It was just discovered in a recent archival glitch that David Ben-Gurion stated in 1948, “we must wipe them [Palestinian villages] out.” This meets the UN definition of genocide during the Nakba when 750,000 Palestinians were ethnically cleansed from 550 villages. This January 2022, in the middle of the night, the Salhiya family in E. Jerusalem was cleansed a second time in 74 years when their home was demolished!

Naftali Bennett, new Prime Minister of Israel, articulated the undeniable reality in Israel-Palestine, “the status quo is the solution.” This means “Israel’s military control over nearly five million Palestinians in the occupied territories, and the (continued) colonization of the West Bank.” And on January 2, 2022, Phillip Weiss, senior editor of Mondoweiss wrote, “Biden will clearly spend no political capital on this issue, which he regards as a giant loser politically.” And the remarkable unwillingness of the international community to protect Palestine is sad. The US stands up to Russia, but not Israel. The US dares not publicly acknowledge they’ve provided Israel with nuclear weapons, for fear of lawsuits based on their signing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Sensing US support, no matter what, the IDF announced new rules at Christmas allowing Israeli soldiers to shoot, even kill, fleeing Palestinian youngsters with live ammunition for allegedly throwing rocks at Israeli ‘civilian’ cars. However, no IDF militant will shoot to injure, much less kill Jewish stone throwers. A soldier will not use live ammo, Ruger bullets, rubber-coated bullets, CS grenades, or stun grenades against Jews. Not only will he not shoot at them, he will not even detain them.” While it is estimated 400 Palestinians are held in Israeli jails without charges or trial dates.

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