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The Abuse Of Power

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“My body is bruised; my spirit strengthened.” So said Women in Green leader Nadia Matar, just released from Shaarei Tzedek Hospital after being kicked and clubbed, along with as many as 200 other Jews, by Israeli security forces. They were illegally evicting Jews from Beit Hashalom in Hebron, from property legally purchased by Jews and in which fourteen Jewish families lived.

Israel’s Prime Minister Ehud Olmert called the brutal eviction “an exemplary action.” More shameful still, he accused the Jews of Hebron of “an attempted pogrom” against the “Palestinian residents in Judea and Samaria.” He asserted that he used these words “after much thought. We are the children of a people whose historic ethos is built on the memory of pogroms. The sight of Jews firing at innocent Palestinians has no other name than pogrom.”

This was a libel and a lie. Even Olmert’s Internal Security Minister Avi Dichter sharply rebuked him. “There was no pogrom of Jews on Palestinians in Hebron, and anyone who uses the term ‘pogrom’ plans to degrade.” But the damage was done. The media made sure the charge, legitimized by Israel’s own Prime Minister, echoed around the world.

What was the basis for the hugely damaging lie and what really happened? Caroline Glick tells the story in *The Jerusalem Post* of December 15. The pro-Palestinian B’Tselem organization made a video, shown repeatedly on prime time Israeli TV, purporting to show a single individual, Zeev Baroudah, shooting at two Palestinians without provocation. On the basis of the video he was jailed until he came before Jerusalem Magistrate Court Judge Malka Aviv, who found the situation was the reverse of what the police and B’Tselem claimed. Baroudah was in fact the victim. In her decision she wrote: “From the film I saw, it is clear that the attempt to lynch the suspect [Baroudah] took place while he was lying down helpless on the ground while in the film we see Palestinian residents coming and joining in the attack against him without provocation or justification, simply with the goal of

kicking and hitting the suspect.” Aviv said that Baroudah had shot his gun (which hurt no one) in self-defense and released him.

Unbelievably, the State Attorney’s office and the police (vainly) tried to make Aviv change her decision on the basis that since media reports alleging Baroudah’s guilt had been published abroad, she would cause grave damage to Israel’s international image if she did not send Baroudah back to jail!

As Glick notes, this attempted travesty of justice is only one small instance of a much bigger problem: the collapse of the fundamental principle of equality under the law in Israel. Law enforcement bodies discriminate on the basis of religion and political convictions. For example, there have been massive illegal seizures of state lands in the Negev by Israeli Bedouin. Housing Minister Zev Boim, fortified by the recommendation of a government-appointed investigation committee, now proposes to “legalize” 50,000 illegal buildings and give state funding to 42 illegal Bedouin settlements.

But while Israel’s politicized law enforcement agencies ignore the law when it comes to the Bedouin, they over-enforce the law against the residents of Judea and Samaria. The Organization for Human Rights in Judea and Samaria has published a report showing the overwhelmingly disproportionate number of criminal investigations and indictments launched against Jews in Judea and Samaria, including a large proportion where no complaint had been filed. The conviction rate is half that of elsewhere in the country, showing that the presumption of innocence only comes into play when the accused reach court.

If Kadima goes down in the elections, the first task of a new government must be to end the current rampant abuse of power and restore the rule of law.

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From the Editor

Netanyahu's Slogan

In 1996, when Netanyahu ran (successfully) for Prime Minister, his slogan was Peace with Security. Twelve years later his slogan is Peace with Security and Reciprocity. And what, pray tell, is peace if not a "reciprocal" agreement? Yes, from the first days of Oslo, Israel's "peace-making" has been wholly one-sided. Nor is that going to change, since a partner for peace exists only in the imagination of fantasists like Shimon Peres. What's Netanyahu's slogan going to be the next time round? Peace with Safe Security and Real Reciprocity?

Oh, for an Israeli leader who would bring back Ben Gurion's honest summation of Israel's situation – Ein Breira. Israel has no choice but to deter if it can, to fight if it must.

Alas, the Israeli public would seem to disprove Lincoln's contention that you cannot fool all the people all the time.

A Strategist from Chelm

Meeting with Ehud Olmert at the end of November, President Bush is reported to have asked a forthright, man-in-the-street question: "Why do you want to give Assad the Golan for nothing?"

He received this mind-numbing reply: "It's not for nothing. It's in exchange for a change in the region's strategic alignment." Olmert told Bush the Middle East had an extremist "horizontal axis" from Iran via Syria to Hezbollah and Hamas and a pragmatic "vertical axis" from Turkey via Syria to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Syria, explained Olmert, sits at the intersection of these two axes and should it switch allegiance to the "vertical axis" it would weaken the extremists and strengthen the pragmatists.

Such nonsense (Israel's elimination is the goal of any Arab "axis" you can dream up) suggests that Olmert has a target other than befuddling President Bush. In November the British made Peres Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, their sixth most senior award. Perhaps Olmert hopes for a higher honor—fifth? fourth?—if he can prove he is an even greater dolt than Simple Shimon.

British Cholera

Moslems are not alone in blaming everyone but themselves for self-created disasters. Now that his insane policies have all but destroyed Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe has declared the cholera sweeping the country was introduced there "as part of British biological warfare."

A Rare Victory

Justice Department prosecutors won a clean

sweep—guilty verdicts on all 108 charges—against the Holy Land Foundation, the largest Moslem charity in this country, showing it acted as an illegal front group funneling more than \$12 million to the terrorist Hamas. This victory came despite the cries by the accused of Islamophobia. As Brenda Walker points out on the internet site *vdare*, "All five of the guilty Holy Land Foundation officials are Muslims born in the Middle East who set up their Dallas-based terror-financing organization to use America's wealth and freedom to fund Islamic murderers."

Vassar Scrapes Bottom

For many years now courses on the Middle East (not to mention almost all other subjects) in our elite colleges and universities have been characterized by naked bias. But in the public obeisance vice gives to virtue, the pretence of academic objectivity was maintained. No longer. Campus Watch reveals that Vassar College history professor Joshua Schreier in the syllabus for his fall 2008 course "The Roots of the Palestine-Israel Conflict" announces that the course is "NOT designed to present 'an objective' account of a 'two-sided' conflict." For Schreier there is only one side, the Arab side, with the Jews, tools of Western imperialism, having no right to their state. The required texts include a galaxy of the most anti-Israel professors ranging from Columbia's Rashid Khalidi to the U.K's Nur Masalha.

A comic note: in the syllabus Schreier says the course "more than anything" requires students to engage in "critical thinking." One can only imagine what would happen to the unfortunate student who dared to do that in the bowels of Schreier's anti-Israel hate fest.

Which brings us to the probable reason for Schreier's openness about the nature of his course. In his class description, he says "in the past, this class has been more interesting and satisfying to serious students of history and politics, as opposed to those seeking confirmation of their current opinions. Those who think one national/religious/racial group is better than the other may end up frustrated." Translation: Innocents expecting an objective analysis of the
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India's Denial

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Even before Mumbai's first night of horror was over, by early morning of November 27 Islamist websites were flush with claims that the multiple attacks had been planned and executed by Hindus, Jews and Christians to malign Muslims. The Muslim Brotherhood's website, www.ikhwanweb.com, had an article on its home page, allegedly written by a certain 'Amaresh Misra' which said, "It is clear that Mossad is involved in the whole affair. An entire city has been attacked by Mossad and probably units of mercenaries (sic). It is not possible for one single organization to plan and execute such a sophisticated operation." Fear of libel laws prevents me from reproducing other more outrageous excerpts from the article.

Later that day, the website posted a message from 'FM Shah' in response to the article. According to the 'Lion of Khyber', the fidayeen raid on Mumbai had been "made and produced in India with the help of CIA/ Mossad in order to make Pakistan the scapegoat."

The *Ikhwan* website also provided the 'evidence' for this preposterous claim: "The firing by terrorists began from Nariman House (Chabad House, the headquarters of a local Jewish outreach programme). And that for two years suspicious activities were going on in this house. But no one took notice... A photograph published in *Urdu Times* of Mumbai clearly shows that Mossad and ex-Mossad men came to India..."

With Islamists of all varieties increasingly using the Internet to propagate their vile ideology and subvert the truth, such messages are read by millions of Muslims, many of them with impressionable minds. They are replicated on other websites, picked up by propagandists who use the pulpit to preach hatred, and reproduced in community—and even 'mainstream'—Arabic and Urdu newspapers.

Soon, a blatant lie becomes the dominant truth. Recall how what began as an absurd campaign of calumny after 9/11 — that the attacks on America had been 'masterminded by Zionists' and 'Jews had been alerted not to turn up for work at the World Trade Center' on that day — is now widely perceived as fact by many Muslims, including in India. A *Jamia Millia Islamia* professor once told me that the images we saw live on our television screens on 9/11 were "studio simulated". He emphatically said, "There were no aircraft involved in the incident. Controlled explosions, in

which the Israelis excel, were used to blow up the twin towers. All this was done to justify the invasion of Afghanistan and later Iraq." I am sure he has repeated more lurid versions of this story to his students. I wouldn't be surprised if he has picked up the *Ikhwan*'s 'Mossad is behind the Mumbai attack' story and spun an 'Islam is in danger' yarn out of it.

What lends credibility to such Goebbelsian propaganda is the bunkum that appears in Western media. For instance, *The New York Times* carried a 'news story' written by Fernanda Santos on November 27, which said that Chabad House was "an unlikely target of the terrorist gunmen who unleashed a series of bloody coordinated attacks at locations in and around Mumbai's commercial centre... It is not known if the Jewish centre was strategically chosen, or if it was an accidental hostage scene." Perhaps Ms Santos is of the view that the six Jewish hostages who were trussed up, brutally tortured and then slaughtered by the two *jihadis* who had taken over Chabad House, were 'accidental' victims of the terror strike.

It would, however, be unfair to blame Ms Santos and her ilk, among them 'star' journalists and anchors whose bilge we get to read in 'mainstream' newspapers and hear on 'national' news channels here in India, alone for such perversion. The Government headed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is equally guilty.

On December 9, Minister of State for External Affairs E. Ahamed read out a statement in the United Nations Security Council, pleading India's case for action against Pakistan-based terrorist groups. Here is an excerpt from

the official text of the statement: "A group of ten terrorists from the global terrorist organization *Lashkar-e-Tayyeba* reached Mumbai in the evening of 26th November 2008. The group divided themselves into four smaller groups and proceeded to pre-selected targets which included a café, popular with Indian and foreign tourists, and two major hotels." There was no mention of, or allusion to, the fourth group's pre-selected target, Chabad House, and the fact that the Jewish centre was attacked by the *jihadis* for obvious reasons. It's almost as if nothing happened at Chabad House, that no Jews were tortured and killed by the terrorists for the simple reason that they were Jews. What makes the omission stand out like a sore thumb is the global outpouring of Jewish support for India, the

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The Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai burning.

outrage in the West over the targeted killings which we have used to our advantage, and the Israeli Government's unequivocal endorsement of the tough commando action.

Whose decision was it to excise this detail from the statement? Did Mr. Ahamed (of the Muslim League) decide not to mention it? Did he find the words 'Israel' and 'Jews' too distasteful to utter? Or was he trying to gloss over the Islamists' visceral hatred of Jews? It is unlikely that Mr Ahamed would have decided on his own to leave out the specific detail of the Jewish centre being attacked while alluding to Leopold Café, Taj Mahal Palace and Oberoi-Trident Hotel. Given the sensitivity of the issue, the statement would have been cleared by the Minister for External Affairs and approved by the Prime Minister. So, who decided to drop the reference to Chabad House? And for what purpose? Was it done with an eye to Muslim 'sentiments' — like those of the *Jamia* professor and his tribe for whom Jew-baiting is a noble virtue — at home? Or was it meant to serve as a message to Islamists at large that this Government has no complaints against them so long as they don't indulge in

what Mr Tom Vadakkam of the Congress described on television as a "light and sound show"?

Meanwhile, late Saturday evening I decided to check whether www.jamatdawah.org, the website of *Jamaat-ud-Dawah*, the nom de plume of *Lashkar-e-Tayyeba*, had been blocked subsequent to the Security Council's sanctions on the organization and its amir, Hafiz Muhammad Saeed. The website, with its inflammatory contents, remains unaffected. A statement issued by Saeed has just been posted. It says, "The UN sanctions against *Jamaat-ud-Dawah*, only one day after India's demand, are a clear proof of its malice and enmity towards Islam." Don't laugh at the claim. It's sure to find a resonance with those who believe that Mossad organised the "light and sound show" in Mumbai. So much for the efforts of the closet Islamists on the Prime Minister's team to suppress the detail about Chabad House.

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The Siege of Mecca

Reviewed by Rael Jean Isaac

Yaroslav Trofimov's *The Siege of Mecca* (Doubleday, 2007), focusing on a largely forgotten incident in 1979, is essential reading for anyone interested in the origins of al Qaeda and the roots of the massive Saudi investment in worldwide *jihadi* "education" over the last three decades.

At best Westerners who remember the incident will know that the Grand Mosque in Mecca, including the *Kaaba*, Islam's holy of holies, the ancient cube at the center of its courtyard, was seized by a band of Islamic fanatics who held off Saudi forces for two weeks. After hundreds of deaths, the Saudis were forced to ask for assistance from French commandos. The chief culprits were executed, lesser ones imprisoned and the Saudis resumed life as before. A bizarre incident, but end of story.

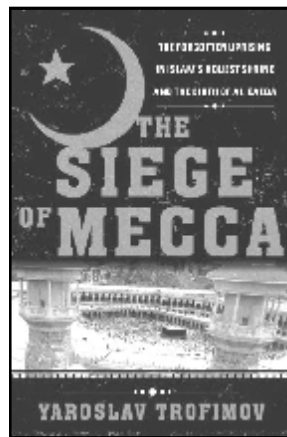
On the contrary, Trofimov shows that the end was actually the beginning—the beginning of the onslaught of global *jihadi*.

The zealots who seized the mosque were led by Juhayman al Uteybi, a Bedouin, a former minor member of the Saudi National Guard. Juhayman obtained a small following through his writings denouncing the "liberalization" and "modernization" of Saudi society (e.g. shopping malls, soap operas, working women) and the corruption of Saudi rulers, disporting themselves on the coast of France and Spain out of reach of Wahhabi rules. In hopes of igniting the Mos-

lem world, Juhayman brought in tow a 23 year old named Mohammed Abdullah, whom he "crowned" at the *kaaba* as the Mahdi, the promised redeemer who will assume command of the Moslem world and establish the ideal society after an apocalyptic battle with the forces of evil. (Ahmadinejad is currently promoting the Mahdi's imminent appearance in connection with his own hoped-for apocalyptic showdown with Israel.)

In regaining the Grand Mosque, the Saudi princes had a problem on their hands. The Koran and *hadith* specifically said that no fighting could be conducted in the sacred precincts. Their Islamic credentials under challenge by those who had seized the mosque, Saudi leaders had at all costs to bolster their Islamic legitimacy. And so, to obtain the *fatwa* that would bless a military assault, they summoned the 30 senior members of the Saudi Ulema Council, who used their upper hand to drive a hard bargain. Trofimov writes: "As some Saudi princes described it later, the *ulema* essentially asked al Saud to adopt Juhayman's agenda in exchange for their help in getting rid of Juhayman himself." That included such "reforms" as a crackdown on the employment of women and a freer hand for the goons from the Committee to Promote Virtue and Prevent Vice. But by far the most important demand in terms of its impact on the West was that there be a giant outpouring of Saudi petrodollars to fund both Islamic universities in Riyadh and Medina and missionary organizations to spread Wahhabi doctrines throughout the world.

And so, while the Saudis might behead Juhay-



man, his ideology would fill the heads of a generation of *jihadists*. Trofimov notes that “it was only after decades of this indoctrination produced a new generation of al Qaeda radicals that some senior princes realized the extent of the folly.” It would be Juhayman’s ideological heirs who would rock Saudi Arabia with a wave of bombings and killings. Indeed several of Juhayman’s direct accomplices, after a period in jail, joined al Qaeda in the late 1980s: one of them, Muhammad Amir Sulayman Saqr wound up in Afghanistan working closely with bin Laden sidekick Ayman al Zawahiri as al Qaeda’s prized document forger, facilitating terrorist travel.

To this reader, one of the most satisfying features of this book is its exposure of the morally repugnant behavior of this country’s moral-preener-in-chief, Jimmy Carter. The Saudis had imposed an information blackout on the seizure of Mecca and in the confusion, rumors flew. Unsurprisingly, in Pakistan, the Moslem “street”, psyched up by media and imams, believed Islam’s most holy site had been invaded by Americans and “Zionists.” The Americans were confused themselves: 1979 was the year Khomeini assumed control of Iran and shortly before the Mecca takeover, the American embassy in Teheran had been seized. Initially the Carter administration was convinced Khomeini must be behind the events in Saudi Arabia and to bolster American allies sent the USS Kitty Hawk and five other ships into the Persian Gulf. For the Pakistanis this was simply further evidence of U.S. responsibility for the seizure of the Great Mosque.

The result was that on November 21, 1979, with the siege still ongoing, Pakistani mobs invaded the new \$21 million U.S. embassy at the edge of Islamabad. The attack went on for many hours, with 137 embassy staff taking refuge in “the vault,” a windowless steel box in which the most sensitive documents and communications equipment were kept. As the rioters set fire to the embassy, the situation in the vault rapidly became unbearable.

American officials (including President Carter) spent hours vainly trying to get Pakistani President Zia ul Haq to intervene. Neither he nor lower level Pakistani officials would budge. American diplomats in Islamabad concluded Zia was reluctant to alienate his radical Islamic supporter and decided to let the embassy—and its inhabitants—burn. Pakistani army and police kept arriving in the area but behaved (in the words of an eyewitness report in Pakistan’s *Dawn* newspaper) as “silent spectators.”

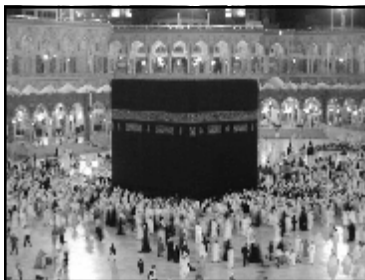
Energized by the government’s refusal to protect Westerners, rioters flooded the streets across Pakistan. As Zia visited the town, mobs in Rawalpindi incinerated the Christian Convent of Jesus and Mary and burned down the U.S. Information Center, a British library and offices of American Express. Every-

where the explanation was the same: “the Holy Kaaba has been occupied by Americans and the Jews.” By a miracle all but one in the embassy survived—just as they came to the end of their tether and left the vault for the roof, the mob, night setting in, dissipated.

Carter’s reaction was shameful. Along with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Carter rushed to praise Zia for the exemplary behavior of his troops. Even in his memoirs Carter kept up the lie, writing “President Mohammed Zia immediately dispatched Pakistani troops to protect our personnel and property, called to extend his personal apologies to me and to the American people, and insisted that his government would pay for all the damages.” U.S. Navy Commander Charles W. Monaghan gave a different assessment of Pakistani government behavior on emerging from the burning compound, telling a *Washington Post* reporter “Shit. They didn’t do shit.” Carter’s praise for Zia produced

such fury among the survivors, Trofimov writes, that from then on every time marines in Islamabad had a beer, “they made a point to curse their president and commander in chief.”

The Saudi establishment survived the siege of Mecca and thus far has survived the forces let loose in its aftermath. The princes may not be so fortunate the next time. Juhayman’s surviving followers would conclude they had made a mistake in seizing the *kaaba*, rather than secular buildings, allowing the Saudi princes to cast them as enemies of Islam for violating the holy sanctuary with violence. Even so Abu Sultan, the French-trained officer who captured Juhayman beneath the Grand Mosque, told Trofimov that it was a stroke of luck that the seizure came just before the advent of mobile phones, the Internet and live satellite TV. In 1979 the Saudis could muffle his message, imposing an information blockade. “If these people had the new technology that exists today, Abu Sultan mused, “they would have ended up conquering the whole world.”



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Geert Wilders

It's a privilege for me to be here in this beautiful city Jerusalem, the capital of the only democracy in the entire Middle East. When I was a teenager I lived some years here in this city and after that I visited Israel more times than I can count. Israel: the only country in the region with a functioning parliament, a rule of law and free elections.

We are here to voice our concern over the growing Islamization of the West. We do this in the city of David, the city that, together with Rome and Athens, symbolizes our ancient heritage.

Perhaps a few of you may be new to Jerusalem, yet, Jerusalem is not new to any of you. We all live and breathe Jerusalem. We talk Jerusalem, we dream Jerusalem. Simply because the values of ancient Israel have become the values of the West. We are all Israel, and Israel is in all of us.

Israel is under siege, as the Jewish community in the Land of Israel has been under siege for over a century. Israel with all its glory and splendor is unique, and its history unparalleled. Yet, Israel's security situation is not unique, and neither is its enemy.

Samuel Huntington writes it so aptly: "Islam has bloody borders." Israel is located precisely on that border. This tiny country is situated on the fault line of *jihad*, just like Kashmir, Kosovo, the Philippines, Southern Thailand, Darfur in Sudan, Lebanon, and Aceh in Indonesia. Israel is simply in the way of the Islamic advance.

Israel is receiving the blows that are meant for all of us. Therefore, the war against Israel is a war against the West. It is *jihad*. Thanks to Israeli parents who see their children go off to join the army and lie awake at night, parents in Europe and America can sleep well and have pleasant dreams, unaware of the dangers looming.

At present the front-line of *jihad* runs not just through the streets of Tel Aviv and Haifa, but through the streets of London, Madrid, and Amsterdam as well. *Jihad* is our common enemy, and we better start facing *Jihad* before it is too late.

Therefore, if we voice our concern over the Islamization of the West, we have to do it here, where our civilization borders on Islam. Where *jihadists* fire Qassams into civilian homes in Sderot and Ashkelon, and where a doctor like Aryeh Eldad is characteristic of our civilization by treating terrorists the same way as he treats the Israeli victims. I salute Professor Eldad for his work for humanity, and for his patriotism. And I thank him for hosting this conference in this

great city.

I will say a few things about the Islamization of Europe and my film *Fitna*. I will use some examples from the Netherlands, because they are indicative for the situation on the continent.

The mass migration to the Netherlands continues full-speed ahead. Currently, a staggering number of new immigrants arrive every year, many of them Muslim, often uneducated, if not illiterate. Bringing along with them the local customs of the mountains and deserts of backward Islamic countries. Already one million Muslims are living in our tiny country.

There are many problems concerning this massive influx: immigrants are overly represented in social benefits and crime statistics and the overall costs are staggering. But what we have to fear most is the creeping Islamization, the stealth *jihad*. Because every Islamic neighborhood, every Islamic shop, every mosque, every Islamic school, every *burqa*, every veil is

regarded by many Muslims as building blocks towards a larger goal, towards domination.

This is the essence of the problem. Immigration from Muslim countries and the demographics will result in the Eurabia that the brave Bat Ye'or is warning about. It will become reality if we don't act now.

A decade and a half ago, a then unknown American politician used the following slogan in his political campaign: "it's the economy, stupid." From now on the motto of my party will be: "it's demographics, dumbbo".

More than forty years ago a British politician gave a famous speech. He stated that, looking into the future, he saw 'rivers of blood' as a result of the uncontrolled influx of immigrants. Enoch Powell's speech was the starting point of a debate on mass immigration in Europe. As usual, the leftist establishment labeled him an extremist and his career went down. I share Enoch Powell's alarmist views on mass immigration, but 'rivers of blood' is not something I see happening. We will not face civil war. Our political elite is trying to make us believe that the influx of Muslim immigrants is similar to the waves of immigration centuries ago. Or they say that "Christianity developed towards modernity, and therefore Islam will do the same."

How are we to remain a democracy if a large part of the growing Muslim population is in favor of introducing *sharia* law? How are the Jewish communities of Europe to survive with a growing presence of an ideology that is so blatantly anti-Semitic? How are we to remain a centre of cultural and scientific excel-



Geert Wilders

lence if Islam opposes art, and academic exploration? How are we to remain an open and tolerant society if we are faced with part of the Muslim community favoring self-segregation and showing no desire for assimilation? How can we look to the future with confidence, when a large part of the population turns to a seventh century desert for answers?

These are the questions the multiculturalists don't want to answer.

Instead of providing leadership our political elite fooled us by using our own principles against us. I will give you five examples.

First. Our tolerance is used as an argument to bring in more Muslims, and a way to tell us that we should not criticize their Islamic culture—if you do, you are labeled intolerant and racist.

Second. Democracy. A growing Muslim electorate is too hard for politicians to resist, so they give in to their demands to win their vote. Before long *sharia* law will be introduced, legally and democratically, by means of majority vote. The former Dutch Minister of Justice once said that *sharia* law could be part of the Dutch legal system if a two thirds majority of the population would be in favor of it.

Third. Our religious freedom is utilized by an ideology that has no plans to play by our rules, yet demands the same rights our traditional religions have had for centuries;

Fourth. Our welfare state that once was the envy of the world now functions as a magnet for non-Western immigrants.

Fifth. Our open borders have come to symbolize our open mindset, our cosmopolitan hospitality. But now we have lost control of our borders and we can't even keep track of who is entering our countries, let alone prevent them from entering.

Our Western principles are hollow if they are not accompanied by a desire to sustain our culture and our civilization, based upon knowing who we are and where we come from. We are not from Saudi-Arabia. We are not from Iran. We come from Rome, Athens and Jerusalem. That makes our civilization special, and certainly worth preserving.

In spite of all that, the political elite are still madly in love with their pet project, the multicultural society, as they call it romantically. Apparently they don't live in the neighborhoods that are turning Islamic. They will tell you "They are nice people. I don't see the problem." The Muslim immigrant's demands sound reasonable to them, like: "Let us have an extra-large mosque."

It is very difficult to remain optimistic in the face of the growing Islamization of Europe. Regarding the demographics, Islam is gaining momentum. The ruling elite is even proud of Muslim immigration. After

all, this way they can show everyone that they are not racists. Academia, the arts, the media, trade unions, the churches, the business world, the entire political establishment have all converted to the suicidal theory of multiculturalism and cultural relativism.

Cultural relativism is the biggest disease modern day Europe suffers from. Not all cultures are equal. Our Western culture is better than the Islamic culture. In the words of the brave Dr. Wafa Sultan: "It is a clash between civilization and backwardness, between the civilized and the primitive, between barbarity and rationality." Indeed here in Israel you are not fighting a territorial war, it's not about territory: it's about ideology. The Islamic ideology does not seek cooperation or assimilation but aims for submission and dominance over non-Muslims. There is no moderate

Islam, there will never be a moderate Islam. There might be moderate people who call themselves Muslim, but there is no moderate Islam.

Leftist journalists and leftist politicians hasten to label anyone critical of Islamization a 'right-

wing extremist.' Lenin once labeled ignorant people that unknowingly aided his cause 'useful idiots'. Well, the West is now full of these 'useful idiots', and they are even proud of it.

Now some words about my film *Fitna*.

I felt I had the moral duty to educate people about Islam and the Islamization of Europe. The duty to make clear to everyone that the Koran stands at the heart of what some people call terrorism but is in reality *jihad*. I wanted to show that the problems of Islam are at the core of Islam, and do not belong to its fringes.

I have warned against the dangers of the Koran and Islam in numerous interviews, opinion articles, speeches and of course parliamentary debates, but pictures often say more than words. That is why I made *Fitna*.

Fitna is a documentary that shows what is being done in the name of Islam. Without placing all Muslims into the same category, I think I have succeeded in showing that the Koran is not some dusty old book, but that it is still used today as a source of inspiration for, and justification of hatred, violence and terrorism across the world.

A few weeks ago the world has once again seen what Islam is capable of. In Mumbai, *jihadists* separated Muslims from non-Muslims, according to a witness in a Belgian newspaper. The non-Muslims, the Kaffirs, were subsequently shot. The terrorists also went straight for the tiny Jewish centre in Mumbai, where, according to reports made to an Indian news website, they horribly tortured Jewish people before brutally murdering them.

Most of the Western media stick to naming the culprits as being members of 'separatist movements.' In doing so, they are missing the main point and are

There is no moderate Islam, there will never be a moderate Islam.

ignoring the Islamic nature of the terror attacks. After all, if it is a conflict about borders, why are they killing Jews in Mumbai? Why, in a city of tens of millions, do the *jihadists* find the shortest way to the only rabbi in town—in order to kill him and his wife? Why are Israel's enemies always shouting "Allah hoe-Akbar" and "kill the Jews" if all they want is peaceful coexistence? Maybe, I'm just guessing, is it because they have an ideology that tells them to kill Jews, to kill unbelievers, and to advance Islam until there is world domination?

From the day the plan for my short film was made public it caused quite a stir, in the Netherlands, in Europe and across the world. First there was a political uproar, with government leaders across the continent in sheer panic. The Dutch Minister for Foreign Affairs called on me to abandon my film project. The Minister of Justice let it be known that post hoc criminal proceedings could be initiated if the movie was shown. The Dutch government investigated the possibility of having *Fitna* banned in advance. The Dutch branch of the Islamic organization *Hizb ut-Tahrir* declared that the Netherlands was due for an attack. Internationally there was a series of incidents. The Taliban threatened to organize additional attacks against Dutch troops in Afghanistan and a website linked to Al Qaeda published the message that I ought to be killed, while the Grand Mufti of Syria stated that I would be responsible for all the bloodshed after the screening of the film.

In Afghanistan and Pakistan the Dutch flag was burned on several occasions. Dolls representing me were burned as well. The Indonesian President announced that I will never be admitted into Indonesia again, while the UN Secretary General and the European Union issued statements in the same cowardly vein as those by the Dutch government. I could go on and on. It was an absolute disgrace, a sell out. It was treason to our Western principles, it was treason to freedom of speech, it was treason to liberty itself. My own government was not defending me, but became my worst enemy in the process.

Because of *Fitna* the State of Jordan is currently litigating against me. Jordan wants to prosecute me for blasphemy, demeaning Islam and slandering the Prophet Muhammad—violations of the Jordanian Penal Code, even though the alleged violations did not occur in Jordan. Jordan's attempt to prosecute me is an infringement on the sovereignty of my country, the Netherlands. It is an infringement on freedom of speech. Jordan's attempt is in fact a hostile act towards freedom itself.

If Jordan succeeds in prosecuting a democratically elected member of a Western parliament, what kind of precedent would that set? But it's not about me. The principle is not Geert Wilders. If you look at the press and the rest of the political elite in the Netherlands, nobody cared. Nobody gave a damn.

This was the worst thing. A nondemocratic country like Jordan cannot use the international or domestic legal system to silence anyone. If this starts, if we allow this, we can get rid of all parliaments, and we should close down every newspaper, and we should shut up and all pray to Mecca five times a day.

But there is some hope. For instance there is some hope with the middle class workers. Underneath the empty bravado of the elite, the middle class worker, the average Joe, is starting to realise that there is something terribly wrong with Islam. In the Netherlands, sixty percent of the population considers mass immigration to be the worst mistake since the Second World War. And an equal sixty percent sees Islam as the number one threat to our national identity. But the Freedom Party is the only political party in the Dutch parliament that shares their view.

And there is hope that political parties critical about the Islamization of the West are gaining momentum all over Europe. We will work together with common legislation, with common initiatives, perhaps even with a

common group in the European parliament as defenders of the West, defenders of our culture, defenders of our identity, defenders of our freedom.

We need a new way of thinking, a new paradigm, to defend our liberties. Just reiterating our devotion to tolerance and democracy is not good enough. We need a new set of goals and ideas. We need new leaders. And we should always remember where we come from. We all come from Jerusalem.

Let me wind up. The essence of my short speech today is that Europe is in the process of Islamization, and that we need to fight it. Because if we don't fight Islamization we will lose everything: our cultural identity, our democracy, our rule of law, our liberties, our freedom. We have the duty to defend the ideas of Rome, Athens and Jerusalem. The ancient heritage of our forefathers is under attack. We have to stand up and defend it.

A century and a half ago, on the other side of the world, a young President said exactly what I mean. This is what Abraham Lincoln said in 1862, and I leave you with his words: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country." (Annual Message to Congress, December 1, 1862)

It is five to twelve. Freedom must win, we have to win and we will win.

Geert Wilders is a member of the Dutch Parliament. He leads the Party For Freedom which he founded. He gave this speech at a conference on the Islamization of the West that he organized with Aryeh Eldad.

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We're Trusting Our Nukes To . . . Them?!

Debbie Schlussel

It's "Son of Dubai Ports," only much worse.

Remember the Dubai Ports scandal? We didn't want Dubai to run our ports. So why did the Bush Administration, in its waning days, entrust this country with our nuclear secrets and technology?

The Wall Street Journal reported in December that America will make its first nuclear-cooperation agreement with a Middle Eastern nation with the United Arab Emirates, of which Dubai is the most powerful of seven emirates. Under the deal, America will give the U.A.E. our nuclear know-how and help it develop nuclear power.

That's odd, considering that America opposes nuclear technology in the hands of Iran. The U.A.E.'s largest trading partner is Iran. The U.A.E. also serves as a major shipment and/or transfer point for military equipment and weaponry to Iran. We know where the valuable nuclear technology will end up, and there's nothing we can do to stop that, once it's in the hands of the U.A.E.

As noted in the UK's *Guardian*, the U.A.E. also remains a fundraising and recruitment center for Al-Qaeda, and one of the Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists arrested in the Indian Mumbai attacks was recruited there. U.A.E. officials have made it clear they'll do almost anything to avoid antagonizing Iran as it becomes, with their help, a regional power.

There were good reasons we didn't want Dubai running our ports. All of the nations that make up the United Arab Emirates confederation boycott Israel. Dubai helped the 9/11 hijackers by providing them with easy access to bank accounts from which to launder money for their operations. The hijackers also carried documents and ID from Dubai, and at least one of the hijackers was from the U.A.E. After 9/11, Dubai and Emirati officials repeatedly stonewalled FBI investigators for months and refused to turn over evidence. The Emirates continued to recognize the Taliban until December of 2001.

Abu Dhabi, the other major player in the U.A.E., repeatedly sponsored anti-Semitic, anti-American conspiracy theorist speakers and publications through its state-run Zayed Center for Coordination and Follow-Up, a prominent think tank of the Arab League, founded in 1999. It has promoted Holocaust denial, 9/11 Trutherism (saying America was behind the attacks), and hosted a Saudi professor, who claimed that Jews use human blood for their holiday pastries.

Do we really want to give nuclear capabilities to people with such barbaric, hateful views and policies? To a country that openly does unlimited business with Iran, where our nuclear secrets and technology will certainly find their way if this continues?

During the Dubai Ports deal, Americans rejected the Bush Administration claim that constraints

were in place to prevent the jeopardy of our national security if Dubai ran our ports. And that was on our soil, with Homeland Security officials manning the ports. In this case, we are sending nuclear information to a foreign land where trying to control it will be beyond our ability.

Supporters claim that the nuke agreements require recipients of our nuclear help to commit to abiding by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and IAEA safeguards, but we all know what a promise by a foreign entity is worth, especially an entity whose state religion is bent on the destruction of the West. There is absolutely nothing that makes a nuclear agreement with the UAE any more secure than the Oil for Food program was.

Like the Dubai Ports deal, the Bush Administration has tried to push this through under the radar of Americans. Bush also plans similar agreements with the Saudis, Jordan, and Bahrain—more countries we should be keeping our nuclear secrets from, not with whom we should be sharing them.

The only people who can stop this agreement are those in Congress, who can vote against ratification. So far, though, only Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is trying to do something. But she, too, is putting too much effort in meaningless pieces of paper. She introduced a bill requiring the President to "certify" that the U.A.E. has cut its flow of weaponry, technology, and financing to Iran. But "certifying" means nothing, if after that, the U.A.E. goes and gives our nuclear technology to Iran. Once the genie is out of the bottle. . . .

We can't afford to wait. The U.A.E. is already pushing ahead. It has agreements with two U.S. engineering companies and has hired a former U.S. nuclear regulatory official.

If anything, this episode is a sad reminder of the trite adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Dubai didn't get control of our ports. But now, it's getting something far more dangerous and destructive.

Unless we do something to stop it.

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Editor's Note: *The Wall Street Journal of December 20 offers another equally important reason to avoid providing nuclear technology to the Arab world, including the whole array of Arab states already lining up behind the U.A.E. As the Journal editorial sees it, these states will be seeking security against a nuclear Iran through developing their own nuclear deterrent.*

Comedian Mort Sahl once mordantly joked that the only way to stop airline hijacking was to give every passenger a gun. It is hard to disagree with the Journal that giving every Arab state a nuke is a recipe for catastrophe.

In Memoriam

Bernice "Bunny" Horowitz: AFSI deeply mourns the passing of the chairman of our Florida chapter for many years. Bunny was both participant and donor in the society of artists, dancers, musicians and museums both in America and Israel. Yet Israel was her top priority. With her flair for clothes and wearable art, Bunny cut a fashionable figure, but her heart was with the unfashionable but grand cause of Jewish rights to all the land of Israel from the River Jordan to the sea, from the Golan to Eilat. Even when her health declined, she continued to visit every corner of Israel including remote Jewish settlements throughout Golan, Judea and Samaria and Gaza. She was tireless, brave, noble and irreplaceable.

Marvin Maurer: AFSI deeply mourns the loss of our dedicated longtime board member. Dr. Maurer, until his retirement, was professor of political science at Monmouth College in New Jersey. He wrote articles exposing the double standard applied to Israel, from the media to the Quakers. After the tragic loss of his first wife, he married the lovely Anne, whom he met on an AFSI Chizuk trip to Israel, and they settled in Toronto, where they founded an AFSI chapter. We grieve for his loss and that of Anne, who predeceased him.

A Day in the Life of Sderot

Editor's note: The daily rocket barrage on Israel has become so routine the media does not bother to mention it any more. Meanwhile President Bush has joined Shimon Peres on the other side of the looking glass, telling the Wall Street Journal (Dec. 21st) "the two-state solution led by a Palestinian Authority that recognized Israel has now come to be."

At least 14 Qassams and 26 mortars were fired toward the western Negev region throughout the day. In the afternoon a barrage of mortar shells and one rocket fell in a kibbutz located within the Shaar HaNegev Regional Council's limits. The youth center suffered damage but no injuries were caused as the residents were told to stay in the fortified rooms. A number of windows were also damaged. An additional 12 mortar shells fell near the border fence in the Eshkol Regional Council.

At 5:20 pm an additional rocket hit the Shaar HaNegev Regional Council. Varda Goldstein, a resident of the kibbutz hit by the barrage told *Ynet* that "the Color Red alert sounded, we ran to the fortified rooms, and heard two booms one after the other." Immediately after we received word to go down to the bomb shelters. We are an unfortified kibbutz and the residents had to stay in the bomb shelter for half an hour. Now we are allowed to get back to normal, but we still can't go outside."

The barrage damaged two structures, one of which was a youth center that is currently being used as an office by a cosmetician. The other is a private residence. The cosmetician saw the damage and began to cry, explaining that her home had previously been damaged by a rocket. An emergency response official told *Ynet* that the roof of the office had been

seriously damaged. Goldstein said the atmosphere in the kibbutz was difficult to bear. "Over the past three days we understood that it was becoming dangerous. There's a lot of tension in the air and many people have just gone away for the week, to rest and get away from the atmosphere."

Alon Shuster, head of Shaar HaNegev Regional Council, told *Ynet* that "this time the hits were more exact. We are doing everything possible to allow for a normal lifestyle, but clearly in a situation such as this it's very difficult."

An additional two rockets landed south of Ashkelon in Hof Ashkelon Regional Council.

The Presidential Campaign? Aristophanes *The Frogs* 405 BC

We don't honor the brave.
We forget their achievements, their feats,
We devalue the service they gave,
Put them second to comen and cheats.
It's exactly what happens with money
Time was, coins were gold, bright and new,
Sleek and shiny, as yellow as honey —
And where are they now? Keeping you?
So, if someone's old, honest and fair
We reject him, and put all our trust
In jumped-up young orators, spouting hot air,
And surprised, when their schemes all go bust.
Don't be fooled, fellow-citizens. Hail
The old stagers. Put them to the test --
At least then if we lose, if we fail,
We'll fail honestly, doing our best.

Chabad In The News

Ruth King

After terrorists struck in Mumbai, the mainstream media looped itself into a pretzel to avoid using the words "terrorism" or "Islam" or mentioning the attack on the Chabad House. Finally, forced to confront the horrific attack on the Jews in Chabad House, they called the victims "ultra orthodox" without any effort to inform readers of the history, the bravery, the determination and the selflessness of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement in its worldwide efforts to bring Torah, help and succor to Jews throughout the world.

For the media "ultra Orthodox" is a "one size fits all" term of disparagement designed to equate them with the fanatics of other faiths. One reporter stated that the Chabad (he pronounced it "Shabad") was aggressive in proselytism (thus presumably their presence in Mumbai). In fact Chabad seeks no converts among Christians or Moslems or people of any faith other than Jews to whom they bring a message of Jewish renewal. There are Chabad Houses worldwide: from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Anchorage, Alaska; in Bolivia, Brazil, Nepal, Laos, South Korea, the Congo, Australia, New Zealand and many, many other places. They are there to welcome, to provide shelter, kosher food, information on travel and lodgings, medical help when necessary and a place for Jewish travelers to hang their hats. Furthermore, to speak of Chabad's purported religious zeal as "aggressive" in the aftermath of a massacre is hostile and disingenuous....aggressively so.

The Lubavitch Chabad movement is the most theologically and philosophically grounded branch of Hassidism, a mystical movement within Orthodox Jewry. Chabad originated about 250 years ago in "Lubavitch" a town in Russia (now the Ukraine) whose name means "city of brotherly love," an apposite name since the Lubavitch Chabad were determined to promote spiritual guidance, comfort and love to all Jews. Their outreach was enormously successful but Czarist pogroms followed by Soviet repression sent most adherents to Poland where they remained until the Holocaust destroyed them.

The small Chabad movement which survived in the Soviet Union was the only group that maintained a religious Jewish underground at a time when Jewish activists were routinely sent to the Gulag or shot. The movement also facilitated secret missions from Israel to aid and encourage Soviet Jews. In the book *Tri-*

umph Over Tyranny: The Heroic Campaigns that Saved 2,000,000 Soviet Jews, Chabad is given credit for the success of the "refusenik" movement.

In the United States the Chabad movement was long led by Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a brilliant and scholarly man who had studied mathematics and science at the Sorbonne before fleeing from the Nazis to the United States. From the time he assumed leadership in 1950 until his death in 1994, he expanded the movement's worldwide activities, establishing an international network of Chabad Houses in over 70 countries. Today 4,000 full-time emissary families direct more than 3,300 institutions and a workforce that numbers in the tens of thousands dedicated to the welfare of the Jewish people worldwide.



Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg with wife Rifka who were killed by terrorists in Mumbai.

Nor are their charitable efforts confined to Jews. On September 21, 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina President Bush singled out the Chabad emissaries for praise: "They helped rescue stranded people... In the days after Katrina hit, Chabad saved lives." Chabad also contributed to rebuilding the city. In Thailand Chabad rescued thousands of victims of the *tsunami* in Indonesia, working tirelessly to find and help survivors. They would have done more in Indonesia had not the strictly Moslem nation forbade Orthodox Jews to be active there.

Members of Lubavitch-Chabad enjoy sports, especially basketball, baseball and hockey. They even have a welterweight boxing champion, Russian born Dimitry Salita who boasts that he fights "city style." Salita turned to the Lubavitch-Chabad when he was a teenager and will not fight on the Sabbath. In his own words: "I will never compromise my beliefs. Never. It's not a question. I have a personal relationship with God that I won't compromise. My boxing is such a big part of my life, but it won't get in the way of my religion. It can't, and it won't." He also loves Yiddish rap music (whatever that is).

In closing I offer my own tribute to the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. I am particularly grateful that after the Shoah there are people true to Jewish history, staunch supporters of Israel, not ashamed to claim Jewish rights to the Land of Israel; successful in finding and keeping adherents. They are a sparkling link in the chain of Jewish survival that began in Hebron and continues to bind us together.

May Chabad flourish and prosper. May the victims of the *ji*had in Mumbai rest in peace and live in the memories of all those they helped. •

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conflict have wandered into my course by mistake and made life a bother by interfering in our emotionally satisfying groupthink. By laying everything out beforehand, he can screen out such undesirables.

Bush's Bequest

With only a month left in office, President Bush, as Israeli journalist Michael Freund puts it, "has inexplicably chosen to detonate a diplomatic device over the heads of all Israelis." Rather than focusing on Iran's nuclear program or Syrian malfeasance, the President has pushed through UN Security Council resolution 1850 designed to make "irreversible" the "two-state solution" set forth at the Annapolis conference in November 2007. As Freund writes, Bush "is attempting to impose a diplomatic straitjacket on Israel's democracy by trying to compel the next government to continue with the largely futile process of negotiating with the Palestinian leadership."

Elephant and Palestinian Question

There's an old joke, the Elephant and the Jewish Question, making fun of how Jews tend to link every issue to Jewish concerns. But today it is so-called "progressives" who go to ridiculous lengths to locate the "root cause" of every evil in Israel's supposed oppression of Palestinian Arabs. For example, here is the leader of the Green Party in England on the BBC "analyzing" the terror attacks in Mumbai: "I think what we should be doing is looking at some of the root causes of some of the terrorist acts we see—not to condone it but I do think that we have to try to understand it, and I think that the situation in Palestine with

the ongoing Israeli occupation with the absolute strangulation of Gaza with this siege on Gaza is really feeding to much anger right across the world and it means that there is more of a fertile breeding ground for extremists to flourish."

How to Lose a War

Responding to a request by cabinet ministers for a reexamination of the totally ineffective steps Israel is currently taking against rockets launched from Gaza, the Defense Ministry's legal adviser Ahaz Benari issued his opinion: "Artillery fire can only be carried out towards relatively open areas, if the assessment is that as a result the launchers will be damaged...and this without an exaggerated amount of damage to civilians who might be in the area." If there are repeated launches from a built up area, Benari conceded, "it is possible to increase the response such that the residents of that same area are given a warning of the intention to respond to fire with the recommendation that they leave the area within a reasonable period of time."

As Aaron Lerner of IMRA (Independent Media Review and Analysis) points out, this means: Hamas can fire a series of rockets from neighborhood #1 and the IDF can only return fire after giving the residents of that area a chance to evacuate. Then Hamas—that's right—can fire a series of rockets from neighborhood #2 and the IDF can only return fire after giving the residents of that area a chance to evacuate. Then Hamas—that's right—can fire rockets from neighborhood #3 and the IDF can only return fire after giving the residents of that area a chance to evacuate. Etc. •

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