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Introduction success.

Welcome to a new bonus episode of 198 countries,

and just so that I'm aware of you, the plan is to make a war journalistic,

or good day service, or Uriks in the near future,

but sooner, then, and make small updates on what's happening around the world,

things that have been changed in the pod before, like the new contract in March and in the US, for example, as no one else is talking about, but right now, it's in the middle of the day, so the pressure is on what's happening in Gaza, and there's also a development in the west, so it feels strange to talk about something else, so we take a tour in there, we call to him, the first reader of the first lecture at the University of the Middle East, at the University of the United States, which we talked about last, then it was as if Israel had managed to get control over their own borders after Hamas attack on October 7th, now it's been a few weeks, and I know that at least I need to get a clearer picture of what's happening, what's happening down there now, what's happened in the weeks before the recording, and what we can expect in the future. So we call each other today, and then we'll see if we can get this done. Hello? Good day, Henrik Tuasta, the first reader of the lecture, who calls from the University of the Middle East. Yes, good day. Do you have any minutes? Yes. I do. We talked about some weeks ago, Israel had managed to get control over their borders, and now it's been a few weeks. The conflict has escalated as expected. Can you tell us a little bit about what happened in the last weeks? First, we got a diplomatic activity with different European, especially American politicians, foreign ministers in the USA, and President Biden, who traveled to Israel to express sympathy and support. And then we had a conflict escalation, and we actually waited for an Israeli military action in Gaza.

And then we waited for each other, and then we had fewer meetings on the border north to Lebanon.

And then we got a Friday start on what is a back invasion of Gaza. In the meantime, has there been a guite active bombing of Gaza, or? A lot of bombing of Gaza has led to what was a challenge, to be 68,000 people already, with maybe as many as half a dozen children. And this is being realized in Gaza, and in most of the world, as an anchor, not only in Hamas, but also in Palestine, in Gaza. And that is that you kill so many innocent people, that you ask the question if not only Hamas is a terror organization, but that this is a terror bombing. Net up. So I would like to ask, in this way, do you think Israel has to deal with how many innocent civilians they are willing to kill to express Hamas? It is not in Israel's interest to increase the number of civilians. and earlier it has been a restriction. I think now it is in greater degree a will on the Israeli side to take large civilians. When you start an action of Gaza, where it is almost impossible to kill between Hamas and Israel, then you operate more in Gaza as one enemy, and the goal is to go into and remove military infrastructure, these tunnels, the rocket systems, so that you can drive the Palestinians from the city to the city. Because it was the report that came earlier that the population got better and had to get over themselves. That is a very important question. In the report, it is assumed that there are only around 1.5 million people there,

and maybe 5.5 million people have been killed. Another thing is that when Israel was the enemy, they did not stop bombing Gaza in Gaza. No, because they have intensified in some areas, but they still bomb the city, is that so? It has not been found, there is no safe place. There is no safe place. That is why you have to connect to the hospital and school, and the FN has a part of the building complex, where they have schools around these refugees in Gaza. A part of the gathering point where you have come together. Yes, because it was a rocket or a bomb that hit a hospital, and it is in a way determined where it came from. I would like to point out that it came from Gaza, as far as I understand, but that is the reason why it takes so much life, because it has people knocking on the door where you see that Israel does not want to bomb. Yes, and Israel also says that Hamas has a part that is mainly declared under the hospital, so that they will have the Palestinians gone, but that is the reason for the Palestinians. and to evacuate the hospital is to take the lives of the children in the hospital

and other patients. It is a bit difficult to understand how this is going to work, at least for us who do not follow this very closely and do not have a lot of pressure on this, but what do you think is the most visible outcome now in the future? It is something about Israel its definition of Hamas as

ISIS.

but it has a

part of it,

Hamas is a national movement, not a global terrorist movement, but a political movement that has been

chosen and so on.

At the same time,

something that is part

in the big part of the world,

it is asked

if it is possible to

crush Hamas.

I can not

have thought about what

Hamas should be

because it is difficult

for the Palestinian authorities

to come back

to Gaza and sit

on Israeli tanks.

In Gaza

and between the Palestinians and the West

this is a war with the Palestinians

as much as it is against

Hamas.

Hamas is built

to spread its resistance

ideology.

Even if

their own words are

used.

Hamas soldiers

do not want

to go away.

So

you have to have control

on the Palestinian world

so that the Palestinians

choose their own representatives

regardless of

who they choose.

Even if it includes

a political

flight of Hamas.

You have to continue

the Gaza West

with an Israeli advance

as it is now.

We do not want

to take

a detachment

of Hamas

and their infrastructure.

This means that

you have to get international

stabilisation

of peace there.

The best way is

to get

a democratisation

of the Palestinians

and get

an international stabilisation.

Because it is not possible

to solve this problem.

As we have understood

from the Israeli side,

there is no answer

because we are going to

pull ourselves back

now they have started

to roll the ball.

Before we just

see.

If you talk about existential pressure to say that Hamas is ISIS you have to be able to move forward without obstacles. They have also invited

journalists to watch

because Hamas has a lot of

scary videos.

Has the Israeli government invited journalists to watch

these videos?

Some of the videos

from October

have been seen.

I have not seen

a guy

who is

completely innocent.

That is

what Hamas has done.

This is a long

long time

beyond the borders.

Has it been a

goal to provoke

Israel so strong that Israel

will overreact?

It is a good question.

It is

a catastrophe

success.

You really got

more than you had planned.

Not

to be stopped

and many others

to move forward.

You did not have control

on all those who were involved.

The political part of

Hamas has

denied and said

that it is not

enough of civilians

and could be

against Islam.

In the past

most of the time

Hamas

political leaders

have given clear signals

about this action.

If this is

something you drive with

as a kind of one rationality

or if they have not

given clear orders to save civilians

is something

that we have seen in

2009.

It was the IS group

leaders who

raised a call

in part of Gaza.

There Hamas

went in

to try to

handle it.

But Hamas did not run

out of the IS call

in Gaza.

There was a lot of

details of

the IS supporters.

So it turned out

that many of those who were

involved

in this call

in Rafa

had been part of Hamas

since the beginning.

And it was the Hamas group

before the Hamas group

that went into Hamas?

No, but it was before

that Hamas actually had control

on the different elements

of this call.

That is also a question.

It is a bit strange

to know if you have anything to say about it.

But this affects the whole world.

And

just yesterday

it was

an action

in Dagestan

in Caucasus

where it landed an Israeli plane

flying around

to take the Jews.

Is this something we will see more about?

It is something you can be afraid of.

The Jewish

community around the world

has increased

protection and the fear

of increasing anti-Semitism.

Of course

it is a fear.

But it does not stop there.

The

feeling

of injustice

that is against the Palestinians

has

been a mobilization

for al-Qaeda.

And

the

mobilization

there

has never been stronger

than now.

If you have a good direction

in the al-Qaeda

in the West

then it is a fear

that is against

the Jewish

community

in Europe and the West as a symbol for those who have supported Israel and for what is happening. You would not be surprised if the fear increased in Europe and North America. I think the fear has increased every day. You can see pictures of dead children from Gaza. This is quite negative for the world. I do not know if we will go further into it now. But thank you for being with us. Thank you. Let's finish with one more thing. You have seen that it has become a very strong feeling of getting peace of something else. It is not that we are used to that it only leads to sin and what we say. It may lead to a thought to create a different world and reality.

It was the most positive thing we got out of these minutes.

It was good to land on it.

But in the future

we will all follow it.

I do not know

how I will be able to do

the one or the other.

But thank you

for being with

us.

Thank you.

Bye.

Bye.

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