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your statement that the Israeli constructed roads, hospitals, universities and much more for the Palestinians. May we ask to whose benefits? Does it not bother you that the hospitals occupy the victims of the immoral shooting of humans? Please do not reply and say they throw rocks while the Israeli army is equipped with high power rifles. How would you feel if a group of people start building and occupying your neighbourhood by force? It leaves to reason that even the most passive individual will become aggressive under occupation. The Israelis will never solve the problem by force. It is human nature to resist.

We hope you are a reasonable man, therefore, kindly present facts and not empty lines. Back-up what you write. People are not naïve no matter how much the media covers up. Some Canadians have come back from the occupied territories and pictures are clear.

Zia, Member of MSA

Muslim students respond again

To the editors:

After reading the article "Recognizing Israel's right to exist" on the February 6 edition, I could not help but to respond to the article.

The land of Palestine is not an Arab issue as always been inculcated by

the Israelis, but it is in fact an issue concerning the 1 billion Muslims living around the world. No sound mind of any human being who will not protect and fight for freedom and justice when homes, livelihoods, and societies are being violated. Would you not resist and protect your loved ones when a killer breaks into your home? And would you not defend your country when it is invaded? Or, would the visible minorities not voice their anger when social discriminations are practiced unto them? The only answer to these questions is yes because it is simply the natural call of human instinct.

The land of Palestine covering the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been

occupied for decades despite countless U.N. resolutions condemning the occupation. The International Human Rights have been violated more times than the eye can blink (children are shot and maimed because they throw stones at armed soldiers, youth are imprisoned simply because they want the right to exist in their own land) and yet many are blinded by these falsehoods churned by the Israelis and many who are in power on this part of the hemisphere are being hypocritical in the highest order. Shamir may justify and defend his so called 'mission in life' in capturing land to illegally provide settlements for more Jews, but the truth of the matter is so long as there are living Muslims around the world,

the turmoil in the Middle-East against Israel will not cease because we, as Muslims, are like a body - when one part aches, the others feel it and so long as we still feel this pain, the struggle against this oppression will not come to an end.

Fadzil Manap, (Not an Arab!)

Muslim students respond yet again

To the editors:

In response to the article "The recognizing Israel right's to exist" (Gazette, Feb. 6). Palestine is the land of Aqsa, the third holy place for Muslims, Palestine is the heart of approximately one fifth of the world population. When Israeli extremists tried one time to break into the Aqsa Mosque, they in fact challenged the feelings of the whole Muslim nation. The real fact is, it was never an Arab-Israeli conflict, it is a Muslim-Israeli conflict, where Arabs are considered a small portion of the Muslim population (no more than 20%).

Mr. Amir, in one incident, you said that Israel has been forced to occupy the West Bank and Gaza and that Israel does not have the policy of expansion and later, you said: "When Israel returned three quarters of its land (the Sinai desert) to Egypt in return for peace." This is contradiction of the highest proportions because the Sinai desert was occupied in 1967, and at the same time, you are referring to it as Israel's land. On the other hand, Israel is the only member of the UN which has undefined borders. The dream of the Israelis will never stop at the West Bank and Gaza, but to get back what they call the Great Israel. In other words to usurp the land from Egypt to Iraq. What kind of consequences will this bring about.

Mr. Amir, you tried to change the facts when you said: "Israel built roads, hospitals, universities and much more before the Intifadah." You will be amazed to find out that the Palestinians in the occupied territories are paying taxes, called the Life Taxes. This is one aspect of the miserable conditions the people of the Intifadah are living under. Do you think the world is blind to consider kids as terrorists? Intifadah means uprising! Now reply and tell us that the Intifadah is a terrorist act. Please spare us the irony because any people who have gone through what the Palestinians have gone through would stand up and fight for their rights. Or do you think that they have no rights? You should take time to ponder. You will come up with a better conclusions than the ones you presented in your article. Therefore, next time ask why did the Palestinians throw rocks. The answer, after thinking coolly, would be that you are taking their land by force, making their lives full of misery. They are fighting for their home land. As you stated that the Arabs did not help them and U.S. is more than helping you (billions of dollars). The humane thing to do is get out of their land for they have right to their identity. You would not want to strip some one of his/her identity would you?

E. H., Member of MSA

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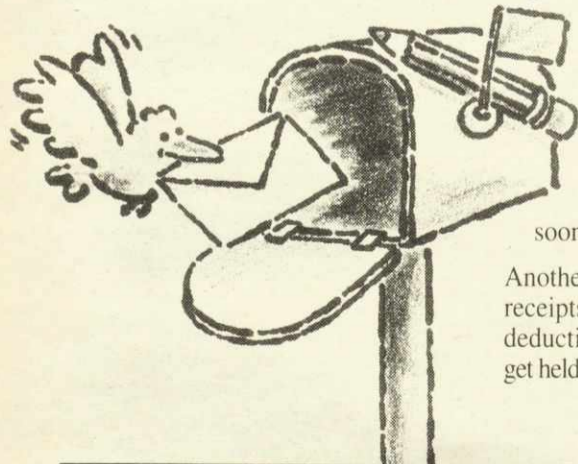
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