

# Muslim Lies about Israel

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Every year, campus Jew hate groups such as the Muslim Students Association and Students for Justice in Palestine join a festival of lies called “Israel Apartheid Week” whose theme is that Israel is an apartheid state (*false – Israel is the most tolerant and diverse state in the Middle East*) and that its security fence is an “apartheid wall” (*false – the wall is a fence put up to keep suicide bombers out and has reduced Palestinian terrorist attacks against Jews by over 90%*). These hate weeks are designed to de-legitimize Israel. The declared goal of Hamas and the PLO is to “liberate” Palestine “from the river to the sea” – in other words to destroy the Jewish state and push its inhabitants into the sea.

This paper is part of an Islamo-Fascism Awareness effort to draw attention to the Islamic extremists’ genocidal intentions and their campaign of lies about Israel. These lies that the Palestinians have aimed against Israel with the intention of destroying the Jewish state need to be confronted:

## The Lies

### **LIE 1: JEWS HAVE LITTLE HISTORICAL CONNECTION TO ISRAEL**

Jews have lived continuously in the land of Israel for 4000 years from the time of Abraham. Moses lived 3500 years ago in 1500 BC. The Muslims arrived through multiple invasions, beginning in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century AD, approximately 1400 years ago. This was after the Jews had lived in Israel for 2600 years! In the year 70 AD, when the Jewish civilization was already almost 2100 years old, the Romans forced many of the Jews of Judea and Samaria (now the West Bank) into exile. But at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the majority population of Jerusalem was still Jewish.

### **LIE 2: THE QUR’AN DESCRIBES JERUSALEM AS HOLY TO ISLAM**

The Qur’an does not mention Jerusalem because Mohammed never set foot in the city. Jerusalem was conquered by Muslim armies in 636 AD after the death of Mohammed. Muslim jihadists claim that the Qur’an mentions “The Furthest Mosque” — *Al-Aqsa* in Arabic – and that this is a Qur’anic reference to Jerusalem. This is a lie. The Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem had not been built when the Qur’an was written, so the reference is to some other “furthest mosque.” In contrast, Jerusalem is

and has always been a holy city to Jews. The daily prayers of the Jews are focused on Jerusalem. The Hebrew Bible mentions Zion and Jerusalem a total of 809 times.

### **LIE 3: THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON IS NOT JEWISH**

This lie is one of many designed to steal the history of the Jews in order to justify erasing them from the Middle East. When the Palestinian Authority was established in 1994, it immediately began a campaign to delegitimize Israel by rewriting history with the intention of denying Israel's right to exist. Among its false claims is that the remains of the Temple of Solomon – the Western Wall – are in fact the remnants of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Al-Aqsa Mosque was deliberately built on top of the Temple after the Muslim conquest to humiliate the conquered. This is the same imperialistic tradition that prompted jihadists in our day to build a mosque at Ground Zero, the site of the 9/11 attack.

### **LIE 4: ISRAEL OCCUPIES ARAB PALESTINE**

This is a genocidal claim made by the Muslim Students Association and other pro-Arab Muslim groups. It is genocidal because it obliterates the Jewish state. If Israel is actually “Occupied Palestine” then there is no legitimate Jewish state in the Middle East. In fact, there never was an Arab state called “Palestine” and no one even claimed there was until well after the United Nations created Israel in 1948. The land on which Israel was created by the U.N. was also used by the colonial powers to create Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan. It was land that had belonged to Turkey for 400 years. The Turks are not “Palestinians” and are not even Arabs. There never was an Arab country called “Palestine” or inhabited by “Palestinians.” Before the creation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1964, which was sixteen years after the birth of Israel, no Arab political entity was called by that name.

### **LIE 5: ISRAEL IS AN APARTHEID STATE**

“Apartheid” refers to the system created by South Africans in which “non-white” residents of that nation were denied citizenship and basic civil rights, and were forced to live in separate residential areas with segregated and inferior educational and medical services. Those wishing to demonize and destroy Israel now falsely call it “an Apartheid state.” But the only true Apartheid states in the Middle East are Islamic states in which Jews are not allowed to live and where Christians, Baha'is and other religious minorities are objects of discrimination and persecution.

## **LIE 6: THE ARABS WANT PEACE AND A STATE ON THE WEST BANK**

The Arabs rejected peace and a state on the West Bank first in 1948 when it was offered to them by the U.N. and again in 2000 when it was offered by Presidents Clinton and Barak. In 1949, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which the U.N. had designated as a homeland for the Arabs, were annexed respectively by Jordan and Egypt. When the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was formed in 1964 its covenant made no mention of liberating the West Bank or Gaza from Jordan and Egypt. The PLO leadership stated that its goal was to “push the Jews into the sea.” Today the “liberation” of Palestine “from the river to the sea” is still the goal of Hamas and the Palestinian Authority (PA). The war in the Middle East is about the desire of the Arabs and Muslims to destroy Israel; it is not about the desire for a Palestinian state.

There are 1.4 million Arabs living in Israel with civil rights that are the envy of the Arab world. Israeli Arabs vote in Israel’s elections, have representatives in the Israeli Parliament, sit on Israeli courts and on the Israeli Supreme Court, and serve as tenured professors teaching in Israeli colleges and universities. The Arab citizens of Israel have more rights, and enjoy more freedom, education, and economic opportunity than the inhabitants of any Arab or Muslim state.

## **LIE 7: THE HOLOCAUST IS EUROPE’S PROBLEM; PALESTINIANS HAD NO ROLE IN IT**

The Arabs generally and the “Palestinians” specifically were supporters of Hitler in the 1930s. The father of Palestinian nationalism, Haj Amin Al-Husseini, was a devoted Nazi who spent the war in Berlin and worked with members of the Third Reich to plan death camps for the Jews of the Middle East. Today he is revered by the Palestinians as the George Washington of their cause. The Muslim Brotherhood translated *Mein Kampf* into Arabic in the 1930s and called for the destruction of the Jewish state at its birth. Today Arab leaders call for the destruction of the Jewish state and routinely deny that the Holocaust with which their forbears collaborated actually took place.

## **LIE 8: ISRAEL’S SECURITY FENCE IS AN “APARTHEID WALL”**

This is two lies in one. The West Bank fence is a fence, not a wall. About 97% of the fence is made of chain-link material. The remaining 3% is concrete, designed to repel sniper fire in particular areas. The fence was built in 2003 in response to thousands of suicide bombings and rocket attacks on Israeli citizens by Palestinian terrorists, sponsored and armed

by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. The fence was built to keep out terrorists, not Arabs.

In the years since the construction of the fence, terrorist attacks have declined by more than 90%. The fence is Israel's legitimate defense against a ruthless and amoral terrorist aggressor.

## **LIE 9: ISRAEL COMMITS WAR CRIMES BY KILLING CIVILIANS**

This is the Big Lie, coming as it does from Palestinians who have made terrorist attacks on civilians a weapon of choice, and who make martyrs and national heroes out of suicide bombers.

The Gaza strip was a base for 7,000 rocket attacks against schoolyards and townships in Israel before the Israelis responded in 2007. During Israel's airstrikes on Gaza rocket sites there was one civilian death for every 30 terrorists. By contrast, a 2001 study by the International Committee of the Red Cross found that the civilian-to-military death ratio in wars fought since the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century has been 10:1 – ten civilian deaths for every soldier death. In other words, the Israelis protect civilians at a rate 300 times greater than any other national army. As a Harvard Law School Professor observed, “No army in history has ever had a better ratio of combatants to civilians killed in a comparable setting.”

## **LIE 10: ISRAEL IS THE CAUSE OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM**

The Palestinians claim there are 5 million Palestinian refugees who fled Israel during the 1948 war. This is false. There were only 500,000 Arab refugees from the 1948 war – an unprovoked war that Egypt and four other Arab states launched against the newly created state of Israel. In the aftermath of the war, 500,000 Jewish refugees were driven out of the Arab states in the Middle East. There are no Jewish refugees today, sixty years later, because Israel resettled them. Why are there still Arab refugees? The Arabs have been given billions of dollars by Israel and the United States to relocate their refugees. But the Arabs are still in refugee camps. While Israel resettled Jewish refugees, no Arab country would take in the “Palestinians” who were forced into camps and were kept there by the Arab regimes to stir up hatred against the Jews. The refugee “issue” has been created by the Muslim regimes as a weapon in their war against the Jews. It should be resolved by resettling the inhabitants of the refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza where almost all of them have lived all their lives or in the Palestinian state of Jordan.