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February 22, 2019

Her Excellency Hunaina Al-Mughairy
Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman
2535 Belmont Rd NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Al-Mughairy,

I am writing to bring to your attention a worrisome development and to ask for your government to take action.

The Muscat International Book Fair, which is government organized, is currently going on until March 2nd, and our researchers have unfortunately discovered that blatantly anti-Semitic books are being promoted through this event. Such intolerance is clearly at odds with the record of respect and engagement of your government. ADL therefore requests that the Sultanate of Oman ensure that such intolerant books are swiftly removed and that this event does not provide a platform to the exhibitors of such hateful materials in future years.

Noted anti-Semitic titles in Arabic that are currently listed in the online search engine¹ for the 2019 Muscat International Book Fair include:

-Over a dozen hits for the foundational anti-Semitic hoax *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* under various titles and spellings. These include one with the scurrilous added subtitle “Masonic Plots to Control the World” and another with the added title “The Jewish Danger”.

-Over a dozen hits for Adolf Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*

-Henry Ford’s *The International Jew*, which teaches the *Protocols* and other anti-Semitic myths as historical fact. The Arabic edition by Yusuf Rashad listed on the Muscat book fair’s website carries the added subtitle “The History of Jewish Control of Authority in America – A Book the Jews Hate” [Distributor Booth: Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

Likewise, other less well-known books that are listed on the book fair’s online search engine also purvey blatantly anti-Semitic messages, including:

¹ “Search Engine” (in Arabic), Muscat International Book Fair website, accessed February 22, 2019. (<https://www.mctbookfair.gov.om/search-individual-ar/#>)

-The Talmud of Secrets: Facts Exposing the Jewish Schemes to Control the World, by Al-Husseini Al-Husseini Ma'adi [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-Hidden Elements of the Talmud in the Characteristics and Doctrines of the Jews, by Ibrahim Desouqi [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-The Conspiracy: Milestones in the Zionist and International Cabal against the Palestinian People, by Zaghloul al-Naggar [Dar Emaar, Jordan]

-The Heads of Evil: Ten Engineers of the Zionist American Plot to Fracture Our Arab World and Ignite Revolutions, by Magdi Kamel [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-The House of Rothchild: Merchants of Wars and Revolutions and Reaping Monetary Riches When Creating a State from Nothing, by Magdy Kamel [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-Who Manufactures Tyrants?, by Magdy Kamel [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-The Dangers of Jewish Presence to the Islamic Ummah, by Muhammed Uthman Shabeer [Dar al-Nafais for Publishing and Distribution, Jordan]

-Jewish Influence in the Media, by Fuad Rifa'i [Dar al-Yaqeen for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-The Holy Crime: Genocide, from the Ideology of the Hebrew Book to the Zionist Project, by Essam Sakhnini [Arab Center for Research and Political Studies, Lebanon]

-The Battle of Existence with Zionism, by Sha'aban al-Shammari [Dar al-Mahaja al-Bayda, Lebanon]

-The Ideology of Aggression in Zionist Thought, by Ali al-Mo'men [Dar al-Mahaja al-Bayda, Lebanon]

-The Great Conspiracy: The Plot to Divide the Arab Homeland: Who after Iraq?, by Muhammed Basiouny [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-The Octopus Named Mossad, by Hanan Abu al-Diaa [Beirut Library, Oman]

-Barons of Business and Finance: The New Economic Colonialism, by Abdelmo'een al-Shawaf [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-Jerusalemites and the Devils of the Temple, by Hamas bombmaker Abdullah al-Barghouthi (who is serving 66 life sentences in Israeli prison for his role in numerous attacks targeting civilians) [Knights Institute for Publishing and Distribution, Jordan]

-Masonry, the Jews, and the Torah, by No'man Abdelrazaq al-Samarra-i [Dar al-Hikma for Printing and Publishing, United Arab Emirates]

-The Hidden Global Government, Part 14: The Illuminati [Card] Game and The New World Order: A Global Conspiracy was Developed in 1995 in America in the Form of a Game from Which a Lot Has Been Achieved, by Mansour Abdelhakim [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

-Theodor Herzl: The Zionist Devil and Satan of the Modern Era, by Essam Abdelfattah [Dar al-Kitab al-Arabi for Publishing and Distribution, Egypt]

The fair's website also appears to carry books that are intolerant toward adherents of other religions besides Judaism, such as:

-Yazidism: A People who Worship the Devil, by Nahed Abdelrahman Mustafa [Beirut Library, Oman]

-Contemporary Persian Shi'ism: The Hidden Conspiracy, by Muhammmmed 'Emara [Aiming Pens for Publication and Distribution, Egypt]

-1000 Facts about Masonry, Baha'ism, Qadianism, and Babism, by Hani Mohammed Hamed [Dar al-Fadhila for Publishing, Distribution, and Export, Egypt]

I have included a printout in Arabic along with this letter with the identifying information for all of the most problematic books that we found through the book fair's website, in case it aids with identifying and removing these materials. It may also be

worth noting that Jewish groups have publicly raised concern about the presence of certain anti-Semitic materials at the Muscat International Book Fair in the past.²

ADL encourages the Government of the Sultanate of Oman to resolve this issue once and for all, especially since we know that His Majesty's Government is broadly committed to promoting religious tolerance, at home and abroad, in so many important ways.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Nazarian', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Sharon Nazarian
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Anti-Defamation League

² Simon Wiesenthal Center, "Wiesenthal Centre to US Embassy in Oman: 'Shocked at US Support to Anti-Semitic Hatefest at Muscat International Book Fair,'" March 2, 2015.
(<http://www.wiesenthal.com/site/apps/nlnet/content.aspx?c=lsKWLbPJLnF&b=8776547&ct=14537505>)