffa all prisoners, and those of the civilian population who were unable to flee from their homes, were subjected to the most brutal and degrading treatment. Civilians were forced to dig trenches for their tormentors, and were further compelled by them to perform all manner of dirty and disgusting tasks.

At Haifa and Jaffa, Arab men were captured and forcibly bled in order to provide blood for the treatment of Jewish wounded. These unfortunate victims were not only bled beyond their strength, but were neglected by the Jewish doctors and nurses, who left them in such a dangerous state of weakness that only the strongest could possibly survive.

In Jerusalem, the Zionists literally enslaved the Arab civilian population, and it was a common sight to see elderly men and women, as well as cultured persons, such as doctors and city notables, forced by their captors to carry huge tins of water on their backs from the wells in the Arab quarter to the Jewish quarter. Among these victims were Dr. Ibrahim George, a noted dentist of Jerusalem, Mrs. Shukri Doeh, a Christian lady of high repute in Arab and national circles, Mrs. Iskandar Saba and Mr. Aziz Saba, the latter a well-known importer. Dr. Wadi Itayen, a high official in the Department of Public Health in Jerusalem, died as the direct result of the hard work and ill-treatment to which he was subjected. These persons were all taken by the Zionists as hostages.

Arab civilians were also evicted from their homes and herded together in unhygienic quarters, where sanitary conditions were non-existent. They were furthermore issued with such a meagre ration of food and water, that they were hardly able to exist upon it. This was a deliberate act of wanton cruelty, and not due to a lack of food and water. In fact, all the treatment meted out by the Zionists to civilians and prisoners was deliberately aimed at causing them suffering and humiliation.



HIS LABOUR DONE. Consumed with fatigue and fringes, this venerable Arab octogenarian collapsed, not to rise again, on a heap of coconuts by the roadside.

In Jaffa, an open city, similar degrading work to that just mentioned was imposed upon hostages. Thus, Mr. Nicola Saba, a high Government official and a Christian Arab, and Harbi El Ayubi, a prominent Moslem notable, were forced to work as refuse sweepers on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv Road. A cable sent by the Mayor of Jaffa to the President of the Security Council, on June 19, 1948, describes

the sufferings of this "open city" of Jaffa. It reads: "Zionists controlling the open city of Jaffa plunder all contents. They have not supplied food to the five thousand remaining inhabitants, contrary to the terms. They imposed forced labour, even upon women. They forced prisoners at Umm Khaled to dig trenches, exposing them to shooting. They shot at women reapers near Tulkarm, preventing harvesting. We put this on record, and await immediate action." At Acre and in its neighbourhood, Jews utilized Arab civilian labour for digging trenches and constructing extensive lines of fortifications, reaching from Acre Railway Station to the end of the Acre-Beirut Road. The unwilling labourers were forced to carry on the work at the point of the bayonet, and were kept at their strenuous tasks from morning to evening.

After the capture of Safed by the Zionists, all the able-bodied civilians were found to have escaped, and all those left behind were



DESTITUTION. Handless and weighed down with worry and oppression, these aged Arab couple are wandering wearily in search of shelter.

sick or aged people who had been unable to face the hardships of flight. Over one hundred of these unhappy people begged to be allowed to leave the town. Accordingly, the Zionists packed them into trucks and transported them to a remote and out of the way place on the Lebanese border, where they were forced to dismount from the trucks. It was then pouring with rain, and these aged and infirm people were compelled to trudge for two and half hours over a rough and muddy road, until they reached the shelter of an Arab village. Among these refugees was an old man 93 years of age, Mohammed Salim Shamama, who had been the highly respected Mayor of Safed for many years, having served in that capacity under Turkish and British rule.

#### A DIARY OF DEATH.

The following acts of horror and violence were all committed during the months of April and May, 1948, but they read like some terrible diary of death handed down from the Dark Ages.

On April 10, 1948, the village of Deir Yasin, in the suburbs of Jerusalem, was attacked by the Zionists, who rounded up most of its 600 inhabitants. Having looted everything of value in the village, the Zionists next turned their attention to their human booty, slaughtering men, women and children without mercy. On this occasion, about 250 Arabs were butchered. Among these were 25 pregnant women, whose bodies were deliberately ripped open with bayonets, and fifty-two mothers with babies at the breast, as well as about sixty other women and young girls. Little children were cut to pieces under the eyes of their mothers. Some of the unfortunate Arab women and girls were captured, stripped of all their clothing, and herded into open trucks. They were then paraded through the streets of the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem, where they were subjected to the insults of the populace, and were forced to submit to being photographed stark naked.



DESTITUTION. Father's whereabouts unknown, mother mercilessly murdered, 12-year-old Arab boy, in tears, is holding to sleep his baby sister.



STARVATION HORRORS. Perished baby in the arms of his mother. Note the protruding tongue and crippled legs of the dying infant.

But when the horrors of this day became known, even the Jewish civilians of Jerusalem were shocked into protest, so that the murderers became uneasy and tried to cover up the traces of some of their crimes. About 150 mutilated corpses of women and children were thrown down a well in an attempt to hide them. Zionist troops prevented all access to the scene of the massacre, and when M. Jacques Regnier, delegate of the International Red Cross, asked permission of the Jewish Agency to make an inspection of the place, he was delayed a whole day, in order to give the assassins chance to clear up the frightful mess. In relating the facts to the Arab Higher Committee in Jerusalem, M. Regnier stated that "the situation was simply horrible." Apart from the bodies that had been thrown down the well to hide their terrible mutilations, other corpses were lying about among the ruins of the destroyed houses.

M. Regnier himself found a little girl about six years old injured, but still living, under a pile of dead bodies, and he personally took her to a hospital.



ZIONIST TERROR. Mangled bodies of Arabs murdered in the Box 21-Khazary massacre.



These harrowing events made such a stir, that in order to put itself right in the eyes of the civilized world, the Jewish Agency was forced to issue a hypocritical statement expressing its alleged horror and disgust at the ghastly manner in which the occupation of Deir Yasin had been carried out. Nevertheless, only two days later it was revealed in the newspaper "Hamashkil," which is the organ of the Jewish terrorists, that the Hagannah were well aware beforehand of the plans laid down by the Igunists with regard to Deir Yasin.

How hypocritical and insincere was the "horror and disgust" of the Jewish Agency may be seen from the fact that on April 14, only four days after the tragedy of Deir Yasin, Igunists and Sternists attacked the village of Naw el Din, near Tiberias, and repeated there the same horrors. The bulk of the population of this village was made up of unarmed and defenceless women and children, yet the Zionists attacked them with machine-guns and hand-grenades.



ZIONIST TERROR. Mutilated corpses of the slain in the Deir Yasin courtyard.

Still on May 6, the Zionists packed a large number of old men, women and children into the village mosque at El Zaytoon (near Safed) and then deliberately blew up the sacred building with these innocent victims still inside it.

On May 1, 1948, Zionist patrols at El Kaby held up three villagers, Mohammed Matar, Nimmer Abdel Rahman El Akber and Mahlab Ali Aziz. Armed with automatic pistols, they forced these three men into the hut of a seventy year old man named Ali Mohammed El-Kadi, and there slaughtered them one by one across the lap of the old man.

On May 13, 1948, the Zionists attacked a village named Beit Darnes, in the Gaza district. However, they found the inhabitants to consist of children, women and some elderly persons. These innocent and harmless people were promptly and brutally murdered in cold blood. Some of the women were pregnant and were subjected to the same ghastly treatment as was given to the pregnant



ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM. Murdered Arab mutilated beyond recognition.

Of the whole population of this village, only forty women and children were able to escape to a neighbouring village. All the rest perished, victims of the Zionists' blood lust.

On May 5, 1948, Hagannah terrorists attacked some Arab villages on the banks of the River Jordan, near Beit el Khouri. The inhabitants were terrified and quite defenceless, yet the Hagannah fired upon them with machine-guns. Many were killed in cold blood, and hundreds were seriously wounded. Not content with this senseless butchery, the terrorists began to slaughter the women and children, mutilating them in the most sickening and repulsive manner.

A number of old and sick persons were captured by the Zionists who lopped off their heads, arms and legs. All the young men of the village captured alive were shut up in a house. Gasoline was poured over the building, which was then set on fire. Needless to say all the imprisoned men perished miserably. Those of the old people who were still left alive were driven to this improvised crematorium, forced to look upon the terrible sight presented, and then told to go and tell their brethren in the Arab World what they had seen, and were tauntingly told to see if the other Arab States would come to their aid. A few of the inhabitants of these villages managed to escape from the enemy by swimming over the River Jordan, and reaching the Syrian frontier.

The following day, May 6, 1948, the Zionists attacked some Arab villages near Tiberias, and blew up the German monastery on the shore of Lake Tiberias, killing the three monks who were then living in it.

On the same day, a Jewish scouting plane directed Hagannah ruffians to a place near Samakh where a large number of Arab civilian refugees were congregated. The refugees were attacked as they were trying to escape by boats. Hundreds were killed by the Hagannah, while others were drowned by the capsizing of the boats.

women at Deir Yasin, namely, ripped open with bayonets. The bodies of some old men were also found to have been disgustingly mutilated. Having disposed of the human victims, the Zionists looted all the household goods and provisions in the village, and then systematically destroyed all the best houses by mines and shell-fire.

There are also instances of Zionist brutality which are unconnected with the capture of towns and villages. For example, on April 18, 1948, eight young Arab men were found dead on Mount Carmel, near the Jewish settlement of Akhoyad. Their bodies were disfigured beyond recognition, some having had their heads pounded to pulp by heavy stones, and their arms and legs cut off. Later, these victims were identified as workers in a steel company. They had been captured by the Zionists while peacefully walking along the harbour road at Haifa.

On April 30, 1948, a further thirteen bodies of Arab youths were found. These bodies were also fearfully mutilated, some being beheaded, while others had their noses cut off and their eyes scooped out.

An Iraqi prisoner was found crucified at Haifa. He had been tied to the cross with ropes, and his body branded with hot irons.

#### THE COWARD'S WEAPON.

It is typical of the cowardly, unchivalrous nature of the Zionists that they should resort to Bacteriological Warfare.

This is the dirtiest, most inhuman method of fighting that science has given to the modern "civilized" world, and for some years past the Zionists have been preparing for Bacteriological Warfare. They set up research laboratories in Palestine, and it is strongly suspected, though not finally proved, that the cholera epidemic which smote Egypt and the Syria-Palestine border in November 1948, was due to their activities.

For several years past the Rehovoth Research Institute has been hard at work under the supervision of Dr. Wisemann, who in fact resides next door. Yet no one appears to know exactly what is going on inside the institute, nor what are the results of its scientific researches! Are we to suppose that all these years of experiments, carried out under the supervision of such a well-known scientist, have produced no useful results; or have these results proved only too useful to serve the Zionists cowardly purpose?

On January 12, 1948, Leon Pearson made a definite statement from Paris, via N.R.C. New York, to the effect that the Zionist underground was preparing itself to launch an attack of bacteriological warfare against the Arabs.

Confirmation of this statement was made by an American citizen, a Christian who in February 1948 attended a dinner given by the Zionist Revisionist Organization in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The purpose of this dinner, which was presided over by Prof. Hellens, was to honour a visitor, introduced to the assembly as Captain Zvi Kolitz, an officer of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, who had come from Palestine. Captain Kolitz had previously been a speaker at several functions in New York, sponsored by Irgun activity. At the conclusion of the speech he made at the Rio de Janeiro dinner, Capt. Kolitz declared, "I know for sure that we are going to employ bacteriological warfare when the British pull out. We have no allies, and cholera is no doubt a good ally. We shall bring cholera microbes to Cairo, to Baghdad, to Damascus and to Amman, and in view of the hygienic conditions in the Arab States, this weapon may be of decisive importance." He also declared that Jewish scientists were busy preparing bacteriological war methods and that hundreds of cholera-infected mice were available for experiments in special laboratories in Palestine. An article by Sidney Shallet in Collier's Magazine, reproduced in condensed form in the "Reader's Digest," August 1946(\*) describes the possible horrors of bacteriological warfare and concludes: "The cost of B.W. (bacteriological warfare) research in this war was under

(\*) The Reader's Digest, "Reader's Digest," Aug. 1946, p. 29.

50 million dollars. B.W. compared with the cost of other weapons — the two-million dollar atomic bomb, for example — is relatively inexpensive. That, also, is the great danger of B.W. in the hands of a poor have-not nation, which could not afford an atomic bomb project." This has proved to be a true prophecy!

"Proof that the Zionist programme of bacteriological warfare was actually put into practice came when four of their gangsters were captured by the Egyptian Army on May 26, 1948, and two more on May 28. These men were actually caught infecting the wells of Gaza with disease germs. The following communiqué was issued by the Egyptian Ministry of Defence, May 29, 1948."

"The Egyptian forces captured two Zionists while attempting to infect artesian wells around Gaza with poisonous germs. Both have admitted the purpose of their mission. Several bottles were found in their possession containing a liquid which was discovered to contain the germs of dysentery and typhoid. Two other men were also arrested while standing near another well. One of them admitted being a Zionist, while the other refused to reveal his identity. They had in their possession another canister containing a liquid with a high concentration of typhoid and dysentery germs. The Egyptian Command took immediate precautionary steps to protect the health of the Egyptian forces and the people living in the neighbourhood by inspecting all the wells in the area. Egyptian chemists were brought over to test samples of the water taken from the various wells. In the meanwhile, all the water for the army was brought from El Arish and Rafah. The results of the tests have shown that the water of the various wells is still fit for drinking, with the exception of the two where the Zionist spies were found loitering. Orders were given to close both immediately."

"The Egyptian Government also published the text of an admission made by one of the arrested Zionists, a translation of which reads: I, Izra G. Odean, from the town of Tel Aviv, was ordered by the commander Moshe who gave me a canteen full of typhus and dysentery germs to pour it in a well containing water."

These facts were reported by the Egyptian Foreign Minister to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, by cable, on May 27, 1948. The cable concludes by recalling the fact that under the Geneva Protocol of June 17, 1925, bacteriological warfare is among the prohibited methods of fighting, according to International Law.

#### THE DESTRUCTION AND DESECRATION OF HOLY PLACES

In addition to the above-recorded atrocities committed by the Zionists on human beings, they have also a black record for the wanton destruction and desecration of sacred buildings and institutions. The acts here recorded are those of deliberate wanton intention, and not the unavoidable damage caused by legitimate warfare. This can be seen from the fact that the Zionists went out of their way to commit indecent and sacrilegious acts in holy places, as we shall see below and from the fact that they painted their emblem, "the Shield of David," on Christian and Moslem holy buildings.

Furthermore, it is a well known fact that they have long boasted of their intention of re-building the Temple of Solomon, the site of which is now partly occupied by the Dome of the Rock and the Haram el Sherif. In view of this fact, who can doubt that the shelling of these places by the Zionists was a deliberate attempt to destroy them? The same may be said of the shelling of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It is strange that these acts of wanton damage and desecration to holy places has not aroused more indignation in the Christian World, and in this respect, the declaration made by the Military Governor of Jerusalem is very striking. He declared: "We had agreed to give Jerusalem up to be internationalized in the early stages of this dispute. But having realized that the Christian World was quite inactive as to what was happening in the Holy City, we have changed our mind, and we insist upon making Jerusalem the capital of Israel." Is not this statement a clear indication of Zionist intentions? As far back as 1920 the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem exposed the evil

intentions of the Zionists, when delivering an address at the Church House, London. He said: "In ordinary conversation among Zionists at Jerusalem it has been asked, what shall be done with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre? Shall it be burned, or razed to the ground?"

Yet the Christian World let such a clear warning pass unheeded! The wantonness of the Zionist acts of desecration and sacrilege are clearly shown by the following incidents:

At Haifa, Zionists deliberately desecrated Christian and Moslem Holy Places by dragging captured women into them and raping them. They furthermore made a practice of polluting the altars of churches. They also destroyed various hospitals and clinics at Haifa.

In Jerusalem, the Zionists occupied various Christian Holy places, using them as military bases, forts and arsenals. When forced to retreat, they want only damaged and in some cases burned down these sacred buildings. The French and Italian hospitals were occupied by the Zionists despite the fact that both were flying the Red Cross flag.



ZIONIST SACRILEGE. Mosaury reduced to ruins.



The monastery of the Franciscan Fathers was shelled, and a number of children in its orphanage were killed and wounded. The Orthodox Armenian Convent, which was housing some refugees, was also shelled by Jews, firing from the occupied Benedictine Monastery on Mount Zion. Eight of the unfortunate refugees were killed and about 120 wounded. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was deliberately shelled and the old stained glass windows in the Frank's Chapel were broken. The western gate of the Dome of the Rock was damaged, the beautiful windows utterly destroyed and the dome itself damaged.

These are outstanding examples from a long list of holy places and institutions which have been deliberately destroyed or damaged by the Zionists.

It is unnecessary to comment upon the above facts. "Actions speak louder than words," and a people who can commit such outrages upon innocent human beings and show open contempt for the houses of God have placed themselves once and for all outside the pale of humanity.



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