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BDS's EU Benefactor

William Mehlman

The European Union's record of dealing from the bottom of the deck in respect to the funding of Israel's enemies would have reddened the cheeks of a Mississippi riverboat card-sharp. Its flippant justification of its actions has given sophistry a new meaning.

In virtually a single breath – a single press release, in this case – Federica Mogherini, its foreign policy chief, reaffirmed both the EU's "opposition to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) campaign as an attempt to isolate Israel" and the EU's condonation of a parallel attempt by its individual national constituents to blacklist the Jewish state under the rubric of "freedom of expression and association."



Admittedly, Mogherini's foggy attempt to erect a policy stance out of a grab-bag of ill-fitting political and moral components came in response to a "gotcha" question foisted on her in the European Parliament by Sinn Fein politico and Israel hyper-critic Martina Anderson. Anderson, who heads the EP's "Delegation for Relations with Palestine," was fishing for a commitment under the EU's name to the "protected free speech right" of its "citizens" to boycott Israel, rebuffing claims by Jerusalem that any such privilege would nullify the EU's official ban on anti-Semitic activity.

As most of that activity is pursued through a network of anti-Israel NGOs, the "free speech" nod Mogherini accorded its BDS fans only further weakens the EU's long-held contention that its funding of specific projects – economic, social, artistic – mounted by an NGO is distinct from any commitment to the NGO as a whole, regardless of its involvement in BDS. "In other words," as Tamar Kogman, a researcher on *NGO-Monitor's* European desk observed, "what happens outside of 'project hours' is none of the EU's concern." So the debate here is not whether the EU should uphold the assumed right of its "citizens" to participate in BDS campaigns, but rather, as Kogman sees it, "whether the EU should be handing out taxpayers' money to NGOs that support a policy in direct contravention of stated EU policy."

The question appears to have been definitively answered in "EU Funding to NGOs Active in Anti-Israel BDS Campaigns," a study released in late January by the Jerusalem-based *NGO Monitor*. Its findings are nothing less than eye-opening. From its pages the European Union emerges as the single largest financial supporter of NGOs involved in the Arab-Israel conflict, accounting for NIS 28 million between 2012 and 2014. Forty two NGOs out of 180 EU grantees were found by the study to be in full support of BDS "through participation in its activities and events, the signing of petitions and initiatives and/or membership in specific BDS platforms." Twenty nine out of 100 EU grants, amounting to 16.7 million Euros, roughly 25 percent of the EU's entire "projects budget" were funneled to the recipient BDS-involved NGOs through a pipeline of country-based EU funder satellites. Additional EU pro-BDS funding, unaccounted for by the study, is even more indirect. For example, it notes, the fact that "the EU may fund to a church or humanitarian aid group and the funds are then transferred to a political NGO," makes a full accounting of the proportion and extent of EU money going to pro-BDS beneficiaries anybody's guess.

Given the fact that money is fungible, the EU's boilerplate claim to financing only pre-vetted NGO projects and not NGOs as a whole, becomes utterly irrelevant. There's no guarantee that the money or portions of it granted for an ostensibly laudable project isn't being diverted to cover the recipient NGO's staffing, equipment, publicity campaigns, travel and other expenses unrelated to the project. EU funding has been found by the study to comprise upwards of 50-75 percent of some NGOs'

entire annual budgets. To make matters worse, the researchers discovered that many grantees, including those in the pro-BDS camp, have featured the EU symbol on their publications and websites, bolstering their legitimacy and linking the EU with their overall activities.

Even putting aside the fungibility of money, “How does one determine exactly what falls under ‘project activities?’” Kogman asks. “Does calling for the cultural and academic isolation of Israel count as a ‘pathway toward self-expression,’” as one passionately pro-BDS NGO insists? “Or is this just another ‘unrelated activity’ for which the EU cannot be held responsible?”

The small random sampling below of the EU’s largesse to those carrying the torch for BDS should put “paid” to any notion of its being an “unrelated activity.” It’s the elephant in the living room. The grant givers named here are all European Union country-based satellites. The recipient NGOs are all prominent BDS supporters:

Between 2014 and 2016 the “Edward Said National Conservatory and Music Association” received grants totaling 1,641,000 Euros from “Cultural Programme” and “East Jerusalem Programme.” The Said NGO supports an ongoing cultural and academic boycott of Israel and was signatory to a letter to the BBC demanding the cancellation of a London concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

A grant of 481,773 Euros from “Partnership for Peace” to the “General Union of Palestinian Women” also makes for interesting reading. Among other activities, the GUPW was the source of a March 2016 international “Women’s Call for BDS” and the initiator of a petition urging the mayor of Toronto to boycott a conference in Jerusalem and endorse BDS. A portion of the GUPW grant was reserved for the “Culture and Free Thought Association,” a participant in the “Women’s Call for BDS” and author of an open letter to the Rolling Stones imploring the iconic rock band to cancel a scheduled appearance in Israel.

A three-year grant of 450,000 Euros from the “European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights” (EIDHR) was shared by the “Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture” (TRC) and the “Center for the Defense of Liberties and Civil Rights” (*Hurryyat*), a pair of NGOs with much in common. TRC has been pushing over the last ten years for “imposing measures against the Israel Medical Association.” It has also tried to pressure Bill Gates to divest from G4S, a UK security firm doing business in Israel. *Hurryyat* has targeted G4S in a “call for action” and is a prominent endorser and promoter of BDS through its membership in the Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council.

“European Union funding to NGOs that deny Israel’s right to exist,” *NGO Monitor’s* Knesset Affairs Liaison Lena Bakman told *YNetNews*, “not only contradicts diplomatic norms between states that have bilateral relations as well as the EU’s stated opposition to BDS, it is a blatant intervention in the internal issues every sovereign country has the right to shape without outside interference. Would it,” she asks, “be conceivable for Israel to fund the Basque resistance movement in Spain, the Flemish separatists in Belgium? How would London react to Israeli support for Scottish and Welsh separatist movements in the UK?”

Better yet, she might have added, how do these stalwart defenders of national sovereignty and their European compatriots explain their virtual silence in the face of an attempt by the UN Human Rights Council to launch a data-based black list of every company in the world with business interests in Israeli communities beyond the 1949 cease-fire lines. Approved by 32 of the UNHRC’s 47 members (the U.S. had no vote and the other 15, including Britain, France and Germany, “heroically” abstained), UNHRC had scheduled a February 27th debut of its handiwork, but possibly with an eye on the new occupant of the White House, decided to hold off until September. A united EU stand against this outrageous new UN assault on the Jewish state might very well ensure that it never sees the light of day.

It’s your call Madam Mogherini.

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From the Editor

French Jewish Dhimmis

Incredibly, the French Jewish defense organization LICRA (International League against Racism and anti-Semitism) has joined the Islamist CCIF (Collective against Islamophobia) in a lawsuit against well-known Jewish historian Georges Bensoussan, an expert on the history of Jews in Arab countries. They've been joined in the suit by other so-called "anti-racist" organizations including the venerable French Human Rights League.

The absurd grounds for Bensoussan's prosecution? In a radio debate he praised an Algerian sociologist, Smain Laacher, for his courage in saying in a documentary on France's Channel 3 that, while no one was willing to say it openly, among Arab families in France anti-Semitism "is sucked with mother's milk." It turned out this was actually a paraphrase of what Laacher had said—he had spoken of the way Muslim children from a very young age were taught by their parents to despise Jews. The phrase "sucked with mother's milk" was clearly another way of saying the same thing but the "anti-racist" fraternity chose to interpret it, as French journalist Yves Mamou reports, not as "a metaphor for cultural anti-Semitism transmitted through education" but as a "genetic" accusation, i.e. Muslims literally inherit anti-Semitism. Ergo Bensoussan is tried for "racism."

What a difference a year makes. Mamou points out that in 2016 Alain Jakubowitz, president of LICRA, had denounced the phony anti-racist wars, saying: "Today, CCIF is the leading anti-racist organization. This is terrifying. [They are] not against anti-Semitism, because they do not care. This is not the question for them."

Unbelievably, a year later a dhimmified LICRA was sitting in court side by side with CCIF for this nonsensical show trial. Mamou reports that philosopher Alain Finkielkraut has resigned from LICRA in protest. Appearing in court in defense of Bensoussan Finkielkraut declared: "A rogue anti-racism makes you criminalize a concern instead of fighting the cause of this concern. If the court [finds against the defendant] it will be a moral and an intellectual catastrophe." Judgment will be rendered March 7.

"I Am a Muslim Too"

There are an abundance of Jews in the United States who manifest an equally boundless stupidity. Some of them showed up for an "I Am a Muslim Too" demonstration at Times Square on Feb.

19 protesting President Trump's effort to ban temporarily Muslims from seven failed states (except Iran, we should be so lucky). It was under the auspices of something called Foundation for Ethnic Understanding headed by Rabbi Marc Schneier, whose mission is apparently to outdo his father Rabbi Arthur Schneier in feel-good interfaith pursuits. Schneier proclaimed to those assembled: "We must join together at the most famous crossroads in the world to make a collective statement that wherever my Muslim brothers and sisters are vilified, discriminated against or victimized by hate crimes and violence 'Today I am a Muslim too.'"

The title may turn out to be prophetic. Bring enough Muslims to this country and the only way Jews will survive here is if they in fact become "Muslims too."

London's Hypocrite-Mayor

London's Muslim mayor Sadiq Khan is so virtuously indignant over President Trump's travel ban that he demanded the government rescind Prime Minister Theresa May's invitation to him. Mere hours after making this demand he welcomed dignitaries from 11 Muslim countries to a reception at City Hall, despite the fact that all of them refuse admission to holders of Israeli passports. It took the outspoken Nigel Farage to tell Khan off: "You want Trump banned from UK but are happy with anti-Israeli discrimination. You are a hypocrite."

A Good Use for Security Council Resolution 2334

Kenneth Levin points out that the appalling Security Council Resolution that the U.S. permitted to pass in Obama's final onslaught against Israel has a lever that Israel could use to its benefit. Pretending to uphold "balance" Secretary of State Kerry had insisted that the resolution also call for refraining from "incitement and inflammatory rhetoric."

Levin notes that what was intended as a fig leaf can be put to good purpose. Under terms of the resolution the Secretary General is to report to the Council every three months on progress in its implementation. The intent of course was just to focus on Israeli settlements. But, as Levin writes, "the quarterly reports called for in 2334 can be used by America's newly appointed United Nations ambassador Nikki Haley and her staff to important effect. They can insist on the reports' inclusion of a comprehensive catalogue of Palestinian incitement, provocation and promotion of and support for terror—a catalogue that can be measured against information gleaned from monitoring sources such as Palestinian Media Watch. They can in this way use their UN platform to bring into focus, finally teachable truths that for far too long have been ignored and gone unlearned, thereby potentially helping address the major obstacle to genuine peace."

If Haley follows through on this excellent advice—and she has had an outstanding debut in denouncing the UN's anti-Israel obsessions—the Arabs may soon decide to bury Resolution 2234 along with innumerable other forgotten UN resolutions.

Haley's Comet



That's the term a *New York Sun* editorial uses to describe U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley's first dazzling press briefing. Emerging from her first regular monthly Security Council meeting on Middle East issues she described it as "a bit strange." The meeting did not discuss Hezbollah's illegal buildup of rockets in Lebanon, it was not about Iran's providing money and weapons to terrorists, it was not concerned with defeating ISIS, it was not about holding Bashar al-Assad accountable for massive civilian deaths. "No," said Haley, "instead the meeting focused on criticizing Israel, the one

true democracy in the Middle East. I am new around here, but I understand that's how the Council has operated month after month for decades. I am here to say the United States will not turn a blind eye to this anymore." "The double standards," declared Ambassador Haley, "are breathtaking."

Swedish Policeman Erupts on Facebook

It's so unthinkable it's being called the "Swedish spring," a wave of support for a cop who blew the whistle on the devastating effects mass immigration has had on Sweden. So writes Paul Joseph Watson on a British website. On his Facebook page veteran Swedish police officer Peter Springare warned "Our pensioners are on their knees, schools are in chaos, health care is an inferno, police have been completely destroyed." Acknowledging his post was not politically correct, Springare used a crude expression to say he could not care less. The crimes he was processing, rape, assault, violence against police, drug trafficking and murder, were almost exclusively committed by someone named "Mohammed" or a variant of that name.



Watson reports Springare is backed up by another courageous cop, Gothenburg police officer Tomas Asenlov, who revealed that cops are told to implement Code 291 rules to hide "all information about the immigration-related crime."

Not surprisingly, when his Facebook posting received media attention (after it won 130,000 "likes" in the space of a week) Springare was hit with an internal police investigation for "racial agitation."

The groundswell of support for Springare suggests the mood in Sweden may be changing. On Tucker Carlson's program on Fox News, filmmaker Ami Horowitz (who barely escaped with his life after being assaulted by a gang of Muslim men while filming in Stockholm) declared that the majority of Swedes still backed the government's policy of welcoming Muslim immigrants and bestowing upon them generous benefits.

The ultimate comment on Sweden today (reported by Watson) is that some Somali immigrants are considering returning home, saying that areas of some Swedish cities are more dangerous than their notorious homeland!

Michael Ordman on Amazing Israel



Israeli biotech company ARTSaVIT is developing a treatment based on the research of Dr. Sarit Larisch of Haifa University who discovered a protein missing in tumors that regulate cell death.

In the latest trials the NeuroAD cranial device from Israel's Neuronix slowed the progression of Alzheimers in 85% of patients in the early stages of the disease. The treatment is now being used commercially in Britain.

Former British police officer Nicki Donnelly, paralyzed in 2009, can walk again thanks to a ReWalk exoskeleton.

Scientists at the Hebrew University have discovered some surprising characteristics of bacteria. When phage-resistant bacteria are in close contact with phage-sensitive bacteria the resistant bacteria lose their resistance. This discovery can help research into antibiotic resistance.

Scandinavia: The West's Citadel of Anti-Semitism

Giulio Meotti

Editor's Note: What is it that makes today's pretenders to being the most virtuous among the nations—Sweden dubs itself a humanitarian superpower—in reality moral monsters? As the King was wont to say in Anna and the King of Siam “It’s a puzzlement.” The gap between pretension and reality goes beyond Israel. Bruce Bawer in “Sweden’s Fatuous Feminists” points out that Sweden’s current government, with a cabinet equally divided between men and women, has proclaimed itself “the world’s first feminist government.” Yet on a recent trip to Teheran to ink a trade deal, photos show the eleven women in the Swedish delegation, led by Trade Minister Ann Linde, wearing hijabs, dark pants and long shapeless coats for modesty. Linde herself is shown bowing to an Iranian official. The “world’s first feminist government”, Bawer writes, “effectively communicated to Iran—and the entire Muslim world—a message of submission that could hardly have been improved upon.” Bawer notes that the biggest victims of Sweden’s pretensions are its own elderly citizens who “are now being forced to live in repurposed shipping containers while newly arrived Muslim families are handed the keys to sprawling houses.” Geriatric Swedes, according to the moral lunacy of the country’s elites, must do their bit to help change the world.

On January 12, the Norwegian newspaper *Aftenposten* published an article about Jared Kushner, U.S. President Donald Trump’s son-in-law and his senior adviser: “The Jew Kushner reportedly pushed for David M. Friedman as the new ambassador to Israel”, *Aftenposten* wrote. The newspaper had later to apologize for calling Kushner “the Jew”.

A few weeks earlier, the city council of Trondheim, Norway’s third-largest city, passed a motion calling on its residents to boycott Israeli goods — a city aspiring to be “Israel-free”. Then it was the turn of another Norwegian city, Tromsø, population 72,000, whose city council approved a similar motion. More than 40% of Norwegians are already boycotting Israeli products or are in favor of doing so, according to a poll.

What hell is happening in Scandinavia, whose countries, Norway and Sweden, are bastions of political correctness, champions of multiculturalism and, according to the Global Peace Index, the most “peaceful” countries in the world? “The most successful society the world has ever known”, however, as *The Guardian* labelled Sweden, has a dark side: Israel-slandering and anti-Semitism.

Sweden and Norway are manipulating public opinion in the way immortalized by George Orwell in his novel *1984* as the “Two Minutes Hate”. These countries have seen the creation of a public opinion according to which Israel is a merciless enemy of humanity that ought to be dismantled forthwith.

A year ago, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presented at the Knesset an updated map of Israel’s friends and enemies. Only five countries are openly at war with the Jewish State: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and North Korea. Then there are the friendly countries, including many non-Muslim African countries that once had no diplomatic relations with Jerusalem. But the map also included a European country that for the first time moved into the “non-friends” camp: Sweden.

Hate for Israel has become a real obsession in Scandinavia, which revived the glorious partnership between the liberal “useful idiots” — the ones concerned about equality and minorities — and Islamists, the ones concerned about submission and killing “infidels”.

Despite the fact that Jews in Norway are only 0.003 percent of the total population, Oslo is now world’s capital of European anti-Semitism. Recently, the Norwegian National Theater opened its Festival in Oslo with a dramatic video clip. The video urged a boycott of the National Theater of Israel, Habima, in Tel Aviv. Funded by the government and aired at the festival, the clip shows an actress posing as a spokesman for the National Theater and calling for a boycott of the Israeli theater. Pia Maria Roll

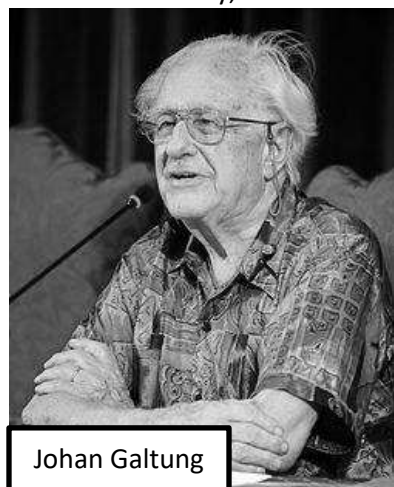
labelled Israel a state “based on ethnic cleansing, racism, occupation and apartheid”. Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs responded saying that the seven-minute video recalls “the Norwegian collaborationist Vidkun Quisling and Knut Hamson” (a Nobel laureate for Literature who sympathized with Hitler).

It is not the first time. A festival in Oslo also rejected a documentary, *The Other Dreamers*, about the lives of disabled children, simply because it was Israeli. “We support the academic and cultural boycott of Israel,” wrote Ketil Magnussen, the founder of the festival.

Norway is the European country most engaged in the campaigns against Israel. All Norwegian universities refused to host Alan Dershowitz for a speaking tour about the Middle East. A proposal for an official academic boycott against Israel was promoted by Norway’s University of Trondheim. If approved, the boycott would have been the first of its kind in a European university since the Nazi boycott of Jewish professors.

The Norwegian Ministry of Finance has excluded Israeli companies, such as Africa Israel Investments and Danya Cebus, from its Global Pension Fund, a fund that invests the national wealth in foreign stocks and bonds, and which holds more than one percent of all global stocks. The Norwegian trade union EL & IT, which represents workers from the energy and telecommunications sectors, has boycotted the Histadrut, Israel’s national labor union.

In Norway, anti-Semitism has affected many “intellectuals”. One is Johan Galtung, a Norwegian sociologist dubbed the “father of peace studies”, a proud leftist who made anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli statements at the University of Oslo and who claimed (falsely) that there is a link between the perpetrators of the massacre at Utoya in Norway and the Mossad.



Johan Galtung

Norwegian newspapers are full of classic anti-Semitic tropes. A cartoon in the largest newspaper, *Verdens Gang*, showed the former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert’s feet as those of an animal. In *Aftenposten*, the second-largest newspaper, a rat eats the Star of David, the symbol in the Israeli flag. Another daily, *Dagbladet*, a glory of the Norwegian Left, published a cartoon in which Palestinian terrorists leave an Israeli prison with the German motto of the Buchenwald concentration camp: “Jedem Das Sein”.

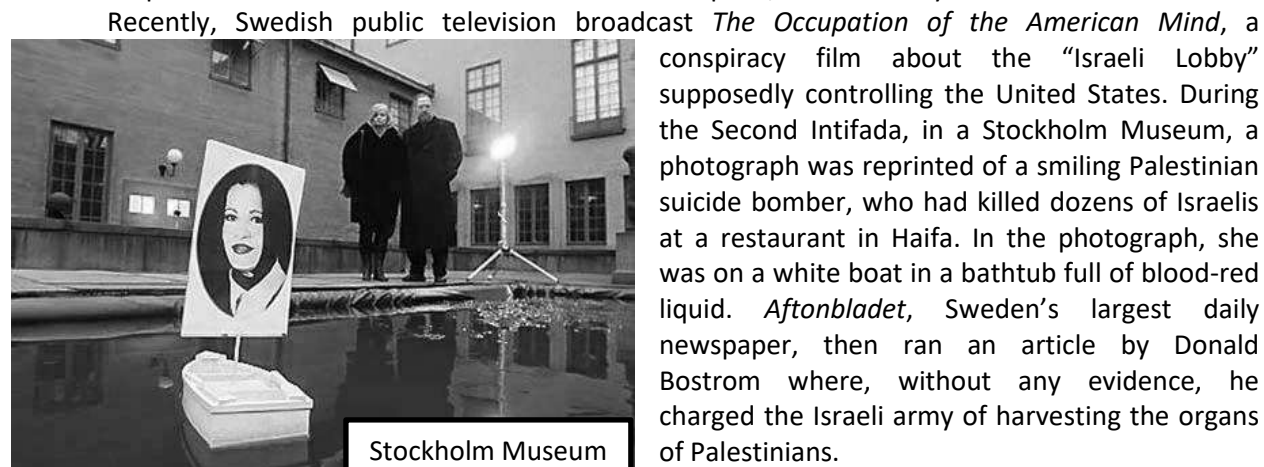
Evelyn Zeira, who works at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, asked a Norwegian researcher, Ingrid Harbitz, to send her material to develop treatments for Palestinian victims of thalassemia, a blood disease. Harbitz’s answer was: “Due to the current situation in the Middle East, I will not deliver material to Israeli universities”. To her, Israeli Jews and even Palestinians do not deserve Norwegian blood!

During Israel’s war against Hezbollah in 2006, the daily *Aftenposten* published an article by Jostein Gaarder, Norway’s most famous writer and a “thirdworldist”, in which he imagined the destruction of Israel. Gaarder, whose novel *Sophie’s World* has been translated into 53 languages and has sold millions of copies, justified the expulsion of Israeli Jews from their land. “We no longer recognize the State of Israel,” Gaarder wrote, as if he were an Iranian imam.

The same racism exists in Sweden.

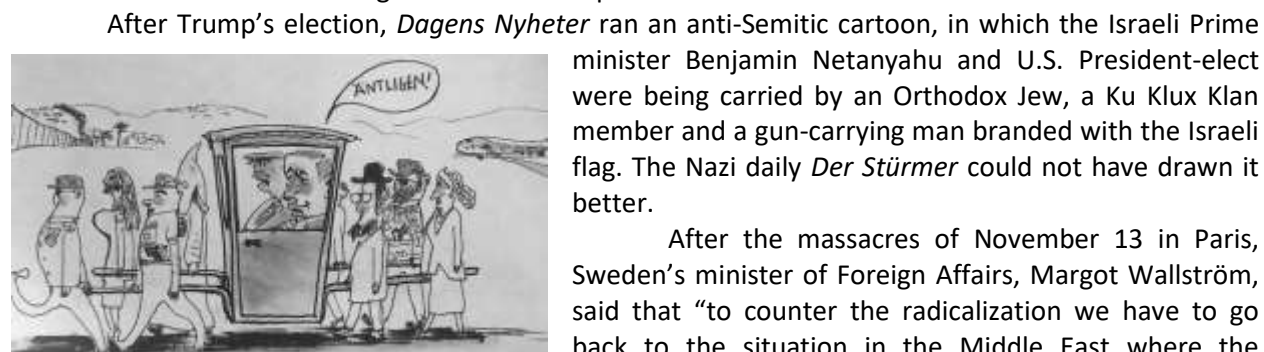
Recently, the Swedish Parliament discussed a deal between Volvo, the country’s most important car maker, and Israeli bus companies. Volvo provides, in fact, some buses which keep Israelis alive in Judea and Samaria. Jewish schoolchildren in these areas have to use armored buses to avoid being shot and murdered by Palestinian terrorists. But according to the chairman of Sweden’s parliamentary committee on foreign affairs, Kenneth G. Forslund, their right to life, granted by Volvo’s buses, is “a violation of international law”. Swedish dockworkers sponsored a week-long boycott of Israeli ships and goods. The old good days when Swedish ships saved the Jews from Nazis are gone.

Sweden's former Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Mehmet Kaplan, a Muslim of Turkish origin, took part in the pro-Hamas assault against Israel by the "Freedom Flotilla" in 2010. He compared Israel to Nazism and called for the "liberation of Jerusalem". The education minister, Gustav Fridolin, has been arrested for protesting in front of the anti-terrorism fence built by Israel in Judea and Samaria to protect the lives of their citizens on the coastal plain, massacred by suicide bombers.



Recently, Swedish public television broadcast *The Occupation of the American Mind*, a conspiracy film about the "Israeli Lobby" supposedly controlling the United States. During the Second Intifada, in a Stockholm Museum, a photograph was reprinted of a smiling Palestinian suicide bomber, who had killed dozens of Israelis at a restaurant in Haifa. In the photograph, she was on a white boat in a bathtub full of blood-red liquid. *Aftonbladet*, Sweden's largest daily newspaper, then ran an article by Donald Bostrom where, without any evidence, he charged the Israeli army of harvesting the organs of Palestinians.

Dagens Nyheter, the most sophisticated Swedish newspaper, published a violently anti-Semitic op-ed entitled, "It is allowed to hate the Jews", in which the historian Jan Samuelson said that until Israel ceases to "occupy" the territories, hatred for the Jewish State will be justified. He totally disregards, however, that the Jordanians illegally seized the territories in the aggression they initiated against Israel in the War of 1948; in 1967, Israel, in fact liberated its own land from illegal Jordanian occupation.



After Trump's election, *Dagens Nyheter* ran an anti-Semitic cartoon, in which the Israeli Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President-elect were being carried by an Orthodox Jew, a Ku Klux Klan member and a gun-carrying man branded with the Israeli flag. The Nazi daily *Der Stürmer* could not have drawn it better.

After the massacres of November 13 in Paris, Sweden's minister of Foreign Affairs, Margot Wallström, said that "to counter the radicalization we have to go back to the situation in the Middle East where the Palestinians see that there is no future for them and must accept a desperate situation and resort to violence".

Does Wallström really mean that to defeat Islamic aggression, Israel must surrender? The Palestinians' situation is indeed desperate, but as they have had full autonomy for decades, their desperate situation is caused by their own cynical and corrupt leaders who appear deliberately to keep their people in misery in order to blame it on Israel, in the same way that people maim children to make them "better" beggars.

Meanwhile, the Trondheim synagogue has become one of the best protected buildings in Norway, and Jews live under siege in the Swedish city of Malmö. Vidkun Quisling, the Nazi collaborationist, would have been proud of his heirs, even if now they are self-proclaimed "progressives".

Giulio Meotti, Cultural Editor for Il Foglio, is an Italian journalist and author. This appeared on GatestoneInstitute.org on February 17.

Can Israel Rely on Foreign Peacekeepers and Security Guarantees?

Yoram Ettinger

Editor's note: With President Trump apparently confident that he can broker a "deal" between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs (and seeing this as the ultimate feather-in-the-cap for his art of the deal skills) the subject of guarantees—which would presumably be part of any deal--warrants a closer look once again. It needs sober assessment all the more because Prime Minister Netanyahu is wobbly on the crucial issue of statehood—he has not abandoned his formal allegiance to "the two state solution." In his press conference with President Trump Netanyahu focused on the supposed "substance" of maintaining Israel's security responsibility in the area from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean as against the lesser importance to be attached to the "label" of statehood. But as Aaron Lerner points out, in this case the label is all important because sovereignty trumps whatever "terms" might be agreed upon. To quote Lerner: "The day that a sovereign Palestinian state manipulates and/or exploits local, regional and international conditions to end Israeli security control, Israel security control will end. And the sovereign Palestinian state will continue to be a sovereign Palestinian state. That's not a 'label,' that's an entity with all kinds of rights and abilities to pursue the destruction of Israel in ways that an autonomy simply can't." Of course there's also the awkward matter of Hamas-controlled Gaza which is simply ignored in all the two-state solution blather.

[Let us assume that] Israel is urged to concede the historically and militarily most critical mountain ridges of Judea and Samaria in return for a U.S., or a multinational peacekeeping force, as well as U.S. security guarantees or a defense pact.

In order to be effective, defense pacts, and security guarantees – including peacekeeping monitoring or combat forces – must be reliable, durable, specific and politically/militarily sustainable. It must serve the interests of the foreign entity which dispatches the force, lest it be ignored or summarily withdrawn.

However, the litany of U.S. commitments, guarantees and defense pacts are characterized by four critical attributes – escape routes – designed to shield U.S. interests in a way which undermines the effectiveness of the commitments: 1. non-specificity, vagueness and ambiguity, facilitating non-implementation 2. Non-automaticity, facilitating delay, suspension and non-implementation 3. Non-implementation if it is deemed harmful to U.S. interests 4. Subordination to the U.S. Constitution, including the limits of presidential power.

For example, the NATO treaty—the tightest U.S. defense pact—as ratified by the U.S. Senate, commits the U.S. to consider steps on behalf of an attacked NATO member, "as it deems necessary." Moreover, in 1954, President Eisenhower signed a defense treaty with Taiwan, but in 1979, President Carter annulled the treaty unilaterally, with the support of Congress and the Supreme Court.

The May 25, 1950 Tripartite Declaration, by the U.S., Britain and France, included a commitment to maintain a military balance between Israel and the Arab states. However, on October 18, 1955, Secretary of State Dulles refused Israel's request to buy military systems – to offset Soviet Bloc arm shipments to Egypt – insisting that the facts were still obscure. In 1957, President Eisenhower issued an executive agreement – to compensate for Israel's full withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula – committing U.S. troops should Egypt violate the ceasefire and Sinai's demilitarization. But in 1967 President Johnson claimed that "[the commitment] ain't worth a solitary dime," while the UN peacekeepers fled upon the Egyptian invasion of the Sinai, the blockade of Israel's port of Eilat, and the establishment of intra-Arab military force to annihilate Israel. In 1975, President Ford sent a letter to Prime Minister Rabin, stating that the U.S. "will give great weight to Israel's position that any peace agreement with

Syria must be predicated on Israel remaining on the Golan Heights.” But, in 1979, President Carter contended that Ford’s letter hardly committed Ford and certainly none of the succeeding presidents.

In an April 1975 AIPAC Conference speech, the late Senator Henry “Scoop” Jackson dismissed security guarantees as harmful delusion: “Detente did not save Cambodia and it will not save Vietnam, despite the fact that we and the Soviets are co-guarantors of the Paris Accords. And that is something to keep in mind when one hears that we and the Soviets should play the international guarantee game in the Middle East.”

According to UCLA Political Science Professor Noah Pelcovits: “[In the context of security arrangements] there is only one chance in three that the protector will come to the aid of its ally in wartime, and then only at the discretion of the protector.... What counts is the protector’s perception of self-interest. Otherwise, the commitment is not honored....”

Professor of International Relations at Hebrew University Michla Pomerance stated that U.S. defense commitments, including the NATO Treaty, “are uniformly characterized by vagueness, non-specificity... and the explicit denial of any automatic obligation to use force... [in] accordance with the desire of the U.S., as promisor, to keep its options open.... Evasion by means of interpretation would not be a difficult task....”

The stationing of foreign peacekeeping troops on Israel’s border would cripple Israel’s defense capabilities, requiring Israel to seek prior approval in preempting or countering belligerence, which would also strain U.S.-Israel ties. At the same time, appearing to have enabled Israel to act freely would damage U.S.-Arab ties.

The assumption that inherently tenuous, intangible, open-ended and reversible U.S. security commitments constitute an effective compensation for critical Israeli land, tangible, irreversible concessions – such as a retreat from the strategically and historically critical mountain ridges of Judea and Samaria – reflects detachment from the Washington constitutional labyrinth and recent precedents, engendering a false sense of security, thus compromising the existence of the Jewish state. It transforms Israel from a robust national security producing asset to a frail national security consuming liability, undermining U.S. interests and U.S.-Israel relations.

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Germany’s Muslim Demographic Future

Soeren Kern

Germany will need to take in 300,000 migrants annually for the next 40 years to stop population decline, according to a leaked government report.

The document, parts of which were published by the *Rheinische Post* on February 1, reveals that the German government is counting on permanent mass migration — presumably from Africa, Asia and the Middle East — to keep the current size of the German population (82.8 million) stable through 2060.

The report implies that Chancellor Angela Merkel’s decision to allow into the country some 1.5 million mostly Muslim migrants between 2015 and 2016 was not primarily a humanitarian gesture, but a calculated effort to stave off Germany’s demographic decline and to preserve the future viability of the German welfare state.

If most of the new migrants arriving in Germany for the next four decades are from the Islamic world, the Muslim population of Germany could jump to well over 20 million and account for more than 25% of the overall German population by 2060.



Mass migration is fast-tracking the rise of Islam in Germany, as evidenced by the proliferation of no-go zones, Sharia courts, polygamy, child marriages and honor violence. Mass migration has also been responsible for social chaos, including jihadist attacks, a migrant rape epidemic, a public health crisis, rising crime and a rush by German citizens to purchase weapons for self-defense — and even to abandon Germany altogether.

The report stresses the need quickly to integrate migrants into the workforce so that they can begin paying into the social welfare system. “According to past experience, this will not be easy and will take longer than initially often hoped,” the report concedes. “Successes will only be visible in the medium to long term.”

A recent survey by the Frankfurter *Allgemeine Zeitung* found that the 30 biggest German companies have employed only 54 refugees, including 50 who have been hired as couriers by Deutsche Post, the logistics provider. Company executives said the main problem is that migrants lack professional qualifications and German language skills.

For now, the vast majority of migrants who entered Germany in 2015 and 2016 are wards of the German state. German taxpayers paid around €21.7 billion (\$23.4 billion) on aid for refugees and asylum seekers in 2016, and will pay a similar amount in 2017.

Mass migration has also increased the demand for housing and has pushed up rental costs for ordinary Germans. Some 350,000 new apartments are required each year to meet demand, but only 245,000 apartments were built in 2014, and another 248,000 in 2015, according to the *Rheinische Post*.

Meanwhile, migrants committed 208,344 crimes in 2015, according to a police report. This figure represented an 80% increase over 2014 and worked out to around 570 crimes committed by migrants every day, or 23 crimes each hour, between January and December 2015.

A leaked German intelligence document warned that mass migration from the Muslim world will lead to increasing political instability in the country. The document warned that the “integration of hundreds of thousands of illegal migrants will be impossible given the large numbers involved and the already-existing Muslim parallel societies in Germany.” The document added:

“We are importing Islamic extremism, Arab anti-Semitism, national and ethnic conflicts of other peoples, as well as a different understanding of society and law. German security agencies are unable to deal with these imported security problems, and the resulting reactions from the German population.”

A recent YouGov poll found that 68% of Germans believe that security in the country has deteriorated due to mass migration. Nearly 70% of respondents said they fear for their lives and property in German train stations and subways, while 63% feel unsafe at large public events.

An INSA poll found that 60% of Germans believe that Islam does not belong to Germany. Nearly half (46%) of those surveyed said they are worried about the “Islamization” of Germany.

In addition to the newcomers, the rate of population increase of the Muslim community already living in Germany is around 1.6% per year (or 77,000), according to data extrapolated from a Pew Research Center study on the growth of the Muslim population in Europe.

Based on Pew projections, which were proffered before the current migration crisis, the Muslim population of Germany was to have reached an estimated 5,145,000 by the end of 2015.

Adding the 800,000 Muslim migrants who arrived in Germany in 2015, and the 240,000 who arrived in 2016, combined with the 77,000 natural increase, the Muslim population of Germany jumped by 1,117,000, to reach an estimated 6,262,000 by the end of 2016. This amounts to approximately 7.6% of Germany’s overall population of 82.8 million.

The Muslim population of Germany could swell to 20 million as early as 2020, according to the president of the Bavarian Association of Municipalities (Bayerische Gemeindetag), Uwe Brandl. His forecast is based on so-called family reunifications — individuals whose asylum applications are approved will subsequently bring between four and eight additional family members to Germany.

More than a decade ago historian Bernard Lewis warned that if current migration trends continue, Europe will be Islamic by the end of the 21st century. Germany's political elites are in the vanguard of making that prediction come true.

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America Is Snoozing As Europe Wakes Up

Bruce Bawer

There was a time, in the years immediately after 9/11, when I was reasonably (though not entirely) confident that we Americans would be too savvy to let ourselves be led down the primrose path of Islamization. I assumed that the alarming example of Europe — where the destructive nature of Islam's impact was there for all to see — would be effective enough to persuade us to pull up the welcome mat and double-lock the door. What I didn't count on was that so many of our politicians and media would do such a splendid job of covering up the facts about the European situation and whitewashing the Religion of Peace. Nor could I have imagined that the post-9/11 generation of Americans would grow up to be so thoroughly drenched in political correctness that many of them would, in fact, come to see Islam not as a violent existential threat but as the most vulnerable of victim groups.

Yes, Americans elected Trump. Red-state Americans, anyway. But coastal elites went ballistic over his executive order that sought to put a temporary halt to immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries. Hollywood, the bubble-headed brain trust of blue-state America, set the tone of the backlash: Judd Apatow denounced Trump's "ignorance and cruelty"; Patricia Arquette suggested returning the Statue of Liberty to France; John Leguizamo reminded his Twitter followers that "The pilgrims came here on the #mayflower as refugees!" Several celebrity tweets implied that Europeans would never support such a monstrous act. Yet a new poll tells otherwise. Most EU citizens, it shows, would be happy to see a total and permanent end to immigration from the Islamic world. To be specific: 71% of Poles, 65% of Austrians, 53% of Germans, 51% of Italians, 64% of Belgians, 58% of Greeks, 61% of Frenchmen, and 64% of Hungarians want Muslim immigration to stop. For good. Only in two of the ten European countries surveyed did a Muslim immigration ban not win the support of a clear majority, and even in those cases a plurality approved of a ban: in Britain, the numbers were 47% for, 23% against; in Spain, 41% to 32%.

Chatham House, the London-based think tank that conducted the survey, plainly found these results distasteful. Calling them "sobering" and attributing them (at least in part) to the influence of the so-called "radical right," the pollsters sought to discount opposition to Muslim immigration by emphasizing that it was stronger among pensioners, the undereducated, rural types, and those "who are dissatisfied with their life" — in other words, not the right sort of people. Of course, what self-respecting think tank would be willing to admit that Europeans — having had enough of doling out welfare to immigrants who, in return, rape women and children, torment Jews and gays, commit violent crimes on an unprecedented scale, and express contempt for democracy and their infidel neighbors while tacitly supporting terrorism and sharia — are finally waking up?

How depressing that while more and more Europeans are snapping out of their self-delusions, all too many North Americans remain first-class dupes. According to the results of a Rasmussen poll that were released just the other day, 56% of Democrats actually believe that Muslims undergo serious persecution in the U.S, while only 46% think that Christians are persecuted in the Islamic world. What could be more delusional? Meanwhile, a CBS survey showed that only one in seven Democrats consider Islam to be more dangerous than any other religion and that nearly seven out of ten Democrats think Islam encourages violence to approximately the same extent as other faiths. Insane. Not to leave Canadians out, on February 16 the Parliament in Ottawa will actually consider a motion, known as M-103, that would criminalize Islamophobia. It's a move that should elicit mass protests in the streets; but most Canadians appear to be far more worked up about Trump than about the prospect of their own government severely curtailing their free-speech rights.

From all this, it's hard not to draw a bleak conclusion: namely, that most citizens of Western countries don't come to their senses on Islam until their countries are so far gone that it's too late – or almost too late – to rescue them. Even bleaker is the determination of the media, academic, and political establishment to keep drinking the Kool-Aid even after the masses decide they're done. Just the other day, Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, insisted that immigration into the EU would continue no matter what. "Europeans," she



Federica Mogherini

loftily pronounced, "should understand that we need migration for our economies and for our welfare systems." As if the Muslim tsunami was anything but a drain on Europe's economies and welfare states! Her opponents' views, Mogherini claimed, were "based on confrontation, instead of cooperation; on building walls, instead of building partnerships; on closures and bans, rather than dialogue." Ah, "cooperation"! "Building partnership"! "Dialogue"! Imagine being so insulated from reality that you're still capable of buying into all that empty rhetoric.

The sooner Europe can junk the EU and kick Mogherini and her ilk to the curb, the better. But what's to be done for America, where half the population, locked arm in arm philosophically with Meryl Streep and Lena Dunham, looks at the Islamic hordes over here and the Trump brigades over there, and sees the latter as a bunch of brownshirts?

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UNRWA: The Scam That Keeps on Scamming

Ruth King

Many years ago, when I graduated from college, a friend and classmate got her first job in the visitor's service of the United Nations. There were two perks. One was a free parking space and the other privileges to the debates in the General Assembly. Thanks to this I attended many sessions in the gallery as her guest. The "distinguished" members most often started their disquisitions by telling a humorous anecdote from their respective nations. They suffered greatly in translation but I can offer the

punch line to a real UN joke--namely The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

After the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, UNRWA was established by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949 to carry out relief and works programs for Palestine refugees. The Agency began operations on 1 May 1950. In June 2017, its mandate and funding come up for review. It deserves to be shut down.

First of all, it is a numbers racket. According to its own statement: "When the Agency began operations in 1950, it was responding to the needs of about 750,000 Palestine refugees. Today, some 5 million Palestine refugees are eligible for UNRWA services."

Even if we accept the questionable number of 750,000 Arabs who left Israel, how is it that sixty-seven years later--again from the home page, we read: "UNRWA is unique in terms of its long-standing commitment to one group of refugees. It has contributed to the welfare and human development of four generations of Palestine refugees, defined as 'persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine during the period 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict.' The descendants of Palestine refugee males, including legally adopted children, are also eligible for registration."

Again, in its words: "UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty."

Since World War Two, hundreds of millions of displaced persons from every continent have been relocated. They have had to learn new languages, new alphabets and adapt to new cultural mores. They have become participants in the politics of their adopted countries. How is it then that only Palestinian Arabs merit assistance? Furthermore, why has the status of "refugee" become a heritable entitlement, bequeathed from generation to generation?

When members of the media traipse through the camps, they are seldom shown nearby housing with facilities and running water. Instead local Arabs stage themselves near running sewers, cynically using children as props. As soon as the journalists move on to the next stop in their bash-Israel "fact finding" tour, the cast moves back to their updated lodgings.

Today the world is confronted and affronted by a tsunami of refugees from the Middle East. They flee jihad and tribal and civil warfare. The demand for haven and social services is enormous and yet UNRWA services only Palestinian Arabs in camps in Gaza (why Gaza, which is now ruled by Arabs?), Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

In the midst of the mayhem in Syria, on Feb. 1, 2017 Mohammed Abdi Adar, a Somali national, assumed his duties as Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in the Syrian Arab Republic. He describes his mandate thus: "It is an important opportunity to serve Palestine refugees in Syria," said Mr. Abdi Adar. "I look forward to working with the Syrian Government and other partners to help alleviate the suffering of Palestine refugees, who like the Syrians have experienced the dire consequences of the crisis over the last six years." Why only the "Palestinians?" This is a form of "profiling" that raises no hackles among Western hypocrites.

And UNWRA's so called relief is a canard since in its own words, conditions have worsened: "Over the years, these camps have transformed from temporary 'tent cities' into hyper-congested masses of multi-story buildings with narrow alleys, characterized by high concentrations of poverty and extreme overcrowding. The camps are considered to be among the densest urban environments in the world, but because camp structures were built for temporary use, over the decades the buildings have become overcrowded, critically substandard and in many cases life-threatening."

Why after 67 years are Palestinian Arabs a priority when hundreds of thousands are facing death and violence perpetrated by Arabs on other Arabs?

By the cynical sustaining of squalid camps and by nursing irredentist chimeras UNRWA prolongs the Arab/Israel war, promotes terrorism, and cons its supporters with pleas for money. They are grifters writ large.

Nonetheless, the United States is the largest donor to UNRWA. One can only hope that former Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, who made an outstanding debut as the new United States Ambassador to the United Nations in denouncing the organization's anti-Israel obsession, will make a speech declaring the U.S. will defund UNRWA when its mandate comes up for renewal in June.

Drain the swamp!

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