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Chavez Conspiracies: A Gateway to Anti-Semitism

In the aftermath of the Gaza flotilla incident on May 31, 2010, President Hugo Chavez and his government apparatus have once again resorted to anti-Zionist allegations, including false conspiracy theories about Israel.

For the Chavez regime, it wasn't enough to sever diplomatic relations with the State of Israel in 2009. This time, Chavez broadcast on national TV that the Mossad wants to kill him, ranted that the "genocidal State of Israel" finances the Venezuelan opposition, and cursed the State of Israel, saying, "I want to condemn from the bottom of my soul, from the bottom of my guts: Damn you State of Israel! Damn you Terrorist and Assassins!"

Chavez tries to inoculate himself against charges of anti-Semitism by cynically asserting he is not against Jews. "They accuse me of being an enemy of the Jews ... They know they have our affection and respect ... I doubt very much that a Venezuelan Jew would support an atrocity like that one [perpetrated by Israel]." This ploy to prod Venezuelan Jews to speak out against Israel is a thinly veiled attempt to intimidate, which opens the door to anti-Semitism against the local Jewish community should they fail to heed Chavez's call.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro went even further, questioning the loyalty of Venezuelan Jews by attempting to corner them into denouncing statements allegedly made by an Israeli official and making them side with the government's viewpoint. In addition, Maduro described a scenario by which any potential attack in Venezuela or to its Jewish community can be attributed to the Israeli Mossad - a conspiracy theory similar to one typically used by anti-Semites who claim Jews and Israel were behind terrorist attacks such as the 1994 AMIA attack in Buenos Aires or even 9/11. Furthermore, the website of the Venezuelan Embassy in the US posts Maduro’s statements by calling the State of Israel a “so-called” State.

Since the flotilla affair, there have not been physical attacks against individual Jews or Jewish institutions. Nevertheless, the Jewish community in Venezuela has been dealing with an increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the last decade, enabled by the hostile environment created by their government and its media outlets.

The two raids perpetrated by the government against the Jewish community complex in 2004 and 2007 have yet to be explained. The investigation of the attack on the Tiferet Israel synagogue by a violent anti-Semitic gang in 2009 has lacked conclusiveness. Anti-Jewish graffiti written on walls of Jewish institutions and Jewish-owned businesses have been ignored by the government. Anti-Semitic rhetoric in the government controlled media is unchallenged.

Prior to Chavez's rise to power in Venezuela, anti-Semitic sentiments were negligible. Current anti-Semitism in that country is, in essence, a byproduct of the outright hostility the government has toward the State of Israel.
This hostility is tied to Chavez's coziness with the Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose antipathy toward Israel and the Jewish people, and sponsorship of terrorist groups is well documented. In addition, the proximity of the Chavez regime with Syria, another state considered by the U.S. as a sponsor of terror, make clear the Bolivarian regime’s geopolitical preferences. Chavez's support for certain radical Islamists and the effects on the local Jewish community has also been documented in previous reports by the Anti-Defamation League.

The Venezuelan government routinely uses conspiracy theories to scapegoat and blame the "other" and portray them as an enemy of the Venezuelan Bolivarian Revolution in order to divert attention from local problems. Whether the targets are the governments of the "U.S. Empire", Israel, Colombia or all of the above; the Chavez regime concocts false allegations which plants hateful seeds in the minds of government supporters and some of them take his cues as a carte blanche to vilify these alleged enemies.

This vilification is particularly present in government-run media and the so called "alternative" media run by government sympathizers who are intricately intertwined with the government apparatus.

Most notably, the Web site Aporrea.org, whose founder and webmaster until February 2009 was Martin Sanchez, Venezuela's Consul General of San Francisco, is a troublesome forum for anti-Semitic sentiments, filled with stereotypes of Jews reminiscent of the fictional Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

In addition to the media, the majority of the anti-Israel rallies that took place in Venezuela surrounding the flotilla affair have been sponsored, organized or advertized by the government. As a result, the anti-Semitic rhetoric and Nazi comparisons present at these rallies bear witness to the government's complicity.

This report sheds light on how anti-Zionist rhetoric surrounding the Gaza flotilla affair spewed by Chavez and his cohorts has enabled Venezuelan government sympathizers to bring to the forefront their anti-Semitic canards.

The Venezuelan government's extreme bias vis-à-vis the Middle East conflict has once again opened the door to the use of age-old anti-Semitic stereotypes such as Zionist control of government, media and finances, claims of Jews as "Christ killers," calls to boycott companies allegedly owned by Jews, and the use of Nazi imagery to describe the Jewish State.

Once again, an environment of anti-Zionist sentiment in government-linked airwaves is putting Venezuelan Jews in harm's way.
Government Statements on the Gaza Flotilla

President Hugo Chavez's anti-Israel propaganda apparatus was quick to react to the Gaza Flotilla incident. The President, the National Assembly, Foreign and Interior Ministers, and members of the governing political party rushed to judgment, issuing extreme condemnations and proclamations calling for Israel to be tried for its crimes.

The government and different branches of its bureaucracy sponsored a forum called "Attack on the Freedom Flotilla: Crime against Humanity."

The following are excerpts of government statements surrounding the flotilla affair:

**President Hugo Chavez**

June 26 and 27, 2010 - National Radio of Venezuela (RNV) and Noticias24

*Statements during the official visit of President of Syria, Bashar Al Assad to Venezuela.*

"The Golan Heights belong to the Syrian people ... the genocidal state of Israel will be put in place, and hopefully a democratic state will be born, with which to share ideas.

"The Israeli Government has become the murderer arm of the U.S. Empire, a threat to people struggling for their freedoms.

"... We have a common enemy: the U.S. Empire, and the genocidal state of Israel ... [We share the goal] to carry out a socialist revolution, putting ahead the interests of our people.

"[With] the warmongering intentions of the State of Israel, as the armed wing of the U.S. Empire... the Venezuelan government will always lend its support in that battle.

"Where are the values of humanity, where are the battles waged in the human cause, [the values] of Muhammad and Christ, are [present] throughout Latin America and in all Arab countries."

June 6, 2010 – Agencia Bolivariana de Noticias (ABN)

"...I want to give my most heartfelt tribute to those who were killed by Israeli commandoes who perpetrated truly an operation of massacre. Honor and glory to those martyrs of the human cause!..."

June 2, 2010 - Venezolana de Televisión (VTV)

"Yankee empire, don't you see the massacre that the genocidal State of Israel committed against a group of pacifist that were taking humanitarian cargo to the Palestinian people in Gaza, which is surrounded everywhere by Israel. [Israel] doesn't even allow them water…They massacred some people, didn't you see?"
"Now look at what the US says. The US is worried. Imagine that... what would have happened God forbid if it had occurred in Venezuelan waters. We would be invaded, but because it is Israel anything is allowed. So this is an example of double standards...The Obama government condemns terrorism as long as its not committed by them, the US, or their allies, Israel....

"They accuse us; they accuse me of sponsoring terrorism. It is them who sponsor terrorism.

"I take this opportunity to condemn from the bottom of my soul, from the bottom of my guts: Damn you State of Israel! Damn you! Terrorist and Assassins! [Crowd applauds and shouts 'Long Live Palestine!'] Long live the Palestinian people! Heroic people! Good people!

"Now look, the Venezuelan opposition has said nothing against Israel ... Israel is financing the Venezuelan opposition, the counter-revolution. There are even groups of Israeli terrorists, of the Mossad, who are after me trying to kill me. That is one of the threats we have against us, only that we have them under control. We know where they move in the Caribbean Islands. They are not invisible. They are actually clumsy most of the time. They are accustomed to fight against the defenseless. Like those of the humanitarian expedition. They fell in the middle of the night bursting ammunition with rifles; people who were sleeping; in international waters.

"This is a war crime. Where is the International Criminal Court? Where are the United Nations? Where is the justice in this world, for the love of God?...

"...They accuse me of being an enemy of the Jews, my greetings and respect to the Jewish community. They know they have our affection and respect...I doubt very much that a Venezuelan Jew would support an atrocity like that one [perpetrated by Israel]."

**Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro**

*Updated Editor's Note (as of June 21, 2010): An earlier version of this report described a TV interview given by Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro about statements by Dorit Shavit, Director of Latin American for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the alleged Hezbollah presence in Venezuela and its potential to target Jewish institutions for attack. The original ADL report stated that Shavit had made no such statements since the beginning of 2010. In fact, Shavit's alleged statements were extrapolated from an interview by the Peruvian newspaper La Razon on June 10, 2010 while she was representing Israel (as an observer) at the 40th OAS General Assembly in Lima.*

June 15, 2010 – Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the US

“...We warn the international community on any provocation or violent actions after such statements [by Shavit] carried out by any terrorist intelligence agency network of a so-called state such as Israel...”
June 12, 2010 – Venezolana de Televisión (VTV)

"This is a provoking and irresponsible statement made by an official of the Israeli Foreign Ministry… everyone knows that Israel is being denounced internationally as a terrorist State responsible for crimes in different parts of the world…

"We have to reject these statements… in Venezuela we have a respectful relationship with members of all faiths and in particular… with the Jewish community in Venezuela… the Jewish community in Venezuela knows that it can feel secure and protected…and they can find in the Bolivarian [Venezuelan] government a valid interlocutor respectful of the entire Jewish community in Venezuela.

"That is why, I believe, the statement made by this official [suggesting alleged Hezbollah presence in Venezuela and a potential attack on Jewish targets] needs to be rejected by the Jewish community in our country because it is a very dangerous statement. Everyone knows that the agency called the Mossad, which is the intelligence assassin apparatus of the State of Israel are specialists in arranging simulated operations, declaring them and then executing them to repeat all over the world any barbarity they can fabricate. We alert the international community of any act of provocation or act of violence that occurs in the aftermath of the statements of this official [Shavit]. A provocation carried out by any agency of the intelligence apparatus, of the terrorist police apparatus, of the State of Israel, a State which is under such scrutiny.

"… These statements [by Shavit] are looking to shift the world denouncement and the worldwide calls for a profound investigation of the massacre perpetrated against the Freedom Flotilla…where men and women of diverse nationalities were assassinated while sending humanitarian aid Gaza. So we understand that [Shavit’s] statements have as an objective to muddle the waters, to muddle the image and the morals of the government of President Hugo Chavez… The Bolivarian government of Venezuela has denounced the crimes committed by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people, and in this case, against the Freedom Flotilla. Sooner or later those assassins, who run the State of Israel need to investigated, imprisoned and sent to international tribunals."

June 2, 2010 – Agencia Bolivariana de Noticias (ABN)

"…An investigation should aim to punish the crime of state terrorism that was committed against a group of civilians carrying humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people of Gaza…

"…If you want to see terrorism, look at the U.S. government, its own allies, criminal states like Israel, which are protected by the U.S. government itself…

"…Really shameful are the recent statements by U.S. vice president, Joe Biden, justifying the massacre of the Freedom Flotilla that was slaughtered a few days ago in international waters off the Gaza Strip…"
May 21, 2010 – Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV)

At a press conference with Minister of Interior, Tarek El Aissami, President of the National Assembly, Cilia Flores, and representatives of the Lebanese, Syrian and Arab communities living in Venezuela as well as other Venezuelan NGOs.

"You have to classify this as a massacre ... we repudiate the slaughter, as you know commander Hugo Chavez has been at the forefront of this struggle to denounce the attitude, the behavior of state terrorism of Israel to denounce the slaughter that was recently suffered by the people of Lebanon in 2006, and the Palestinian people of Gaza a year and a half ago and today we want ... the right of the Arab people to peace, to ratify the repudiation of the government of President Hugo Chavez for the slaughter that was perpetrated against a group of men and women who were sending relief to the Palestinian people.

"The Peace Flotilla comprised of men and women of various nationalities had medicine, food and above all a hand of solidarity on behalf of the millions in the world fighting for the Palestinian people's right to exist. For the claim to their land, for the right of the Palestinian people to statehood and the right to peace and to ultimately end Zionist aggression against the Arab people in general ...

"... Sooner or later these actions need to be brought to international courts to bring the criminals who have ordered a time and again the slaughter against the Palestinian people; and now against the people all over the world who stand in solidarity...”

Interior Minister Tarek El Aissami

June 1, 2010 - Venezolana de Televisión (VTV)

"The assassin government of Israel acts with impunity with the support of the North American empire. Israel would not do that if it weren't for the backing of the United States …

"… The Venezuelan [opposition] media is quiet, even as they have a fellow journalist from TeleSur detained, kidnapped by a terrorist government...

"This was a brutal and savage act that chronicles what Israel has done over the past 63 years, continuously and permanently against the people of Palestine…

"We are convinced that sooner rather than later Palestine will achieve its freedom, Palestine will be free and will be for the Palestinians…and we will celebrate with jubilee this popular victory for the Palestinian people!"
Venezuelan National Assembly

June 1, 2010 - Venezolana de Televisión (VTV)
*Comments by Deputy Aleidys "Chiche" Manaure*
"You can not separate politics of the Israeli Zionist to American warmongering, the state of Israel has the support from the U.S."

*Comments by Deputy Mario Isea*
"…The Palestinians wanted mutual recognition with Israel and the response it receives is killing!…"

"…We are witnessing the exercise of terrorism against a people", "What Israel wants is to exterminate the Palestinian people… the [Israeli] government is super-fascist…"

*Excerpts of National Assembly Statement*

"With this new criminal act, the Government of the State of Israel violates all principles of international law and international humanitarian law in the eyes of the world and further aggravated the fragile situation in the Middle East. This is compounded by the statements made by its Ambassador within the United Nations, which are a shameful and cynical act, with which it seeks to justify the vicious attack on people in this humanitarian mission…"

"…We request the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki Moon, as well as the UN Security Council to launch the approval of a resolution to punish the crime. Similarly we reiterate the request to the United Nations to enforce resolutions that give full sovereignty to the Palestinian nation, the Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and the punishment for the violation of human rights by State Israel against the Palestinian people…"

"…We urge all social movements and all democratic forces in the country to speak out against these heinous attacks…"

"…We qualify as an act of irresponsibility and cynicism the attitude of the Government of the United States, which has political responsibility for this criminal action by the Government of the State of Israel, being the main supporter of terrorist actions that have been made the army of that country…."

Anti-Israel Rally on June 4, 2010 in front of the UN headquarters in Caracas “62 years of genocide. Israel= Apartheid. The UN?. Until when the silence of the UN?” “Israel is the real Terrorist”
Raymundo Kabchi – Professor of the Pedro Gual Institute of Diplomacy (of the Foreign Ministry)

June 9, 2010 – Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV)

"[The attack on the Flotilla] is a consequence of an aggression and occupation committed 62 years ago; an act of injustice against the Palestinian people’s legitimate right to a homeland and an illegal, immoral and totally criminal Israeli occupation.

"This crime committed in 1947 and 1948 by the United Nations against the Palestinian people, has had dire consequences. It has been 62 years every day without exception. The Palestinian people are subjected to acts of extermination well defined by international Zionism in accordance with the most harmful interests of international imperialism in the Middle East ...

"... It is a criminal act, an act of piracy carried out by Israel ... it is an act of defiance to the entire world. Some people with a humanitarian mission, a mission for peace, for life, a totally peaceful and civilian mission was massacred by the Israeli army and the worst of all it took place in international waters ... at the hands of the new Nazism which is International Zionism... "

Anti-Semitism on Aporrea.org

Aporrea.org is a Venezuelan non-profit media outlet created in May 2002 that claims to be run by volunteers. Its objective is to disseminate information from the viewpoint of sympathizers of President Hugo Chavez and the Bolivarian Revolution.

Aporrea is Spanish for "beating, pummeling or pounding." The word conveys the "beating on" mainstream media's attacks on the Chavez regime. There is a disturbing interdependence between Aporrea and the Chavez regime, despite the editorial staff's desire to cast the Web site as an alternative media source independent of the government.

For instance, Aporrea was co-founded by current Consul General of Venezuela in San Francisco, Martin Sanchez, who also served as the Consul of Chicago a few years ago. In an Aporrea interview, Sanchez acknowledges that his role as the webmaster of Aporrea was one of the factors that contributed to his appointment as a Venezuelan diplomat in the U.S.

Records show that Sanchez was Aporrea's webmaster from inception until February 19, 2009, when the Web site's registration was transferred to Domains by Proxy, a third-party anonymous registration service located in Arizona, presumably after Mr. Sanchez was exposed as Aporrea's webmaster. Mr. Sanchez claims to have ceased being the webmaster of Aporrea in 2005 when he joined the Venezuelan diplomatic corps but simply forgot to change the official registration until early 2009. The identity of the current webmaster of the site could not be ascertained.

In addition to the nexus between Sanchez and Aporrea, Gonzalo Gomez its other co-founder unsuccessfully ran in the primaries of the PSUV (the government's party). Gomez was aspiring to represent the government's party in the upcoming 2010 National Assembly elections.

Aporrea's blatant anti-Semitic content as well as the use of anti-Semitism cloaked in anti-Zionist terms is troubling. Not only does Chavez's anti-Zionist hate speech percolate into articles written by Aporrea pundits with ease but also pundits take cues from the president's inflammatory rhetoric to concoct outrageous anti-Semitic claims reminiscent of the fabricated Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion.

Although Web sites similar to Aporrea may exist in other countries, they are usually considered fringe forums. In Venezuela, however, Aporrea's editorial line follows that of its government where anti-U.S., anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic sentiments are featured.
The following are excerpts of the anti-Semitic articles published in Aporrea since the Gaza flotilla incident:

**Between Santos and the Zionists are seen**  
By: Mariadela Linares  
June 7, 2010

".... The [U.N.] is led by two countries: [one is] the Jews [Israel] who have the economic and military power and the other [the U.S.] have a veto option, capable of opposing the decision that the rest of the countries take. We have always believed that the masters of the world are the United States. Today we think that perception is wrong: those who seek and bear the great universal power are the Jews…

"... The United States is the instrument [of Israel]. In America, nothing happens without the backing of Zionism. They control the film industry, trade, banks and the Pentagon. All other countries sitting at the UN are nothing more than a party of idiots who do not even have the courage to act. Is the European Union able to say they did not know what the Israelis?"

**Liberty Flotilla**  
By: Jose Juan Requena  
June 6, 2010

"... We, the dreamers, revolutionaries of the world and Bolivarian Venezuelans, cannot let Israel, a warrior country from is beginnings... to continue along its path of war and death, as did once the Jewish Sanhedrin in Jesus' "sentencing to its death while being innocent and just”…

"... This is why [Israelis] kill innocent children and burn with shrapnel while leaving them armless, this is why they kill defenseless pregnant women, the Zionists want to kill all Palestinians ... Israel and international Zionism slowly with money are trying to dominate the world and its nations…

"... The Zionist rulers of Israel learned of Caiaphas, "the murderer of Christ", [they] learned from Hitler and his extermination camps, [they] have learned to kill to kill innocents...

**Israel vs. Venezuela: No surprise that Venezuela supports the Palestinian-Arab cause, it is the worthy thing to do**  
By: Basem Tajeldine  
June 6, 2010

"... It is no coincidence that Israel was behind the coup in Venezuela in 2002, and the MOSSAD is still planning the assassination of our president [Chavez]. Well, Zionism is the ideology most vile, racist and criminal ideology of the bourgeoisie, a transnational power. Transmuted Nazism is the same that now takes by assault the Jewish religion and sees in Venezuela one of its greatest threats..."
"... It is not surprising the silence of the Venezuelan bourgeoisie to the crimes perpetrated by their Zionist masters…Yes commander, damn a thousand times the genocidal Zionist entity and Israel and its accomplices in the world!"

**U.S. military aid and the European Union to Israel**

By: Juan Linares  
June 5, 2010

"... Barack Obama, Nobel Prize of War, is the dark face of the empire at the service of Israel. It is difficult to accept that the U.S. president was not aware of the Israeli army attack on the Liberty Flotilla, even Somali pirates have a code of respect for the lives of hostages ... Obama knew the plan...

"... When Israel indiscriminately kills Palestinian women, children and elderly [the crime] is perpetrated by the United States. The U.S. government is co-opted by Zionism, and hypocritically acts against Palestine through the Israeli apparatus. When Israel kills, injures over 45 people of the Liberty Flotilla from several countries the U.S. is the perpetrator and the author of the massacre and of the act of piracy...

"... If you want to know what and who is behind the Israeli State, look for answers in money and weapons that are given to them as aid... Israel is not a great power is only delegated power [of the U.S.]. If it [Israel] did not receive consistent financial, military and political support from the U.S., it would not have sufficient basis to sustain its arrogance...

"… But it would be very comfortable to blame the entire disaster to Washington and the powerful American Jewish lobby... It's time to act. The U.N. should be bound by the world's nations to punish the Israeli government, it is necessary to impose the culture of life, peace and solidarity over the Israeli culture of death. No more speeches, [time for] trade and diplomatic boycott against the Israeli assassin beast…".

**Voices of the world united in solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza**

By: Bolivarian Circles of Germany and Holland  
June 5, 2010

"We, members of different political and social organizations fighting for the defense of peace, considering:

"... That in the [Flotilla] attack activists and militants have been massacred and wounded...

"... That this massacre ratifies that the Zionist government of Israel commits continued acts of State terrorism against the Palestinian people...

"... That the Zionist State of Israel has subjugated the people of Palestine for over 60 years to the most brutal of all holocausts. Where the victims are especially women and children in order to end the Palestinian seeds, exterminate the wombs where life originates, and finally extinguish future generations through ethnic cleansing...
"... That this modern holocaust and extermination is a crime against humanity and whose causes are not religious interests, or "fighting terrorism", but is savage capitalism, domination, on expansion and economic control of energy resources, control of the most powerful on the poor ...

"... That a better world cannot be built while there are groups and governments that tend to promote violence in name of "defending their own interests and economic markets" with the intention of taking over the energy resources of the Palestinian Territory and perpetuate the imperialism and military hegemony of Israel...

"... We call for a boycott in the distribution and consumption of goods and services of companies with Israeli capital...

"... We call for strengthening the groups and movements of solidarity with the Palestinian cause, coordinating actions at global and continental level, pressuring governments, groups, political and economic powers that maintain political and commercial relations with the Zionist state of Israel ...

Public statement of the slaughter perpetrated by the Zionists against humanity
By: Arab-Palestinian Community in the State of Aragua
June 5, 2010

"... The Zionist entity in Palestine which forms a country whose record of crimes against humanity has been continuous and steady since 1948. [This Zionist entity] is molding an sickly behavior to form an outlaw, pirated, criminal and murderer "State" whose only means of action it recognizes is the law of the jungle...

"... We believe in peace and we are confident and convinced that it was time to stop a racist, terrorist regime that has practiced ethnic cleansing against the indigenous people of Palestine for the last six decades...

"... The Israeli government has become the clear number one enemy of humanity and it's time to stop it, breaking relations with it, as did the revolutionary government of Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias. Do not buy their goods with bar code begins with 729 ...

Bolivarian Government should prohibit Israeli shipping company ZIM to touch a Venezuelan port
By: Correo del Orinoco, Statements by Eduardo Saman
June 5, 2010

"...The Bolivarian government should prohibit the Israeli shipping company ZIM touch Venezuelan port in the first place, it belongs to the genocidal state of Israel and second, because that company has been involved in sabotaging the operations of the Venezuelan marine terminals," said the former Minister of People's Power for Business, Eduardo Saman ..."
The owners of the system - The hidden power: Where the impunity of Israel is born

By: Manuel Freytas, IAR News
June 4, 2010

"...The great international complicity with the periodic Israeli massacres doesn't happen for fear of Israel, but for fear of what the Jewish State represents. Israel is the most emblematic symbol of the territorial home of the Zionist capital that controls the world without borders from the boards of banks to transnational corporations. Israel is basically the national representation of a Zionist world power; it is the owner of the State of Israel as well as the U.S. and controls the planet from central banks, major media networks and military nuclear arsenals…

"A) The hidden power
"...But when it comes to Israel, we speak (by extension) of the most significant reference of a globalized capitalist system that controls governments, countries, productive economic systems, central banks, financial centers, nuclear arsenals and military-industrial complex.

"...The Zionist lobby that supports and legitimizes the existence of Israel is not a State in the distant Middle East, but a system of global economic power (capitalist system) of banks and corporations with Jews dominating the majority of stocks and management decisions… The directors and shareholders of the first thirty mega transnational corporations and banks (the largest in the world) that are listed on the Dow Jones Index on Wall Street are mostly Jewish…

"...Mega-corporations of capitalism without borders as Wal-Mart Stores, Walt Disney, Microsoft, Pfizer Inc, General Motors, Hewlett Packard, Home Depot, Honeywell, IBM, Intel Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, JP Morgan Chase, American International Group, American Express, AT & T, Boeing Co (arms), Caterpillar, Citigroup, Coca Cola, Dupont, Exxon Mobil (oil), General Electric, McDonalds, Merck & Co, Procter & Gamble, United Technologies, Verizon, are controlled and/or managed by capital and people of Jewish origin…

"...These corporations represent the cream of the crop of large transnational Jewish Zionists consortiums who through the lobby pursued by U.S. and European embassies, dictate and influence the world politics and the behavior of governments, armies, or public and private global institutions…

"...The three major U.S. television networks (CNN, ABC, NBC and Fox), the three major newspapers (The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and The Washington Post) are controlled and managed by Jewish lobby groups, notably in New York ... The three most influential magazines (Newsweek, Time and The New Yorker), and a consortia hegemonic Internet as Time-Warner (merged with America-on-line) or Yahoo, are controlled by Jewish capital...
"…Colossi of Hollywood and entertainment such as The Walt Disney Company, Warner Brothers, Columbia Pictures, Paramount, 20th Century Fox, among others, are part of this interactive network of Zionist imperialist capital…

"B) The imperial lobby
"…The pro-Israeli Zionist lobby, the network of hidden power that controls White House, the Pentagon and the Federal Reserve does not pray in the synagogues, but in the Cathedral of Wall Street... As a definition, the pro-Israeli lobby is a giant economic and political pressure machine that operates simultaneously on all levels of institutional power in the U.S.: The White House, Congress, Pentagon, State Department, CIA and agencies of the intelligence community are among the most important,…

"…Through the political use of their financial power, its strategic position in decision-making centers, the financial groups of the [Zionist] lobby exert influence on the internal and external policies of the U.S.... in addition to its dominant role in financing of political parties, presidential candidates and congressmen...

"C) The myth of anti-Semitism
"…This phenomenon of Jewish "global capitalist power", not Israel, is what is feared by presidents, politicians, journalists, and intellectuals who meticulously avoided condemning the periodic Israeli military genocide in Gaza…

"…It is not Israel, a Zionist state again, but the "Greater Israel", the home of world Jewry (who stole lands of Palestinians)...is the source of fear in companies, universities, international organizations and foundations that are funded by Zionists. If they are declared "anti-Semitic" by these [Zionist] funders they will remain jobless, without vacations or pensions…"

**Do not stop the "Rachel Corrie" fleet in Gaza**
By: Jorge Eduardo Sotomonte Gamarra
June 4, 2010

"…Sublime is the decision [of the Flotilla] not to give in to the criminal power of [Israel], the Anglo-Saxon creation in the Middle East, a wicked sequel of the allied victory, that sixty years after the fall of Nazi extends its thirst for blood on the incredible [Palestinian] people...

".... [Israel is] a small country for the great global financial capital controlled by the Jewish mafia....driven by the global human reaction to war, decided to rely on the Jewish bourgeoisie to exacerbate its genocidal extremes ... ".
The United Nations associated with Zionism with Racism
By: Adal Hernández
June 3, 2010
"... The origins of Israeli Zionism is based on the doctrine of purity of blood, in the establishment of Israeli imperialism over all religious pretexts through which they find cynical support ... The international community has been complicit, from the very origins of Zionism as racist and colonialist movement. It's the same historical complicity of international organizations who shrug the systematic genocide committed by Israeli Zionism..."

Federation of Venezuelan-Arab Organizations (FEARAB) condemns slaughter of peace activists executed by Israeli Government
By: Aporrea.org
June 2, 2010
"...The board of directors of FEARAB-Venezuela condemns the criminal action against the pirate and the Freedom Flotilla in international waters by Israeli genocidal army, leaving at least 10 human rights activists killed and over 30 injured....This action makes it clear once again, the neo-Nazi nature of international Zionism...."

MURDERERS! Zionist ideology (the State of Israel), modern version of Nazi-fascism
By: Juanjo Sanz Vigo
June 1, 2010
".... The complicity, political, and military support of the international community against the Palestinian people ("Gaza Ghetto") explains why they let this band of wild, modern Nazis, bigots, xenophobes and racists who represented the Zionists from within and outside of Israel...

"... Since the occupation of Palestine in the 1948 Nakba, with the support of the great powers...the "Holocaust Industry" is very well orchestrated and planned by the Zionists to do their part in the Western collective consciousness whenever any general slaughter is perpetrated...."

Hillary's Lament
By: Atílio A. Boron
June 1, 2010
"... The United States continues to endorse the conduct of its Middle East thug, distorting all the information, hiding the fact that in Gaza there are almost two million people living in an open sky concentration camp ... What is happening in Gaza is a slow genocide, relentless, methodical, cruel...

"... The danger is in Tel Aviv and not Tehran, but the many Jewish lobbies that buy or rent members of U.S. Congress and high level officials in the U.S. government prevent even having an open a discussion on these issues ...".
Zionism is proud of its nerve
By: John Martorano, member of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV).
June 1, 2010

"...Once again, the rabid Zionist dog sinks his fangs, to the silence of the large transnational media corporations and the international media...

"...About a dozen dead and over sixty injured. The genocidal and criminal attack Israel is about to blow up gun powder around the world ... They are very serious and troubling facts and the least we should do in Venezuela is to finally break diplomatic trade and all kinds of relations with the Government of Israel, which incidentally is also conspiring against us,..

"...Who can stop the genocide and barbarism that Israel, with the support of the U.S. are committing against Palestine and the rest of the world's peoples?...
"Until when? Will have to wait for divine justice?
"Socialist Nation or Death!"

Israel: a chosen people to kill?
By: Obny Castillo P
June 1, 2010

"... Israeliites are the people chosen by the Lord, the God of Israel, as His people. They will be "protected and blessed" despite that the people of Israel crucified (murdered) their son and did not accept Him as the Son of God, as the Messiah ...

"... Years have passed since the crucifixion of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and the people of Israel have been persecuted, tortured, exiled, expropriated, raped and murdered. The people of Israel have perhaps suffered divine punishment, as I see it, but those days are gone, Hitler and his genocidal holocaust have ended... today they [Israel] are the persecutors, torturers and murderers. Israel today is the twenty-first century IV Reich. Its military power and ultra advanced technology has been spilled against a defenseless and innocent people of Palestine ...

"... Israel is a real nuclear threat to the Middle East and the world, for them there are no boundaries and no scruples. The Mossad as the armed invader of Israel and through them they carry out these lightning rod operations as they did against the Freedom Flotilla and among its objectives is Venezuela and the "head" of Hugo Chavez. The Mossad has, I am sure, men and women who are ingrained in Venezuela to lead an espionage and destabilization operation against the Venezuelan government along with the DAS, Colombian Paramilitaries and the CIA...
"Palestine Lives! Socialist Fatherland or death! We will prevail!"
Anti-Semitism in the Media

The Venezuelan government's bias vis-à-vis the Middle East conflict has once again opened the door to the use of age-old anti-Semitic stereotypes such as Zionist control of government, media and finances, claims of Jews as "Christ killers," calls to boycott companies allegedly owned by Jews, and the use of Nazi imagery to describe the Jewish State.

The following are excerpts of anti-Semitic statements in the government-linked media:

Print Media

*Ultimas Noticias* - Newspaper
*Again the Dollar Erasing Palestine*
June 7, 2010
By Beltran Haddad

"... Little by little the warmongering government Israel, with its group of Zionist hierarchy, is removing the existence of Palestine and turning Gaza into an extermination camp to establish the perverse "Final Solution" that once implemented the Nazis leaders against the Jewish people ...."

*Nueva Prensa de Guayana* - Newspaper
*Jews, clump of the antichrist*
June 6, 2010
By Pedro Mendez

"There are as many antichrists as sects that are founded on the economic protection of the greedy .... the Hebrews as the originating sect creators the worldwide prey of the riches of Mother Earth ... They are the same ones who slapped both of Christ's cheeks and then claimed that Jesus Christ put the other cheek ...

"... Why, instead of those naive acquittals don't we ask these "good Jews" to disassociate themselves once and for all those massacring Palestine, the Motherland of Jesus Christ, who died fighting for the truth distorted by the Jews? ...

".... It hurts us that while the sons of David, murderer of Israel, are using terror and death in Palestine, in Iraq and Afghanistan with its mercenaries, who also tormented Honduras ...

"Fatherland, socialism or barbarism. We will prevail!"
Zionism modern version of Nazi-fascism
June 4, 2010
By Omar Marcano

"... The so-called "Holocaust" was waged against Jews, Christians, Muslims, anti-fascists, communists, anarchists, gypsies, homosexuals, etc. It was the Zionist banks and other monopolies over their totalitarian ideology that also led to the rise to power of Hitler giving millions of dollars that were matched into the Nazi coffers.".

Israeli Nazism
June 4, 2010
By Marciano (an alias)

"... What the Israeli army just did should not surprise anyone. It is the constant attitude of the Nazified Jews.... Jewish zealots who double as Nazis are leading the State of Israel.".

Ceremony of solidarity with Palestine in Plaza "El Venezolano"
June 3, 2010
By Eliana Rondon

A solidarity ceremony for Palestine will take place in the Plaza El Venezolano. Cultural promoter Yorlando Conde said, “...the Zionists have to take into account that the whole world repudiates and that the Jewish people should call attention to their government to stop terrorist crimes against the Palestinian people waged for 63 years.".

Venezuela should not be a member of Israel in MERCOSUR
June 2, 2010
Statement by Hindu Anderi

"... I call upon the authorities responsible for international policy in Venezuela, to think about the entry of Venezuela in MERCOSUR, which has signed a treaty with Israel ... This would make the Bolivarian revolution a "partner" with international terrorist State of Israel. If Venezuela insist on membership in MERCOSUR, it should make it a condition to expel Israel from the agreement ..."
Bolivarian News Agency (ABN)

**Israel gives in to the global condemnation peace, freeing 124 pacifists who are now required to sign their "crimes"**

June 2, 2010

"... Regarding the Flotilla [passengers] commented that the Zionist soldiers opened fire even after passengers raised a white flag, and an Algerian woman identified as Sabrina, said that the Israelis used a one-year old child as hostage... They pointed a gun at the baby's head in front of his Turkish parents to force the ship's captain to prevent it from sailing to Gaza...".

**Official Government TV and Radio**

Vladimir Acosta, host of the Radio Program *De Primera Mano* (First Hand information)

Radio Nacional de Venezuela (state-owned National Radio - RNV)

June 14, 2010

"...Apropos of Israel, it is worth noting the charge of Mrs. Zionist [Shavit]... they accuse Venezuela of having ties with Islamic terrorists but they are the main terrorist in the world [Israel] and as the U.S....The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry through Maduro denounced this... any attack on a synagogue like last time or any Jewish institution; because the Mossad is an expert on this, no one here has attacked and has no intentions of attacking anyone because of their status as Israelis or Jews. Our problems are political problems and with the fascist, Nazi, criminal, colonialist, racist State of Israel and its murderous policy. Those who are complicit with this State have the moral responsibility... that is what happens in Israel, where you have to be Jewish in order to have rights...".

Alberto Nolia, host of the TV Program *Los Papeles de Mandinga* (The Papers of Mandinga)

Venezolana de Television (state-owned TV - VTV)

June 4, 2010

"...They are murderers and war criminals who are the Jewish Gestapo the SS. The Israeli Army integrates the trash, the predator in the world, more terrible criminals. They are like the Gestapo and they have as their leader Kaltenbrunner, because if you see Ehud Olmert's photos you will notice the physical similarity with Kaltenbrunner, the last SS of the Gestapo. They are similar physically, and morally and politically they are identical...

"...It is a joke when the U.S. talks of cooperation against terrorism and they dare to say that Venezuela does not cooperate, or they dare to say that in Venezuela there is no freedom. Do you believe that if these rogue Jews had acted with decency, if that State [Israel] had acted with decency and within the law they would be stealing and confiscating cameras and journalistic materials?..."
Mario Silva, host of the TV Program La Hojilla (The Razorblade)
Venezolana de Television (state-owned TV - VTV)
June 1, 2010

"... What the State of Israel did, the Zionist-Israeli-terrorist State, this is not only a crime against humanity... the Zionist –Israeli-fascist-terrorist-Nazi State, has become what they were promoting as propaganda, they became exactly that: Nazis ..."

Hindu Anderi, host of the Radio Program País Alternativo (Alternative Country)
Radio Nacional de Venezuela (state-owned National Radio - RNV)
May 31, 2010

"... What happened is that Israel has a lot of money, and dominates the international landscape...and when their money is touched we know what happens, the textile business, the Israel Telecommunication trains mercenarys and paramilitaries.

"Paramilitaries are in our country [Venezuela] and are trained by Israel. They go around the world chasing activists of the Palestinian cause. There are Palestinians such as cartoonists and activists who are being followed all over the world and are being assassinated; this is what Israel is doing...

".... Do not buy Kosher products, Johnson & Johnson, Coca Cola, Kimberly. We ask the world not to sell oil to Israel..."