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East of Nakba (45)

Part II. Ethnic cleanser

Chapter 45 Inner enemy of Jewish state (1)

<We may be terminated by the enemy inside Israel. >

Lately, Shy-Rock had been feared seriously.

Four Middle East wars including War of Independence in 1949 resulted in the overwhelming victory against neighboring Arab countries. Israel also defeated the Palestinians completely through that period. Nevertheless, Israel was still fighting against Hamas in the Gaza Strip and its allied Iran. Israel showed no mercy to the enemies who advocated to sink Israel into the Mediterranean Sea and erased from world map.

The inner enemy which veteran Shy-Rock feared was the Palestinian Arabs residing in Israel. The Third Middle East War in 1967 ended in just six days thanks to a successful Israeli surprise attack. Israel occupied the West Bank of the Jordan River, Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. Before the war West Bank was ruled by Jordan and the Sinai Peninsula was an inherent territory of Egypt.



In any war, the expansion of territory meant the victory. Many Palestine Arabs were lived in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip for several hundreds of years. Some of Palestinians escaped the war and became refugees in neighboring countries such as Jordan and Lebanon. Some of them migrated to Gulf countries like Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, where oil boom begun to burst.

However, many of Palestinians did not leave the homeland. They held their breath and waited for

the fire to pass overhead. Through its post-war occupation period, Israel held a large number of Palestinian Arabs within its territory.

Usually, Arabs got many children. Population growth of Palestinian Arab outstripped that of Jews. The population balance between Jews and Arabs in Israel began to tip slightly in favor of the Arabs.

In order to restore the population balance, Israel called on all the Jews in the world to migrate to Israel. The Israeli government sought out people from all over the world who were recognized to have a trace of Jewish blood. Israel made every effort to invite the foreign Jews.

Jews in the developed Western countries did not emigrate to Israel at the expense of their current affluent lifestyle. Only young and religious American-born Jews rushed to the kibbutz, intentional community, driven by religious euphoria. But the number of migrants was not so many. They never affected the balance between the Jews and Arabs.

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