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## [The Ayatollah's Plan for Israel and Palestine](#)

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- The book has received approval from Khamenei's office and is thus the most authoritative document regarding his position on the issue.
  - Khamenei makes his position clear from the start: Israel has *no right to exist* as a state. He claims his strategy for the destruction of Israel is not based on anti-Semitism, which he describes as a European phenomenon. His position is based on "well-established Islamic principles."
  - According to Khamenei, Israel, which he labels an "enemy" and "foe," is a special case for three reasons. The first is that it is a loyal "ally of the American Great Satan" and a key element in its "evil scheme" to dominate "the heartland of the *Ummah*."
  - Khamenei describes Israel as "a cancerous tumor" whose elimination would mean that "the West's hegemony and threats will be discredited" in the Middle East. In its place, he boasts, "the hegemony of Iran will be promoted."
  - Khamenei's tears for "the sufferings of Palestinian Muslims" are also unconvincing. To start with, not all Palestinians are Muslims. And, if it were only Muslim sufferers who deserved sympathy, why doesn't he beat his chest about the Burmese Rohingya and the Chechens
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massacred and enchained by Vladimir Putin, not to mention Muslims daily killed by fellow-Muslims across the globe?

- In the early days of his mission, the Prophet Muhammad toyed with the idea of making Jerusalem the focal point of prayers for Islam. He soon abandoned the idea and adopted his hometown of Mecca. For that reason, some classical Muslim writers refer to Jerusalem as "the discarded one," like a first wife who is replaced by a new favorite. In the 11<sup>th</sup> century the Shiite Fatimid Caliph, Al-Hakim even ordered the destruction of Jerusalem.
- Dozens of maps circulate in the Muslim world, showing the extent of Muslim territories lost to the infidel that must be recovered. These include large parts of Russia and Europe, almost a third of China, the whole of India and parts of the Philippines and Thailand.



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei describes Israel as "a cancerous tumor" whose elimination would mean that "the West's hegemony and threats will be discredited" in the Middle East. (Image source: khamenei.ir)

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"The flagbearer of Jihad to liberate Jerusalem."

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This is how the blurb of "Palestine," a new book, published by Islamic Revolution Editions last week in Tehran, identifies the author.

The author is "Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Hussein Khamenei," the "Supreme Guide" of the Islamic Republic in Iran, a man whose *fatwa* has been recognized by U.S. President Barack Obama as having the force of law.

Edited by Saeed Solh-Mirzai, the 416-page book has received approval from Khamenei's office and is thus the most authoritative document regarding his position on the issue.

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He uses three words. One is "*nabudi*" which means "annihilation". The other is "*imha*" which means "fading out," and, finally, there is "*zaval*" meaning "effacement."

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