

Anti-Semitism/ Anti-Israel Incitement in the Arab and Muslim Media



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Anti-Semitism and anti-Israel incitement is rampant in the Arab and Muslim media and at a seemingly all-time high throughout the Arab and Muslim world. A whole range of anti-Jewish commentary and depictions in the Egyptian, Palestinian, Saudi and other media in the region — the deicide charge, the blood libel accusation, denial of the Holocaust, and justification of the Holocaust — have gone unanswered by Arab and Muslim religious, political and community leaders.

The past few months have been particularly crucial in the Middle East given the intensification of terror attacks against Israeli civilians, the Saudi Peace Initiative and the IDF operation “Defensive Shield.” As in the past, criticism of Israeli policy is infused with comparisons between Israelis and Nazis and blatant anti-Semitism. Below is a compilation of the most offensive articles and cartoons from newspapers across the region.

Comparison between Israel/Zionism and Nazism

- “This German people found Hitler’s barbarity exorbitant, and they demanded a (severe) punishment, although he did not deserve it. They refused Israel’s barbarity as well. If there is someone who deserves scorn, it is Sharon, who committed the worst and most disheartening (actions).”

— *Al-Abram*, Egyptian government daily, April 18, 2002, by Anis Mansur, article entitled “Attitudes”

- “Comparison between Zionism and Nazism is not a sort of metaphor, since the link between them is a historical fact that we cannot ignore...”

“The resemblance and congruence between the Zionist and Nazi thoughts and actions are known. But in order to prophesy the next step of Sharon’s army, we have to go back to history and see what Hitler’s army did to all the European people and to the Jews especially. What is weird is that the victim began to imitate his executioner, and to punish innocent victims who have no connection with what happened to him. It seems like Hitler is alive again, and is following his old ways, but this time with the Palestinians: the student, Sharon, has learned in an extreme way from his teacher, Hitler...”

“Hitler and Mussolini were thrown to the garbage of history... Will Sharon get a better destiny?”

— *Al-Abram*, Egyptian government daily, April 17, 2002, by Iqbal Baraka, article entitled “So We Will Not Forget — Sharon and the Crazy Dream”

- “The murderer, Ariel Sharon, succeeded in making this

era's crime, which there is no doubt that it can compete with the Nazis' crime during World War II. To make a difference, those who claim that they are the victims of yesterday's crimes of the Nazis, are those who made today's annihilation crime against the Palestinian people."

"There are strong ties and a big resemblance between the Nazi Holocaust against the Jews, Gypsies and etc. before and during World War II, and the Zionist Holocaust against the Palestinian people today."

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, April 17, 2002, by Salah ad-Din Hafez, article entitled "The Era's Holocaust...and the Awareness' Tremor"

- "Don't you see the resemblance between Sharon, Hitler and Milosevic? Don't you see a parallel between Nazism and Zionism? Don't you know how Hitler ordered his officials to search Jewish houses for those he called dangers to the state and how he put them into concentration camps? Can't you see the parallel with what Sharon has done and is doing? Don't you know that Sharon ordered his army to go to Jenin, Ramallah, Nablus, Bethlehem and other places to search Palestinian houses for people he called terrorists and how he then massacred many and imprisoned others? Sharon and his cabinet are staging an all-out war with the aim of Palestinian genocide and ethnic cleansing. I need a voice to cry out and tell the world there is an impending Palestinian Holocaust. I only pray that when I find a voice it will not fall on deaf ears!"

— *Arab News.com*, Saudi English language daily online version, April 17, 2002, by Seham M.S. Fatani, article entitled "There is an impending Palestinian Holocaust"

- "There is no doubt that what is happening on the Holy Palestinian land... renews the Nazi phenomenon..."

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, April 16, 2002, by Dr. Nabil Ahmad Hilmi, article entitled "A Turning Point in the Middle East Region"

- "You cannot describe the Israeli annihilation war directed against the Palestinian people, except for saying that it is a new Nazi wave, which brings back the consequences of the human oppression's worst pictures invented by Hitler and his regime's heads, and directed towards the Europeans, in general, and towards the Jews (what a difference) in particular."

"...the new phenomenon of Nazism...was revealed by the Israeli racist state..."

"... Moreover, this racist army committed collective execution crimes, imitating through it the famous Nazi actions. They added to that the assembling of inhabitants in public squares after warning them about demolishing houses with their inhabitants, if they stay there. They used known Nazi techniques..."

"... The war criminal, Sharon, stands as Hitler stood in front of the Nazi Germany, scorning all the international institutions..."

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, April 16, 2002, by As-Sayyid Yassin, article entitled, "What is Behind the New Nazism"

- "It is not a Jewish demand to merely support Sharon, but to ignore his horrible massacres, which exceeded the Nazism massacres, as well."

"Why are they (the Jews) hated by all the people which hosted them, such as Iraq and Egypt thousands years ago, and Germany, Spain, France and the UK, up to the days they gained of power over the capital and the press, in order to rewrite the history?"

— *Al-Riyadh*, Saudi government daily, April 15, 2002, by Turki ‘Abdallah as-Sudayri, article entitled “All of History is against Them”

- “Nobody is allowed to sleep, when there is a Nazi-Zionist — state and society — making massacre celebrations There is a collective murderer... he is killing freely everyone who defends his land, life, freedom and respect...”

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, by Dr. Muhammad as-Sayyid Sa’id, article entitled “Nobody is allowed to sleep after Jenin”

- “The 21st century’s Hitler, Ariel Sharon, succeeded in exceeding over all the history’s sanguinaries”

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, April 13, 2002, by Ibrahim Nafi’, article entitled “Facts”

- “... as long as Israel commits new burnings, in the new era of ‘Hitleric’ Zionism.”

— *Al-Riyadh*, Saudi government daily, April 11, 2002, article entitled “The Most Important Battle Between Us and Israel”

- “... the mentality of the Zionist entity’s leader, which is afflicted with the pride disease, as Hitler.”

— *Al-Riyadh*, Saudi government daily, April 7, 2002, by Muhammad Rida Nasrallah, “An Ox Running Wild without Bridle”

- “This is the Israeli emperor. The ruler of the sole democratic country in the Middle East brings back the Nazi regime’s days.”

“Israel’s Hitler, who promised his people security...”

“Whenever the murderer Sharon kills a Palestinian pure human being, the Palestinian response is faster than what he imagines...”



Cartoon printed in *The Arab News*, Saudi English language daily online version, April 10, 2002, which depicts Prime Minister Ariel Sharon wielding a swastika-shaped bludgeon against Palestinian children.

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, April 7, 2002, by Ihsan Baker, article entitled “Yasser Family — Patience”

- “[Israel is] killing, plundering and destroying through a barbaric Hitlerism.”

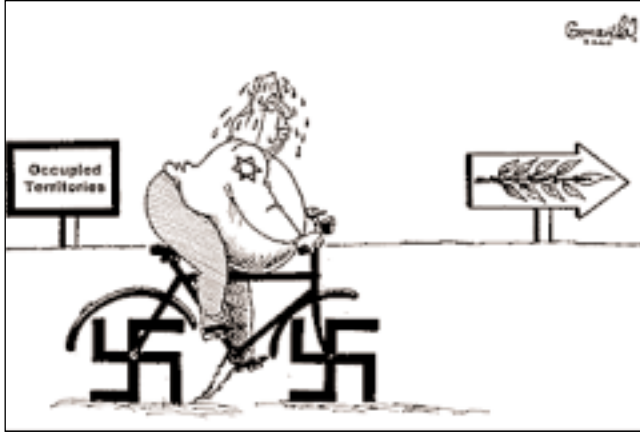
— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, April 7, 2002, by Anis Masur, article entitled “Attitudes”

- “The green light which was given to Sharon by the Bush Government made it possible for the IDF to invade and attack the Palestinian territories, while nothing came from Washington except for support announcements, holding the PA responsible for (the events) and expressing Israel’s right to defend itself...”

“...After the Western, Israeli and Arab media brought the true image of the Israeli Nazism...Israel withdrew its forces from the cities and villages that were occupied in order to facilitate Anthony Zinni’s mission....”

— *Al-Ayyam*, Palestinian Authority newspaper, March 24, 2002, by Hani Habib, “Sharon: Failure of the War Campaign; A competition for the Media Campaign”

- “Everybody wants to please the killer Ariel Sharon who sits in a brothel, while the hands are compet-



Cartoon in *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, March 21-27, 2002, which depicts Prime Minister Ariel Sharon riding on a bicycle that has swastikas as wheels.



Cartoon in *Al-Watan*, Qatari newspaper, March 14, 2002, which depicts Prime Minister Ariel Sharon with a swastika armband.

ing to bring him much blood and fire drinking glasses. Sharon does not weaken or strengthen. He governs and is governed by the American media and the stock exchange.”

“When America wants peace through the Israeli way, it threatens to attack us with nuclear bombs.”

“If their decision is a war, and their bombs are nuclear — then it is an American Holocaust, and it is much more (serious) than Hitler’s Holocaust.

What for? What is the purpose? The answer is: For Sharon’s eyes! Top of the American insanity!”

— *Al-Ahram*, Egyptian government daily, March 24, 2002, by Anis Mansure, article entitled “Attitudes”

Holocaust Denial

- “Thus, the Jews are accursed — the Jews of our time, those who preceded them and those who will come after them, if any Jews come after them.”

“With regard to the fraud of the Holocaust... Many French studies have proven that this is no more than a fabrication, a lie, and a fraud!! That is, it is a ‘scenario’ the plot of which was carefully tailored, using several faked photos completely unconnected to the truth. Yes, it is a film, no more and no less. Hitler himself, whom they accuse of Nazism, is in my eyes no more than a modest ‘pupil’ in the world of murder and bloodshed. He is completely innocent of the charge of frying them in the hell of his false Holocaust!!”

“The entire matter, as many French and British scientists and researchers have proven, is nothing more than a huge Israeli plot aimed at extorting the German government in particular and the European countries in general. But I, personally and in light of this imaginary tale, complain to Hitler, even saying to him from the bottom of my heart, ‘If only you had done it, brother, if only it had really happened, so that the world could sigh in relief [without] their evil and sin.’”

“Since their birth, the Jews [have amassed] hatred and hostility towards Islam and the Muslims. They have always laid traps for the Muslims, woven conspiracies and crimes against them, and been biased in favor of their enemies and occupiers...”

“They always try to warp and distort everything fair and beautiful!! Basically, they are a model of moral ugliness, debasement, and degradation. If only Allah would curse them more and more, to the end of all generations. Amen.”

— *Al-Akhhbar*, Egyptian government daily, April

29, 2002, by Fatma Abdallah Mahmoud, article entitled "Accursed Forever and Ever" *

- "For the first time in half a century, there are slogans against the Jews as a race and as a religion, and it was forbidden for half a century since the Nazi cremation claims, which appears to be one of the biggest lies on the world's stage, and it begins to diminish in front of Sharon's crimes, which are more Nazist."

— *Al-Abram*, Egyptian government daily, April 15, 2002, by Ibrahim Nafi', article entitled "Facts"

- "Life stopped in 'Israel' yesterday for two minutes [Editor's note: the Holocaust day's siren], while the warning sirens whistled all over the occupied territories of Palestine, in memory of the 6 millions Jews, about whom 'Israel' lies saying that they were killed in the Nazi crematoriums during the World War II."

— *Al-Riyadh*, Saudi government daily, April 10, 2002, article entitled ". . . An Israeli 'Holocaust' in Brave Jenin Refugee Camp"

Jewish Conspiracy Theories

Zionist/Jewish control of U.S. Policy and world media:

- "Zionist Jews control the mass media in the United States. Abraham Rosenthal, who is the coordinator of chief editors of *The New York Times*, which is one of the most important and influential newspapers in the United States, wrote an article in which he strongly condemned the Palestinians and those who criticize Ariel Sharon and the Israeli army. Another well-known journalist is William Safire, who is supporting Sharon one hundred percent."

— *Tehran Times.com*, Iranian newspaper English

language online version, April 18, 2002, excerpts from an interview with Mark Weber, the director of the California-based "Institute for Historical Review," the most significant source of Holocaust denial propaganda in the United States.

- "5. Do you know; Mr. Secretary, that Israel only cares about the U.S. as long as it can use it. 6. Did it happen to occur to you; Sir, that if Israel is a real friend to the U.S., it would not spy on you!? 7. Sir; If the Jewish American spy Jonathan Pollard is an American, and if the interests of his homeland are above the interests of any other nation; would he give Israel American top secrets so that Israel could sell them to the enemies of the U.S. ?! 8. Mr. Secretary; do you remember who destroyed the American ship Liberty and killed Americans in 1967?! 9. Sir; has the CIA asked the Israeli Mossad if they had any idea about September 11 tragedy before it happened?! 10. Sir; please forgive my rudeness; by the way, who does rule America?!"

— *Syria Times*, Syrian newspaper English language online version, April 17, 2002, by Dr. Y. Alaridi, article entitled "A Few Questions to Mr. Powell II"

- "The American media, which is controlled by the Jewish power. This power does not hide the Jewish names from the media, as was done in the past, since the Jewish power itself controls, manages and directs the media"

— *Al-Quds*, Palestinian Authority newspaper, April 8, 2002, by Muhammad Jalal 'Inaya, article entitled "Woe unto the Arabs, if this America"

- "It's been a long time that we claim that the US policy cannot be to submit to the Jewish/Zionist lobby's influence, even though the lobby has an influence, and it stretches its long rope within the

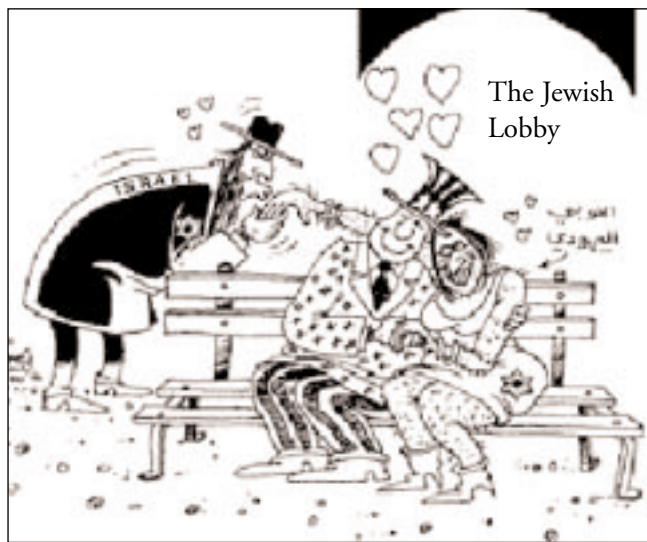
American society — the money and media. We were expressing the view that the American interests are integrated with the lobby's aims."

— *Al-Riyadh*, Saudi government daily, April 8, 2002, by 'Abdallah al-Qafari, article entitled "The Embarrassing Question of Hate is Renewed . . . This is America"

- "America 'spreads' wars, in order to (cause) people to borrow (money) and buy American arms."

"This is the way America woke up the sleeping civil strife (with a Qur'anic connotation) from among the crescent and the cross, and at the same time it hits the crescent and the cross with arms (decorated) with the Star of David. Israel is the Middle East's America, and America is the five continents' Israel!!! Israel is pleased to be bigger than the great nation, and America is pleased to be a Jews' neighborhood! How astonishing!"

— *Al-Abram*, Egyptian government daily, March 23, 2002, by Anis Mansure, article entitled "Attitudes"



Cartoon in *Al-Watan*, Omani newspaper, March 14, 2002.

Blood Libel

- "I chose to [speak] about the Jewish holiday of Purim, because it is connected to the month of March. This holiday has some dangerous customs that will, no doubt, horrify you, and I apologize if any reader is harmed because of this."

"During this holiday, the Jew must prepare very special pastries, the filling of which is not only costly and rare — it cannot be found at all on the local and international markets."

"Unfortunately, this filling cannot be left out, or substituted with any alternative serving the same purpose. For this holiday, the Jewish people must obtain human blood so that their clerics can prepare the holiday pastries. In other words, the practice cannot be carried out as required if human blood is not spilled!!"

"Before I go into the details, I would like to clarify that the Jews' spilling human blood to prepare pastry for their holidays is a well-established fact, historically and legally, all throughout history. This was one of the main reasons for the persecution and exile that were their lot in Europe and Asia at various times."

"This holiday [Purim] begins with a fast, on March 13, like the Jewess Esther who vowed to fast. The holiday continues on March 14; during the holiday, the Jews wear carnival-style masks and costumes and overindulge in drinking alcohol, prostitution, and adultery. This holiday has become known among Muslim historians as the 'Holiday of Masks.'"

"Who was Esther, and why the Jews sanctify her and act as she did, I will clarify in my article next Tuesday, 1 Allah willing. Today, I would like to tell you how human blood is spilled so it can be used for their holiday pastries. The blood is spilled in a special way. How is it done?"

“For this holiday, the victim must be a mature adolescent who is, of course, a non-Jew — that is, a Christian or a Muslim. His blood is taken and dried into granules. The cleric blends these granules into the pastry dough; they can also be saved for the next holiday. In contrast, for the Passover slaughtering, about which I intend to write one of these days, the blood of Christian and Muslim children under the age of 10 must be used, and the cleric can mix the blood [into the dough] before or after dehydration.”

“Let us now examine how the victims’ blood is spilled. For this, a needle-studded barrel is used; this is a kind of barrel, about the size of the human body, with extremely sharp needles set in it on all sides. [These needles] pierce the victim’s body, from the moment he is placed in the barrel.”

“These needles do the job, and the victim’s blood drips from him very slowly. Thus, the victim suffers dreadful torment — torment that affords the Jewish vampires great delight as they carefully monitor every detail of the blood-shedding with pleasure and love that are difficult to comprehend.”

“After this barbaric display, the Jews take the spilled blood, in the bottle set in the bottom [of the needle-studded barrel], and the Jewish cleric makes his coreligionists completely happy on their holiday when he serves them the pastries in which human blood is mixed.”

“There is another way to spill the blood: The victim can be slaughtered as a sheep is slaughtered, and his blood collected in a container. Or, the victim’s veins can be slit in several places, letting his blood drain from his body.”

“This blood is very carefully collected — as I have already noted — by the ‘rabbi,’ the Jewish cleric, the chef who specializes in preparing these kinds of pastries.”

“The human race refuses even to look at the Jewish pastries, let alone prepare them or consume them!”

— *Al-Riyadh*, Saudi government daily, two-part article, March 10 and March 12, 2002, by Dr. Umayma Ahmad Al-Jalahma of King Faysal University in Al-Dammam, on “The Jewish Holiday of Purim.” Following U.S. condemnation, the editor of *Al-Riyadh* apologized for printing this article *

Deicide Charge

- “The Jew has a principle from which we suffer and which he tries to impose on people: the principle of the ‘gentiles.’ To him, the gentile is a slave. They [the Jews] give the [Palestinians] working in Israel only a piece of bread, and tell them: ‘This piece of bread that you eat is taken from our children, and we give it to you so you will live not as free men on your land, but as a proletariat and slaves in Israel, to serve us...’ *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are based on this principle, and anyone who reads the Protocols feels that we are in this period with the Jews...”

“The Church, the Pope, the Christians, and the New Testament clearly state that, according to Christian belief, the ones who killed Jesus are the Jews, and there is no way to deny or renounce this... The Jews are the ones who killed Jesus; after him, [they killed] the Christians, and after them, the Muslims. Now they are again killing both the Muslims and the Christians. Throughout history, we have seen that the Jews persecuted the Christians at the beginning of the Church, and now they are again persecuting the Church, and Islam...”

“As is known throughout the world, even in our time, they always accuse the Christians... The case of Pope Pius XII is bad enough. They accused him of terrible things... They attack the Church because

the Pope was not as strict as they wanted in protecting the Jews from Nazism — while the Jews found shelter only in the Church and with Christian families...”

— *Palestine Television* (Palestinian Authority), April 22, 2002, statement to the television station by the Manuel Musalam, head of the Latin Church in Gaza *

Evil Jews

- “Our enemies suffer now more than we do. Why? Because we are convinced that our dead go to Paradise, while the dead of the Jews go to Hell, to a cruel fate. So we stand firm and steadfast, in obedience to Allah...”

“The Jews await the false Jewish messiah, while we await, with Allah's help... the Mahdi and Jesus, peace be upon him. Jesus's pure hands will murder the false Jewish messiah. Where? In the city of Lod, in Palestine. Palestine will be, as it was in the past, a graveyard for the invaders - just as it was a graveyard for the Tatars and to the Crusader invaders, [and for the invaders] of the old and new colonialism...”

“A reliable Hadith [tradition] says: ‘The Jews will fight you, but you will be set to rule over them.’ What could be more beautiful than this tradition? ‘The Jews will fight you’ — that is, the Jews have begun to fight us. ‘You will be set to rule over them’ — Who will set the Muslim to rule over the Jew? Allah... Until the Jew hides behind the rock and the tree.”

“But the rock and tree will say: ‘Oh Muslim, oh servant of Allah, a Jew hides behind me, come and kill him.’ Except for the Gharqad tree, which is the tree of the Jews.”

“We believe in this Hadith. We are convinced also that this Hadith heralds the spread of Islam and its rule over all the land...”

— *Palestine Television* (Palestinian Authority), April 12, 2002, excerpts from a Friday sermon delivered by Palestinian Authority Imam Sheikh Ibrahim Madhi at the Sheikh ‘Ijlin Mosque in Gaza City *

Classic Anti-Semitic Stereotypes



Cartoon in *Al-Watan*, Qatari newspaper, March 17, 2002, which depicts a stereotypical bearded Jew murdering a Palestinian child.



Cartoon in *Tishrin*, Syrian newspaper, May 8, 2002 depicting a stereotypical Jew spitting at a United Nations representative as he is reading the international laws.

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