0. Introduction:
This paper should be seen as a sequel to my Durban paper, which dealt largely with the religious aspects of the war on terror, mainly as viewed from the US Christian side. Although many European nations were seduced by the US to participate in the war on terror, one can hardly say that religious aspects were involved on the European side. The present paper will deal with the religious aspects of the war on terror on the Muslim side. Other, non-religious aspects of the war on terror have been discussed in earlier papers.

On the Muslim side the war on terror is largely fought against the "big Satan" (the US), but it is definitely also waged – through Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, etc. - against the "small Satan" (Israel), with Europe occupying a pivotal position in this conflict.

1. Prelude to the Muslim war against the "small Satan": a confluence of European (Nazi) and Muslim anti-Semitism:
Understandably, the Arabs in the Middle East were not very enthusiastic when Jewish migration towards what was then still Turkish Palestine started in the late 1800s (first small city, Petah Tikvah, founded in 1878, and Tel Aviv – and modern Hebrew - in 1909); it was a resistance against an alien culture which force-fed modernity to a population barely out of the Middle Ages. Jewish migration increased in the early 1900s owing to pogroms in Russia, and the first anti-Jewish riots started in 1920. These and later riots in 1929 and 1936-1939, were caused, according to a commission of enquiry lead by Sir Walter Shaw, by the fear of the Arabs that by Jewish immigration and land purchases they may be deprived of their livelihood and in time pass under the political domination of the Jews.

These riots were instigated by Haj-Amin al-Husseini, since 1920 the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, although he had no formal rights to that title. He was a member of the elite Husseini clan - to which also his cousin Arafat belonged - and was an extremely unsavory figure. Since the early 1930s, like many Arabs in British colonies - especially Egypt and Iraq - he cooperated closely with the emerging Nazis, and in the period 1936-1938 he had different Palestinian intellectuals and imams killed who resisted his fanatical approach. He spent part of the war in Germany and Italy, and actually visited Hitler less than two months before the January 1941 Wannsee conference where the liquidation of European Jewry was definitely decided. Following a deal made with the Nazis he was instrumental in preparing the "Farhud" (violent dispossession), an anti-Semitic pogrom taking place in June, 1941 in Iraq, which effectively ended Jewish presence there after 2600 years. Moreover, during the war he organized the Bosnian SS Handzar Brigade, and is reputed to have visited Auschwitz with Eichmann. Although the Qurán, just like the New Testament, contains some pretty anti-Semitic passages, the reason for his extremely virulent anti-Semitism should rather be found in his anti-modernism. He is reputed to have said (to a native Jew):

"We do not mind you natives of the country, but those alien invaders, the Zionists, will be massacred to the last man. We want no progress, no prosperity. Nothing but the sword will decide the fate of this country"...
And: "The Jews have changed the life of Palestine in such a way that it must inevitably lead to
the destruction of our race. We are not accustomed to this haste and speed, and therefore we are continually being driven into the background."

It is doubtful whether one can explain the further course of history by the actions of one man, no matter how important his influence or legacy, but surely one can at least defend the position that Haj Amin al-Husseini to a large extent has determined the further development of Palestinian-Jewish relations, and even Arab-Jewish relations. His fanatical anti-Semitism, his fear of modernity and the progress it brings, his fear even of prosperity, combined with his hatred against the British colonizers, inevitably drove him in the arms of the Nazis. He was active not only in Palestine, but also, for example, in Iraq, which in the late 1930s was heavily infiltrated by the Nazis, with Haj Amin al-Husseini helping to organize the above described 1941 revolt against the British. An excellent chronology of his deeds, or rather crimes, is presented in the website "tell the children the truth", from his participation in the Armenian genocide as an Ottoman officer (1914-1917) till the postwar contacts he had with François Genoud, a Swiss Nazi since 1934, and a personal friend who apparently managed the mufti's finances, and also financed ODESSA with Nazi money.

But certainly, the grand mufti was not alone with his pro-Nazi and anti-Jewish sympathies. In Egypt, in 1928 the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, Hassan el-Banna (sometimes spelled al-Banna) had a great admiration for both Hitler and Mussolini, and the Brotherhood – at least then - was clearly an Islamo-fascist organization, with ties to the Nazi regime. Its history is described in a four-part article by Marc Erikson, and a short overview in chronological order is given in "Muslim Brotherhood" on the above mentioned "tellthechildrenthe truth" website. Also very well informed about Nazi links to the Middle East is a former Justice Department prosecutor going after war criminals, John Loftus. He also investigated the network of Nazi connections in general, including the connections between the Nazis and the Bush family that were summarily discussed last year and those between the Nazis and the Muslim Brotherhood. He was the co-author of an interesting study how British and American intelligence circles tried to prevent the creation of Israel. Loftus was certainly not the only one stressing the co-emergence of the Nazis and the Arab nationalists – a very logical co-emergence since they mutually supported each other's cause, against British colonialism and Jewish colonization. Two (!) Nazi commandos with three Arabs and a supply of gold coins were even parachuted in October 1944, with the full knowledge of Haj Amin al-Husseini, to foment an insurgency against the British in Palestine. The leader was captured after a week, and some data from his interrogation by MI5, plus a photograph, have been released in 2001.

Muslim fanaticism in the war against Israel, and its Nazi roots:
Except for having summarily indicated here the Nazi roots of the Arab-Jewish conflict in the 1930s and early 1940s – which may have contributed to later Arab fanaticism - we will not further deal here with its many complexities and complications over the last 60 years. However, it is interesting to remember that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict started out as a political and almost completely non-religious – and therefore in principle solvable conflict about land, about real estate, with the Arabs/Palestinians saying "the Jews have taken our land, and it is not our fault they were persecuted in Europe", the Israelis saying: "but we were there already 3000 years ago, and just returned". In other words, an important source of the conflict is about the right of return: for the Jews after some 1800 years, for the Palestinians after some 60 years. Another root lies in the essential difference between Judaism and Islam, especially since the holy places of both religions are at issue. Islam is still considered the only true religion by Muslims, and they would actually prefer the whole world to live under sharia law. Christianity used to have the same tendencies, certainly during the time of the Crusades, and even barely a century ago; but the Jews barely if ever had the tendency to convert others.

If one looks at a somewhat wider geographical context than just Israel and the Palestinian territories, even the issue of the right of return turns out to be more complicated. For example, if the Palestinians, with some 350.000 plus progeny now spread out over the other Arab countries and the rest of the world, would indeed have the right of return – demographically, it is often assumed this would be the end of Israel, although a recent study
denies that - then what about the 800,000 Jews who were forced to leave Iraq after having lived there as a community for 2600 years and were integrated fairly rapidly? And what about the capacity of many European countries in the late 1940s to absorb millions of fugitives on the move?

Since the creation of Israel in 1948, the religious element has increasingly crept in, though mainly on the Muslim side - in Palestine and much of the rest of the Muslim world - to such an extent it has now become a semi-religious war on the Palestinian side - especially if one looks at the short propaganda videos presented later. For starters, to give you an idea what the issues are, you should definitely look at the seven instalments, about 5 minutes each, of the first Glenn Beck series, *Radical Islam Exposed*. Since the start of the second Intifada, and of course especially since the electoral success of Hamas, fundamentalist Islamist propaganda has intensified, and this has led to a situation most aptly described by Abba Eban: "Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity [for peace]." I have regularly visited the Middle East for over half a century (!) now, and in spite of advancing age I have not become milder - rather the opposite - and this is largely due to the rise of fundamentalist Islam. It goes without saying that the Palestinians, after a for modern times incredibly long 40-year occupation, which started in a relatively humane way but became increasingly harsher as Palestinian resistance grew, admittedly live in a terribly frustrating situation, though ultimately largely of their own making, and this is admitted by many Israelis, even those at the top. The occupation has lasted far too long, and has inevitably become ever more stifling, especially since suicide attacks necessitated ever stricter defensive measures. At this stage, nobody has a creative solution anymore to end this vicious cycle, except perhaps the Kuwait Times (!); the Palestine Times recently had to cease publication because of lack of money.

**From 1948 to the present: from bad to worse**

Since 1948 there have been many occasions to end the Middle East stalemate, much has happened, but opportunities for peace (and statehood) were indeed missed several times by the Palestinians, and sometimes perhaps also by the Israelis. We cannot deal in any detail with these last 60 years, though one can say that the situation has gone from bad to worse, largely due to the rise of uncompromising fundamentalist Islam worldwide, and especially in the Middle East – including Iran. Concentrating on the present, one can only say that Palestine is not just a failed state, but even much worse: a **failed non-state**. And that it may be obliged to remain a failed non-state and wage an unending war against Israel until deep into this century.

One of the important reasons why the Palestinians may be obliged to continue fighting an unending war is of their own making: the atrocious brainwashing of their own youth, I should even say: of their own toddlers, largely by their own mullahs. The indoctrination starts very early; much earlier than the Hitler Youth generation in Germany in the 1930s. The 3.5 years olds now being brainwashed with a deadly cocktail of both fundamentalist and anti-Israel propaganda will be of fighting age twenty years from now, if they have not already blown themselves to bits by then. Although I have followed the Middle East situation closely enough to be relatively well informed, I was nevertheless totally shocked by the amazingly vicious (and effective!) anti-Israel (and anti-American) propaganda.

**Videos from different sources:**

I am not sure whether there will be the opportunity to show the above mentioned *Glenn Beck videos* – admittedly produced by a very conservative journalist for a rather right-wing TV station: Fox News. These videos form a very small part of the total I downloaded and looked at, but their messages – not just from Palestine, but from many different Arab countries - are more or less the same, dripping with aggression and hate. On the whole, Arab nations are poor and underdeveloped, authoritarian regimes with barely any press freedom if any, and are also barely improving; therefore, some external enemy is necessary, someone has to be blamed for all the problems, and that someone is Israel.
- **Part I** shows a young Palestinian girl, crying with fear at an Israeli hospital when the doctor approaches her with a large needle – to anaesthetise her and then remove her eyes (Iran); Jews killing Christian children to use their blood for making Matzos (Jordan); rather tasteless cartoons with a drunken Bush and Sharon toasting each other from a bottle of Palestinian blood (PA); Condoleezza Rice lecturing with her hands dripping with blood (Egypt); Coca-cola wants to topple Iran, PEPSI means: pay each penny save Israel (Iran).

- **Part II** is on Ahmadinejad: a man with two faces and two very different messages, very diplomatic in the West and much more aggressive in Iran, uttering vague threats about the consequences if Iran is not taken seriously with the audience shouting "death to Israel", "death to America", etc. He asks the public "Are you weary" and the reply is a thundering "no", with an equally thundering "yes" when the asks "Is the enemy weary". I have to admit it reminded me terribly of the famous Goebbels speech: "Wollt Ihr den totalen Krieg" (do you want total war).

- **Part III** starts with an interview with Israel politician Benjamin Netanyahu who argues that experience has learned it is a sensible idea to take people seriously who say they want to exterminate you; followed by a sad story of a Palestinian boy who retraces the steps of his father on his suicide mission. Nonie Darwish (Egyptian) argues that jihad implies dying in the course of the jihad against infidels. Suicide missions, the poor man's nuclear weapon, are an effective way of spreading fear, and manipulate the media.

- **Part IV** deals with the indoctrination of very young children, starting with a sweet 3,5-year old girl, who has learned that Jews are apes and pigs. A Kuwaiti sheikh advises parents to tell their children every night at bedtime that they should go on raids to liberate Jerusalem and al-Aqsa, and pray to be martyred. In Tehran children do the "death to America thing". Jews are vermin, much like what they were made out to be in Nazi Germany.

- **Part V** is an interview with Brigitte Gabriel, a Lebanese Christian author of "Because they hate", also about teaching hatred to elementary and secondary school children. The Saudi government subsidizes some 25,000 schools all over the world, including the US, and supplies the books which are full of hateful propaganda, e.g., that Jews and Christians are cursed by Allah and are apes and pigs because they accept polytheism., and that the Jews will all be killed or driven into the sea. Political correctness (read: dhimmitude in this case) is killing us, it is the disease that is killing the West, people should stand up and identify the enemy, develop the backbone to resist Islamo-fascism, and the media should express this.

- **Part VI** is an interview with Aslam Abdullah, president of Nevada Islamic Society, who attacked Islamic fundamentalism, and received many supportive reactions from more than 1500 forums in the Muslim world. Abdullah feels that Europe especially is in deep rouble, with Muslims isolating themselves. What should be done is to make clear that every life should be respected, and that Muslims should speak out more against extremists, and form alliances with Jews and Christians in this respect.

- **Part VII** is Beck states that Muslims should thoroughly understand the dangers of fundamentalist Islam and stand up. If they don’t, the combination of fear and inaction will lead to our destruction and theirs. Increasingly, however, many do stand up, even children: there is the example of an Egyptian boy on Egyptian TV, a member of "children for change", who protests that Mubarak arrests children for no reason. The dean of Islamic Law in Qatar stated: "We have not succeeded in making our children love life, Muslims succeeded in making the next life look so glorious that most children don't see value in this one". We taught them to die for the sake of Allah, but we did not teach them to live for the sake of Allah, how to build, be productive, create and invent for the sake of Allah". A Saudi journalist recognizes that the culture of victimhood which kids are subjected to only makes things worse: our youth has been so incited that every conflict in the world is then seen as a conflict between Islam and the rest of the world.

If you do not have the time to watch all the seven videos mentioned here, there is also a shorter 5-part version, "Islamic Extremist Agenda Exposed", while E.D. Hill, also of Fox News, has produced another (six-part) series, entitled "Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West". It is produced by E.D. Hill, and much sharper in tone than the Glenn Beck series described in rough outline above. Another four-part series, with a slightly different stress, is also worth seeing: "Wake Up – and Smell the Threat". Moreover, if you prefer British English over American English, there are two quite different series, a five-part one, "Muslim Sesame Street", and "Dispatches – Undercover Mosque" In order not to make this
paper too long, the main differences with the series mentioned sub 42-46 are mentioned in the endnotes.

Just today I heard a BBC program commemorating the 40th anniversary of the start of the six-day war. One of its theses was that the Arab countries realized six days later they had no chance anymore to win militarily against Israel, and that this was a turning point where the conflict increasingly took on religious overtones. Whether this is a correct analysis or not, in the last four decades fundamentalist Islam certainly has come up worldwide – not just in the Middle East - with the US and Israel as the big enemies. To offset the inevitably somewhat one-sided picture, I "googled" for some anti-Israeli videos, but hardly found anything, apart from a plentiful array of anti-semitic websites. Two Israeli counter-establishment movies are worth while, a YouTube one by an Israeli strongly criticizing the occupation, and one I received from an Australian friend with contacts in left-wing Israeli groups. This is definitely a must-see movie, as it depicts what one might call the hidden injuries of the occupation: it is the story

1. korte beschrijving diverse delen GB serie; conclusies: met twee stemmen spreken
2. reactie westen: te serviel en angstig. Dhimmitude, wordt lastiger als men Arabisch zou verstaan
3. gewenst reactie tegen terroristen: shame them (Vessela)
4. zelfs moslim heersers (Abdallah II, Saeb Erekat, Mohammed VI) teveel dhimmitude, een ook moslim publiek moet zich steviger opstellen