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Sharon's Art of Deception

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By just watching the developments on the ground in Palestine, one will immediately realize that Sharon is doing everything he can to violate the American conjured plan of the "Road Map".

The apartheid wall, the old and new settlements, the incorporation of Adomim, Gush-Ertzion and Ariel into Jerusalem and the daily illegal expropriation of more Palestinian lands into Israel has rendered "The Road Map" an obsolete plan that has no relation to a future Palestinian State.

Yet Israel and the US keep talking about the "Road Map" peace plan based on two neighboring states; Israel and Palestine! Here we are subjected to conspicuous contradictions that might not be apparent to the innocent Western mind, yet the obvious facts on the ground prove that Mr. Sharon is flagrantly violating what he is advocating.

How could anyone claim to the world that he is espousing the Road Map while doing everything he can to violate it and still get away with it?

Not very difficult if you are engaged in the art of deception. First Mr. Sharon presented 14 reservations as a pre-requisite to accept the plan, which in essence renders it contents null and void. To hammer the last nail on the coffin of the plan, Mr. Sharon conjured a new impediment which would render a future effort to revive it, an impossible miracle. He demanded that the Palestinian authorities crush the existing resistance factions as another pre-condition to negotiate the plan.

The public polls in the West Bank and Gaza reflect very clearly that the strategy of the resistance movement is very popular in the light of the frustrating failures of the peace negotiations. Sharon knows, as much as we all do, that crushing the resistance factions is tantamount to a devastating civil war that would claim tens of thousands of victims and weaken both the authority and the factions at the same time, and to the extent of rendering the victor an unqualified partner of future peace negotiations.

So all what Sharon needed to do is call for the "Road Map", yet attach to it the pre-condition of obliterating the resistance, in order to get away with his contradictory positions. Unfortunately his

position has been accepted as logical, since the US and the West do not relish "terrorism" especially after the 9/11 episode. Mr. Sharon has succeeded in convincing the Western world that his fight against Palestinian resistance is fighting terrorism. Of course the Western mind is not well informed about the Palestinian issue to realize that Palestinian "terrorism" is actually a legal resistance of cruel occupation, sanctioned by the UN. So the deception is to espouse publicly the "Road Map" for international public relation consumptions while do everything on the ground to compromise it so flagrantly.

To justify such obvious double standards Sharon would advocate the implementation of the "road map" provided the Palestinian Authority would eradicate the resistance under the guise of fighting "terrorism". The latter would mean a civil war which is impossible to conceive not only by the Palestinian public but also by the authority itself.

Instead of unveiling such grotesque schemes to eliminate the legitimate national aspirations of the Palestinian people, the PA has timidly been analyzing the News conference that was shared by both Sharon and Bush searching between the lines for any positive sign toward statehood. Fifty seven years of continuous deception by both Israel and the US has not taught our leadership not to trust our enemies. It should behoove our people everywhere to simply reject these schemes and resort to the only route available for liberation; namely armed struggle.

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