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Two-State Solution?

What does it really mean?

As our emotions boil for Palestine and the people of Gaza, we are naturally moved to do what we can to support our brothers and sisters – but **it's important that we work towards long-term solutions**. After all, without identifying a goal, our actions can be aimless or even directed towards harmful "solutions". More importantly, without solving the issue from its roots, we're bound to see more aggressions against Gaza and Palestine.

4 Silencing Opposition

So why do these states offer a two-state solution? Is it out of a genuine desire for justice for both Palestinians and their occupiers?

As we can see, the two-state solution contains numerous conditions which neuter any potential Palestinian resistance, strengthen the Zionist state, and normalise the existence of the occupation on Palestinian land.

In fact, the two-state solution is **offered simply as a token** to appease and satiate the Palestinians and Muslims; as a way to say "look, you have an independent Palestinian state, so what more do you want?" This then works to **silence any potential opposition to the existence of the Zionist entity**. Western governments include in their proposition for a two-state solution that critiquing the existence of a Zionist state would be deemed an **"impediment to peace"** – after all, you would be opposing an agreed solution. This paves the way towards **criminalisation of chants such as "from the river to the sea"**, and denying us the right to proclaim the entire land as Palestinian - a land that resonates with the footsteps of prophets and martyrs.

Seeking True Justice

The two-state "solution" is one designed by the West, and one which strengthens the occupation. As Muslims, we need to think beyond the solutions that are given to us by our enemies, and to stop being reactive, and instead to start proposing and working towards our own solutions derived from our religious principles and the example of our Prophet ﷺ.



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► One of the common solutions presented for the occupation of Palestine is that of a 'two-state solution', which aims to establish separate states for "Israelis" and Palestinians, allowing both nations to coexist side by side.

The two-state solution has been supported by some Palestinians and Muslims, seen as a gradual step towards attaining independence, safety, and stability. They state that it would give the state of Palestine fixed borders and an ability to speak and negotiate for themselves – and potentially even lead to further negotiations or re-claiming more of historic Palestine.

But it is important for us to **analyse more deeply** in order to conclude **whether this solution is truly beneficial for us and our ummah**, or if it is even acceptable from an Islamic point of view. There are many key details of the two-state solution we need to be aware of.

1 Occupation of 78% of Palestine

The very premise of the two-state solution should immediately raise some concerns – it involves defining the states based on the "1967 borders", where the **Zionist entity continues to occupy 78% of the land** that once belonged to Palestine, with no right of return for the millions whose families have lived in these occupied territories for generations. Further to that, the essence of the 2-state solution is that Palestinians and Muslims would give legitimacy to the occupation of 78% of their land.

The bottom line is, it suffices to say that this 'solution' is defined by those who created the problem in the first place, and contrary to what many of us think, we don't get to have a say into what we get in return for legitimising the occupation of over 78% of Palestine.

From a Shari' point of view, legitimising the occupation of a single inch of Islamic land is **haram** and **an act of treachery**.

2 A Weakened Palestinian state

A quick glance over the neighbouring Arab states that surround Palestine would give us a good indication in terms of what the proposed Palestinian state would look like - **a failed, weak, dependent state, led by oppressive rulers** who gain their legitimacy from the occupiers and the West. A state with a crumbling economy and endless problems.

Is this really what we mean when we call for a free Palestine?

Furthermore, in the case of Palestine, any future state would not exist without clear **guarantees and conditions** that ensure it **never poses a risk** to the Zionist state.

The two-state solution proposes that **Zionist soldiers** - those who have occupied land, bulldozed homes, uprooted olive trees, and committed genocide - **would now guard the borders**. They will patrol the line between Palestine and "Israel", and even guard the borders between Palestine and neighbouring Arab states.

Can a state really be called independent if it has no true military capability, and all of its borders are controlled by a belligerent neighbouring entity?

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3 A Western Solution

The two-state solution is in fact an **American project that goes back to the 1950s**. It is designed to ensure the sustainability, security, and stability of the Zionist entity in the region. This would ensure that "Israel" continues to serve its role as an **advanced military base in the region**, to keep the Muslim world divided and weak, while establishing yet another failed Arab state - Palestine - that is **subservient to both the Zionist entity and the West**.

While there are some more extreme Zionist figures and parties who advocate for complete occupation of Palestine, many of their politicians recognise the importance of this solution in the longevity of their state. In the words of ex-'Israeli' Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, **"if the day comes when the two-state solution collapses ... the state of Israel is finished"**.

The two-state solution was designed by the very same institutions that created and supported the Zionists since the foundation of the Zionist state – such as the US, the UK, the UN and the EU – and they continue to support a two-state solution and an "independent Palestinian state" today.