

A Punitive Destruction of the Houses of the Palestinians by the Zionist Regime from the Perspective of International Law

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The destruction of the houses of the Palestinians in the recent years has been one of the tools for the Zionist regime to intimidate the Palestinians. Since 1967 up to now, thousands of houses have been destroyed by this regime in the West Bank, Gaza and eastern Quds and thousands of their residents have become displaced. The Zionist regime has justified these destructions through such pretexts as lacking residence permits or engagement of their residents in anti-occupation movements. The main question in this paper is: what legal position in international law can be conceived of the destruction of the houses of the Palestinians by Israel? The paper is on the hypothesis that the destruction of the houses of the Palestinians is considered as a “mass punishment” according to international law and it is in contradiction with the principles of international law especially the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949) and Hague convention of 1907 which is about war on land.

Keywords: Punitive destruction, mass punishment, international law, Israel and Palestine.

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Ratio Metrics of the Coverage of ISIS and the Issue of Palestine in Iran's News Agencies

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The present paper explores six Persian speaking news agencies from various political orientations from the perspectives of “quantity intensity content analysis” and “discourse content analysis” in terms of their coverage of the Palestine-related news after the emergence of ISIS. From this perspective, the attitude of the discourse of the Islamic Revolution to the issue of Palestine has been posited on the basis of four indices including “innate animosity with the Zionist discourse”, “Palestine as a front of confrontation with the west”, “the issue of Palestine as a humane issue” and “the issue of Palestine as an Islamic issue”. On this basis, the present paper seeks out to analyze the degree of correspondence of these discourse indices with the contents of the Persian speaking news agencies from three different political orientations.

By selecting two news agencies from each political orientation and randomly selecting the Palestine-related news, this paper makes an attempt to explore the news policy in Iran toward the issue of Palestine in a bid to find an answer to the question: How has the emergence of Isis in the Islamic world contributed to the marginalization of the issue of Palestine in the Iranian news agencies?

Keywords: The Islamic Revolution, Isis, Palestine, Zionism, Iran.

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Israeli Lobby and America's Process of Foreign Policy Making toward Iran: 2009-2013

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Israel lobby is one of the most important and influential factors in shaping the USA foreign policy which has had a deep effect on the policy making bodies of this country, where the legislation, enforcement and overseeing of many of laws are performed by this network of power and wealth. They are owners of lobby companies and think-tanks and it is not possible to achieve the USA governance without respecting this network. The main question in this paper is: What is the role of the Israeli lobby in the USA's process of foreign policy making toward Iran? A possible answer is that the Israeli lobby makes an attempt to be influential in any policy that may influence the interests of the Zionist regime, but this power is limited. The influential power of the Israeli lobby in USA foreign policy toward Iran depends on the degree of its direct presence in the political structure of America, the degree of importance of the issue or the threat from Iran against the interests of Israel and temporal setting of the issue in terms of USA global position and also Iran's regional position.

Keywords: Israeli lobby, foreign policy, Islamic Republic of Iran, Zionist Regime, USA.

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The Impact of Cyber Intifada on the Sense of Identity of the Palestinian Diaspora

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In the second Intifada of the Palestinian people, the cyber space became one of the resistance fronts and a new phenomenon termed as “cyber Intifada” came into being in which the Palestinians made the cyber space a venue for the conflict of Israeli and Palestinian narratives so that their own silenced voice and narrative may be heard and their historical identity may be reproduced. This phenomenon redefined many of the classic concepts of national resistance and challenged the dominant narrative of the Israelis in the international media. Moreover, the Cyber Intifada strengthened the will to return to homeland among the Palestinian diaspora and mobilized the global public opinion in favor of the Palestinians. On this basis, the present paper explores this phenomenon in an attempt to answer the question what role the cyber space plays in forging the identity and the resistance of the Palestinian nation. To this end, winter’s (2010) theory of performing the Past has been adopted as a theoretical framework to show how the Palestinian diaspora forge their identity via cyber space. The paper’s hypothesis is that cyber space can be a place for performing the past, thus strengthening the national identity and the will to national resistance.

Keywords: Cyber Intifada, Identification, Palestinian identity, diaspora.

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Abstracts

Analyzing the Positions of American Zionist Lobbies and Think-Thanks toward JCPA in Trump's Terms of Presidency

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Following the desertification of JCPA by Trump and leaving it to the congress, many views have been presented on the future of this deal. Since American lobbies and think-tanks play an influential role in the USA foreign policy, the question is that what is the position of these lobbies and think-tanks on JCPA?

The present paper argues that the Zionist lobbies and think-tanks in America tend to revise and keep the JCPA, but they have some disputes and differences on how to revise it. An investigation into the texts produced by these centers is indicative of the fact that some of them recommend the revision of the text and articles of the JCPA including the regulations on termination of the deal, while others suggest complementary agreements. Moreover, the lobbies have a more strong tone than the think-tanks in an attempt to represent this deal as a dangerous one. All of them underscore the necessity for cooperation with the Europe in this regard.

Keywords: Lobbies, think-tanks, Zionists, JCPA, bureaucracy.

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