

Territorial Confiscation May Restrain Terroristic Regimes

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Terrorism has regularly emerged from left-wing revolutionary ideology in response to detested regimes (e.g., the German or Japanese Red Armies, the Italian Red Brigades, the Greek 17 November) with the aim to increase public awareness to political faults and disliked governmental policy. The terror organizations often intimidated the leadership by conducting violent criminal activities (e.g., assassinations, bombing, violent demonstrations), thus raising the public attention to their objectives. Although some of these organizations have eventually dissipated, terror has actually escalated worldwide, becoming one of the greatest annoying phenomena of modern times. Published lists of current terror organizations reveal a terribly large number composed mostly of Muslim fanatics. Among the largest terror organizations of our era are al-Qaeda and ISIS, with branches (e.g., Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen, Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, al-Shabaab, Hezbollah, Hamas, Yemen Houthies, Boko Haram; ref. 1). In this chaotic reality, a major concern that has intensified recently is that of terroristic regimes, such as the Russian leadership invading neighboring countries and assassinating political opponents, or the North Korean leadership that besides corruption and poor economic handling, threatens the world with missile and nuclear programs. Further is the Ayatollahs Iranian regime, aiming to expand their control over Persian-Gulf Principalities, while raising in parallel fake claims against the state of Israel, (refs. 2, 3). Another regime that has recently unmasked colonial aspirations is that of Turkey, accusing the Kurds at the border with Syria for risking its sovereignty (an unquestionable ridiculous claim). Moreover, as long as being led by a fanatic Muslim like Arduan, his fake blames against Israel and irrational support in the Palestinian Gaza terrorists (Hamas) reflects deep subconscious religiously-based hatred (refs. 2, 4). Another fanatic regime is that of Hamas in Gaza, aiming to destroy Israel and with the claim of ownership, to occupy the Jewish 'Promised Land'. Not only that Hamas terrorists invaded Israel on October 7, 2023, massacred thousands including women, children even babies, while conducting terrible acts (e.g., massive raping, decapitations, microwave roasting of babies), they also killed many of their Gaza citizens, who exposed the slightest objection toward their iron-fist ruling and corruption.

Overall, achievement of fanatic political or religious aspirations is evidently associated with cruel activities and obliteration of innocent lives, quite the opposite of the most sanctified value of humanity - life preservation (ref. 5). Contrary to any rational conception, many of the Muslim terrorists were convinced in 'life after death' and thus were ready to sacrifice themselves to realize the aspirations of their leaders and meet the promised 70 virgins (the 'shahid' approach). In that way terrorist leaders like Osama bin Laden, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, Ayman Mohammed Rabie al-Zawahiri, Abdul Malik al-Houthi, have succeeded to encourage suicidal activities against non-Muslims (a twisted perspective of Jihad described in the Qur'aan for a completely different purpose), exemplifying the bottommost of Islamic ethics.

In comparison, the most dangerous terror is that conducted by countries ruled by leaders with religious, political or territorial aspirations, such as Vladimir Putin and the Russian politburo, Ali Khamenei and the Iranian Ayatollahs, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Arduan) in Turkey, and Kim Jong Un in North Korea backed by China. These leaders overlook the risks to humanity probably due to scientific ignorance and apathy to the future of mankind ('after me the deluge'), while expediting a putative world war. Not only that they violate basic international rules, Taboos, and general ethical principles, they hide behind their populations that suffer twice: on the one hand from the iron-fist and corruption of the regime, and on the other hand, from retaliations of harmed countries. For example, the Yemen civilians suffering from the Houthi management, but also from US and Israeli retaliations and destruction of their industries as well as ports like Hudaydah, Saleef, and Ras Isa. Another example is Iran, that failed in its attempts to destroy Israel by constructing a number of military proxies (Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in the Gaza strip, various Shi'ite militias in Iraq and Syria, Houthies in Yemen). Despite their deteriorated economy, growing opposition in the Iranian population, as well as distressing sanctions by the West and the insult of destruction of their military infrastructure (in an Israeli-US airstrike), the Iranian regime still continues to support international terror and goes on with its risky plan to develop nuclear and missile capabilities. Similarly, the Hamas regime in Gaza is ready to sacrifice the entire civilian population, while continuing their war against Israel and keeping their control over Gaza and the abducted Israelis. Complete destruction of the Gaza strip by Israel seems to have a minor effect on Hamas leadership hiding underground or elsewhere (e.g., in Qatar). Another example is the Ukrainian retaliation in response to the Russian offensive by shelling Russian sites, an act that harms primarily the Russian population, while having a little effect on the regime, sitting safe and well protected in the Kremlin. Amazingly, despite the economical torture of the population and massive killing of young soldiers in Ukraine (hundreds of thousands), Russia does not stop its offensive, while actually threatening Europe and striving to change the world order achieved at the end of WWII. Therefore, it seems that military retaliations to regime-driven terror are not efficient, which requires a different, more effective response. Since the world is quite helpless and the terroristic regimes seem not to care about the damage to their own populations, whereas territory is often the most precious national property (even for terroristic regimes), enforced territorial confiscation might perhaps be a new threat that would restrict the terroristic activity. Although such an approach may not be suitable toward superpowers like Russia or China, it may work against the Islamic terror of Iran, Hamas in Gaza, and the colonial military aspirations of Turkey. The main problem in such an approach might be its implementations that would require most likely a military defeat in the first place.

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