



Christian Cleansing from Arab Space

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The numbers are truly staggering: In Iraq of 2003, until the fall of Saddam Hussain, there were 1.5 million Christians, but today there are only 250,000, that means that **1.25 million have migrated**, killed or been forced to become Muslims. In Syria of just three years ago there were 1.75 million Christians, out of whom .450,000 have already left, **and the rate of the ethnic cleansing is only growing**

The meaning is that by the end of this decade there will be no more Christian Arabs in the Levant, *i.e.* the northern east of the Middle East. In the space that is becoming *Salafi* and violent, there is no place for the .Christian Arabs, and they are being forcedly exiled

This phenomenon is happening in full force at the Palestinian Authority, and If in Beth Lehem there where once 90% Christians, today it is already 65% Muslims. The tradition is that the mayor is Christian despite .the Muslim majority, but the female mayor is facing harsh persecution, including by the *Fatah* movement

The day in which there will be no more Christian Arabs in the Palestinian authority is getting close, and according to estimates there are only a few tens of thousands left. In the day to day of the Hamas, Salafis and the Jihad, they have no existence, and they migrate, many to South America, where they already have .large communities

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In Hamas's Gaza, out of 2,500 Christians there are only few hundreds left, the rest have escaped or have been forced to become Muslims. If one day there will be an independent "Palestinian" territory, the Christians will be the first to pay the price, especially after the Salafis will start to take over the control .there, and it is only a matter of time, as it is in the entire Middle East

The Christian were promoted at the National Arab Movement; they were the leaders of the Pan-Arab movements; by Hamas they were tolerated, but the Salafis are brutally .exterminating them. In the Shari'a ruled state, the Christians have no place

In Egypt nearly nine million are Coptic Christians (one tenth), and the estimate is that a quarter of a million have already migrated since the fall of Mubarak, and the rest are suffering persecutions, murders, violence, robbery and looting. They are in grave condition, and the reality is that there are no .consequences for hurting them

In Lebanon there are still about one million Christians (according to a survey published this year), but they are in deep despair, some of them are under the protection of the Shiite Hezbollah state. Do they really ?have any hope

Oddly, in a year when the Pope is elected "Man of the Year", there is no cry about the amazing ethnic cleansing being done to his flock, as well as nothing from the west. United State has murmured something, .and that was it

As for Israel this silence has few conclusions: while the new anti-Semites are busy condemning Israel, proposing resolutions and banning Israel, they are saying nothing about the real massacre and the forced exile taking place here. **There is no limit for their hypocrisy.** Where are the human rights movements, ?in the face of this Christians free Middle East being created here

The second conclusion is for us in Israel: this silence is a warning that if G-d forbids Israel will one day be weakened, the extremists will do us much worse, and no one in the world would really help. In the violent and Salafi Middle East, there is no place for Christians, which did not know how to prepare on time, or the .Jews

Luckily for the latter in the Jewish state they are strong and deterring, now it is clear how important it is to .have a **Jewish state**, as the only place in the Middle East left, that is not Muslim

Now a word for the Christian communities around the world: if one day the sovereignty over the holy places in Jerusalem will be held solely by the Palestinian Authority, in a short time the religious war that is taking place in the entire Arab world will erupt here as well, and **neither Jews nor Christians will be allowed access anymore to their holly sites**, as it is happening in Syria, in the places sacred for the .Christians

Only under Jewish sovereignty the freedom of religion will be kept, and the proof is – only in one place in the entire Middle East do the Christian Arabs get freedom of religion as well as equality, and that is in Israel; and so for the first time we see young Christian Arab citizens want to join an alliance with the Jewish State. They already know that no one will be waiting for them out there, in the cold Christian winter

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