

COMMENTARY

U.S.A & International Community:

THE PINNACLE OF DOUBLE STANDARDS & THE HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY! Stating perhaps the...obvious?

With the major humanitarian crisis inside the Palestinian lands and in particular the Gaza strip, in the troubled Middle East currently taking place, since the end of 2008 and continuing in the first few days of 2009 and unknown for how long, one logically thinking Greek, sensitive to issues like these and other world citizens too, cannot sit back and not make a paralleled analysis of this tragic situation with that of the troubled Balkans in recent years.

Currently, the state of Israel is supposedly as it quotes, fighting a war against the Hamas terrorists, whom the United States of America have rightly labelled as terrorists; however the International Community and especially its leaders as a whole are acting like a Pontius Pilates, washing their hands and deliberately steering away their sight from the problem. If anything, they are seen as supportive of the Israeli incursions and bombing attacks on the Gaza Strip in the Israelis' hunt for the Hamas terrorists with the most fervent supporter being the U.S.A. through the mouths of its outgoing President George Bush and its Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. No mention of condemning Israel's unacceptable heaviness in its dealing with the situation and the killing of innocent children, mothers and fathers. The theatre of the absurd is taking place in front of common folks' eyes and the human suffering and blood streaming are centrestage!

Unfortunately the 2 major political parties in Australia as well, are following almost the rhetorical lines of the U.S.A. whilst it is time now, as common folk are saying, for the Australian government to stand up and condemn these Israeli actions and send immediately humanitarian aid to the crying lands of Gaza.

Let's cast our minds back to the Balkan peninsula after the Western backed dissolution of one of the most powerful Eastern European and Balkan states, that is Yugoslavia. When Serbia was hunting down the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) terrorists,



“A Palestinian boy watches the funeral of three children in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip December 29, 2008. Palestinian medics said five young sisters, died in an Israeli air strike in Jabalya refugee camp in northern Gaza and three other young children were killed when a bomb struck a house aimed at the nearby abandoned home of a senior Hamas militant in Rafah. REUTERS/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa (GAZA)”

whom the U.S.A. also labelled as a terrorist organisation, in its southern Serbian autonomous province of Kosovo-Metohija, (the birthplace of Serbian Orthodox Christianity), whose actions have been inhumane towards the local Serbian populations and its institutions, such as Christian monasteries, the U.S.A. and most European Union countries and Australia condemned Serbia and built up a negative image of the Serbians across the media using unparallel propaganda. The U.S.A. and most of NATO countries resorted to bombing the Serbian capital city of Belgrade, of Nis, of Kragujevac and of other major and minor cities in the Republic of Serbia, killing and injuring thousands of people bringing to its knees a proud nation who supported the Allies in WWII and whose main objective was to root out the home grown terrorism from its soil ensuring the integrity of its own lands, not having them given out left, right and centre.

Israel though, it seems has the blessings of the West and not only there is no mention of bombing Tel Aviv, West Jerusalem or Haifa because of its actions but their actual actions are supported. The question beckons then towards the USA and most of the International Community, why was Serbia bombed and its pride wounded when she was rooting out the terrorists from her own soils? Isn't this the pinnacle of double standards and the height of hypocrisy? Let's target the Serbs, destroy and desecrate Serbia but do not and never touch Israel and bless their actions whilst they are supposedly rooting out their terrorists!!

To add further, it should be mentioned, how the terrorist KLA organisation was taking Serbian people

hostages and removing their body organs for sale all over the world before they killed them. (Referenced in Karla Del Ponte book and now the case is being investigated).

Where is the world's outcry now for this barbaric act by the Kosovar Albanians? Just recently, three Kosovar Albanians were found guilty for plotting an attack on a U.S.A. Army base in New Jersey, but thousands of kilometers away, the U.S.A. supports their actions in Kosovo against Serbian people. As someone stated, “funny how that works: ‘not in my back yard, but it's ok across the street’”.

The Serbs have had the same right to defend their land and people in their southern province of Kosovo-Metohija, just like Israel does. Yet, the U.S.A.-led coalition supports the KLA terrorist actions, but condemns the Hamas terror actions. Can someone find the logic in that?

There is no doubt that Hamas is a terrorist group and people should not be fooled with the front-page pictures of its civilians, as they would cut to pieces if someone is American or Israeli. However, the world was fooled with the civilian images in Kosovo-Metohija and is being fooled again in Gaza.

Also adding insult to Serbia and their people, the U.S.A. pushed for and got its way for an independent Kosovo, an integral part of Serbia, the birthplace of the Serbian Christian Orthodox religion, where tens of Serbian Orthodox Christian churches have been destroyed ever since the so-called peace force was brought in Kosovo in 1999.

Why then not apply the same standards with Israel and why are not the same efforts being exercised by the

U.S.A. government, that is to push for and forcibly take away Jerusalem and the sacred Wailing Wall from the Israelis and give it to the Palestinians and Hamas? Didn't the U.S.A. led West do this in the situation in Serbia? Take away Pristina, the provincial capital of Kosovo-Metohija and the Christian monasteries from the Serbs and give them to the Kosovar Albanians and the KLA? The KLA was seen shaking hands with U.S.A. officials many a times.

Is it because there is no equity here? Is it because we are talking here about Israel and its indirect and perhaps direct influence in the U.S.A. versus a small and relatively weak Balkan country like Serbia, which happened to save 500 American pilots in World War II behind the enemy lines as well as act on a plethora of events supporting the Allies and the West?

Once again, the double standards and the height of hypocrisy are being exposed by the U.S.A. and the most of the International Community when it comes to Balkan politics versus Israeli politics. Let's support the terrorists in Kosovo-Metohija and make it an independent state despite it being the Serbian cradle of civilization but condemn them in Palestine. It is said that the American Indians had this to say about the U.S.A. government back then: “White man speaks with a forked tongue.” How true and logical is this in current times? In the meantime, the blood is running unstopably from the innocent people in Gaza, the target of collateral damage by the Israel bombs. Double standards and hypocrisy at its best!

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