

The more things change the more they remain the same

I remember as a child asking my mother if it is possible that the Arabs are going to drive all the Jews to the sea. She told me that I should not worry as for one Israel is strong and can always defend themselves - She was right and that The Arabs only talk like this but have no intentions to do so - She was wrong. This is not my blog entry but rather a copy of an article from today's Jerusalem Post. I wonder although it is Sunday if the Globe and Mail or even the National Post will bother reporting it. Welcome to the Arab "Spring" and catch a Cold.

Muslim Brotherhood rally vows to 'kill all Jews'

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Organizers at Cairo's iconic al-Azhar Mosque warn against "Judaization of Jerusalem."

A Muslim Brotherhood rally in Cairo on Friday at the Sunni world's most prestigious center of learning turned into a call for genocide, with protesters pledging to "one day kill all Jews."

Eldad Beck, Ynet's Arab affairs correspondent, reported from Cairo that some 5,000 people attended the rally at al-Azhar Mosque, convened to coincide with the anniversary of the approval of the 1947 UN Partition Plan for Palestine.



The event, organizers said, was aimed at rallying Egyptians behind the "battle against Jerusalem's Judaization."

Speakers at the demonstration condemned "Zionist occupiers" and "treacherous Jews," and organizers distributed maps of the Old City highlighting areas where "Zionists are aiming to change Jerusalem's Muslim character."

Muhammad Ahmed el- Tayeb, the imam of al-Azhar Mosque, told the crowd: "Al- Aksa Mosque is currently under an offensive by the Jews... We shall not allow the Zionists to Judaize al-Quds [Jerusalem]. We are telling Israel and Europe that we shall not allow even one stone to be moved

there.”

Protesters chanted, “Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv: Judgment Day has come,” and passages from the Koran vowing that “one day we shall kill all the Jews.”

Al-Azhar Mosque is part of al-Azhar University, a millennium- old compound in central Cairo that is the world’s leading center of Arabic literature and Sunni jurisprudence.

Beck quoted an elementary school teacher outside the mosque telling him, “All Egyptian Muslims are willing to embark on jihad for the sake of Palestine.”

“Why is the US losing in Afghanistan?” he asked.

“Because the other side is willing and wants to die. We have a different mentality than that of the Americans and Jews.”

Meanwhile, late last week, Egypt’s Youm7 newsweekly reported that the Brotherhood’s spiritual leader, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, had returned to Cairo for the first time since his dramatic return in February from a half-century in exile.

The immensely popular television preacher arrived at Cairo Airport on Wednesday “to follow the incidents in Tahrir Square,” the center of anti-government protests.

Qaradawi hosts the weekly program Shari’a and Life on Al Jazeera. Exiled from Egypt in 1961, he has since resided in the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar.

Following February’s ouster of President Hosni Mubarak, Qaradawi made a triumphant return to Tahrir, where he led at least 200,000 Egyptians in mass prayer.

The 85-year-old is hailed by supporters as an engaging and telegenic preacher, and vilified by critics for his often venomous attacks on Americans, Shi’ites and Jews.

Qaradawi has been described as the spiritual leader of Hamas, and has justified suicide bombings against Israeli civilians and against US soldiers serving in Iraq.

Marc Ginsberg – the former US ambassador to Morocco and a top Middle East adviser during Jimmy Carter’s presidency – wrote an op-ed last week highlighting what he sees as an “unholy alliance” between the Muslim Brotherhood and Egypt’s ruling military council.

“The Supreme Council of Armed Forces (SCAF) met secretly with representatives of the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist-oriented political movements last April to establish local political

'action committee' bank accounts," he wrote on the Huffington Post website, citing a "reliable European military intelligence source."

The payouts in question could amount to millions of dollars, Ginsberg wrote.

"The SCAF's surreptitious political maneuvering favoring Islamists over more secular political movements is based on one simple equation," he wrote. "The military is determined to prevent secularists from gaining a parliamentary majority which would likely impair its insatiable appetite for controlling Egypt's national budget and its own extensive business operations.

"It is determined to prevent a civilian government from interfering with its cherished prerogatives."