

## The war in Lebanon

In the "Microsoft Encarta Dictionary", there are three definitions for the word **Cancer**. The third one reads:

***"fast-spreading bad phenomenon: something, usually something negative, that develops or spreads quickly and usually destructively"***

If one accepts this definition of the word, then referring to the state of Israel as a cancer, like some of our politicians have, is after all not so far from the truth.

Israel is comparable to a cancer in the sense that it is made up of people (cells) that cause havoc and that don't belong where they are – mostly European Jews that after 2000 years have lost any resemblance with the original Jews of Palestine culturally and even physically. Worse, they don't even try to learn about the local culture or even language which is now Arabic and not a revisited Hebrew that the Jews themselves had forgotten about!  
How can such an amalgamation work?

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I was brought up, like quite a few Iranians of my generation exposed to the "West" to think that most things good came from there and if not necessarily so specified, most things bad come from our part of the world. It took me a long time to realize that Westerners, or at least their governments when under pressure, were as far in advance of us in lies and deceit as they are in industry.

**There was no reason for the creation of the state of Israel other than to clear the collective Western conscience after WW2.**

Every other reason is not the most important reason, the result of ignorance of the history or is just an outright lie.

Trying to clear one's conscience at the expense of others doesn't work in the long run.

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To stay with the cancer image, we now have to think of curing the "ailment". The ablation of the cells is neither a reasonable nor a modern approach. We have to try to cure the disease not get rid of it and take the patient (the Middle East) with it.

The destruction of Israel, even if we wanted it and I don't think we do, would cause many more problems than it would solve.

I am not responsible for what others say but I think that when our president says "Israel should be removed from the map" he obviously means the state Israel as it is now.

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Now that Israel is here, we have to accept its existence and deal with it as best as we can. We shouldn't make the same mistake as the creation of Israel was in Palestine and sew more seeds of discord and war for future generations.

Like in any situation, we have to start by being honest with ourselves. The premise should be that yes, Israel is, to say the least, a big predicament in the region. Pretending otherwise will only postpone the crisis and of course with the passage of time aggravate it.

For the short term, I think we should immediately all unite to stop its aggression on Lebanon.

Second, if possible, we should try to "educate" the Americans who are the power behind Israel about the real issues of our region and work towards a viable long-term solution acceptable to the people of the area.

That will be the great challenge of the future for "this part of the world".

**Israel should become a neutral state / enclave in the Middle East. Sort of another U.A.E. Then, I think, peace around here would have a chance.**

One thing is sure, Americans or Europeans cannot heal the CANCER without involving Palestinians, Lebanese (mainly Hezbollah) and Iranians, who as strange as it may seem, are better with Jews than with Arabs.

...but this is another long story...

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