

Current Security Situation in the Near East

Palestinian State: Yes or No?

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The article analyses the political situation in the Near East in trial to find the formula of peace. It would guarantee a peaceful coexistence for Palestinians and Israelites. The conflict of Israel and Palestine lasts for already over 100 years and becomes a global conflict among Islam believers and Jewish-Christians. Trying to have peace Israel left the occupied Sinai Peninsula of Egypt and made considerable concessions for Palestinians as well: It agreed on Palestine self-governing rights or autonomy in 1994. The problem is that Arabs cannot accept the fact of Israel state in their psychology. Nobody can guarantee their national security when Jews retracted to the borders which existed till 1967, the Sixth Day War. What does the total retraction from Gaza Strip from where the rockets are constantly sent to the territory of Israel on the heads of civil people? Would the most real and secure way of all the solutions be a Federation of Palestinian Territories or Confederation with the Kingdom of Jordan (or with the state of Egypt)? The peace problem of Near East is global and even connected with the intentions of Iran to make an atomic bomb. International community should be more sensitive not only to the tired nation of Palestine but also the Kurds who try to establish their state in Kurdistan. People of Azerbaijan should be helped in uniting into one state in the frames of Azerbaijan. The author tried to prove the article by the facts and the regulations of international law as much as possible.

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The aim of this article is to analyse if peace can be achieved in the Holy Land. A young state of Israel already counts its 66th Anniversary of Independence. Having experienced the journey of 2,000 years throughout the world and suffering of awful Holocaust, Jewish nation managed to settle in their Holy Land again in an unfavourable geopolitical situation. Unfortunately, there is a quarrel about these lands. In reality these are armed uprisings, fights and four huge wars. Israeli and Arab conflict is already lasting over 100 years. It becomes world conflict from a regional one: Islamic and Christian-Jewish conflict. How can peace be established, how can a small piece of Palestinian land be divided that both Jewish and Palestinian nations have a happy future? That is not only the headache of Israel Government but also the one of heads of the whole world. Especially in the last decade much was written about it, ways of conflict solution were searched for. Already Palestinians himself manage to present their problems in a polite way, not just the language of a gun. Many authors try to answer this question¹. The author of this article has been interested in this problem for

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¹ <http://www.science.co.il/Arab-Israeli-conflict/Articles/Freund-2011-12-14.php>; Mideastweb Middle East, 2012: <http://www.mideastweb.org/briefhistory.htm>; <http://www.science.co.il/Arab-Israeli-conflict/Articles/Freund-2011-12-14.php>; gnosis.aisi.gov.it (Gnosis)Privista Inst/servnavig/11.

many years and would like to summarise, to find that formula of piece which could satisfy both sides. The method used in the research is of international law, analytical, and historical. To the limited extent, the object is the relations of Jewish and Palestinians but it is more than Palestine and due to this the relations of Israel with main neighbours will be discussed. In protecting peace it is necessary to perceive the psychology of these nations. There is a wish that this modest work would be at least a tiny peace stone in the architecture of Near East Palace (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Map. Source: <http://zioneocon.blogspot.com/map-middle-east.gif> (Ref. 06 08 2013).

Strong Defence Strategy of Israel

Strong Defence Strategy of Israel is already the first condition for peace. Only a strong state can protect itself and develop in the surrounding of unfriendly states. Israel is the only non-European country taking part in the development programme of EU (European Union) science research and technology development². Having a strong economical base, developing technologies, Israel could create high level military forces. The government allocates 9.5% from GDP (Gross Domestic Product) for them. Men and women perform military services for three years in Israel Army. According to the data of 2008, 186,500 soldiers (men and women) made the military forces of Israel. In several hours, 445,000 of people from reserve could be joined to military

² Earlier the desert covered 75% of country's territory and today—65%. People live in a former desert which became green meadows and artificial fields. The principle of "a drop" functions well when fields are watered with a small amount of water due to irrigation system. 19 Science Institutes working in the field of agricultural technologies function in the state. These institutes provide the Kibbutz (the collective farms) new technologies for free. The Governments of Israel pays the greatest attention to science achievements and the application of new technologies in the country. That is why Israel is the best developed countries of the world among the twenty countries. About 80% of national GDP (Gross Domestic Product) makes the products manufactured with the help of the newest technologies (Com. About the purchase of technologies. A. Saltini. Israele: prodigi irrigui nel paese delle contadizioni, in Terra e vita, n. 19 1993 e Innovazione tecnologica dal Negev a Tibiriade, in Terra e vita, n. 22 1993).

forces. The numbers tell a lot: Two point five million of Israelites out of seven million are connected with military matters or work at military system (policemen, staff of science laboratories, border officers, etc.). Military forces possess 3,500 tanks, 10,000 different military trucks, and 1,300 artillery tools. The marine is equipped by 51 military ships and three submarines. Air defence forces are made of 700 planes of different destination. The nuclear arsenal has 100 Jericho 1 and Jericho 2 model weapons. Women are not allowed at the front in any conflict situation. They mostly work in the system of communication, as pilots or administrative work³. Technical and science progress provided the possibilities to Israel to create an especially proper military defence power. In September 2008, in the Negev desert in Israel the USA mobile anti-ballistic defence radar FBX-T was dislocated and connected with American early warning satellite system. The implemented experiments proved an accurate military preparation. During the first seconds when the rockets of an enemy are fired, the weapons of Israel would manage to destroy the flying rocket in time. Anti-ballistic defence system Iron Dome, bringing down the rockets flying from Gaza Strip, is also developed. Though, up till now there is no tool which could destroy the rockets of different types⁴. A military union of the USA, NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and Israel is a hardly excelled military power in the world.

Relations of Israel With Neighbours

Possessing a strong army and nuclear weapon, the Government of Jerusalem tries to re-establish friendly contacts with neighbours even returning the occupied territories. In 1978 the President of Egypt Anwar Sadat made a famous Kamp David Peace Agreement with Israel, the leader of which at that time was Menachem Begin. According to this Agreement, Sinai Peninsula was returned to Egypt in exchange of Israel recognition and Peace Agreement⁵ [Sadat (1981) and Rabin (1994) both were the Nobel laureates, they were killed by national extremists]. Arabic Strategic Research Centre Medar describes the situation after the Arab revolutions: The new Government of Egypt tries to return the leadership in the region which had been lost under the regime of Mubarak. People insisted on termination of oil supply by the gas transmission pipe to Israel. The former General Secretary of International Atomic Energy Agency TATENA M. Elbaradei encouraged declaring a war to Israel, if it attacks Gaza Strip⁶. The new President of Egypt (the former leader of Muslim Brotherhood) Mohamed Morsi planned to review Kamp David Peace Agreement with Israel but he received a negative reply that Jerusalem is not going to agree. Fortunately, Egypt was not in a hurry to renew diplomatic relations with Iran and did not approved to make Sinai a free zone with Gaza Strip ruled by Hamas. After the military coup *d'état* on July 3, 2013, the military regime appoints Mansour—the Acting President, who is supported by secularist society, Copts the Christians, and the military forces of Egypt. In two years two revolutions took place in Egypt. New authorities keep strict policy toward Islamists by suppressing even military resistance in Sinai Peninsula. Let us hope that the Generals of Cairo will lead the country from poverty and again return authorities to the Government elected by citizens. The case of Indonesia can fully prove itself. Seeing strong opposition among the society itself, fear of Islamic radicalism, there is no reason to doubt about the neutral position of Jerusalem authorities in the events of Egypt.

³ Com. Military forces of Israel http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tzva_LeYsra'el (12 10 2013).

⁴ “The Iron Dome” over Israel caught the first rocket. The World of Science and Technology, Technologies. Published 11-04-2011. <http://www.technologijos.lt/p/spausdinti?name=S-18583> (See: 12 05 2013).

⁵ Cnf. 1996 Information Almanac the ultimate browser's reference 49th edition. New York. 1996. P. 18.

⁶ M. Elbaradei: Egypt may declare a war to Israel, if it bombs Gaza Strip//BNS 05 04 2011: “If Israel attacks Gaza Strip again, we shall declare the war to Zionist regime”.

On October 26, 1994, Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister of Israel signed Peace Agreement with the King of Jordan—Husein. It served for a stable development of the Kingdom of Jordan which escaped from the sparks of Arabic revolution. Jordan remained a loyal ally of the USA in solving all the conflicts in the Near East⁷.

In 1997, due to Tzahal Agreement the government of Israel left the territories of Palestine by giving 95% of occupied lands to Palestinians but continued the development of places for new settlers. At present the houses of new settlers cover only 157 km² of the Bank of West Jordan. True, the authorities of Jerusalem equipped 500 points and divided the territories into three parts wishing to protect the colonists. It provides the Palestinians with the inconveniences in commuting or meeting the relatives. Besides, still in 2005 the territory of Israel was fenced by a brick wall because of kamikazes and murders in the territory of Jews. Though the Tribunal of International Justice disapproved the construction of the wall as the fact violating human rights but the Government of Israel leaves the right to protect the life of each citizen. When living in constant fear and when at any time a bomb can explode in a cafe or a restaurant by taking lives, hand or legs, it becomes clear that Jews have the right to live in a secure environment with a small own piece of land. Under the rule of the leader of Centre Party Kadim, the Prime Minister at that time E. Olmert, it was finally planned to determine the borders of Israel till 2010. In reaching this goal, E. Olmert promised to take the army away from the majority of lands which were occupied by Israel in 1967 during the War of Six Days. Though the future state will include the territories already widely settled by Jews: Ariel, Gush Etzion ir Maale Adumim. So, Jewish nation striving for necessary space to exist, more often give the priority to diplomacy, obedience but not weapons. Still the question of national security arises: If Israel returned the former borders till the war 1967, how would then to protect people from the attacks of advanced weapons when the density of population in the country is 395people/km² now. Besides, the national defence system will be very much burdened.

The Relations of Israel and Palestinians

In 1969 Yasser Arafat established Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). It is a political, military liberation organisation which has become the representative of Palestine and the leader of fight with Israel⁸. “The members of this organisation and the divisions are responsible for terroristic attacks against Jews; among them is the one which has happened during the Olympic Games in Munich”. In 1987 Palestinian Youth Movement Intifada started. It inspired the movement of Islamic resistance, the establishment of Hamas. Its first leader Khaled Mashal was residing in Damascus and leading Hamas organisation which has the following in the statute: “There is no other way of the solution of Palestinian questions as jihad”. The state of Israel has to be destroyed and the Islamic state of Palestinians has to be established. All the refugees should have the permission to come back to Palestina⁹.

Supporting the sticking peace process Israel asked PLO to take away Article 2 from its statutes. At last PLO authorities took the other course and made a political doctrine—existence of states. Y. Arafat who has been leading a strong terroristic fight for long years with Israel understood that no victory can be achieved by war and started stressing the priority of negotiations more. On September 13, 1993, in Washington an agreement was signed between Y. Rabin and Y. Arafat in mediation of Bill Clinton. These agreements approved Palestine National Council or autonomous authority. Y. Arafat, the leader of national movement who

⁷ 1996 Information Almanach the ultimate browser's reference 49th edition. New York. 1996. P. 214-215: “Jordan's stance during the Persian Gulf war strained relations with the U.S.”.

⁸ <http://araz.lt/2009/09/02/kodel-zydai-taip-nesutaria-su-palestinieciais-ll/> (why Jewish do not live in peace with Palestinians).

⁹ <http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas> (18 10 2013).

has already been the patriarch of Palestinians for a long time became the first President of Palestine Autonomy. In 1996, for the first time the Autonomy of Palestine elected its Parliament. It has its own Police. In the year of 2000 when the negotiations started sticking, after seven years the second Intifada started. It lasted even for five years. A new wave of violence required the victims of 5,302 of Palestinians and 1,082 Israelites, 79 lives of foreigners.

On September 12, 2005, the government of Israel has painfully transferred 18,000 of Jewish settlers from Gaza Strip. The whole territory was left for the administration of Palestine. Such one way stepping back is considered to be a good-will gesture of Israel useful to Israelites and to Palestinians¹⁰. Following the regulations of AJA International Conference in Switzerland in 1899 and the regulations of the fourth Geneva conference on international law in 1906, the opponents if Israel tries to reproach the following: If a neighbouring government controls a part of its own territory, then it is not free or is partially occupied. In reality Israel controls the border in air and waters that the guns are not supplied to those who are fighting (not occupy but control). As in 2006, Hamas won the election and after bloody fights with Al-Fatah forces, which belong to the president of moderate political frame Mahmud Abbas, took the authorities in Gaza Strip. It is a pity that the nation of Palestinians has split so quickly. It has not reached the status of statehood power. There has to be one voice of Palestinians on international arena—one international law subject. Hamas in many democratic countries is considered to be a terroristic organisation that is why the USA and EU stopped the support to the administration of Gaza Strip. Hamas authorities used the support of EU countries to Palestinians and, it seems, on purpose there is a wish to keep confusion as long as possible. Ordinary Palestinians mostly suffer from that¹¹. The Government of Jerusalem criticise that the support to the nation of Palestinians in most cases is received by the hands of Hamas leaders. The support is used in buying weapons and attacking the territory of Israel.

In international law self-defence principle is valid, especially in fighting with terroristic agents. In striving for peace both parties have to respect the victims of civic people, especially children, in the territory of Israel and Gaza Strip. The one who starts the attacks of rockets first from hospitals, schools pretending to be a civilian, is guilty against the civilians in terms of military crime. International community should clearly condemn Hamas actions as their territory is free and none of military actions can be proved¹².

Every politician who thinks in a positive way has noticed the considerations of the Arabs that if the Jews left Gaza Strip, ostensibly their forces are weaker. So, again they have to be pressed by terroristic acts, military attacks and this, “enclave will be swept away”. Even if we delete the Article 2 of PLO organisation, which states the destroying of Israel, we cannot delete hate from the heart of a human being. It is much more complicated and that is why the Israelites are careful.

The Relations of Israel With Lebanon

In 1947 the Government of Lebanon as the other Arab countries did not approve the resolution Nr. 181 of

¹⁰ T. Bulvinskis. Withdraw of Israel from Gaza Strip. What's of it? <http://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/comments/article.php?id=7329914> (11 05 2013).

¹¹ After the conflict in Gaza Strip the EU institutions of executive authorities provided 436 million Euros support for Palestinians to re-establish the economy. BNS// www.DELFI.lt 27 02 2009.

¹² The opinion of A. Mareskos *Dizionario Giuridico Diplomatico*, Giufree Editore, Milano, 1991, p. 124: “Crimini di guerra... ogni devastazione non giustificabile per la necessità militare; e, infine, le infrazioni gravi, previste dalla Convenzione di Ginevra” (Translation) “Military crimes... each devastation cannot be proved by the aim of war and at last, these are serious violations foreseen by Geneva conference”.

the UN (United Nations), telling about the establishment of Israel state. At that time Lebanon supported the forces of Arabs by the logistic means. On March 23, 1949, when Israel made peace agreement with Lebanon, since then the Government of Lebanon did not take part in any conflict against Israel. After the Sixth Day War (1967) of Israel with Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, about 100,000 of Palestinians from Israel emigrated to Lebanon and after the black September (1970) in Jordan even more Palestinians moved to live to Lebanon. Economical and military hostility between the Christians and Muslims became stronger. PLO made Lebanon its military base from which the territory of Israel was attacked by rockets. The Christian Parties of Lebanon required the country to be a neutral state. In 1975 a civic war between Christians and Islamists lasted for 15 years and resulted in 150,000 of victims. It stopped in 1989 by the agreement of *Ta'if*. This national meeting of leaders left aside the principles of National Conciliation of 1943: The president has to be a Christian, the Prime Minister—a Sunnite and the Chairman of the Parliament—a Shia. Unfortunately, the Palestinians continued to support Hezbollah attacks from Lebanon to Israel. On March 14, 1978, Israel by its military operation Litani (in accordance to the name of the river) occupied the villages of the Southern border of Lebanon with the aim to make the zone of security and let the Army of Southern Lebanon control the situation. The Security Council of UN by its resolutions 425 and 426 committed Israel to leave the occupied border villages and to re-establish the integral territory of Lebanon. UN sent UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) forces to keep truce.

Responding to PLO attacks and the murder of the Ambassador Shlom Argon in London in 1982, Israel invaded Lebanon with the aim to eliminate Palestinian fighters. In August 1982, PLO agreed to leave Lebanon. In mediation of the USA, Israel and Lebanon signed Peace Agreement in May 1983, when Syria interfered the Agreement has never been ratified in the Parliament of Lebanon. In 1985 Israel withdraw from Lebanon by leaving “security zone” in the border territory—four to six kilometres strip in Southern Lebanon with the aim to protect Northern cities of Israel from the attacks of rockets. This strip was controlled by the Christian Military Forces of Lebanon together with some soldiers of Israel¹³. In 1990 Michel Aoun with the support of Syria was the leader of the Government of Lebanon. In 1994 Lebanon Christian forces started to be suppressed by pro-Syrian Government. Till the year of 2000 Hezbollah was leading a partisan fight against the soldiers of Israel in the villages of South Lebanon. In 2000 the Security Council of UN by its 425th Resolution committed the Government of Israel to take away all the forces which have already been taken on July 16, from Lebanon. UN Security Council approved resolution Nr. 1583 and the renewed resolution Nr. 1559 committed the Government of Syria to take away the military forces from Lebanon. On April 26, 2005, the Government of Syria, pressed by the society of the world, affected by Cedar revolution and 29 years of occupation left Lebanon and withdraw 30,000 soldiers¹⁴. On September 14, 2006, the forces of Israel invaded the territory of Lebanon with the wish to destroy Hezbollah. The present conflict started when the army of Lebanon arrested the corporal Mahmoud Abu Rafeh. After the negotiations concerning the release of the corporal, which have failed, Israel has taken military actions against Southern Lebanon and assured that it realised the right to self-defence against Hezbollah (Islamic Shiite organisation supported by Iran¹⁵). In 2009 the Parliament of Lebanon comprised of anti-Syrian coalition: Seventy-one members of the parliament out of 128 ones. After 2009 Jewish community of Lebanon showed up in a public space. The situation of Lebanon was optimistic till

¹³ About internal political situation in Lebanon, edited by Č. Juršėnas. Political parties. Directory. Vilnius. Mintis. 1983. P. 141-142.

¹⁴ About resolutions of the UN, http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guerra_del_Libano-1978 (05 09 2013).

¹⁵ <http://www.geopolitika.lt/?artc=371> (09 10 2013).

the Civic War in Syria. Israel is neutral, except the cases when Hezbollah members carry weapons to Lebanon and then their rows are destroyed. Syrian conflict can get into Lebanon. The tension in the country is big and Israel remains the observer and the evaluator of the events. In all cases when Israel military forces emerged into Lebanon, it was just a legal defence. In case of a war and especially when radical Islamists do not protect civilians, it is impossible to protect them even for Israel military forces.

Syria, Supported by Iran, Russia, and China, Remained Alone Without Peace Agreement With Israel

For several times the leaders of Syrian Army proposed the president Basher al-Assad to take the Highlands of Golan with guns but Syria did not dare to start a totalitarian war as in 1973 in Kippur war the forces of Syrians lost. The Highlands of Golan cover the lake Genessaret and part of its banks from the rocket attacks from Syria (It is of vital importance for Israel to keep the control of the Highlands of Golan). Doing harm to Israel Syria used to provide material support and weapons to Hezbollah movement which is in war together with the President B. Al-Assad. Israel is purely neutral in the context of Syrian civic war. There is no idea how this civic war in Syria ends. The welcoming thing is that Damascus, encouraged by Moscow, gave to destroy its chemical weapons to international experts. As the decisions of the Security Council of UN were not approved due to the resigning of Syrian President, the war and a great number of deaths in Syria do not stop. Though, rather hard rebels go on attacks and already control part of the territory with the support of many Arabian states. It became clear in Syria that Iran represented by the Islamic trend of Shiites will fight for the power in Islamic world not only in ideology world but also by gun with the majority of Islamic Sunnites¹⁶. Saudi Arabia tries to unite the world of Sunnites against Iran expansion. The authorities of Saudi Arabia and Turkey were for the armed USA intervention into Syria with the aim to overthrow Basher al-Assad as it was with Husein in Iraq. At last on January 24, 2014, in Switzerland, in Genève the negotiations started between Syrian rebels and the Government of Syria.

The Relations of Jerusalem and Ankara

Under the power of the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan Turkey turned from a traditional course of Islamic state. After Arab revolution Islamite mood was felt in almost all states. These changes are useful to Turkey which refused military cooperation with Israel and wanted to get into closer relations with Iran but the support of Teheran to the cruel President of Syria, the equipment of the USA anti-ballistic radar in Turkish military base makes friendship with Iran not possible¹⁷.

In response to Turkish Prime Minister R. T. Erdogan for the trick concerning the accident in the fleet in Gaza Strip in May 2010, the Knesset of Israel could have approved the genocide of Armenians and to move forward the question of occupation of Cyprus and the persecution of the Kurds. Though, the Government of Jerusalem was more silent than ever and later the Prime Minister B. Netanyahu excused the Prime Minister of Turkey. If the authorities of Turkey take care about Gaza Strip then, first of all, it has to think about peaceful

¹⁶ There are already many serious studies, sources proving the growing tension between Iran and Saudi Arabia, e.g., the edition a cura di M. Panebianco, A. Lamberti, G. De Simone, *Il G 7 E il nuovo ordine internazionale*, Roma-Salerno, Ledip-Elea Press. 1995. P. "E in questo stesso decennio che si manifesto' in tutta la sua gravità la crisi della Lega Araba e la frattura in seno alla Conferenza islamica, divisa tra la linea iraniana e quella saudita araba" (Translation) "Through all this decade crisis was really obvious of Arabian League and its division inside the conference of Islam conference".

¹⁷ Though the source is mentioned but further events denied this truth. There cannot be any Union of Turkey and Iran. Plg. ЦСИ "МЕДАР". Формируется новый антиизраильский ближневосточный блок// КС 2011 05 04: "Другим фактором формирования нового региона является снижение уровня военного сотрудничества 'Израиля' с Турцией...Турция в последнее время идет на явное сближение с Сирией и Ираном, хотя еще рано говорить о каком-либо альянсе между ними. Но начало этого процесса является поражением израильской политики и потери ближайшего союзника в регионе".

and democratic union of Cyprus.

The Kurds should have autonomy with the rights as the Palestinians possess at present. Despite the fact that the question is raised in academic level, it should be a moral duty of each politician to help the Kurds who suffered long persecutions and rebellions¹⁸. Israel can perform a historic mission by helping the Kurd nation of 40 million people but without their own state (Kurdistan) indirectly. They are persecuted in Syria, Turkey, and Iran. Military invasion of the USA Army into Iraq provided the Kurds with the happiest moment in their history. Today they have a wide autonomy in Northern Iraq. The Kurds started building cities establish educational institutions. It is only the Kurdistan part of Iran which has to be connected with Iraq. According to Vudrou Wilson declaration of 1918 stating the rights of decision of nations, the democratic Government of Ankara has to let the mostly inhabited region of Kurds to be united with the Kurdistan of Northern Iraq. Each member state of the UN has to implement the regulations of the statute of UN. One of them, Article 2 of Part I commits: "Development of friendly relations between nations which are based on the respect of equality of nations and decision of nations. Other necessary means include strengthening of overall peace". This regulation of UN was again discussed also in 1970 in the General Assembly of UN in approving the resolution Nr. 2625 (XXV). The declaration corresponding the international law for the development of friendly relations and cooperation between the states in the spirit of UN Charter was justified¹⁹. A long term political, diplomatic and even armed fight of the Kurds show that this principle is not implemented with respect to the Kurds. The contacts of Israel and the Kurds become stronger. Jewish and the Kurds are connected by the same faith—the attempt to have their own state. Being a faithful ally of the USA, Turkey should keep neutrality in the time when Kurdistan state is in birth.

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan is a faithful ally of Israel state despite of opposing Iran. The Government of Azerbaijan cooperates with Tel Aviv in the field of defence and the trade relations of Azerbaijan with Israel are the most developed from the post-Soviet countries. They reach even four million dollars²⁰. In case of Israel-Iran conflict the union of Azerbaijan nation has to be obvious. About 16 million of Azerbaijan people live in Iran—more than in Azerbaijan itself. A unified nation would manage to be a bigger guarantee of stability and independence in the basin of Caspian Sea. So, first of all the Government of Azerbaijan should make a peace agreement with Armenia by the way of compromise to share Mountainous Karabagh and support the people of Azerbaijan who strive for unification. How should it be done in practice without a total war but in liberating these nations and in

¹⁸ The professor of Harvard University Alan Dershowitz, Non importa nulla dei curdi, perché sono oppressi da nazioni arabe e musulmane//Jerusalem Post, 10.08.04: "Perché dunque tutti i paesi arabi, la dirigenza palestinese e molti sostenitori dell'indipendenza palestinese si oppongono con tanta veemenza alle legittime richieste del popolo curdo? Forse perché i curdi non hanno fatto ampio ricorso al terrorismo su scala internazionale... Forse perché coloro che occupano e opprimono i curdi dispongono di vaste riserve petrolifere, che Israele invece non ha? O forse perché occupanti e oppressori dei curdi sono arabi e musulmani, mentre Israele è uno stato di ebrei?" (Translation) "The Kurds are not very important as they are very much suppressed by the Arabs of their country and the Muslims... As all the countries are Arabic, the authorities of Palestine and the supporters of independence of Palestine are against legal requirements of the Kurds. It might be because those occupying the Kurds have much oil and Israel does not have it. It also might be the fact that those suppressing the Kurds are Arabs, Muslims while Israel is the state of Jewish people". The best way out is to escape the division of Turkey and permit the Kurds to settle in a new Kurdistan, if it is a reality. Unfortunately, in reality Ankara has an ill reaction to any autonomous manifestations of the Kurds.

¹⁹ Giuliano, P., Scovazzi, T., & Treves, T. (1991). Diritto internazionale: che approva... ai principi di diritto internazionale fra gli Stati in conformita "con la Carta delle Nazioni Unite" (It approved the principles of international law among nations corresponding the Charter of UN) (pp. 164-165). Parte generale. Giuffrè Editore.

²⁰ B. M. Vaccani La liaison tra Israele e Azerbaijan: armi, petrolio e (forse) Iran. www.meridianonline.org/israele-azerbaigian-armi-p.

keeping peace? It has to be a task for a high level diplomats and military experts: To what extent could Azerbaijan support the rebels, how much could Iranian Kurds resist and to what extent Iranian Kurds could help Iranian Kurds as most probably Iran together with Turkey will attack Kurdistan, if the Kurds declare their own state.

The Relations of Israel and Iran

The Relations of Israel and Iran is the headache of responsible politicians. Iranian nuclear ambitions to purchase nuclear weapons (if they do not manage themselves, Russian scientists will be of assistance, e.g., Viachislav Danilenka or Chinese—it is just the question of time) should be taken into consideration. After Islamic revolution of Iran the future President M. Ahmadinejad, still being a student, took part in occupation of the USA Embassy in Teheran. The former President M. Ahmadinejad used to utter cynic phrases: “to sweep out the enclave of Israel”, or “Zionistic regime is cancer. Even if only their one cell is left in a footstep of (Palestinian) land, in the future this history (of Israel existence) will repeat”. “The nations of this region will soon damage the occupants Zionists in the land of Palestine... No doubt, new Near East will be established²¹”.

Such expressions of the President of Iran are not just incitement of the Third World War but also a direct encouragement of Holocaust. The tone of the new President Hassan Rouhani about Israel is a little bit milder but still to Iranian President: “the biggest enemy of the country—is a ‘poor country’”. The Prime Minister of Israel B. Netanyahu compared him with a wolf in the fur of a lamb, which is “smiling and still secretly makes a bomb”. In case of a new President of Iran, the negotiations started concerning stopping of production of nuclear bomb, though it might be just pulling the leg and winning of time. In this case the sensitiveness of Israelites and experience should be understood: “We are closer than the USA. We are more sensitive. As a result of that we have to solve how to stop Iran, maybe we should try more than America²²”. The speeches and works of politicians show that Iran is not willing to keep neither the norms of international law, nor good neighbourhood and by this creating the feeling of insecurity even in Europe. Not only Israel but also all the states of Arab peninsula, especially Saudi Arabia with Iraq, are afraid that Iran is going to purchase nuclear weapon. None wise government can tolerate and wait till a nuclear bomb explodes on Haifa or Tel-Aviv. A moral right to defence comes from a native right. While in military field the best defence sometimes is attack. True, when a state is a member of UN, then for a legal attack—defence an approved decision of UN Security Council is necessary (Articles 42, 44 of the Statute of UN). Though, today UN are in deep crisis and will not manage to reach a common census at least because of veto right of Russia and China. It blocks the decision of all other members of Security Council of UN. So, for already, maybe, 10 years’ discussions and preparations continue in Israel concerning the attack to nuclear laboratories of Iran. The Government of Jerusalem is very careful about the consequences and the number of victims. It is still not clear how Russia together with China will react. Morally, Israel has the right to destroy the arsenal of nuclear production of Iran and it will save not just itself but also Western Europe. If Iran uses a nuclear bomb against Israel, then Jerusalem or the USA will sweep Iran itself from the surface of Earth in response. We cannot reject, though it is hard to implement, the option of the change of regime in Teheran. Let us wish that and the nowadays President of the USA—B. Obama puts much hopes into this. Still the history painfully reminds that if during certain time the most powerful European states

²¹ The President of Iran: the cancer of Israel will soon be destroyed//BNS17 08 2012.

²² To Israel, www.delfi.lt 17 07 2013.

(England, France, and the Soviet Union) could not solve the matters with Hitler in a peaceful way, here we have the same logics.

On the other hand, not all the states keep the approved sanctions. In December of 2006 UN adopted resolution Nr. 1737 prohibiting selling Iran any technology which could be used in the production of nuclear weapon; the resolution Nr. 1747 of 2007 prohibits selling Teheran military planes, helicopters and other modern military technique; in March 2008 the resolution Nr. 1803 prohibits the scientists of Iran to travel abroad and provides the possibility to check shady ships of Iran. Though today, Iran, despite of prohibitions, has accumulated such arsenals of weapons that is able to fight in a totalitarian war. There are states which provide weapons and sell them. When sanctions prohibited buying oil from Iran, it was bought by China. So, sanctions are not very efficient. Though they destroy economy but governments which give priority to weapons do not take care about the welfare of their citizens.

So, Israel relies on neither EU, nor UN that during negotiations the Government of Iran commits not to produce nuclear weapon. The only thing is clear, if Israel decides to attack, then its decision is measured thousand times and is based on all the data of secret services.

The Ways of Conflict Solution in the Near East

The spill of blood cannot last forever in one and in the other nation. The Great Mufti of Syria Armad Bader Hassoun encourages: "If we are not doing this, I am afraid, that again we shall have to face Marx and Lenin. They will close our churches, mosques, and synagogues, and will say that they but not us brought peace²³". EU institutions could solve the problem of refugees in a braver, more precise and strict way. A better control on the allocated support should have given. Several conditions are necessary from both parties in solving the conflict²⁴: A constant political will to talk, to negotiate and to find ways to guarantee peace. EU leaders state that: "Both parties have to take certain measures to renew the negotiations about peace in respecting former agreements and deals²⁵".

(1) Perception that a compromise is necessary as only by military measures long-term aims will not be achieved by any party;

(2) Self-governing authorities established in Palestine is a guarantee for further, though complicated, negotiations but already successful results;

(3) Questions have to be solved separately in the agenda of negotiations, e.g., the regaining of Golan Heights has to be separated from Palestinian statehood or the status of East Jerusalem in negotiations;

(4) Education of citizens in the spirit of peace and cooperation. It seems that this is done already. Already at that time Y. Arafat has given the orders to arrest the fighting ones who did not obey armistice and Israel constantly liberates hundreds of less dangerous Arab captives by exchanging several their own captive soldiers. Arabs work at the companies of Israelites with pleasure and are thankful for the salary received. Each Muslim, Christian or Jewish has to perceive a simple truth that all nations will find place on Earth; you just have to admit that others also have the right to exist. There should be some place for people of other religion in their ethnical lands. You just need to commit by agreements.

²³ Fanatic Christians and Muslims encourage tension between religions// BNS 16 11 2005.

²⁴ Vareikis E., Budrytė, R. International and national security. Kaunas. VMU Printing House. 2005m. P. 166.

²⁵ Nearly Year after Israel's Gaza Military Offensive, Sustained Focus Needed to Revive Stagnant Peace Talks, Create Conditions for Broader Peace, General Assembly. Sixty-fourth General Assembly Plenary Meeting (PM), <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/ga10894.doc.htm> (30 10 2013).

One State for Both Nations

In both sides there are good-will people supporting peace. A small area of Palestine, a common tourist spots, and connected economy encourages people to follow the road of peace dialogue. Israel is not the supporter of Apartheid policy and the society of good-will and peace, open to everybody accepting the right of existence keeps laws and tries to support peace and cooperation. Some of the Arabs from Israel have high positions in state institutions, one of the Ministers is Arab, and the other is a judge in the Supreme Court. Arabian parties function and Muslims can freely confess their religion. In some places Arab and Jewish children learn at the same school. At last, Palestinian nation has its own self-governing. The idea has born in the philosophy of the experts of political science about the solution of the conflict. Arabs and Jewish people have to be united into one state the central government of which would be made from Jewish and Arab people. It would be neutral. People of both nations would have the same civic rights and duties. Jewish and Palestinians living abroad would have a right to return to Palestine. Regional governments should function in the whole territory of a common state. They would manage the territories occupied by Jewish and Arab people. Though, central government should be created on the basis of both sides in order to escape from any discrimination. It cannot be believed that in an open society without borders Jewish security would be guaranteed as hatred which was spread in a run of years by Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PIO), Iran and other Islamists remains even if Jewish live without any state. In reality, Jewish, having fought and lost so much, will not feel safe again. A psychological element is very important here. Will Jewish people rely on PIO which has killed so many Israelites and the latter used to catch them and to murder, e.g., the killers of the athletes of Munich Olympic Games. The largest obstacle in the solution of this conflict is the fact that Arabs can hardly stand the fact that Israel is a state. Arabs stress that here they also have historical lands connected with Islam religion²⁶.

Then Jewish, feeling a dreadful antagonism from Arabs, they try to strengthen their positions. The President of Palestine M. Abbas several times had replicated severely the Prime Minister of Israel B. Netanyahu that accommodation of new colonists and the blockade of the Strip of Gaza is namely the main obstacle stopping the talks about constant peace²⁷. So, both nations will not be able to reside in one state as the atmosphere of fear was felt for so many years in trying to kill a neighbour. For that a family of a self-murderer was trained by Iran or Hamas leaders, and in the beginning also Al-Fatah leaders. If at least one million of Arab refugees returns, it will make the sharing of land even more complicated and do a big demographic overweight towards Arabs. There such numbers already now that in 2050 there will be just 35% of Jewish in Palestine. As one state Arabs perceive the state of Palestine where Jewish nation is of the “second kind”. Jewish would be compressed in their historical land by Arabs being close to them. It would be the same as losing of the state, stopping the development of culture, without any feeling of security and a big confusion on the level of international relations.

Two Separate States for Both Nations

The best thing is that each nation could have its own state. Each nation must have its sovereignty. Two states for two nations remain—two-state solution. First of all, it is because that both nations wish to have its own state; the point of view of both nations to the concept of one state differs. International diplomacy also more supports two-state solutions that at last separate states of two nations are established. At the end of November 2012, 138 states were for the observer status to Palestine in the UN during the voting. Nine states

²⁶ What are the solutions to the Israel-Palestinian conflict? <http://Israelipalestinian.procon.org/> (October 30, 2013).

²⁷ Mid-East talks on Israel, Palestine hopes on rise, Geelong Advertiser (September 3, 2013).

were against and 41 states restrained. Feeling international support, the leader of the autonomy M. Abbas ordered to call the autonomy of Palestine “the State of Palestine” officially²⁸. In case of two states it is also hard to divide a territory and decide what part belongs to whom. Some left-wing parties from Israel also keep the regulations to let the establishment of the state of Palestine in occupied territories. The states of Israel and Palestine could cooperate in economical sector. In order to keep peace, the USA and EU states should support each side. Though, large difficulties are provoked by the fact that Israel and the West Coast are small territories with very much integrated and mutually connected economy. From economical point of view division of a small territory of Palestine is especially bad for Palestinians.

A rather big obstacle for the establishment of both states is Jerusalem. Palestinians are categorically against making East Jerusalem the capital of their state and Jewish are categorically against it, do not let to divide it. The situation is similar to one with East Berlin which does not exist any longer. Still a complicated decision—two states for two nations exist. It seems that this case is even more difficult for Israelites themselves than Palestinians.

The Most Realistic and Safest Way Is the Federation of Palestinian Territories (Confederation) With the Kingdom of Jordan (With the State of Egypt)

It means that the autonomous part of Palestine, the Strip of Gaza would be managed by Egypt, Israel borders would be respected and peace would exist (Or on the decision of Palestinians, the Strip of Gaza can belong to Jordan). The Western Coast will be joined to Jordan. The advantages: (1) Egyptians, Jordanians, and Palestinians belong to the same Islamic religion; (2) about 60% of the inhabitants in Jordan are Palestinians or of Palestinian origin, even the Queen of Jordan Rania is a Palestinian. National relationship is always pleasant; (3) historical traditions: After the war from 1948 till 1967 these spheres were controlled by the governments of neighbouring countries; (4) Palestinians alone will not be able to fight the resistance of extreme radicals which do more harm for Palestine struggling for freedom than Israel; (5) the territory of the whole Palestine is rather small for two states, the territories belonging to Palestine will make just a small not safe state; and (6) the politicians of Israel support this idea. The former Minister of Tourism Elon Binyamin was the first to raise this idea. The official discussions were started by Yigal Allon in 1977. A. Sharon has approved the statement that the State of Palestine already exists for many times. Just the government has to be changed by Palestinians. All historians admit that the territory of present Israel and Jordan used to be one historical Palestine. In international community, it was accepted as one mandatory territory. After dividing the mandate in 1922 Palestine was also divided and practically this state already was just the name of it was different. That is why Jordan to Palestinians is a historical homeland. Very close, just several kilometres over the River of Jordan. There is no difference where to live, if geographical zone is the same, people of the same nation, if the possibility to reach other territories freely remains. Surveys show that if a standard flat is provided and human conditions for living exist, half of the Palestinians will move to live outside the territories of Israel. The majority of Jewish will support financially with pleasure. If Jewish are bad to Arabs they should not be left in Israel. The King of Jordan seems to agree but requires additional territories over the Jordan that is in

²⁸ B. Obama: “Palestinians deserve their own state”// AFP, BNS and Irytas.lt inf. 21 03 2013. In March 2013, the USA President B. Obama, in visiting Palestine, during the press conference told the President of Palestine M. Abbas: “Palestinians deserve their own state—The United States are firm in seeing... independent, sovereign state of Palestine”. As a result of that, Hamas thanked the President by sending two rockets to Jewish territory. No doubt, B. Obama condemned this attack but dying civilian people do not feel better.

Transjordan and asks for economical support from Israel for the establishment of Palestinians. The Palestinians who would like to reside in the flats provided for them and would have a wish to stay in the territory of Israel, they have to accept the order and law of the Israel authorities as it is in a life of a couple.

It is a pity that neither Jordan nor American people do not wish to accept these statements as it is with the term Jordan is Palestine though half of the Palestinians would accept these conditions. A big dissatisfaction about the policy of the President of USA is growing in Israel. They say that B. Obama indulges Palestinians in disagreeing with the proposal of Israel to make them the citizens of Jordan. The former Minister of Defence and Foreign Affairs Moshe Arens (by the way he was born in Kaunas in 1925) propagates the idea of establishing the Palestinians in the Kingdom of Hashemite in the pages of the newspaper *Ha'aretz*. The idea of Washington to have two states—two nations will not take away the roots of terrorism and will just complicate the life of ethnical minorities in Israel. According to M. Arens it is just a political phantasy²⁹.

The Parliament of Israel already had a wish to discuss possibilities to make Jordan an official homeland of Palestinians living on the bank of Western Jordan. This question should have been discussed in the Committee of Foreign Affairs and Defence of Knesset for several years ago.

Status Quo

Some Palestinians assure that there is no need to be in a hurry in solving the questions of Near East as they are being solved for 500 years. Tension and preparation for war is a part of everyday life in this region. If the existing situation is left, a probability of a new totalitarian war between Israel and the Arabs is very small. As no one from Arab states can be equal to Israel military potential and the USA did not lose traditional influence (together with antipathy) in the Near East. After the Arab revolution the radicals did not come into power. Political climate and military balance should not change in the region. As a result of that, even in case of a conflict, Israel would be able to protect itself and keep peace.

The political situation of the region which has changed after the Arab revolution committed the countries to sit for negotiations. It started on September 13, 2013, and the leader of Palestinian delegation is an experienced negotiator Erekat, the Jews are represented by the former Minister of Foreign Affairs Tzipi Livni. The disorder in the surrounding Arab countries influenced Palestinian leaders to strive for the agreement as in case of a conflict nobody can help and the Jews feel that demographical balance between Israelites and Palestinians is getting closer, so it is necessary to agree and define the territories. The Government of Jerusalem made great allowances by establishing the state of Palestine next to Israel. The following facts are clear from negotiation: In four times Israel will make free 104 Palestinian prisoners who had murdered civil or Jewish soldiers. It is a great sign of good will. While the Government of Jerusalem with a silent agreement of Arabs was too quick to construct additional 1,400 houses in their settlements in the West Bank.

In order to escape the collapse of negotiations with Arabs, the Jews stopped the constructions again after the reaction of the world. In this case the leader of Palestinian delegation accused Israel that only during the period of negotiations 1,120 Palestinians were arrested³⁰. Again it is the fraud of propaganda, will Israel stand aside and watch the Palestinian snipers shooting Israel soldiers, civil people or try to interfere into Jewish life by some other ways. Nobody can take the right of self-defence from any state, not even during negotiations.

²⁹ Č. Iškauskas. The Comment of Foreign Events. News Radio, 04 06 2009.

³⁰ Rapporto: 1. 120 palestinesi arrestati dalla ripresa dei negoziati tra Anp e Israele//News Rapporti e statistiche-27/12 2013; (translation) Report: 1 120 Palestinians were arrested during the negotiations between Palestine and Israel; Erekat, capo-negoziatore Anp: Israele punta a distruggere il negoziato//Notizie intervista 27 12 20:35 CET.

Conclusions

Peace process in the Near East can be a reality on thinking globally. Security of Israel and peace in the Near East is a moral and political responsibility of EU. Israel made lots of steps toward achievement of peace: made agreements with Egypt, Jordan by leaving the occupied territories. Deviation of Israel toward the borders of 1967 would enhance destructive and complicated war. In negotiations, steps should be taken by Arabs as well, e.g., no request for refugees to return to the land of Israel, when the state of Palestine is fully established. Though, a serious question follows: Will Palestinians be able to ensure a peaceful life and protect themselves from radical Islamists? The withdrawal of Israel from Gaza Strip only increased the number of Palestinian victims more from Hamas than from the hands of Israelites. The establishment of a small Palestinian state *de facto and de jure* will bring anything good to neither Palestinians nor Israelites. Security of Israel at the same time means the security of Palestinians. Eastern Jerusalem cannot be divided as the mosque Alaks is not the capital of Islam religion.

It would be the best if the nation of Palestine, having the approved status of observer in the UN, would strive for an independent life by connecting the management of Gaza Strip with federal sites with the authorities of Egypt. The Palestinian territory in the Western Bank should be determined by negotiations and connected to the Kingdom of Jordan. The level of union depends on: Federation or confederation depends on the decision of Palestinians themselves and the approval of the capitals of Cairo and Amman. As the area of the territory of Palestinian autonomy is small, integration into Jordan (might be even Egypt) would provide Palestinians considerably more rights, to develop in physical and cultural context. Besides, it would be a total military protection and peace would prevail in the region (A separate road in Israel, connecting the Strip of Gaza with the Western Jordan is needed for that).

The existence of Israel State is the guarantee to the Jewish of the whole world that nobody will dare to create a new Holocaust. The state of Israel is open to all Hebrews in the world. The main aim of it is the protection of national identity.

The support of EU funds and the USA which is annually received by Egypt, Jordan should mostly be given to the infrastructure of Palestinian cities. Each Palestinian moving to a new settlement to find proper conditions for human life: a flat, a necessary amount of water, at least minimum social guarantees. At least in the beginning, it is necessary for several years that the observers of the UN would take care about the conditions of the agreement. The politicians and the representatives of mass media should make their style of speeches in a polite way as Jewish people are not the occupants of Palestinian territories. Though, they live in their historical land longest. These are two confronting nations.

Let the movement of all monotheistic religions in the region of Mediterranean Sea be for peace, cooperation, and mutual understanding, and let the blood never be spilt again. The moral duty is not just to help Palestinians but also to support the Kurds in establishing their own state of Kurdistan by including the most densely populated areas in Syria, Turkey, Northern Iran, and Iranian Kurdistan. It is not an ordinary phenomenon of the 21st century that the nation of Azerbaijan is divided between Azerbaijan and Iran. The main actor in solving the conflict between Israel and Palestine is the USA. Still, it is not enough to have their efforts, it is needed that EU leaders, UN, and Russia would act in a united position. A united position of these four parties is especially necessary toward Iran that Teheran would not step the red line and Israel would not need any defence attacks.

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