

MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION GROUP

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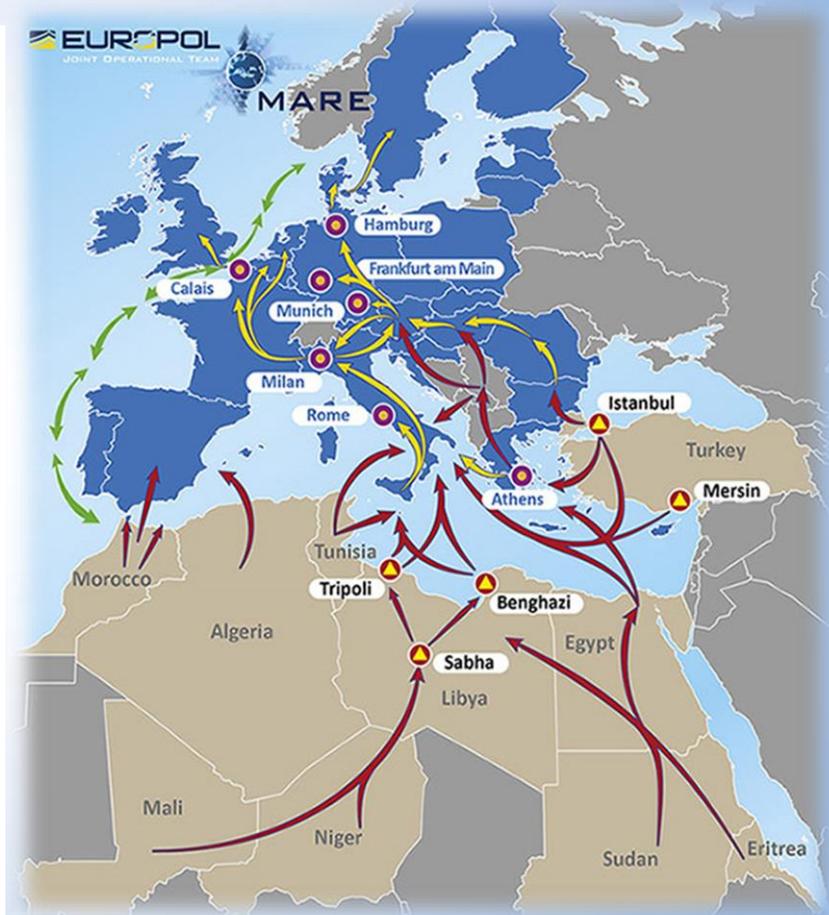


**“Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace.
Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities.
Peace in all those places where war never seems to end.
Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain.
Peace throughout this world which God has given us
as the home of all and a home for all.
Simply PEACE.”**

~ Pope Francis, Ground Zero

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- As massive migration floods Europe, we can now understand clearly that never-ending wars, government failures, corruption, and lack of economic development are causing migration globally.
- A *Middle East Discussion Group* on Long Island meets monthly.
- Please share this with people who may be interested in joining an enlightened discussion about events, the politics, policies and alternatives for the Middle East.



VISION

We in the Middle East Discussion Group see the need for a sustainable world that the experts do not presently seem to be able to co-create.

We see that a Sustainable World will be made-up of:

- 1. Peace**
- 2. Economic development**
- 3. Good government**
- 4. Thriving families**
- 5. Inclusive, creative communities**
- 6. Care for nature**

MISSION

We at in the Middle East Discussion Group seek to develop Middle East Policy Literacy.

We foster discussion and impactful research on Middle East issues. We nurture the development of citizen-diplomats skilled at identifying important issues, designing and conducting relevant research studies, and communicating results to a wider audience – thereby empowering people to act as agents of change in the world.

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MEETING #1 October 22, 2015

FINDINGS

1. Jews are driven by the *"Never Again"* philosophy, mind-set.
2. All governments operate on the *"Machiavellian Paradigm"* of *control, power and exploiting weakness*.
3. 50 years of *NGO work* has not been able to change the *"Machiavellian Paradigm"* in leaders and governments.
4. All major nations of the world engage in *covert operations* which may seek to be disruptive of the others, so how can there be any trust?
5. Governments and leaders often lack *Wisdom* about *Truth, Compassion* and *Benevolence*.
6. We need a *Global Institute for Enlightened Leadership*.
7. Every community in the world needs a *Collaborative Development Center* for people to help each other grow personally and socially.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

① **Commitment to Change**

② **Identification of Needs**

Palestinian Needs

Israeli Needs

Right to exist

Peace

Security

They are willing to trade land

To Do

- Set next meeting date.