

Anti-Semitism in the Arab Media

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Introduction

Anti-Semitism is widespread throughout the Arab and Muslim world, manifested in every segment of society. The following report is a compilation of select anti-Semitic expressions in the Arab and Muslim world in January 2004.

As in recent months, in January, newspapers continued to feature anti-Semitic caricatures on themes such as Israel's security fence and Jewish control of U.S. forces in Iraq. The theme of Jewish/Israeli control of U.S. foreign policy and the upcoming American presidential elections was also widespread. Demonic images, such as Jews/Israel as snakes, continued to be pervasive. Finally, in response to increased international attention to European anti-Semitism, a number of articles and caricatures argued that anti-Semitic incidents were overstated or manufactured by Jews/Israel who hoped to increase immigration to Israel or to divert attention from Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

All material in this compilation was translated by ADL from the original Arabic or are from English language sources in the Middle East.

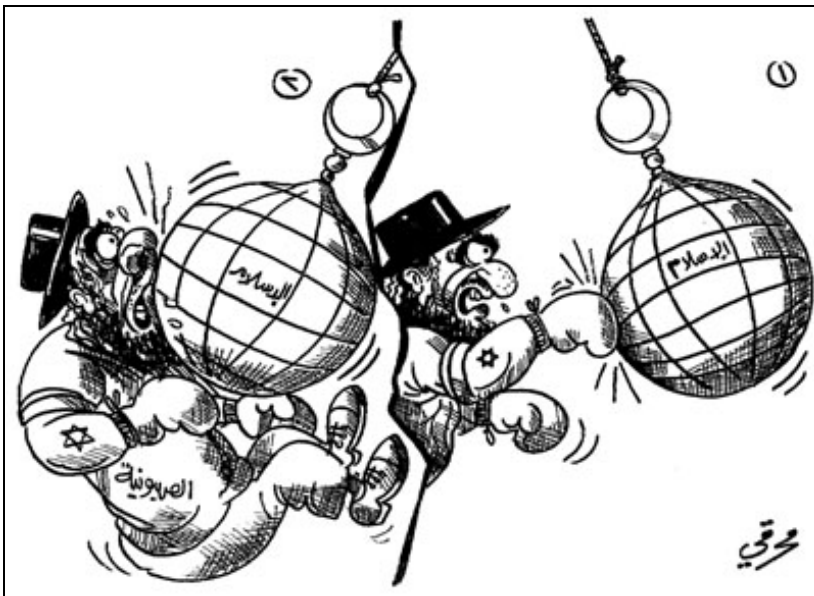
Bahrain

Cartoons



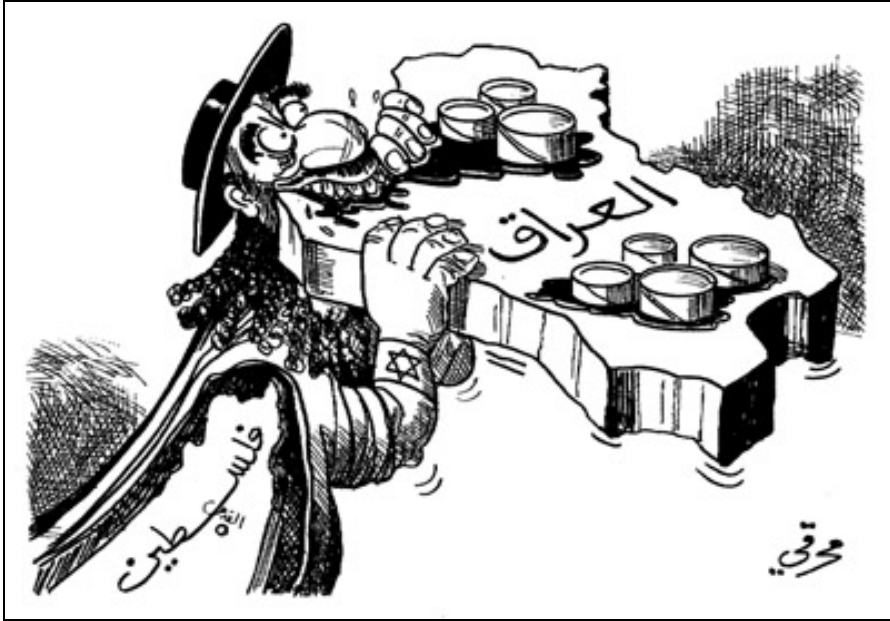
Akhbar al-Khalij, January 14, 2004

On the cow, in Arabic: "Iraq". The snakes represent "American-Zionist companies".



Akhbar al-Khalij, January 9, 2004

First stage, on the right: Zionism is beating Islam. Second stage, on the left: Zionism wants to eat *the* Islam.



Akhbar al-Khalij, January 6, 2004
The Jew who ate Palestine is now eating "Iraq".

Jordan

Cartoons



Ad-Dustur, January 21, 2004
In Arabic: "The American Elections".

Oman

Cartoons



Al-Watan, January 19, 2004

The American is saying: "We will ask Israel to remove the settlements and to withdraw from your territories".



Al-Watan, January 13, 2004

The Jew is feeding "racism" while the American is fueling the bottle.

Palestinian Authority

Cartoons



Al-Hayat al-Jadida, January 20, 2004

The snake is representing "the isolation fence". PM Sharon is saying: "Snow-white, and I wanna see who is going to ruin the exhibition". (A reference to an exhibition in Sweden entitled Snow White and the Madness of Truth which featured the picture of a female suicide bomber floating in blood)

Television:

"Zionist gangs" carrying out anti-Semitic attacks in France

A "secret Zionist gang" is carrying out anti-Semitic incidents in France. "But Sharon said that he wants to bring a million Jews, or a million new immigrants, but those million are not there. Since he got to the government he said that he wants to bring a million new immigrants..."

A secret Zionist gang tried and is still trying to operate in France in the same way they used to do in the past in some of the Arab countries - Iraq, Egypt and Morocco, as bombing and attacking Jews and Jewish synagogues in order to force them to immigrate. After an event that happened, when there was an attack against a synagogue, the Israeli ambassador in France called the Jews in France to immigrate. Some leaders in the Jewish community opposed him and said that he exaggerates... So there is an Israeli or Zionist gang that commits attacks against the Jews in order to force them to immigrate since Israel suffers from migration abroad (Israeli emigration).

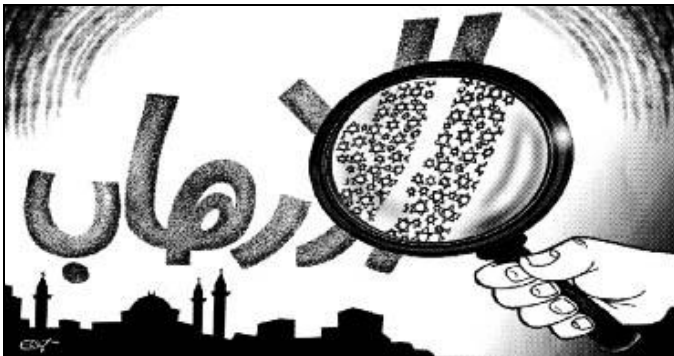
Hafez Barghouti, editor of the Palestinian newspaper *Al-Hayat al-Jadida* on Palestinian Authority television's current affairs program, "Hadath al-Yom" ("The News of the Day") January 5, 2004

Qatar

Cartoons



Al-Watan, January 12, 2004



Al-Watan, January 9, 2004
In Arabic: "Terror".



Al-Watan, January 5, 2004

The Jew on the right is asking: "Is the meal ready?" The American is answering: "Patience my friend!" (while cooking blood)

Saudi Arabia

Newspapers

Holocaust Denial

"...We have already seen the Israeli conspiracy that Shimon Peres talked about in every path of the peace negotiations with Israel...

Excluding the Gaza Strip from the conspiracy of the Big Israel was not done haphazardly. It was done on purpose in order to remove it from the big Israel's territory, since Tel Aviv thinks that this is a den of terror against it...

David Frum, the wing right extremist, hurried to stand side by side with Richard Perle. His support came through the presentation of his book 'An End to Evil: How to win the War on Terror', on an American satellite channel... This is a message directed to the Western countries, reminding them of the collective murder of the Jews through the Holocaust by Germany's counselor in the 3rd Reich, Adolph Hitler, in order to convince them that the Islam and Muslims – Arabs and non-Arabs - are perpetrating collective murder of people, as the Nazis did in the past. **This is false at present... and a false claim in the past, which the French thinker, Roger Garaudy described as exaggeration in his book 'The Jews Myths', and the British historian, Dr. David Irving, who came to (the conclusion) that it never happened by the Nazis against the Jews, relying on statistics that emphasize that the number of Jews grew by six million between 1933... and 1946, one year after the end of WWII. So, if the Jews were annihilated during the Holocaust, their numbers would not have grown, but would have been reduced as of 1933..."**

Ridha Muhammad Lary, "I Felicitate You, Man", *Ar-Riyadh*, January 22, 2004

Jews/Israel Use Anti-Semitism to Promote Fundraising/Support for Israel

"...At the heart of the World Jewish Congress's alarm is the growing understanding in Europe that the state of Israel is far from a plucky little Westernized outpost set down in an dangerous Arab world, but rather an aggressive and unbending militarist state which does indeed pose a very real threat to world peace...

This attack has become the reflex of the Zionist lobby worldwide. Those who express criticism of Israel are deluged with letters of criticism, often vitriolic. **The clear view demonstrated by these people is that anyone who opposes Israeli policies is anti-Semitic.** No credence is given to the argument that a man might support the existence of an Israeli state but object to their aggressive policies. **Outsiders are either with Israel or they are against it and if the latter, they are racist bigots. Maybe Zionists feel they have to maintain**

pressure on Jews around the world in order to continue the fund-raising and lobbying in support the Israeli state. Moderation is a threat to the fundamentalism that has driven Zionism since its early days. This is a people which has crafted the hatred of racists into a powerful political weapon.

Unfortunately, the price of this unbending arrogance will be the further rise of intolerant opinion in Europe. This may suit the Zionist purpose, but the fascist thugs it fosters will not confine their depravities to Jewish targets. Muslims, blacks and the whole emerging multicultural tapestry of Europe will come under threat. In truth, in its own way, Zionism itself is just another form of bigotry..."

"Editorial: Bigotry as Strategy", *Arabnews*, January 9, 2004

Cartoons



Arab News, January 9, 2004



Ar-Riyadh, January 7, 2004

The Jew is holding a ballot box on which is written: "The American elections". The USA is holding a pigeon representing "the peace process". Both of them are standing on "the Arab world".

Syria

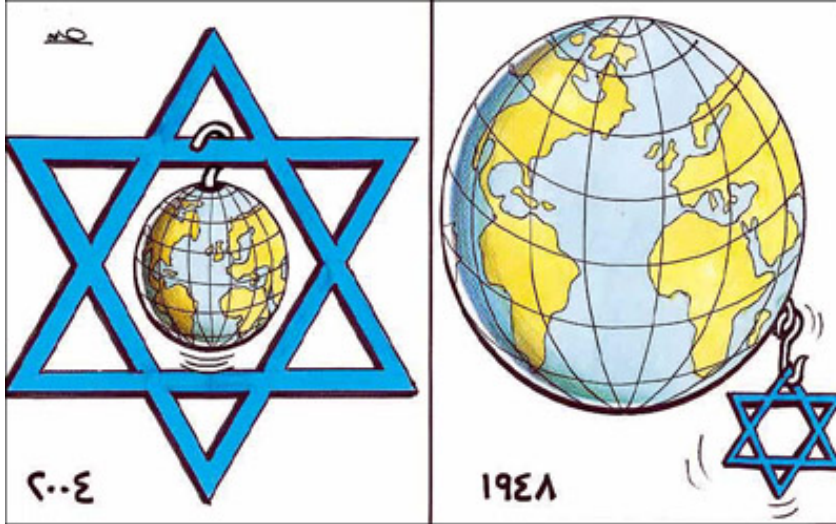
Newspapers

“...What happened in Stockholm is an indicator of Israel’s solitude and international isolation as a result of its terrorist practices and crimes against humanity. The peoples of the world are aware of the fact that Israel is launching a real war of annihilation against the Palestinian people **which refutes Israel’s lies that the Jews were exposed to war of annihilation during the World War II**”.

M.N., “Ill Behavior”, *Syria Times*, January 20, 2004 (referencing the exhibition in Stockholm)

United Arab Emirates

Cartoons



Al-Ittihad, January 15, 2004
On the right - 1948; on the left - 2004.

Arab Newspapers

Al-Ahram (Egypt) - an Egyptian daily owned by the Egyptian government: the president appoints the editor. He (as the editor of the other government owned dailies, *al-Gumhuriyya* and *al-Akhbar*) is given substantial leeway in his editorial practices, assuming he avoids certain "taboos". *Al-Ahram* is the largest Arabic paper in the world and has established the *Al-Ahram* Regional Press Institute. (From the website: <http://www.ijnet.org/Profile/Africa/Egypt/media.html>)

Al-Gumhuriyya (Egypt) – a government daily.

Al-Wafd (Egypt) - *Al-Wafd* is the main opposition paper in Egypt. The paper criticizes the regime on a wide range of issues - from economy to internal and foreign policy. However, it is important to note that the criticism is on subjects that are allowed by the regime. The paper is one of the most acceptable channels of opposition activism, since the Egyptians see themselves as supporters of freedom of the press, and the paper is supposed to be concrete proof to this idea. *Al-Wafd* expresses extreme anti-Israel and anti-Semitic views, in articles and cartoons.

Ar-Rai (Jordan) – a government daily; expresses the approaches of the Jordanian regime.

As-Safir (Lebanon) - a Lebanese daily, close to Syria.

Al-Ayyam (PA) – a government daily.

Al-Hayat al-Jadida (PA) – the PA daily.

Al-Quds (PA) – an opposition daily, which does not exceed the government policy.

Al-Watan (SA) – a daily owned by the governor of the 'Asir district.

Ar-Riyadh (SA) - A Saudi daily, one of the four principal Saudi papers (the three others are: *al-Madina*, *al-Jazira* and *al-Watan*). The paper presents a relatively conservative attitude, while emphasizing (as most of the Saudi papers) its praise of the Royal family.

Generally, the Saudi government lays severe limitations on the freedom of press and has a strict censorship, even on the foreign press that enters Saudi Arabia. Since the Saudi press is government-oriented, it concentrates on praising the Saudi Royal Family. Of course, opposition or independent newspapers do not exist in Saudi Arabia. However, the London based Saudi press has more independent features

Tishrin (Syria) - a state sponsored and owned newspaper, in which the journalists are appointed and instructed by the government (The English-language *Syria Times* is published by *Tishrin* as well).

Al-Watan (Qatar) - *Al-Watan* is one of the five Qatari dailies. *Al-Watan's* chairman is Hamad bin Sahim al Thani, a member of the royal family (All of the papers are owned by different branches of the royal family). The Foreign Minister, Hamed bin Jasem bin Jaber al Thani, owns half of the newspaper.