

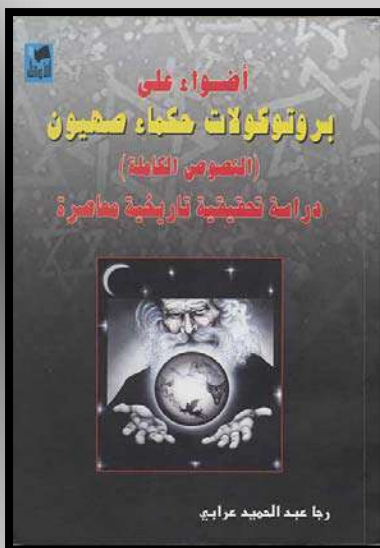


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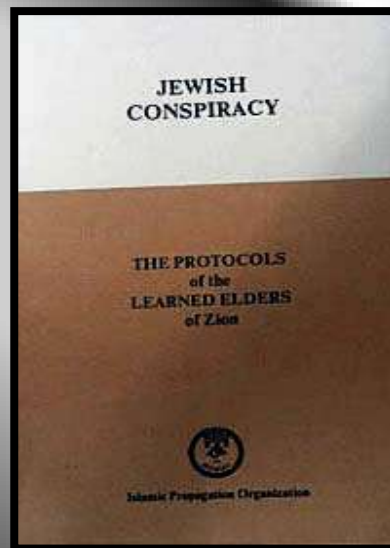
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Contemporary Arab-Muslim anti-Semitism, its Significance and Implications (Updated to March 2008)

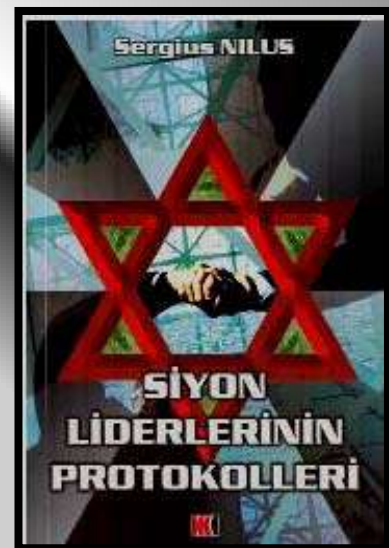
The Protocols of the Elders of Zion: The Lie That
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Syrian Edition



Iranian Edition translated
into English



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Israeli soldier killing an Arab/Palestinian
while reading The Protocols of the Elders
of Zion (Tishrin, Syria, March 7, 2007)

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The Main Findings of the Study

1. The study examines contemporary anti-Semitism in the Arab-Muslim world, its roots, its characteristics and the strategic dangers inherent in it for the Jewish people in general and the State of Israel in particular. Classic Christian European anti-Semitism made its way into the Arab world at the end of the 19th century and was amplified by the Arab-Zionist conflict. Its spread accelerated during the 1930s after the Nazi rise to power in Germany, and particularly after the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. It includes elements of classic European anti-Semitism combined with Islamic motifs, and has become more prominent in the past three decades, following the escalation of radical Islam.

2. Arab-Muslim anti-Semitism has a number of conspicuous descriptive traits:

i) It is generally directed against Israel as a Jewish-Zionist state as **an enemy of the Arab-Muslim world**, and against the Jewish people, perceived as supporting Israel. Often no clear distinction is made between vicious criticism of the State of Israel and the Zionist movement on the one hand, and fierce incitement against both as representing the Jewish people on the other.

ii) **Anti-Semitism with Muslim roots is growing.** Verses from the Qur'an and the Islamic oral tradition are politically interpreted in the spirit of radical Islam to **delegitimize Zionism and the State of Israel and to dehumanize the Jewish people.**

iii) **The dimensions and manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Arab-Muslim world are influenced by events taking place in the Middle East.** Thus, the worsening of the confrontations between Israel and the Palestinians or Hezbollah or, on the other side of the scales, progress in the peace process which is opposed by many Arabs and Muslims, all increase anti-Semitic manifestations in the Arab-Muslim world.

iv) **Holocaust denial or minimization and accusing Israel of carrying out a holocaust against the Palestinians, and drawing a parallel between Israel and Zionism on the one hand and Nazi German on the other, are central themes in contemporary Arab-Muslim anti-Semitism.** The motifs used in anti-Semitic propaganda are often taken from Western neo-Nazi literature, media and rhetoric and there **are clearly reciprocal relations between Holocaust denial in the West and denying it or trying to minimize it in the Arab-Muslim world.** Accusing Israel of carrying out a holocaust against the Palestinian people is fostered by the Palestinian and Arab media (as part of their intensive propaganda campaign against the State of Israel) and is well received and assimilated in the Arab world.

v) **Anti-Semitism and hatred for Israel provide the justification for violence and terrorist attacks against Israelis and Jews. The radical Islamic Palestinian terrorist organizations** (especially Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad), **Hezbollah in Lebanon, Al-Qaeda and the global jihad around the world** regard the Jewish people in general and Israel in particular as their eternal enemy and whom they must fight to the death. For individuals and organizations who accept that ideology, Israelis and Jews are legitimate targets for indiscriminate violence and terrorist attacks.

vi) **There is a link between anti-Semitism, anti-Americanism and anti-Western sentiment in general.** Al-Qaeda, the global jihad and various radical Islamic groups claim that the struggle between Islam on the one hand and Judaism and Christianity on the other is an integral part of the ancient, multidimensional struggle between Islam and the "infidel" West. The Iranian regime which rose to power following the Islamic revolution in 1979 regards the confrontation with Israel and the Jewish people as part of its campaign against the United States and the West. Hezbollah and some of the radical Islamic Palestinian terrorist organizations hold the same anti-Semitic, anti-American, anti-Western ideology, and are often anti-Christian as well.

3. Arab-Muslim anti-Semitism **has a broad field, rather than being marginal.** It is not only popular among the lower classes nor is it the exclusive province of intellectuals, opposition groups or radical Islamic movements. Arab-Muslim regimes in the Middle East all use it, although the way they use it changes from country to country. It is not limited to the Middle East, since anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic propaganda are distributed to Muslim communities all over the world, especially in Europe. Anti-Semitism is marketed in a variety of ways (books, the Internet, television) and helps fan the flames of hatred for Jews and Israel among Muslim communities far beyond the Middle East.

4. Conspicuous in recent years has been the **Iranian regime's** turning anti-Semitism and the desire to destroy the State of Israel into a **strategic weapon.** The regime makes intensive use of anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli sentiments to further its own national objectives. **Anti-Semitism supported by a state** which publicly adheres to **a policy of genocide** and is making efforts to arm itself with non-conventional weapons which will enable it to carry out that policy is **unprecedented since Nazi Germany.**

5. Arab countries such as Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Jordan enable (and some even encourage) anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic incitement for a variety of internal reasons: they can use the struggle against Israel and the image of support for the Palestinians as a way of

letting opposition groups let off steam (especially when Israel-Palestinian confrontations escalate), for increasing their identification with Islamist groups and for increasing support for their own regimes. However, the Arab regimes are well aware of the **international community's opposition, in principle, to anti-Semitism**, especially in the United States and Western countries. Therefore, they play down the support (direct or indirect) they give anti-Semitism and do not initiate extreme or vulgar anti-Semitic policies as does Iran, and they sometimes attempt to represent anti-Semitism as a legitimate criticism of Israel and a show of support for the Palestinians. In addition, various Arab spokesman (although they are in the minority) do not support anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial, claiming that such support only helps Israel, since manifestations of anti-Semitism cause the West to identify with Israel and back it up.

6. Anti-Semitism and the accompanying hate industry are a strategic danger for Israel and the Jewish people: generations of Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims are brought up hating the Jews; the peace process is damaged and obstacles to the normalization of Israel's relations with the Arab countries of the Middle East are erected; indiscriminate Palestinian terrorism against Israel is made palatable, as is Hezbollah's Shi'ite terrorism and that of Al-Qaeda, when directed against Israel and Jews around the world.

7. The dangers of anti-Semitism in general and Arab-Muslim anti-Semitism in particular **require the State of Israel and the Jewish people to cooperate with the international community to struggle effectively against it.** The struggle must be based on the methodical monitoring of anti-Semitic publications and the exposure of the countries, regimes, individuals and organizations participating, directly or indirectly in anti-Semitic activities of all kinds. It is not an easy mission because a flood of anti-Semitic propaganda are published and distributed in many Arab-Muslim countries in a variety of languages and are disseminated by all the media, with the result that dealing effectively with them requires a high level of professionalism. The results of monitoring should be used as the basis for a practical campaign of preventative action.

8. For the struggle to be effective, there must be an **international task force** with the ability to take action, leading the struggle against Arab-Muslim anti-Semitic incitement as part of a general campaign against anti-Semitism, with **political, media and legal tools.** Not only Jews must take part, but people of all religions with moral authority, senior representatives and leaders of enlightened countries and top-flight jurists. Past experience has shown that a determined struggle can make it difficult for anti-Semitism to manifest itself and can reduce its dimensions, even if it cannot stamp it out entirely.

Methodological Notes

9. This study continues and updates the previous report issued by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center in February 2004. That study focused on 2000-2004, a period characterized by an increase in the tensions between Israel and the Palestinians and the Arab and Muslim caused by the Palestinian terrorist campaign (the second intifada). The current study focuses on 2004-2008, during which **Iran has become the Middle Eastern center for disseminating anti-Semitism** and encouraging the hate industry against Israel and the Jewish people, sometimes without distinguishing between them. The end of the period in question has been, to a large extent, characterized by shifting the Holocaust from its accepted Jewish context to a Palestinian context by portraying Israel as copying the methods of Nazi Germany, with the Palestinians as victims of a "holocaust." Both periods were inundated with anti-Semitic propaganda materials originating in the Arab and Muslim world, with no real effort being made by the relevant regimes to put a stop to it.

10. This study has three main parts: the **first** deals with the roots and characteristics of contemporary Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism, the **second** describes the use Iran makes of anti-Semitism as a political-strategic weapon, and the **third** presents examples of anti-Semitism in the written and electronic media in the Arab and Muslim world. The **Appendix** contains a bibliography of ITIC Bulletins dealing with Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli incitement in recent years.

11. To prepare the study the ITIC research team examined anti-Semitic propaganda issued in the Arab and Muslim world, including books, newspapers, radio and television programs and the Internet. Extensive use was made of ITIC Bulletins dealing with the hate industry issued in recent years. The study used information taken from various organizations which monitor anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli incitement, such as MEMRI and the ADL. Our thanks to Dr. Esther Webman of the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism at Tel Aviv University for her useful remarks, and to Supreme Court judge (ret.) Hadassa Ben-Itto, author of *The Lie that Wouldn't Die, One Hundred Years of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, for her comments.

Part 1: The sources, characteristics and dangers of contemporary anti-Semitism in the Arab and Muslim world

Defining anti-Semitism¹

1. It is difficult to define the term *anti-Semitism* and the difference between hatred of the Jews and opposition to the State of Israel or the Zionist movement is not always clear. For this study we chose to use the definition proposed by Dr. Esther Webman of the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism at Tel Aviv University, according to which “anti-Semitism is the expression of a deep negative attitude toward Jews, rooted in theology and psychology, and it is different from other forms of ethnic and racial prejudice. An expression is considered anti-Semitic when it lends to Jews unique characteristics which cannot be changed and describes them as an eternal force for evil, as the source of all the evil in the world from time immemorial.”²

2. On January 28, 2005, an **international definition** of anti-Semitism was accepted, for the first time since the term was first used at the end of the 19th century. The definition, authorized in June 2005 by the OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism in Cordoba, was the fruit of the joint effort of two institutions: the center established by the European Union in Vienna to monitor racism and xenophobia, and the Warsaw-based Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to strengthen democratic institutions and human rights in the 55 member countries.

3. The working definition adopted by the Cordoba Conference was “a certain perception of Jews which may be expressed by hatred toward [them]. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism directed toward Jewish and non-Jewish individuals and/or their property toward Jewish institutions and religious facilities. In addition, such expressions could also target the State of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. Anti-Semitism frequently charges Jews of conspiring to harm humanity and is often used to blame Jews for

¹ For a detailed investigation of the issue see Dr. Dina Porat’s “Defining anti-Semitism.” The article was posted on Tel Aviv University’s Website, the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism, <http://www.tau.ac.il/Anti-Semitism/asw2003-4/portal.htm>.

² Esther Webman, “Perpetuation and Change in Anti-Semitic Discourse in the Arab Countries,” *Kivunim Hadashim*, (Hebrew), 2003, pp. 135-136.

'why things go wrong.' It is expressed expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and actions, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits."³

The Characteristics of Anti-Semitism in the Arab and Muslim World

4. In general, **there was no anti-Semitism** in the traditional Muslim world in the classic Christian-European sense. The Jews and other religious minorities were protected subjects, but in practice were required to acknowledge Muslim supremacy. Their lives and property were secure as long as they paid a poll tax and their behavior complied with Muslim laws according to the restrictions placed on them, which often entailed various forms of humiliation and the recognition of the superiority of Islam. Nevertheless, they were discriminated against and in certain cases even persecuted.

5. Classic Christian-European anti-Semitism infiltrated the Ottoman Empire during the second half of the 19th century (as part of the general Western entrance into the Middle East), encouraged by diplomats, merchants and the clergy, and was **particularly widespread among Christian Arabs**.⁴ However, it struck deeper roots in the Arab and Muslim world at the turn of the 20th century as a result of the Zionist-Arab conflict. During the 1930s it became more prevalent after the Nazi rise to power in Germany. Initially, Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism included elements of European anti-Semitism which were embraced by the Arab national movement. However, during the past 30 years, following the escalation of radical Islam, its character has become more Islamic.

6. One of the manifestations of Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism suitable to the aforementioned definition, is the flood of anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist material which has inundated the Middle East for the past decade and are exported to Muslim communities in the West. There are books, articles and columns in newspapers, radio and television broadcasts, cartoons and Internet postings. National leaders make anti-Semitic statements, the most prominent of whom is Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The lines and distinctions between Israel, Zionism and Judaism are deliberately blurred. The vast proliferation of anti-Semitic material and the Arab and Muslims' enormous demand for it are not new. However, their extent and nature change according to political circumstances, and

³ <http://www.tau.ac.il/Anti-Semitism/asw2003-4/porat.htm>. The intention in referring to Jews and non-Jews was to generalize and stress the fact that non-Jews as well as Jews can be victims of anti-Semitism, for example, the non-Jew can be accused of serving the "evil interests" of the Jews.

⁴ A prominent example was the Damascus blood libel of 1840 (See below, the section dealing with Syria).

during the past decade **both supply and demand have increased in an unprecedented fashion.**

7. The most popular anti-Semitic publication continues to be *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, written more than 100 years ago.⁵ It became a bestseller in the Arab and Muslim world and new editions are continually published in Egypt, Syria, Iran and other countries. They are based on the original and feature updated introductions which vary according to **time and place**. The introductions promote current political objectives such as using *The Protocols* to defame the State of Israel and the Zionist movement. They are sometimes written by individuals with good reputations, holders of academic degrees and important clerics. The technical quality of the editions sometimes high and well-known publishing houses issue them. All that is intended to make *The Protocols* and anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish incitement seem "respectable" and "reliable." In addition many other anti-Semitic books are published which recycle the myths in *The Protocols* and represent them as "facts."

8. Following are characteristics of Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism, some familiar from the past and some new:

i) Anti-Semitism is usually directed against **Israel as a Zionist-Jewish state**, represented as a concrete physical enemy and against the Jewish people, represented as permanently connected to the "Israeli enemy" and nourishing it with money and waves of immigration. Anti-Semitism against the Jewish people is usually not translated into violent action or threats against Jewish communities in the Middle East, since in many Arab countries such communities no longer exist, and therefore are not a concrete enemy. In most cases Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism does not call for the destruction of the entire Jewish people. On the other hand, manifestations of hatred for the State of Israel and calls to destroy it (or to "liberate" "Palestine" from the Israeli-Jewish "occupation") are translated by the Palestinian terrorist organizations, Hezbollah and Al-Qaeda into terrorist attacks against the State of Israel and Israeli and Jewish targets abroad. The German policies that led to the mass murders of European Jews have metamorphosed into a call for the destruction of the sovereign state the Jewish people established in the Land of Israel.

ii) **The Islamization of anti-Semitism**

1) The past three decades have witnessed an **increase** in the manifestation of anti-Semitic and anti-Jewish sentiments with Islamic roots. The main increase came after Khomeini's Islamic revolution in Iran in 1979. Fuel was added to the

⁵ See Hadassa Ben-Itto's *The Lie that Wouldn't Die*, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, Vallentine Mitchell Publishers, 2005.

fire by the successes of the radical Islamic Sunni movements and their ideological awakening after the war in Afghanistan, which began in 1979. Momentum was added to the spread of Islamic anti-Semitism by the Israel-Arab peace process and the dramatic political and military strengthening of Hamas, with its radical Islamic ideology, in the PA.

2) **Islamic anti-Semitism**, led and inspired by the radical Islamic movements, **is gathering force**. In many instances the regimes support it, even secular Arab regimes, to represent themselves to the general public (much of which identifies with the Islamic movement) as preaching Islam and supporting the Palestinians. They did it during the current Palestinian terrorist campaign (the second intifada), during the Israel-PA talks which are part of the Annapolis process (which began with the Annapolis meeting held on November 27 and 28, 2007) and during the escalation in the fighting in the Gaza Strip which began early in 2008.

3) The radical Islamic movements deliberately use Islamic terms to **demonize Israel**, employing Qur'an verses and Islamic traditions familiar to the Arab and Muslim audience. The verses and traditions are reinterpreted and reworded with political terminology in the spirit of radical Islam to demonize the Jewish people and delegitimize Zionism and the State of Israel. The Israel-Palestinian conflict, according to their perception, is not a territorial-national conflict which can be solved through negotiations and political arrangements. The conflict is represented as a comprehensive historical, cultural and existential struggle between Islam and Judaism and even between Islam and Christianity.

4) To that end the problematic, historical meeting between the Jewish tribes living in the Arabian peninsula and the prophet Muhammad and his followers (who tried in vain to convert them to Islam) has been exploited in contemporary times. That has been done to prove the eternal nature of the Islamic-Jewish conflict and to adopt the model of the era of Muhammad as the preferred one for determining the nature of contemporary Jewish-Islamic relations in general and the Arab/Palestinian-Israeli conflict in particular. In that context Israel is perceived and represented as unwilling to admit the superiority of Islam and as having established a sovereign Jewish state in the heart of the sacred Muslim territory of "Palestine." (Hamas often uses the Qur'an and Islamic terminology to justify its violent campaign against Israel).

5) **The Qur'an and various Islamic traditions (the Hadiths) are used by Hamas and Islamic commentators as sources of "proof" of the eternal "negative qualities" forever imprinted on Jewish nature** (highly

compatible with the definition of anti-Semitism given above). They also serve to as the basis for reinforcing the claim (which does not appear in any relevant document) that Palestine is land sacred to the Islamic endowment (the *wakf*) that no person has the right to cede (it or any part of it). From that perspective, the Israel-Palestinian struggle, the Muslim-Jewish struggle and anti-Semitism are interrelated. Anti-Semitic interpretations of the Qur'an are often exploited by Muslim, Palestinian and Arab spokesmen to provide religious justification for the terrorist attacks against Jews and Israelis carried out by the Palestinian terrorist organizations, and to a lesser degree, so far, by Al-Qaeda operatives and Islamic terrorist organizations in the international arena.

ii) **There is a lack of clear distinction** between legitimate criticism of the policies of Israel and the Zionist movement on the one hand and anti-Semitic incitement against the Jewish people on the other. In anti-Semitic Arab and Islamic propaganda the terms "Israel," "Zionist" and "Jewish" are virtually interchangeable. In the past at least a partial distinction was made, usually as part of the modern **secular** Arab nationalist outlook. In many instances, it is difficult to distinguish between nationalist **political statements** directed at the State of Israel and its leaders, left and right, and venomous **anti-Semitic utterances** which go beyond the context of the Palestinian/Arab-Israeli conflict. A link between classic anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli anti-Zionist utterances is that they represent Israel and the Zionist movement as implementing the "blueprint" for a war against the Palestinians and Arabs and for taking over the world, whose sources can be found in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.⁶

iii) Arab and Muslim anti-Israeli propaganda **demonizes the State of Israel** and its leaders by using motifs from classic anti-Semitism (the Passover blood libel, for example) and sometimes specifically calls for its destruction. In addition, they do not hesitate to openly preach attacks, including suicide bombing attacks, against Israeli citizens, without distinguishing between soldiers and civilians (including the aged, women and children). Based on the Islamic interpretations of extremist Muslim cleric **Yussuf al-Qardawi**, they claim that there is essentially no difference between soldiers and civilians because they all belong to the same "militaristic society," and

⁶ Is **anti-Zionism**, which is common in both the Arab and Western worlds, also **anti-Semitism**? It is a form of anti-Semitism because it denies the right of the Jewish people to self definition, while it recognizes the right of other peoples and ethnic and religious groups. The claim that Zionism is racism, while other national movements in the Middle East and beyond are not considered racist, is in effect a kind of racism, discrimination and anti-Semitism. Anti-Zionist criticism of Israel paints a picture of Israel as a monster and uses expressions and similes to delegitimize it and create sympathy for the Palestinians, who are represented as innocent victims. In that context see Dr. David Hirsh, "Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism: Cosmopolitan Reflections," at <http://www.yale.edu/yiisa/workingpaper/hirsh/David%20Hirsh%20YIISA%20Working%20Paper1.pdf>

that a violent campaign against them is justified. That claim is echoed extensively in the Arab media, including the establishment media, and in statements made by the terrorist organizations' leaders.

iv) Anti-Semitism is used **to justify terrorism against Israel and Jews**: the Palestinian terrorist organizations and extremist Islamic groups all over the world, especially Al-Qaeda, regard Israel and all Jews everywhere as an implacable enemy to be fought until its complete elimination. That perception is prevalent both in the Israeli-Palestinian context and in the context of the campaign radical Islam is waging against the United States and the West (of which Israel is considered an ally and which, according to radical Islamic perception, the West planted as an alien entity in the Middle East). The radical Islamic Palestinian terrorist organizations (particularly Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad) have so far focused their attentions on Israel. However, various global jihad organizations (especially Al-Qaeda) regard the destruction of Jewish-Zionist Israel as part of the Islamic campaign against the "infidels," whose eventual objective is to Islamize the entire world (despite the fact that Islam recognizes Judaism as a monotheistic religion).

v) **Establishment anti-Semitism**: Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism is not only a grass-roots phenomenon and is not only the province of intellectuals or radical Islamic movements or oppositions groups. Quite the opposite is true, it is regularly used by Middle East regimes, including those of religious orientation, such as Iran, and those of secular orientation which signed peace treaties with Israel (Egypt and Jordan). The situation is particularly prominent in Iran, and Arab countries such as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, where the media are subject to government control and censorship, whose objective is to keep ensure the media conform to the official line reflecting government policies. In recent years a number of Arab countries did make an effort to project moderate Islamic messages and prevent the dissemination of anti-Semitic propaganda. However, such steps, taken in response to the threat of radical Islam on the stability of the regimes and to American and Western pressures, have not so far done anything effective to stop the spread and intensification of anti-Semitism.⁷

⁷ Pro-Western Arab countries such as Egypt have shown sensitivity to criticism from the United States and the West regarding anti-Semitic propaganda and make specific attempts to provide a response for accusations of anti-Semitic incitement. However, they do not reflect readiness for an overall, genuine change in perception which will eradicate anti-Semitism.

Denying or minimizing the Holocaust

9. Denying or minimizing the Holocaust and the use of images and terminology prevalent during the Nazi era grafted onto Israel and the Jewish people have become extremely popular in recent years in Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism. There are two main causes:

i) **The Iranian regime** under president Ahmadinejad adopted a policy of active, public anti-Semitism, including Holocaust denial (or minimization) alongside a call to destroy the State of Israel. The Iranian aim in denying or minimizing the Holocaust is to undermine the guilt feelings of Europe and the United States which led to the founding of the State of Israel (a UN member state) and thus to prepare international opinion for its destruction. The Iranian regime also views Holocaust denial and the call for Israel's destruction as a way of pandering to anti-Israeli sentiments of the mainly Sunni Arab and Muslim world as part of its striving for regional Shi'ite Iranian hegemony.

ii) The Palestinian Authority and Hamas appropriated the term **Holocaust**,⁸ removed it from its context of the genocide of the Jewish people by the Nazis in the Second World War and shifted its meaning to the suffering of the Palestinian people. Thus the term which for decades has referred to the murder of six million Jews at the hands of the Nazis is now used by the Palestinians and others to describe the deaths of Palestinian terrorist operatives killed in the Gaza Strip while fighting the IDF. The Palestinians have made extensive use of it recently, minimizing the dimensions of the Holocaust to hobble Israel in its war against Palestinian terrorism in the Gaza Strip and to create Arab and international solidarity with the Palestinians.

10. Many of the motifs in **Arab and Muslim propaganda** dealing with minimizing or denying the Holocaust are taken from **neo-Nazi** publications, media and rhetoric. On the other hand, Palestinian and Arab propaganda equates Israel and Nazi Germany, and claims that Israel treats the Palestinians the way Germany treated the Jews, and repetition makes that view more acceptable to the West. Holocaust denial or glossing over its uniqueness aims at casting doubt on the claims of the Jews that they had the right to establish a Jewish state in the Land of Israel to rescue those who had survived, thus undermining the legitimacy of Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel.

⁸ "Holocaust" comes from the Greek *holókauston*, which meant "thoroughly burnt." The Hebrew term for the genocide of the Jews during the Second World War is "*shoah*," which means "calamity" or "catastrophe;" the Arabic term is *al-mahraqah*.

Anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism

11. Contemporary anti-Semitism often goes hand in hand with anti-American incitement, especially after the events of September 11, 2001:

i) **Al-Qaeda and Islamic jihad groups**, and Islamic movements such as Hamas and Hezbollah, often claim that the struggle between Islam and Judaism is an integral part of the broader confrontation between Islam and the West. Osama bin Laden has made his campaign against the “Crusaders”⁹ (the West) part and parcel of his campaign against their “allies,” Israel and the Jews. In practical implementation of that ideology, Al-Qaeda carried out several attacks on Jewish and Israeli targets despite the fact that their priority list is topped by the United States, the West and the Arab regimes which, in his opinion, collaborate with them.

ii) For propaganda and terrorist purposes, Israel is completely identified with the West in general, and is therefore regarded as its representative in the Middle East and as a foreign body. Time and again the Jews are represented as pulling the strings in Washington and controlling the United States and its media as part of the “world Zionism’s conspiracy” to rule the world. Islamists represent the Jews as the power behind the throne in various international affairs such as the hated, imperialistic **globalization**, the infiltration of **democratic ideas** (foreign to Islam and the Middle East) into the region and the unjust invasion of Muslim countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq by the United States and its allies.

Exporting Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism

12. Anti-Semitic propaganda materials published in the Middle East find their way to the Arab and Muslim communities in Europe and further afield:

i) In the past, anti-Semitic propaganda traveled in one direction only, from the West to the Arab and Muslim world, which adopted the classic anti-Semitic myths, either because they were genuinely believed to be true or because they were cynically exploited for indoctrination and anti-Israeli, anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish propaganda.

ii) Today, a great deal of original and translated anti-Semitic propaganda is exported from the Arab and Muslim world to Muslim communities in Europe and beyond. It

⁹ Global jihad groups use the term “Crusaders” to refer to the Christian West to rouse hatred for them among Muslims. Almost 100 years after the First Crusade, Saladin took Jerusalem from the Crusaders in 1187, and the conquest has become a symbol of the victory of Islam over Christianity. It is mentioned time and again in radical Islamic propaganda, especially by Al-Qaeda, as a major historical victory which will be repeated in the present time (or on Judgment Day).

fosters anti-Semitism, leads to extreme negative opinions about Israel and Diaspora Jews, and encourages Muslims to attack Jews.

iii) Propaganda inciting anti-Semitism is exported from the Middle East via Arab satellite television stations, Websites, anti-Semitic books, the distribution of anti-Semitic material to stores and mosques, and holding anti-Israeli demonstrations. In the latter case, anti-Semitic Muslims collaborate with their non-Muslim counterparts.

13. Spreading hatred for Israel and Jews (and the West) usually meets no interference or effective attempts to stop it, either because there is no law against it, or if such a law does exist it is not enforced, or because it is protected by the laws of free speech. One exception was the limiting of programs broadcast by Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV in Europe, the United States and other places because of their anti-Semitic content.

Reactions in the Arab and Muslim world to anti-Semitic publications

14. The increase in the amount of anti-Semitic material in the Arab and Muslim world and the penetration of anti-Semitism into education, religion and politics have made intellectuals, clerics, politicians and individuals working in the media speak out against it. A few of them even called *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* a fabrication and publicly opposed anti-Semitism and the destruction it wrought.

15. In most cases opposition to anti-Semitism was voiced when anti-Semitic events or publications made headlines and were condemned by the United States and various Western groups. Less frequently, anti-Semitism was condemned by Arabs and Muslims with no relation to a specific event. However, those who do oppose anti-Semitism in the Arab and Muslim countries of the Middle East are a tiny **minority** and do not carry enough weight in any country to stop the flow of anti-Semitic propaganda or make anti-Semitism unacceptable. That is especially true when the various regimes, even in countries which have signed peace treaties with Israel, do not take effective steps to put a stop to anti-Semitic propaganda and thus, in effect, indirectly encourage it.

16. Generally speaking, in Middle East countries there are a few types of responses to anti-Semitic propaganda, none of them positive:

i) **Denial of any manifestations of anti-Semitism and representing anti-Semitism as anti-Israeli sentiments:** Arab and Muslim politicians and intellectuals deny that anti-Semitism exists in their countries on the ground that there

can be no such thing as Arab anti-Semitism because the Arabs themselves are Semites. They claim that the various manifestations express opposition to Israel's policies towards the Palestinians and not opposition to the Jewish people. They also claim that demonstrations protesting the actions of the United States (and other Western countries) are caused by the Jewish control over those countries and their media and not because of their anti-Semitic contents. There is no doubt that the continuation and worsening of the Palestinian/Arab-Israeli conflict contribute to the unprecedented volume of anti-Semitic propaganda, and it is often difficult to distinguish between anti-Israeli (and anti-Zionist) propaganda and manifestations of anti-Semitism, including denying or minimizing the Holocaust.¹⁰ However, a great deal of anti-Semitic propaganda clearly goes beyond the Israeli-Palestinian context and is specifically directed against the Jewish people, using extensive anti-Semitic stereotypes and myths, both classic-European and Islamic.

ii) **Relating to anti-Semitic propaganda as the truth:** The myths and basic message of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* serve as "written proof" on which an enormous quantity of anti-Semitic literature has been based, and for statements made by senior political figures, who relate to them as if they were historically factual. Sometimes that is specifically stated, for example, in response to France's intention to examine the contents of the TV series "The Diaspora" broadcast by Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV, the director of the station said that "the series is based on well-known historical fact." In addition, the director of the manuscript department of the library in the Alexandria Museum in Egypt exhibited *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* next to an Old Testament, claiming that Jews conduct their lives according to *The Protocols*. Those issuing anti-Semitic propaganda use not only *The Protocols* as their "reference material," but also the Qur'an and Islamic traditions, Arabic translations of Western anti-Semitic publications and many other sources, including pseudo-scientific "studies."

iii) **Blame the victim:** The claim is made that the Jews bring anti-Semitism on themselves, are responsible for their own persecution and even for the Holocaust. It is not, according to the claim, Arabs and Muslims who are "guilty" of hating the Jews: the Jews are inherently despicable and from the time of the prophet Muhammad until the present day have brought hatred and persecution upon themselves. Thus the victim becomes the criminal. As part of the claim, the State of Israel and the Zionist Movement are represented as Fascist and racist, descriptions meant to both delegitimize Israel and dehumanize the Jewish people.

¹⁰ As was illustrated at the end of February-beginning of March 2008, with the escalation of the Palestinian-Israeli confrontation in the Gaza Strip.

iv) **Anti-Semitism is a weapon in Israel's arsenal, used whenever its policies are criticized:** The claim was made in Egypt that *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are in fact a forgery, used by the Zionist Movement to increase world fear of and reverence for the Jews. That, they rationalize, explains the American objections to anti-Semitism: it is a Jewish, primarily American-Jewish, plot to harm the Arab countries and Islam and not genuine moral or ideological objection to anti-Semitism. According to the same logic, even if some or all of the accusations made against the Jews are true, it is a mistake to make them public because they damage Arab and Muslim interests and their image in the eyes of the West and because Arabs and Muslims can use the Palestinian issue against Israel much more effectively in other ways.



Anti-Semitism used by Israel as a weapon against the Palestinians (PNN website, April 2008).

The dangers inherent in Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism

17. From the point of view of the State of Israel and the entire Jewish people, Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism is a strategic danger for a variety of reasons:

i) **Generations of young Arabs and Muslims are indoctrinated with hatred for Israel and the Jewish people:** A great deal of anti-Semitic and anti-Jewish propaganda is spread by the Arab and Muslim media on a daily basis and has a negative influence on the younger Arab and Muslim generations, from kindergarten to university students. The younger generation absorbs groundless prejudices and hatred for the State of Israel, the Zionist Movement and the Jewish people. Anti-Semitic propaganda fans the flames of hostility inherent in many Muslims towards the Jews whose main sources are the Qur'an and Muslim traditions, promotes hostility to Israel among Arabs, Palestinians and Muslims, and permeates the Arab and Muslim world and the Muslim communities in the West. It is difficult to quantify anti-

Semitism, but there is no doubt that it is spreading to the Muslim middle class and intellectual elite, especially because of their current economic distress and their disappointment with the various Arab and Muslim regimes, which have not fulfilled their expectations.¹¹

ii) **Hatred for Israel and the Jewish people harms attempts to reach a political settlement for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict** and sabotages chances for normalization between Israel and the Arab countries with which it has signed peace treaties, as well as with other Arab and Muslim countries: Anti-Semitism is an expression of the fundamental unwillingness to accept the right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign country in "Palestine," represented by the Arabs and Muslims as "the heart of the Arab and Muslim world." Such abysmal hatred and firmly-rooted prejudices toward the Jews and Israel are enormous obstacles to a political settlement between Israel and the Palestinians and to a genuine normalization of the relations between the State of Israel and the Arab and Muslim countries, including Egypt and Jordan with which Israel has signed peace treaties, or Qatar, Tunisia and Morocco, which have limited relations with it, partly or occasionally open.

iii) **Palestinian and global jihad terrorism targeting Israel and the Jewish people are encouraged:** Anti-Semitism, especially radical, violent Islamic anti-Semitism, also encourages deadly Palestinian terrorism (led by Hamas), Hezbollah terrorism in Lebanon and global jihad terrorism. Anti-Semitic propaganda, most of which is based on political interpretations of religious Islamic sources delegitimizes the State of Israel and creates hostility against Jews. It represents the Jews as "infidels" who are a "danger" and the existence of the State of Israel as Islam's main threat, which must be met with jihad until Israel has been destroyed. Sometimes an open call is made to kill Jews, and suicide bombing Palestinian terrorism and the indiscriminate launching of rockets into Israeli territory are justified. In addition to classic anti-Semitism, Palestinian terrorists and global jihad groups are bolstered by anti-Semitic and anti-Jewish propaganda rooted in medieval Islam. The old ideas receive violence-oriented political reinterpretation, representing the Jews as "the descendents of monkeys and pigs," "killers of prophets," "Devil worshippers," "a cursed race, abominable and infidel." That is, the Jews are dehumanized and are thus unworthy to live, and therefore it is possible (and even justified) to harm and even kill them.

¹¹ Report by Arab scholars, Situation in the Middle East, UN, 2002.

Part 2: Anti-Semitism as a political-strategic weapon in the hands of Iran

Overview

1. Iran is the only country in the world today using anti-Semitism as a weapon, promoting genocide and striving to destroy the State of Israel. Its policies and strategies are entirely different from those of the Arab-Muslim countries, which have avoided joining the Iranian bandwagon, and from those of every other country. In effect **Iran** is unique in its being the **first country since Nazi Germany** to officially adopt an active anti-Semitic policy as a means of advancing its national interests.

2. Iranian anti-Semitism is rooted in Khomeini's Islamic revolution (1979) and Shi'ite religious law. Both, based on the Qur'an, define the Jews as infidels and unclean. Khomeini considered the Jews the enemies of Islam, from the dawn of its founding until the present day. The image of the Jews was exacerbated not only by Khomeini but by high-level members of the Islamic regime because the Jews and "world Zionism" were identified as allies of the hated (and later deposed) Shah. They were also regarded as having denied the Palestinians' rights and stolen their lands; in fact, the Palestinian cause is one of the corner-stones legitimizing the Iranian regime and justifying its negative policies toward the Jews, Israel and the peace process in the Middle East.

3. According to the ideology of the Shi'ite clerics ruling Iran today, the Jews are not considered a nation but rather a religion, and they are neither worthy of nor entitled to state of their own. Thus, they claim, there is no place for a Jewish state, and certainly not on Muslim lands ("Palestine"). Its very existence, they say, and its control of Jerusalem and the sites holy to Islam, are a gross violation of the Muslims' legal rights.

4. The leaders of the Iranian regime are firm in their conviction that the Jews are plotting to take over the world. They believe that openly or covertly, the Jews have a hand in every international crisis, control global media (and, in the United States, the motion picture industry), founded the **Freemasons**¹ to realize their plots to control the world and prevent the spread of Islam, exert pressure on the decision-makers of the United States and Europe, and even support terrorist groups to create crises. All of the above make them, for the Iranian leaders, a national threat and a global danger. One of the main "proofs" of the claims

¹ The Jews are accused of connections with the Freemasons because the organization is secret and thought to be subversive. Anti-Semites tend to connect the Freemasons with "world Zionism" in an attempt to justify their claim that the Jews want to rule the world, despite the fact that Freemasons are not necessarily Jewish.

was and remains *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, whose myths form the core of the anti-Semitic literature published in Iran.

5. Holocaust denial or minimization is a central component in the political world view of the heads of the Iranian regime, according to which the Jews use a variety of methods to control the world and justify the "occupation" of "Palestine." The Iranian regime does not deny the loss of Jewish lives during the Second World War, but strives to reduce the numbers. To that end Iranian media give wide coverage to Holocaust deniers all over the world and to those who cast doubts on its dimensions, making Holocaust denial one of the main themes in the regime's anti-Semitic policies.

6. This section examines the Iranian regime's anti-Semitic policies beginning with 2005,² as follows:

- i) Anti-Semitism, particularly Holocaust denial, as a political tool in the hands of Iranian president Ahmadinejad.
- ii) The Iranian-sponsored international Holocaust denial conference
- iii) Competition and display of Holocaust denial cartoons
- iv) Manifestations of anti-Semitism on TV, on Iranian Internet sites and in the newspapers
- v) The publication of anti-Semitic books for sale abroad

Anti-Semitism, particularly Holocaust denial, as a political tool in the hands of Iranian president Ahmadinejad.

7. Iran has adopted **an active policy of anti-Semitism**, two of whose main components are the destruction of the State of Israel and Holocaust denial or minimization. Iran is also actively seeking nuclear capabilities and long-range rockets, both of which will give it the option of implementing that policy. The regime is apparently **oblivious** to the overwhelming international criticism of its nuclear program, its anti-Semitic policies and its frequent calls for Israel's destruction. In recent years, Ahmadinejad and the ultra-conservative camp have **stepped up the regime's anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli campaign** while pointedly ignoring world protests.

² Information on Iran before 2004 can be found in the section on Iran in our 2004 Bulletin entitled "Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_04/as_hp.htm#toc.

8. The Holocaust denial campaign and the call for Israel's destruction are not only an expression of deeply-rooted political and cultural hatred for Jews, but also a deliberate and well-planned strategy. **The regime uses it to achieve three main objectives:**

i) To **delegitimize the Zionist Movement and State of Israel** to pave the way, morally and ideological, for Israel's destruction by undermining the European and American guilt feelings which led to the establishment of the State of Israel. He regards the "Jewish problem" as essentially a European issue which should be resolved by Europeans in a way that will enable the Jews to live among them, while a Palestinian state should be erected on the ruins of the State of Israel (and by implication, any Jew who does not leave Israel for Europe can expect to be killed). At the Holocaust denial conference held in Tehran the Iranians made statements linking Holocaust denial and the destruction of Israel:

1) Iranian foreign minister **Manuchehr Mottaki** told the conference that "...an official investigation into the Holocaust will also cast the existence of the Zionist regime into doubt, and if it is in fact proved that the Holocaust is historically true, the question of why Muslims and Palestinians have to pay the price for the Nazis' crimes will have to be asked" (ISNA News Agency, December 11, 2006).

2) Iranian president **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** used the conference to reiterate his stated goal of destroying the State of Israel, saying that "Israel is transitory, like the Soviet Union. When I said that the regime [i.e., the Zionist regime] would disappear, I was only expressing the unspoken wish of many nations... Just as the Soviet Union was wiped off the face of the earth, so will the Zionist entity, and soon..." (Al-Alam TV, December 13, 2006).

3) Iranian ambassador to Syria **Mohammad Hassan Akhtari** was interviewed on December 14, 2006, by the Italian paper Corriere della Sera. He claimed that there had never been any gas chamber, that Auschwitz and Treblinka were fictions, and that six million Jews had not been murdered. He said that the Holocaust was a Zionist invention for the persecution of the Palestinians and to justify the establishment of the State of Israel. He also said that there was no legitimacy for Israel's existence, not even within the 1967 borders, and that the Jewish immigrants living in Israel and their descendents would have to leave and allow the Palestinians to return.

ii) To **increase Iranian influence** among Palestinians and to represent Iran as **championing their cause**: The heads of the Iranian regime represent the Palestinians as the real victims of the Holocaust and the realization of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* by Israel and the Zionist Movement. They represent themselves

as defending the Palestinian cause and as championing Israel's destruction. Their anti-Israeli campaign is also accompanied by **support for Palestinian terrorism and strengthening Iranian ties with Hamas**, which has a similar ideology. On the eve of the Holocaust denial conference Hamas government prime minister Ismail Haniya visited Tehran and received the unprecedented promise of \$250 million in Iranian support.



Cartoon published by the Fars News Agency: The Jews use the Holocaust as a guillotine to kill Palestinians.

iii) To use **Holocaust denial as an effective tool** (in Iranian terms) to **promote Iranian hegemony** in the region and to **raise its status** in the Arab and Muslim world: Today the Islamic regime is bent on extending its influence in the Middle East. Its anti-Israeli, anti-Semitic campaign, which revolves around Holocaust denial and the Israel's destruction, is perceived as an **effective propaganda tool** which can be used to win the support of the Arab-Muslim masses and harm the pro-Western Arab and Muslim regimes which have peaceful relations with Israel. That is done by exploiting widespread Arab-Muslim hatred for Israel, the Jewish people and the West. Such a perception is hardly new, in that anti-Israeli, anti-Semitic sentiments have always been effectively used by the Arab regimes in the Middle East to enlist support, but such regimes have not turned anti-Semitism into a political-strategic tool the way Iran has.

9. Beyond those basic objectives, in our assessment the Holocaust denial campaign comes from **Ahmadinejad's personal world view**, which is in agreement with Iranian ultra-conservatism. Although his remarks about the Holocaust echo previous statements made by other high-level members of the Islamic Republic, his extremist tone and disregard for world sensitivity to the Holocaust (especially Western-world sensitivity) would seem to be the result of his religious beliefs and his socio-political background, and not just belligerent rhetoric.

10. It is also possible that his affiliation with the radical Jamkaran group³ and his belief in the approaching coming of the Mahdi,⁴ who will arrive after the final battle with Israel and the West, may explain his radical statements and even his determined efforts to procure the technology for nuclear weapons. Iran has no lack of religious extremists to create the atmosphere for a final battle. For example, in April 2005 the Ayatollah and Iranian Source of Authority [sic] **Hussein Nuri Hamdani** claimed that “the Jews are to be fought and vanquished to pave the way for the coming of the Imam Mahdi...”

11. The following are examples of Ahmadinejad's anti-Semitic remarks, which make no distinction between Israel, Zionism and the Jews:

i) At the end of February-beginning of March 2008, with the escalation between Israel and the terrorist organizations in the Gaza Strip, during a visit to Iraq Ahmadinejad said that “the real Holocaust is happening in Palestine, but the international organizations do not react to it at all” (Iranian TV Channel 1, March 3, 2008).

ii) After the killing of Imad Moughnieh, Ahmadinejad made a speech in the Iranian city of Bandar Abbas in which he said that the Great Powers had created “**a dirty black germ**” called the Zionist regime to provoke the Middle East countries.⁵ The audience interrupted his speech with cries of “Death to America” and “Death to Israel” (Khabar TV, February 20, 2008)

iii) On October 5, 2007, in a speech given on the occasion of Jerusalem Day (which marks Iranian identification with the Palestinian problem) he said that “after the Second World War [the Jews] concocted a scenario called the ‘pogrom against the Jews.’ Throughout Europe and the West an anti-Jewish movement was fabricated...”

³ The Jamkaran group is part of the Hojjatiyeh movement, which believes that a true Islamic rule can only be achieved with the return of the Imam Mahdi, which will soon occur. The group takes its name from the Jamkaran mosque located 6 km east of the holy Iranian city of Qom. According to Shi'ite tradition, the Imam Mahdi, who was there at the time of his disappearance, declared the site holy and ordered that a mosque be built there. The Jamkaran mosque became a site for many Shi'ite pilgrims from all over the world. The group meets at the mosque regularly to discuss various matters, including politics. Its opinions are radical with regard to internal and external issues. The Ayatollah Muhammad Taki Misbah-Yazdi is its spiritual leader and Ahmadinejad's spiritual guide.

⁴ According to Shi'ite tradition, the Imam Mahdi (the Hidden Mahdi) is supposed to return as the savior of the world. Belief in his omnipotence and omniscience are fundamental to Shi'ite Islam. According to Shi'ite belief, the Hidden Imam will return as the Mahdi, a term meaning “the one placed by Allah on the true path.” The Mahdi will take revenge on the enemies of the Shi'ites and instill justice in the world.

⁵ His terminology is reminiscent of the expression “dirty Jew” used by generations of European anti-Semites. The equating of Jews and bacteria or animals (snakes, octopuses, monkeys and pigs) is common in the Arab and Muslim world in anti-Semitic statements made by various individuals in articles, illustrations and cartoons.

They created the myth that the Jews of Europe had been innocent and treated unjustly...”⁶

iv) On March 21, 2007, he said that “it is perfectly clear that a group of racist Zionists are the problem facing the modern world today. They came from centers of world power and [global] communications, and they exploit [their power] only to expose the world to continued suffering, poverty and hatred to strengthen their control [of the world].”⁷

v) On December 8, 2005, he said that “some European countries stubbornly claim that during the Second World War Hitler cremated millions of Jews and sent them to concentration camps...**We do not accept that claim...**” He also said that “if [the Europeans] are honest, they have to give some of their territory in Europe, such as Germany, Austria or other countries, to the Zionists, so that [the Zionists] will be able to establish their county in Europe. **You [the European countries] offer part of Europe and we will support you.**”

The Iranian-sponsored international conference on Holocaust denial

12. 12. On December 11 and 12, 2006, a regime-sponsored Holocaust denial conference was held in Tehran. It was called “International Conference to Review the Global Vision of the Holocaust,” and its objective was to internationalize the totally false claim that there had never been a Holocaust (or that its dimensions were small).



Iranian president Ahmadinejad (center) with Tehran conference participants (Rahib Homvandi for Reuters, December 12, 2006).

⁶ Information for this section was taken from a more complete report of Ahmadinejad’s statements compiled by the Anti-defamation League. See :

http://www.adl.org/main_Anti_Semitism_International/ahmadinejad_words.htm.

⁷ See http://www.adl.org/main_Anti_Semitism_International/ahmadinejad_words.htm.

13. The conference was attended by 67 delegates from 30 countries. A number of well-known racist Holocaust deniers participated: Professor **Robert Faurisson**, from France, who has been brought to trial for Holocaust denial; **David Duke**, from Louisiana, former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and today a member of the United States Senate and a Holocaust denier; and British subject **Michele Renouf**, who publicly supported Holocaust denier David Irving. There was also a delegation of six ultra-Orthodox Jews, members of Naturei Karta, who came from Britain, the United States and Austria, whom the Iranians tried to exploit to prove that they had been joined by anti-Zionist Jews who objected to the existence of the State of Israel, even if they did not deny the Holocaust.



The Naturei Karta delegation applauding Iranian president Ahmadinejad (Fars News Agency, December 12, 2006).

14. The conference was held at the facilities of the foreign ministry's Institute for Political and International Studies. The organizers tried to lend it the atmosphere of a serious international, scientific-academic conference which would present various relevant issues, although **the discussions and their conclusions had been prepared in advance by the Iranian regime**. The Iranians also represented the conference as proof that Iran had "freedom of speech," as opposed to the West, which defined the topic of Holocaust denial as a crime. Well-known racists and Holocaust deniers discussed various subjects, such as whether or not the Holocaust had taken place, what its dimensions were, how many Jews had been murdered, whether there had or had not been gas chambers, how anti-Semitism and the Holocaust influenced Zionism and what influence the Holocaust had on the immigration of Jews to the Land of Israel.

15. At the side of the conference room was **a display** of pictures, posters and CDs dealing with **Holocaust denial**. For example, pictures of Holocaust survivors in concentration camps were captioned "Jews with typhus, separated from the rest of the population to prevent an outbreak of the disease." Outside there were books for sale written by Holocaust deniers and anti-Zionists. To make the conference seem "objective," videos of 12 Holocaust survivors testifying to what they had undergone were shown on TV screens (Yaniv Halili, New York, for Yedioth Ahronoth, December 12, 2006).

From the Website of Australian Holocaust denier Frederick Töben, one of the conference's participants



CDs, book and posters, one of which reads, "The Holocaust Never Took Place."



Displays "proving" the Holocaust is a myth.

16. The conference participants agreed to establish an international institute for Holocaust study and appointed **Muhammad Ali Ramin** as its secretary general. Ramin is one of Ahmadinejad's advisors and a notorious Holocaust denier. Five other conference participants were chosen to sit on the institute's board and would be responsible for preparing the next Holocaust conference. The Iranian media reported that the institute's head office would be in Tehran, although for symbolic value Muhammad Ali Ramin was planning to **move it to Berlin**, "as soon as things are ready" (Islamic Republic News Agency, December 14, 2006).⁸



Muhammad Ali Ramin

Reservations regarding the Conference in the Arab and Muslim World

17. The Arab world did not particularly identify with the conference even though Holocaust denial is prevalent within it.⁹ On December 13, 2006, Al-Jazeera TV reported facts and quoted Ahmadinejad's saying that the Holocaust was a fabrication and that Israel would soon disappear. The Palestinian terrorist organizations, especially Hamas and the Palestinian

⁸ As far as is known, the office has not been moved to Berlin.

⁹ For further information see http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/holocaust_denial_e.htm.

Islamic Jihad, supported the conference, Ahmadinejad's policies and Holocaust denial. However, the **written media were very critical of the conference** and its Iranian organizers, whether because they believe the Holocaust did take place or because it was used as a tool by the Iranian regime, and harmed Arab interests by presenting a negative image of Muslims.

18. On December 27, 2006, two weeks later, another Holocaust denial conference was held, this time in Cairo. Its theme was "The lie of the (Jewish) Holocaust and the Arab holocaust in Palestine." It was organized by marginal opposition groups in Egypt headed by the pan-Arab Socialist Egyptian Party, which split from the ruling National Democratic Party in 1983. The conference was attended by public figures, "experts" and the media. It was broadcast live for about half an hour by the Iranian Arabic satellite station Al-Alam TV, while the Arab media generally ignored it.

19. **Wahid al-Aqsari**, chairman of the pan-Arab Socialist Egyptian Party, gave a rabid speech at the conference about Holocaust denial while waving a copy of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. He claimed that it was a "guidebook" for all events occurring in the world today. He also gave "historical examples," beginning with the relations between the Jews and the prophet Muhammad, which "proved" that throughout history the Jews had been devious, sinners, murders and traitors.



Left: Wahid al-Aqsari waving a copy of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (Iranian TV Al-Alam, December 27, 2006). It is the 2002 edition issued by the large, respected publishing house of the establishment weekly *Akhbar al-Youm*. Right: The front cover.¹⁰

13. 20. The Arab world's reservations regarding the Holocaust denial conference in Tehran were particularly striking compared to the impact it made about a year later on the Palestinian propaganda campaign (of both the PA and Hamas), which used the Holocaust of

¹⁰ For further information see our April 2004 Bulletin entitled "Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_04/as_hp.htm.

the Jewish people to describe the actions of Israel in the Gaza Strip (end of February-beginning of March, 2008).

Competition and display of Holocaust denial cartoons

21. On Jerusalem Day, October 5, 2007, a mass procession was held in **Tehran** in which tens of thousands of Iranians participated. The marchers shouted “Death to Israel” and “Death to the United States,” and held signs calling for the “liberation of Palestine. Another Jerusalem Day event was a display of Holocaust denial material in Tehran.



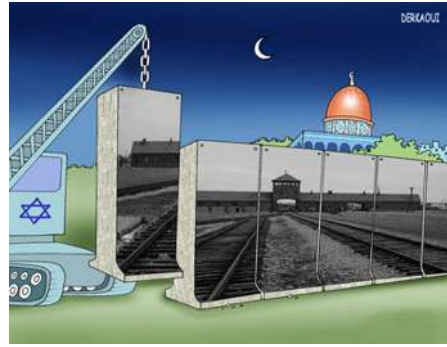
Holocaust denial display during Jerusalem Day in Tehran (Rahib Homvandi for Reuters, October 5, 2007).

22. On August 14, 2006, a few months before the conference in Tehran, an international Holocaust cartoon contest was held. It was organized through www.irancartoon.com,¹¹ an Iranian cartoon site with Farsi and English versions. The competition was initiated by Farid Mortazavi, graphic editor of the Iranian newspaper Hamshahri.. Examples follow: **(Note: For the most part, in anti-Semitic cartoons Jews are depicted as caricatures of ultra-Orthodox religious Jews. They wear the traditional black clothing and have exaggerated “Jewish characteristics,” such as long hooked noses, beards and side-curls.)**

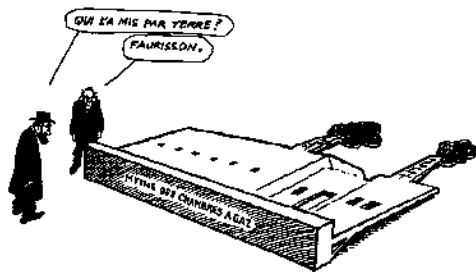
¹¹ See <http://www.irancartoon.com/120/holocaust/index.htm>. The site continues posting cartoons against Israel, the Jewish people and the West. Cartoonists from all over the world send their material to the site, particularly from the Arab and Muslim world and South America.



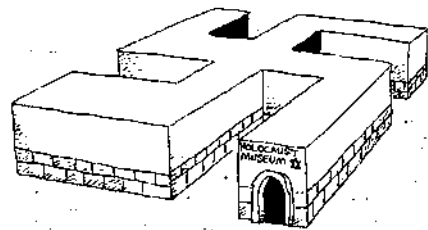
Palestinian dressed in the uniform of a concentration camp inmate. The cartoonist is Brazilian Carlos Latuff, whose anti-Semitic blog appears on the Internet.



Israel's anti-terrorist security fence as Auschwitz. Drawn by Abdallah al-Darqawi, from Morocco; it won first prize.



Cartoon by A. Chard, a Frenchman. The Jew asks, "Who knocked it over?" referring to the inscription on the bottom of the model, "Myth of the gas chambers." The answer is "Faurisson," a French professor known as a Holocaust denier who participated in the Holocaust denial conference in Tehran.



The Holocaust museum as swastika, drawn by Mazyar Bazhani, Iran.



The Jewish Holocaust compared with the Palestinian "holocaust," drawn by Moroccan Naji Ben Naji.

Manifestations of anti-Semitism on TV, on Iranian Internet sites and in the newspapers

23. An Iranian “specialist in Middle East affairs” named **Muhammad Mahdi Amir Kamali** appeared on an Iranian TV program on June 7, 2007, where he stated that the State of Israel had been founded on the principles appearing in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. He added that Zionism was based on the idea of Jewish racial superiority and on the Jews’ desire to control world resources. He also said that *The Protocols* were formerly a top-secret document written by the founders of Zionism to control the world.



Muhammad Mahdi Amir Kamali: the foundation of the State of Israel was based on *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (Courtesy of MEMRI).

24. In a comedy broadcast on Iranian Channel 1 TV on March 23, 2007, a stereotyped Jew appeared as a murderer and as Satan, representing the forces of evil.



The Iranian TV version of the typical Jew (Courtesy of MEMRI).

25. On February 20, 2007, the Iranian IRINN TV channel broadcast political commentator **Majid Goudarzi** stating that “the Jews are bloodthirsty and have hereditary criminal traits, and therefore cannot cease being criminals.” He added that in the Torah they are often called corrupt, even by Moses.



Majid Goudarzi (Courtesy of MEMRI).

26. On March 9, 2006, Iranian Channel 2 TV broadcast a program surveying the anti-Semitic cartoon contest.¹²



The “myth of the gas chambers” (Picture courtesy of MEMRI).

¹² See <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1067.htm>.

27. www.alkawthartv.ir, The Arabic language Internet site operated by Iranian satellite television, frequently broadcasts anti-Semitic propaganda integrated into the Iranian effort to spread Holocaust denial in the Arab and Muslim world.



A scene from the program "The Myth of the Holocaust," which claims that the gas chambers and crematoria during the Holocaust were a lie invented by the Jews and that worse disasters had occurred in history and did not receive the same attention.



Spreading anti-Semitism on the Internet: Clearly anti-Semitic details from the program "The role of the Jews in distorting Islamic history" (Al-KawtharTV Website, December 27, 2006).

28. www.qodstv.ir/ar/index.php, the **Al-Quds TV Internet site**, contains blatantly anti-Semitic and anti-American material, including Holocaust denial articles. For example, there are two programs **claiming that there were no gas chambers and that the Jews invented them**. Rather, they claim that similar holocausts were carried out by the Americans in Saigon and Hiroshima, but that they never received the same coverage as the Holocaust of the Jews.



A page of cartoons from the Al-Quds Website devoted to Holocaust denial and equating Jews and Nazis.

29. A "documentary" program about Holocaust denial was broadcast by Iranian TV Channel 4 on October 20, 2006. It accused the Jews of fostering a myth about the Holocaust, invented by the Jewish-controlled media and motion picture industry. According to the program, the

Jews exploit the world, especially the European countries, for their own needs, by creating guilt feelings.

The publication of anti-Semitic books and their marketing in Europe

30. Anti-Semitic books, primarily *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, are published in Iran by Islamic institutions. Many editions have been published and many copies have been distributed. The first was published in the summer of 1978 during the events leading up to the Islamic Revolution, as a way of attacking the Shah, Israel and the Jews. In 1985 a new edition was published and widely distributed by the Organization for the Spread of Islam, the Department of International Relations in Tehran. A foundation called the Imam Reza Temple of Mashad financed the publication of the edition issued in 1994, and selections from it appeared in the Iranian media. **The edition published by the Islamic Propaganda Organization in Iran was displayed at the book fair in Frankfurt in 2005.** (See below.)

31. Another version of *The Protocols* was translated from Arabic to Farsi by Hamir Reza Shikhi and published by the Islamic Research Foundation with the title *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion: World Zionism's Blueprint*. A third edition was published in Iran in 2005 and 2006 and can be found in the Iranian national library, catalogue card number 1062209. It was translated from English to Arabic and edited by 'Ajaj Nuwayhid, a Lebanese Druze and a well-known figure in the Arab-Palestinian national movement. His translation was published in several versions in Beirut and Damascus and distributed throughout the Arab and Muslim world, including the Palestinian Authority.¹³

32. Anti-Semitic books published in Iran are translated into English and **marketed to the West**. An obvious example was the exploitation of the international book fair in Frankfurt in October 2005: **a large selection of English-language anti-Semitic books published in Iran were sold at the official Iranian booth without interference from the German authorities.**

¹³ For further information see our May 4, 2005 Bulletin entitled "Anti-Semitic incitement in the Arab world: Spreading The Protocols of the Elders of Zion through an official Internet website of the Palestinian Authority" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/5_05/inc_prot.htm.



The Iranian booth at the Frankfurt book fair (Photo from www.zombietime.com Website).



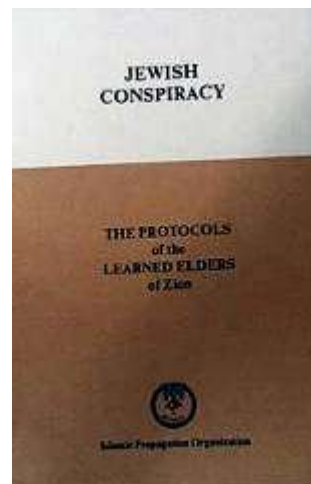
Some of the anti-Semitic books for sale. In the center, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (Photo from www.zombietime.com Website).

33. The following are three anti-Semitic publications issued in Iran and translated into English exhibited at the Frankfurt book fair:

- i) *The Jewish Conspiracy, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*: The book was published by the Islamic Propaganda Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran.



The English edition of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* sold at the Iranian booth.



The front page of the edition, containing information about the Islamic Propaganda Organization, which issued it (Pictures from www.zombietime.com).

- ii) A summary of **Henry Ford's** anti-Semitic book *The International Jew*, first published in 1921: It was published in Iran by the Islamic Cultural Organization.

- iii) An anti-Semitic booklet entitled "**The myth of the chosen people and the fable of historical rights,**" by **Muhammad Dhaki Takipor**: According to the booklet Zionism's source is the false claim that the Jews are a superior race and that the global Islamic movement will shortly destroy Israel.

Part 3: Anti-Semitic material published in the Arab and Muslim world

Egypt

Overview

1. Egypt continues as the Arab world's center for publishing and distributing classic and Islamic-inspired anti-Semitic material.¹ A wide range of articles and books are published and television programs, and cartoons appear regularly in both the establishment and opposition media. All the material is marketed through the written and electronic media, and the books are usually sold at local and international book fairs. They reach not only the target audiences in Egypt but also those in the Arab countries, Israel, the Palestinian Authority and particularly in Arab and Muslim communities around the world, and contribute to anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli activities, such as demonstrations which take place outside the Middle East.

2. The themes are taken from classic anti-Semitism and center around the claim that the Jews seek to take over the world. Other frequently-used themes are Holocaust denial or Holocaust minimization, equating Zionism with Nazism, the claims of Jewish corruption and accusing the Jews of collectively possessing the worst possible character traits. Since the 1980s Islamic anti-Semitic material has also made frequent use of Qur'an verses and the Islamic traditions to foster hatred for the Jews.

3. Books such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and other anti-Semitic publications are very popular with the reading public in Egypt and beyond, as can be seen by the many editions of books published. Such material has a great influence on spreading and inculcating anti-Semitism in the Arab and Muslim world since Egypt is the most important cultural center in the Arab world. However, there was a decrease in the amount of anti-Semitic literature exhibited at the February 2008 international book fair in Cairo (See below).

4. It would seem that the Egyptian regime, which can enforce strict censorship, allows anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic material to be issued for various internal and external political

¹ For further information see our April 2004 Bulletin entitled "Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_04/as_hp.htm.

reasons: to restrict the process of normalization with Israel (without being accused of violating the peace treaty), support the Palestinian cause, isolate Israel in the Middle East and serve as a safety valve for the Egyptian opposition, especially the Muslim Brotherhood.

5. In view of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and taking into consideration the harsh criticism provoked by anti-Semitism in the United States and other Western countries, the Egyptian regime has not turned anti-Semitism into an active political strategy as has Iran, as previously noted. Its leaders do not speak about destroying the State of Israel. In addition, in recent years, when it was tactically advantageous for the Egyptian regime to present a more positive face to Israel or the American administration, there was less anti-Semitic material issued in the country. On the other hand, during the latest escalation between Israel and the Palestinians (end of February – beginning of March 2008), all the Egyptian media, including the establishment media, joined forces to spread the false claim that Israel was carrying out a "holocaust" in the Gaza Strip.

6. Five categories of Egyptian anti-Semitic propaganda follow:

- i) Books
- ii) Cartoons
- iii) Newspaper articles
- iv) Television
- v) Internet

Books

Decrease in the amount of anti-Semitic literature at the 2008 Cairo international book fair

7. The 40th international Cairo book fair was held on January 23 – February 8, 2008. In previous years many anti-Semitic books published in Egypt were displayed, but this year there were fewer in the Egyptian booths. No new edition of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was published, there was less anti-Semitic material and it was less available to visitors than it had been in previous years. However, an edition of *The Protocols* issued in Syria by the **Al-Awael** publishing house was on display at the Syrian booth (See below).

8. Prominently represented were books about the history of the Jews in Egypt (memoirs, historical and cultural research). It would seem that the studies were not tainted by an anti-Semitic bias for which the Egyptian regime would be responsible and whose scope and visibility it is interested in reducing.

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion and books based on them

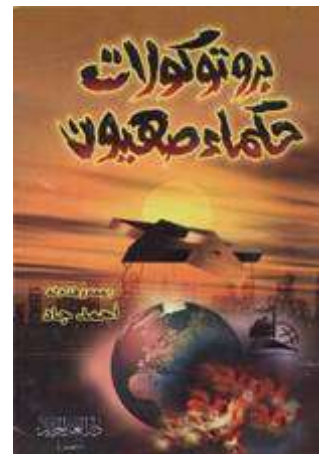
Overview

9. One of the most marketed and exported pieces of anti-Semitic propaganda issued in Egypt is *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Since 1951 many editions of *The Protocols*, accompanied by "scientific" commentaries, have been published and well received by readers in the Arab and Muslim world. Books recycling the myths of *The Protocols* are also issued, turning them into "facts."

10. In recent editions of *The Protocols* efforts have been made to make the lies and myths they contain "respectable" and "authentic." That is done by having well-known academics and clerics, often connected with famous educational institutions (such as Al-Azhar University) write the introductions. The technical quality of some of the editions is higher than in previous years and they are issued by large publishing houses, including the one publishing the respected establishment weekly Akhbar al-Youm.

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (2002 edition)

11. This 2002 edition was issued by **Dar al-Ghad al-Jadid** publisher in Mansura, located in northeastern Egypt. It was translated into Arabic and introduced by Ahmad Jad. The introduction, based on a combination of classic and Islamic anti-Semitism, claimed that all the deeds of the Jews throughout history (including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict) were implementations of the principles set down in *The Protocols*. It also claimed that the whole world was governed by those principles, "as if it had no will of its own," and that no protest was ever made.



The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (2003 edition)

12. This 2003 edition was a reworking called *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion and their Biblical and Talmudic Sources*. It was written by **Dr. Ahmad Hijazi al-Saqa** (professor of comparative religion at Al-Azhar University) and **Hisham Khidhr** (a newspaperman working for the Qatari paper Al-Sharq). When published, the introduction was attributed to **Ali Jumaa**, the Mufti of Egypt and professor of Islamic jurisprudence at Al-Azhar University. The book was distributed to the Muslim community in Great Britain, and in all likelihood to them in other countries as well.



11. On January 1, 2007, almost four years later, **Ali Jumaa** wrote an article which appeared in the popular Egyptian paper Al-Ahram's "Religious Contemplation" section (p. 13). He strenuously **denied** having written the introduction, calling *The Protocols* "rubbish, a baseless book." He said he was sending the publishers a letter from his lawyers demanding that the introduction be removed from the book and that it not be printed again without his permission.

12. 14. Insofar as we know, the letter is *sui generis* both in content and tone. Its importance lies in the unusual rejection of *The Protocols* in a popular Arabic-language newspaper by a figure of religious authority in Egypt and throughout the entire Sunni Muslim world. However, his article did not seem to make any particular impression and there was no follow-up in Egyptian politics or in the media.



Dr. Ali Jumaa, the Mufti of Egypt: he denies that he wrote the introduction to *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and calls it "rubbish, a baseless, book" (Al-Ahram, January 1, 2007).

The Jewish Peril, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (2003)

15. *The Jewish Peril* is the tenth edition of an old version of *The Protocols* first published in 1976. It was translated by **Muhammad Khalifa al-Tunisi** and the introduction was written by **Abbas Mahmoud al-Aqqad**. The book was issued by the **Dar Al-Turath** publishing house with a new front cover, replacing the old one which featured an octopus inside a Star of David.



16. *The Jewish Peril* is a popular version of *The Protocols* and has been marketed throughout the Arab and Muslim world for the past 30 years. Copies can be found in Judea and Samaria and it is quoted by the Palestinians. This was the edition displayed at the Manuscript Museum of the Library of Alexandria, opened in November 2003, next to Muslim and Christian holy books. It was removed after Israel and Western groups protested.

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (2003 edition)

17. This edition is entitled *The Full Version of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. It was written by **Dr. Ahmad Hijazi al-Saqa** and published by Maktabat Zahran in Cairo. Al-Saqa regards *The Protocols* as an authentic historical document which, he claims, reveals “the corruption of the Jews” and their “desire to take over the world.” The front cover shows the Jewish octopus whose arms encircle the world.



18. Page 3 of the publishers’ introduction reveals a combination *The Protocols*’ classic and Islamic anti-Semitism, referring to the Jews as “the descendents of apes and pigs.”²

The Protocols, the Jews and Zionism: an anti-Semitic book attacking The Protocols

19. *The Protocols, the Jews and Zionism* was written by **Dr. Abd al-Wahhab al-Masiri** and first issued by the Dar al-Shuruq publishing house in Cairo in January 2003, eventually going through three more editions.



20. The book is exceptional because it claims that *The Protocols* are fake and biased. However, it is not pro-Jewish, but rather anti-Zionist, claiming that the Zionist Movement fans the flames of Jewish hatred to increase their influence and to create terror and awe. It claims that *The Protocols* made the Arabs think Jews had great powers which in fact they do not have, and that false image hinders the Arabs’ ability to cope with Israel.

21. Despite its novel approach, the book is entirely anti-Semitic and preaches hatred for the Jews and the Zionist Movement. It equates Zionism with Nazism and the acts of the Nazis against the Jews with the acts of Israel against the Palestinians, and predicts the coming end of the State of Israel.

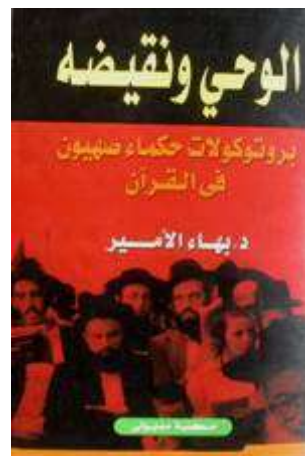
² The terminology comes from the Qur’an.

³ On July 24, 2006, **Muhammad al-Madbouly**, the owner of the publishing house, was interviewed on Al-Jazeera TV. He used the opportunity to vilify the Jewish people, calling them “connected to prostitution and moral and financial corruption” and saying that the world would be a better place without them.

A book based on *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (2006)

22. *Divine Inspiration and its Opposite: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, is based on *The Protocols*, was written by Dr. Bahaa' al-Amir and was issued by the Madbouly publishing house in Cairo,³ which is one of the largest in Egypt and usually issues books about society, religion and politics.

23. Side by side with the anti-Semitic myths in *The Protocols* the book presents the "truth" contained in the Qur'an. The book claims that the "truth" is presented in opposition to the corrupt ideology *The Protocols* spread, and according to the back cover, "*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are a plot for [world] corruption by the Jews, as opposed to the divine plan for its good..."



Holocaust denial and equating Zionism with Nazism

***Zionism, Nazism and the End of History* (2005)**



Abd al-Wahhab al-Masiri



24. *Zionism, Nazism and the End of History* was written by Dr. Abd al-Wahhab al-Masiri, an Egyptian scholar whose "fields of expertise" are Judaism and Zionism.⁴ It was published by

⁴ Al-Masiri has written many books. In 1999 he published an eight-volume anti-Semitic encyclopedia about Judaism which won the prize for the best book of the year at the Cairo book fair.

Dar Al-Shuruq publishers in four editions (the first in 1997, the fourth in 2005). The cover equates Judaism with Nazism.

25. The book compares and equates the actions of the Nazis against the Jews with Israel's actions against the Palestinians. It also makes an attempt to minimize the Holocaust and the number of Jewish victims, claiming that Zionism exploited the Holocaust to create a holocaust against the Palestinians. The introduction was written by **Muhammad Hassanein Heikal**, aide to former Egyptian president Nasser, and editor of Al-Ahram, Egypt's most widely-read newspaper. It praises the author, his great scholarship and determination of discover the truth.

The Semitic Sword: My Version of the Holocaust (2005)



Dr. Rifat Sayyid Ahmad



26. *The Semitic Sword: My Version of the Holocaust* by **Dr. Rifat Sayyid Ahmad**, a well-known Egyptian writer and journalist apparently of Palestinian extraction, was published in 2005 by Madbouly. The front cover shows a typical orthodox Jew examining a *lulav* (date frond) with a magnifying glass to ensure its integrity for use in the Succoth festival.

27. The book deals with Holocaust denial. According to page 7, "to the land of Palestine, its olive trees, its children against whom a cruel holocaust is being carried out which dwarfs the Holocaust the Nazis supposedly carried out against the Jews, [I dedicate] love and the promise of the struggle [for the sake of the Palestinians]." On pages 15-18 appears the text of an article written by the author for the Egyptian newspaper **Al-Liwa' Al-Islami** (See below), accompanied by the claims that the Jews extort funds from European countries,

enabling Israel to ignore international law and harm the Palestinians. The book also claims that there were no crematoria and that the Arabs and Muslims should fight to expose “**the lie of the crematoria.**”

The Jews and Zionists plot to take over the world

The Jewish Plot to Take Over the World and How to Deal with It (2005)

28. *The Jewish Plot to Take Over the World and How to Deal with It* was written by **Ahmed Tawfiq Anwar** and published by the Arabic Civilization Center. According to the back cover, it deals with “a study of the Jewish plots to take over the world, based on *The Protocols [of the Elders of Zion]* and on facts derived from Jewish religious thought and Jewish actions during various [historical] periods.” The book “looks for a model or system which will prepare interested nations in coping with the Zionist plot.”



29. The chapter “Dealing with the Jews’ plot to take over the world” accused the founders of the Rothschild bank in the late 18th century⁵ of updating *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* as part of the Jewish plot. The update is given in the book, which claims it was presented to the Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897.⁶ The book also claims that *The Protocols* are the constitution and the guidebook used by the Zionist Movement to achieve its objectives (pp. 123-158).

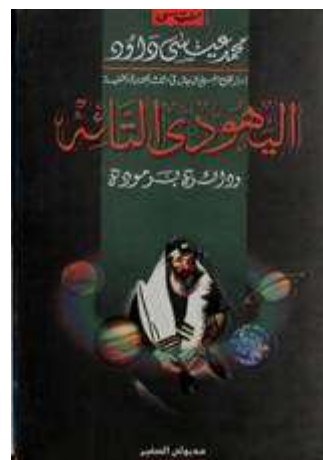
30. The book ends with advice on how to cope with world Judaism, which is the willingness to sacrifice themselves for Islam (pp. 237-253). Page 252 asks “Why should we wait and follow [events] from afar? If they [the Jews] receive help from Satan to carry out their plot, let us receive help from Allah to save mankind from the greatest germ which has ever attacked it throughout history...”

⁵ The bank was founded in 1811, the beginning of the 19th century.

⁶ Despite the author’s claims, *The Protocols* were written in their final form in 1930, six years after the Congress.

The Wandering Jew and the Bermuda [Triangle] Region (2005)

31. *Secrets of the Fortress of the Antichrist False Messiah in the Hidden Island Triangle, the Wandering Jew and the Bermuda [Triangle] Region* was written by **Muhammad Issa Daoud Muhammad** and published by Madbouly in 2005. Muhammad Issa Daoud Muhammad is the author of a number of popular anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli books, one of them, called *The Bomb*, deals with “scientific facts” which show that the Jews are descended from apes and pigs.

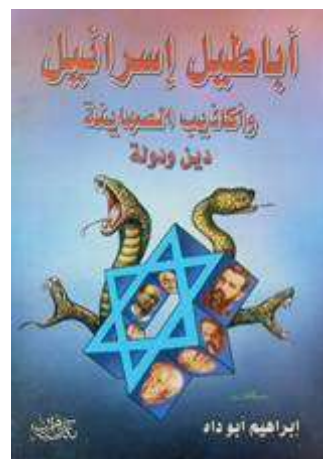


32. The book states that the Bermuda Triangle is home to the fortresses of the False Messiah who is, according to Islam, the Messiah of the Jews. It accuses Israel and the United States of having shot down Egyptian planes in the Bermuda Triangle in the 1990s, and that world media, controlled by the Zionists and Americans, whitewashed the story and put forth the Israeli-American version.

The corrupt Jewish character and Jewish plots

The Nonsense of Israel and the Lies of the Zionists: Religion and State (2003)

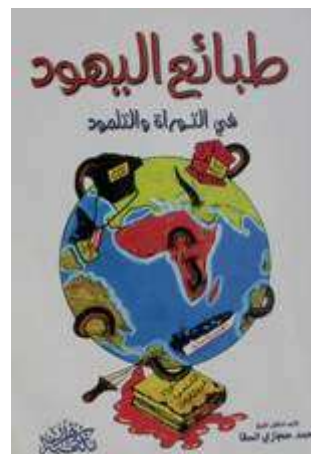
33. *The Nonsense of Israel and the Lies of the Zionists: Religion and State* was written by **Ibrahim Abu Dah**, director and editor-in-chief of the Egyptian weekly newspaper **Al-Siyasi al-Masri**, and published by the **Maktabat Zahran** publishers in Cairo in 2003.



34. The book ascribes negative characteristics to the Jews caused, it claims, by what they learn from their holy writings. It claims that “the Talmud teaches all Jews to steal from non-Jews because when Moses and the children of Israel left Egypt the Lord told them to rob the Egyptians and steal their gold and silver, as stated in Numbers [sic] in the Bible” (p. 29). According to the conclusion (pp. 141-145), Zionism leads to corruption, crime and genocide, all vouchsafed by the rabbis who exploit the Bible to support their ideology. It adds that the end of the State of Israel is certainly close at hand and that the Qur’an and Jewish holy writings hint at it.

The Jewish Character according to the Bible and Talmud (2005)

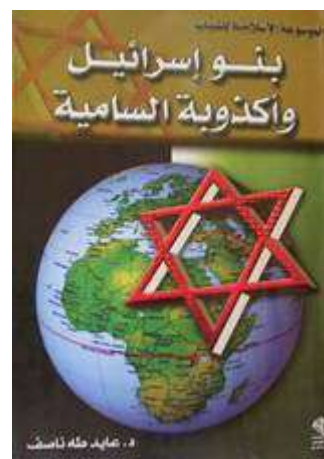
35. *The Jewish Character according to the Bible and Talmud* was written by sheikh **Ahmad Hijazi al-Saqa**, professor of comparative religion at Al-Azhar University and published by Maktabat Zahran in 2003. Al-Saqa has written many anti-Semitic books, at least three of which deal with *The Protocols*. On the book at the bottom of the page is the inscription "Torah, Talmud and *Protocols*."



36. The entire book is nothing more than a defamation of the Jewish people. It begins with the claim that "the Jews hate the Muslims and all people and nations because the Devil whispered to them that they are clever and smart while others are impure beasts" (p. 4). The Qur'an is quoted, as are verses from the Old Testament which are critical of the Jews. *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are also quoted to illustrate the baseness of the Jews and their ambitions to rule the world. The book says that *The Protocols* reflect the Old Testament and the Talmud (pp. 26-46). It also claims that almost all revolutions, upheavals and wars were caused by the Jews, following the instructions of their distorted Torah,⁷ i.e. the Talmud, and finally *The Protocols* (pp. 70-72).

The Children of Israel and the Semitic Lie (2005)

37. *The Children of Israel and the Semitic Lie* was written by Dr. Iyad Taha Nasef, PhD in political philosophy and the author of a number of anti-Semitic and anti-Western books. The book was published in Cairo in 2005. Page 10, under the heading "The anti-Semitic lie," notes that the Jews use anti-Semitism as a weapon "which directs the Zionist plots, whatever they please and wherever they please against people to realize their goals."



38. On pages 152-153 the book claims that the Jewish Scriptures relate to Adam and Eve, David, Solomon and Jesus [sic] as corrupt and sinners, which hints at their evil character. Pages 157-158 state that in the past the Jews were indeed God's chosen people, but they denied their religious principles and became corrupt, and are no longer the chosen. Pages 173-186, under the heading "The infidel

⁷ According to Islam, Jews distorted the original, genuine Torah they received.

⁸ Even when the Palestinian Authority under Abu Mazen produced the "Song of Peace," the Israeli appeared as a Jew in traditional Orthodox Jewish clothing.

character of the Jewish soul," note the Golden Calf as proof of Jewish corruption. The book states that the exile of the Jews resulted from their evil deeds.

39. Pages 231-272 deal with how the Jews have spread corruption around the world throughout history. The arguments rely on the Qur'an and its interpretations to lend religious authority to the defamation. The book claims that the Jews are arrogant, caused wars, abused the Muslims and spread promiscuity.

The Plot, Milestones in World Zionist Sabotage of the Palestinian People (2005).

40. *The Plot: Milestones in World Zionist Sabotage of the Palestinian People* was written by Dr. Zaghlul Ragheb Muhammad al-Najjar and the fifth edition was published in 2005. The book claims that during the past hundred years a conspiracy was formed against the Palestinian people, devised by the Jews and carried out by "the imperialistic forces headed by Britain, France, Italy and the United States..." Zionism, says the book, is a Jewish-Western project which seeks to establish a Jewish state from the Nile to the Euphrates, to serve "as a base for ruling the people of the world through what [the Jews] call 'the global government, as mentioned in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.'"



41. The book uses Islamic themes (such as the duty to wage jihad) to justify Palestinian violence against Israel. Many Qur'an verses hostile to the Jews are quoted, accompanied by anti-Semitic comments.

Debate over the American law against the spread of Anti-Semitic publications

Anti-Semitism between Ideology, Politics and Law (2007)

42. *Anti-Semitism between Ideology, Politics and Law* was written by **Dr. Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa**, formerly director of the Center for Political Studies and Research of the Cairo University's Department of Economics and Politics. It was published by Dar al-Islam publishers in Cairo in 2007.



43. The book is a summary of the conference held by the Center and sponsored by the Arab League in 2005 to discuss the ideological, political and legal ramifications of the American law passed in 2004 which imposed severe punishment on the spread of anti-Semitic material. The conference was attended by Egypt's most important scholars. The book's main claim is that **Muslims are not anti-Semitic, but rather anti-Israeli**. It also claimed that the American law manifested hatred for Arabs and Muslims, proved by the fact that an American report which monitored anti-Semitism in 2005 gave a central place to anti-Semitism in the Arab and Muslim world. The book stated that the Americans used the law as a way of controlling the Arab world and to justify Israel's "crimes" against the Palestinians.

44. **Dr. Abd al-Wahab al-Masiri**, who has the reputation of being an "expert" in Israeli and Jewish matters and who wrote many anti-Semitic books as noted, said that to understand the American law, it was necessary to understand the actions of the Americans in the Middle East and the reasons the United States was hostile to Islam and the Arabs. He claimed that the law was a means of enforcing America's control of the region. The United States, he said, operated in a hypocritical fashion to promote its political objectives in the Middle East: "resistance" became "terrorism," the "Arab-Israeli struggle" became "the cycle of violence," and verbal attacks against Israel and Zionism became "anti-Semitism."

Cartoons

Overview

45. Classic and Islamic anti-Semitism both make extensive use of cartoons and pictures to illustrate, spread and inculcate anti-Semitism. The themes are recycled according to changing political circumstances.

46. Cartoons are very influential in Egypt and the Arab world in general. They have an easily understood visual message which does not require much thought or effort, and do not have to be read, as do newspaper and magazine articles. The Arab regimes oversee the cartoons published and at the same time use them as a means of letting off steam and of diverting public opinion and criticism from internal social and political problems to external enemies: Israel, the Jewish people and the West, especially the United States.

47. Such cartoons tend to demonize Israel and the Jews by presenting them as caricatures worse than most of what appeared in *Der Stürmer*:⁸ traditional Orthodox black clothes, large noses, beards, side curls, and occasionally with additions such as horns, hoofs, a tail, a dog's or wolf's head, hairy body, hands dripping blood, etc. The snake and octopus, European anti-Semitic symbols, and Nazi symbols also often appear in anti-Semitic cartoons and drawings. Everything is done to represent the Jew as ugly, despicable and dangerous and to fan the flames of hatred for Israel and the Jews, and in that way to prepare the way to attack them (which did not prevent the Arab and Muslim countries from taking instant and violent offense to the Danish cartoons of the prophet Muhammad.)⁹

48. The most prominent Egyptian cartoonists whose work includes anti-Semitic themes are the following:

- i) **Ahmed Toughan**, head cartoonist for *Al-Gumhuriya* and one of Egypt's leading cartoonists. Born in 1926, he grew up in Cairo, and was a political columnist for *Ruz al-Yusuf*, *Akhbar al-Youm* and many other newspapers. After the officers' coup in 1952 he was one of the three founders of *Al-Gumhuriya*. He is also an editor of *The Ambassadors*, an online magazine published in Canada.



Ahmed Toughan

⁹ The Arab and Muslim world was very forthcoming with its criticism of the Danish cartoons. Al-Azhar University strongly condemned "the aggressive behavior of the Danish media and several European newspapers (*Al-Khaleej*, February 22, 2008). The ministry of endowments condemned them, asking "why insist on provoking Muslims who are known for their great religious zealousness?" and the Egyptian parliament condemned them as well (*Middle East News Agency*, February 23, 2008). On February 22 the imams in most of the mosques in Egypt devoted their sermons to the sermons which "offended the honor of the prophet Muhammad" (*Al-Ahram Al-Masa'i*, February 23, 2008).

ii) **Mustafa Hussein**, a leading Egyptian cartoonist, works for Al-Akhbar and Akhbar al-Youm (which is owned by Al-Akhbar). Since 2006 he has headed the General Union of Palestinian Artists in Egypt.



Mustafa Hussein

49. The following cartoons were printed between 2004-2007.

Equating Israeli Prime Ministers with Hitler



Hitler on his knees saluting former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, calling him "my teacher and guide" (Al-Rai, October 4, 2004).



Ariel Sharon and Hitler marching on skulls, a cartoon drawn by Ahmed Toughan (Al-Gumhuriya, October 4, 2004).



Equating Zionism with Nazism: the face of current Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert wearing a Hitler-like moustache (Al-Ahram al-Osboa, July 21, 2006).

The United States, the International Quartet and the UN as pawns of Israel, the Jews and Zionism



The United States gives an animal-faced Israeli soldier a box inscribed "weapons," saying "We will preserve Israel's military superiority so that you can fight terrorism," and the Israeli shoots the little Palestinian girl offering him an olive branch (Al-Ahali, Egypt, April 21, 2007).



The inscription reads "America helps Israel destroy Lebanon" (Al-Gumhuriya, August 9, 2006).



The headline reads "Tearing Iraq Apart," and the inscription on the blackboard, "Jewish conspiracy" (Cartoon drawn by Ahmed Toughan, Al-Gumhuriya, October 21, 2007).



The numbers refer to UN resolutions which, according to the cartoonist, serve only Jewish interests. The Jew is carrying an axe dripping blood. (Al-Ahram al-Osboa, November 10-16, 2005)



Jewish dreams of world conquest: the upper inscription reads "A new Middle East" and the lower, "The old dream" (Ahmed Toughan, Al-Gumhuriya, September 23, 2006).



The bottles hold Iraqi blood (left) and Palestinian blood (right). America says to Israel, "Let me taste yours and you can taste mine!" (Al-Gumhuriya, July 11, 2006).



The United States and Israel plotting a Palestinian civil war (Al-Ahram Al-Osboa, May 19-25, 2005).



Whipping the International Quartet, with "Zionism" on the stomach. The document is entitled "The Quartet's Manifesto" (Ahmed Toughan, Al-Gumhuriya, June 3, 2007).

Demonizing Israel, the Israeli prime minister and the Jews



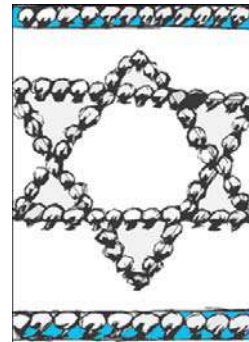
The inscription reads "After the World Cup." The two Jews are arguing over who has killed the most people. The speech bubbles say, "I'm in first place, you're in second place." (Al-Gumhuriya, July 12, 2006).



The inscription reads "Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip and West Bank," a threat to world peace (Al-Gumhuriya, July 10, 2006).



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert with blood on his hands under the caption "Israeli crimes against Lebanese civilians." Olmert is saying, "I am also brave...and we are all equally good...[referring to previous Israeli prime ministers]" (Mustafa Hussein for Al-Akhbar, July 19, 2006).



The Israeli flag composed of human skulls (Al-Ahram Al-Osboa, July 14, 2006).



The inscription reads "Rabbis authorize the killing of Lebanese women and children" (Saad al-Din Shahata for Al-Ahram, August 13 2006).

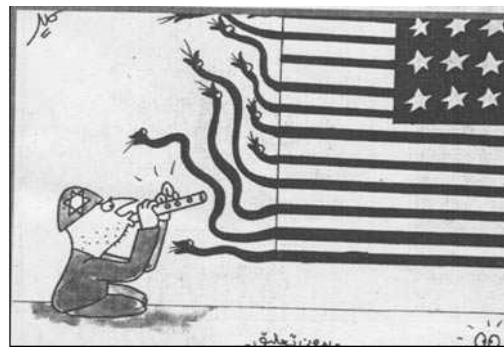


The Jew at the right is labeled "Zionism" and the inscription on the Israeli flag reads "Racism." Wrapped in either an Israeli flag or a prayer shawl is a monster labeled "Israeli democracy" (Ahmed Toughan for Al-Gumhuriya, April 23, 2007).

The Jew as snake



The mouse-eating Israeli snake says, "What are they arguing about in my stomach? One mouse is Hamas and the other is Fatah" (Mustafa Hussein for Akhbar al-Youm, June 20, 2007).



Israel piping to the American snakes (Al-Arabi, October 3, 2004).

Newspaper Articles

Overview

50. Anti-Semitic articles appear in both the establishment and opposition Egyptian newspapers. Sometimes anti-Semitism appears combined with strong anti-Israeli and anti-Zionist material, usually in the context of developments in Israeli-Palestinian relations or in the Israeli-Arab conflict in general. Sometimes there is no particular context, but there is nevertheless a great deal of anti-Semitism in the Egyptian media.

Holocaust denial or minimization following the escalation in the Gaza Strip (February 27-March 3, 2008)

51. After the mass-casualty attack at the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem on March 6, 2008, articles appeared in the Egyptian press justifying and occasionally connecting it to the "holocaust" Palestinians claimed Israel was carrying out against them in the Gaza Strip. The following are examples from the establishment papers *Al-Gumhuriya* and *Al-Ahram*:

i) An editorial in **Al-Gumhuriya** (March 8, 2008) stated that "...the action in West Jerusalem proved that every holocaust comes to an end. The end of the Nazi Holocaust was [the Nazis] destruction, the end of the holocaust in Gaza will be the destruction of the occupation forces and the flag of freedom flying over the land of Palestine..."

ii) An editorial in **Al-Gumhuriya** (March 9, 2008) stated that "...the action carried out in West Jerusalem was the immediate, natural reaction to the holocaust (*mahraqah* in the original Arabic) ignited by Israel in the Gaza Strip. Additional *fida'i* [i.e., "self-sacrifice," that is to say, terrorist] actions cannot be prevented as long as the holocaust claims the lives of Palestinian women and children..."

iii) An article in **Al-Ahram** (March 6, 2008) written by **Salameh Ahmed Eid** stated that Israel had proved it was capable of using the most modern methods of mass destruction, methods it had been exposed to in the past by the Nazis. The Israeli air strikes, it said, were indiscriminate and hit civilian regions in the Gaza Strip, and were no different from the Holocaust. It called upon Fatah and Hamas to join ranks to "end the crimes of the [Israeli] holocaust" against the Palestinians.

52. In *Al-Gumhuriya*'s March 8, 2008 editorial section a column written by **Dr. Lutfi Nasser** appeared. It claimed that Israel had announced through Deputy Minister of Defense Matan Vilnai that it was about to carry out a holocaust in the Gaza Strip (a distortion of Vilnai's remarks¹⁰). The columnist also said that "...I tried insofar as was possible not to watch television so as not to have to see the shocking pictures of the bodies of the victims of the [Israeli] holocaust." He further noted that "the greatest of the neutral European historians proved [sic] that the [Jewish] Holocaust was a myth that never really occurred..." and that "while the Nazi Holocaust did not leave indisputable traces which prove what happened the

¹⁰ Deputy Defense Minister Matan Vilnai said that as more rockets were fired, the Palestinians were bringing a greater disaster (*shoah* in Hebrew, which means disaster or catastrophe and is used to refer to the Holocaust of the Jewish people during the Second World War) on themselves because Israel would use all possible force against them (Galey Tzahal, the IDF radio station, February 29, 2008).

Israeli holocaust in the Gaza Strip has left us the remains of hundreds of dead men, women and children..."

Further examples of anti-Semitic articles in the Egyptian press

Al-Ahram (2008)

53. On February 2, 2008, Al-Ahram printed an anti-Semitic article prompted by the Israeli-Palestinian confrontation in the Gaza Strip. It was written by **Morsi Atallah**, the editor of Al-Ahram Al-Masai, who stated that the mentality of elite guard ruling Israel is close to that of the stereotype Jewish money lender, whose top priority is exploiting circumstances, extortion, the use of a terminology of force and coercion, the evasion of negotiation to drive a bargain..."

Al-Gumhuriya (2008)

54. On January 21, 2008, Al-Gumhuriya printed an editorial condemning the UN Security Council for not taking a stand on the events in the Gaza Strip, "which are worse than the slaughter of the Nazis." The editorial was prompted by the IDF's counterterrorist activities in the Gaza Strip and Israel's closing of the crossings following Hamas's rocket attacks.

Al-Akhbar (2007)

55. On January 28, 2007 **Ibrahim Saadeh** wrote that "the Jews know how to exploit the catastrophes visited upon them for their own benefit. They filled, and are still filling, the world with crying over their victims, six million according to their claims."

Al-Ahram (2007)

56. On November 14, 2007, an article by **Salah al-Din Hafez** was printed, according to which the Jews persecuted the Arabs claiming that they were anti-Semitic, when in fact they were anti-Israeli and not anti-Semitic. He said that he himself had come across such accusations, and in 2005 wrote that "the Holocaust [was an event] in which Jews were attacked, as were Gypsies and some Muslims, but the exaggerated number of victims, which is close to six million, is misleading and a deception, since exaggerating the tragedy necessarily leads to an increase in the amount of reparations and fortifying the international sense of solidarity with the Jews -- the victims!"

Al-Ahram (2006)

57. On September 13, 2006, an article by **Ahmed Abd al-Muati Hijazi** was printed, which stated that “the war waged by Hitler against the Jews is an excuse the Zionists used to take over Palestine,” and that “the Jews, who fled oppression, oppress the Palestinians...and thus the former victims of the Nazis have become the new Nazis...”

Al-Ahram (2006)

58. On August 7, 2006 **Ali Jumaa, the Mufti of Egypt**, prompted by the second Lebanon war wrote that the “ugly face of the blood-sucking Hebrew entity” had been revealed. He wrote in support of the “Lebanese resistance” (i.e., Hezbollah) and mentioned a book called *The Treasure Hidden in the Principles of the Talmud*, which claimed that the Jews prepared Passover matzos from human blood.¹¹ He is the same Ali Jumaa who denied writing an introduction to *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Al-Gumhuriya (2006)

59. On June 12, 2006, **Saleh Ibrahim** wrote that “the Jewish leaders succeeded in inventing the Holocaust and claimed that the Jews were slaughtered on the orders given by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi leaders in Germany and Eastern Europe.” He later claims that the Jews exploited the Holocaust to establish the State of Israel.

Al-Ahram Al-Masai (2005)

60. On April 19, 2005, a series of articles by **Morsi Atallah** was printed under the title “A necessary return to the roots of the conflict.” He claimed that the establishment of a Jewish state in Arab Palestine relied on lies and ambitions anchored in the Bible and Talmud. He said that “world Jewry” had managed to instill a guilt complex and plague the conscience of the Arab countries, which had adopted the “claims and lies of Israel and world Jewry about the number of Jews killed by Nazi Germany.”

61. Atallah also claimed that “Israel and world Zionism work to arouse bitterness and hatred for the Arabs and Muslims and to damage their image. [Israel] focuses on disseminating three ideas to establish an anti-Arab bias in the Western countries. They are that the persecuted Jews want to live in peace in the homeland of their ancestors, the idea of the failed, aggressive and terrorist Arab, and the ambition to fan the flames of anti-Arabism by gaining control of the international media.

¹¹ The book is a combination of two books translated by Dr. Yusef Hanna Nasrallah in 1899: *Der Talmudjude*, by August Rohling, published 1871, and a history of Syria edited in 1840 by Ashil Lorain.

Al-Masai (2005)

62. On December 12, 2005, **Hashem Abd al-Raouf**, who regularly writes a column for Al-Masai, wrote an anti-Semitic piece claiming that during the Second World War no acts of slaughter were committed against the Jews and that the gas chambers were used to fumigate clothing. It also claimed that the Jewish Holocaust is a serious lie exploited by the Jews to extort world solidarity, and defended Iranian president Ahmadinejad for bringing the lie to light.

63. Following the publication of the column, apparently after protests lodged by Israel and the United States, high-level members of the Egyptian government called upon journalists and cartoonists to avoid anti-Semitic material. However, they claimed that the expressions of anti-Semitism in the Egyptian media were a response to the actions of Israel against the Palestinians, and “not the result of anti-Semitism with historical roots.”

Al-Liwa' Al-Islami (2004)

64. On July 24, 2004 **Dr. Rifat al-Sayyid Ahmed**, a well-known writer and journalist and a regular contributor, published an anti-Semitic column entitled “The lie about burning Jews.” It claimed that the destruction of the Jews in crematoria during the Second World War was a story invented by the Zionist Movement to extort money from the West and enable the establishment of the Zionist project. “[The lie] was [also] told so that [the Jews] would receive financial, technological and economic aid from the West.” According to the column, Hitler did not act against the Jews but “against all nations not purely German, Jews and non-Jews alike.”



Dr. Rifat al-Sayyid Ahmed

65. Following the publication of the column pressure was exerted on the Egypt government by the American administration. As a result, the Al-Liwa' Al-Islami's editor in chief, **Muhammad al-Zurqani**, was fired, and **Dr. Rifat al-Sayyid Ahmed**¹² had no choice but to write an apology, stating that the Egyptian people identified with the suffering caused to the Jews. In the wake of the affair Dr. Ahmed wrote a book called *The Semitic Sword, My Experience [literally Story] with the Holocaust Lie*. It was published in 2005 by Madbouly and again recounts the claims that the Jews extort money from the European countries based on the “lie of the crematoria.”

¹² http://www.gam3aonline.com/art_read_n.asp?id=3327 (Arabic)

Television

66. Manifestations of anti-Semitism occasionally appear on Egyptian television. However, as far as we have been able to ascertain, no crudely anti-Semitic movies (such as “Knight without a Horse,”¹³ which was broadcast during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan in 2002) have been produced in recent years. The following examples are courtesy of MEMRI:



Muhammad al-Buheiry

67. On February 25, 2007, the satellite channel Nile Culture TV hosted **Muhammad al-Buheiry**, the political editor of the government newspaper Al-Qahira [Cairo], who is considered an “expert” on Israeli affairs and who writes extensively about them. He claimed that the Jews still prepared matzos with the blood of Christian children who had been viciously murdered.¹⁴



Sheikh Muhammad Sharif al-Din

69. On November 2, 2005, **Nile Culture TV** broadcast a program about the history of Israel which claimed that the Jews exaggerated the Holocaust to extort money and that they were still doing it. It also claimed that there was no documentation relating to the existence of crematoria during the Holocaust beyond the claims of the Zionists. Egyptian columnist **Muhammad al-Qadussi** was interviewed for the program, and said that “the Jews spread the lie of the gas chambers” and that an engineer named Fred Leuchter¹⁵ “proved” that six million Jews could not be burned in a space of five years, but that it would have taken 180 years.



Muhammad al-Qadussi

¹³ <http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=ia&ID=IA10902>.

¹⁴ <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1393.htm>

¹⁵ An American execution technician who testified in defense of a Holocaust denier.

Internet

Overview

70. The free, uncensored Internet is the main medium for spreading anti-Semitism across the globe: Egyptian individuals and groups use the Internet to spread anti-Semitism throughout the Arab and Muslim world. It is used in three main ways:

- i) Most Egyptian newspapers (including **Al-Ahram**, **Al-Gumhuriya** and **Al-Akhbar**) also have Websites, where their anti-Semitic material appears. Some sites also feature an online archive from where material months and even years old can be retrieved.
- ii) Some of the publishers issuing anti-Semitic material also have Websites through which it is possible to purchase their books. For example,



A link from the Egyptian Dar al-Shuruq home page advertising the anti-Semitic book by Abd al-Wahab al-Masiri, *Zionism, Nazism and the End of History*. The site also advertises *The Protocols*, *Jews and Zionism*.

"Divine inspiration and its opposite,
The Protocols of the Elders of Zion in
the Qur'an."



The homepage of Madbouly publishers.

iii) Some of the anti-Semitic Egyptian authors have their own Websites, such as **Dr. Zaghul Ragheb Mohammed al-Najjar**. He uses his site to spread anti-Semitic (and anti-American) propaganda and to preach violence. The site sells his books, video cassettes and CDs.

Syria

Overview

1. Syrian president Bashar Assad's regime customarily proclaims its desire for peace with Israel as a strategic option and repeatedly offers to renew negotiations with Israel. At the same time, the regime makes no effort to prepare Syrian public opinion for peaceful coexistence and normal relations with Israel, and allows and even encourages strong anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic incitement.

2. Anti-Israeli incitement is a permanent feature of the Syrian media, conspicuous for its clearly anti-Semitic themes. They frequently appear in the newspapers, on television and in the many anti-Semitic books published, including *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The Syrian media are all closely monitored by the regime.¹⁶ Thus anti-Semitism is part of the regime's information policy and anti-Semitic materials are issued with the regime's authorization.

3. Some of the authors of anti-Semitic books hold academic degrees and the contents of their books are represented as "scientific studies." Sometimes high-level members of the regime are involved. For example, former Syrian defense minister **Mustafa Talas** wrote a book recycling the blood libel, which is a best-seller to this day.

4. Syria's anti-Semitic material is marketed to the Arab and Muslim world through the Websites of publishing houses and newspapers, and books are exported directly to international book fairs. For example, *The Protocols* issued by the Syrian publishing house **Al-Awael** (which often issues anti-Semitic books) were exhibited at the international book fairs in Doha, Qatar, in December 2005, and Cairo (January 23-February 7, 2008).

5. Five categories of Syrian anti-Semitic propaganda follow:

- i) Statements by Syrian president Bashar Assad
- ii) Books
- iii) Cartoons
- iv) Newspaper columns
- v) Television

¹⁶ The Syrian regime is more involved in monitoring and controlling the media than other Arab countries such as Egypt and Lebanon.

Statements made by Syrian president Bashar Assad

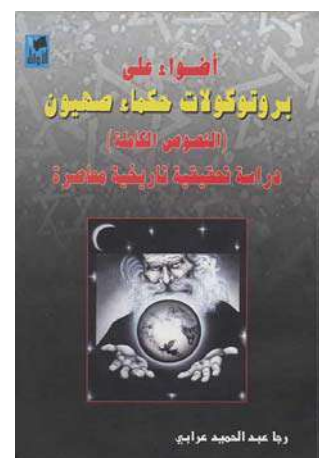
6. Assad's anti-Israeli statements are often interlaced with anti-Semitism, although not at the same level as those of Iranian president Ahmadinejad. When the Pope visited Damascus the year following Assad's assuming control of the regime, Assad told him that "[the Israelis and Jews] try to understand the principles of monotheism according to the same mentality they used in trying to kill the prophet Muhammad" (Radio Damascus, May 5, 2001).

7. On March 28, 2006, in an interview with public television (PBS) in the United States, Assad attempted to minimize the Holocaust thus joining Ahmadinejad's Holocaust denial campaign. He did not deny that the Jews had been slaughtered during the Second World War, but added that he did not know whether they had been shot or gassed. How it was done, he said, was not important, the important point was that the same thing was happening in Palestine. When asked to relate to Ahmadinejad's statements denying the Holocaust, he responded saying "There are different ways of looking at it in our region," adding that "the number doesn't matter, six million or one million. How many Soviets were killed? Eight million? The problem is not how many were killed, but why the Palestinians have to pay the price for the Holocaust."

Books

Spotlight on The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (full text) – An edited, historical, modern study (2005 and 2006 editions)

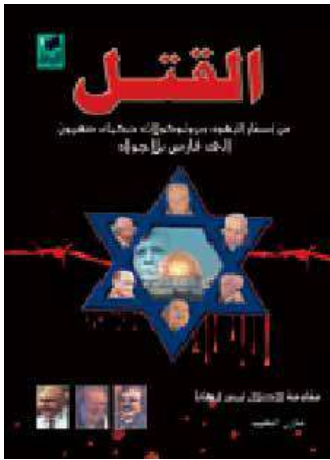
8. This is a new Syrian edition of *The Protocols*, written by **Raja Abd al-Hamid Urabi**, issued in 2005 by Al-Awael publishers, with a second edition in 2006. The book has the official authorization of the Syrian ministry of information, issued 2004.¹⁷



¹⁷ For further information and a full analysis of the book see our February 28, 2005 Bulletin entitled "A new Syrian edition of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (2005) featured at the Cairo International Book Fair and exhibited with other Syrian-published anti-Semitic books" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/3_05/prot_sy_e.htm.

The Al-Awael publishing house

Al-Awael is a Syrian publishing house based in Damascus which specializes in anti-Semitic material. Books can be ordered through its Website at www.daralawael.com. In 2006 it issued a new edition of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and in 2004 a book entitled *Murder – From the [Holy] Books of the Jews and The Protocols of the Elders of Zion to [the anti-Semitic television series] “Knight without a Horse.”*



Left: The front cover of *Murder*. Right: Internet site of the Al-Awael publishing house carrying an advertisement for the 2006 edition of *The Protocols* (end of January 2008).

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion (2004)

12. This edition of *The Protocols* was published in Damascus by the Raslan Alaa al-Din institution and edited by its research committee, which was supposed to lend an air of “respectability” and “scholarship” to its myths and lies.

13. The book contains an introduction claiming that *The Protocols* were created by “the Elders of Zion” to take over the world. It then continues in the spirit of classic anti-Semitism, raising a series of absurd “accusations” against the Jews using *The Protocols* for support, for example, their striving to control the world’s



communications media, harming non-Jews, harming the wealthy, treachery, encouraging addiction to alcohol, having faith in force rather than justice, corrupting the non-Jewish world, responsibility for starting the First and Second World Wars, etc.

14. According to the blurb on the back cover, " It might seem that these *Protocols* are the product of a diseased imagination, but in fact they are not imaginary at all. They are fact, and every word contained herein has been scrupulously researched. Their principles were applied and are still being applied by the world Zionist Movement and that is why they must be studied, understood and analyzed. This book rips away the mask on the [true] face of the world Zionist Movement, which seeks world domination through deceit and fraud. According to a famous saying, 'know your enemy if you want to overcome him.' Thus, if we want to know our enemy, the enemy of all cultured people who believe in good and shun evil, we must read and understand these *Protocols*."¹⁸

The Borders of the [Jewish-Arab] Conflict [Are] Historical: The Secrets of the Arab-Jewish, Zionist Israeli Conflict (2005)

15. The objective of the book is to show that the Jewish character is negative and evil, based on "proof" allegedly taken from the Bible and Talmud. It was written by **Muwaffaq Sadeq al-Attar** and published by Al-Awael. It presents texts which claim to expose the Jews' "racism," evil nature and "the hidden Jewish desire for killing and hostility" (from the introduction [p. 23] and the blurb on the back cover).



16. As is customary in anti-Semitic books, the Jews are accused of wanting to take over the world. They use, says the book, the motion picture industry, where they enjoy hegemony. The author does not regard himself as anti-Semitic, quite the opposite, he claims, since anti-Semitism is "a Jewish weapon" used to slander their enemies.

17. The book represents the Jews as pagans, claiming that the Jews lend human characteristics to their God, who is represented in Judaism as a sinner who changes his mind. That shows that the Jews do not really believe in God's omnipotence (p. 24). Pages 291-292 are devoted to *The Protocols*, which the book notes were not written by the Jews, but claims

¹⁸ For further information see our April 20, 2005 Bulletin entitled "Bashar Assad's Syria: A focus of continued incitement to venomous anti-Semitism" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_05/bashar.htm.

that the ways the "Zionists in Palestine" operate are not far from the methods described in *The Protocols*.

18. **Muaffaq Sadeq al-Attar** was born in Damascus in 1931. He is an economist who held high-level positions in the Syrian government and has been based in the United States since 1989. Al-Attar has written a number of books about the fundamentalism of the three monotheistic faiths and about the Arab-Israeli conflict.¹⁹

Qur'an Signs about the Struggle with the Jews (2004)

19. *Qur'an Signs* is an anti-Semitic book which uses both the Qur'an and *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* to spread hatred for the Jews, accusing them of wanting to control the world. It was written by **Dr. Mustafa Muslim** and published by Dar al-Qalam in Damascus.

20. In the introduction (p. 5) the Jews are accused of taking over the world in the spirit of *The Protocols*: "The struggle waged by the Arabs against the Jews has seen enormous developments, the most important of which is that the hegemony of the Jews over the global economy has grown...as has their control of world politics, through globalization...leading to the cancellation of the UN's role... All that is left is to make an official announcement of the establishment of a world-wide Jewish government and to expose its agents who carry out its policies behind the scenes. There is an additional aspect..., to destroy Al-Aqsa mosque and erect Solomon's Temple in its place..."



21. Pages 21-22 refer to the intentions of the Jews to take over the world through the Freemasons (a reappearing theme in anti-Semitic literature). Page 166 asks "Can we expect to see a series of people spreading like an Israeli snake, its tail in Jerusalem and [winding its coils] around all the world capitals until it returns to Jerusalem to tighten the knot, and then Israel will control all the countries of the world by virtue of its chain of people?" Pages 183-193 accuse the Jews of responsibility for the outbreak of both World Wars.²⁰ In addition, **the Jews are accused of planning the Third World War** and of regarding other peoples as their servants.

¹⁹ Biographical details taken from p. 391 of the abovementioned book.

²⁰ The accusation that the Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world, all the abominations and all the violence (including the events of September 11, 2001) is a common anti-Semitic theme. See for example Article 22 of the Hamas Charter, a document rife with anti-Semitism, at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/hamas_charter.pdf, page 27.

22. The author, **Dr. Mustafa Muslim**, lives in Dubai. He is described as an “expert” in Muslim religious law and specializes in Qur’an interpretation. He is a member of the faculty of the UAE’s Sharjah University, and participates in cable television programs. Remarks he has made on such programs are clearly anti-Semitic. He has written a number of books about Qur’an interpretation which were published by Dar al-Qalam.



Dr. Mustafa Muslim: An anti-Semite who combines anti-Semitism gleaned from *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* with Arab-Muslim anti-Semitism disguised as academic research.

Allah or Jehovah? Who is the God of the Jews? (2003)



23. The book was written by a Syrian historian named **Abd al-Majid Hamo**, and the first edition was printed by Al-Awael in 2003. Its objective is to cast doubt on Judaism’s monotheism, based on “proof” taken from the Torah and to represent the Jews as non-monotheistic infidels, which justifies Islam’s holy war against them.

24. The introduction (pp. 11-12) notes that his teachers told him that Judaism was the first monotheistic religion, and that it was followed by Christianity and Islam. The book, says the introduction, aims to prove that Judaism is not monotheistic. According to page 12, “My reading has shown me,” says the author, “that the Jews do not recognize Allah and never worshipped him. When they translate ‘Jehovah’ as ‘Allah’ [i.e., God], they do so to cheat and

deceive, to represent themselves as monotheists and worshippers of Allah [i.e., God].” According to the back cover, “Jehovah is the god of the Jews. Where did He come from? What is He like? The God of the Torah lies, speaks the truth, kills, has mercy, repents, is sorry, tires, rests, is not omnipotent and fathers children. [Thus the question must be asked,] are the Jews monotheistic?”

25. The book frequently accuses the Jews of polytheism, because sometimes God is called God, sometimes Tamuz, sometimes Jehovah. The book claims that Jehovah has a tribal nature, which leads it to the conclusion that the Jews are not monotheistic, and sums up by saying that the Jews used the name “God” for Jehovah but that it was not true: “Jehovah is a God of hatred, fear and blood, pleased by scenes of slaughter and perfuming himself with the smell of blood” (p. 128).

26. Abd Al-Majid Hamo was a Syrian poet, historian and researcher. He was born in Aleppo in 1940 and died (apparently murdered) in November 2001. His many anti-Semitic books are based on lies and distortions, and continue to be printed by the Syrian regime.

Concepts of the Talmud: The Jewish View of the World **(2003)**

27. ***Concepts of the Talmud*** was also written by Abd al-Majid Hamo. It is an anti-Semitic book based on *The Protocols* wrapped in the cloak of academic research. It seeks to “prove” that the Jews are the source of evil in the world. The book’s dedication (p. 11) is to “the world’s persecuted and oppressed,” the source of whose troubles is the Zionists, whom he calls “haters of mankind and the destroyers of its ideals and values.”



28. The introduction noted that the author attempted to study the Talmud “and carry out comprehensive research in which I will warn the world of the evil of the Jews; it is not enough for them to occupy Palestine, our dear heart, our main artery, the first direction in which we pray, the place where the Messiah [Jesus] was born and the place from which our Arab messenger [Muhammad] rose to heaven. It is not enough for them to occupy our lands from the Euphrates to the Nile, as they inscribe on the doors of their houses, it is not enough for them to suck mankind’s blood and rob it of its treasures, they also want to destroy everything on earth to remain alone with all the world’s treasures...”

29. Page 47 quotes a book by **Razouq Ass'ad** called *The Talmud and Zionism* (printed in 1970), which says "the time has come [1966] for Arabs to know that the Elders of Zion rely on the Talmud, turn to it [for guidance], are supported by it, its spirit is behind *The Protocols*, according to which they make their decisions." Page 191 notes that in keeping with the Talmud, "the Jews must kill according to their ability those who are not Jews and to steal their property in every possible way...[In keeping with the Talmud,] those who are not Jews are dogs and pigs, and their seed is like that of animals." Under "Final Word" the book states that "we have traveled through the regions of the Talmud and [now] know how [the Jews'] cunning, slyness, hatred and deceit were created and what they developed into...We hope that mankind will be aware [of the true nature] of the Jews, their hatred [for mankind] and their cruel and destructive view of mankind... We hope that Christianity, which the Jews dragged into submission and humiliation, will awake. We hope that the Muslims will awake after Judaism convinced them that it was the first monotheistic religion."

The Triangle of Blood, Sharon: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow **(2003)**

30. *The Triangle of Blood, Sharon: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* was written by **Dr. Jamal Al-Badri** and published by Al-Awael. It demonizes the Jews by using the figure of former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as the focus of the anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic spirit current in the Arab world. The author found references to Sharon in books, newspaper articles, television programs and cartoons.²¹ The title is written in letters "dripping blood." Dr. al-Badri has written a number of books about Judaism and Qur'an interpretation.



31. Ariel Sharon's "biography" appears on pages 27-32. He is described as cruel, a slaughterer of the Palestinian aged, women and children and as someone who does not accept the authority of those to whom he is responsible, and he clearly symbolizes the entire Jewish people. The book refers to him as "the Messiah of the Jews," whose actions are a reflection of the hallmarks of Jewish society. Page 52 refers to him as "rebellious and a poisonous snake."

32. Page 59, the last page, states (without a reference) that "his wife, Lili, said 'Ariel you are the [Prime] Minister, the prince, Caesar, you are all of them together!' and he answered,

²¹ For examples of the demonization of Ariel Sharon see pp. 31-32 of our Bulletin, "Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_04/as_hp.htm.

saying, "I am the triangle of blood, my dear Lili: yesterday, today and tomorrow." The book intends to demonize former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and through him the entire Jewish people.

The Jewish Woman between the Scandals of the Torah and the Control of the Rabbis (2002, third edition)



The front cover

33. The following farce appears on the back cover:

"This book [reveals]

How the Jewess Poppaea prepared the way for Nero to burn Rome and how her mother killed her,

How Shulamit danced naked before Herod and how in return John the Baptist was beheaded,

How Esther seduced Ahasuerus and how in return he let the Jews kill more than half the residents of the kingdom...,

How Roxalana rose from seamstress to official wife of the Ottoman sultan Suleiman, and has since been a part of Turkish history,

How Netanyahu threatened to burn Washington if Clinton pressured Israel into a peace process, and how after that Monika's dress became known, which bore traces of....

[All of the above are] pages from the distorted history of the Jews and the sub-human regard for women.

Object... means... plaything... pawn... abomination... craftiness... seduction... drugs... prostitution... that is the Jewish woman [in the eyes of the Jewish man]

This study clarifies and makes public how the Jewish rabbis turned Jewish women into pawns who do as their masters say from the beginning of Judaism to the present day.

34. The book represents the Jewish woman as a prostitute, seductress, corrupt and willing to use any and all means to get what she wants, lacking values, and by implication, the complete opposite of the modest Arab woman. Jewish women are represented as in the front line of Jewish corruption and subversion.²² The book surveys Jewish women, beginning with Esther, who seduced Ahasuerus to save the Jews, and ends with female agents [allegedly] sent by the Mossad. Throughout, the Jews are called “sons of snakes,” “evil,” “murderers of the prophets,” “a cursed people” and “money worshippers.”



Dib Ali Hassan

35. The book was written by **Dib Ali Hassan**, a journalist who writes a daily column for the official Syrian newspaper Al-Thawra, and was published by Al-Awael. The book, which is represented as having been “researched,” portrays the Jewish woman as spearheading the Jewish effort to carry out their corrupt aspirations. In fact, the author invented a series of stories and represented them as historical fact.

Day of Anger: Did It Begin in the Rajab [the 7th month of the Muslim calendar] Intifada? Interpretation of the prophecies of the Torah regarding the end of the State of Israel (2001?)

36. *Day of Anger* was written by sheikh **Safar Abd al-Rahman al-Hawali** and published by Dar Ghar Haraa, apparently in 2001. It presents “prophetic facts” from the Torah which testify to the end of the State of Israel within the context of the current Israeli-Palestinian confrontation. The cover shows a Star of David being broken.



37. According to the introduction, the book is meant to show how to respond to the sworn enemy of mankind, i.e., “Zionism, in its fundamentalist Jewish and Christian form.” The book contains incitement against both Christians and Jews. According to page 15, “Christian Zionism is the most dangerous movement of our times to the human race! With regard to its Satanic faith and plots, it rests on realizing the prophecy for the existence of the State of Israel.” Page 84 states that “Zionism has two faces: one Jewish and the other Christian.”

²² The figure of the Jewish woman as whore and corrupt often appears in Arabic movies, literature and media. See below, Lebanon, the review of *The Holy Prostitutes*, published in Beirut in 2005.

38. Chapter Five (pp. 39-46) is entitled "The Jews are [the same] Jews," and uses Islamic religious claims as the source of its vicious anti-Semitic attack: "The Jews are [the same] Jews [they always were], from the time they worshipped the [Golden] Calf... they are the killers of prophets, prevent justice [from being carried out], do not carry out [the basic Islamic command] to do good and prevent evil, have been cursed by David and Jesus the son of Miriam, and [Allah] turned them into monkeys and pigs."²³ Pages 84-85 return to familiar anti-Semitic myths: "The Jews in general and the Zionists in particular spread atheism and corruption throughout the world. They produce the greatest number of heretical ideas..."

39. **Dar Ghar Haraa** publishers, which is located in Damascus, has issued other anti-Semitic books, among them *The Canaanites and the False Torah* and *Is Judaism a Divine Religion?* (both written by the afore-mentioned anti-Semitic Syrian historian **Abd al-Majid Hamo**). It has a Website through which books can be ordered about Islam and anti-Semitism.

40. *Day of Anger* can be downloaded in its entirety from the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades Website (www.alqassam.ws), showing that Hamas identifies with the contents of the book and is interested to bring it to the attention of the Palestinian population.

The Matzo of Zion: a best seller for three decades

41. *The Matzo of Zion* was first published in 1986. In great detail, it recounts the Damascus blood libel of 1840.²⁴ The book was written by **Mustafa Talas**, who was Syrian defense minister and a confidant of the late Syrian president Hafez Assad. The introduction notes the contemporary political implications which he feels the blood libel has: because, he says, the Jewish religion contains "destructive perversions" and "black hatred for all mankind and against all religions," no Arab country



²³ Anti-Semitism based on Islamic sources customarily refers to the Jews as "the descendents of monkeys and pigs." According to Islamic tradition, Allah turned a group of Jews into moneys and pigs because they disobeyed his orders.

²⁴ According to the story, on February 5, 1840, Franciscan Capuchin friar Father Thomas and his Greek servant disappeared. The Christian community in Damascus was prompted by the French consul to blame the Jews of killing him and using his blood to make Passover matzos. The Ottoman governor arrested seven respected Jews and ordered them to be tortured. Two of them died and one converted to Islam to save his live. They were released after the British exerted pressure.

must sign a peace treaty with Israel. Thus anti-Semitism has become integrated into Syrian opposition to the Israel-Egyptian and Israel-Jordan peace treaties.

42. The book has remained a best seller since it was first published. It has gone through many editions in Arabic and has been translated into English, French and Italian. The eighth edition, issued in 2001, can be bought at a discount for \$8 on a Syrian Website and for \$9.50 on an Lebanese Website. The book serves as a reference work for anti-Semitic Syrians in their accusations against the Jews regarding the use of the blood of non-Jews in religious rites.



Selling *The Matzo of Zion* on the Lebanese Website Al-Nil wal-Furat [The Nile and the Euphrates], January 2008).



Selling *The Matzo of Zion* on the Syrian Website Al-Furat (January 2008).

Cartoons

Overview

43. The cartoons and illustrations appearing in the Syrian media represent the Jews as far more monstrous than the classic Stürmer stereotypes. They often equate Judaism and Nazism, and contain the themes of the Jewish thirst for blood, greed and conspiracies to take over the world.

44. One of the most prominent Syrian cartoonists is **Yassin al-Khalil**, whose drawings appear in the official Syrian daily newspaper Tishrin and in various other newspapers in the Arab world. Another cartoonist is **Hamid Qarut**, whose drawings also appear in Tishrin.

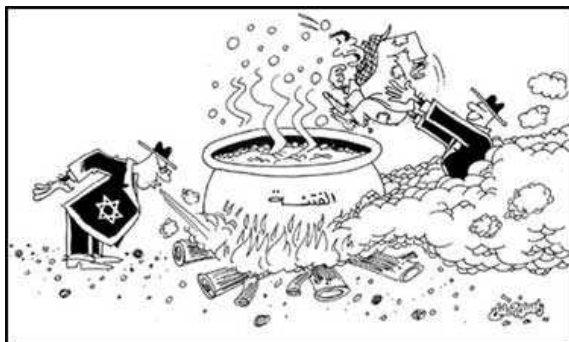
Examples of anti-Semitic cartoons appearing in the Syrian media



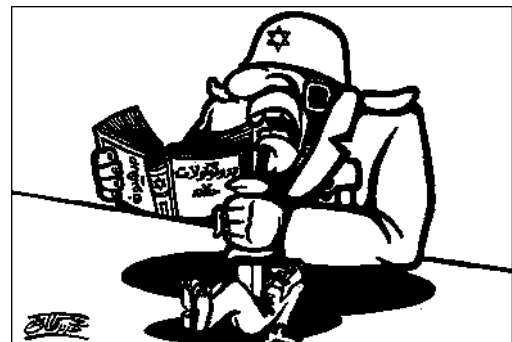
The inscription reads "The Israeli holocaust [in the Gaza Strip]." Underneath is a hemisphere full of blood heating up over coals in the form of the Gaza Strip. The pot reads "International legitimization," that is, the world allows Israel to carry out a "holocaust" of the Palestinians (Syria News, Syria, March 6, 2008).



The inscription reads "The Israeli holocaust [of the Palestinians]" (Syria News, March 4, 2008).



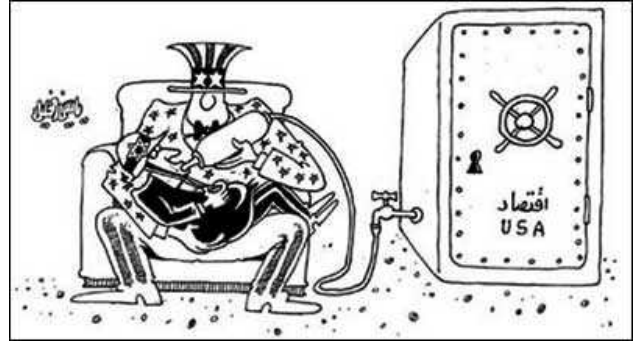
The boiling pot is inscribed "The [Palestinian] civil war," and the Jews add to the number of Palestinians killed (Tishrin, June 18, 2007).



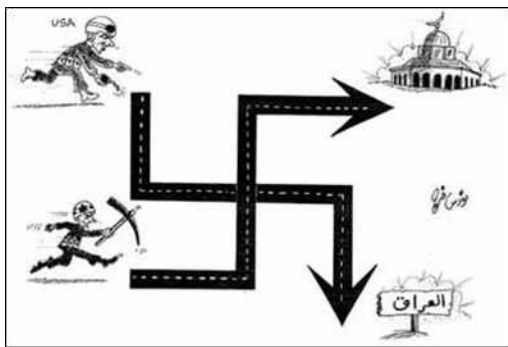
An Israeli soldier reading *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* for inspiration while stabbing an Arab/Palestinian.



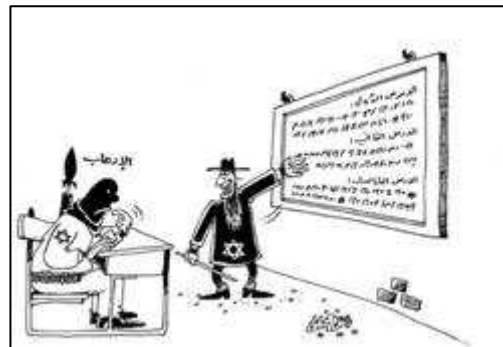
The heading reads "Trilateral Agreement" as the Jew and the American shake hands, disregarding the Arab (Tishrin, March 28, 2007).



The United States feeding Israel from a safe labeled "The US economy."



A Jew runs to attack the Temple Mount with a pickaxe, while an American soldier runs toward Iraq firing his guns, their paths creating a swastika (Tishrin, February 20, 2007).



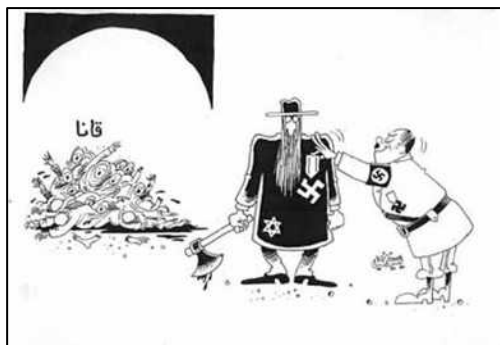
Instructing an "armed Jewish terrorist" (Tishrin, July 12, 2007).



The symbols of the Jewish people and the State of Israel (the 7-branched candelabrum and the Israeli flag) decorated with skulls (Tishrin, February 4, 2006).



Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon tells a cameraman to "concentrate on my stroke, not on the axe" (Tishrin, January 8, 2006).



The skulls at the left belong to the victims from Lebanese village of Kafr Kana (Tishrin, August 10, 2006).



How the United States regards the world: through Jewish eyes (Tishrin, March 29, 2006).



The banner reads "[The results of the] Historical Mistakes and Crimes Competition." The participants are the United States (first place), a Jew (second place) and Hitler (third place) (Tishrin, April 11, 2006).



The inscription reads "Happy [Passover] Holiday." The Jew and the American have raised their hands in the Nazi salute to form a cross to crucify the Palestinian (Tishrin, April 18, 2006).

Newspaper Articles

Overview

45. From time to time the Syrian press, which is subject to government censorship, publishes anti-Semitic articles. Recurrent themes include equating Zionism with Nazism, Holocaust denial or minimization and accusing Israel of carrying out a "holocaust" against the Palestinians.

Examples:

46. **Maha Sultan** wrote a column published in Tishrin in March 2008, which claimed that "the 'holocaust' is what Israel is doing in Gaza...Does the world relate to the victims of the

Gaza holocaust the way it relates to the Jewish 'Holocaust?'...Apparently the Arabs don't know how to use extortion the way Israel does..."

47. Regarding the Israeli activities in the Gaza Strip, **Hitham Saleh** wrote in Al-Thawra on March 2, 2008 that "it is more than a slaughter, it is a holocaust... It is as though the continuing slaughter of the past decades did not satisfy the lust of the blood-sucking Zionists. However, what is strange is the silence of the world, which sees the [Israeli] holocaust [of the Palestinians] and doesn't bat an eye. If Hitler were alive today, he would be stunned by the cruelty of the slaughter [the Jews] carry out while claiming to be victims of the Holocaust..."

48. According to a March 2, 2008 editorial in Al-Watan, "the holocaust in Gaza rages... while the American destroyer USS Cole sails the waters of the Mediterranean Sea opposite the Lebanese shore and supervises it... waiting with baited breath for the signal to begin its mission..."

49. The Syrian press quoted statements made by sheikh **Abdallah Rabah** in a Damascus mosque on July 20, 2007, when he accused the international community of being biased "toward the nation of murderers, the children of Zion, those who killed the prophets and mankind, the children of Zion, monkeys and pigs."

50. **Hanan Hamad** wrote in Tishrin on January 30, 2007, that the Jews exploited the Holocaust to their own ends and especially for the oppression of the Palestinians. Hamad also wrote that the Jews were carrying out terrible crimes against the Palestinians and that the Holocaust was not unique to the Jews, that others were carried out against other peoples and races.

51. According to the July 31, 2007 issue of Tishrin, the Jews collaborated with Hitler and were happy when he rose to power in Germany because they did not want to become assimilated into the Aryan race. In addition, "the Nazis and the Zionists are twins, because their ideology is based on blood and land." The article claims that there is a covenant between Zionists and anti-Semites because the Zionists exploit anti-Semitism for their own needs.

52. In the February 25, 2007 edition of Tishrin **Mahmoud al-Barghouti'lawi** referred to a lecture by a Syrian "researcher" called **Farhan al-Hamada** entitled "How the Zionists understand terrorism." According to the lecture, the Jewish culture is terrorist, resulting from

the way the Jews perceive themselves as God's chosen people, because in the Torah the Jews control other nations and the Talmud teaches hatred for anyone who isn't Jewish.

53. **Taha Abd al-Wahid** wrote in Tishrin on February 4, 2007, that "historical documents prove that the Zionist leaders collaborated with the Nazis in carrying out [the Holocaust] and in exaggerating its dimensions."

54. **Dr. Ghazi Hussein** wrote in Tishrin on January 28, 2007, that "Nazism is a racist ideology, and so is Zionism. Both [...] movements collaborated to carry out their racist goals... Zionism used the Holocaust to turn Israel into the only secure place in the world for Jews and to expel the Palestinians from their houses and lands. Collective destruction, terrorism and racism are currently directed against Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims."

55. **Ali Abu al-Hassan** wrote a column entitled "Secret German document reveals coordination between Zionism and Nazism," which was published in Al-Thawra on February 16, 2006. Ali Abu Al-Hassan lectures on the Palestinian issue at the universities of Damascus and Aleppo, and is considered an expert on the Israeli-Arab conflict. According to the article, the Zionist Movement collaborated with the Nazi regime to force the Jews to emigrate to Palestine. Every day, says the article, Zionism proves it is Nazism's replacement and even surpasses the Nazis in racist policies, and that was what the Syrian leader [i.e., Bashar Assad] meant when he said that "Zionism is racism which surpassed the racism of the Nazis." The article concludes with the "prophecy" that sooner or later Zionism will collapse as did Nazism, in that it is founded on corruption.

56. **Nasr Shamali** wrote a column in Tishrin on March 2, 2006, called "The difference between Abu Ghraib²⁵ and Auschwitz," in which he claimed that Israel was carrying out genocide against the Palestinians and not only war crimes. The crimes committed by Hitler, he claimed, were not as bad as those committed by the Israelis in Palestine and the Americans in Iraq. In addition, he said, neither Israel nor the United States had sufficient proof that the Nazi



Nasr Shamali: "Auschwitz was not an extermination camp, rather, prisoners were put to work to further the German war effort..."

regime carried out a genocide of the Jewish people during the Second World War because the concentration camps were never reliably documented. The existing documents, according to the article, show that Hitler did not have a genocidal policy toward the Jews but rather related to them as a "hostile, belligerent minority." In addition, it claimed, Auschwitz was basically an important holding facility whose inmates were exploited for the

²⁵ POW camp in Iraq where the prisoners were tortured by American soldiers. Their actions received wide media coverage and eventually led to those who committed the acts being tried.

needs of German industry: during the war the Germans brought prisoners to the camp and gave the young ones courses in professional subjects, "so that the prisoners were human capital for the Germans and important for their war effort."

57. **Khayr al-Din Abd al-Rahman** wrote a column in Al-Baath on March 3, 2006 called "Historical forgery and the comparison of the truth. It stated that on February 20, 2006 an Austrian court sentenced "the important British historian David Irving" to three years imprisonment for "questioning the numbers fabricated by the Zionist Movement about the number of Jews killed in Nazi jails, what is known as 'the Holocaust.'" The article quotes articles which appeared in the world media which prove, it claims, that the destruction of the Jews was a lie.

58. **Dr. Ghazi Hussein**, a well-known jurist and writer wrote a column in Tishrin on March 5, 2006, claiming that the Jews were carrying out a "holocaust" against the Palestinians. He said that large groups in Europe and the United States identified with Israel even though it was carrying out crimes against humanity, the Palestinian people and the Arab countries. The Zionist Movement, he said, had collaborated with the Nazis and the anti-Semitic, racist movements of the imperialist countries [i.e., the West] to establish the State of Israel. Furthermore, the Jews carried out a series of slaughters in "Palestine" and the West and were continuing their holocaust against the Palestinians because Zionism "raised terrorism to the status of a holy religion."



Dr. Ghazi Hussein: "The Zionist Movement collaborated with the Nazis...The Jews are carrying out a holocaust against the Palestinians..."

59. The author came from the village of Salameh, on the outskirts of Jaffa before 1948. He taught international law at universities in Germany and Damascus, and is an advisor to the Syrian regime. He also served as the PLO ambassador to Vienna, and head of the political department of the PLO office in Damascus. He often participates in international conferences dealing with the Arab-Israeli conflict, and has written many books (hostile to Israel) about it. He is a member of the General Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists and secretary of the Arab Committee for the Struggle against Zionism and Racism.

60. A column by **Ali Sawaha** entitled "Dare one criticize Zionism?" was published in Al-Thawra on March 10, 2006. It attacked France for being the first country in Europe to make it a crime to discuss the Holocaust, claiming that Roger Garaudy, a French former Communist and convert to Islam, paid for that by being imprisoned. The author complained that despite the documented evidence, it was strange that the world was convinced that there were mass murders of the Jews by the Nazis. He also complained that the West continued to be a prisoner of that conception and was unable to free itself.

61. **Ghaleb al-Barhoudi** wrote a column entitled "The crematoria and the Jewish lobby" in Al-Baath on February 28, 2006. He claimed that Zionism managed to create guilt feelings among the Europeans because of what was called "the persecution of the Jews" and "anti-Semitism." The Zionists, he said, turned the "myth of the crematoria" into "something holy" that could not be touched or assailed despite all the facts, while the damage done to the holy sites and prophets [of Islam] is considered freedom of expression. He also complained that things had gone so far that some European countries had passed laws against doubting the Holocaust and which forbade anti-Semitism, while they allowed Islam and Muhammad to be attacked. In addition, he noted that anti-Semitism was a "Zionist invention" to frighten the Jews and motivate them to emigrate to "occupied Palestine."

62. On April 1, 2006, Tishrin published a column by **Hanan Hamad** which complained that the Holocaust had turned into an international standard by which to evaluate various regimes. Israel, wrote Hamad, is unworthy of the [preferred] treatment it receives from the West, and anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial should not be taboo. In addition, according to the column, because of the Holocaust Israel has absolute support which has enabled it "to establish its existence as an extremist racist entity based on religious purity and organized terrorism..."

63. On April 17, 2007, Tishrin published a column by **Mahmoud Abu al-Rahman** entitled "Zionism and the exploitation of the memory," published by Tishrin on April 17, 2006, which claimed that Zionist propaganda succeeded in penetrating into the decision-making centers and in finding sympathy among various nations. Zionism did that by instilling guilt feelings in the Western world regarding the gas chambers and the Holocaust. It exploited those guilt feelings by convincing the West to convict anyone who opposed its anti-Semitic trends. The Zionist Movement, complained the column, managed to motivate the General Assembly of the United Nations to pass a resolution according to which January 27 would be marked as Holocaust Memorial Day.

Television

64. Syrian television, which is closely monitored by the regimes, occasionally broadcasts anti-Semitic material:

65. On February 29, 2008, the top news story ended with a fill-in with pictures of dead children. At the end of the broadcast there was a Star of David which morphed into a blue and white swastika. It was broadcast during the second Lebanon war (July-August 2006) and during the IDF activity in the Gaza Strip at the end of February-beginning of March 2008.

66. On July 21, 2006, **Muhammad Abd al-Sattar**, Syrian deputy endowments minister, told Syrian TV that the Qur'an taught that the Jews were descended from monkeys and pigs: "The Qur'an presents a sad, dark picture of the children of Israel. Allah, may he be praised, did not curse any nation, not even the polytheists and pagans, except for those murdering criminals [i.e., the Jews]."

67. On November 21, 2005, Syrian TV interviewed **David Duke**, an well-known American anti-Semitic, who took part in the Holocaust denial conference in Tehran the year following the interview. He said that "Israel makes the Nazi regime look very moderate." He also said that "the Zionist media in the world influence all of us," and that in his opinion the Jews aspired to take over the world.



David Duke interviewed by Syrian television (Picture courtesy of MEMRI).

68. On July 29, 2005, **Muhammad Habash**, a member of the Syrian parliament, told Syrian TV that during the days of the prophet Muhammad the Jews used to foul the streets of Al-Madina to spite him, when he carried out an ambitious operation to get rid of the dirt which spread disease among Muslims. (Anti-Semites customarily represent the Jews as dirty. Ahmadinejad called Israel a "dirty black germ.")



Muhammad Habash interviewed by Syrian television (Picture courtesy of MEMRI).

69. On November 8, 2005, **Muhammad Abd al-Sattar** told Syrian TV that the Jews were the descendents of monkeys and pigs and that they aspired to rule the Middle East.



Muhammad Abd al-Sattar on Syrian television (Picture courtesy of MEMRI).

Saudi Arabia

Overview

1. Anti-Semitism in Saudi Arabia is more Islamically-oriented than in other Arab countries. Saudi Arabian clerics who deal with both education and spreading Islam (the *da'wah*) have been central to the dissemination of hatred for the Jews (and for Christians and the West in general) since the establishment of the kingdom.¹

2. Clerically-incited, Saudi-oriented anti-Semitism falls on fertile ground. That is because some of the clerics are considered sages and are held in high esteem by the Saudi Arabian population and are influential, particularly in educational matters, and because radical Islam, which regards Jews and Christians as infidels to be killed, has considerable support.²

3. Quite often, as in other Arab countries, there is anti-Semitic incitement prompted by hatred for Israel as a result of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. However, in Saudi Arabia the hatred is deep-seated and arises from the populace's religious fanaticism, which is rooted in the Hanbali school of radical Sunni Islam, and in the Wahhabi movement, which is based on it.

4. Four categories of Saudi Arabian anti-Semitic material follow:

- i) Anti-Semitic incitement authored by clerics;
- ii) Cartoons;
- iii) Newspaper columns;
- iv) Television.

¹ Arnon Groiss, *The West, Christians, and Jews in Saudi Arabian Schoolbooks* (New York: Center of Monitoring the Impact of Peace and The American Jewish Committee, 2003), p. 1-8.

² *Ibid.*

<http://www.npr.org/documents/2006/may/sauditexts/textbooks.pdf> ⁴

Anti-Semitic incitement authored by clerics

Overview

5. High-level Saudi Arabian clerics often spread anti-Semitic propaganda. Their hatred for the Jews is based on Qur'an interpretation and on anti-Semitic Muslim oral traditions. They also spread anti-Semitism throughout the Saudi Arabian school system. Despite the fact that after the September 11, 2001 attacks an understanding was reached between the Saudi Arabian and American administrations regarding the need to remove anti-Semitism from the educational system, incitement against Jews, Christians and the West continues.⁴ Some of the anti-Semitic clerics are or were affiliated with Al-Qaeda. The following are some of the more prominent clerics:

Sheikh Dr. Abd al-Rahman al-Sudeis

6. Sheikh Dr. Abd al-Rahman al-Sudeis is a preacher and the imam of a large mosque in Mecca. In a Friday sermon given in May 2002 he claimed that "our confrontation with the Jews is [based on] faith, identity and existence...Read history, and you will learn that the Jews of today are...evil and worse, they are infidels who deny the mercy [of Allah], distort [his] words and worship the [Golden] Calf. They are treacherous, stiff-necked and adulterers, evil and corrupt [as it says in the Qur'an, Surah 5, Al-Maidah, Verse 64]: "Their effort is for corruption in the land, and Allah loveth not corrupters."⁵



Sheikh Dr. Abd al-Rahman al-Sudeis

7. He has made similar remarks in his sermons, which have been posted on Islamic Websites.

⁵ http://www.palestine-info.info/arabic/kotbah/2002/24_4_02.htm (Arabic); http://www.biharanjuman.org/Quran/Quran_English_Pickthall.pdf (English).

⁶ According to Muslim tradition, the Jews of Khaybar, an oasis about 95 miles north of Medina, betrayed the prophet Muhammad and plotted against him, with the result that he expelled them, but later returned them that they might work the land. As for the fence around Khaybar, the Jews built it to keep out non-Jews. During the time of the Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab they were expelled for the last time. Many of Israel's Muslim enemies use the Khaybar story as the basis for a claim that the Jews are subversive, and that their expulsion, this time from the land of Israel, is approaching. As for the fence around Khaybar, the Jews built it to keep out non-Jews.

Sheikh Ali ibn Abd al-Khaliq al-Qarni

8. Sheikh Ali ibn Abd al-Khaliq al-Qarni is an established Saudi preacher who customarily defames the Jews. There are many audio cassettes circulating throughout the Arab and Muslim world, including the Palestinian Authority.

9. Cassettes found in the offices of a “charitable society” in Tulkarm in 2001 bearing the title “Folded Pages” and issued in Riyadh contained material claiming that “history has proved that the Jews cheat people.” To reinforce the claim, he said that in the fifth century of the hegira (the 11th century A.D.) Jews living in the Arabian peninsula presented the Abbasid Caliph with a forged document inviting them to return to the town of Khaybar,⁶ and to do so they were willing to use any and all methods. In summation al-Qarni said, “Allah will punish the infidels and plotters” [i.e., the Jews].

10. In addition, his anti-Semitic sermons are posted on the Internet. In them he accuses the Jews of spreading corruption, claiming that “the Jews marry for money and the Christians for [external] beauty,” that the Jews were expelled from the Arabian peninsula at the dawn of Islam because of their treachery and because they violated agreements made with the Muslims.

Sheikh ‘A’idh al-Qarni

11. Sheikh ‘A’idh al-Qarni’s anti-Semitic sermons are posted on Islamic Websites. He refers to the Jews as the “descendents of monkeys and pigs,” “conspirators” and “killers of the prophets,” sometimes adding “May Allah’s curses be upon them.”



‘A’idh al-Qarni
(IslamOnline Website,
February 1, 2006)

Sheikh Safar Abd al-Rahman al-Hawali

12. Sheikh Dr. Safar Abd al-Rahman al-Hawali was head of the Saudi opposition at the beginning of the 1990s and was imprisoned for a number of years. Today he lives in Saudi Arabia and does not try to subvert the regime. He is a prolific writer and has published many books and articles



Sheikh Safar Abd al-Rahman al-Hawali
(Al-Hawali Website)

about religious and political topics into which he has integrated Islamic-based anti-Semitism. He has his own Website and preaches on both Islamic and political subjects, many of his sermons containing anti-Semitic, anti-American and anti-Christian propaganda. He preaches on the heresy of the

Jews and Christians, claiming that they cannot be trusted and that the Jews, whom he calls "the descendents of monkeys and pigs," seek to take over the world.

13. One of his books is entitled *Day of Anger, Did It Begin with the Intifada of the Month of Rajab?!, Interpretation of the Prophecies of the Torah about the End of the State of Israel*. The book with its radical Islamic bias, was published by the secular Syrian Baath regime and published in Damascus.

Sheikh Salman al-Awdah

14. The sheikh was one of Al-Qaeda's theorists. Today he collaborates with the Saudi Arabian regime and manages the Islam Today Website (www.islamtoday.net). The site spreads hatred for the Jews and includes *fatwas* (religious edicts) issued by the sheik, some of them using justification from Islamic sources for hating the Jews. He has also issued a *fatwa*, exploited by Hamas, justifying suicide bombing attacks.



Sheikh Salman al-Awdah (Al-Arabiya TV, July 13, 2005)

15. Al-Awdah has written many books and delivered many sermons inciting against Israel and the Jews.⁷ One of them, called *The Decisive Battle with the Jews*,⁸ calls for jihad against Israel and states that "the Jews are our enemies today, yesterday and tomorrow" (p. 50). He quotes anti-Semitic Islamic oral traditions such as the famous one claiming that Judgment Day will not come to pass until the Muslims have fought and killed the Jews (p. 58).

Sheikh Suleiman ibn Nasser al-Alwan

16. Sheikh Suleiman ibn Nasser al-Alwan issued a *fatwa* justifying suicide bombing attacks carried out against Jews and Israelis. He called the Jews "sons of monkeys and pigs," claiming that they are low, corrupt creatures and "Allah's most bitter enemies."⁹ His *fatwa* has been used by Hamas to justify suicide bombing attacks against Israel, and it was posted on the Internet. His book *Is Allah's Victory Not Close?* has also been posted on the Internet, and refers to the Jews and Christians as treacherous (pp. 38-39).

⁷ <http://saaid.net/Warathah/salmanodah/index.htm> (Arabic)

⁸ In Arabic *Al-Ma'arakah al-Fasilah Ma' al-Yahud* (Arabic) <http://www.almeshkat.net/vb/showthread.php?p=343293>⁹

Cartoons



The hypocritical Jew: the arrow reads "Lebanon" (Al-Yaum, September 17, 2006).



An olive branch or knives? (Al-Yaum, February 3, 2006).



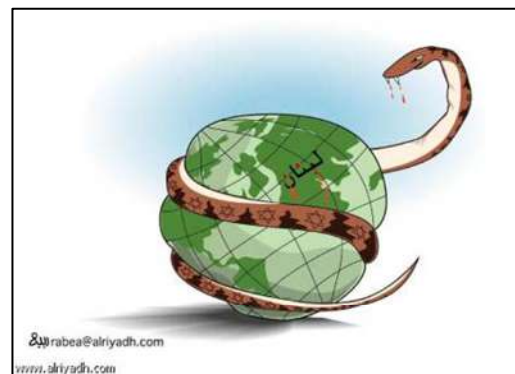
The Jewish snake that tried to swallow Lebanon (Al-Riyadh, August 8, 2006).



Hands extended in peace, the Arab one large, the Jewish one small. The Arabic reads "[What kind of] Agreement...!" (Al-Riyadh, August 22, 2006).



The inscription reads, "The old Middle East." The Jew is about to blow up not only the Middle East but the entire world (Al-Riyadh, July 30, 2006).



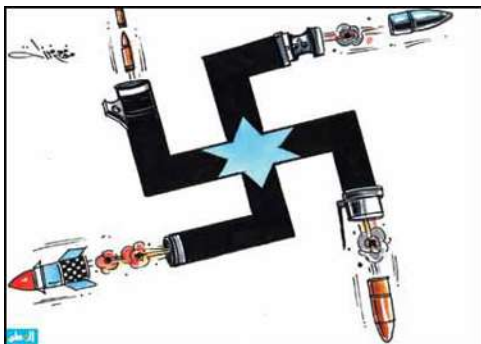
The fangs of the Jewish snake were sunk into Lebanon (Al-Riyadh, August 4, 2006).



The Middle East going up in flames (lit by former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon?) (Al-Yaum, July 11, 2006).



The snake is Israel, responsible for “elegant anarchy” throughout the world (Al-Madina, August 3, 2006).¹⁰



Equating Judaism with Nazism, both shooting indiscriminately (Al-Watan, July 3, 2007).



The fire-breathing Jew destroys a city, possibly Beirut (Al-Yaum, July 20, 2006).



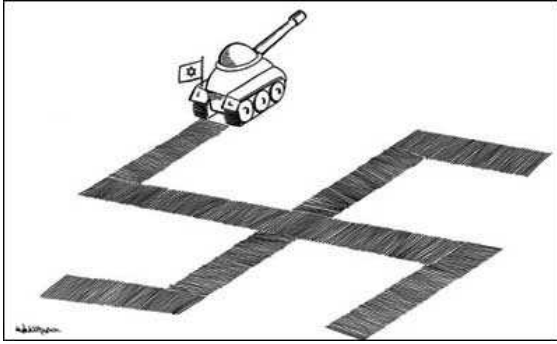
The Jews operate America by remote control (Al-Watan, June 29, 2006).



Equating Israel and Nazi Germany. The cartoon was reprinted throughout the Arab media. (Al-Yaum, movement 30, 2005).

¹⁰ Drawn by Palestinian cartoonist Alaa al-Laqta. See below, Palestinian Authority .

<http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/922.htm> ¹¹



Equating Israel and the Nazis from a military point of view (Al-Madina, April 12, 2006).



The musical composition is called "Palestinian Blood." The thought bubble reads "Greater Israel" (Al-Watan, May 12, 2004).



The swastika equates Zionism with Nazism (Al-Iqtisadiyyah, March 4, 2008).



The smallest marionette is Kofi Annan (i.e., the UN), whose strings are pulled by America, whose strings are pulled by Israel (Al-Riyadh, July 12, 2005).

Newspaper columns

17. **Ali Muhammad al-Rabghi** wrote a column about the Palestinian issue, saying the following about the Jews: "The Jews are the enemies of Allah, inheritors of monkeys and pigs...Allah will blot them out." He accused the Jews of corruption, oppression and dictatorship in relation to the Palestinians (Al-Okaz, October 4, 2006).



Ali Muhammad al-Rabghi

18. **Ridha Muhammad Lari** wrote that "the Zionist holocaust of the Arabs is exactly like the Nazi Holocaust of the Jews." He also noted that there were many doubts regarding the truth of the Holocaust, exaggerations regarding its dimensions and the question of its ever having taken place (Al-Riyadh, July 27, 2006).

19. **Dr. Hamad ibn Abdallah al-Lahidan** wrote that "world Zionism," which is centered in Tel Aviv, was plotting all over the world, day and night (Al-Riyadh, February 17, 2006).

20. **Abd al-Aziz ibn Abdallah al-Ha'il** wrote that "the only people who profit from incitement and wars between Christians and Muslims are the Jews in Europe and the West. If you don't believe it, read *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*" (Al-Riyadh, February 9, 2006).

21. An **Al-Riyadh editorial** hinted at an accusation against the Jews during the Holocaust, stating that "the question is, why was there a Holocaust? Why did Hitler not carry one out against the French after he conquered their country or against other armies he conquered in Europe" (Al-Riyadh, February 7, 2006).

Television

22. On November 15, 2005, The Saudi Arabian television channel **Iqra** broadcast a program depicting the Jew as an evil subversive plotting to kill the prophet Muhammad and destroy Islam.¹¹



The Jew in the Iqra broadcast (Photo courtesy of MEMRI).

23. On April 19, 2007 the Saudi satellite channel **MBC** broadcast a satiric program depicting Jews as corrupt, venal and evil.¹²



The Jews as corrupt, venal and evil (Photo courtesy of MEMRI).

24. On November 13, 2005, the government-run channel **Al Ekhbariya** broadcast an interview with professor **Ahmed ibn Rashid ibn Sa'id** in which he claimed that "the Holocaust was a myth with a specific political agenda." He criticized the UN decision to

¹² <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1438.htm>

¹³ <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/926.htm>

institute Holocaust Memorial Day, saying that a minority had decided what were considered legitimate international decisions, while they had no legitimacy.¹³



Ahmed ibn Rashid ibn Sa'id (Photo courtesy of MEMRI).

The Palestinian Authority

Overview

1. The violent Palestinian campaign against Israel is usually accompanied by anti-Israeli, anti-Zionist propaganda which includes anti-Semitic themes. That is especially true for the radical Islamic Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, but it can also be found in the Abu Mazen-led Palestinian Authority. Although under Abu Mazen the amount of anti-Semitic propaganda is relatively less than it was under Yasser Arafat, it still exists and is combined with vicious anti-Israeli incitement. In certain instances the PA took steps to correct the situation, but only after Israel and Jewish and international organizations lodged protests.

2. During the last round of escalation in the Gaza Strip (February 27-March 3, 2008) the Palestinians cynically and falsely exploited the term "holocaust" (*al-mahraqah*, in Arabic) to describe Israel's actions in the Gaza Strip and give the word a pro-Palestinian interpretation. It was widely echoed throughout the Arab and Muslim world, minimizing the true Holocaust of the Jewish people and distorting its significance for propaganda purposes.

3. Anti-Semitic propaganda in the PA-administered territories is disseminated through three main channels:

i) **Hard-copy and electronic media**, especially those affiliated with Hamas and the other terrorist organizations, although sometimes those affiliated with the PA itself. That was particularly conspicuous before, during and after the Annapolis meeting (November 27, 2007). The campaign vilifying Israel was laced with anti-Semitic themes which made no distinction between Israel and the Jewish people and which had nothing to do with the Arab-Israeli context. The campaign centered around minimizing the Holocaust and was continued during the latest round of escalation in the Gaza Strip. Anti-Semitic references have also appeared on the Hamas and PA television channels and in other Palestinian media.

ii) The **mosques**, especially those **controlled by Hamas**: The Friday sermons are full of anti-Israeli propaganda and incitement, often interwoven with anti-Semitism based on Islamic sources. The mosques in Judea and Samaria controlled by Hamas also defame the PA under Abu Mazen's leadership. In view of its violent confrontations with Hamas, the PA has tried to increase its supervision of the mosques in Judea and Samaria to end propaganda and incitement, but so far seems to have made very little progress.

iii) The formal and informal **Palestinian educational systems**: The Hamas-controlled educational system runs from kindergarten to university and the

students are brainwashed with anti-Israeli, anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic and anti-American propaganda. The PA's educational system, including its textbooks, often contains anti-Semitic propaganda which is more "moderate" than that of Hamas.

4. Eight categories of Palestinian and terrorist organization anti-Semitic material follow:

- i) Ideology: Anti-Semitism in the Hamas Charter and the use of anti-Semitism to justify attacking the Jewish people;
- ii) Religious justification for attacking and destroying the Jews
- iii) Holocaust denial or minimization as part of the Palestinian propaganda campaign during the latest round of escalation in the Gaza Strip (February 27-March 3, 2008);
- iv) Anti-Semitism in PA textbooks;
- v) Cartoons;
- vi) Internet;
- vii) Television and radio;
- viii) Anti-Semitic material removed by the PA.

Ideology: Anti-Semitism in the Hamas Charter and the use of anti-Semitism to justify attacking the Jewish people



The front cover of the Hamas Charter issued by Hamas in Qalqilya in 2004. The picture is of the late Ahmed Yassin,¹⁴ who was responsible for the Hamas charter.

5. The Charter of the Hamas Movement, issued in 1988, is the expression of its ideology and is valid to this day.¹⁵ It contains vicious classic and Islamic anti-Semitism. The Jews are depicted as sentenced by Allah to lives of humiliation and degradation for having angered him, refusing the Qur'an and killing the prophets (according to the Qur'an Surah quoted at the beginning of the charter¹⁶). Hamas (along with radical Islam in general) perceives the campaign against Israel as a religious war of Muslims against Jews and it is represented as the direct continuation of the prophet Muhammad's war against the Jews.

6. The Hamas Charter contains anti-Semitic myths of the sort found in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* regarding the global Jewish control of the media, the motion picture industry and education (Articles 17 and 22). It accuses the Jews of being behind most of the revolutions, including the French and Russian revolutions, and the two World Wars as well

¹⁴ Ahmed Yassin founded Hamas and was its first leader; he was killed in a targeted attack in 2004.

¹⁵ For a full analysis of the Hamas Charter, see our March 21, 2006 Bulletin, "The Hamas Charter (1988)

Overtly anti-Semitic and anti-West, radical Islamic in outlook, it stresses Hamas' ideological commitment to destroy the State of Israel through a long-term holy war (jihad)" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/hamas_charter.htm.

¹⁶ The accusation "**killers of the prophets:**" Islamic-based anti-Semitic material often refers to the Jews as "the killers of prophets," based on the interpretation of Qur'an Surah 3, Aal-'Imran, Verse 21, according to which "Surely (as for) those who disbelieve in the communications of Allah and slay the prophets unjustly and slay those among men who enjoin justice, announce to them a painful chastisement." The verse is taken to refer to the Jews, as is Verse 112, "Abasement is made to cleave to them wherever they are found, except under a covenant with Allah and a covenant with men, and they have become deserving of wrath from Allah, and humiliation is made to cleave to them; this is because they disbelieved in the communications of Allah and slew the prophets unjustly; this is because they disobeyed and exceeded the limits."

as many local wars. According to Article 22, "No war takes place anywhere in the world without [the Jews] behind the scenes, having a hand in it."

Article 32 of the Hamas Charter



A reference to
The Protocols
of the Elders
of Zion.

The Protocols referred to in Article 32 of the Hamas Charter: "The Zionist plan has no limit; after Palestine [the Zionists] aspire to expand to the Nile and the Euphrates. Once they have devoured the region they arrive at, they will aspire to spread further and [then] on and on. Their plan [or plot] appears in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and their present [behavior] is [the best] proof of what we are saying."

7. The Hamas Charter demonizes the Jewish people: "The Jews' Nazism includes [brutal behavior towards Palestinian] women and children and terrifies the entire [population]." (Article 20). Representing the Jews as wanting to take over the Middle East is primarily intended to justify a war of total destruction against Israel. The objective of such a war is to "liberate Palestine" and destroy the State of Israel, and according to the Hamas Charter it would be a jihad, a holy war, which is the personal commitment of every Muslim.

8. The moving spirit behind the charter was Hamas founder and leader **Ahmed Yassin**, who was killed by the Israeli security forces in a targeted attack in March 2004. A document seized by the IDF in the Palestinian preventive security forces compound in Gaza City illustrated Yassin's anti-Semitism. It was the minutes of a secret meeting between Alistair Crooke, former security adviser of EU Middle East envoy Miguel Moratinos (who later became the Spanish foreign minister), and a Hamas delegation in Gaza City in 2002. In response to a mention of the attack on the Twin Towers, Ahmed Yassin suggested that Israel had been involved in the conspiracy and had known what would happen beforehand, and that "world Zionism paralyzed American security so that war would be declared on the Islamic nation and Hamas..." He added that "between 100 and 120 Zionist-American agents [knew] and did not report..."¹⁷

Islamic religious justification for attacking and destroying the Jews

9. Hamas's anti-Semitic ideology is exploited to provide Islamic religious justification for destroying them and carrying out terrorist attacks against them. On March 13, 2008, Dr. Yunis al-Astel, a Hamas representative in the Palestinian parliament, wrote an article for Hamas's paper Al-Risala, entitled "The tortures of hell are the fate of the Jews in the next world, and they will come to pass in this one."



Yunis al-Astel during a demonstration of the student council at the Islamic University in Gaza (Sawt Al-Aqsa Radio Website, October 1, 2007).

10. The main points of the article were the following:

¹⁷ For further information see our November 29, 2004 Bulletin entitled "Document seized (November 2002) in the Palestinian Authority Preventive Security compound in Gaza: A transcript of a secret meeting held by Alistair Crooke, then a senior EU representative, with a Hamas delegation headed by (the late) Sheikh Ahmed Yassin..." at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_05/tran_eu.htm.

i) According to Qur'an Surah 3, Aal 'Imran, Verse 181, the Jews unjustly killed the prophets, for which they will burn in hell.

ii) The Jews wish to spread their corruption throughout the world and do not hesitate to ignite wars. Therefore, they deserve hellfire, both because they offended Allah and his prophet and because they harm faithful Muslims.

iii) According to the Qur'an, whoever pursues the faithful and does not change his ways will suffer the tortures of the damned and burn in hell. Some of the "burning" will take place in this world as well as in the next.

iv) Holocaust, i.e., total burning, is the fate of the Jews. According to the article, one of the signs was the "suicide action" at the yeshiva in West Jerusalem (i.e., the suicide bombing attack which took place at the Mercaz Ha'Rav yeshiva on March 6, 2008, killing eight students).

Holocaust denial or minimization as part of the Palestinian propaganda campaign during the latest round of escalation in the Gaza Strip (February 27-March 3, 2008)

11. During the recent escalation, the propaganda campaign waged by the Palestinians against Israel was rife with anti-Semitic themes. Extensive use was made of the term holocaust and others describing mass murder, such as "ethnic cleansing" and "slaughter."¹⁸ The campaign was initiated by Abu Mazen's PA and joined by Hamas, and given massive support by the Arab media, especially Al-Jazeera TV, which adopted the false Palestinian theme of "holocaust against the Gazans, especially women and children."

12. The opening shot of the "holocaust campaign" was fired by PA chairman Abu Mazen on Palestinian TV on March 1. He claimed that deputy Israeli Defense Minister Matan Vilnai had threatened a holocaust in the Gaza Strip, adding that Israel had begun implementing it, targeting the aged, women and children. His claims were a distorted and out-of-context version of what Vilnai had said, who had used the Hebrew word *shoah*, which means

¹⁸ **In reality, during the escalation 120 Palestinians were killed, most of them terrorist operatives who belonged to Hamas's Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades.** Some civilians were inadvertently killed, most of them living near the terrorist organizations' bases, positions and facilities from which the fighting against the IDF was waged; the civilians were used by the terrorists as human shields.

“destruction, tragedy,” referring to what the Palestinians would bring on themselves by using rockets to attack Israeli civilians.¹⁹

13. Abu Mazen added that “what is happening [in the Gaza Strip] is worse than the Holocaust.” To describe the situation he used the Arabic word *mahraqah*, which is the term used by Arabs when referring to the Holocaust of the Jewish people during the Second World War. To illustrate the dimensions of the “holocaust” theoretically taking place in the Gaza Strip, he said that more than 62 *shaheeds* (martyrs for the sake of Allah) had been killed, equating 62 armed terrorist operatives with the six million Jewish civilians slaughtered by the Nazis (Speech given by Abu Mazen on Palestinian TV, March 1, 2008).

14. The statement initiated a Palestinian and Hamas media circus. For example, **Khaled Mashal**, head of Hamas’s political bureau in Damascus, said that what Israel was doing in the Gaza Strip was “a real holocaust,” a continuation of the ongoing 60-year old holocaust against the Palestinian people. He added, in the spirit of the Iranian Holocaust denial conference, that Israel “exaggerated” the Holocaust of the Jewish people and presented it as a “tragedy” to “extort money from the world” and to use it a “cover” for its actions (Syrian satellite TV, March 1).



Hamas newspaper Felesteen: the red headline reads “The (Israeli) holocaust continues...” (March 3, 2008).

¹⁹ Deputy minister Vilnai actually said that the more rockets the Palestinians fired, the greater the destruction to the Palestinians, since Israel would use all its might against them (IDF Radio, February 29, 2008).

²⁰ For further information see our April 16, 2006 Bulletin entitled “An examination of Palestinian fifth and tenth-grade textbooks for the 2004-2005 school year shows a continuing denial of the State of Israel’s right to exist and a continuing cultivation of the values of armed struggle against Israel...” by Noa Meridor at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/eng_n/html/as_nm_e.htm.

15. The PA's Voice of Palestine television channel and Hamas's Al-Aqsa TV enthusiastically joined the "Palestinian holocaust" campaign. Expressions such as "slaughter of infants" and "holocaust" flashed not only on Al-Aqsa TV but also on the official channel of the PA, which has been conducting negotiations with Israel to achieve a peace agreement. During and after the escalation in the Gaza Strip the Palestinian and Arab media used the term "holocaust" in various contexts: "the Gaza holocaust," "the Israeli holocaust" (to distinguish it from the Holocaust of the Jews), "the Zionist holocaust," "the shaheeds of the holocaust," Israel was threatening a "holocaust" of the Palestinians, "victims of the holocaust," a display in memory of the Palestinian children killed in the "holocaust," etc., etc., etc. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad threatened "a holocaust for a holocaust..." Following the success of the media campaign, Dr. Hassan Abu Hashish, head of the information bureau in Ismail Haniya's administration, called for more use of the word "holocaust as the expression describing the continuing Zionist slaughter against Palestine" (Felesteen, March 18, 2008).



Hamas's Palestine-info Website, March 2, 2008: "Hamas: the Rafah Crossing must be opened to save the lives of the victims of the Zionist holocaust."



Hamas's Palestine-info Website, March 2): "Hamas: The collective destruction and Zionist Holocaust will never make us and our people deviate from our unassailable principles."



The upper inscription reads "The Jerusalem Battalions" (the Palestinian Islamic Jihad's terrorist operative wing), the lower reads "A response for a response, a holocaust for a holocaust" (Pal-today Website, March 6, 2008).

16. During the escalation the Palestinian media made frequent use of the Arabic term *al-mahraqah*, which is used to describe the Holocaust of the Jews, to describe the Israeli actions in the Gaza Strip. The literal translation is "the place at which things are burned." In contemporary Arab terminology it describes the crematoria. It gradually became a general term for total destruction, parallel to *holocaust*, used by the West to describe the destruction of the Jews in Europe. In the past *Holocaust* was used more often than *mahraqah*, although the latter is fairly common in the Arab world (it is the same term used in the textbooks of Israeli Arabs to refer to the Holocaust). The excessive Palestinian use of *mahraqah* to describe the IDF's actions in the Gaza Strip was a deliberate, manipulative change in the word's customary meaning and use, aimed at justifying the killing of Israeli Jews in retaliation for the "unjustified mass killing of Palestinians."

17. Fundamentally, the change was made to hamper Israel's ability to act in the Gaza Strip and to create Arab, and if possible, international solidarity with the suffering of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip (while ignoring the suffering of the Israeli population caused by continuous rocket attacks). It was effected by defaming Israel and increasing hostility toward it while increasing identification with the Palestinian people, falsely represented as the victims of deliberate killing, greater than that suffered by the Jews under the Nazis. The propaganda campaign had immense media coverage in the Arab and Muslim world, especially because of the great influence of Al-Jazeera TV, and from there to the Muslim communities in the West. Defaming Israel and increasing hostility to it and to the Jewish people was a way of preparing public opinion, justifying terrorist attacks and killing Jews, as expressed by Hamas's Dr. Yunis al-Astal in Al-Risala.

Anti-Semitism in PA textbooks

18. The material in textbooks in the PA is usually aimed at instilling hostility toward the State of Israel. The main themes are negating the legitimacy of the State of Israel,

unwillingness to coexist peacefully with it, dismissing the bond between the Jewish people and the land of Israel by rewriting history and promoting the violent campaign as a positive national and religious ideology. Palestinian “education” has raised new generations who hate Israel, making peaceful coexistence between the two peoples difficult to achieve.²⁰

19. The anti-Semitic themes in the textbooks usually target Israel and the Zionist Movement without trying to foster hostility toward the Jewish people. However, on occasion, anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic incitement are mixed. The most conspicuous examples are the mentions (although exceptional) of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in the textbooks, ignoring the Holocaust in the chapters dealing with the Second World War, and stories from the early days of Islam which provide opportunities to demonstrate the superiority of Muslims over Jews.²¹

20. A textbook entitled *The History of the New World*, published in 2004 and meant for the tenth grade, includes a quote from a popular edition of *The Protocols* which was published in Egypt in 1976 and distributed to the entire Arab world. Following protests, the PA removed the quotation from the book's next edition.

²¹ *Ibid.*



A different edition of the book from which the quotation has been removed.



A quotation from *The Protocols* in a 10th grade textbook called *History of the New World*, p. 63.

Cartoons

Overview

21. The anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli cartoons appearing in the Palestinian press are effective in sending messages of hate for Israel to the Palestinian population. The messages were not moderated after the initiation of the Annapolis peace process, but have become more

For further information see our January 20, 2008 Bulletin entitled “The Hate Industry: the Palestinian media affiliated with Hamas, Fatah and the Palestinian Authority continue incitement against Israel” at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/hi_200108e.htm

vicious as negotiations progress.²³ The cartoons appear in newspapers and on Internet sites affiliated with Hamas, Fatah and the other terrorist organizations.

22. There are two cartoonists whose work appears frequently:

i) **Omayya Joha**: Her real name is Omayya Abu Hamada, but she changed it to Joha, the name of a famous humorous character in Arab folklore. Omayya Joha was born in 1972 in the Gaza Strip. She is affiliated with Hamas. Her first husband was a Hamas terrorist operative killed in a clash with IDF soldiers in 2003. Her cartoons are published in Hamas's Al-Risala and the PA's Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, and appear on Website throughout the Arab world.



Omayya Joha²⁴

ii) **Dr. Alaa al-Laqta**: He grew up in the Al-Shati refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and studied medicine in Romania, specializing in plastic surgery. For the past five years he has drawn cartoons for the Arab papers and is widely reputed. For the past year he has lived in Cairo, working as a doctor at the Ein Shams University. He has drawn many cartoons, some of them anti-Semitic, which are printed by Hamas's newspaper, Felesteen, and which appear on the Pal-today Website, affiliated with the PIJ. They are also printed in Qatar's newspaper, Al-Sharq and the Saudi Arabian Al-Madina.



Alaa Al-Laqta (Felesteen, November 5, 2007).

²⁴ From <http://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news.php?go=show&id=40279>
Identifying the Jews with the snake and octopus, both of which have negative connotations, began ²⁵ in the 19th century and became popular in the 20th. Both animals appear in many cartoons and on the front covers of editions of *The Protocols* and many anti-Semitic books throughout the Arab and Muslim world.

A selection of Omayya Joha's cartoons



The Jew eating the olive branch (Palestine-info Website, February 26, 2008).



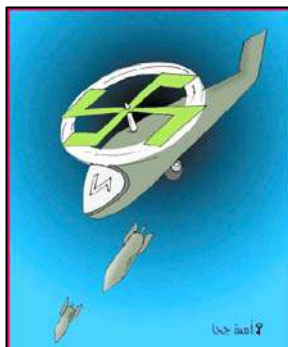
The cape reads, "The rockets of the resistance," enraging the Israeli bull (Al-Risala, June 1, 2007).



The microphone, made to look like a globe of the world, is labeled "The Western media" (Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, August 13, 2007).



"The faithful of the false temple" facing "the faithful of Al-Aqsa" (Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, April 11, 2005, courtesy of Palestine Media Watch).



Equating the IDF's actions in the Palestinian Authority with the Nazis (Al-Hayat, May 25, 2007).



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as the Angel of Death. His scythe reads "Beit Hanoun" (in the northern Gaza Strip) (Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, November 5, 2006).



The Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert as a fox pretending to seek peace at Anapolis (Al-Risala, November 22, 2007).



"The picture of peace" painted in the blood of a Palestinian child (Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, November 26, 2006).



The bloody hand of Israel... (Al-Hayat al-Jadeeda, May 22, 2007)



Former Israeli prime minister Sharon: Satan with American wings and a halo, fangs, a knife, a rifle and a hand grenade. The inscription reads "America: Israel is carrying out a divine mission" (Al-Risala, November 16, 2006).

A selection of Alaa Al-Laqta's cartoons



The inscription reads "Bilateral meetings." The naive Arab strangled by the coils of the Jewish snake (Felesteen, October 27, 2007).



The sack reads, "The right of return;" the inscription reads, "[The] Balfour [Declaration] 2007: The promise of the one who has nothing to give to one who is not worthy of receiving anything" (used by the Arabs since the Balfour Declaration (1917) against the British for giving Israel to the Jews) (Felesteen and Al-Sharq, November 1, 2007).



The inscription reads "American aid to Israel: \$30 billion;" the scale reads "The balance of power [between Israel and the Arab countries] (Pal-today Website, September 2007).



The Jew plans to stab the Arab while talking about peace (Felesteen and the Pal-today Website, October 19, 2007).



The snake represents the American media (Felesteen, October 3, 2007).

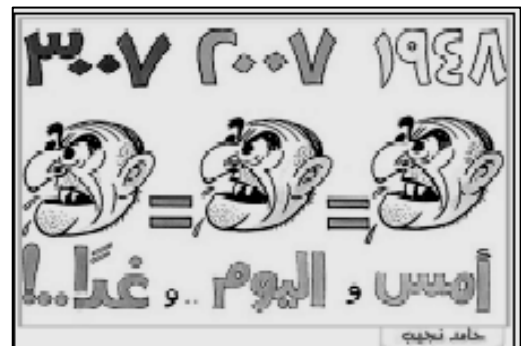


The Jew is tunneling under the Dome of the Rock in the Temple Mount precinct (Felesteen, November 18, 2007).

Arab Anti-Semitic cartoons reprinted in the PA-affiliated newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda



The sleeves say "Fatah" and "Hamas," and below the hands is written "[Palestinian national] unity government." The national unity government has caught the Jew by the beard, hurting and enraging him (Elie Saliba for Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, originally posted on Qatar's Al-Watan Internet forum, September 14, 2006).



The dates are 1948, 2007, 3007, the inscriptions read "Yesterday, today, tomorrow!" and the Jews remains the same (the Egyptian cartoonist Hamid Najib for Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, originally from the UAE newspaper Al-Itihad, January 8, 2007).



The Jewish bulldozer carts away the peace-loving Palestinian (Elie Saliba for Al-Hayat Al Jadeeda, originally posted on Qatar's Al-Watan Internet forum, November 3, 2006).

The snake, identified by anti-Semites with the Jews²⁵



The Jewish snake has swallowed the dove of the peace-seeking Palestinians (Omayya Joha for Al-Risala, November 26, 2007).



The insignia of a Palestinian organization called the Anti-normalization [with Israel] national committee [sic].²⁶ (From the Palestinian Islamic Jihad-affiliated Pal-today Website, March 3, 2008).

²⁶ The organization is an independent Palestinian body which seeks to promote the struggle in the Arab and Muslim world against normalized relations with Israel.

For further information see our July 19, 2007 Bulletin entitled "The hate industry: Hamas uses the Internet to disseminate anti-Semitic cartoons to Russian speaking target audiences" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/hi_180707e.htm.²⁸



Jews as reflecting the double standard of freedom of speech in the West. The left picture reads "Islamophobia," while the right reads "Anti-Semitism" (Palestine-info Website, March 31, 2008).



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert threatening the Temple Mount. The inscription reads "Before the [Annapolis] peace meeting: Israel confiscates lands in Jerusalem" (Alaa al-Laqtta for the Pal-today Website, October 16, 2007).

Internet

Anti-Semitic Cartoons on the Internet Targeting the Russian Audience

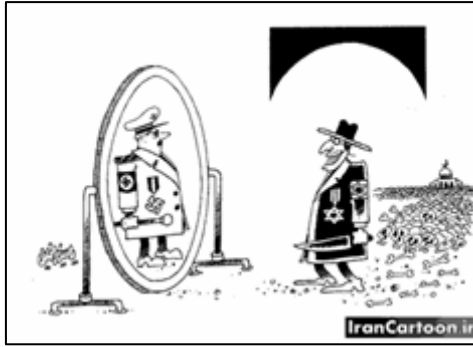
23. The Palestine-info Website, Hamas's main site, is surfed throughout the Arab world in several languages. The Russian-language site features an especially large number of anti-Israeli, anti-Semitic and anti-American cartoons. Many of them are taken from www.irancartoon.ir, an Iranian Website specializing in anti-Semitic cartoons. The following examples were taken from the site on July 15, 2007:²⁸



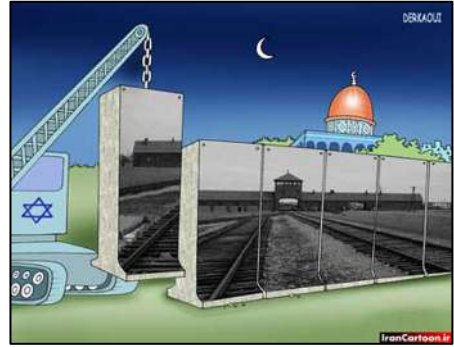
Former Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz, up to his knees in blood, waving an olive branch.



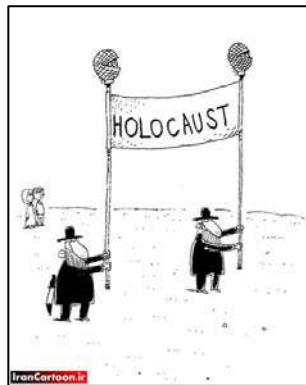
The blood-thirsty Jewish vampire.



Equating Jews and Nazis (a frequent theme).



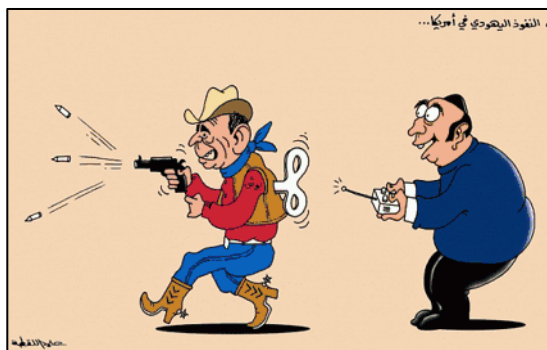
Equating Israel's security fence with Auschwitz (from the Iranian Holocaust denial cartoon site, irancartoon.ir).



The Jews carry out a Palestinian "holocaust."



Israel's "holocaust" of the Palestinians is worse than the Nazi Holocaust of the Jews.



"The Jewish influence on America:" George Bush as a wind-up toy remotely controlled by the Jews.

A Hamas poster on the Internet



The inscription at the right reads "Hand in hand, to liberate our land from the defilement of the Jews" (Hamas Website surfers' forum, December 24, 2007).

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad

24. The Holocaust denial campaign led by Iranian president Ahmadinejad was evident on PIJ Websites. For example, on December 23, 2006, there was a posting on the Qudsway Website entitled "The lies of the Holocaust – who dares to investigate them?" The posting praised Ahmadinejad for his efforts "to investigate the facts of the Holocaust" and cast doubts on the existence of the Holocaust and the number of its victims.²⁹



Iranian president Ahmadinejad. The balloon is labeled "The Holocaust" (Pal-today Website, December 19, 2005).

²⁹ Another posting on the Qudsway Website on February 26, 2006, claimed that the read holocaust was being carried out by the Jews against the Palestinians and by the Americans against the Iraqis.

Radio and television

Hamas's Al-Aqsa TV

25. Al-Aqsa TV, Hamas's satellite television channel, is important in exposing the Palestinian public to Hamas ideology. It broadcasts many programs with anti-Semitic content, including children's programs, not only to the PA but to the entire Arab and Muslim world. It uses two communications satellites, the Egyptian communications satellite Nilesat and Arabsat, founded by the Arab League and strongly influenced by Saudi Arabia.

26. On December 24, 2007, Al-Aqsa TV broadcast an animated show in which the Jews were depicted as ugly, evil, cruel and having large noses. The plot was a fantasy about Jews digging under Al-Aqsa Mosque to destroy it and broadcast as part of Hamas's anti-Annapolis process propaganda. On February 29, 2008, Saudi Arabian Dr. Walid al-Rashudi, head of the Islamic Studies department at the King Saud University, appeared on Al-Aqsa TV and claimed that "what is happening in Palestine [sic] today is a genuine holocaust." He added that "burning 50-60 Jews in Germany or Switzerland [sic] is not a holocaust, but the Jews continue to call it that." He stated that the Jews extorted money from Germany and Switzerland using the claim that they had been victims of a Holocaust, and ended by saying that "we won't be happy even if all the Jews are killed."



The Jewish image as they appear on Al-Aqsa TV.

27. The children's program "Pioneers of Tomorrow," broadcast since May 2007, used an actor wearing a Mickey Mouse suit (called "Farfur") to inculcate Hamas and radical Islamic ideology: the Islamic takeover of the world, the continuation of violence and terrorism ("resistance"), "the liberation of Al-Aqsa mosque," fostering hatred for Israel and the West, all accompanied by anti-Semitic propaganda, and "Israel" was often equated with "Jews."³⁰ In the end, Farfur is killed by Israelis ("criminals, murderers, child killers") and becomes a shaheed.³¹

³⁰ See MEMRI Special Dispatch No. 1157, May 9, 2007, "Hamas Al- Aqsa TV: A Mickey Mouse Character Teaches Children about the Islamic rule of the World And To 'Annihilate the Jews'" at <http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=sd&ID=SP157707>.

³¹ The program was widely criticized in Israel and the rest of the world. Even Mustafa al-Barghouti, the Palestinian information minister at the time, attacked it, saying "the pictures are unfortunate and



Farfur (the Palestinian Mickey Mouse): "The Jews destroyed our home." Farfur has also called the Jews "criminals," "oppressors" and the like (May 13, 2007, picture from Palestine Media Watch).

28. When the program "killed" Farfur it created a new character, Nahool (a small bee), which was also used to attack Israel:



Nahool calls for suicide bombing attacks and expresses his desire to kill "the enemies of Allah, the murderers of the prophets, the murderers of innocent children," i.e., the Jews ("Pioneers of Tomorrow," July 13, 2007, from Palestine Media Watch).

Television and radio under Abu Mazen's supervision.

primitive. The government is determined to prevent exposing children to political propaganda. Part of the government's program is to separate education and ideology...However, you have to remember that there are 80 radio and television stations in the Palestinian Authority, and the government cannot and in the spirit of democracy does not intend to control them all..." (Ramatan TV, May 8, 2007). In effect Abu Mazen's government has no control over Hamas's Al-Aqsa TV, which is sometimes targets the government itself.

³³ The **Hadiths** are large collections of the sayings and actions of the prophet Muhammad passed down orally through several generations of Muslims. They were later recorded and included in several collections regarded as authentic by most Muslims. The Vision of Judgment Day is often interpreted as a call to kill the Jews.

29. In recent years Palestinian television supervised by Abu Mazen has occasionally broadcast anti-Semitic material, especially in sermons delivered by clerics and other spokesmen affiliated with Hamas. The violent confrontations between Abu Mazen and Hamas following its takeover of the Gaza Strip led to a reduction the number of sermons broadcast, although they continue:

30. On March 30, 2007, Hamas spokesman **Ismail Radwan** delivered a vicious sermon calling for the use of terrorism to “liberate Palestine.” Official Palestinian TV, subject to the supervision of Abu Mazen, broadcast the sermon live. It included a call to fight and kill the Jews, quoting from a *hadith* (Muslim tradition) called “The Vision of Judgment Day.”³³ Radwan quoted the following: “...Judgment Day will only arrive when the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them. Then the Jew will hide behind every rock or tree, but the rock or tree will say, ‘Muslim, slave of Allah, a Jew is standing behind me, come kill him’ with the exception of the nitraria bush,³⁴ which is one of the Jews’ trees.” He also stressed the need for national unity of the sort that existed, he said, during the time of the prophet Muhammad. He said that once national political unity had been achieved, there had to be unity among the “jihad fighters,” who were the same as the “resistance” [i.e., unity at the terrorist-military level of the various organizations].

**Palestinian TV
logo**



Ismail Radwan delivering the Friday sermon: a call to liberate Palestine using guns and rockets to kill the Jews (March 30, 2007, Palestinian TV).

31. **Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Bahr**, a Palestinian Legislative Council spokesman, appeared on Palestinian TV on April 20, 2007 and said that “our people [i.e., the Palestinians] have a cancerous growth, it is the Jews, [who are found] in the heart of the Arab nation...You can be sure that the United States is on the path to perdition...America has lost and Israel has lost...” He ended his sermon with the following invocation, “[Oh Allah], bring us victory over the nation of infidels, [oh] Allah, capture the Jews and their allies, [oh] Allah, capture the

³⁴ A plant with an edible fruit that has no known medicinal or other uses. The tradition has become very popular and is often used by radical Muslims to incite hatred for the Jews.

Americans and their allies, [oh] Allah, count them and kill them until the very last one of them, don't leave even one of them [alive]..."



Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Bahr calling upon Allah to kill the Jews in a live broadcast (Photo courtesy of Palestine Media Watch).

32. As part of the activities of the holy Muslim month of Ramadan, the PA's Voice of Palestine radio station broadcast a quiz dealing with Adolf Hitler (November 27, 2007). The winner who correctly guessed Hitler received 600 Israeli shekels. His biography was presented in an unequivocally sympathetic light and included his rise to power and conquest of Europe. His victories in 1940 were referred to as "his golden years," and his defeat and death as "the bitter end." The Holocaust was not mentioned. The way he was presented expressed the admiration felt for him by Palestinians; *Mein Kampf* used to be a bestseller in the PA (Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda, September 2, 1999).³⁵

³⁵ For further information see the Palestine Media Watch report "A look at the Palestinian media," December 6, 2004: "Admiration for Hitler in the PA, an official Palestinian radio quiz with a prize of 600 shekels," by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook. Also see <http://www.jerusalemsummit.org/eng/pmw.php?pmw=78>.

³⁶ For further information see our May 1 and 25, 2005 Bulletins entitled "Palestinian television, supervised by the Palestinian Authority, broadcast an anti-Semitic sermon. It was delivered by sheikh Ibrahim Mudeiras, a symbol of Palestinian incitement," at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/5_05/as_sermon.htm and "Anti-British hate

Examples of anti-Semitic propaganda eliminated by the PA

Ending the anti-Semitic sermons given by Sheikh Mudeiras

33. In the past Palestinian TV customarily broadcast the anti-Semitic sermons of Sheikh Ibrahim Mudeiras, a Hamas-affiliated cleric who was prominent under Arafat for his frequent vicious attacks on Israel, the Jewish people and the United States. His sermons contained anti-Semitic themes and were given in the Zaid Bin Sultan Aal Nahyan mosque in the Gaza Strip and broadcast live by PA-supervised Palestinian TV.

34. At the beginning of Abu Mazen's term of office broadcasts of Mudeiras' sermons were suspended for two weeks, and when he returned to the small screen his sermons were relatively moderate. However, on May 13, 2005, he delivered a blatantly anti-Semitic sermon, calling the Jews "an virus like AIDS" and "a cancerous growth spreading through the body of the nation." The Jews were also called corrupt intriguers.³⁶



Ibrahim Mudeiras: "...because the Jews are a virus, like AIDS, that the whole world suffers from."



"The Jews, using the Zionist Movement, motivated countries to fight."

Palestinian TV, May 13, 2005.

propaganda on Palestinian TV: the Palestinian Authority-controlled TV station broadcast a vicious anti-British sermon delivered by sheikh Ibrahim Mudeiras, a symbol of Palestinian incitement" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/5_05/a_british.htm.

For further information see our may 4, 2005 Bulletin entitled "Anti-Semitic incitement in the Arab world: Spreading The Protocols of the Elders of Zion through an official Internet website of the Palestinian Authority" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/5_05/inc_prot.htm.³⁷

35. Mudeiras' sermons provoked strong reactions from Jewish organizations dealing with combatting anti-Semitism. The heads of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Rabbi Marvin Hier and his deputy, called upon Abu Mazen to fire the director of Palestinian TV immediately, asking if "providing a forum for Holocaust deniers is the peace the Israelis can look forward to" (Ynet, May 16, 2005). Even Nabil Shaath, who was the Palestinian minister of information and therefore responsible for Palestinian TV, deplored the sermon and demanded they be stopped. Following the incident Palestinian TV stopped broadcasting Mudeiras' sermons.

Removing The Protocols of the Elders of Zion from an official PA Website

36. The Al-Nakba Website belongs to the Palestinian Authority Information Service, and until May 2005 *The Protocols* were posted on it in Arabic. A sub-heading read "The historical background of the Nakba," inferring that the establishment of the State of Israel and the ensuing Palestinian catastrophe were an implementation of *The Protocols*.³⁷

37. The site contained 24 *Protocols* taken from the eighth edition of the book, published in Damascus in 1999, translated and edited by "historian" Ajjaj Nuwayhidh.



The Protocols as they appeared on the Palestinian Al-Nakba Website; they were removed in May 2005.

38. The posting of *The Protocols* on an official Palestinian Website was exposed by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center. Following the exposure, the Anti-

Defamation League protested to the PA for its inclusion of mind-poisoning literature on one of its Websites. *The Protocols* were removed on May 18, 2005.

Lebanon

1. Lebanon, an important publishing center in the Arab world, is also a center of anti-Semitic incitement, which appears in the printed and electronic media.

2. **Hezbollah** leads the anti-Semitic field in Lebanon, supplementing its propaganda with Iran-like calls for the elimination of the State of Israel. Its goal is to foment hatred for Israel and the Jewish people and to justify terrorist attacks against Israel. Hezbollah's anti-Semitic and anti-Israel incitement is also motivated the **ideology and strategy of Iran**, Hezbollah's patron, which uses anti-Semitism to promote its national goals (See the section on Iran). **Other Lebanese figures and parties, including those belonging to the Christian community, are also anti-Semitic.**

3. Anti-Semitism was apparent in an official announcement issued by Hezbollah after its senior operative **Hajj Imad Moughnieh** (involved in the suicide bombing attack on the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina in July 1994, killing 86 and wounding more than 230) was killed in a car bomb explosion in Damascus. The following day, Hezbollah was quick to blame Israel for the incident (Al-Manar, February 13, 2008), even though Israel denied involvement. **The announcement referred to the Jews "murderers of prophets" and "corruptors" (*mufsidun*), traits attributed to the Jews in the Qur'an. Thus according to Hezbollah and its Iranian sponsors, Jews all over the world are legitimate targets for terrorist attacks.**

4. Four categories of Lebanese anti-Semitic material follow:¹

a. Books

b. Cartoons

c. Television

d. Internet

¹ For a review of anti-Semitic publications in Lebanon until early 2004, see the part on Lebanon in our Information Bulletin "Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East" (April 2004).

Books

Secrets of the Wicked (2004)

5. *Secrets of the Wicked, the 'Qabbalah' of the Jews, the Secret Organizations, and the Striving for World Domination* is an anti-Semitic book by **Muhammad Makram al-Umari**. It was published in Beirut, Lebanon, by **Dar al-Hadi, Hezbollah's publishing house**, which does a flourishing business in anti-Semitic books.



6. Represented as a “scientific study,” the book offers the blatantly anti-Semitic (and false) thesis that international Jewry has concocted a plot to corrupt and take over the world by means of secret Qabbalah organizations. **It claims that the Jewish Qabbalists worship the devil and wish to spread the practice to the entire world**, and uses *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* to “substantiate” its preposterous claims.

7. The Foreword (pp. 7-11) notes that the book’s objective is to have the reader understand that **Freemasonry and Zionism are only two of the numerous organizations striving to manipulate historical processes, using deceit and corruption to achieve their goals**. He adds, “...**We shall see that today’s schemes are just a new link in the old chain of schemes**. To benefit from the lessons of the past, we must thoroughly examine history and gain the [necessary] insight and [learn the necessary] lessons.”

8. The Epilogue (pp. 295-304) states that “This book aims to acquaint our esteemed readership with the plot to create a new world order, or ‘globalization,’ as it is known nowadays, as well as with the truth on the secret Qabbalistic organizations which strive to extend their dominion over the world’s peoples and resources. It also discusses the beliefs of the secret societies based on the Jews’ deceitful book of Qabbalah, and devil worship. The Qabbalists have used many secret societies throughout history, such as the Freemasons, Knights Templar, Men of Light, and countless others to mislead the public and enslave it to their purposes.”

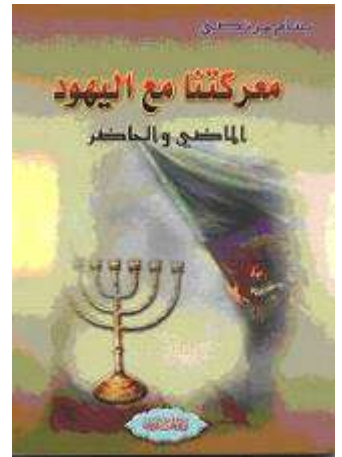
Dar al-Hadi Publishers

9. Beirut-based **Dar al-Hadi Publishers** is owned by Hezbollah. (It is named after Hadi, Hassan Nasrallah eldest sons who was killed in a clash with the IDF in September 1997.) It issues and distributes anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic literature, as well as books on Hezbollah and the legacy of Khomeini, who founded and led the Islamic revolution until his death in 1989. The publishing house has a website (www.daralhadi.com) which is careful not to directly associate itself with Hezbollah; however, the books it publishes express Hezbollah's ideology and worldview.

Our Battle with the Jews (2005)

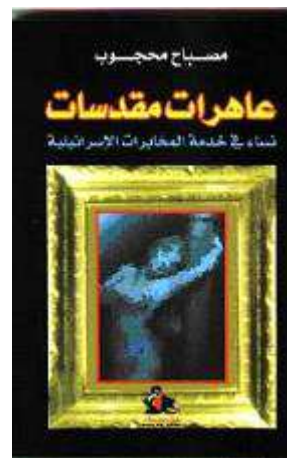
10. The book was written by **Bassam Murtada, who specializes in Islamic themes**. Its major claim is that the Jewish religion is corrupt, giving rise to the confrontation between Islam and Judaism. It also contains anti-American and anti-Christian claims:

- a. "In the Old Testament [Torah]... there are moral deviations" (p. 11).
- b. "It is small wonder that methods of oppression, destruction and extermination are the backbone of the Jewish faith, [as reflected] in [their] holy scriptures..." (p. 13).
- c. According to the book, the Jews take part in heretic rites and the Torah allegedly justifies mass murder (pp. 30-32).
- d. The wars fought by the Jews, as detailed in the Torah, are used to prove that the Jews are brutal and committed massacres. The book also quotes verses from the Torah, allegedly proving that the Jews are power-hungry and greedy (pp. 41-44).
- e. "[...] By their aloofness, greed, ceremony, dress and obstinacy, [the Jews] have incited hostility towards the Semitic race. Thus, they have been ridiculed, scorned and [even] murdered" (p. 107).



Holy Whores (2005)

11. *Holy Whores* was published in Beirut in 2005 by **Dar Riyad al-Rayyis lil-Kutub wal-Nashr**. The author is **Misbah Mahjoub**, who has written other anti-Semitic books (it is probably a **nom de plume**, since *misbah mahjoub* is Arabic for “hidden lamp”). The theme of the book is that Jewish women are whores who are humiliated by Jewish men. Yael Dayan² is quoted as saying: “Today’s Jewish women behave just like their foremothers, the holy whores in the lists of the Lord.”



12. For example:

a. “They [i.e., Jewish women] go to bed with many different men to have robotic sexual relations, their feelings reaching out towards Israel, for the sake of Israel. They gather the information with their eyes, ears and all the special senses that the Lord has bestowed upon them” (from the blurb on the back cover).

b. “The Jews have two sacred holidays: the first is Purim, held in the Jewish month of Adar (March) every year. The other is Passover, held in April every year. It should be noted that both holidays are not celebrated by the Jews **unless they eat matzo soaked in human blood, that of a newborn infant or a Christian cleric**, for example when they murdered a Christian priest [a reference to the Damascus blood libel] to take his blood and mix it into [the dough they used to prepare] the holiday matzo” (p. 209).

Cartoons

Overview

13. From time to time, the Lebanese press publishes virulent anti-Israeli (and at times, blatantly anti-Semitic) cartoons. One of the most prominent Lebanese cartoonists is **Elie Saliba**, whose cartoons are published in the Lebanese newspaper **Al-Diyar** (and in the Qatari **Al-Watan**, see the section on Qatar).

² Daughter of late famous Israeli general Moshe Dayan, a feminist who has written five novels and served as a member of the Israeli Knesset.

Cartoons drawn by Elie Saliba



Israeli PM Ehud Olmert as Hitler under the title: "The New Nazis" (center) and "Israeli holocaust against the Lebanese people" (upper right) (Al-Diyar, July 21, 2007)



An Israeli soldier senselessly slaughters women, children and old men. The text reads: "Qana³ all over again" and "Israel perpetrates massacres against [Lebanese] civilians" (Al-Diyar, July 14, 2007)



A two-faced Jew releasing doves of peace while firing bullets at Lebanon (Al-Diyar, August 14, 2007)

Television

14. **Al-Manar**, Hezbollah's TV channel, has traditionally spread anti-Semitic propaganda in Lebanon, the Arab world, and around the globe. In November 2003, during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan it broadcast a TV series produced in Syria called *Al-Shatat* ("The Diaspora"). The series accused the Jews of using the blood of Christian children to bake the Passover matzo. It was heavily criticized by the international community, resulting in Al-Manar's broadcasts being banned in the US, Latin America, and Asia. The restrictions are still in place, making it difficult for Al-Manar to enlarge its viewer audience.⁴

³ A Lebanese village in which one Israeli shell accidentally killed some 100 civilians in 1996.

⁴ The channel circumvents the restrictions imposed on it by broadcasting online, through Al-Manar's website. There has recently been an attempt to broadcast Al-Manar through the Thai communications satellite Thaicom; however, the satellite operator put an end to the broadcasts after they were exposed by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center website.

15. Although **Al-Manar has not shown such a blatantly anti-Semitic series** in recent years, it continues to **give voice** to anti-Semitism and to broadcast programs which inspire hatred against the Jewish people and preach the destruction of Israel. For example:⁵

16. On March 12, 2008, Al-Manar broadcast a documentary co-produced with the Beirut International Production Center, called ***The Third Destruction*** [i.e., the destruction of the Third Temple]. It dealt with the destruction of the Third Temple of the **Jewish state** (“the accursed entity”) and its theme was that Hezbollah’s victory in the second Lebanon war heralded Israel’s downfall (Al-Manar TV, March 12, 2008).



Abdallah Quseir, Al-Manar’s general manager, announces *The Third Destruction* at a press conference

17. On December 7, 2005, Al-Manar broadcast a children’s cartoon show featuring Jews depicted as evil, corrupt infidels driven only by money. The Jews on the show were referred to as “**criminals,**” “**cursed,**” “**infidels**” and “**murderers of prophets**” turned into monkeys and pigs by Allah.



The Jews are turned into monkeys and pigs because they are corrupt



A Jew as presented by Al-Manar

⁵ Pictures in paragraphs 16-19 courtesy of MEMRI.

18. On October 20, 2006, Al-Manar broadcast a speech given by Sunni preacher **Dr. Fathi Yakan**, leader of the Islamic Action Front in Lebanon, affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. On Iranian-sponsored Jerusalem Day, he said: “The [divine] promise of the Apocalypse shall not come true, according to the prophet Muhammad, Allah’s prayers be upon him, until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them.” He called the Jews “sons of monkeys and pigs” and called for the destruction of the State of Israel.⁶



Dr. Fathi Yakan

19. On June 21, 2006, the private Lebanese channel **NEWTVSAT** broadcast a program in which Ghazi Hussein, the former Lebanese ambassador in Vienna, attacked the Jews. He said that the Jews were striving to undermine the very foundations of the world, as instructed by *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, using the Holocaust as a tool to blackmail the world and to divert attention from the holocaust they were perpetrating on the Palestinians. He claimed that the Holocaust started as a cooperative effort between the Nazis and the Zionist movement, both of which were interested in “purging” Germany of its Jews. Hussein also claimed that the number of Holocaust victims was exaggerated and designed to extort money from the world.⁷



Ghazi Hussein

20. In a program broadcast by the government-owned Lebanese channel **TeleLiban** on January 30, 2007, Lebanese poet Marwan Chamoun said the Jews murdered a Christian boy in Damascus in 1840 to use his blood for baking matzos. Marwan Chamoun mentioned *The Matzo of Zion*, an anti-Semitic book by Mustafa Tlass, which deals extensively with the Damascus blood libel (See the section on Syria).⁸



Marwan Chamoun

21. On October 22, 2007, an anti-Semitic program about *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was broadcast on NBN TV, owned by Nabih Berri, chairman of the Lebanese Parliament and a leading member of the Lebanese Shi’ite community. According to the program, the Jews spread corruption, deal in drugs and engage in psychological warfare to take over the world. The program was hosted by Maria Maalouf, a journalist known for her enthusiastic support

⁶ About Fathi Yakan, see <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/568D99FF-66D9-417E-8022-A0F7C907202F.htm>.

⁷ See: <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1178.htm>.

⁸ For details, see MEMRI document published on February 6, 2007: “Lebanese Poet Marwan Chamoun: Jews Slaughtered Christian Priest in Damascus in 1840 and Used His Blood for Matzos.”

of Syria and Hassan Nasrallah. According to Internet postings, she is engaged to Maher al-Assad, brother of current Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.⁹



A scene from the program



Maria Maalouf

22. Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah took up Iran's holocaust denial campaign, and his statements were quoted on Al-Jazeera and Al-Manar:

a. On February 3, 2006, Hassan Nasrallah told **Al-Jazeera** that "the great French philosopher Roger Garaudy¹⁰ wrote a scientific, academic book discussing the Jews' false claim about the Holocaust, and proved that the Holocaust was a myth. That great researcher was put on trial, attacked, and humiliated."¹¹

b. On February 23, 2006, Hassan Nasrallah told **Al-Manar that**: "Several days ago, a British historian and writer named David Irving was put on the trial, as you have heard on the media. He was sentenced to three years in prison by an Austrian court. What wrong did he do? His only fault was that, in one of his books, a study he conducted led him to the conclusion which made him deny the existence of gas chambers in the Nazi camps. That led to his imprisonment."

23. Following the death of Imad Moughnieh, Hassan Nasrallah presented the reasons which, in his view, would lead to the disappearance of the State of Israel (Al-Manar TV, February 22, 2008). He stressed that **the destruction of the State of Israel** was "a historic, inescapable law given by Allah," and predicted that "that historic move will come to an end within a few years."

⁹ <http://www.montadaalquran.com/articles/readarticle.php?articleID=285>.

¹⁰ A Frenchman who converted to Islam, one of the most prominent Holocaust deniers.

¹¹ <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1023.htm>.

Internet

Anti-Semitic postings on Hezbollah's websites

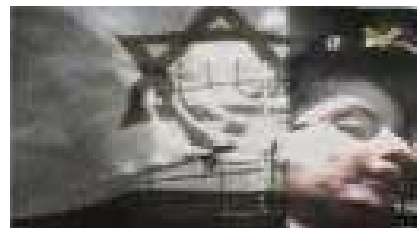


The Shiaweb website: under the title "The Terrorists" appear anti-Semitic and anti-American publications (July 12, 2007)

Magnified images from the website:



Israeli PM Ehud Olmert appearing as Hitler; the title reads "Adolf Olmert" (Shiaweb, November 7, 2006, originally appeared on Al-Manar TV)



Under the title "A state born for terrorism" there is a Jew next to the Israeli flag (Shiaweb, November 7, 2006)



Right: The word "HATE" under a Star of David. Below it are the tentacles of an octopus, used in anti-Semitic drawings to represent the Jews' so-called subversion and striving for world domination. The same theme appears in the cartoon on the left, featuring a spider with a Jewish face with "Zionism" written on its back in Russian. The spider web has a Star of David at its center (the Moqawamat website homepage, October 31, 2006).

Distributing anti-Semitic books through other Lebanese websites

24. **Distributing anti-Semitic literature on the Nil wa-Furat website:** Nil wa-Furat (Nile and Euphrates) is a popular internet portal for purchasing books in Arabic. Based in Beirut, Lebanon, it offers anti-Semitic literature published in Lebanon and elsewhere. Several recent examples follow:



The Matzo of Zion, the anti-Semitic book by Syria's former Defense Minister



Blood for the Matzos of Zion





[Divine] Inspiration and its Opposite – The Protocols of the Elders of Zion in the Qur'an



The 2005 Syrian edition of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion



25. Distributing anti-Semitic books on the Dar al-Nafaes publishing website: Dar al-Nafaes is a Lebanese publishing house which distributes anti-Semitic literature that can be purchased on its website (www.alnafaes.com).



From Judaism to Zionism



The anti-Semitic book *From Judaism to Zionism*



Money and Media in Jewish Thought and Zionist Actions¹²

26. Another Lebanese portal for purchasing books (including anti-Semitic books) is www.arabicebook.com.

¹² Published in 1999, this is a new edition of an anti-Semitic book written by Uthman Bek Qibrilzade in 1887, titled "The Jews' Domination over the World." The editor and author of the foreword of the present edition is a lecturer on faiths and religious groups in the Imam al-Awza'i College for Islamic Studies in Beirut.



Secrets of the Wicked



Twisting the Image of the Other in the Talmud



Jordan

Overview

1. Since the beginning of the current Palestinian terrorist campaign against Israel (the so-called “second intifada”), expression of anti-Israeli and even anti-Semitic sentiments have become increasingly common in Jordanian media. This situation has continued and even escalated over the past several years, and reflects the gradual erosion of the normalized relations between the two countries.

2. Anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic propaganda come from the internal opposition to the Hashemite regime, mainly Islamic and Palestinian elements striving to **undermine** the Israeli-Jordanian peace agreement. The Jordanian regime, which is obligated by its peace treaty with Israel, does not stop anti-Semitic publications but rather attempts to play down their existence, mostly out of fear that they will compromise Jordanian relations with Israel and the US.

3. Three categories of Jordanian anti-Semitic material follow:¹³

- a. Press articles
- b. Cartoons
- c. Television

¹³ For a review of anti-Semitic publications in Jordan until early 2004, see the following research published by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center: “Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East” (February 26, 2004).

Press articles

Overview

4. The Jordanian press occasionally publishes anti-Semitic articles written by authors associated either with radical Islam or the left wing. Of particular note are three journalists:

a. **Ibrahim Alloush**: An Islamist affiliated with Al-Qaeda, writing for oppositionist weekly **Al-Sabil** (a periodical associated with the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamic Action Front, the Brotherhood's political wing in Jordan, which frequently publishes anti-Semitic articles).

b. **Muwaffaq Muhaddin**: A pro-Syrian journalist associated with the Jordanian left wing, writes a personal column for the independent daily **Al-Arab al-Yaum**.

c. **Nawwaf al-Zaru**: A Palestinian born in Jerusalem who served a life sentence in an Israeli prison. Since his release in a prisoner exchange deal, he has lived in Jordan and writes about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the daily **Ad-Dustour**.

5. The Annapolis meeting (November 2007) and the escalation in the Gaza Strip led to an **increase in the number of anti-Semitic articles**. The increase continued in early 2008 as the situation in the Gaza Strip deteriorated further. Apparently the Jordanian regime provides writers with freedom to vent their anger, even though such articles **do not necessarily reflect its views** and are written by journalists who basically oppose the regime.

Examples

6. In an article published in **Ad-Dustour** on March 13, 2008, former Jordanian parliament member **Abd al-Mun'em Abu Zant** claimed that the Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip was "part of the global Jewish-Crusader plot," and that hurting Palestinian children was "part of the Jewish-Talmudic desire to have mothers crying day and night so that they demand the war be stopped and they would surrender."

7. On March 11, 2008, **Al-Sabil** published an article by **Ibrahim Alloush**, justifying the murder of the Merkaz Harav yeshiva students in Jerusalem by a suicide bomber, saying that "any Jew currently in Palestine is necessarily part of the Zionist plot... Suffice to say they are invaders... so our duty has to be **uprooting each and every Jew**, starting with the so-called 'progressive Jews'... Blessed be the white [i.e., clean] hands, the hands of the heroes of the resistance, **which**

ease [the Jews] on their way to hell... Hurrah to those who carry guns! Hurrah to those who carry explosive belts!..."

8. In an article published in **Al-Arab al-Yaum** on January 17, 2008, **Muwaffaq Muhaddin** attacked the pro-Western views of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, claiming that the Jews had influenced the opinions of French leaders throughout history. Titled "Jewish France," the article asserts that Jewish figures have "stolen" the history and culture of the East, appropriated it, and written it in the book which claims to be the "Old Testament."¹⁴

9. On January 15, 2008, **Ibrahim Alloush** published an article on Holocaust denial in **Al-Sabil**. The article claimed that the Holocaust was a lie, fabricated to promote political goals, and that the UN resolution regarding the Holocaust was meaningless, since whenever the Holocaust is discussed anywhere in the world, "it fades away like falling leaves." The article then expressed support for suicide bombers who attack Israeli civilians.

10. In an article published by **Muwaffaq Muhaddin** in **Al-Arab al-Yaum** (an independent daily associated with the Jordanian left wing) on January 6, 2008, the author compared *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* to what he referred to as "the capitalist, American, and barbarian culture." He elaborated on *The Protocols*, saying he noticed similarities between them and modern American culture. He added that that uncanny resemblance is noticeable regardless of whether *The Protocols* are true or not.

11. On November 18, 2007, **Nawwaf al-Zaru** published an article in **Ad-Dustour** titled "Globalization of Holocaust Culture." It claimed that the Holocaust was clearly a Zionist-Israeli story, used to blackmail the world and Germany in particular, adding that the Zionist movement and Israeli governments have exploited the Holocaust "Shylock style."¹⁵

12. On April 12, 2007, **Muwaffaq Muhaddin** wrote an article in **Al-Arab al-Yaum** titled "From Holocaust Industry to Terrorism [Industry]." The article claimed that the Jews fabricated "the story of the murder in gas chambers, which was proven scientifically false." The article was republished in the same newspaper on April 16, on the Holocaust Memorial Day in Israel.

¹⁴ Responding to comments received from Christians who believe in the Old Testament about his anti-Semitic views, Muhaddin wrote as follows: "How can any Christian believe that the New Testament is the continuation of the Old Testament, if even all the Jewish factions never recognized Jesus, they asked the Roman governor to crucify him, and they are still waiting for the true Messiah... (**Al-Arab al-Yaum**, January 8, 2008).

¹⁵ Shylock—the Jewish loan shark who demands a "pound of flesh" from the Christian debtor in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

13. On March 9, 2007, the daily **Ad-Dustour** published an anti-Semitic article titled: "The Integral Relations Between Zionism and Nazism." The article was written by **Rakan al-Majali**, who has a regular column in the newspaper. On the same day, the article was also published on Jordanian news and tourism website "Jordan Explorer." The article claimed that the "Jewish personality" was based on "[holding a] grudge, vindictiveness, and rejection of everything that is not Jewish. The article cited a Jordanian publicist named **Husni 'A'ish**,¹⁶ who said that the "Jewish superiority complex" and "the call to eliminate the others" are the basis of Zionist ideology, which resembles Nazism. He refers to Zionism as "Nazi Zionism" and claims that the Jews, guided by verses from the Torah, perpetrated holocausts against other peoples.

14. In November-December 2006, the Jordanian press published several blatantly anti-Semitic articles incorporating vicious attacks on Israel. In an article dated November 23, 2006, **Muwaffaq Muhaddin**, a columnist in *Al-Arab al-Yaum*, referred to the Jewish religion and history as "fabrications." He said that Judaism and the Jews did not have a precise definition, and that the Jews took over the history and religion of the East and adopted them as their own. He further claimed that **Jewish faith was recorded in the [first] five books [of the Bible] and that anyone who believed in them should be condemned, just as the Nazis are condemned. According to Muhaddin, the books were a "series of Nazi, barbaric, racist instructions."**



Muwaffaq Muhaddin: The books of Torah are Nazi guidelines...

15. In an article published in *Al-Ra'i* on November 21, 2006, **Husni 'A'ish**, a former employee of the Jordanian Ministry of Education, wrote that **killing civilians was part of the Jewish-Israeli-Zionist-Biblical-Talmudic faith**. He claimed that the Jews were brought up on that belief and despite being the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, **they invented the Holocaust as a historical event** and formalized it in a religious and cultural context. He thus concluded that no peace or even surrender could ever change the Jews' beliefs as long as they read the Torah and the Talmud every day and educated their children according to them, because they say that killing civilians is permitted and even desirable.

16. On November 14, 2006, Jordanian newspaper *Al-Ra'i* published an article by **Dr. Samir Qatami**, according to which "what the evil regime of Israel is doing in Palestine is worse than what Hitler did in Europe in the so-called 'Holocaust.' While the Germans killed several thousands [of Jews], as they did other peoples during the war, **Israel has so far killed more Palestinians than those murdered in Germany. Jewish racism has turned the Holocaust into an**

¹⁶ **Husni 'A'ish** was formerly employed in the Jordanian Ministry of Education and wrote books about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. On November 21, 2006, he published an anti-Semitic article in the newspaper *Al-Ra'i*, claiming that the Jews were teaching their children that, according to the Torah and the Talmud, it was permitted and even desirable to kill civilians.

industry and [an instrument for] blackmailing the world. In addition, [the Jews] have exaggerated the number of Jewish victims a thousand times, giving the number of six million..."

17. On September 10, 2006, Jordanian newspaper **Al-Ra'i** published an article by **Dr. Sahar al-Majali** according to which "the precepts of the Talmud emphasize racism, similar to *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which strive to realize the Jewish dream of world domination and exploit all other peoples in any way possible. **[The Jews] believe that they and they alone are the 'chosen people of God' and that all other peoples exist to serve them... Israel's oppression, terrorism, hostility and expansion against the Arab people—the Lebanese and the Palestinians, and before that Jordan, Syria, and Egypt—are a prime example of the Talmudic worldview, shared not only by Israeli decision-makers but by the entire Israeli people.**"

18. On July 11, 2006, **Al-Ra'i** published another article by **Dr. Sahar al-Majali**,: according to which "the Talmud was written by Jewish rabbis who claimed they were holier than the Torah, which they twisted and used to serve political goals... The precepts of the Talmud negate the principle of divine respect for human beings. They are the result of narrow-minded racism deeply rooted in hatred, crime and the exploitation of human blood, land, and property."

19. On May 26, 2005, the daily **Ad-Dustour** published an anti-Semitic editorial which not only leveled accusations at Israel, it stated that Israeli leaders and the Jews did not honor agreements and that the Jews who had once betrayed Prophet Muhammad were the same Jews of today.

20. On January 25, 2005, the day the UN commemorated the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, **Al-Ra'i** published an article by **Mohammad Kharoub**, one its regular columnists. According to the article, "**Israel managed to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of the infamous camp, where Christians, Jews, and people belonging to various nations and countries were burned to death [sic]. Not just the Jews were burned, but the legend of the Holocaust has since been monopolized by the Jews and Judaism...**"

Cartoons

Overview

21. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of anti-Semitic cartoons published in the Jordanian press, a trend which increased in 2006. The newspaper spearheading the trend is **Ad-Dustour**, of which the Jordanian government is part-owner. Of particular note is **Jalal al-Rifa'i**, a cartoonist of Palestinian descent, who frequently draws anti-Semitic cartoons. In recent years there has also been an increase in anti-American and anti-Western cartoons in the Jordanian media.



Cartoonist Jalal al-Rifa'i, who frequently draws cartoons (at times anti-Semitic) attacking Israel

22. The major themes in the anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic cartoons are the Jew as diabolical and bloodthirsty; Israeli PM Ehud Olmert as vicious and bloodthirsty; equating the Israeli prime minister with the Nazis and Hitler; Jews as snakes threatening to take over the Temple Mount, the US, the Quartet, and the whole world; and Israel as perpetrating a holocaust against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. They **lack originality** and simply recycle anti-Semitic themes common in the Arabic press.

Examples



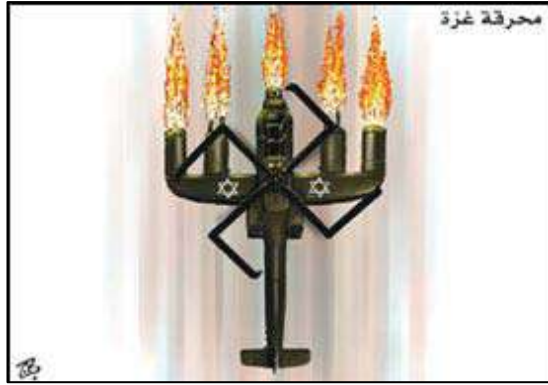
A Holocaust victim (whose tombstone reads "The Jewish Holocaust") coming out of his grave to reprimand Israeli PM Ehud Olmert and Defense Minister Ehud Barak; the text on the flames in the background reads "The Holocaust of Gaza" (Ad-Dustour, Jordan, March 4, 2008)



Israeli soldiers raising the Nazi flag over Palestinian bodies in Gaza, inspired by the photograph of raising the flag on Iwo Jima (Ad-Dustour, Jordan, March 4, 2008)



President Bush says "The only democracy in the Middle East," pointing to Israel, a bloodthirsty demon carrying a trident adorned with a swastika (Ad-Dustour, Jordan, March 5, 2008)



Titled "The Holocaust of Gaza," the illustration shows an attack helicopter with a swastika for a propeller (Al-Ghadd, Jordan, March 3, 2008)



The Jewish serpent strangles the Gaza Strip, representing itself as seeking peace (Ad-Dustour, January 18, 2008)



Israel crucifies the Gaza Strip by cutting off its electricity (Al-Ghadd, January 21, 2008)



Israeli PM Ehud Olmert as a vulture with blood-stained talons, carrying a twisted caricature of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who holds a white dove of peace but seems intent on war and killing (Ad-Dustour, February 26, 2007)



Israeli PM Ehud Olmert and US President George Bush raising a toast while swimming in goblets of blood. Olmert's reads "Palestine" and Bush's "Iraq"; they rest on a tray carried by a waiter the text on whose sleeve reads "Arab impotence" (Ad-Dustour, March 3, 2007)



The Jew controlling the Quartet



Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyah arguing with Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), while a Jew threatens to swallow them both (Ad-Dustour, January 9, 2007)



The Israeli right, central, and left wings portrayed as goblets being filled with Palestinian blood (Ad-Dustour, May 21, 2007)



The vicious, world-dominating Jew



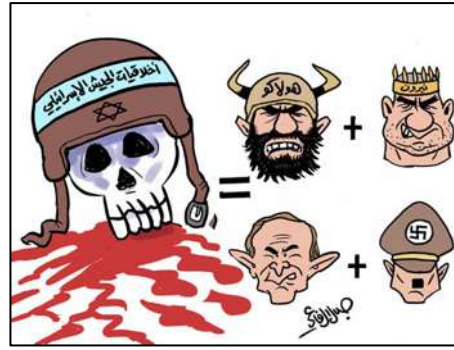
Ehud Olmert in swastika-decorated uniform with his hands covered in blood; the droppings of the dove of peace form a swastika; the text reads: "A decoration on Olmert's chest" (Ad-Dustour, August 5, 2006)



Ehud Olmert drinking blood saying "It's so good... Nothing like a cold drink in [this] heat wave!" (Ad-Dustour, May 24, 2007)



Ehud Olmert using blood to water a Star of David to which swastikas are attached. Under the Star of David are dead [Palestinian] children and the US Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, depicted as a vulture carrying a letter which says "A New Middle East" (Ad-Dustour, July 31, 2006)



Nero + Hulagu [a medieval Mongol leader renowned for his cruelty] + Hitler + George Bush = the morals of the Israeli army, depicted as a blood-dripping skull wearing a helmet (Ad-Dustour, August 16, 2006)



Ehud Olmert gives birth to a Hitler-like child; the caption reads "A New Middle East" (Ad-Dustour, July 26, 2006)



The devil, whose eyes are former British PM Tony Blair and US President George Bush, and whose nose is Israeli PM Ehud Olmert (Ad-Dustour, August 14, 2006)



Ehud Olmert drinking blood with former Israeli PM Ariel Sharon, whose shirt reads "Arab blood" (Ad-Dustour, July 8, 2006)



Ehud Olmert swimming in a bottle of blood (Ad-Dustour, July 15, 2006)



Ehud Olmert and Hitler giving a Nazi salute (Ad-Dustour, April 13, 2006)



Ehud Olmert drinking blood while an Israeli airplane drops ice into his goblet (Ad-Dustour, June 15, 2006)



Israel controlling the US (Al-Ghad, May 16, 2006)



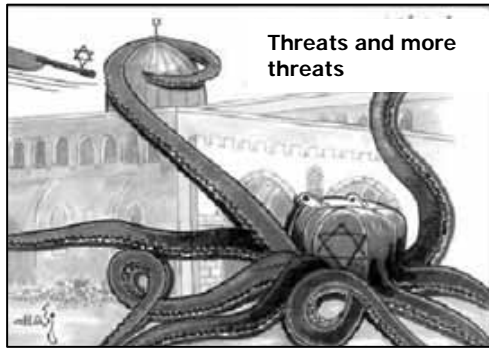
Ehud Olmert taking a bath of blood, while Israel's former Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz is pouring "Palestinian blood" on his head (Ad-Dustour, March 8, 2006)



Israel (Tzipi Livni) controlling the US (Condoleezza Rice) and, through it, the UN (Kofi Annan) (Al-Ghad, July 4, 2006)



US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni depicted as a two-headed snake enveloping the world; the text between them reads "True Love" (Al-Ghad, August 30, 2006)



Israel as an octopus threatening the Al-Aqsa Mosque (Al-Ra'i, April 24, 2005)



Jews as snakes threatening to take over the Temple Mount (Al-Ra'i, March 19, 2005)

Television

23. During the holy Muslim month of Ramadan (October 2005), **Al-Mamnou'** ["The Forbidden"], an independent Jordanian TV channel, aired 22 out of 29 episodes of Al-Shatat ("The Diaspora"), an anti-Semitic series produced in Syria in 2003 and broadcast the same year by Al-Manar (Hezbollah's TV channel) and in 2004 on Iranian television, generating protests worldwide. The series makes use of anti-Semitic myths, including the blood libel. After appeals from American and Israeli organizations, the Jordanian government banned further broadcasts.¹⁷



Al-Shatat: An episode about killing a Christian child to bake Passover matzos

¹⁷ http://www.intelligence.org.il/Eng/eng_n/al_shatat_e.htm.

Persian Gulf States

Overview

1. In the Persian Gulf states, anti-Semitic propaganda is spread mostly through the media. Anti-Semitic books imported from Arab countries are also distributed. Of particular note was an international book fair held in Qatar in 2005, in which many such books were sold.

2. Anti-Semitic cartoons are often published in the press of the Persian Gulf states—many of them drawn by cartoonists from the Arab world (Palestinians, Syrians, Egyptians, and Lebanese). Also important in spreading anti-Semitism is **Al-Jazeera TV**, owned by Qatar, which occasionally includes blatant anti-Semitic statements that are broadcast to the Arab and Muslim world.

Qatar

3. The emirate of Qatar, which has relations with Israel, is a major distributor of anti-Semitic propaganda in the Persian Gulf states and in the Arab world. Popular **Al-Jazeera TV** also spreads virulent anti-Israeli propaganda, at times combined with anti-Semitic themes:

Anti-Semitic statements on Al-Jazeera TV

4. Al-Jazeera TV is owned and financed by the ruler of Qatar, and is the most popular TV channel in the Arab world, exerting tremendous influence on public opinion in the various Arab countries. During the latest round of escalation between Israel and the Palestinians (February 27-March 3, 2008), the channel played an active role in Hamas's propaganda campaign through the use of blatant anti-Semitic themes. Moreover, in recent years, the channel has aired several strong anti-Semitic statements in its news coverage and interviews with Arab figures:

Broadcasting anti-Semitic statements

5. On December 10, 2007, Al-Jazeera broadcast an anti-Semitic speech by a senior Syrian cleric named **Dr. Muhammad Sa'ïd Ramadan al-Bouti**.¹⁸ It was given at a convention held in Damascus, titled "The Role of Religion in the Establishment of World Peace." Al-Bouti noted that the Jews were **"the greatest enemy, seeking to undermine world peace."** He read "The Franklin Prophecy," a fake document dating back to the late 18th century supposedly written by American statesman Benjamin Franklin, about the danger of a Jewish takeover of the United States and the need to expel them from the country to prevent it. He claimed that the document was absolutely authentic, and was evidence that the Jews were corrupt and sought to take over the world.



Muhammad Sa'ïd Ramadan al-Bouti (courtesy of MEMRI)

6. On October 31, 2006, **Samir 'Ubeid**, described as "an Iraqi researcher living in Europe"¹⁹ told Al-Jazeera TV that "it cannot be that 167 Jews are Nobel Prize laureates, while only a few Arabs have ever won the prize." He believes that the number of Jews receiving the Nobel Prize had to do with racial bias, a result of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.²⁰



Samir 'Ubeid

7. On June 24, 2006, **Muhammad al-Madbouly**, the owner of Al-Madbouly Publishing in Cairo, which frequently publishes anti-Semitic literature (See the section on Egypt), was interviewed by Al-Jazeera. He said that **the Jews were associated with prostitution as well as moral and financial corruption**, and that "if it weren't for the Jews, there would be no destruction [in the world]." He added that when an Israeli Jew asked him to publish an Arabic-Hebrew dictionary, he refused and said, **"You are all devils on the inside, not human beings... You are the enemies of all living beings... There is nothing honorable about your history. You are men of prostitution, banks, gold, and oil. You do all that to suck [the blood of] the peoples [of the world] and to fight them using your knowledge. Are you human beings? Absolutely not."**²¹



Muhammad al-Madbouly (courtesy of MEMRI)

¹⁸ Dr. Muhammad al-Bouti, who is closely associated with top Syrian officials, has written many books on Islamic religious law and served as Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Religious Law in the University of Damascus.

¹⁹ <http://www.memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=sd&ID=SP135906>

²⁰ <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1313.htm>.

²¹ <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1189.htm>.

Accusing Israel of committing a “holocaust” in the Gaza Strip and other anti-Semitic motifs which appeared on Al-Jazeera TV during the escalation between Israel and the Palestinians (February 27-March 3, 2008)

8. Covering the escalation in the Gaza Strip, Al-Jazeera TV **resolutely sided with Hamas and defamed Israel**, using anti-Semitic themes, equating Israel with Nazism and describing Israel's actions in the Gaza Strip as a holocaust. Extensive coverage sent the false message that Israel, with its “murderous character,” **deliberately targeted children**, portrayed as the “victims of the Gaza holocaust.” It almost never mentioned that most of those killed or wounded during the IDF's activities were actually armed terrorists belonging to Hamas's military-operative wing (the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades), and that the IDF activity was triggered by the extensive, unceasing rocket attacks on Israeli population centers.

9. The anti-Israeli propaganda was accompanied by **anti-Semitic themes**, reflected on **Al-Jazeera's website**. During the confrontation, the website posted a presentation titled “the New Nazis,” featuring a swastika morphing into a Star of David. It also featured a cartoon of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert dressed in Nazi uniform and giving a Nazi salute.



A presentation titled “The New Nazis” on the Al-Jazeera website: a swastika morphing into a Star of David



A title on the Al-Jazeera website reads: “Children... the victims of the Gaza holocaust,” followed by a photograph to “illustrate” that.



Equating Israel with the Nazis: Olmert as Hitler (The Al-Jazeera homepage, March 4, 2008).

10. The Al-Jazeera broadcasts and the scenes of horror shown during the fighting **performed a service for the Hamas propaganda machine, due to the station's considerable influence in the Arab and Muslim world.** It is small wonder, therefore, that Hamas senior activist Mahmoud al-Zahar thanked al-Jazeera for its contribution to covering the events in a speech he gave in Gaza. Addressing the Arab media, Al-Zahar said, "I wish to especially note the [Hamas] Al-Aqsa [channel and] **Al-Jazeera** and all the channels which covered the events on the Palestinian street, instead of broadcasting game shows, dancers, and TV series..." (Al-Aqsa TV, March 3, 2008).



Mahmoud al-Zahar thanks Al-Jazeera and Hamas's Al-Aqsa (Al-Aqsa TV, March 3, 2008)

International book fair in Qatar

11. Qatar's capital city of Doha hosted an international book fair where many anti-Semitic books were sold. Held on December 21-31, 2005, it was organized by Qatar's National Culture, Arts and Heritage Council, and **sponsored by the emir of Qatar**, Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani. **Three hundred and fifty-five publishers from 17 Arab and Islamic countries participated in the fair and tens of thousands of books were displayed. Anti-Semitic literature published in Arab countries** was also featured. Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt were prominent among the countries displaying anti-Semitic literature.



A selection of anti-Semitic books published in Egypt and sold at the Qatar International Book Fair

Cartoons

12. The Qatari press publishes many virulent anti-Semitic cartoons. Of particular note are those of 40-year old Lebanese cartoonist **Elie (Elliott) Saliba**, whose cartoons appear in Qatari daily **Al-Watan** and Lebanese daily **Al-Diyar**. In addition, the Qatari press publishes anti-Semitic cartoons by Palestinian cartoonists **Omayya Joha** and **'Alaa al-Laqta** (See the section on the Palestinian Authority).

Anti-Semitic cartoons drawn by Elie Saliba



A Jew with skulls of Palestinians from Gaza exposed on his head (Al-Watan, March 4, 2008).



Ariel Sharon swallowing the Gaza Strip in 2006 (a year after the Israeli withdrawal) (Al-Watan, January 3, 2006).



Ariel Sharon depicted as a beast with skulls for eyes and fangs. The title reads, "Sharon opens his eyes for the first time since his stroke" (Al-Watan, January 18, 2006).



A Jew stealing the Palestinian government's money in the dead of night (Al-Watan, February 22, 2006)



A vicious-looking Jew threatening to collapse the Temple Mount (Al-Watan, January 5, 2006).



A Jew warning the US not to grant assistance to the Palestinians (Al-Watan, May 2, 2006).



A Jew breaking the glasses of a helpless character representing the world (Al-Watan, April 21, 2006).



Hezbollah missiles pursuing a Jew fleeing for his life from Haifa, Acre, Safed, Kiryat Shmona, Nahariya and Nazareth (Al-Watan, July 29, 2006).



A Jew drinking the blood of the Lebanese people (Al-Watan, July 20, 2006)



Israeli PM Ehud Olmert as the devil with a scythe dripping blood (Al-Watan, November 4, 2006).



A Jew manipulating the US (Al-Watan, September 3, 2006).



The Jew depicted as the devil (Al-Watan, July 1, 2006).



A Jew about to blow up the Fatah-Hamas negotiating table (Al-Watan, November 13, 2006).



A Jew placing Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas behind bars (Al-Watan, September 5, 2007)



A Jew shooting on the Gaza Strip under the US cover (Al-Watan, July 7, 2006).

The United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Anti-Semitic cartoons, most of them drawn by Egyptian Hamed Najib



The title reads, "The Zionist Holocaust in Gaza" (Al-Khaleej, March 2, 2008).



The title reads "Blackmail," and a Jew threatens the world with a gun saying "The Holocaust" (Al-Ittihad, January 24, 2006).



"The world in 2006:" a Jew takes over the world while an Arab stands by in shock (Al-Ittihad, February 9, 2006).



A Jew stepping over the world (Al-Ittihad, July 2, 2006).



A snake covered in Stars of David ("the [Israeli] settlers") threatens to bite a frightened Arab (Al-Ittihad, April 20, 2006).

Oman

Cartoons

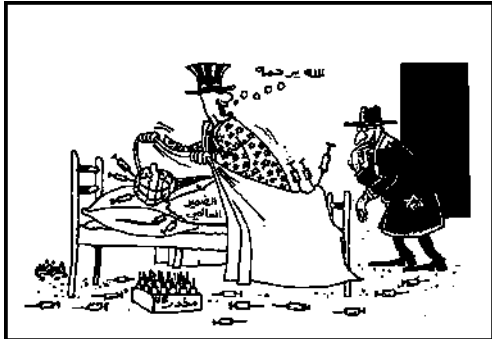
1. Many anti-Semitic cartoons are published in Oman, mostly in the daily **Al-Watan**. One of the prominent anti-Israeli anti-Jewish cartoonists is Syrian **Yassin al-Khalil** (See the section on Syria).



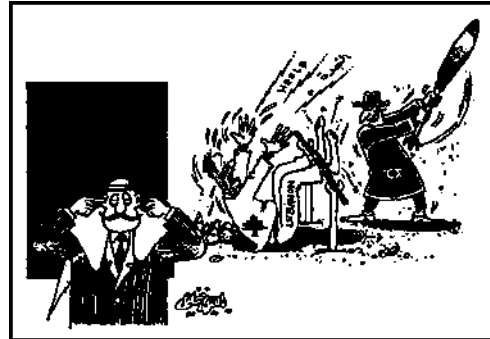
A Jew with his bottom on fire fleeing a defiant Muslim mob coming out of the Temple Mount (Al-Watan, August 21, 2007).



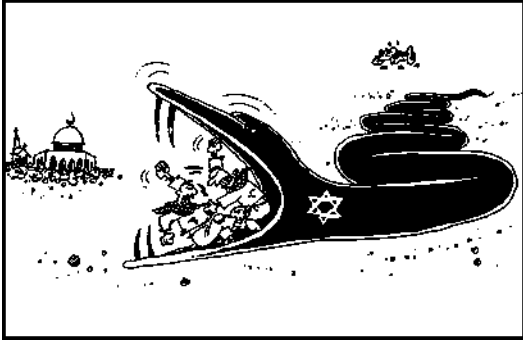
A Jew sitting comfortably on a throne, smoking and smirking to himself while the Palestinians beneath him fight one another (Al-Watan, June 20, 2007).



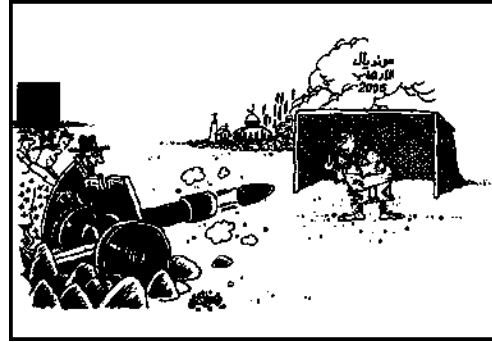
A doctor representing the United States announcing the death of the "international conscience," while a Jew stands nearby smirking, having injected drugs into it (Al-Watan, January 16, 2007).



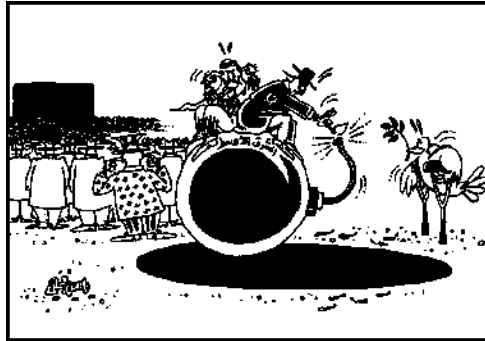
A Jew torturing a man who represents Lebanon and screams for help; nearby is another figure which represents the Arab world covering its ears (Al-Watan, July 29, 2006).



Israel shown as a snake about to swallow the Palestinians who fight one another (Al-Watan, June 15, 2006).



A Jew firing a cannon at a beggar; in the background is the Temple Mount going up in flames and a title that reads "World Terrorism Championship 2006" (Al-Watan, July 8, 2006).



A Jew about to blow up the Middle East, while the Arabs sitting on the bomb (and the rest of the world) cover their ears; on the right is a wounded dove of peace (Al-Watan, July 13, 2006).

Bahrain

Cartoons

2. Bahrain's most prominent anti-Semitic cartoonist is **Abdullah al-Muharraqi**, well-respected in the Persian Gulf states.²² He completed his studies at the London College of Printing in 1970 and has been active in the field for several decades.

²² http://www.arabcartoon.net/a/printed_matter/2006/printed_25.htm (Arabic only), <http://vb.vip600.com/showthread.php?t=16263> (Arabic only).

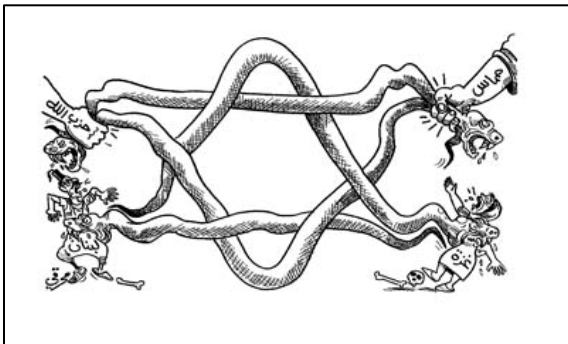


Al-Muharraqi receiving an award at a party given in his honor in Bahrain in June 2006



Abdullah al-Muharraqi

Cartoons drawn by Abdallah al-Muharraqi



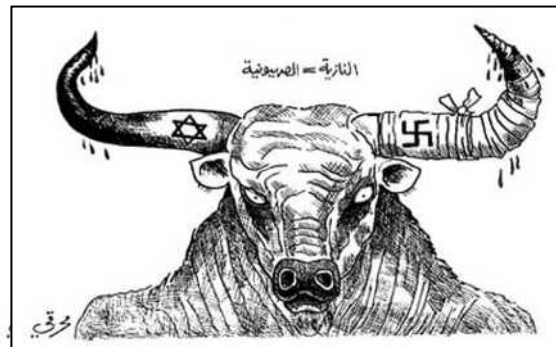
The Jews as snakes which form a Star of David; one of the heads is seized by Hezbollah and the other by Hamas, while the remaining snakes bite the residents of Lebanon and the Gaza Strip (Akhbar al-Khaleej, July 14, 2006).



Israel shown as a demon splitting the head of the Palestinian people into two parts: the presidency and its government (Akhbar al-Khaleej, April 27, 2006).



The Jew as a snake stabbed by a tree on which the words "Lebanon" and "Hezbollah" are written; on the right is a scarecrow which represents the UN (Akhbar al-Khaleej, August 27, 2006).



Zionism equated with Nazism: a bull with a Star of David on one of its blood-stained horns and a swastika on the other (Akhbar al-Khaleej, December 13, 2006).



"The sixtieth anniversary of the Holocaust:" a Jew with blood-stained hands and a diabolical look in his eyes taking over the world, shown as the UN emblem (Akhbar al-Khaleej, January 28, 2005).

Turkey

Overview

1. In recent years a significant amount of **anti-Semitic literature** has been published in Turkey. Many of the books have become bestsellers. There are two categories of books:

a. **Classic anti-Semitic literature** in Turkish translation, such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler, and *The International Jew* by Henry Ford.

b. **Anti-Semitic books written in Turkish**, set within a local context. Such books strongly criticize the current Islamic government, including the Turkish President, the Prime Minister and the ruling party, describing them as pawns in the Jewish plot to take over Turkey and the world. The books are mostly written by radical Islamic elements which believe that the current government is not Islamic enough.

2. In addition to the anti-Semitic books **which become bestsellers**, the Turkish press occasionally publishes **anti-Semitic articles** which combine anti-Israeli propaganda and classic anti-Semitic motifs. In addition, a very popular film called *Valley of the Wolves Iraq* was produced in Turkey, based on a popular television series. Due to its anti-Semitic and anti-American character, the movie was pulled from theaters in the United States and triggered harsh criticism in Germany, where it was shown to the Turkish community.

3. Those responsible for such publications are non-establishment radical Islamists and elements associated with extreme nationalist right wingers. As in other countries, anti-Semitism in Turkey has become an instrument for promoting internal struggles between the government and the opposition. The Turkish government takes no effective action to prevent the distribution of anti-Semitic publications, even though some of them, as mentioned, are also aimed against it. In our assessment the problem has been spreading in recent years.

4. Three categories of anti-Semitic material in Turkey follow:

a. Anti-Semitic literature published in Turkey

b. Articles of anti-Semitic nature in the Turkish press

c. An anti-Semitic film

Anti-Semitic literature published in Turkey

Overview

5. There are two types of anti-Semitic literature published in Turkey: classic anti-Semitic literature in Turkish translation (usually with an editors' foreword), such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, and Henry Ford's *The International Jew*. They are supplemented by Turkey's own unique brand of anti-Semitic literature, **set within a Turkish context** and freely available on the streets of downtown Istanbul and at the Atatürk International Airport.

6. The books claim that political power in Ankara is in the hands of the Jews **and that the ruling Islamic government obeys Jewish dictates**, similar to claims found in anti-Semitic books in many other Islamic countries. Numerous anti-Semitic Turkish books have become **bestsellers** and have been published in many editions.

7. The recycled anti-Semitic myths and propaganda **demonize and delegitimize the Jews** (and Israel) for the Turkish public and for Turkish communities in Europe where, in our assessment, such literature is marketed. At the same time, the Jews are exploited by Islamists and radical right-wingers to **attack the current Islamic regime** and Turkey's policy of integration into the European Union.

8. Following is a survey of books belonging to the two types of anti-Semitic literature:

a. Details of classic anti-Semitic literature:

1. *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (*Siyon Liderlerinin Protokolleri*) (2004)
2. *Mein Kampf* (*Kavgam*) by Adolf Hitler (2005)

b. Anti-Semitic books set within a Turkish context, published in Turkey in **2007** and purchased in Istanbul in late 2007:

1. *The Children of Moses – Tayyip and Emine* [referring to Turkish PM Tayyip Erdoğan and his wife Emine] (*Musa'nin Çocuklari- Tayyip ve Emine*)
2. *The Rose of Moses* ("rose" in Turkish being "gül," the title is also a reference to Abdullah Gül, the President of Turkey; it can also be read, therefore, as "Gül of the Jews" (*Musa'nin Gül'ü*)
3. *The Warrior of Moses* (i.e., "The Warrior of the Jews") (*Musa'nin Mücahiti*)
4. *The AKP of Moses* (i.e., Justice and Development Party, the ruling party of Turkey, controlled by the Jews) (*Musa'nin Akp'si*)

5. *Is There a Hidden State of Israel in Ankara? (Ankara'da Gizli İsrail Devleti Mi Var?)*

Classic anti-Semitic literature

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion

9. This is the Turkish translation of Sergei Nilus's *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.²³

- a. **Date of publication:** July 2004 (first edition)
- b. **Publisher:** Nokta Advertising Services Ltd. (Nokta Yayıncılık Hizmetleri Tic.San.Ltd. Şirketi)
- c. **Editor:** Erdem Boz
- d. **Translation:** İsmail Tuğçali
- e. **Cover design:** Berkay Y. Bostan
- f. **Print:** Melisa



Front cover

10. On the front cover of *The Protocols* is an illustration of a blood-red Star of David, the center of which shows a handshake between two men in suits (reflecting the bond between the Jews). Inside the space created by the triangles of the Star of David are eyes on a green background (green is a traditional color of Islam), symbolizing the watchful eyes of the Islamic world.

Back cover

11. The following is a translation of excerpts from the back cover:

- a. "When *The Protocols* were published in Russia in 1905, it was clear that nothing would ever be the same again, and indeed, it wasn't. ***The Protocols* laid bare the Jewish plot**

²³ **Sergei (Sergius) Nilus** was the fanatical anti-Semitic Christian cleric who published *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in Russia in 1905. He claimed that the Jews were bent on world domination, supporting his contention by fake protocols (which he represented as authentic) of meetings held by a council of Jewish elders, which ostensibly indicated that the Jews were plotting to take over the world (from *The Lie That Wouldn't Die: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* by Hadassa Ben-Itto, Vallentine Mitchell & Company, April 2005) (Note: pp. 36-37 in the Hebrew edition).

to take over the world by murder, exile, insults, entrapment, lies, bloodshed, and inevitably, suffering."

b. "Who wrote *The Protocols*? Where and when were they published? Why were they discovered in Russia? Were *The Protocols* behind the Bolshevik Revolution? As Sergius Nilus notes, the snake is the symbol of Zionism. **Could it be that before arriving in Jerusalem, [the Zionist snake] passed through Istanbul?"**

c. [Quotations from *The Protocols*:] "It is our role to vanquish those who oppose us. To achieve that goal, anyone who objects to the establishment of our kingdom will be mercilessly eliminated by various weapons, [from] Protocol VI"; **"We seek the death of all non-Jews,** [from] Protocol III."

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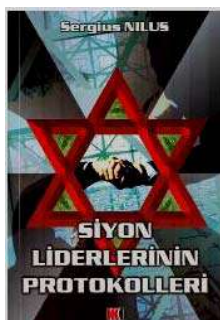
12. The beginning of the book discusses Judaism and then presents the complete text of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. In the section on Judaism, the author expresses his intense hatred for the Jews. He refers to the anti-Semitism of Henry Ford, the founder of Ford Motor Company, as "proof" of the danger the Jews posed to the world and quotes anti-Semitic remarks made by various personalities.

13. The book makes links notable Jewish historical personalities, including Benjamin Disraeli (who twice served as Prime Minister of Britain in the second half of the 19th century) and Karl Marx, portraying them as responsible for the spread of world imperialism (p. 67). Further on, the book quotes Moses Mendelssohn (the father of the secular Jewish Enlightenment Movement in the 18th century), ostensibly indicating that Judaism is not a religion and that the Jews are polytheists²⁴ (p. 111).

Distribution

14. The book is also for sale online through a Turkish bookstore at <http://www.tulumba.com/storeitem.asp?ic=zBK970127KS845>.

²⁴ Early Islam waged a relentless war on polytheists (*mushrikun* in Arabic) in the Arabian Peninsula. Today radical Muslims regard Jews, Christians, and secular Muslims (and Muslims they do not consider "true" Muslims) as polytheists, making it justifiable to wage a jihad against them. In contrast, traditional Islam views Jews and Christians as inferior but protected communities (*dhimmis*).



The Protocols of the Elders of Zion



Distributing *The Protocols* on the Internet

Mein Kampf

15. The Turkish translation of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*:

16. In 2005 a Turkish translation of *Mein Kampf* was published by several small publishers and sold at discount prices at newsstands, supermarkets and bookstores. An international uproar ensued, prompting the Turkish government to ban the its publication on technical grounds, claiming that the publishers had not been granted publication rights by the government of Bavaria, which held the book's copyright.



Anti-Semitic books set in a Turkish context

The Children of Moses – Tayyip and Emine

17. Publishing information:

- Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- Publisher:** Toğan Publishing, Istanbul
- Date of publication:** August 2007
- Distribution:** The book is a **bestseller**, now in its **19th printing**



Front cover

18. A gold-colored Star of David shows a photograph of **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey and leader of the ruling party** (AKP—Justice and Development Party) **and his wife Emine**. Inside the Star of David is a star representing the flag of Turkey and illustrating the so-called connection between the Jews and the Turkish leader and his wife.

Back cover

19. The back cover **quotes journalist Emin Çölaşan, who is affiliated with radical Islam**, taken from the Turkish newspaper Hürriyet (the country's largest daily, associated with traditional Islam). Çölaşan says he couldn't put the book down:

20. "Poyraz conducted considerable research and penetrated deep inside the archives and the sources. He reveals unique documents and information sources... *The Children of Moses – Tayyip and Emine* really makes me wonder. Who is the leader of Turkey, what is his and his wife's personal background, what is the story of their lives, what is the connection between money and political power, how did this book get its title, etc. I held my breath as I discovered it all in Ergün Poyraz's book. I don't want to reveal any more information. I ask you to read this surprising book—you'll thank me later. Send me a message and thank me. Emin Çölaşan, April 18, 2007, Hürriyet."

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21. The book describes the biographies of Prime Minister Tayyip and Emine Erdoğan **It claims there is a connection between Israel and the (Islamic) AKP party**, headed by Erdoğan. It also **claims that Tayyip and his wife are of Jewish descent** and casts doubt on Erdoğan's Turkish identity, claiming that his Jewish ancestry has led him to cooperate with Israel.

22. The Foreword describes how Erdoğan joined Islamic parties, was elected to the parliament, climbed up through the party hierarchy and was elected Mayor of Istanbul. Information is included about his relations with Israeli, British, and American ambassadors.

23. The book also states that Erdoğan went to school with Yitzhak Alaton, a Jewish magnate and Turkey's richest Jew, **and how, prior to his election, he was "educated" by "intelligence agent" Dr. Alon Liel** (former Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and researcher of modern Turkey, Israel's former chargé d'affaires in Ankara). The book gives details about Erdoğan's connections with Jews and with the **Freemasons** (an organization which many

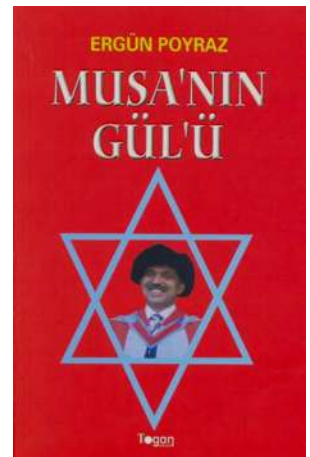
anti-Semites believe is part of the Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world),²⁵ and claims that he is responsible for nurturing and developing the Freemason movement in Turkey.

The Rose of Moses (or: [Abdullah] Gül of the Jews)

24. Publishing information:

- a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- b. **Publisher:** Toğan Publishing, Istanbul
- c. **Date of publication:** August 2007 (eighth printing), Istanbul

25. The name of the book, *The Rose of Moses* [i.e., “the Jewish rose”] was chosen to associate Turkish President **Abdullah Gül** with the Jews (*gül* is Turkish for “rose,” a play on words implying that **President Gül acts in the service of the Jews**).



Front cover

26. The front cover is red (the color of the Turkish flag); at its center is a pale blue Star of David. **Inside the Star of David is a smiling photograph of Abdullah Gül** dressed in Freemason garb (suggesting that he serves the Jews).

Back cover

27. The blurb gives information about the author and the book. It states that the book is a biography of the Turkish Foreign Minister and presidential candidate (**currently holding the office of President of Turkey**) It claims to reveal Gül's association with the British, **his connections with the [American] Jewish lobby**, the secret conversations he holds with the United States, his interest in obtaining American citizenship, and more.

²⁵ Many anti-Semites frequently claim that the Freemasons, whose membership includes but is not limited to Jews, cooperate with “world Jewry” in the domination plot outlined in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. A secretive movement whose ideas are known to few, Freemasonry attracts all manner of conspiracy theorists, many of them anti-Semitic. Anti-Semites in Turkey also frequently use the theme. For example, in a program aired on Al-Jazeera TV on September 28, 2007, Turkish intellectual **Adnan Oktar** said that “Zionism, like Freemasonry, seeks to rule the world. It opposes other religions and claims that one religion should rule.”

Foreword

28. The foreword accuses Gül of betraying Turkish nationality. It then gives his biography, **emphasizing his relations with Jews, Americans, and British.**

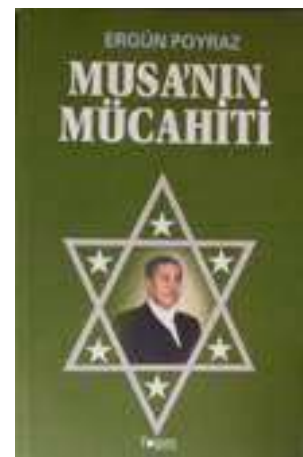
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29. The book attempts to delegitimize the two current political leaders of Turkey, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Turkish President Abdullah Gül, linking them to an insidious Jewish plot to take over Turkey.

The Warrior of Moses [i.e., “the Jewish warrior”]

30. **Publishing information:**

- a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- b. **Publisher:** Toğan Publishing, Istanbul
- c. **Date of publication:** June 2007, Istanbul



Front cover

31. The front cover is green, traditionally symbolizing Islam; at its center is a Star of David whose triangles have stars symbolizing Turkey. At its center is a photograph of **Bülent Arınç, who served as Speaker of the Parliament of Turkey until 2007.**

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32. The foreword claims that **Jews, who were exiled from Spain and came to the Ottoman Empire were responsible for its downfall**, and that they have been doing the same thing since the establishment of the Turkish republic while hiding their Jewish identity.²⁶

33. On page 200 the book attacks Bülent Arınç, **accusing him of associating with the American Jewish lobby.** In contrast, the following statements, allegedly made by Bülent Arınç

²⁶ Turkish anti-Semites claim that Jews who have converted to Islam (called **Dönme**) are Freemasons, frequently accusing them of betraying Islam and serving “world Jewry.”

during his election campaign, are given: “The Day of Judgment will not come until a war is waged between Muslims and Jews;” “...Judgment Day will only arrive when the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them. Then the Jew will hide behind every rock or tree, but the rock or tree will say, ‘Muslim, slave of Allah, a Jew is standing behind me, come kill him...’.”²⁷

34. The book includes sections about friendly messages sent by Bülent Arınç to the Jews, his visit to the United States and his association with Freemasonry. It also accuses him of being an imposter Jew (“Dönme”), that is, a Jew who has converted to Islam but still continues to serve “world Jewry,” as noted above.

The AKP Party – The Party of Moses [meaning that Turkey’s ruling party is a Jewish-controlled government]

35 .Publishing information:

- a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- b. **Publisher:** Gökborü
- c. **Date of publication:** July 2007
- d. **Place of publication:** Ankara



Front cover

36. The title appears in golden letters. At the center is a Star of David over a tomb inscribed in Hebrew (the letters are upside down, probably due to lack of knowledge of the language). From the center of the Star of David rises a column with a light bulb at its top, hinting at a book titled *Shattered Light Bulb (Patlak Ampul)*, another book by Poyraz designed to tarnish the reputation of Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey and leader of the ruling AKP party.

Back cover

37. The back cover describes the life and political activity of Erdoğan, including a **quote from the Turkish daily Milliyet**, claiming Erdoğan lied to voters in the 2001 election campaign. The author accuses Turkey’s ruling AKP party of cooperating with the American and German intelligence

²⁷ A quotation from the *hadith* called “Judgment Day” and considered authentic. See above, footnote 80.

services, and accuses the United States, Germany, France, Italy and Israel of supporting the Turkish government in its war against the terrorist group called the Kurdistan Workers Party, the PKK. Erdoğan and his family are accused of corruption and disorder and referred to as “mice and leeches.” It concludes by saying that they cannot be trusted to lead the country.

38. The book covers the main issues which the author believes concern Turkey’s Islamic population, such as the ban on headscarves. **During the current administration, the book claims, unemployment has risen and Turkish money has been transferred to Jewish hands.** It accuses Israeli businessman **Sami Ofer** of attempting to buy Istanbul’s harbors for “a bowl of soup,” claiming that as a result a lot of money was siphoned abroad.²⁸ In the same breath, he gives the names of companies he claims are owned by the **Freemasons**, and accuses the Israeli Mossad of organizing an attack carried out by the special Turkish forces in northern Iraq against the Kurds. **The book also claims that Erdoğan is of Jewish descent, which supposedly drives him to conspire against Turkey.**

Ergün Poyraz: the author of bestselling anti-Semitic books

39. Ergün Poyraz, 44, writes anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic literature. Branded an anarchist by the Turkish authorities, he prefers to define himself as a “Kemalist,” i.e., a “reformer.” **His books have appeared on Turkey’s bestseller lists.** He has been arrested more than once on suspicion of **cooperating with radical Islamic terrorist organizations**, and has had articles published in Turkish newspapers and in **pro-Islamic, anti-establishment periodicals.**



Ergün Poyraz brought to arrest²⁹

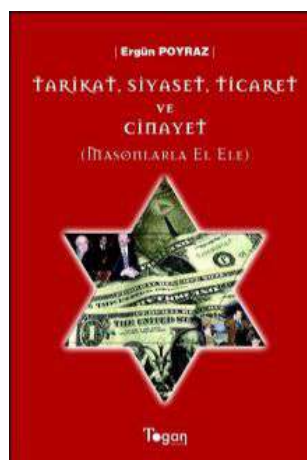
40. **Ergün Poyraz was arrested on July 27, 2007** on suspicion of belonging to an Islamic terrorist organization, having previously been arrested numerous times on suspicion of involvement

²⁸ In March 2005, Sami Ofer won two giant tenders in Turkey: the Galata harbor project in Istanbul and the acquisition of 15% ownership of the country’s largest refineries, both within the context of Turkey’s privatization program. The tenders were revoked when Turkish opposition parties claimed they were not conducted properly.

²⁹ http://www.internethaber.com/news_detail.php?id=97094

in various acts of terrorism in Turkey. Poyraz's books, many of them bestsellers, can be purchased online.³⁰

Another book by Ergün Poyraz in Turkish, entitled *Conduct, Politics, Trade, and Murder*, in which he claims to find common denominators between the Jews, money, global influence etc.³¹



Is There a Hidden [State of] Israel in Ankara?

41. Publishing information:

- a. **Author:** Hasan Demir
- b. **Publisher:** Akasya Kitap
- c. **Printer:** Turkey's Ministry of Religion
- d. **Date of publication:** May 2007 (first edition)

Front cover



42. The front cover depicts an ultra-Orthodox Jew walking down a dark corridor towards a door, with the flag of Israel hanging on the wall, suggesting that the Jews meet in dark, secret places.

Foreword

43. The foreword claims that Turkey is currently facing a grave danger, the alliance between the Christians and Zionism. That alliance is designed to ensure the safety of Israel and allow it to appropriate such natural resources as oil, gas, gold, and water.

³⁰ <http://www.hermeskitap.com/catalog>

³¹ <http://www.acikistihbarat.com/Kitaplar.asp?kitap=5>

The foreword also claims that Erdoğan is the chief promoter of the Crusader-Zionist campaign against Islam.³² "Today, both homeland and faith are at stake," it states.

Contents

44. The book, a compilation of Demir's articles which appeared in the right-wing nationalist newspaper *Yeniçağ* between 2005 and 2007, proposes to reveal the factors which it claims harm Turkey. The list includes Jews, **Freemasons**, Greeks, Armenians, and the intelligence networks of the United States, Britain and Israel. **The book expounds hatred for the Jews and, in the spirit of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, claims that they are bent on world domination.** It also claims that the West, headed by the United States, Britain and Israel, is conspiring against Islam and Turkey, and protests against it.

45. The book criticizes "the Jewish lobby in Turkey" which, it claims, controls the Turkish leadership (p. 57). It also claims that Israel is responsible for the deaths of Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq (p. 98) and that the Jews control the world's financial resources (pp. 140-142).



Hasan Demir³³

46. Born in 1965, Hasan Demir is a Turkish author and poet. He has published six books, including a book about the cooperation between the leaders of Turkey's pro-Islamic government and the Western-Christian world and the Jews. His writings and poems are published in the Turkish press, particularly in the daily *Yeniçağ*.

³² It is standard practice for Bin Laden and radical Islamic movements (such as Al-Qaeda) to refer to Christians as "new Crusaders" and to Jews as their collaborators, since the Crusaders fought Muslims in the Middle Ages.

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http://kutsalkitaplar.net/ANLATILMAYANLAR:Kuran_Tevrat_Zebur_incil_bilmedikleriniz_mp3_ile_dinle_e-book_olarak_download_yap/index.php?option=com_content&task=category§ionid=24&id=483&Itemid=2038

Anti-Semitic Articles in the Turkish Press

Overview

47. Anti-Semitic articles are occasionally published in the Turkish press, mostly in newspapers with an Islamist or nationalist right slant. Interwoven into such articles are anti-Semitic themes (including Holocaust denial) as well as rabid anti-Israeli propaganda, which occasionally targets the US as well. A recurring theme is that Israel's crimes in the Middle East outweigh those perpetrated by Hitler.

Examples of anti-Semitic articles

48. **Fahri Guven**, who is associated with the Islamists in Turkey, wrote the following in the Islamist newspaper Milli Gazete on December 15, 2007: "The Zionists have exaggerated the proportions of the Holocaust in Hitler's time and created an illusion of genocide." He also quoted an anti-Semitic book recently published in Turkey, which said that "the Jew is a curse" and that "the Jew is interested in taking over the world and destroying the faith in Islam, honor, love, and family values in the world, one step at a time."³⁴

49. An article published in Yeniçağ on March 4, 2005 summarized a lecture given by **Mehmet Gül** at a convention of the Turan Cultural Foundation. Excerpts from the lecture included the following: "The only secret power behind globalization is the Jews and the Freemasons"; "the Jewish Zionists, whose purpose is to subject the world to Jewish rule, believe that a Messiah will come down from the sky and establish 'the global kingdom' [headed by themselves]."

50. An article by **Sami Hocaoğlu** published in the Islamist daily Yeni Şafak on August 14, 2006, claimed that "Israel is engaged in state terrorism and genocide [against the Palestinians]. They put the Palestinians in concentration camps and do what Hitler did to them."

51. An article by **Hasan Karakaya** published in the Islamist daily Vakit on August 1, 2006, claimed that "the Jews are lower than animals."

52. An article written by **Mehmet Ocaktan** and published in Yeni Şafak on August 2, 2006, stated that "the terrorist state of Israel, the whore of the United States in the Middle East, is perpetrating

³⁴ http://www.thememriblog.org/turkey/blog_personal/en/4156.htm. The book was written by M. Ertuğrul Düzdağ.

heinous crimes. Can democracy be brought to the Middle East with an Israeli terrorist organization that is actually the bastard child of Hitler?"

53. An article by **Selahaddin Çakırgil** published in *Vakit* on August 3, 2006 stated that "even Adolf Hitler did not commit the horrendous crimes committed by Israel. If there is indeed a wave of anti-Semitism spreading in the world, the ones responsible are the Zionist-Jewish monsters and their overseas boss [i.e., the United States]."

54. An article by **Ali Eren** published in *Vakit* on August 3, 2006 said that "the Jewish claim that Hitler murdered six million Jews is Jewish propaganda. It is a lie of the Zionist Jews. If Hitler came to life, he would say: 'It is a lie that I murdered innocent Jews. Looking at what they are doing now, wouldn't it be better if I had completely eliminated the ancestors of these monsters?'"



Hüseyin Tanrıverdi

55. An article written by **Hüseyin Tanrıverdi**, an MP from Erdoğan's party, published in the newspaper *Yeni Şafak* on August 3, 2006, stated that "the cruel, inhuman acts of Israel in the Middle East outweigh the cruelty of Hitler."

56. An article by **Hüseyin Üzmez** published in the *Vakit* newspaper on August 8, 2006 stated that "the Jews are committing against the poor Palestinians crimes more shocking than those Hitler committed against them."

Statement made by a Turkish intellectual on Al-Jazeera TV

57. Anti-Semitic propaganda is exported from Turkey by various means, including television. For example, on September 28, 2007, Turkish intellectual **Adnan Oktar** told Al-Jazeera that Zionism, like Freemasonry, was seeking to dominate the world, opposed other religions and claimed that one religion (Judaism) had to dominate the world.



Adnan Oktar: the Zionists and Jews want to dominate the world (courtesy of MEMRI)

Valley of the Wolves Iraq, an anti-Semitic, anti-American movie



Promo poster for the movie *Valley of the Wolves Iraq*

58. The movie was very popular in Turkey in early 2006, seen by an estimated 4 million people. It deals with American activity in Iraq, depicting the United States as carrying out atrocities against Iraqi civilians and representing American soldiers as particularly brutal. The movie was directed by **Serdar Akar** and written by **Bahadır Özdener**.

59. The movie also has anti-Semitic themes. For example, one of the characters in the movie is a Jewish doctor played by American actor Gary Busey. He removes kidneys from Iraqi soldiers killed in the war and ships them to Tel-Aviv, New York, and London to transplant them in Jewish patients. He is depicted as corrupt, greedy, and vicious.

60. The movie was shown worldwide and enjoyed particular success in **the Turkish community in Germany**. However, due to its anti-American, anti-Semitic content, it was pulled from theaters in the US and triggered harsh criticism in Germany (but continued being shown). It was also shown at the Alexandria, Egypt, Film Festival in September 2007.³⁵

61. The movie is based on a successful television series which ran for three seasons on Turkish television. Its website is still online and scenes from the movie can be viewed by anyone with an Internet connection.

³⁵ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2007/08/10/37698.html>

Al-Qaeda and the Global Jihad

Overview

1. The global jihad, exemplified by **Al-Qaeda**, perceives the campaign against the United States, Israel and Western countries as a religious-political struggle waged by Islam against Christianity and Judaism, which in the organization's view stand for evil and corruption. Anti-Semitic themes originating in Islam and ideas from *The Protocols* appear in global jihad terminology. Israel is often depicted as a "malignant tumor" in the heart of the Islamic nation, which has to be excised.

2. Statements made by Bin Laden and other global jihad leaders **delegitimize the State of Israel and attack Jews (individuals and communities alike) everywhere. Al-Qaeda and the global jihad networks strive to put their ideology to practice**, as was made evident from the terrorist attacks against Israel and Jews worldwide: in the Tunisian island of Jerba (2002), Kenya (2002), Morocco (2003), Turkey (2003), and Mauritania (2008) (even though they were not top priorities of global jihad terrorist policies). In recent years, global jihad networks have appeared in Jordan, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, serving as **vanguard forces** for their anti-Israeli activities.

Anti-Semitic statements made by high-ranking Al-Qaeda figures

3. **Osama Bin Laden** considers the land of Palestine an **Islamic territory** which must be returned to Islam by waging a holy war against Israel. He is inspired by early Islam, the Quran, and traditions attributed to the prophet Muhammad (*hadiths*). He often quotes the Quran and the prophet Muhammad's traditions defaming Jews and calling to kill them. For example, he quotes a tradition considered authentic, saying that on Judgment Day the Jews will hide behind trees and rocks, and that the trees and rocks will tell Muslims that there are Jews hiding behind them and call Muslims to kill them, as noted above. He calls the Jews (as well as Christians) arch enemies of Islam, referring to the Jews as "murderers of prophets."³⁶

4. **Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, Bin Laden's second-in-command**, holds similar views. In particular, he stresses that the United States and Israel represent an anti-Islamic Jewish-Christian coalition, and that Islam needs to fight them both. For example, he made his views clear in a tape released on July 27, 2006, in which he referred to the confrontations between Israel and the

³⁶ Bruce Lawrence, *Messages to the World, The Statements of Osama Bin Laden* (London: Verso, 2005), pp. 29, 93, 123, 125-126, 136, 167, 168, 148, 189-190, 263-264, 268.

Palestinians and to the second Lebanon war as a **“Zionist-Crusader war”** waged by the United States and Israel against Islam. He noted that the countries belonging to the **“Crusader coalition”** and helping Israel would pay the price. He also draws inspiration from *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, and uses the term **“global Jewish government”** to claim that the Jews are bent on world domination.³⁷

5. In two audio tapes released in late March and early April 2008, Zawahiri explicitly **called upon Muslims to strike Jews outside of Israel:**

a. In an audio tape released on March 24, he said, “Oh, Muslims, today is your day. **Strike the interests of the Jews and the Americans**, and of all those who took part in the aggression against Muslims... It can no longer be said that we should fight only the Jews in Palestine... **Let us strike their interests wherever they are, just as they have gathered upon us wherever we are...** Every day, the diabolical alliance shows us its ugliness and baseness, the alliance of the Jews and the Crusaders with our rulers...” (**Al-Buraq forum**, March 24, 2008).

b. In an audio tape released on Islamic websites on April 2, he answered questions, one of which was: **“Why does Al-Qaeda avoid attacking Israel?”** He replied: “[Don’t you] know that Al-Qaeda struck Jews in Jerba, Tunisia, and Israeli tourists in Mombasa, Kenya, in the hotel where they resided? And that afterwards it launched two rockets at an airplane with several [Israelis] on board?... We thank [the one who asked] for his positive thinking, **and we promise our Muslim brothers that we will do our best to attack the Jews in Israel and elsewhere, with the assistance of Allah, may he lighten our path.**”³⁸

6. **Statements made by Abu Mus’ab al-Zarqawi**, the Al-Qaeda representative in Iraq who was killed by the Americans in June 2006, also depict the Americans as the **“new Crusaders” who, along with the Jews, are the enemies of the Islamic nation.** In addition to spreading hatred for the Americans, his messages included anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda. For example, the American occupation of Iraq was the work of an **[American] administration “riddled with Zionism,” whose goal was to help its Jewish protégé to establish Greater Israel.** He also claimed that one of the goals of Iraqi Shi’ites was to **take over the economy, similarly to what the Jews were doing** (i.e., on the international scene). In another message, he falsely claimed that **800 Israeli soldiers, including 18 rabbis**, took part in the American attack on Fallujah.³⁹

³⁷ Laura Mansfield, *His Own Words*, A Translation of the writings of Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri (United States: TLG, 2006), pp. 109, 111, 113, 205.

³⁸ http://arabic.cnn.com/2008/middle_east/4/3/zawahiri.answers/index.html, see also report by IntelCenter Institute.

³⁹ http://www.intelligence.org.il/eng/eng_n/pdf/zarkawi.pdf

7. On February 1, 2008, global jihad networks calling themselves Al-Qaeda in the Countries of the Islamic Maghreb carried out a shooting attack at the **Israeli embassy in Mauritania**. Following the attack, the organization published a pamphlet depicting it as part of the struggle between Islam and Jews and Christians, and called upon Muslims to strike Jewish and Christian interests and communities in North Africa. Excerpts from the message follow:

“Good tidings for the nation of Islam!... The lions of Al-Qaeda in Muslim North Africa prepared for battle and sharpened their blades **to purge the lands of Islam of Jews, Christians and their agents**. And the beginning of salvation is this blessed attack... against the Israeli embassy building in Nouakchott, Mauritania... And they have succeeded, by Allah's mercy, to strike an unknown number of Jews and their guards... The attack took place while the accursed Jews besieged, punished, oppressed, murdered, and deported our brothers in unfortunate Palestine... We call upon the men and sons of the Islamic nation in Muslim North Africa... to force their treacherous governments to sever their diplomatic and commercial relations with Israel, **and to strike Jewish and Christian interests and their communities in Muslim North Africa...**”⁴⁰

⁴⁰ For further information see our February 6, 2008 Bulletin entitled “Israeli Embassy attacked by gunmen in Mauritania. The shots were apparently fired by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, a branch of the global jihad. The attack was carried out on the background of Islamist pressures on Mauritania’s government to sever diplomatic relations with Israel” at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/ct_050208e.htm.

Exporting anti-Semitic incitement from the Middle East to the rest of the world

1. Anti-Semitic propaganda originating in the Middle East finds its way to Arab and Muslim communities worldwide, mainly in **European countries**. **It fans the flames of hatred for Israel and the Jewish people**, leading, in our assessment, to physical and verbal attacks on Jews across the globe.

2. European countries have laws prohibiting the distribution of anti-Semitic materials; however, the countries, organizations, institutions, and personalities behind the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish hate industry have managed to find many ways to **circumvent** existing laws and disseminate anti-Semitic propaganda.

3. **A separate study must be carried out** before the full extent and implications of the global spread of anti-Semitism can be understood, particularly as it affects European countries. In preparing the present study, we came across various methods of disseminating anti-Semitic material originating in the Middle East:

a. **Distribution through Arab satellite TV channels.** Al-Aqsa (Hamas) and Al-Manar (Hezbollah), two channels whose programming includes anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic propaganda combined with radical Islamic ideology, are broadcast via the Arab communications satellites **Arabsat** and **Nilesat, which cover the Middle East, parts of Africa and southern Europe**. Moreover, popular **Al-Jazeera TV**, whose broadcasts have anti-Semitic content, is available in Europe and is viewed by Arabs and Muslims in European (and perhaps other Western) countries. The channels use advanced satellite technology to export Arab-Islamic anti-Semitism to Arab and Muslim communities outside the Middle East. Notably, the international community took steps against Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV channel, which produced the anti-Semitic series *The Diaspora* and continues to incorporate anti-Semitic themes into its programming. Al-Manar and Al-Aqsa are trying to increase their range by signing contracts with non-Arab satellite companies, so far without success.¹

¹ See our Information Bulletin: "Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV channel has started broadcasting via the THAICOM communications satellite. A Thai satellite, it broadcasts to most Asian countries, Australia, Africa, and Central Europe. This compromises the efforts of the international community to limit the spread of Hezbollah's incitement programming" (January 10, 2008). **Fathi Hamad**, a Hamas activist and Chairman of the Board of the Al-Aqsa channel, said in an interview that the channel was looking into ways to increase its range through satellites. Following the success the channel had in distributing its broadcasts through Arab satellite Arabsat and Egyptian satellite Nilesat, it is investigating the option of using **European satellite Hot Bird** to cover North and South America as well as Australia.

Arabsat: a satellite company founded in 1976 by the Arab League, it is now the world's ninth largest satellite company. According to company data, its broadcasts are seen by 164 million viewers. The company has four satellites of its own and strategic partnerships with most satellite companies in the world. The company's main office is located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and it has offices in Dubai, Cairo, and Paris.



Nilesat: an Egyptian satellite company founded in 1996. The company's two communications satellites cover mostly the Middle East, northern and central Africa, and southern Europe.



b. **The Internet** is an effective means for distributing uncontrolled, uncensored anti-Semitic messages and material. Of particular note are the **websites of Iran, Hamas, and Hezbollah**, translated into many languages, which disseminate anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic messages to various target audiences around the globe. In addition, websites belonging to Arab book publishers or Islamic institutions distribute anti-Semitic materials, as noted. For example, the **Online Bookstore of the Islamic Forum** is a **London-based** institution sponsored by radical Saudi elements which distributes Islamic literature as well as anti-Semitic books. Many websites which publish anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli and anti-Western materials are serviced by **Western (including American) companies**, as has been shown the Information Bulletins published by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center.²

c. **Direct distribution of anti-Semitic literature by Arab book publishers to bookstores in Europe and in other countries.** The import of such books was shown by an investigation conducted in London by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center³ in 2005, when anti-Semitic literature originating in Egypt and Lebanon was sold in London's bookstores (an Egyptian edition of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and an Arabic translation of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, published in Lebanon). In our assessment the export of anti-Semitic literature from the Middle East is widespread and its extent and impact are worthy of a separate study.

According to Hamad, the material obstacle is what stands in the way of realizing that "vision" (Al-Aqsa channel, February 20, 2008; Quds Press News Agency, Gaza, February 20, 2008).

² See for example "The Internet as a battleground used by the terrorist organizations: How Hezbollah and Hamas exploit the Internet in the battle for hearts and minds, and how to combat them" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/int_e250707.pdf.

³ For further information see our October 10, 2005 Bulletin entitled "Exporting Arabic anti-Semitic publications issued in the Middle East to Britain" at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/pro_10_05_e.pdf.

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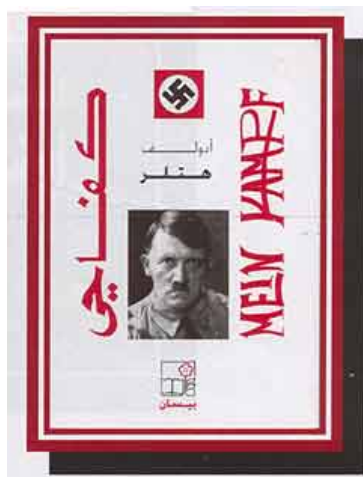


The Protocols of the Elders of Zion and their Biblical and Talmudic Roots, in Arabic, published in Egypt in 2003. A copy of the book was purchased in London on September 14, 2005 for the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (in a store located at 82 Falcon Edgware Road).

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Right: the cover of the 1995 edition of *Mein Kampf*, published by the Lebanese Bisan Publishers, sold in London. A copy of the book was purchased in a bookstore in London for the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center on September 14, 2005, for £10. Left: the receipt for *Mein Kampf*.

**“Jewish Faith
and the Danger
it Poses to
Mankind”**



The website of the London-based Online Bookstore of the Islamic Forum offers an anti-Semitic book titled *Jewish Faith and the Danger it Poses to Mankind* for £5.

d. **Marketing anti-Semitic literature at book fairs.** A prominent example is Iran, which took advantage of the 2005 International Frankfurt Book Fair, one of the largest in the world, to market anti-Semitic books published in Iran (**in English translation**). The books included *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a summary of Henry Ford's *The International Jew*, and an anti-Semitic booklet titled *The Fiction of the Chosen People and the Myth of Historical Rights* (See the section on Iran). Selling such books is in blatant violation of German law and sparked criticism against the organizers of the fair.⁴

e. **Anti-Semitic publications distributed in mosques.** The situation is not extraordinary since mosques in the Arab and Muslim world are often used to spread anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic propaganda. The extent and implications of the situation deserve a separate study. A comprehensive study carried out in London by the Policy Exchange organization showed that Saudi-sponsored mosques in London and Saudi educational and charitable institutions are frequently used to spread anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitic books were offered for sale in several mosques; the books were clearly influenced by *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.⁵

f. **Anti-Semitic incitement at Muslim and Arab demonstrations** held in Europe and elsewhere in the world. For example, on March 8, 2008, an anti-Israeli demonstration to protest the IDF activity in the Gaza Strip was held in Berlin. The demonstrators were mostly local Palestinians joined by German “peace activists” and

⁴ In response, the fair management claimed that due to the large number of book publishers participating in the fair, it was unable to examine each book shown at the fair, and it would only be able to take action if an official complaint were filed.

⁵ See full report: <http://www.policyexchange.org.uk/Publications.aspx?id=430>.

radical left-wingers. The participants chanted **“Death to the Jews”** and carried slogans such as **“Bloodsucking Israel.”** The signs also accused Israel of perpetrating a “holocaust” against the Palestinians, echoing the Palestinian’s intensive propaganda campaign which took place in the wake of the escalation in the Gaza Strip.⁶



Photographs from the demonstration in Berlin.

⁶ See our Information Bulletin: “Throughout the recent escalation, the Palestinian propaganda campaign has frequently employed the term “holocaust”... (March 12, 2008).

Appendix

Overview

1. The Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center at the Israel Intelligence Heritage & Commemoration Center monitors publications that preach hatred against Israel and the Jewish people (link to "The Hate Industry"). Information Bulletins dealing with that subject can be found on the Center's website (www.terrorism-info.org.il) in Hebrew, English, French, German and Russian.

2. A selected list of English translated publications divided by geographic location follows, in the order in which the countries appear in the present study, preceded by the 2004 Bulletin entitled "Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary Middle East" at

http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/html/final/eng/sib/4_04/as_hp.htm#toc

The Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center's contribution to the exposure of the dissemination of anti-Semitism

Information Bulletins by country:

Iran:

1. ["Holocaust denial as a tool of Iranian policy"](#) (December 25, 2006).
2. ["Iranian Presidential Advisor Mohammad Ali Ramin: 'The Resolution of the Holocaust Issue Will End in the Destruction of Israel'"](#) (June 22, 2006).
3. ["Iranian president Ahmadinejad again denied Israel's right to exist and expressed doubts about the Holocaust"](#) (December 12, 2005).
4. ["Iran's marketing of anti-Semitic literature"](#) (October 31, 2005).

Egypt:

5. ["The hate industry: a review of anti-Semitic literature published in Egypt in recent years and sold at the Cairo International Book Fair"](#) (October 14, 2007).
6. ["The Grand Mufti of Egypt in the Egyptian daily Al-Ahram: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion – a 'fictitious book' that 'has no truth to it'"](#) (May 15, 2007).

7. ["Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism: the Iranian media gave wide coverage to the Holocaust denial conference held in Cairo by marginal opposition parties"](#) (January 7, 2007).
8. ["The Arab hate industry: Egypt continues as a center for the publication of crude anti-Semitic literature encouraging hatred for Israel, the Jewish people and the West, and in effect justifying the use of violence against them"](#) (October 29, 2006).
9. ["Exporting Arabic anti-Semitic publications issued in the Middle East to Britain: anti-Semitic books \(*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and *Mein Kampf*\) issued in Egypt and Lebanon are sold in bookstores in London"](#) (October 10, 2005).
10. ["An additional "routine" wave \(devoid of any concrete grounds\) of anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli incitement on official Egyptian media"](#) (May 8, 2005).
11. ["Arab Reactions to the U.S.'s Global Antisemitism Review Act of 2004"](#) (February 1, 2005).
12. ["*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* still a hit on the Egyptian book market: Two new versions of The Protocols, published in Egypt in 2003, are offered for sale in Cairo's bookstores and, in our assessment, are marketed throughout the Arab and Muslim world"](#) (January 25, 2005).
13. ["An increase in the number of anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic cartoons \(some of them recycled\) in the Egyptian media in the wake of the Israeli army operation in the northern Gaza Strip and the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War"](#) (November 2004).
14. ["Egypt's Ruling Party Newspaper: The Holocaust is a Zionist Lie Aimed at Extorting the West"](#) (July 30, 2004).
15. ["A new Arabic edition of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was issued in Egypt in July 2002, by the same company that publishes the weekly establishment newspaper, *Akhbar al-Youm*, one of the five large publishing houses still under Egyptian government control"](#) (January 2004).
16. ["The Arab Information Center: An independent publishing house operating in Egypt, on behalf of Palestinian radical Islamists and in which members of the Egyptian political](#)

[opposition are also involved, openly conducts an extensive, ongoing, anti-Israeli, pro-Palestinian propaganda campaign" \(January 2004\).](#)

17. ["Exhibiting and removing *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* from the shelves of religious books in the Manuscript Museum of the Grand Library of Alexandria \(November 2003\).](#)

18. [Educating for hatred: Internal Egyptian television station uses cartoons to inculcate hatred for Israel among pre-school children \(November 2003\).](#)

Syria:

19. ["Anti-Semitic expressions in the Syrian media as part of the false incitement campaign about the earthworks at the Mugrabim Ramp in Jerusalem" \(February 18, 2007\).](#)

20. ["Syria as a major source of anti-Semitic incitement: articles on holocaust denial systematically published in Syrian press during the first half of 2006" \(May 22, 2006\).](#)

21. ["The hate industry - Syria as a source for the distribution of anti-Semitic literature" \(March 6, 2006\).](#)

22. ["Bashar Assad's Syria: A focus of continued incitement to venomous anti-Semitism" \(April 20, 2005\).](#)

23. ["Terror and Anti-Semitism: The Diaspora: a featured anti-Semitic television series produced in Syria, is being broadcast for Ramadan by al-Manar, the Hezbollah TV channel in Lebanon" \(November 1, 2003\).](#)

24. ["Blatant anti-Jewish, anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic Syrian- produced propaganda appearing in and broadcast by the Syrian and Lebanese \(Hezbollah\) media \(2002-2003\), intended to inculcate deep hatred for Jews and Israel with no distinction between them" \(December 2003\).](#)

Palestinian Authority:

25. ["Throughout the recent escalation, the Palestinian propaganda campaign has frequently employed the term "holocaust" to provide a false description of IDF activity in the Gaza Strip. The propaganda campaign has evoked strong anti-Israeli sentiments across the Arab and Muslim world" \(March 12, 2008\).](#)

26. ["The hate industry: coarse anti-Semitic cartoons drawn by Palestinian cartoonist Alaa' Allaqta appear regularly in Hamas' newspaper, Felesteen, on the Palestinian Islamic Jihad website and in Saudi Arabian and Qatari newspapers"](#) (November 15, 2007).
27. ["The Hate Industry: a children's TV program on the Hamas Al-Aqsa channel aired a segment about cartoons created by popular cartoonist Omayya Joha. Her cartoons contain messages of hatred against Israel, delegitimizing negotiations with Israel"](#) (December 6, 2007).
28. ["An examination of Palestinian fifth and tenth-grade textbooks for the 2004-2005 school year shows a continuing denial of the State of Israel's right to exist and a continuing cultivation of the values of armed struggle against Israel"](#) (April 16, 2006).
29. ["The distribution of virulent anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic hate propaganda continues in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, although incitement in the official media has abated under Abu Mazen"](#) (December 9, 2005).
30. ["Response of the Palestinian Authority to the live broadcast of Sheik Mudeiras' anti-Semitic sermon on Palestinian television"](#) (May 1, 2005).
31. ["Anti-Semitic incitement in the Arab world: Spreading *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* through an official Internet website of the Palestinian Authority"](#) (May 4, 2005).
32. ["Abd al-Aziz al-Rantisi, the successor of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, as leader of Hamas \(though in the Gaza Strip only\), reaffirmed \(before his death\) his long-standing policy of anti-American incitement, describing the US and President George W. Bush as enemies"](#) (March 31, 2004).
33. ["Delegitimizing Israel: 'Palestine - the Human Factor and the Land', A booklet with anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic contents by Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, the Mufti of Jerusalem and Senior Preacher of the Al-Aqsa Mosque"](#) (November 1, 2003).

Jordan

34. ["The hate industry: Articles and cartoons in Jordanian press combining blatant anti-Israeli incitement with anti-Semitic and anti-American themes"](#) (April 22, 2007).

Qatar

35. ["Qatari Intellectual on the Islamic Roots of Antisemitism and 9/11 Conspiracy Theories"](#) (October 4, 2004).

Turkey

36. ["The hate industry: in recent years, anti-Semitic publications are becoming increasingly widespread in Turkey"](#) (January 17, 2008).

The Arab world and radical Islam

37. ["Monitoring anti-Semitic publications issued in the Arab countries"](#)