On June 2017, it will be the 50th anniversary of the six-days war of 1967, a war of self-defense. According to the Israeli narrative, a war of occupation according to the Palestinian narrative. Time to solve, time to heal the wounds, no time for more recriminations. Here is a suggestion—let us all go away from the usual disc of a Two States Solution. This is NOT to suggest, that there should not be an independent Palestinian state, it is to suggest a solution which will make it a VIABLE Palestinian state within the framework of a regional context. To start with—the Palestine conflict has never been ONLY Palestinians vs Israelis, and it has always been an all-Arab and Palestinian conflict with Israel. The implications of the Arab Spring, namely the disintegration of some Arab countries, the rise of militant Sunni Muslim Jihadists and also simultaneously Shi’ite Iran, does provide an interesting opportunity—another example of the validity of the saying about unintended consequences.

Syria and Iraq, two traditionally obstructionist states when it comes to the Palestinian issue, are out of the game—cannot be obstructionist for quite a while. Egypt and Jordan have survived the wave of unrest, though not without issues, as in the case of Egypt, whose internal stability is still challenged by the Muslim Brotherhood, and Jordan’s stability by the wave of refugees from Syria.

However, we have a great opportunity whereby the heads of these two states are interested in stabilizing their situation NOT as traditionally was the case, by anti Israel incitement, rather by strengthening the relations with Israel, and they do it also by playing a moderating role with the Palestinians. HERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY

Egypt will share in a solution to the Gaza problems—President Al-Sisi already indicated readiness

To do it

Jordan with regard to the West Bank

Israel will have less objections to generous territorial concessions, when Jordan and Egypt are partners to the solution

The Palestinian Authority will be safer with guarantees provided by Egypt and Jordan

Saudi-Arabia and other GCC countries will provide a regional economic umbrella

This is a coalition which can check Iran and its allies