Israeli Actor Mohammad Bakri Supports Armed Resistance, Rejects Normalization of Ties with Israel: Israel, U.S. "an Occupying Force of Darkness"

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*Israeli-Arab actor Mohammad Bakri said that everybody has the historical right to choose the implement of resistance that suits him and a Palestinian from a refugee camp has "the full right to throw stones or to shoot." Bakri said that he rejected normalization of ties with Israel and that he believed that Israel and the U.S. were "an occupying force of darkness" that was "behind all that is happening in the Arab world." "The Middle East is in the grip of colonialist Western hegemony," declared Bakri in the interview, which aired on Mayadeen TV on October 7.*

Host: "You have chosen [resistance] through words and images, and Palestinians from the refugee camps or from the West Bank and Gaza have the right to choose stones, bullets, or knives..."

Mohammad Bakri: "Every person has an historical and human right to choose the implement of resistance that suits him, in order to liberate himself from oppression and occupation. A Palestinian from a refugee camp has the full right to throw stones or to shoot. The full right!"

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Host: "I am interested in your clear and unequivocal rejection of normalization with the Israeli occupation. I salute you for this position."

Mohammad Bakri: "I am opposed to normalization of ties with the Israeli occupation by the Arabs who live outside Israel, in the Arab countries. I reject normalization with both the Israeli occupation and the Zionist ideology."

Host: "Fantastic! Fantastic!

Mohammad Bakri: "I say this loud and clear.

[...]

"I believe that Israel and the U.S. are behind all that is happening in the Arab world. I am not a political analyst or thinker, but since you asked me, I'm trying to answer. I believe that there is an occupying force of darkness that consists of Israel and the U.S. There is an organic relation between the occupier, his mentality, and apartheid, and between global colonialism. The Middle East is in the grip of colonialist Western hegemony. That is the crux of the matter."