What are Israel’s greatest concerns with regard to the two state solution

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Two-state solution is still controversial issue for understanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Some intellectuals say that two-state solution will be useful for Israel and also Palestine, others say that it would be cause some problems for Israel. In this essay, two-state solution concerns for Israel will be analysed. By doing that firstly the definition of two-state solution will be given after that the history of Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be analysed and finally, Israel’s and Palestine’s burden will be given.

For understanding what two-state solution is, definition of two state solution will be shown.

“The two-state solution refers to a solution of the Israeli–Palestinian conflict currently under discussion, which calls for "two states for two groups of people." The two-state solution envisages an independent State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel, west of the Jordan River. The boundary between the two states is still subject to dispute and negotiation, with Palestinian and Arab leadership insisting on the "1967 borders", which is not accepted by Israel. The territory of the former Mandate Palestine which shall not form part of the Palestinian State, shall be part of Israeli territory."¹

History of two-state solution is coming from 1967 Six Day Wars. Favours of two-state solution claims that, if Palestine will have own land and without oppression of Israel problems between Israel and Palestine would be over. However, Israel is not really favour of this aspect, because it means for them that, they would lose really strategical lands, where they gain on 1967 war. Those lands are Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza Strip, Sinai desert. Israel gained 68500 square kilometers after this war which means that they enlarged their lands approximately three times in six days and. After this war more than 200.000 Palestinian had to migrate to Jordan.

With peace agreement between Egypt and Israel in 1978, Israel army retreated from Sinai in 1982. But after that they attacked to Lebanon on June and occupied Beirut. After Lebanon Israel war, Palestine Liberation Organization accepted to retreat from Sabra and Shatilla, and they went to Lebanon’s North and Tunisia, Israel accepted to retreat from Beirut but South Lebanon was still controlled by Israel.

In 1969 Palestine Liberation Organisation accepted “secular democratic state” program on the presidency of Yasser Arafat, which includes Muslims and Jews. But in 1988 Palestine Liberation Organisation adopted “two-state” policy and declared “mini state” which involves West Bank and Gaza. According to this, Arafat would be a president and East Jerusalem was capital city.

At the following process, there was a negotiation between US and Israel in 1993 on Oslo and they made “peace agreement”. According to this agreement Palestine Liberation Organisation will recognise Israel, they will stop attacking. Israel will accept “mini state” which includes important part of West Bank and Gaza. This state will be called as “Palestine Governance” and president will be Yasser Arafat. After this agreement everything looked like would be solved but while state’s borders are analysed, all connections between Palestine states were controlled by Israeli soldiers and Palestinians should take permission from them. It means that there was no possibility for circulation of goods and people.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two-state_solution
Of course this “agreement” did not solve anything. “Palestine Governance” became powerless state, which uses their weapon power against their citizens. Israel, kept build new bases on civil residential district, and they just retreated from 22% of lands, which they had to retreat in 6 years. They kept doing slaughters, and they kept announced that they do not recognise this Palestine state very often, it showed that Oslo process was completely bluff. Finally in 28 September 2000, new Intifada has happened. Israeli reacted so cruel against people, who participated to this Intifada. They killed 60 people per week, which is highest level of slaughtering per week in Israeli-Arab conflict.

The other thing about this war which should be underlined is, Fatah en Hama’s bomb attacks. Israel uses those attacks as an excuse for attacking to Palestine. Lack of true politics and state of organization causes that rising those kind of radical Islamic groups. Those groups seek solution in individual action, but not with solidarity with Israeli worker class. Peasants and workers from Palestine needs Marxist leadership to act in true way. Otherwise Palestine will always suffer from Israeli oppression.

Of course two state solution would cause another problem for Palestine and Palestinian People but it does not mean that two state solution will make a favour of Israel.

“Needless to say, to repudiate the right of self-determination on the ground that logically it means “defence of the fatherland” would be quite ridiculous. With equal logic, i.e., with equal shallowness, the social-chauvinists of 1914-16 apply this argument to every one of the demands of democracy (for instance, to republicanism), and to every formulation of the struggle against national oppression, in order to justify “defence of the fatherland.” Marxism arrives at the recognition of defence of the fatherland, for example, in the wars of the Great French Revolution and the Garibaldi wars in Europe, and at the repudiation of defence of the fatherland in the imperialist war of 1914-16, from the analysis of the specific historical circumstances of each separate war, and not from some “general principle,” or some separate item of a programme”\(^2\)

This quote which is written by Lenin also shows us if there is no equality of people, separating is always an option. It does not mean that it will harm relationship between Israeli and Palestinian working class if this relationship exists.

To sum up, while things, which are written in this essay, is analysed, Israel do not really have any concern with regard to the two state solution. Because they fight with a country which is poisoned by Islamic terrorism, there are no possibility to unite in Marxist way in this time on Palestine. Palestinians even can not find common point even they do not have to think in the same way. If Palestine will follow this way, Israel will always find a way to escape from potential issues.

\(^2\) [https://www.marxists.org/archive/lenin/works/1916/jan/x01.htm#bkV22P148F01](https://www.marxists.org/archive/lenin/works/1916/jan/x01.htm#bkV22P148F01) (Accessed 20.05.2016)