



Helga Zepp-LaRouche Calls for New Paradigm of Diplomacy for Peace and Development

Israeli Gaza Border Assault Was an Atrocity

May 16, 2018—The death toll from the Israeli violent assault on Palestinian protesters at the Gaza border May 14 now stands at 61 people killed, with 2,700 wounded, nearly half of them from live fire. This occurred on the same day as the ceremonial opening of the new U.S. embassy, moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, in what was known to be a provocation, given the history of the region.

The lines of conflict were originally drawn in blood in Southwest Asia by British geopolitical interventions a century ago, to create arbitrary borders and continuing strife. Now today, they are still at it, given the London-centered opposition to the global development drive associated with the new "Silk Road" initiative, and the potential for collaboration among the "Four Powers"—China, Russia, India and the United States, to end imperial geopolitics once and for all.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Chairwoman of the Schiller Institute, today called for emergency action in accord with a New Paradigm of foreign relations, for peace and economic development. She stressed that the danger of escalation to all-out war is great.

Zepp-LaRouche said, speaking to associates, "I just want to say that this situation in the Middle East is *really* dangerous. I think we must also demand absolutely, that an investigation must occur into what happened—because what seems to

have happened, is that there were these demonstrations. First of all, to put the U.S. embassy into Jerusalem had a predictable result, given the historic claims by both sides on Jerusalem, and unfortunately this has happened now. But when there were demonstrations against this in the Gaza, the Israeli armed forces were shooting at people, killing 60 and wounding over 2,000. This is an atrocity."

And obviously, the situation is super-tense, and could explode completely. So I think this is very unfortunate. This is really bad, but the approach must be to have all sides recognize that this could be the fuse to a really large war, if not *the* large war. Because if this leads to an Israeli-Hezbollah-Hamas escalation, then we could quickly go up all the way.

"So I think this is really something which shows you how close the world is, still at the abyss, or Armageddon, for that matter. People should really realize, we need a change in the way that politics is done, to a New Paradigm, if the world is to be saved. And I just think it's really a very serious situation, and we should make it an increased call, that we have to have a change in policy, where the Four Powers work together on all of these matters, because then these kinds of destabilizations couldn't happen."