

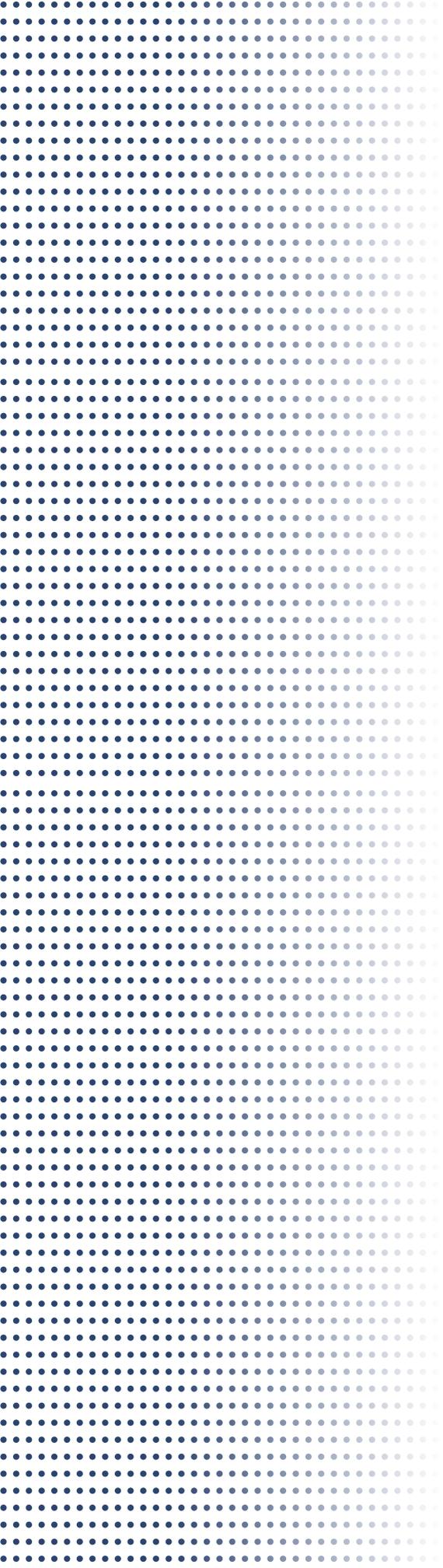


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NGO MONITOR IN THE WORLD

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Prof. Gerald Steinberg

Dear friends,

If NGO Monitor were traded on a political stock exchange, 2014 would be a year of record profits and dividends. We challenged the power of the radical NGO network in detailed reports, public events, briefings for decision makers, and in the mainstream and social media, leading to major results in many areas.

This impact was manifest in a widely read article in *The Atlantic* on the close cooperation between journalists and anti-Israel NGOs, and the efforts made to prevent NGO Monitor's criticism from being heard. As noted in the article, in 2009, the Jerusalem bureau of the Associated Press prohibited its reporters from quoting me or NGO Monitor.

However, this year's annual report clearly shows that more journalists, diplomats, and decision-makers are asking questions about the damage done by powerful NGOs in fueling the Arab-Israeli conflict. For instance, in 2014, NGO Monitor's research was quoted extensively in a number of books on the role of NGOs in promoting hate, including *Catch the Jew!* (Tuvia Tenenbom) and *The Industry of Lies* (Ben Dror Yemini).

As the following examples show, criticism of NGOs is growing across the media, from prestigious newspapers to wire services, medical journals, influential blogs, and beyond. In parallel, our recognition among political officials and impact on the academic world, where NGOs have previously been considered sacred, is also increasing.

The Lancet's Gaza Letter: Our diligent researchers uncovered the promotion of rank antisemitism by the main authors of a vicious "Open Letter for the People in Gaza" in *The Lancet* medical journal. Our work forced *The Lancet's* editor Dr. Richard Horton to visit Israel and express his "deep, deep regret" for the fallout, and led to new policies at the journal in relation to Israel as well as NGO conflicts of interest.

Gaza War: Our impact on *The Lancet* came after a difficult summer of war in Israel. In parallel to the rockets and tunnels attacks, particularly in the South, the NGO network fought the political and informational dimensions of the war against Israel. As a counter, NGO Monitor published over 20 reports on NGO warfare, including analyses of B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and "NGO medical malpractice."



European Friends of Israel (EFI)

We were also visible in over 115 media outlets throughout the world.

UN Presence and Impact: Last year, our parent body, the Amutah for NGO Responsibility, received ECOSOC accreditation at the UN. With this access, in 2014, we hosted a number of outstanding events at the UN, presented submissions to a variety of UN committees and human rights bodies, and spoke a number of times before the Human Rights Council.

Countering BDS: We also had great success in confronting BDS. We "named and shamed" Oxfam for its involvement in the SodaStream-Scarlett Johansson campaign. And our detailed research helped defeat divestment initiatives in Europe. Our "BDS in the Pews" project made serious inroads concerning church-based BDS initiatives, and our staff presented a report on Catholic NGO funding to important officials in the Church hierarchy.

Goals for 2015: We are working with partners to preemptively challenge the Schabas report, scheduled to be released in March. This includes public events in Geneva and Israel, as well as publications documenting the

central dimensions of the 2014 Gaza War that the NGO-UN alliance is likely to ignore.

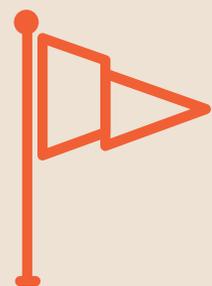
Another major front will be challenging the disproportionate influence that a narrow selection of NGOs wields on European policy making, largely through secret processes. NGO Monitor reports are central in the reviews that often lead to reductions of funding for the counterproductive, anti-peace agendas of advocacy NGOs that exploit moral principles in campaigns for BDS and other forms of demonization.

As seen in 2014, NGO Monitor continues to dismantle the dangerous "halo effect" that shields the unchecked power of NGOs in the media, UN bodies, governments (particularly in Europe), and academic settings. With your help and support, our voice will continue to be heard, in defiance of those who want to silence our speaking truth to NGO power.

Gerald Steinberg

2014 AT A GLANCE





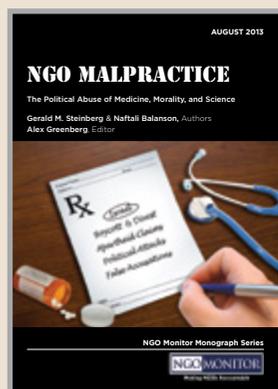
THE LANCET

NGO MONITOR TRIGGERS EDITORIAL AND POLICY CHANGES AT THE LANCET

In August 2013, NGO Monitor published a monograph, *“NGO Malpractice: The Political Abuse of Medicine, Morality, and Science.”* In part, our report dealt with political articles by advocacy NGOs in medical journals, a violation of scientific and journalistic best practices. This focus paid major dividends in 2014, when our research exposed antisemitic activities of the main authors of a vicious and inflammatory anti-Israel letter in a prominent British medical journal, *The Lancet*.

As seen in the following timeline, our “naming and shaming” of the letter’s authors, as well as the editor of *The Lancet*, Dr. Richard Horton, led to important developments in *The Lancet*’s approach to Israel.

In 2015, we will continue to closely monitor *The Lancet* and its relationship with political advocacy NGOs, as well as expand upon our impact by holding the funders of these groups accountable.



TIMELINE

JULY 23

A one-sided and slanderous “Open Letter for the People in Gaza” is published in *The Lancet* in the midst of the Gaza War. The letter spuriously calls Israel’s response to Hamas rockets “the creation of an emergency to masquerade a massacre” and a “ruthless assault.”

Two of the main authors, Drs. Paulo Manduca and Swee Ang Chai are affiliated with the NGOs, New Weapons Committee and Medical Aid for Palestinians respectively. A third, Dr. Mads Gilbert (NORWAC), has been the subject of numerous NGO Monitor reports addressing his demonization of Israel and conspiracy theories.



Screen capture from David Duke video on YouTube, which was promoted in emails by Drs. Paula Manduca and Swee Ang Chai.

AUGUST

NGO Monitor researchers discover emails from Manduca and Ang, promoting an antisemitic video made by white supremacist, David Duke. NGO Monitor shares its findings with the British media.



NGO Monitor research exposed emails from “Gaza Letter” authors Drs. Paola Manduca and Swee Ang Chai promoting an antisemitic video by American white supremacist David Duke.

SEPTEMBER 22

The Daily Telegraph (UK) story runs, featuring NGO Monitor’s research, as well as the responses of the authors: “Dr Manduca issued a statement in which she denied being anti-Semitic. ‘[But] I legitimately use my right of freedom of opinion,’ she said, ‘and do not agree or value the politics of the government of Israel, nor of many others, including Jews in and out of Israel.’ For her part, Dr Ang said: ‘I didn’t know who David Duke was, or that he was connected to the Ku Klux Klan. I am concerned that if there is any truth in the video, that Jews control the media, politics and banking, what on earth is going on? I was worried.’”



The Telegraph Lancet ‘hijacked in anti-Israel campaign’
Jake Wallis Simons | 22-Sep-14

NGO Monitor, an Israeli watchdog, points out that over the past 15 years, the journal has formed a number of partnerships with Palestinian groups, including the Lancet-Palestinian Health Alliance, Medical Aid for Palestinians and the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme. By contrast, there have been no comparable collaborations with Israeli groups.



Op-ed by NGO Monitor’s Yitzhak Santis.

SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 2

Extensive coverage in media platforms, including: *The Washington Post*, *The Telegraph*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Times of Israel*, and *The Algemeiner*.



Leading British medical journal refuses to retract open letter on Gaza written by authors concerned that “Jews control the media, politics and banking”

David Bernstein | 22-Sep-14

NGO Monitor has documented Manduca’s nutty worldview, of which anti-Semitic conspiracy theories are only a start.

OCTOBER 2

At Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, *The Lancet* editor, Richard Horton, expresses his “deep, deep regret” for the “completely unnecessary polarization” the letter caused, and condemns the antisemitic video promoted by the authors of the letter. However, he fails to retract the letter.



Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of *The Lancet*, Rambam Hospital, October 2, 2014.

OCTOBER 2-3

Extensive media coverage of Horton’s speech at Rambam, including: *The Daily Telegraph*, *Jerusalem Post*, and *Ynet*.



Lancet editor ‘regrets’ publishing Gaza letter

2-Oct-2014

NGO Monitor, a Jerusalem-based research institute, said in a statement that it is “urgent that the July 2014 ‘An Open Letter for the People of Gaza’ be removed from The Lancet’s website and a formal retraction and apology be published prominently, both on the website and the next hard copy issue.”

OCTOBER 11

Upon returning to the UK, Horton recaps his visit in his column in *The Lancet*. After condemning the antisemitism of the Duke video and opposing a boycott of Israel, he concludes, “editors should always pause, reflect, and consult before publishing any manuscript that might unnecessarily polarise, or foster or worsen political division.”



Lancet won’t retract Gaza letter over revelations about authors

Anthony Weiss | 23-Sep-14

NGO Monitor, a media watchdog, unearthed emails of Dr. Paola Manduca, a geneticist at the University of Genoa, and Dr. Swee Ang, an orthopedic surgeon, forwarding a video titled “CNN, Goldman Sachs, and the Zio Matrix” in which Duke accuses Jewish banking, media and political figures of conspiring to create “an unholy tribal alliance.” Duke has had ties to the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi groups.

OCTOBER 20

The Lancet’s ombudsman, Wisia Wedzicha, responds to the scandal, highlighting the central issue of NGO affiliation and partiality: “Manduca and colleagues declared no competing interests in their letter of July 22, but subsequently listed affiliations with organisations that could be linked to the situation in Gaza. As experienced contributors to the medical and scientific literature, the authors should have been aware of the need to disclose, at submission, any financial or other relationships that could be perceived to affect their work... I will be recommending that the editors put a policy in place to rectify this as soon as possible.”

NOVEMBER 3

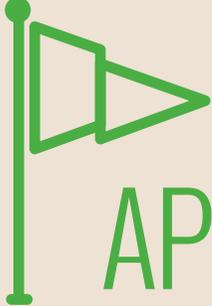
Statement by editors of medical journals and heads of scientific organizations, including American Diabetes Association, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, European Association for the Study of Diabetes, and The Endocrine Society, “reaffirm[s] that it is the mission of our respective medical journals to report and disseminate data from scientific investigation, evolving medical care, and innovative treatments...On the basis of our goals and principles, our respective journals will refrain from publishing articles addressing political issues that are outside of either research funding or health care delivery.”



Lancet editor visits Israel following uproar over Gaza war ‘massacre’ letter

30-Sep-14

“The trip will not provide Horton immunity from the justifiable moral outrage of Israelis, the Jewish community, and medical professionals,” said Yitzhak Santis, an official with the media watchdog NGO Monitor. “Nor will it absolve Horton of his responsibility to correct his politicized, non-scientific editorial distortions. If he cannot do so, he should resign.” NGO Monitor last week unearthed evidence tying two of the letters’ authors to support for white supremacist David Duke.



AP CENSORSHIP

JOURNALISTS CHALLENGE NGO INFLUENCE ON THE MEDIA

This year, we learned that the Associated Press' Jerusalem bureau had instructed its reporters not to quote NGO Monitor and Prof. Steinberg. As reported in Matti Friedman's article in *The Atlantic*, "What the Media Gets Wrong About Israel": "In my time as an AP writer moving through the local conflict, with its myriad lunatics, bigots, and killers, the only person I ever saw subjected to an interview ban was this professor."

The decision to single out and ban NGO Monitor highlights a reality of unchecked NGO power, as well as intense collaboration between NGOs and the media. *The Atlantic* article notes the "ethical gray zone of ties between reporters and NGOs," which lead to a situation where NGOs "are to be quoted, not covered." As NGO Monitor has repeatedly emphasized, these relationships play a major role in facilitating the spread of false and unreliable NGO allegations regarding Israel, and contribute to international campaigns of demonization.

The impact for NGO Monitor has extended beyond the article. Journalists and media observers responded by engaging in a crucially important dialogue about the need for skepticism regarding NGO claims. All agreed that powerful organizations such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International should be subject to journalistic checks-and-balances.

Journalists can play a central role in the Durban Strategy by uncritically repeating NGO distortions, which are then given further prestige and prominence by diplomats, UN officials, and academics. However, by adhering to professional standards, members of the media can scrutinize NGO allegations and provide the necessary background information and context on NGO funding and agendas.




What the Media Gets Wrong About Israel

Matti Friedman | 30-Nov-2014

Around this time, a Jerusalem-based group called NGO Monitor was battling the international organizations condemning Israel after the Gaza conflict, and... it could have offered some partisan counterpoint in our articles to charges by NGOs that Israel had committed "war crimes." But the bureau's explicit orders to reporters were to never quote the group or its director, an American-raised professor named Gerald Steinberg. In my time as an AP writer moving through the local conflict, with its myriad lunatics, bigots, and killers, the only person I ever saw subjected to an interview ban was this professor.




The Volokh Conspiracy

Washington Post: Blacklisting of pro-Israel watchdog organization NGO Monitor by the Associated Press

David Bernstein | 2-Dec-2014

Long-time readers will recall that I've relied on NGO Monitor's work in the past. Indeed, one of the most consequential "scoops" I've had as a blogger, that Human Rights Watch Middle East director Sarah Leah Whitson fundraised among rich Saudi Arabians with a pledge to use the money to counter pro-Israel forces in the West, came from NGO Monitor.

More generally, Steinberg and NGO Monitor are huge players in the debate over the role NGOs play in the Israel-Palestinian conflict, and has been particularly effective in revealing how

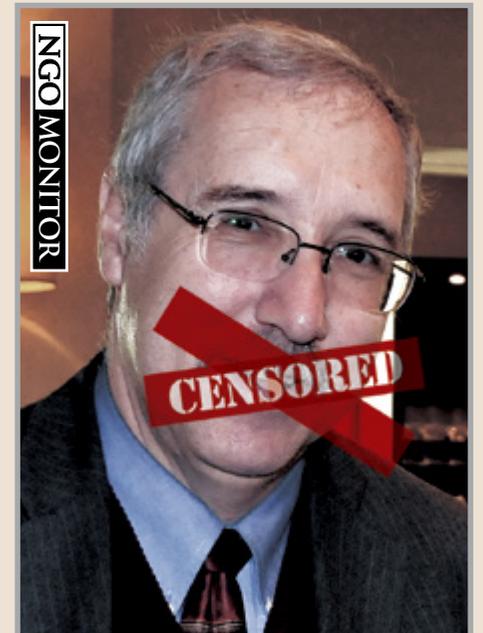
many NGOs in both Israel and the territories that are hostile to Israel's existence receive the bulk of their funding from European governments, creating significant controversy in Israel and Europe. I've been following NGO Monitor for years, and have yet to see the organization tell any lies or make any significant errors, which is much more than one can say for, e.g., Human Rights Watch and other anti-Israel organizations routinely relied upon by the media as objective sources. I've also met Steinberg and worked with his staff; they are professional, dedicated, and, based on my conversations with them, quite moderate in terms of the Israeli political spectrum.



NGO Monitor Response

2-Dec-2014

"Matti Friedman's revelations regarding the efforts to censor NGO Monitor and me as its president are not entirely surprising," said Prof. Steinberg, president and founder of NGO Monitor. "Based on our experience in publishing detailed research on over 150 NGOs claiming to promote human rights and humanitarian objectives, we are aware of the intense efforts to maintain the NGO 'halo effect' and prevent critical debate. While the AP censorship was explicit, we have experienced similar silencing from other media platforms."





GAZA WAR 2014

MAJOR IMPACT DURING GAZA WAR: RESEARCH, MEDIA OUTREACH, AND PUBLIC EVENTS COUNTER NGO POLITICAL WARFARE

As in previous rounds of fighting in the Arab-Israeli conflict, political NGOs issued numerous unfounded statements condemning Israel during the 2014 Gaza War ("Operation Protective Edge"). These NGOs made unverifiable claims, distorted international law, and included language of blood libel. Their allegations were not scrutinized; rather, they were repeated by journalists, diplomats, and UN officials.



THE JERUSALEM POST

The Gaza numbers game

Anne Herzberg | 14-Jul-14

If many civilians are being killed in Gaza, it is because Hamas is storing and launching deadly missiles from within populated areas and exploiting the population there as a human shield. Conversely, if even one civilian were to be illegitimately targeted, that single killing would be illegal. Thus, the UN officials' emotive statements are entirely disconnected from the legal and moral implications of Israel's actions.



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Terror tunnels, embargoes and human rights

Josh Bacon | 25-Jul-14

When NGOs pressured Israel to ease its blockade, they falsely claimed that a legitimate defensive, less invasive measure constitutes "collective punishment." In ignoring Hamas' misuse of materials and exploitation of the eased blockade, these groups were extremely naïve. But, when coupled with antagonistic rhetoric toward Israel, it was more likely an expression of a malicious anti-Israel agenda.

During this time, NGO Monitor:



Appeared on Television and Radio



Interview with Lena Bakman on Channel 20, July 17, 2014, regarding the central role of the NGO network.



Interview with Prof. Steinberg on Channel 1, IBA, July 27, 2014, regarding the central role of the NGO network.



Publishing

Published **16** op-eds and was referenced in over **115** media outlets worldwide.

Published more than **20** reports on NGOs engaged in political warfare, including analyses of Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, B'Tselem, and "NGO medical malpractice."

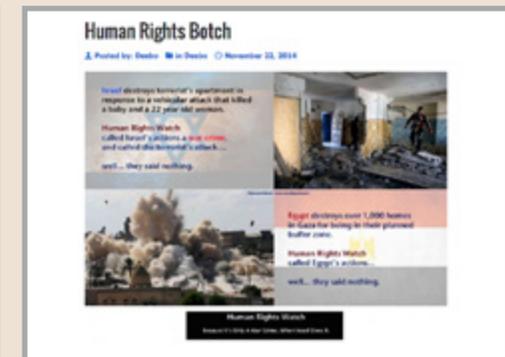


Emergency Knesset Session on Antisemitism

At an emergency session on antisemitism at the Knesset's Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Committee on July 28, Prof. Steinberg discussed the escalating demonization campaign on the part of media outlets, Palestinian activists, and NGOs claiming to promote human rights, and aiming to designate Israel as a "war criminal state." NGOs disseminate false, baseless and unverifiable accusations; on this basis, they call for international investigations, arms embargoes, and BDS against Israel. Prof. Steinberg outlined how these campaigns feed violent demonstrations and antisemitic incidents in Europe.



Prof. Steinberg at an emergency session on antisemitism at the Knesset's Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Committee, July 28, 2014.



Human Rights Watch's disproportionate and distorted allegations against Israel, courtesy of the "Israellycool" blog (www.israellycool.com).

 Vastly increased the number of followers on social media platforms, including Twitter and Facebook



 Hosted two special public events at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, featuring Richard Kemp, Dore Gold, Miri Eisin, and the ambassadors of Canada and Australia.

- Special Event at Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, July 24, 2014 – “Exploiting Human Rights and Political Warfare: Lessons from Goldstone” – on the central role of the NGO political network in the campaign to repeat the 2009 “Goldstone process.”



L-R: Prof. Steinberg; Moshe Fuksman, Deputy Director of the Menachem Begin Heritage Center; Col. Richard Kemp CBE; Hart Hasten, President of the US Friends of the Menachem Begin Heritage Foundation.



Prof. Steinberg.



Col. Richard Kemp CBE.



Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA) President and former UN Ambassador Dore Gold.



Col. (res.) Miri Eisin.



- Panel discussion at Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, July 31, 2014, “Operation Protective Edge: Report from the Diplomatic Front.”



L-R: Amb. Dave Sharma (Australia); Prof. Steinberg; Amb. Vivian Bercovici (Canada).



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Elite Israeli Unit Loses 13 in Gaza Battles

Gerald Steinberg | 21-Jul-14

The outfit also has a reputation for being composed of Israelis looking to climb the social ladder through military service, said Gerald Steinberg, an Israeli political science professor at Bar-Ilan University. He said Israelis view Golani soldiers as highly motivated and rough, sometimes to their detriment. “They are very determined to prove themselves, and often take bigger risks and pay a higher price, as happened today,” Mr. Steinberg said.



EUROPE

A primary NGO Monitor objective in Europe is to significantly reduce the disproportionate and massive direct and indirect government funding to political advocacy NGOs coming from the European Union (EU), its 28 member states, Norway, and Switzerland, as well as foundation funding and indirect channels through European Christian aid frameworks. Serious challenges remain, particularly within the EU, where transparency and accountability remain opaque and, in many instances, non-existent.

In 2014, NGO Monitor made significant progress in a number of key areas, following a strategy based on “naming and shaming.” Specifically, we increased our correspondence and meetings with EU officials and Members of Parliament, as well as outreach at conferences, parliamentary sessions, and high level meetings throughout Europe. We also filed freedom of information (FOI) requests and appeal processes to press for improved transparency and accountability. Our systematic research reports and follow-up activities at the EU, and in Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the UK, Sweden, Germany, and Spain have achieved positive impact in relation to the monitoring of European funding to politicized NGOs, and the combatting of antisemitism and BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns.

Impact in Europe: Challenging the EU’s NGO Funding in Brussels

In 2014, NGO Monitor intensified outreach efforts at the EU, highlighting the central role Brussels plays in the support of political NGOs, and the influence it has on EU programs and member states’ policies. In February, at a meeting with the EU Delegation for Relations with Israel, Prof. Steinberg presented NGO Monitor’s research, leading three Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) – Baroness Sarah Ludford (Liberal Democrats-UK), Sari Essayah (Christian Democrats-Finland), Bastiaan Belder (Conservative Reformists-The Netherlands) – to intervene.

Also, in February, NGO Monitor held a meeting with the EU Ambassador to Israel, Ambassador Lars Faaborg-Andersen, and members of his staff. During this meeting, NGO Monitor presented its latest reports and research on EU funding for NGOs.



In 2014, twelve MEPs posed parliamentary questions to the European Commission (EC) regarding EU funding for NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.



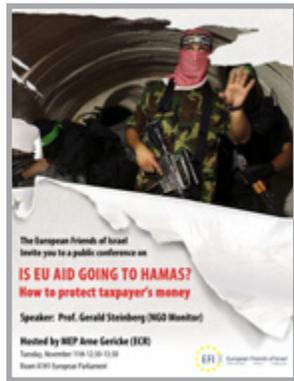
European Friends of Israel (EFI)

Prof. Steinberg and Jody Sieradzki of NGO Monitor’s Europe Desk presenting at the European Parliament in Brussels, February 16, 2014.

Later in February, NGO Monitor published “Evaluating Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR),” a detailed research report, demonstrating how large-scale funding is allocated to organizations that do not advance stated objectives of promoting democracy and human rights. This report sparked parliamentary questions relating to fundamental aspects of EU funding policies. Referring to our report, MEP Belder asked High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission “Would the High Representative agree that the EU should be held responsible for other views held by NGOs in receipt of funding for a project, since the funding gives legitimacy to the entire NGO and not just to the project?” The response did not address the suspect claim, often made by EU officials, that the EU only supports projects, not NGOs, nor did it relate to political warfare against Israel that is carried out by EU-funded NGOs. Instead, High Representative/Vice-President Ashton on behalf of the Commission replied, “The EU fully supports diversity of opinion and freedom of expression as long as this is in line with its fundamental democratic principles.”

During a week-long visit to Brussels in October, we held over 30 meetings with influential MEPs, EU advisors, and other personnel. This trip enabled us to strengthen existing partnerships and initiate many new ones, which will require ongoing follow-up in 2015.

In November, Prof. Steinberg addressed MEPs and staffers in Brussels on the topic of “Is EU Aid Going to Hamas? How to Protect Taxpayer’s Money.” The event, organized by European Friends of Israel (EFI) and hosted by MEP Arne Gericke (ECR-Germany), presented NGO Monitor’s research on EU-funded NGOs that are active in expanding international political warfare campaigns against Israel and do not further the ideas of peace and reconciliation, and the misuse of EU taxpayer money to frustrate EU foreign policy. While in Brussels, Prof. Steinberg also met with top diplomats, including the Mashreq/Maghreb (MaMa) working party, part of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which consists of delegates from the 28 member states of the Council of the EU, as well as senior European External Action Service (EEAS) officials, and is central in determining EU common foreign and security policy



regarding Israel. Prof. Steinberg briefed the group on the adverse impact of EU-funded NGOs, and highlighted the lack of transparency and due diligence in supporting the NGO network, undermining peace efforts and EU foreign policy.

At the end of 2014, we submitted our first report to the EEAS and the European Commission (EC) ahead of its 2014 Progress Report on Israel. In this annual report, the EU assesses progress made towards the objectives of the Action Plans and the Association Agreements that deal with bilateral relations of countries in the “European neighborhood.” As our submission demonstrates, previous Progress Reports on Israel are characterized by double standards compared to other European Neighborhood Policy countries, and focus disproportionately on the conflict and other political issues, instead of bilateral EU-Israel



relations. Moreover, the Reports are heavily influenced by submissions and claims by EU-funded political NGOs. Our submission refutes allegations that originate from these NGOs and highlights the detrimental effect these NGOs and their statements have on bilateral relations and EU policy making.



European Friends of Israel (EFI)



In May, Dutch MP Joram van Klaveren used our report as the basis for a parliamentary question to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation on subsidies for anti-Israeli NGOs that advocate BDS.

Revealing UK, EU and Norway Funding for Lawfare vs. Israel

In 2014, NGO Monitor exposed significant British, EU, and Norwegian government funding for the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), which in turn transferred the funds to Palestinian and Israeli NGOs to conduct legal advocacy against Israel. Using these funds, which originated with European taxpayers, NGOs flooded Israeli courts with hundreds of petitions and suits, drafted petitions against Israel and Canada at the UN, and exploited international legal rhetoric to demonize Israel.

Our February report, “Exploiting Justice,” detailed £20 million provided to NRC, an NGO, for its “Information, Counselling, and Legal Assistance Project.” This grant has funded more than 677 lawsuits in Israeli courts on the most politically controversial and explosive issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict: NRC claims the funding is responsible for 51% of all house demolition cases in Area C of the West Bank and 35% of all legal cases dealing with housing, land, and property claims in East Jerusalem and Area C.

In addition, NRC accessed these funds for a complaint against Canada at the UN Human Rights Committee, impugning the Canadian justice system. (See page 30.)

Our report has been disseminated to a wide variety of government officials and diplomats, including in Israel, Canada, UK, EU, and Norway. We also met with British parliamentarians, who were visiting Israel, and officials from the British Department for International Development (DFID), to discuss UK involvement in the funding of political advocacy NGOs.

On a trip to London in April, Prof. Steinberg met with a wide spectrum of UK officials regarding this report and similar issues.



In February, Dutch MPs Joram van Klaveren and Raymond de Roon posed a parliamentary question to the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation regarding “Subsidies for Anti-Israeli clubs.” In March, MP de Roon filed a parliamentary motion to stop subsidies, (direct and indirect) to NGOs that pursue a boycott of Israel.

How Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands Fund Politicized NGOs

In April, NGO Monitor published “Human Rights and International Law Secretariat: Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.” This report details how a joint initiative by four European governments provides millions of dollars to Israeli and Palestinian NGOs that engage in legal and political warfare to demonize Israel, through The Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (the “Secretariat”). This funding mechanism has a projected budget of \$17.6 million over four years.

The funds are managed by the Institute of Law at Birzeit University (IoL-BZU) and a European multidisciplinary consulting company, NIRAS. In March 2014, the Secretariat announced \$10.5 million in pooled funding, over three years, for 24 Israeli and Palestinian NGOs, including many groups that engage in legal warfare against Israeli officials and companies that do business with Israel, promote BDS campaigns, advance a “1948 agenda” (rejecting a state of Israel in any form and regardless of boundaries), use explicitly antisemitic imagery and language, and exploit the false “apartheid” analogy to demonize Israel.

The partnership with the Institute of IoL-BZU is troubling. In February 2014, IoL-BZU published a 15-page report, “Advocating for Palestinian Rights in conformity with International Law: Guidelines” (English and Arabic). This document advances a 1948 agenda and is a strategic manual for exploiting legal terms and rhetoric to demonize and isolate Israel internationally (“lawfare”), as well as to emphasize that Israel is among “racist regimes which are absolutely prohibited in their entirety.” The extreme rhetoric advanced by the Institute suggests that it does not possess the capacity to administer the Secretariat or to carry out the objective of engaging in “policy dialogue.”

Follow-up research in October details how, on August 2, 2014, the Secretariat announced “emergency funding” to nine NGOs for use in documenting “large scale violations of human rights and international humanitarian law – the majority against Palestinian civilians and civilian objects” in Gaza, for the purposes of assisting and supporting national and international mechanisms” such as the UN Human Rights Council’s investigation headed by William Schabas, and the campaign to open cases against Israelis in the International Criminal Court (ICC). The nine NGOs (Al-Dameer, B’Tselem, Badil, Breaking the Silence, DCI-Palestine, Al Mezan, Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Women’s Affairs Center, Women’s Affairs Technical Committee) have extensive records of making unsubstantiated allegations of Israeli “war crimes,” while disregarding clear Hamas violations. In addition, some of these NGOs played a pivotal role in providing dubious and inaccurate statements to the discredited 2009 UN Goldstone inquiry.

IMPACT

On April 13, the Swedish “Stop the Boycott” organization initiated a petition regarding Swedish funding for NGOs that promote political warfare against Israel, as documented in our research on The Secretariat. On April 17, “Stop the Boycott” wrote a letter to Hillevi Engström, Minister for International Development Cooperation, protesting Swedish funding for organizations that oppose a two-state solution, engage in antisemitic activities, and promote BDS campaigns.

Challenging Islamic Relief Worldwide’s Governmental Donors

The UK-based Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) (annual budget £26 million) announced that it had stopped taking donations from the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) destined for Gaza, pending an investigation. This followed an Israeli ban against IRW for alleging funneling money to Hamas.

NGO Monitor sent detailed information on IRW to its government donors, including the UK, EU, Spain, and Sweden, as well as questions regarding the decision making and review processes. Shortly afterwards, IRW notified the UK Charity Commission of the decision to suspend links to the DEC pending an investigation. Prof. Steinberg presented NGO Monitor’s research and analysis on IRW at the 14th International Conference on Counter-Terrorism, on September 9 at the IDC-Herzliya’s International Institute for Counter-Terrorism.

In Wake of German Research, Prof. Steinberg Speaks in Berlin

In October 2013, NGO Monitor published a detailed report, “German Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs Active in the Arab Israeli Conflict.” As a follow-up, in June 2014, Prof. Steinberg was invited to Berlin to present the report to key German parliamentarians.

In Berlin, Prof. Steinberg held a press conference, hosted by the Mideast Freedom Forum, Berlin (MFFB), on “How Germany’s Funding for Radical NGOs Damage Israeli-Palestinian Peace Efforts and Strengthens Hamas.” As a result of the visit, our research on Germany gained impressive coverage in prominent German newspapers.

Combatting European BDS

In January, NGO Monitor Europe Desk Coordinator Jody Sieradzki travelled to Amsterdam, presenting NGO Monitor’s findings on BDS in the Netherlands at an event organized by CIDI (Centrum Informatie en Documentatie Israel). Over 250 people attended, including Israeli diplomats, officials of the Amsterdam municipality, journalists, and Jewish activists and their allies. Further to this event, in April, NGO Monitor published a report examining attempts by Dutch NGOs to coerce Dutch companies to end ties with Israel.

Continuing our impact regarding BDS in the Netherlands, ABP, the giant Dutch civil service pension fund with assets of 325 billion, rejected pressure from an alliance of NGOs calling for “divestment from five Israeli banks.” NGO Monitor’s unique and detailed research reports exposing the false claims and deep bias of Avaaz and other powerful NGOs leading this BDS attack, played a key role in this successful outcome. These reports were sent to the main decision makers in Holland and Israel, including to ABP senior executives.



Prof. Steinberg presenting at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)’s 14th International Conference. His talk concerned humanitarian NGOs and their political warfare campaigns against Israel, September 9, 2014.



Israel Association for the Study of European Integration (IAESI) conference, October 30, 2014: Prof. Steinberg with Walter Klitz, head of the (German) Naumann Foundation’s Israel office.



Prof. Steinberg at a conference in Berlin: “How Germany’s Funding for Radical NGOs Damage Israeli-Palestinian Peace Efforts and Strengthen Hamas.” Hosted by the Mideast Freedom Forum, Berlin (MFFB), June 26, 2014.



NGO MONITOR REPORT LEADS TO MUNICIPAL BOYCOTT

In 2012, NGO Monitor released a report related to the Dutch organization known as “Stichting Kinderpostzegel,” highlighting funding for anti-Israel projects. In response, on September 2014, the Mayor of Urk announced that his municipality will boycott this year’s Stichting Kinderpostzegel fundraising campaigns. The mayor’s decision was widely reported in Dutch media outlets.

Confronting NGO Antisemitism in Europe

- In November, Prof. Steinberg participated in an academic conference on antisemitism held in Barcelona. In his presentation, Prof. Steinberg examined the role of political advocacy NGOs and their funders in spreading contemporary antisemitism. As he noted, “this conference marks a major European recognition of the need to name and shame the self-proclaimed ‘human rights network’ for their role in anti-Israel incitement and antisemitism.”
- The book, *Catch the Jew!* (תפוס את היהודי), by journalist Tuvia Tenenbom, describes a number of interactions with NGOs and other activists who thought they were talking to a European journalist, not an Israeli. The book highlights the NGO industry surrounding the Arab-Israeli conflict and the damage caused by anti-Israel and antisemitic ideologues in these groups. Tenenbom met with Prof. Steinberg in preparing his book in relation to the NGO connection and its influence.



Prof. Steinberg participating in a conference on antisemitism in Barcelona, Spain, November 5, 2014.

Xavier Torrens

The extensive media coverage of the book in Israel highlighted a number of disturbing incidents involving European-funded NGOs. One such report dealt with the Italian NGO “Casa per la Pace Milano,” and its partnerships with Israeli NGOs, including Combatants for Peace and B’Tselem. According to Tenenbom’s reports, Casa per la Pace brought Italian youth volunteers to Israel and the West Bank, and were accompanied by a B’Tselem researcher who denied the Holocaust, and a Combatants for Peace activist, known for promoting BDS, who guided the group at Yad Vashem.

Following these exposés, NGO Monitor researched the activities of the Italian NGO and identified EU funding through the European Volunteer Service (EVS) program of the European Commission (EC). NGO Monitor contacted the DG Education and Culture, responsible for this funding. The Commissioner replied that EC funding was allocated for other activities that did not concern the Middle East, but preliminary research on EVS programs shows that funding from DG Education and Culture is indeed directed to political NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

- In November, NGO Monitor submitted a report to the UK’s All-Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism inquiry “into lessons that can be learned from the recent upsurge of anti-Jewish violence emanating from the Middle East conflict.” Our submission pertained to UK-based and UK-funded NGOs involved directly in activities and/or statements that fueled the marked rise of antisemitism within the UK during the Summer 2014 Gaza war. We discussed incidents such as the “Open Letter for the People in Gaza” that appeared in *The Lancet* medical journal (see pages 10-13) and antisemitic tweets from an Amnesty-UK staffer; the activities of War on Want, Palestinian Forum in Britain, and Palestinian Solidarity Campaign; and Christian Aid’s partnership with Sabeel.



In February, NGO Monitor met with senior Belgian MFA officials and Belgian MPs, including Jan Jambon, leader of the Flemish “N-VA” Party, regarding Belgian funding for political advocacy NGOs.



NORTH AMERICA

In 2014, NGO Monitor continued its efforts in North America, examining the impact of government funding for political advocacy NGOs; the role of church-based organizations in advancing BDS campaigns, such as the Presbyterian Church (USA) divestment vote; and funding from private sources, such as the New Israel Fund (NIF) and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF).

United States Gov't Funding for Political NGOs

In 2014, NGO Monitor continued to focus on funding for politicized NGOs originating from U.S. government funding frameworks. U.S. taxpayer funds for NGOs are channeled through several frameworks, including United States Agency for International Development (USAID), National Endowment for Democracy (NED), Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), and United States Institute of Peace (USIP).

In May 2013 we published [“The Negative Impact of U.S. Government Funding for Mideast Political NGOs,”](#) a report relating to U.S. government funding for NGOs whose activities contribute to the political campaigns demonizing and delegitimizing Israel. In many cases, these NGO activities directly contradict U.S. government support for peace efforts and for promoting Palestinian democracy. Grants are awarded without due diligence: there is no requirement for independent evaluations prior to grant renewals, and there are pronounced inconsistencies between stated objectives and the implementation of funded projects.

In June 2014, we published an update: [“Transparency and Due Diligence in U.S. Government Funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs,”](#) showing that despite positive changes implemented since our original report, U.S. funding continues to go to NGOs active in anti-Israel and BDS campaigns. This directly contradicts U.S. government support for peace efforts and democracy promotion.

Our research shows that USAID remains the most transparent U.S. government funding mechanism. Most USAID projects funded in 2013-2014 are not blatantly biased nor do they participate in the demonization of Israel. They appear to help “develop mutual understanding and build ties” between Israelis and Palestinians. Concurrently, a number of USAID grantees, including Sadaka Reut (sub-awardee), Sikkuy, and the Near East Foundation, require close monitoring.

NED also lists comprehensive information on its website, although it continues to fund NGOs that promote BDS and demonization of Israel. USIP responded transparently and extensively to NGO Monitor inquiries. MEPI, however, continues to provide incomplete, non-transparent information on its website, and its terse correspondence with NGO Monitor reflects a lack of transparency.

Helping Congress Increase Accountability and Transparency

On March 12, at the U.S. House Foreign Ops subcommittee hearing Charlie Dent (R-PA) questioned Secretary of State John Kerry regarding the quality control and the quality assurance of vetting processes for NGOs. Ranking member Nita Lowey (D-NY) also questioned Secretary Kerry as to why one of the U.S. funded NGOs supports boycotting SodaStream. These questions, reflecting our outreach to Members of Congress, are essential for bringing NGO funding concerns to the highest levels of the U.S. government.

UK Funding for UN Complaint against Canada

In a January 2 memorandum, “UK Funding for UN Complaint against Canada,” NGO Monitor revealed that, according to documents obtained from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the UK financed (via funding for Norwegian Refugee Council) a complaint against Canada at the UN Human Rights Committee, impugning the Canadian justice system (see page 23). This appears to be part of a broader NGO political warfare strategy (“lawfare”) that exploits legal frameworks to target Israel and its allies. The complaint is pending at the Committee.

With the assistance of partners in Canada, our memo reached senior members of the Canadian government. We also met with British government officials, who had been made aware of our outreach to the Canadians; they did not, however, offer satisfactory justifications for this exploitation of British taxpayer funds.

Engaging with Rockefeller Brothers Fund on “Peacemaking” Funding

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF), a private foundation that aims to advance “social change that contributes to a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world,” is a relatively new supporter of political advocacy NGOs involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. NGO Monitor research, including our report, “Rockefeller Brothers Funds Activities Inconsistent with Stated ‘Peacebuilding’ Objectives” (May 14), shows that RBF funds Breaking the Silence, Comet-ME, Al-Shabaka, Molad, +972 Magazine, and Parents Circle, in addition to other progressive political groups such as J Street and NIAC.

In correspondence with RBF officials and board members, we noted that such funding is inconsistent, and even counterproductive, to RBF’s stated objectives under its Peacekeeping framework.

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“I just want to mention one of our very important grantees took a position with regard to a boycott after the SodaStream issue. I thought it was totally inappropriate and I made it clear to them in a letter and in a public statement... So for one of our grantees to support this BDS drive, I just wanted to put on the record I thought it was outrageous.” (Nita Lowey D-NY, U.S. Congress, March 12, 2014)



In 2014, we also corresponded with RBF officials regarding the endorsement of violence against civilians on the +972 blog. In a post titled “Settler violence: It comes with the territory” (January 21), Larry Derfner, a regular contributor to the blog, wrote, “what about Palestinian violence against settlers, not to mention against other Israelis? My answer is that there is no comparing the violence of people living under colonial rule with that of the colonists.”

In the comment section of the blog, he clarified his remarks:

“...so why don’t we talk about the killing of adults. Yes, I think that people living under tyranny have the right to deliberately kill adults belonging to the tyrannizing nation, and that goes for, among others, Jews who lived under the British occupation and Palestinians living under the Israeli occupation.”

In response, RBF claimed that it works with “civil society organizations that promote non-violent responses to conflict.” Yet, as a funder-enabler of +972, RBF refused to condemn the endorsement of violence, suggesting that it was somehow linked to “freedom of speech.”

Holding New Israel Fund Accountable

With an annual budget of nearly \$30 million, the New Israel Fund (NIF) is a large source of foreign money and political influence on Israeli society. As a result, criticism of NIF’s agendas, its secrecy, and its mistakes is growing among centrist Israelis who view war and peace as complex and not subject to simple ideological formulas.

This year, in addition to numerous reports and documents on NIF grantees (see page 37), NGO Monitor published two comprehensive reports on NIF funding:

- “Analysis of New Israel Fund (NIF) Funding for Divisive Campaigns,” January 15: Within Israel, NIF is widely perceived as a negative, ideological, and sectarian organization.

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“Do you believe that the vetting of these organizations is specific and careful enough to ensure that those organizations and the people associated with some of these organizations align better with U.S. and frankly U.S.-Israeli policy?” (Charlie Dent R-PA, U.S. Congress, March 12, 2014)

This is a result of the involvement of NIF grantees in campaigns that delegitimize Israel, such as the Goldstone process and other activity directed to non-Israeli audiences. In some cases, NIF-funded groups use language and sponsor activities that stand in sharp contrast to the principles of tolerance and the progressive liberal agenda that the organization claims to support, as documented by NGO Monitor.

- **“Changes in NIF Grants- 2013,”** June 23: As in previous years, NGO Monitor analyzed NIF’s financial reports, detailing grants in 2013 to a wide variety of Israeli NGOs (financial reports on 2013 are only released in mid-2014). Our reports focus on the 18% of NIF funding authorized to political advocacy NGOs active, to varying degrees, in demonization campaigns against Israel. NIF expenses in 2013 were \$32,228,849, a 3.5% decrease from 2012 (\$33,418,398). Authorized grants were approximately \$16.4 million in 2013, a 4% decrease from 2012 (\$17.6 million).

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One of the most prominent U.S. voices against the academic boycott of Israel is Cary Nelson, professor of English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In an article, “Is the Boycott Movement Anti-Semitic?” Inside Higher Ed, September 2, 2014, Prof. Nelson cites NGO Monitor’s reports and findings in relation to BDS and government funding of BDS activities, stating that it is rarely mentioned “that both NGOs and foreign governments fund BDS activity.”

In October, we published a short analysis on **“NIF Connections to Letter in Favor of UK Recognition of Palestinian State.”** On October 13, the British Parliament held a symbolic, non-binding vote on whether the UK should recognize the State of Palestine, even in the absence of a negotiated peace agreement with Israel. The Board of Deputies of British Jews, pro-Israel MPs, and Members of Knesset from the Labor Party warned that such unilateral actions would hamper prospects for peace in the region. In response, “363 Israeli public figures,” many connected to the NIF, “signed a letter to the Members of the British Parliament, calling upon them to vote in favor of British recognition of a Palestinian State.” A number of NIF-affiliated signatories were also responsible for the October 2012 “push” poll, which used faulty and manipulative methodology to falsely allege that Israelis would support apartheid in Israel.



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Exposing Activists Behind Presbyterian Church (USA) Vote on Divestment

Prior to the Presbyterian Church’s General Assembly (GA) in Detroit in June, NGO Monitor published a resource guide for delegates to the Assembly, **“Something for Presbyterians to Consider: On Peacemaking in the Middle East.”** The pamphlet was aimed specifically for a Presbyterian audience and was distributed by Presbyterian allies at the GA.

In the week after the church voted in support of divestment, NGO Monitor released a briefing paper exposing antisemitism within the Presbyterian activist group behind the divestment vote, the Israel-Palestine Mission Network (IPMN): **“The Role of Antisemitism in the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s Decision to Support Divestment.”** IPMN is a church affiliated activist group centrally responsible for lobbying the denomination to divest from companies that do business with Israel. IPMN also published the highly inflammatory booklet, **“Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study.”** (See page 40.)



BDS in the Pews: Canadian Church Funding

“BDS in the Pews: Canadian Church Funding” (November 5) is a short report prepared for a meeting with a senior Canadian government official. The publication discusses Canadian government funding for politicized church-based NGOs. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funds Development and Peace and the United Church of Canada. These two church organizations reflect strong bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict, supporting BDS, promoting the Kairos Palestine document that denies the Jewish connection to Israel, and partnering with anti-Israel Palestinian Christian NGOs. For further information on BDS in the Pews, see page 39.



ISRAEL

In 2014, NGO Monitor positioned itself in Israel as an accessible, reliable, balanced, and relevant source of information, providing expertise on key issues relating to the role of NGOs in the conflict.

We received constant requests for information, briefings, and comments from the Israeli media, government officials, and Knesset members from across the political spectrum. Our Israel Desk staff also expanded our interaction and cooperation with various Israeli civil society groups, and continued to be regularly invited to present to students, academics, professionals, journalists, and public opinion shapers, on both a national and international scale.

Reflecting the growing influence of NGO Monitor, the Israeli government increasingly recognizes the danger posed by NGO demonization and reacts in a sophisticated manner to NGO “soft power” attacks. Examples include the responses to Amnesty International’s false publications on Gaza.

In the Knesset, our impact was particularly visible in confronting BDS and the NGO network’s antisemitism. In March, while welcoming British PM David Cameron, Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein stated that Israel is threatened by “NGOs posing as humanitarian groups...and promoting boycotts.” MK Nachman Shai (Labor) published a number of articles detailing the role of NGOs in BDS campaigns. In addition, NGO Monitor staff presented at Knesset committee sessions on global antisemitism.

NGO Monitor on the Frontlines of the Gaza War

As in previous rounds of violence in the Arab-Israeli conflict, NGO Monitor’s Israel Desk led the monitoring of and response to Israeli and Palestinian NGOs’ political attacks against Israeli self-defense measures during the 2014 Gaza War.

A primary issue was the central role of NGOs in disseminating false allegations regarding civilian casualties and casualty statistics. B’Tselem, an Israeli NGO with extensive contacts in international media and diplomatic circles, presented what it termed “initial” and “preliminary” data, which were then widely



Lena Bakman at IDC Herzliya, Israel Apartheid Week event, March 24, 2014.



Itai Reuveni lectures to young professionals from the Persian Jewish Community, MyAish-LA, December 9, 2014.



Yitzhak Santis presenting at a Knesset committee session on global antisemitism, June 24, 2014.

repeated as fact. However, as **NGO Monitor research** showed, these claims were inherently unverifiable and based solely on information from Palestinian sources in Hamas-controlled Gaza. B'Tselem and the media echoed and amplified biased and unsupported claims of the Palestinian Ministry of Health, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), and unreliable Palestinian NGO sources including the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR) and Al Mezan.

Although many media outlets repeated the figures provided by the NGOs, a number of major international media sources, such as the *New York Times* and the BBC, highlighted the problematic nature of data gathering in armed conflict. This reflects residual impact from NGO Monitor's research and analysis of the Goldstone Commission on the 2009 Gaza conflict, as well as our ongoing emphasis on raising questions regarding NGO allegations and statistics.

NGO Monitor also responded to **NGO lobbying** for another Goldstone-like investigation by the UN, patterned on false NGO claims of "war crimes" and the misuse of international legal rhetoric. We exposed the anti-Israel record of Prof. William Schabas, who was selected by the UN to investigate Israel, including statements advocating the prosecution of Israeli officials at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

During the war, we published seven Hebrew-language reports, detailing the biases, distortions, and politicized activities of NGOs. These reports, together with op-eds by NGO Monitor staff, were published and referenced in a wide variety of Hebrew media outlets.

Building a Resource: The Knesset's NGO Foreign Funding Transparency Law

Three years ago, NGO Monitor was instrumental in developing the "NGO Foreign Funding Transparency Law," which mandates that all Israeli NGOs must file quarterly reports on funding from foreign government entities. NGO submissions are posted on the Registrar of Non-Profits website, allowing the Israeli public to view up-to-date data on foreign governmental funding for Israeli NGOs.

Since the law went into effect, we have published numerous analyses and summaries of the data provided by NGOs to the Israeli authorities.

In 2014, we built an online resource that consolidates all of the available data furnished by NGOs. The unique, interactive table presents details on government grants to NGOs, including donor names, years of funding, and project information. This resource, which is regularly updated, is used by researchers, journalists, government officials, and other interested parties.

Op-ed on Israeli NGO, Breaking the Silence, by NGO Monitor's Itai Reuveni.

NGO	Year	Quarter	Donor	Government Funding the Donor	SUM	Project (Hebrew)	Project
מרכז אינפורמציה אלטרנטיבית - Alternative Information Center	2013	4	Diakonia	Sweden	196,070	עידוד פעילות לטוב של ישראל-פלסטיני	Encourage activity for Israeli-Palestinian peace
מרכז אינפורמציה אלטרנטיבית - Alternative Information Center	2013	3	Diakonia	Sweden	287,790	פעולה עממית לטוב של ישראל-פלסטיני	Popular Action for Israeli-Palestinian peace
מרכז אינפורמציה אלטרנטיבית - Alternative Information Center	2013	3	Papa Giovanni XXIII	EU	74,539	קידום בניית שלום בחברה אזרחית	Promote peace building in Civil Society
מרכז אינפורמציה אלטרנטיבית - Alternative Information Center	2013	3	Mundubat	Spain	79,947	הפצת מידע על ישראל	Distributing information about Jerusalem

Transparency Law Table – resource created by NGO Monitor.

Responding to Adalah's Unfounded Attacks Against Israeli Legislation

In March 2013, the Israeli NGO, Adalah, launched a "Discriminatory Laws in Israel" database on its website, a list of 101 laws and proposed legislation that Adalah considers to "discriminate against Palestinian citizens of Israel in all areas of life." Since then, activists have used Adalah's allegations in their campaigns, including a BDS initiative by the University of California Student Workers Union and a demonizing op-ed in the *New York Times*.

In order to document Adalah's distortions of Israeli democratic processes and to provide a resource for those responding to campaigns featuring Adalah's claims, we published a detailed report in November 2014, "**Adalah's Database of Laws: Imagining Racism to Demonize Israel.**" We showed how Adalah employs a loose definition of "discrimination," and many of the laws and proposed laws are entirely unrelated to Israeli Arabs or other minorities. Laws promoting Zionism and the historic Jewish connection to Israel are labeled as discriminatory, including laws that relate to Israel as a "Jewish and democratic state," as well as the use of Jewish symbols and the Hebrew calendar.

In line with NGO Monitor's key objectives, we continued to research Adalah's funding and confront its supporters, including European governments. In the past few years, Adalah has received foreign government grants through various donors including: Christian Aid, Oxfam Novib, UNDP, Broederlijk Delen (Belgium) (see page 41), ACSUR (Spain), Switzerland, and EED (Germany). Our report noted that, as of publication (Nov. 9), the latest available funding information on the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits website, in accordance with the Israeli NGO Foreign Funding Transparency Law (see page 36), was from 2012. It was unknown whether Adalah failed to act in accordance with the law or whether Adalah reports did not appear due to problems in the reporting system. However, within a few days of coverage of our report by the *Jerusalem Post*, Adalah's submissions appeared on the Registrar of Non-Profits' site.

Another major Adalah supporter is the New Israel Fund (NIF). Between 2008 and 2013, NIF authorized grants worth \$1,673,634 to Adalah (see page 31).



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BDS IN THE PEWS

Churches, NGOs, and the Global Campaign Against Israel

BDS in the Pews, a project of NGO Monitor, examines the role of churches, Christian aid societies, and faith-based NGOs in political campaigns against Israel. A dedicated website (www.bdsinthepews.org) provides analysis of the activities and funding of these groups, as well as their grantees, in the context of demonization and delegitimization campaigns.

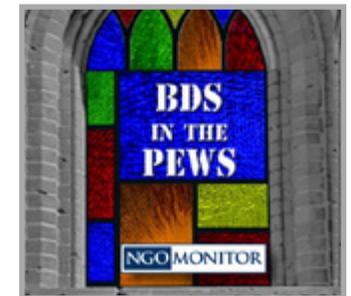
As our research has shown, taxpayer money, primarily from Europe (but also from the U.S. and Canada), is disbursed as grants to both Protestant and Catholic humanitarian aid organizations. In turn, these funds are transferred to highly politicized NGOs involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Furthermore, Palestinian Christian NGOs (such as Sabeel and Christ at the Checkpoint) partner with pro-Palestinian activists within churches promoting BDS, “one-state” frameworks, and the Palestinian claim to a “right of return.” These Palestinian Christian advocacy NGOs sometimes insert antisemitic theologies, such as supersessionism and deicide imagery, into their messages.

BDS activists have targeted churches so as to amplify and legitimize their radical anti-Israel message. The BDS Movement’s website states:

“Religious institutions are seen in many communities as embodying important moral and ethical principles... Divestment campaigns that target companies such as Caterpillar have been initiated in a number of major Christian churches. Not only will successful divestment campaigns financially weaken the Occupation, but will raise both the public profile and legitimacy of the BDS campaign.”

In 2014, NGO Monitor intensified its efforts to counter political campaigns initiated by Church groups against Israel through issue-specific reports and publications, high level meetings with the Vatican Ambassador and Belgian officials, and presentations at expert symposiums. Our research and outreach had significant impact, such as the delayed Methodist vote on BDS in Britain.



Countering Church-NGO Divestment

Delaying Methodist Church (UK) Vote on Divestment

The Methodist Church in Britain was to have decided in January 2014 on whether to support BDS. In preparation, the denomination held an open “Consultation on Israel – Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions” and issued a questionnaire “to gather a range of perspectives on this topic.” NGO Monitor provided an in-depth submission. All the responses were part of a briefing package presented to the church’s governing body when they met in January.

The questionnaire and church’s website revealed an institutional bias against Israel. The process leading up to the questionnaire and the premise upon which it was built were based on a presumption of exclusive Israeli blame for the origins and perpetuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Due to this flawed process, we challenged the church’s premises and asked the church to answer the question - “would BDS be a moral choice?” Our submission and critical questioning, together with efforts from partners and allies in the UK, caused the vote to be delayed until July 2014, and then further delayed until 2016.



Interview with Yitzhak Santis on Israel Now News, March 18, 2014 and aired in April 2014, on BDS efforts emanating from churches and church-based NGOs.

With declining ranks, does a Presbyterian boycott of Israel even matter?
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“Over the last decade, numerous divestment and boycott resolutions uniquely and solely aimed at Israel have been brought by a small minority of anti-Israel activists in the Presbyterian Church. They in turn are partnered with the global BDS campaign to demonize and delegitimize Israel,” Yitzhak Santis, chief programs officer and “BDS in the Pews” project director at the watchdog group NGO Monitor, told JNS.org.

Exposing Activists in Presbyterian Church (USA)

NGO Monitor was active in publicizing research and keeping the public informed prior to and after the Presbyterian Church’s General Assembly in Detroit in June. Specifically, our research exposed overt antisemitism among members of the Israel-Palestine Mission Network (IPMN), a church-affiliated activist group centrally responsible for lobbying the church to divest from companies that do business with Israel and publisher of the highly controversial booklet, “Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study.” (See page 33.)

Report on Catholic Aid Societies and Political Attacks Directed at Israel

In June 2014, NGO Monitor completed a highly detailed, 118-page report – “Catholic Aid Societies and Political Campaigns Directed at Israel.” The report relates to Catholic aid charity funding for NGOs operating in Israel and the Palestinian Authority, specifically to groups whose activities contribute to political campaigns that demonize and delegitimize the State of Israel. Our detailed analysis demonstrates that, in many cases, NGOs funded by Catholic aid charities participate in international BDS campaigns to isolate Israel diplomatically, economically, culturally, and militarily.

NGO Monitor Meets with the Vatican Ambassador to the Holy Land

On June 5, one week after Pope Francis I’s visit to Israel, Prof. Steinberg and BDS in the Pews Project director Yitzhak Santis met with the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto (the Vatican’s emissary to Israel), to present him with the Catholic report. The Archbishop took four copies of the report to pass on to the central office in Rome. At the meeting we emphasized that the NGOs supported by Caritas and other Catholic groups are highly politicized and are working at cross-purposes to the Pope’s message.



Meetings with Belgian Government Officials

In February, Prof. Steinberg and NGO Monitor’s European Desk Coordinator completed a three-day visit to Brussels with meetings with the former prime minister and foreign minister of Belgium, officials of the Belgian foreign ministry, and with a member of the Belgian Flemish Parliament. The visit was organized bilaterally by the Israeli Embassy to the EU and the Israeli Embassy to Belgium.

The visit’s purpose was to present NGO Monitor reports pertaining to the EU and Belgium, with a particular focus on research related to Broederlijk Delen, a Belgian Catholic NGO and NGO funder. Broederlijk Delen provides substantial funding to political NGOs and acts as a powerful source of information in Belgium. (See page 37.)

Countering Efforts Opposing Evangelical Support for Israel

Launched in 2010, Christ at the Checkpoint (CATC) is a bi-annual event held in Bethlehem, organized by Bethlehem Bible College and the NGO Holy Land Trust. The second CATC conference was held in 2012, and another took place March 10-14, 2014.

The BDS in the Pews Project released a report immediately prior to the CATC conference, "Christ at the Checkpoint: How the U.S., U.K. and Dutch Governments Enable Religious Strife and Foment Mideast Conflict."

NGO Monitor also participated in a special symposium in Jerusalem on March 13, "The Effort to divest Evangelical Christians from Israel: A New Campaign," arranged by the Liaison Committee of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel and the B'nai B'rith World Center.



Yitzhak Santis, NGO Monitor's chief programs officer, speaking at the Joint B'nai B'rith World Center-Ecumenical Fraternity Liaison Committee Symposium on "The Effort to Divest Evangelical Christians from Israel: A New Campaign," Jerusalem, March 13, 2014.

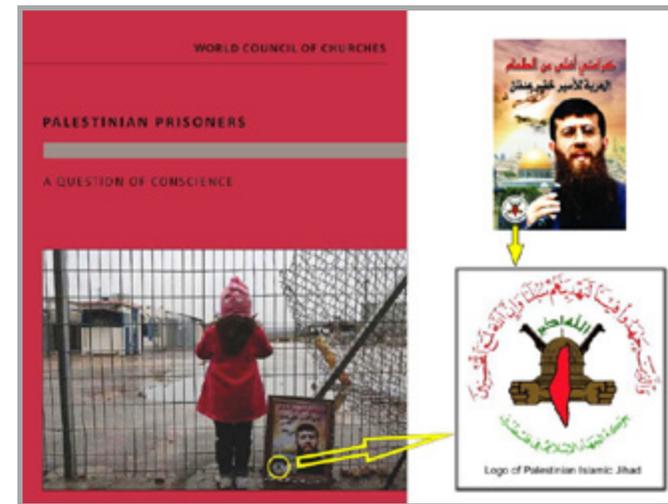
World Council of Churches Presents: Week for Release of Palestinian Terrorists

The World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel (WWPPI) is an annual program organized by the World Council of Churches' Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF). World Council of Churches (WCC) is a collective of "347 churches, denominations and church fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories." WWPPI seeks to target policy-makers, community groups, and local parishes about "the urgent need" to end the "illegal occupation and secure the legitimate rights and future of both peoples."

This year's WWPPI theme was "Let My People Go," in reference to "Palestinian political prisoners" – a term that, in PIEF's usage, includes terrorists convicted for attacks against civilians. Materials produced for the week revealed the sharply one-sided and inaccurate premise upon which the event is built.



WWPPI's Facebook page containing an antisemitic cartoon depicting Israel – with a prominent Star of David – as a snake.



Cover of dossier highlighting Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist prisoner released after a hunger strike.

NGO Monitor publicized its extensive research about this event through a detailed fact-sheet – "World Council of Churches' 'World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel' September 21-27, 2014," a press release, and an op-ed "World Council of Churches Presents: World Week for Release of Palestinian Terrorists" published in The Layman Online.



The Layman online

World Council of Churches Presents: World Week for Release of Palestinian Terrorists

Rivka Hecht | 1-Oct-14

Despite its self-styled role as a prophetic voice, ...WCC describes itself as a "prophetic voice" that the World Council of Churches (WCC) again "speaks truth to power." But, speaking truth to power first requires having the truth. WCC has displayed its bias against Israel. Last week, September 21-27, WCC observed its fourth annual "World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel" (WWPPI), organized by WCC's Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF). WCC has failed to fearlessly speak the simple truth that terror attacks on Israeli civilians are unspeakably immoral acts. The WCC's disguising of terrorists as "political prisoners" is an affront to the victims and to morality, and releasing terrorists fuels conflict and undermines peace. These missing truths in the WCC's witness, amount to nothing more than false prophecy.

Last week's theme was "Let My People Go" and, based on the input of many highly politicized non-governmental organizations (NGOs), called for the release of all Palestinian "political prisoners" held by Israel. This, in WCC's definition, includes those convicted of murder and other acts of terrorism against civilians.



LAWFARE AND THE UNITED NATIONS

In 2013, NGO Monitor's parent body, the Amuta for NGO Responsibility, was awarded ECOSOC accreditation at the United Nations (UN). This allows us to participate in UN sessions, including the submission of both oral and written statements to the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and the hosting of side events in UN facilities.

In 2014, we acted on this important opportunity.

In March, Prof. Steinberg and NGO Monitor Legal Advisor, Anne Herzberg, travelled to Geneva to participate in the 25th Session of the UNHRC. In advance of the session, NGO Monitor filed two written statements – one on [European funding to NGOs](#), and a second on [women's rights in the Middle East](#). At the session, Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Herzberg delivered four oral statements which were broadcast live on the UN Webtv.

During that session, our Amuta organized two side events at the UN, where Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Herzberg presented our research on women's rights in the Middle East, and European funding for Arab-Israeli peace and human rights. Panel members included former member of the Israeli Knesset, Dr. Einat Wilf, and UN Watch Executive Director, Hillel Neuer.

Later in September, NGO Monitor also submitted three written statements to the 26th Session of the Human Rights Council: "[HRC Gaza Inquiry Must Conform to International Fact-Finding Standards](#)," "[Palestinian Exploitation of Children as Weapons of War](#)," and "[Issues Related to UNOCHA's Protection Cluster Regarding Gaza](#)" (on casualty statistics from the Gaza war).



Anne Herzberg speaking at the 25th session of the UNHRC on women's rights in Arab countries, March 24-25, 2014.



Prof. Steinberg speaking at the 25th session of the UNHRC on the NGO strategy of political warfare, the "Durban Strategy," formulated in the wake of the 2001 UN Durban Conference, March 24-25 2014.



The first event, on March 24, "Obstacles to Arab-Israel Peace," featured Prof. Steinberg, discussing NGO funding, and Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, discussing double standards and bias in UN frameworks.



The second event, on March 25, "Women's Rights in the Middle East," Anne Herzberg discussed NGO Monitor's new monograph, "Second Class Rights: How Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch Fail Women in the Middle East," and former MK Dr. Einat Wilf delivered a keynote address.



UN Library, Geneva

November 12 event, “Fact-finding in Armed Conflict: A Need for Standards?” held at the UN Library, which featured a lecture by distinguished philosopher and military ethicist, Prof. Asa Kasher, and responses from Alan Stephens and Prof. Steinberg.

Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Herzberg were also in Geneva in November, focusing on “Fact-finding in Armed Conflict: A Need for Standards?” The Amuta held an event at the UN Library, featuring a lecture by distinguished philosopher and military ethicist, Prof. Asa Kasher, and responses from Alan Stephens and Prof. Steinberg.

Addressing a full room, which included representatives from diplomatic delegations, NGOs, and research institutes, Prof. Kasher emphasized the critical need to professionalize fact-finding in armed conflict, including the adoption of substantive and consistent standards by the UN and NGOs with regards to human rights issues.

The event was cosponsored by the UN Library, the Israeli Mission to the UN (Geneva), Brill-Nijhoff (publishers of “Best Practices for Human Rights & Humanitarian NGO Fact Finding”), and the Clemens Nathan Research Centre.

During each of the Geneva trips, Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Herzberg also held meetings with high-level UN and government officials, diplomats, and other decision makers.



L-R: Sigrun Habermann (UNOG Library), Prof. Asa Kasher, Prof. Steinberg, Alan Stephens (Director of Research, Clemens Nathan Research Centre).

Prof. Kasher

Prof. Steinberg

International Law and Business: Academic Impact

As part of the Durban strategy, NGOs have engaged in an intensive campaign to expand BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns against Israel. Part of this effort involves singling out Israeli corporations, and corporations that do business with Israel, in particular those that have any business ties – no matter how marginal or legitimate – in the West Bank. NGOs often justify their discriminatory calls for boycotts of, divestment from, and lawsuits against corporations, with the rhetoric of human rights law and international humanitarian law.

NGO Monitor was at the fore of identifying and analyzing this new BDS trend and has been actively countering these initiatives by exposing the underlying political agenda.

In 2014, Ms. Herzberg published three academic articles describing the ways in which such NGO campaigns are inconsistent with existing international law and detrimental to the preservation of human rights.

- “[Kiobel and Corporate Complicity- Running With The Pack](#),” *American Journal of International Law*, January 2014: Emerging jurisprudence in North America and Europe indicates reluctance by courts and prosecutors to proceed with litigation in cases where a corporation is alleged to have aided and abetted human rights abuses by a foreign state abroad. These courts and prosecutors seem wary to sit in judgment on the activities and policies of other countries or to become embroiled in messy political disputes or international conflicts.
- “[The Politics Behind Corporate Complicity Lawsuits](#),” *AJIL Unbound*, January 29, 2014: In many of these cases, particularly those involving the Arab-Israeli conflict, the NGOs bringing these lawsuits are opposed to governmental stances (of both their own countries and the target state), and are using corporations as a means to judicially impose their preferred policy. Due to sovereign immunity laws, it is often difficult, if not impossible, for activists to bring suit against a state directly, and corporations serve as a convenient substitute. It is also hoped that by making the companies operate under the specter of legal liability, the corporations too will act as pressure agents on governments.
- “[When International Law Blocks the Flow: The Strange Case of the Kidron Valley Sewage Plant](#),” *Regent Journal of International Law*, Vol. 10, Issue 2, 2014: On September 6, 2013, Dutch engineering firm Royal HaskoningDHV issued a statement on its website that it was terminating its involvement in a project to build a wastewater treatment plant in the Kidron Valley, a riverbed running to the Dead Sea through Jerusalem and the West Bank. According to the statement, the company believed “future involvement in the project could be in violation of international law.” The message came a week after the company reported that the “Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed us of possible aspects relating to international law that may influence the project.” The announcement was a shock to many who had worked on the project, including environmental activists, academics, and local authorities.

Ms. Herzberg also filed a [submission](#) with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for its study on domestic law remedies for corporate involvement in gross human rights abuses.

In 2015, NGO Monitor will publish a series of reports on NGO exploitation of “corporate social responsibility,” which highlight the intersection of NGO lawfare and European policy making (see page 61).

Submissions to UN Committees

Using our ECOSOC status, NGO Monitor submitted reports to two UN committees that deal with human rights.

In September, we prepared a submission for the Human Rights Committee, in advance of the Periodic Report on Israel's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). Examining several lengthy NGO submissions to the Committee, NGO Monitor noted that the majority of distorted factual and legal claims are simply recycled and reinforced by a closed and narrow circle of UN officials and NGOs. NGOs also often view individual rights in the abstract or invent interpretations of ICCPR provisions that extend beyond the intended meaning. There is little to no critical or independent evaluation of this information, which leads to unworkable and unproductive policy prescriptions.

In October, we submitted our monograph, *“Second Class Rights: How Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch are Failing Women in the Middle East”* (published December 2013), to the Commission on the Status of Women, in anticipation of its 59th session in March 2015. The monograph presents an analysis of the campaigns and activities relating to women's rights in the Middle East and North Africa region by the two biggest and most powerful organizations claiming to promote universal human rights. The study evaluates the output of these NGOs leading up to, during, and after the 2011 Arab Spring demonstrations. The paper concludes that although these organizations claim to prioritize human rights for women, in practice, these organizations have not focused sustained attention on women's rights in this area of the world.



Gearing up for the Schabas “Investigation”

Looking forward, the UNHRC investigation into Israel's conduct during the summer's Gaza conflict, led by Prof. William Schabas, will deliver its report in March 2015. As with the Goldstone process in 2009, the Schabas commission is expected to accuse Israel of “war crimes” and other violations, based primarily on allegations and narratives provided by political advocacy NGOs.

Already in 2014, our event at the UN Library (see page 46) focused on best practices in fact-finding, a central element in evaluating the legitimacy of the Schabas commission and its reliance on NGOs. We also met with UN officials involved in conducting the investigation and preparing the final report.

NGO Monitor is planning additional events for early 2015, to inform the public and decision makers on NGO-UN collaboration and the importance of professional fact-finding standards, as well as a submission to the Schabas committee, detailing the dangers of relying uncritically on NGO allegations.



COMMUNICATIONS



In 2014, we significantly increased our media and social media impact. NGO Monitor's research was widely publicized this year in prestigious publications, in over 40 countries. Our experts have been interviewed on a broad array of issues, including BDS, antisemitism, lawfare, and foreign funding for political NGOs. In order to keep up with the high demands, we doubled the personnel on the communications team.

As 2014 drew to a close, an article in *The Atlantic* revealed attempts by media outlets to censor NGO Monitor's research. As seen in the many accomplishments discussed below, such efforts have been ineffective. At the same time, the article highlighted the close ties and collaboration between journalists and NGOs that are active in the conflict. Led by our communications staff, we will continue to educate the media and other decision influencers about the credibility deficiencies of NGOs and demand journalistic scrutiny of NGO allegations and claims.

- **Appearances in European Media:** In 2014, NGO Monitor's research appeared in publications across 17 European countries, including the Netherlands, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, and Russia. NGO Monitor held events at the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) that garnered media coverage, such as an article by one of Belgium's major newspapers, *La Libre*. We were also featured in a number of UK publications, including: *The Guardian*, *Financial Times*, *The Telegraph*, *The Huffington Post*, *Standpoint Magazine*, *Monocle*, and *The Jewish Chronicle*.
- **Appearances in North American and Jewish Media:** NGO Monitor's presence in North American and Jewish Media was also significant in 2014 with over 400 references to NGO Monitor's research. We have been featured in top media outlets and leading Jewish and Christian media. NGO Monitor work has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *CNN*, *Wall Street Journal*, *LA Times*, *The Jewish Daily Forward*, *New York Jewish Week*, *JTA*, *Commentary Magazine*, *The Layman Online*, and *Canadian Jewish News*.
- **Appearances in major Israeli Hebrew and English Media:** In 2014, NGO Monitor had a major presence in leading Israeli newspapers, news websites, and radio (*Haaretz*, *Yedioth Achronot*, *Ynet*, *Israel Hayom*, *Reshet Bet*, *Walla News*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *Maariv*, *Times of Israel*, *TLV1 Radio*, *Voice of Israel*, and more).

Op-eds and Letters to the Editor: In 2014, in addition to regular postings on the Times of Israel Blog, NGO Monitor's staff published over 60 op-eds in major international, Israeli, and Jewish media in English, Hebrew, French, Italian, Spanish, German, and Russian. These pieces were featured in outlets such as *The New York Times*, *Israel Hayom*, *The National Post*, and the UK's *Jewish Chronicle*. NGO Monitor's op-eds have received thousands of shares via email and social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Briefings: NGO Monitor delivered strategic and timely messages on delegitimization and demonization of Israel to leading government officials from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Strategic Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, and IDF Spokesperson, as well as academic and legal institutions, and major Jewish organizations.

Presentations and Events: In 2014, NGO Monitor's staff participated in numerous events and conferences, and presented our research to diverse audiences worldwide. For example: UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, European Parliament in Brussels, Muslim Conference in Vienna, and Conference of the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS).

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

141,000 Google search results

Search engine results for "NGO Monitor" reveal the extensive reach of our brand and our research. We also rank high in searches for the names of NGOs we critique, directing more traffic to our website.



36% increase in website visitors

Our website is our public "face" and the primary vehicle for disseminating our research and analysis throughout the world. Website analytics show visitors from more than 25 countries worldwide, and we have more than 70,000 visitors each month.

90% increase in Facebook friends

Our Facebook activity allows us to post our research, in English and in Hebrew, in a very popular medium, and highlight articles featuring NGO Monitor. Facebook is a particularly useful tool in Israel.



YouTube

6,474 YouTube video views

Our YouTube channel is a dynamic platform for sharing information and engaging viewers globally. We have posted dozens of videos ranging in length from a brief 30 seconds, for a "bite-sized taste" of our research and analysis, to nearly an hour, for those who want to delve into our issues in more depth.



42% increase in Twitter followers

The platform provided by Twitter allows us to engage directly with diplomats, journalists, NGO officials, decision makers, and our supporters. In "Twitter wars" with NGOs and NGO officials, we "name and shame" those who exploit human rights for political agendas and anti-Israel demonization.

IL FOGLIO quotidiano

Il "silenzio umanitario" su Hamas

Giovanni Quer | 28-Jul-14

Le dichiarazioni delle ONG internazionali e italiane sul recente conflitto armato a Gaza contribuiscono alla demonizzazione di Israele attraverso la distorsione della realtà e l'uso politico del diritto per avanzare il boicottaggio anti-israeliano. L'ossessiva attenzione verso Israele e le false accuse di violazione del diritto internazionale umanitario sono accompagnate da un totale silenzio sulla condotta di Hamas, che viola i diritti umani dei palestinesi, sistematicamente usati come scudi umani, e sulla situazione della popolazione civile israeliana, oggetto di indiscriminati attacchi da Gaza.

Commentary

Europeans Fund Lawfare Against "Allies" Israel and Canada

Tom Wilson | 23-Mar-14

In a report released by NGO Monitor earlier this month, it has been exposed that the EU, along with several other European governments, is paying for the waging of what has come to be known as "lawfare" against Israel. More noteworthy still is the way this funding is also being used by one particularly hostile and activist NGO to even pursue Canada, a close ally of Israel, at the UN. The large body of evidence here really does have to be seen to be believed. Yet there is no denying it: European countries are indeed financing "lawfare" against two nations that they purport to consider friends.



הזרוע האירופית הסוררת

Gilad Segal | 15-Aug-14

ב-22 ביולי התפרסמו מסקנות מועצת שרי החוץ של האיחוד האירופי האחרונות שכללו לראשונה התייחסות לסבב הלחימה הנוכחי בין ישראל לחמאס. המסקנות, אשר מתוות את מדיניות החוץ המוצהרת של האיחוד האירופי, לא כללו דבר חדש מלבד אולי הקריאה לפירוק גורמי הטרור בעזה ממשקם.

The Telegraph

The darker side of Oxfam

Jake Wallis Simons | 5-Feb-14

[A]ccording to Professor Gerald Steinberg, the president of NGO Monitor, the agenda behind Oxfam's statements is clear. "For Oxfam to say that it does not support the boycott is like a company claiming that it opposes air pollution, but invests in a coal power plant," he said.



Breaking the Silence is part of the problem in the Israel debate

Josh Bacon | 6-Jan-14

In this environment, one might expect that Israelis and Zionists, including those on the left of the political spectrum, would oppose these attacks on moral grounds. However, this is not always the case. One group, Breaking the Silence, (BtS), has announced plans to create a

"stronger presence" in the UK. But instead of working against demonisation, they are part of the problem, providing a thin veneer of Jewish justification for campaigns that single out Israel by exploiting human rights and other moral claims.

NATIONAL POST

Gerald M. Steinberg: Oxfam's Middle East blinders

14-Feb-14

Oxfam's role in this political war includes major funding provided by the Dutch and British branches of boycott organizations that lead attacks on Israeli firms. These groups are involved in numerous legal cases designed mainly for the advancement of political goals, that single out Israeli officials in the wider process of demonizing Israel.



Exploiting medicine for the politics of hate

Eliana Trink | 14-Aug-14

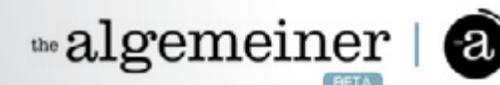
It is a wonder how anyone, let alone a highly regarded medical journal, could take these doctors as credible sources on the conflict. What we are witnessing is the "halo effect"—where NGOs perceived to promote good principles are shielded from scrutiny. Providers of medical assistance and relief enjoy an added degree of credibility, a "double halo effect," and are rarely challenged on their biases or questioned statements' accuracy.

THE JERUSALEM POST

A deal with the devil: When aid supports terror groups

Naftali Balanson | 1-Nov-14

International and Israeli NGOs, including Amnesty International, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Gisha and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, have campaigned intensively to "end the blockade of Gaza." However, this slogan has not been accompanied by realistic and responsible proposals to ensure that aid is only used for humanitarian purposes and that a new policy does not facilitate weapons smuggling.



Watchdog Group Highlights Anti-Israel Credentials of Amnesty International's Researchers

Joshua Levitt | 27-Feb-14

As Amnesty International published an anonymous 85-page report condemning Israel on Thursday, NGO Monitor, the Jerusalem-based charity watchdog, highlighted the backgrounds of Amnesty's researchers, several of whom were full-time anti-Israel activists before joining the human rights group.

Anne Herzberg, NGO Monitor's international legal counsel, told The Algemeiner on Thursday, "We are not sure who wrote the report because Amnesty doesn't say — in violation of NGO fact-finding guidelines established by the International Bar Association."



NGO Monitor examines women's rights in Middle East and role of UN in Arab-Israeli peace process

20-Mar-14

NGO Monitor submitted two written statements to the HRC, which will be considered in Monday's (March 24) session on the Palestinian Territories. In a statement on Women's Rights in the Middle East, NGO Monitor calls on the Human Rights Council and international NGOs (non-governmental organizations) to make the advancement of women's rights in the Middle East and North Africa a key priority for 2014.

בצלם הצדק השבדי

Shira Michael | 17-Sep-14

ביום ראשון השבוע הוכרז כי ארגון בצלם הוא הזוכה בפרס שטוקהולם לזכויות אדם לשנת 2014. מעניין לבחון למי ניתן הפרס הזה עד כה, ומה זה אומר על הזכייה הנוכחית והארגון עצמו.



The New York Times

Foreign Funding

Gerald Steinberg | 8-Sep-14

The problematic impact of foreign government funding for political advocacy nongovernmental organizations and think tanks is not unique to American democracy. For many years, the European Union and European governments, including Norway, which you cite, have channeled tens of millions of euros, pounds and kroner to Israeli political groups in order to manipulate the democratic process.

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

Christ at the Checkpoint's government enablers

Yitzhak Santis | 10-Mar-14

The Christ at the Checkpoint conference revives medieval theological antisemitism in its discussions of how to advance the Palestinian nationalist agenda within Evangelical churches toward disrupting traditionally strong support for Israel. In support of the BDS campaigns and the wider political war to demonize Israel, replacement theology, de-Judaization of Jesus and the defamation of Judaism are consistent themes.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

How Europe's Good Intentions Harm Gaza

Gerald Steinberg | 29-Jul-14

Similarly, Europe has been a central source of funds to United Nations Relief and Works Agency, or Unrwa, which for six decades has helped to perpetuate the conflict by treating generations of Palestinians as "refugees." Unrwa facilities, like the rest of Gaza, are closely integrated into the Hamas war structure. On two occasions during the current conflict, deadly missiles have been found in Unrwa schools. Unrwa reported turning them over to "local authorities," which according to Israeli officials means Hamas.

the algemeiner |

Anger Grows Over Swedish Government Funding for Anti-Zionist Groups Amid Diplomatic Row

Gerald Steinberg | 6-Oct-14

Steinberg pointed to a cartoon on the Badil wesbsite which shows a visibly orthodox Jew holding a pitchfork drenched in blood and standing on top of a large stone weighing down a female Palestinian refugee and her dead child.

"If the Swedish Prime Minister is actually interested in peace, which requires an end to incitement, the first step would be halt this anti-peace NGO funding," Steinberg said.



Paris 8, une université interdite aux juifs?

Lorin Maugery | 20-Mar-14

L'agression physique et verbale des étudiants français et israéliens la semaine dernière, n'aurait pas eu lieu si l'université n'avait pas favorisé ou en tout cas laisser se développer ce climat anti-israélien.



Dajani's 'Israel's water war crimes' charges run dry

Ziv Kaufman | 23-Oct-14

In addition to using false claims to invert reality, Dajani also invoked discredited sources. These include the Russell Tribunal, which dishonestly uses "a legal façade to create an image of neutrality and credibility" according to the NGO Monitor watchdog.

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A judeofobia nas ONGs e na ONU. Ou: Você sabe para onde sua caridade vai?

Rodrigo Constantino | 24-Dec-14

Conversei em Israel com o representante da NGO Monitor, uma entidade que fiscaliza as ONGs internacionais em relação ao antisemitismo. Como Itai Reuveni explica, uma montanha de dinheiro circula nas campanhas contra Israel, parte financiada pelos governos democráticos da Europa, com ou sem conhecimento de seu destino pelos doadores.

The Washington Post

Oxfam on defense after actress dumps it

Jennifer Rubin | 4-Feb-14

NGO Monitor, a Jerusalem-based research institute, has documented Oxfam's funding of BDS activity. An e-mail to Right Turn from NGO Monitor reads, in part:

In 2013, the Dutch branch of Oxfam (Oxfam Novib) provided funding in the amount of NIS 406,300 [shekels, about \$115,000] to Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP), an Israeli NGO that is a leader in the international BDS campaign and singles out Israel.

jns.org | news service

The faux 'investigations' of Human Rights Watch

Sarah Garfinkel | 23-Jul-14

HRW's "reports" lack professional standards and research methodologies, and show a deep-seated ideological bias against Israel. HRW possesses neither the military expertise to conduct proper investigations that would lead to their conclusions. The faux-research is then repeated without question in the international media. And every time the allegations are repeated, new rounds of anti-Israel headlines and condemnations are triggered.

Forbes

The Media Intifada: Bad Math, Ugly Truths About New York Times In Israel-Hamas War

Richard Behar | 21-Aug-14

Steinberg says that during the past decade, Amnesty International and other such "political" NGOs, as well as UNRWA, ignored Hamas's strategic [offensive] tunnel construction. "They also turned a blind eye to the abused Palestinian children who were forced to dig the tunnels, causing at least 160 deaths, and perhaps many more," he says. "In obsessive posts on Twitter, in which most target Israel, HRW head Ken Roth continues to ignore these issues."

ACADEMIC IMPACT



Universities, think-tanks, and other academic venues are central to the NGO support structure. NGO Monitor's activities in these venues have led to increasing debates and criticism, particularly regarding NGO credibility and bias. In 2014, Prof. Steinberg and Anne Herzberg presented a number of lectures and participated in workshops and university conferences on human rights, international law, NGOs and the media, European foreign policy, and related topics. We also initiated panels at Israeli universities, focusing on criticism of NGOs as political and legal actors, thereby introducing students and faculty to these issues.

In addition, our books and journal articles in top academic publications are used in university syllabi, read by professionals in the field, cited in important international law and military law journals, and generate significant follow-up interest and impact. Our book, *Best Practices for Human Rights and Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding*, has been recommended by libraries and has been cited in a Romanian military law journal and in *California Western Law Journal*. Likewise, Anne Herzberg's "Kony 2012: IHL 2.0: Is There a Role for Social Media in Monitoring and Enforcement" is **required reading** for a course on international law at Harvard University, and the companion article published in *Israel Law Review* was used in an online class for media professionals.

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

KIOBEL AND CORPORATE COMPLICITY- RUNNING WITH THE PACK

Anne Herzberg

American Journal of International Law (January 2014)

Emerging jurisprudence in North America and Europe indicates reluctance by courts and prosecutors to proceed with litigation in cases where a corporation is alleged to have aided and abetted human rights abuses by a foreign state abroad. Far from outside the mainstream then, Kiobel seems to be firmly situated within this line of cases. These courts and prosecutors appear uncertain whether corporations are bound by international human rights and humanitarian norms, particularly when only an indirect connection exists to the alleged violations. Furthermore, these courts and prosecutors seem wary to sit in judgment on the activities and policies of other countries or to become embroiled in messy political disputes or international conflicts.

THE POLITICS BEHIND CORPORATE COMPLICITY LAWSUITS

Anne Herzberg

January 29, 2014

AJIL Unbound

Part of what is motivating the courts and prosecutors in rejecting these cases, I believe, is skepticism about activists using courts as means to promote political agendas and to counter foreign policy with which they do not agree. In many of these cases, particularly those involving the Arab-Israeli conflict, the NGOs bringing these lawsuits are opposed to

governmental stances (of both their own countries and the target state), and are using corporations as a means to judicially impose their preferred policy. Due to sovereign immunity laws, it is often difficult, if not impossible, for activists to bring suit against a state directly, and corporations serve as a convenient substitute. Corporations are powerful actors, but they are also susceptible to public pressure. A main goal of these lawsuits, therefore, is to generate significant PR in order to influence public opinion. It is also hoped that by making the companies operate under the specter of legal liability, the corporations too will act as pressure agents on governments.

THE ROLE OF NGOS IN THE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL WAR AGAINST ISRAEL

Prof. Gerald M. Steinberg

April 29, 2014

Palestinian Manipulation of the International Community, edited by Amb. Alan Baker, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

Since the late 1990s influential human rights NGOs such as Human Rights Watch (HRW) and Amnesty International have been at the forefront of attempts to delegitimize Israel. These international NGOs often work in concert with the Arab League and the Islamic bloc in UN frameworks, as well as with Israeli and Palestinian NGOs, promoting false allegations of "war crimes," "massacres" and other violations of human rights.

BOYCOTTS, DIVESTMENT, SANCTIONS AND THE LAW

Jonathan Turner and Anne Herzberg

July 7, 2014

Justice Magazine (Issue 54)

Boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) could have an increasingly significant impact if the threat is ignored. Israel's opponents are developing their tactics all the time and they may benefit from greater political and public support if Israel is blamed for a breakdown in negotiations with the Palestinians. They may also be bolstered if the International Criminal Court accepts the accession of "Palestine" as a "state". Equally, the impact of BDS to date has been limited and has been exaggerated by its proponents. More importantly, much can be done by Israeli businesses and other actors to limit the potential future impact of BDS by prudent legal and commercial strategies.

WHEN INTERNATIONAL LAW BLOCKS THE FLOW: THE STRANGE CASE OF THE KIDRON VALLEY SEWAGE PLANT

Anne Herzberg

Regent Journal of International Law (Vol. 10, Issue 2, 2014)

On September 6, 2013, Dutch engineering firm Royal HaskoningDHV issued a statement on its website that it was terminating its involvement in a project to build a wastewater treatment plant in the Kidron Valley, a riverbed running to the Dead Sea through Jerusalem and the West Bank. According to the statement, the company believed "future involvement in the project could be in violation of international law." The message came a week after the company reported that the "Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed us of possible aspects relating to international law that may influence the project." The announcement was a shock to many who had worked on the project, including environmental activists, academics, and local authorities.

PUBLICATIONS



NGO Monitor's publications are a significant means to increase our impact among the most influential elements of the human rights and foreign policy networks.

Human Rights Watch's double standards and flawed methodology: Analysis of HRW's 2014 World Report

February 2, 2014

On January 21, 2014, Human Rights Watch (HRW) released its 2014 World Report, which purports to examine and summarize key human rights issues in more than 90 countries worldwide. HRW also issued a press release ("Israel/Palestine: Growing Abuse in West Bank") focused on the Israel-related elements of the World Report. NGO Monitor's analysis of the relevant sections of HRW's 2014 World Report demonstrates that HRW continues to exhibit a biased and disproportionate obsession with Israel. HRW's methodological failures, including factual inaccuracies and selective narrative of events, are compounded by unsupported and nebulous allegations of Israeli violations of international law.

The Boycott Industry: Background Information and Analysis on BDS Campaigns

February 3, 2014

The BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaign against Israel began with the NGO Forum at the 2001 UN Durban Conference. At that forum, hundreds of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) adopted a strategy of using boycotts and other forms of political warfare to achieve the "complete and total isolation of Israel as an apartheid state."

Evaluating Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

February 17, 2014

NGO Monitor has systematically documented the European Union's large-scale funding of political advocacy NGOs and the role played by many of these NGOs in the Arab-Israeli conflict. As demonstrated, these activities and overall agendas do not advance the stated objectives of promoting democracy and human rights, and are often incompatible with promoting EU ideals and principles.

Exploiting Justice: How the UK, EU, & Norway Fund NGO Lawfare vs. Israel

February 20, 2014

In 2011-2013, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) spent over \$20 million, provided by the UK, EU, Norway, and other governments, for a legal advocacy program in Israel. These governments financed hundreds of cases in Israeli courts and caused extensive damage to the integrity of legal processes in Israel, Canada, and elsewhere.

Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat: Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands

April 24, 2014

Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands jointly fund Israeli and Palestinian NGOs through The Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (the "Secretariat"). This funding mechanism has a projected budget of \$17.6 million over four years, including \$13 million for NGOs. The funds are managed by the Institute of Law at Birzeit University (IoL-BZU) and a European multidisciplinary consulting company, NIRAS.

Catholic Aid Societies and Political Campaigns Directed at Israel

June 2014

This report relates to Catholic aid charity funding for NGOs operating in Israel and the Palestinian Authority, specifically to groups whose activities contribute to political campaigns that demonize and delegitimize the State of Israel. Our detailed analysis demonstrates that, in many cases, NGOs funded by Catholic aid charities participate in international BDS campaigns to isolate Israel diplomatically, economically, culturally, and militarily.

B'Tselem's Expanding Credibility Gap

Updated July 17, 2014

July 16, 2014

B'Tselem's activities following the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teens on June 12, and continuing into the renewed Gaza conflict include numerous statements, media appearances, and campaigns featuring slick graphics. These activities were characterized by repeated false or distorted factual and legal allegations and blatant political bias, which is often repeated at face value by journalists and in media appearances. B'Tselem lacks the legal and military expertise to make determinations regarding the legality of Israeli operations.

Amnesty's Q&A on the Gaza War: Many Questions, Few Answers

August 7, 2014

On July 25, Amnesty International published a Q&A on the "Israel/Gaza conflict, July 2014," discussing legal aspects of the fighting. As with all Amnesty publications on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Q&A contains many methodological flaws, under the façade of legal and military expertise, and advances the NGO's ideological agenda. Amnesty invents preposterous explanations and gives Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization, the benefit of the doubt. In contrast, and as is evident in this Q&A, Amnesty routinely employs a skeptical and cynical approach toward any claim made by Israeli officials and interprets every incident against Israel's favor.

Breaking the Silence's International Activities: September 2012 – November 2014

November 17, 2014

The Israeli NGO known as Breaking the Silence describes its mission as “expos[ing] the Israeli public to the routine situations of everyday life in the Occupied Territories.... pushing Israeli society to face the reality whose creation it has enabled.” However, many of its activities and publications address international audiences, in order to generate external pressure on Israel.

NGO Statements, and Silence, on Terror Attacks Since October 22

November 23, 2014

In October and November, Palestinians carried out terror attacks in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and the West Bank, killing over ten Israelis, including a three-month-old baby, and wounding dozens more. Perpetrators deliberately rammed cars into Israeli civilians, engaged in a series of shooting and stabbing attacks, and massacred worshipers praying in a synagogue in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Har Nof. While some NGOs unequivocally condemned the attacks, others that claim a human rights mandate did not. These groups either (a) also mentioned alleged violence and violations by Israel and Israelis, often without evidence or cause, portraying a supposed “cycle” and artificial balance; (b) blamed the Israeli government; or (c) used the attacks as a pretext to discuss other elements of the conflict, such as Palestinian prisoners or Israel’s policies in East Jerusalem.

Adalah's Database of Laws: Imagining Racism to Demonize Israel

November 26, 2014

In March 2013, Adalah launched a “Discriminatory Laws in Israel” database on its website, a list of 101 laws and proposed legislation that never became law, which Adalah considers to “discriminate against Palestinian citizens of Israel in all areas of life. Adalah’s English Facebook page provides a link to the database with the more provocative name “Racist Laws.” Our analysis shows that Adalah employs a loose definition of “discrimination,” and many of the laws and proposed laws are entirely unrelated to Israeli Arabs or other minorities. Laws promoting Zionism and the historic Jewish connection to Israel are labeled as discriminatory, including laws that relate to Israel as a “Jewish and democratic state,” as well as the use of Jewish symbols and the Hebrew calendar. Adalah uses the word “Zionist” in a pejorative manner throughout the database, indicating that it accepts the “Zionism is racism” canard.

Amnesty International: Failed Methodology, Corruption, and Anti-Israel Bias

December 3, 2014

Amnesty International is perhaps the most prestigious international non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to furthering human rights. This monograph details Amnesty’s financial mismanagement; repeated examples of “lawfare”; systematic flaws in the reporting of human rights abuses; limited understanding of armed conflict leading to erroneous claims and incorrect analysis; and violation of the universality of human rights, including a consistent institutionalized bias against Israel through double-standards.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS IN 2015

Preempting the Schabas Report

Documenting central dimensions of the 2014 Gaza war, in order to present the findings before and in comparison to the UN report (by William Schabas, also known as Goldstone 2). The publication will address commitments under international law regarding aid to terror organizations; the misappropriation of humanitarian aid in Gaza; the activities of UNRWA, OCHA, and other UN bodies in the conflict and in the events leading up to it; the role of NGOs in the conflict; and methodology (or its absence) in NGO fact-finding “investigations” and reports.

Myths vs. Facts: NGOs and the Destructive Water Campaign Against Israel

NGOs have increased the exploitation of water issues in their political warfare campaigns against Israel. This includes false accusations of water “discrimination” and “stealing water”; pressure on international corporations to boycott the Israeli national water company, Mekorot; and blatant distortions of binding international agreements between Israelis and Palestinians.

CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Companies and Divestment Campaigns in Europe

A series of reports documenting the network of NGOs and “Corporate Social Responsibility” (CSR) advisers active in promoting BDS campaigns in eight different countries across Europe. These campaigns pressure corporations and pension funds to divest from Israel based on false legal claims that business connections in settlements are illegal, despite numerous court decisions rejecting this claim. In many instances, biased NGOs are closely linked to “ethical counsels,” which work with corporations and governments, purporting to provide objective, unbiased advice on investments and corporations.

Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center

Sabeel promotes Palestinian Liberation Theology and BDS campaigns within mainstream Protestant churches. Sabeel’s theology promotes the idea that Palestinians represent a modern-day version of Jesus’ suffering. This often entails deicide imagery and supercessionist rhetoric used to demonize Israel and Judaism. Sabeel is a primary actor in church-based anti-Israel campaigns in Europe, the U.K., and North America.

Bringing the Anti-Israel Campaign to Churches Worldwide

The World Council of Churches (WCC) promotes a highly politicized, anti-Israel narrative, and plays a key role in mobilizing churches worldwide to support the international BDS campaign against Israel. The WCC and its regional branch, the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), have established several highly biased and politicized subgroups, including Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) and Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF).



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