Cartoons relating to Gaza Campaign

Israel’s Gaza Operation in the Arab and Iranian Media: The use of Anti-Semitic Imagery to Vilify Israel (November 2012)

In the days since Israel began its military operation in Gaza targeting Hamas and other organizations responsible for the ongoing rocket and missile attacks against Israel, newspapers across the Arab and Muslim world have published cartoons replete with anti-Israel and anti-Semitic imagery pertaining to the conflict.

The cartoons in this compilation are consistent with anti-Israel and anti-Semitic caricatures regularly appearing in the Arab and Muslim world depicting Jewish and Israeli power over the international community, demonic imagery to stereotype Jews - including big noses, black coats and hats – blood libels and animal references – snakes and spiders - to sinisterly portray Israel.

Many of the cartoons in this compilation were published on the website of the Fars News Agency, the semi-official Iranian government English-language news agency. Iran, whose leaders have made repeated anti-Israel and anti-Semitic statements, is a major supplier of weapons to Hamas and other terrorist organizations involved in attacks against Israel. The Iranian-made long-range Fajr-5 missile is a favorite weapon of Hamas terrorists, and has been used in recent days to target the Israeli civilians in and around Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv.

Previous ADL cartoon compilations have highlighted the prevalence of anti-Semitism in the Arab and Iranian media as it relates to the US-Israel relationship.

The following are selected examples of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic cartoons that have appeared in recent days in newspapers across the Arab world, as well as on the website of Iran’s Fars News Agency.
Akhbar al-Khalij, November 16, 2012 (Bahrain) - Caption: “All I want is peace.”

Ruz al-Yusuf, November 19, 2012 (Egypt)
Fars, November 19, 2012 (Iran)
Fars, November 19, 2012 - Captions: Bibi - “Barak, my dear, thank you for the support.”
Obama - “Until these crimes continue…” (Iran)

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Ad-Dustur, November 17, 2012 (Jordan)

Al-Intiqadh, November 18, 2012 (Lebanon) – Headline: “Gaza exposed the origin and the forgery.”
Arab News, November 20, 2012 (Saudi Arabia)

Al-Iqtisadiyya, November 18, 2012 (Saudi Arabia)