Jewish American, Mark Braverman, of Portland, OR, writes in the forward to Lloyd Johnson’s excellent 2017 historical novel, *Nakba*, “the enduring intention of Zionism has always been – no Palestinians in Palestine.”

**Nada Elia** states tellingly that, “Israel is an apartheid country that has violated international law and the human rights of its indigenous people from the day it celebrated its “independence”– indeed, just like the US, from even before it became independent.”

Last month “An Israeli human rights group has proved that live fire was used by soldiers against the *9-year-old child* who was shot in the head ….exposing Israeli Military lies that none was used…Palestinian doctors told ISM that a scan showed over 100 bullet fragments lodged in his head.”

Israel is *spraying Roundup* and other carcinogenic herbicides along the Gaza border which is killing Palestinian crops and animals. The poisons remain in the soil for years. The International Middle East Media Center calls this literally, “*Weaponizing the Wind*.”

The House of Rep. passed H. Res.246, 398 to 17, condemning people for exercising their constitutional right to engage in BDS. The influential Israel lobby is threatened by BDS because the call for "full equality" for Palestinian citizens would undermine the basis of the "Jewish state."

**The editor of Mondoweiss, Philip Weiss** writes that by banning Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar from visiting the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem, Israel created a political upheaval in the U.S., with many Americans now favoring cutting aid to the country. These brave women have demonstrated the power of BDS Later Rep. Omar said, “We cannot let Trump and Netanyahu succeed in hiding the cruel reality of the occupation from us,”

**Geraldo Rivera** stated on Fox News, “It is absolutely outrageous that two sitting members of the Congress of the United States of America, a country that gives Israel over $3 billion a year in aid, were denied entry into the country. I am shocked that the ambassador did not mention 52 years of Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories. These are people who are being denied their human rights….if it was any other country…. we would be outraged.”

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