

Zionist society, Kahane and KACH have gained more and more prominence. Their arms supplies have hardly diminished since it is known they are deeply involved in the terrorist underground responsible for so many attacks on Palestinians.

When Kahane was released from jail, he capitalized on the impending withdrawal from the Sinai to promote his ideas and movement. His followers gathered in a hotel in the Sinai dubbed «The Suicide Hotel» and participated in the mock battle between the Israeli authorities and the settlers who refused to withdraw. The situation gave Kahane a golden opportunity to speak about the softness of the authorities and promote the idea of need for a more radical, i.e. fascist leadership.

One more terrorist among Israeli officialdom

All this time Kahane had also been trying to gain a place within the official institutions of 'Israel'. For this purpose, his movement was transformed into a political party, called KACH, in order to run for the Knesset and use it as an additional platform for his ideas. Kahane ran for the Knesset three times before he

was able to attain a seat. In 1973, he received only 1,281 votes; in 1977, he received 4,396 and in 1981 he gained 5,128 votes. This year his support skyrocketed to over the 25,000 minimum votes required for a Knesset seat. Kahane's victory at the polls is one indication of the rise of overt fascism in the Zionist entity.

The similarities between Kahane and Hitler are not a mere coincidence. Kahane calls for the implementation of racist laws against Arabs similar to the laws enacted against Jews in Nazi Germany. He openly advocates the expulsion of all Arabs from 'Israel' and the 1967 occupied territories. Leaflets are distributed with contents that mirror the racist demagoguery espoused by Hitler in the twenties and thirties: «Go out you Arabs», «The Israeli people are alive» and «Death to the traitors»; these are not much different than Hitler's: «Go out you Jews», «Rise up Germany» and «The government is treacherous».

A leading member of KACH, who considers Kahane too «moderate», expressed his views on how KACH should be organized as follows: «The movement should organize a group of individuals operating in a way like the

Black Shirts functioned in Mussolini's army.» (In August 1921, Mussolini founded fascist fighter units in the party and provided the members with black military outfits.) Kahane took the advice on the shirts, only modifying the colors to black and yellow, the color which the Nazis made the Jews wear.

Further, this leading member of KACH elaborated on the function of the group, stating that: «It should be able to destroy the state's institutions in order to enact a coup d'etat. The KACH movement should have a group that works openly and a clandestine group that uses violent means to expel the Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories immediately.»

This way of working is characteristic of fascist and neofascist groups: A political organization that attempts to strengthen its positions within the state structure and laws, and at the same time a secret organization aiming at reaching their goals by means of terror, violence and crimes.

For several years now, the Zionist state has been experiencing a constantly aggravated political, social and economic crisis. Just as fascism arose in Germany in the context of the economic crisis of the twenties, the crisis in 'Israel' has provided a climate for the growth of fascist trends and organizations, like KACH, Gush Emunim and Tehiya. It is typical for fascist forces to try to show the masses that the prevailing social and economic problems are not related to the state structure and economy, but are rather caused by «the enemy within» - a social or ethnic group that can be made out as a scapegoat. The Jews in Germany were blamed for the problems of the German people. In 'Israel' the Palestinian Arabs are singled out as the cause of the Zionist state's problems. With this line of thinking, Kahane and other racists call for mass expulsion of the Arabs - the final solution, as Hitler envisioned for the Jews. To this end, ultraright Zionists call for a «strong leader» to reorganize the whole social structure, in this case presupposing the murder and expulsion of the unwanted population. This is the essence of racism and fascism. The concept of a pure Jewish state upon which 'Israel' was founded provides fertile ground for such fascist tendencies to flourish.

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Kahane's followers in their uniforms