

Israeli Extremists Believe Now Is the Time to Deploy Their Ethnic Cleansing Plots

Extremists have been drawing up plans to force Palestinians out of Israel for years. This is the chance they've been waiting for.

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Palestinians fear Israel is in the midst of a violent plot to drive them out of Gaza and deep into the Egyptian desert forever.

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Lieutenant-Colonel (Reserves) Yohanan Tzoreff, a former Arab Adviser to the Israeli Civil Administration in the Gaza Strip, and a researcher with the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv, told The Daily Beast that he did not believe the extremists in government advocating ethnic cleansing would get their way.

“Maybe some of the extremists in the government talk about this option and feel it’s a good opportunity to push Gazans out of this area but I can tell you the Intelligence Ministry means nothing in Israel and their paper is not an official policy,” said Tzoreff, who was also a translator for former Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during the Oslo Accords.

“All Israel’s security is under the control of professional people who work in specific security organizations such as the Mossad and the domestic intelligence agency The Shin Bet,” he said. “There is no intention to reoccupy the Strip, there will be no refugees, and everyone will be able to return to their homes.”

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