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Nova and Beyond

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The “Nova and Beyond” documentary included here provides a wide view of the massacre perpetrated by Hamas, as shown at an exhibition in Culver City. Included on the film are views of abandoned objects and burned cars belonging to the victims, testimonials by survivors, a historical context of the conflict, opinions by thinkers such as Yuval Noah Harari, Bernard-Henry Levy, and Thomas Friedman, and some possible ideas for the coming decades.



Poster of Nova and Beyond”



Nova before attack



DJ at Nova before attack



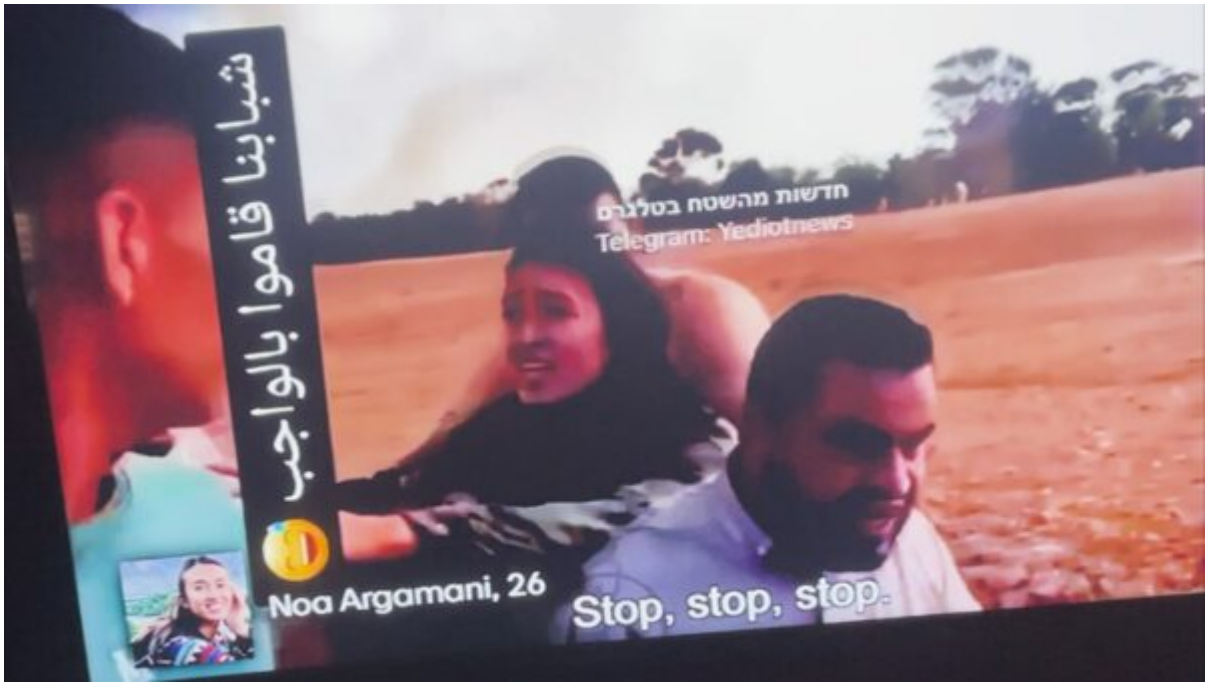
Young dancing participant at Nova



Red alert siren



Young women hiding from Hamas



Kidnap by Hamas

Some of the proposed ideas for “after-the-war” may take decades to implement. For example, the development of artificial islands along the Mediterranean coast of Israel and Gaza could accommodate three million residents, industries, health and educational facilities, and Israeli and Palestinian airports. This would free open space for agriculture, parks, and recreation.



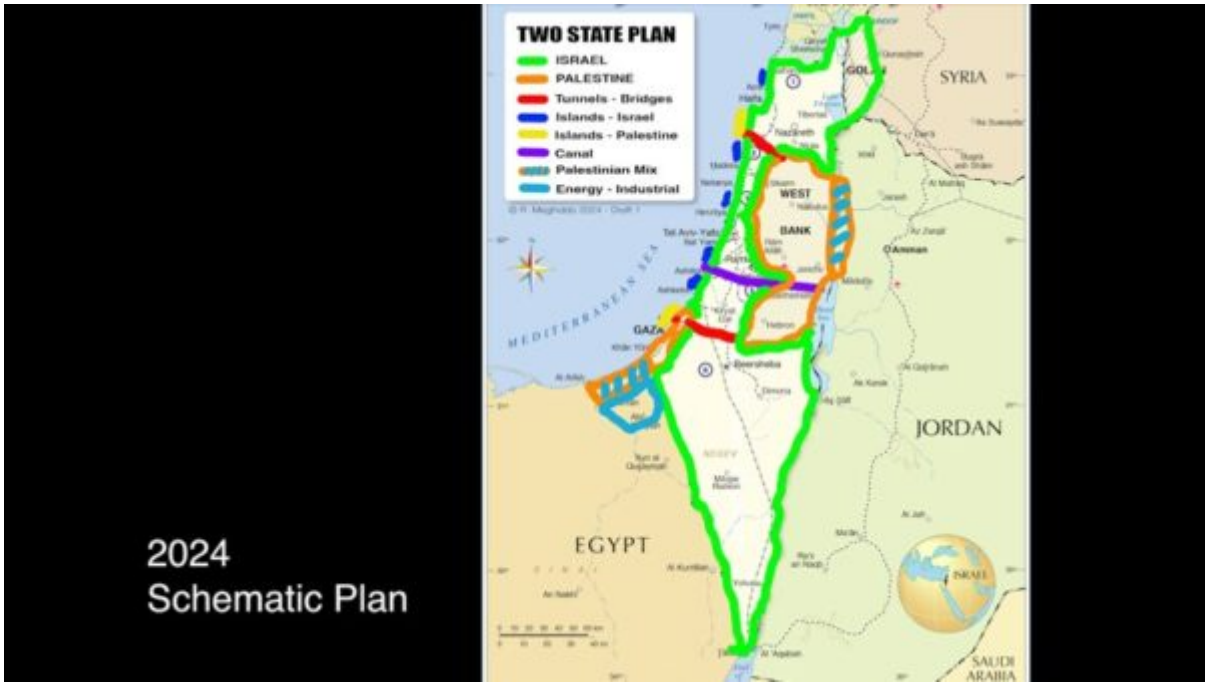
Places of Attack



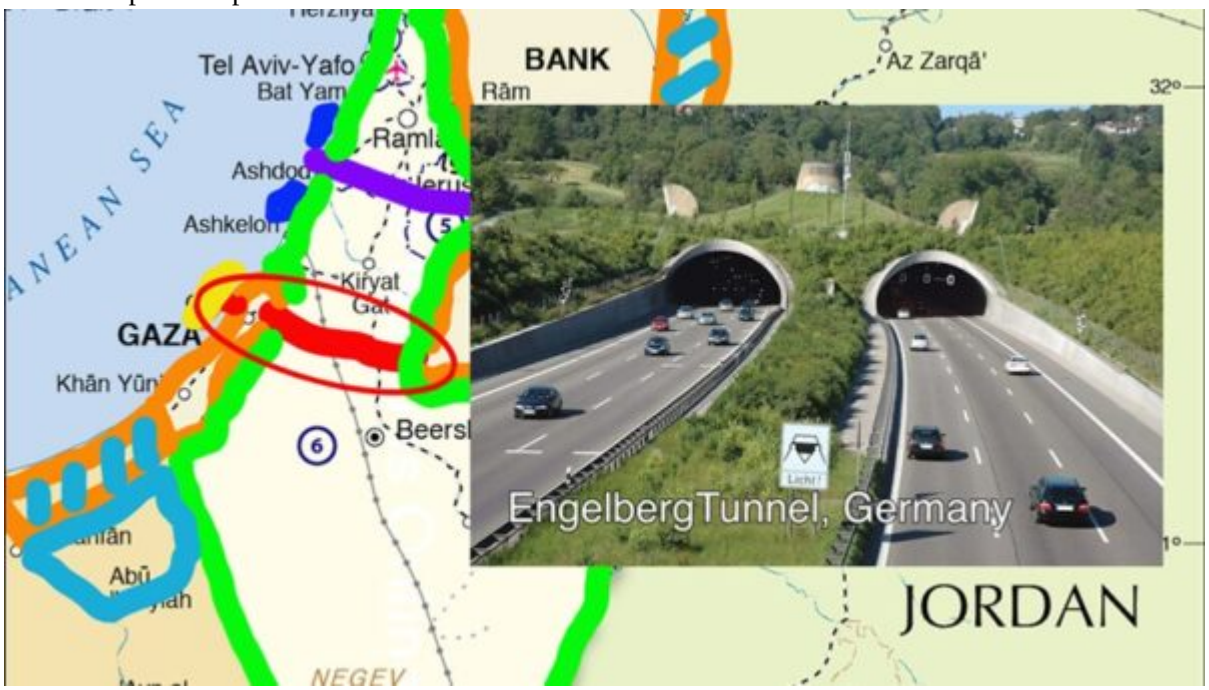
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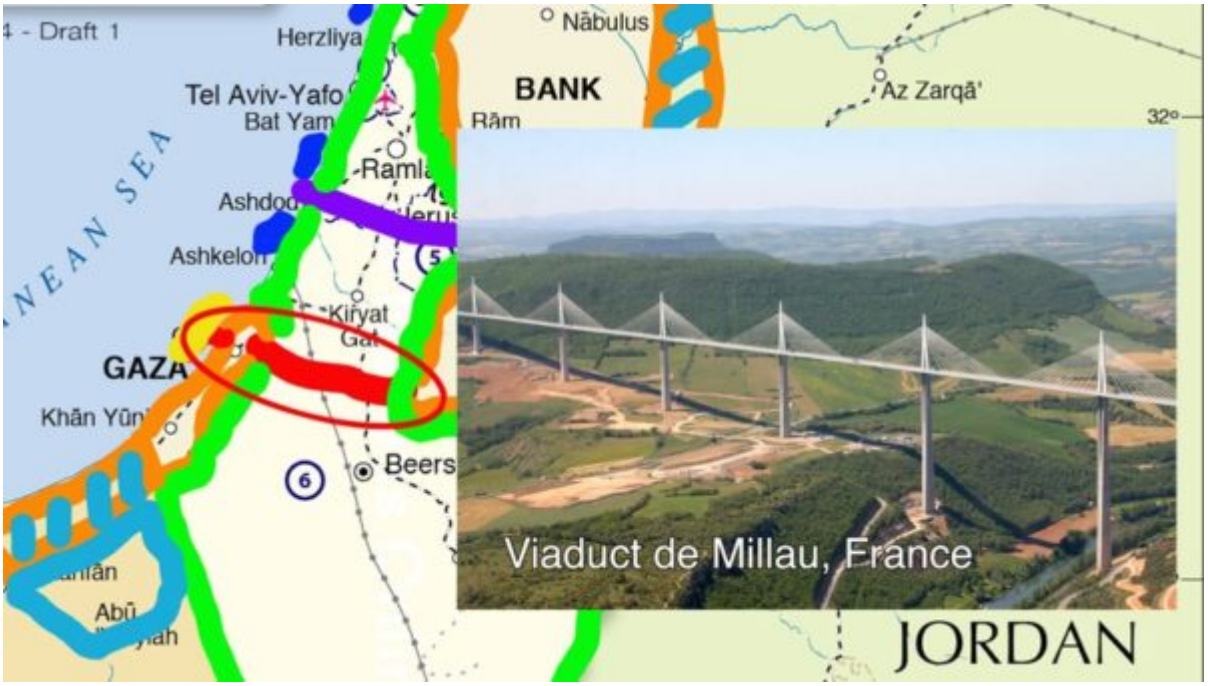
Hostages



Two-state possible plan



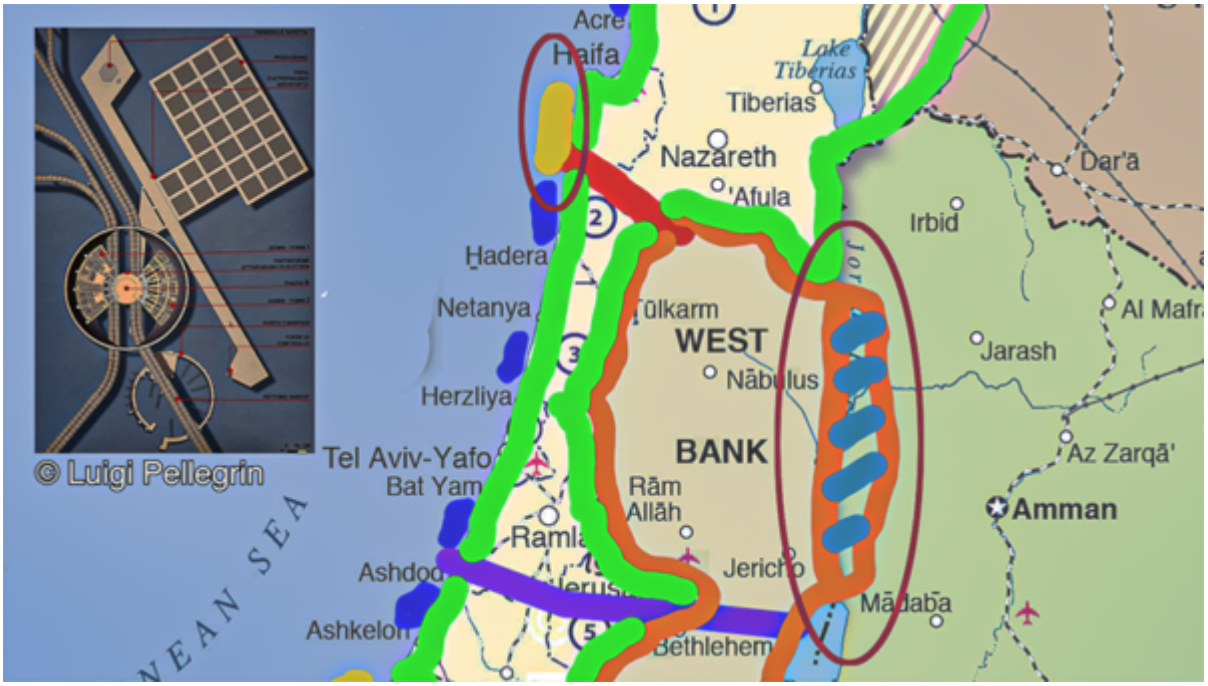
Tunnel under Israel



Bridge over Israel



Artificial islands



Jordan-artificial island connection


Artificial island airport

Other proposed ideas include small portions of Egypt and Jordan adjacent to an eventual Palestinian state to develop energy farming, industrial parks, and sustainable urbanization. In addition, developing a channel linking the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea could become a reality. Using the 400-meter difference to generate power, the flowing water will raise the level of the Dead Sea back to what was lost to evaporation, and through desalinization, it will irrigate arid areas along the southern border between Jordan and Israel.

On a broader geographic scale, a Mediterranean Express Train could be built stretching from Gibraltar to Tangier all around the Mediterranean. Segments of this train's rail could run on land or floating structures along some of the coasts, having a minimum impact on the adjacent geography and the sea's ecology. This approach could facilitate the creation of an Economic Mediterranean Market linking all the countries facing the Mediterranean. Subject to positive political changes in the future, this high-speed train could have extensions to Istanbul, Baghdad, Teheran, Damascus,

Riad, and Dubai.



Yuval Noah Harari



Bernard-Henri Levy



Thomas Friedman

Nobody knows what the future will be like by, say, 2050. However, while we cannot predict it, we can invent it.

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