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... Israel denies what happened in 1948. Israel denies it.

If we began to realize what happened we could have a beginning of peace with generals, engineers, demographers, politicians, people who begin to work for a practical solution; but all this cannot be achieved before admitting the existence of a crime, before acknowledging the rights of the victims, who should be able to tell us their story...

We cannot build a new road without first looking with courage at our past... and saying: this is what happened... After all, Germany would not have been admitted to the United Nations if it had not courageously re-examined its past and admitted that it was a "nation of criminals", but that not all Germans were criminals... They admitted what happened, they acknowledged it, asked for pardon, tried to compensate what happened and this was enough for the world to accept the nation again among the Community of Nations. So Israel and South Africa and so other societies and nations, should do...

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