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NGO Monitor's mission is to provide information and analysis, promote accountability, and support discussion on the reports and activities of NGOs claiming to advance human rights and humanitarian agendas.

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Letter from the President

NGO Monitor had a number of major accomplishments and impacts in 2021, periodic restrictions due to corona notwithstanding. In a number of key issue areas involving NGO demonization of Israel, our unique research methods produced meaningful evidence that led to important breakthroughs. In particular, our detailed documentation of the extensive links between a number of Palestinian NGOs and the PFLP terror organization, and the Israeli government's designation of six members of this network as terror fronts, disrupted the entire anti-Israel NGO industry.

The importance of these impacts were particularly noticeable in the reactions of our detractors who claim to speak for human rights and international law, and attempt to dismiss the accuracy and significance of NGO Monitor's role in "watching the NGO watchers."

In 2021, we also expanded the impact of NGO Monitor's work related to the United Nations, where the anti-Israel NGO network is highly influential.

The past year also highlighted the role of NGOs in promoting antisemitism, and NGO Monitor was active in exposing and countering this activity.

In each of the issues on NGO Monitor's core agenda, 2021 marked significant expansion of cooperation with partner organizations in order to expand the radius and impact of our research and analysis.

To all of our partners and donors, who make the important work of NGO Monitor possible, we thank you for joining with us on this important journey.

Gerald M. Steinberg
President, NGO Monitor



Image: Ryan Blau of PBL Photography

Top Accomplishments



NGO Monitor research leads to designation of six PFLP-linked NGOs as terror organizations



NGO Monitor aids governments in confronting NGO antisemitism



\$4.4 million cuts in funding to anti-Israel NGOs



Durban IV derailed

NGO Monitor Research Confirmed by Designation of Six PFLP-Linked NGOs as Terror Organizations

In 2021, Israel's Ministry of Defense designated six Palestinian NGOs as terror organizations accusing them of serving as a front for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a US, Canada, and EU designated terror group. For fifteen years, NGO Monitor's unique research has exposed the systematic evidence of a broad NGO network operated by the PFLP, which receives hundreds of millions of dollars annually predominantly from European governments.

In the wake of the designations, the EU suspended its financial support for Al-Haq (one of the six) and Palestinian Center for Human Rights (a Gaza-based NGO with PFLP ties), and demanded that Oxfam International stop funding Union of Agricultural Work Committees (another of the six).

NGO Monitor traced over \$200 million in government funds to PFLP-linked NGO projects since 2011 and identified over 70 NGO officials who are also prominent in the PFLP organization. As we demonstrate in detail, these organizations are also leaders in anti-Israel and antisemitic demonization campaigns, including BDS and lawfare. This research was published in November 2021 in *Strategic Assessment*, an academic journal of the prestigious Institute for National Security Studies.

We communicated our findings with European donor governments, journalists, and others, providing open-source and publicly available proof of NGO ties to terror. This information led to campaigns in a number of donor countries, and highlighted the failure of their respective governments to act with transparency and accountability.

The media coverage of the Israeli terror designations, in which NGO Monitor was extensively quoted and referenced, emphasized our expertise, analysis and advocacy as a driving force behind this important measure.

The official designation has already forced some European funder-enablers to end their policy of simply ignoring the evidence, and has already led to a number of investigations and funding cuts.



"All of the evidence has been published time and time again by the NGO Monitor organization." - Ynet



"Its [PFLP's] alleged links with Palestinian non-governmental organizations are a focus of lobby groups like NGO Monitor, which has been hailed by at least one Israeli lawmaker for securing the new terror designations." - CNN



"According to NGO Monitor, an Israeli NGO which is carrying out research about the funding, the EU alone approved grants of at least €38 million during 2011 – 2019 to NGOs allegedly linked to PFLP."
- The Brussels Times



"NGO Monitor, which was founded to expose the lie behind the use of the term 'human rights' in order to whitewash Palestinian nationalist and even terrorist activities, has been closely monitoring the flow of donations for several years." - Makor Rishon



"NGO Monitor is a specialist and expert organization in the distortion of facts, that strives to smear the Palestinian national struggle and the development and rights work of civil society organizations with the label of terror..."
- PLO workers' unions



Prof. Steinberg exclusive interview at Channel 11

NGO Monitor Aids Governments in Confronting NGO Antisemitism



For the past few years, NGO Monitor has been working with government bodies and civil society groups to develop tools in order to address deeply ingrained NGO antisemitism – in particular organizations that receive government funding.

In January, NGO Monitor launched a policy paper, “Implementing the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism for NGO Funding.” The paper, disseminated to key officials in Europe and North America, outlines a comprehensive strategy for governments to integrate the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism into funding mechanisms.

The impact of NGO Monitor’s initiatives on antisemitism took many forms. For example, in early 2021, the EU published a landmark policy framework, providing practical tools for recognizing contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, including a chapter calling for the application of the IHRA working definition of antisemitism in the context of NGO funding. The EU also released in late 2021 its first strategy on combating antisemitism which specifically calls for the application of the IHRA working definition to the funding of NGOs outside of EU borders. Both documents are crucial as they formalize a policy to prevent EU funds from going to NGOs that promote all forms of antisemitism.

In June, the Swiss government officially adopted the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, and consequently amended its legislation preventing Swiss funding from going to NGOs which promote antisemitism.

In addition, NGO Monitor President Gerald Steinberg’s chapter on “Applying the IHRA Working Definition to the UN and Human Rights NGOs,” in *Contending with Antisemitism in a Rapidly Changing Political Environment* (Indiana University Press, 2021) and accompanying conference presentations on this topic, will increase the visibility of this initiative.

The impacts of NGO Monitor’s focus on NGO antisemitism and the application of the IHRA definition will continue in 2022.



Virtual event with NGO Monitor’s President Gerald Steinberg and Vice President Olga Deutsch; Former US Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Ellie Cohan; and Senior Consultant at WJC, Mike Whine.

\$4.4 Million Cuts in Funding to Anti-Israel NGOs

As a direct result of NGO Monitor's efforts, governments cut more than \$4.4 million in 2021 to anti-Israel and antisemitic NGOs. This groundbreaking achievement reflects the expanding impact of our original research and constant communication with officials of donor governments – confronting them with the evidence of their role in enabling anti-Israel and antisemitic NGO activity. The funding cuts came from the European Union and a number of countries, including France, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. In each instance, the NGO support network in these countries sought to reverse the decisions (usually attacking NGO Monitor in the process), but without success.

Durban IV Derailed

In September, the United Nations General Assembly marked the twentieth anniversary of the original Durban World Conference against Racism, a key catalyst for delegitimization campaigns against Israel, with a commemorative event, known as Durban IV. In the months leading up to the event, NGO Monitor initiated a series of webinars, op-eds, and social media campaigns highlighting the antisemitism and cynical hijacking of human rights under the Durban strategy, led by the participants in the NGO Forum.

Durban IV was thoroughly discredited, and the UN and NGO officials who attempted to revive the anti-Israel agenda of the original event failed. Many key countries boycotted Durban IV, including the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Austria, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, France, New Zealand, Italy, and Croatia.

NGO Monitor did a video presentation with Prof. Irwin Cotler and Ambassadors Ron Prosor and Aviva Raz Shechter, which was viewed widely, among other events about Durban IV.

Letter from Israeli Minister of Defense

In March, Israeli Minister of Defense Benny Gantz wrote a letter to NGO Monitor expressing gratitude and recognition of the importance of its work. Minister Gantz noted the central role played by NGO Monitor in defending Israel in the international sphere, fighting terrorism, and challenging the campaign being waged at the International Criminal Court.



מדינת ישראל

שר הביטחון

10/03/21

לכבוד,

נשיא NGO Monitor, ג'ראלד שטיינברג

הנדון: הצעת NGO Monitor לסיוע בעקבות הכרזת ביה"ד הפלילי הבינ"ל בהאג

שלום רב,

ראשית ברצוני לציין כי אני מוקיר את העשייה החשובה של ארגון NGO Monitor גם בימים כשגתם ויודע כי פועלו הינו משמעותי למאמץ להגן של שמה ועל ביטחונה של ישראל בזירה הבינלאומית.

אכן, החלטת שופטי ביה"ד הבינ"ל בהאג לקדם הליך נגד ישראל, היא דוגמה להחלטה אחת מיני רבות אשר מתאפיינת בפוליטיזציה צינית שנועדה להשחיר את המאבק הצודק למען ביטחון אזרחי ישראל וכנגד הטרור. ברור לכל כי מדובר באקט מגמתי שלמעשה חותר תחת היסודות לשמן עומד החוק הבינ"ל מיסודו- הגנה על אנשים ושמירה על השלום העולמי.

בעת זו פועלים כלל גופי המדינה הרלוונטיים בכדי לגבש מדיניות אפקטיבית למול ה-ICC במהלך מתואם שמוכיל משרד החוץ. טוב יעשה הארגון אם יעמוד בקשר מול נציגי משרד החוץ ויתרום מקשריו, ניסיונו ותובנותיו, ונוסיף לפעול יחד, במאמץ משותף לשימור היכולת להגן על ישראל מעל כל במה ובכל מרחב.

בברכה,

בנימין גנץ
ראש הממשלה החליפי ושר הביטחון

Exposing NGOs Tied to Terror

The major achievements this year in exposing NGO connections to terrorism are a testament to NGO Monitor's longstanding documentation of the numerous links between anti-Israel NGOs and terror activity. For years, NGO Monitor has warned of the dangers posed by lax vetting policies and a lack of accountability in funding. Now, governments and their officials are starting to take notice.

Throughout 2021, NGO Monitor conducted 15 separate briefings with government officials on NGO connections to terror, including with Members of Congress.

European Parliament's Unprecedented Rejection of Funds to Terror

In April, the European Parliament published its annual budgetary report, stipulating for the first time that no EU funds be allocated or linked to any cause or form of terrorism. The unprecedented move came after NGO Monitor research found that in 2011-2020, the EU authorized at least €40 million to NGOs with ties to EU-designated terrorist groups.



Shin Bet Arrests and European Investigations Confirm NGO Monitor's Findings

In May, the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) announced the arrests of a number of NGO officials, accusing them of diverting millions in European government funds to the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terror group. According to the indictments, a network of PFLP-linked NGOs used fictitious projects, forged documents, and fake bank authorizations to dupe their European donors. These allegations are consistent with NGO Monitor findings, which for years have been warning governments about the links between NGOs and the PFLP.

In the immediate aftermath of the arrests, NGO Monitor wrote letters to high-ranking officials in multiple European countries, urging them to freeze funding to terror-linked NGOs and to launch an investigation into lax vetting mechanisms for grantees.

In June, Belgium's Development Ministry launched an investigation into suspicions that Belgian aid may have been diverted to finance PFLP terror activities. This was followed in August by an investigation launched by the European Union's Anti-Fraud Service (OLAF) into the same allegations.

SPANISH WOMAN AMONG SUSPECTS TO BE INDICTED, AGENCY SAYS

Shin Bet: Palestinian terror group stole millions from European aid donors

Security service says PFLP counterfeited documents, invented projects to pilfer funds for its military activities; Israel calls on countries to not donate to PFLP-linked groups

By JUDAH ARI GROSS ✓
6 May 2021, 6:51 pm | 📖



NGO Monitor Letter to the President of the European Commission Regarding Funding to the Health Work Committees

NGO Monitor
May 10, 2021

Exposed: USAID-Funded NGOs Introducing Children to Terrorists

In June, NGO Monitor published a report revealing that USAID sub-grantees ran programs that introduced children to convicted terrorists, promoted convicted terrorists as role models, and supported terrorists and terror organizations. In addition to its dramatic findings, the report served as an important case study of the numerous deficiencies in USAID's current vetting mechanisms, which threaten to impair the integrity of US foreign aid.

Copies of the report were circulated to senior members of Congress, and NGO Monitor briefed congressional staffers about our findings.



Policy Paper Recommends Best Practices for US Anti-Terror Vetting

In April, NGO Monitor published a policy paper on the opportunities and challenges in US funding to NGOs in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The paper, which was widely circulated to policymakers and analysts in the US and Israel, made concrete recommendations related to anti-terror vetting, guidelines, and evaluations for NGO funding.

These recommendations are essential in light of renewed US government funding for Palestinian and Israeli NGOs beginning in 2022.

Setting the Record Straight

The past year saw a renewed effort by NGOs and members of civil society to delegitimize Israel and to stoke division and hostility towards the Jewish state on several fronts: in the diplomatic arena, the digital realm, and traditional media. Throughout 2021, NGO Monitor stood at the forefront of the fight against NGO misinformation, whether refuting false accusations of “apartheid” or correcting falsified accounts of Israeli actions in Gaza.

Combating the Vaccine Libel

In early 2021, Israel embarked on a mass vaccination campaign against the COVID-19 virus, which received significant international attention for its effectiveness and speed. In response, numerous NGOs launched a libelous campaign against Israel, alleging that it had failed to fulfill its legal responsibility to provide vaccinations to Palestinians. NGO Monitor responded with an extensive report and several op-eds in leading media outlets refuting these claims, pointing to Palestinian rejection of Israeli assistance in procuring vaccines and to the Palestinian Authority’s own responsibility to provide public health services to its citizens under the provisions of the Oslo Accords.

Challenging the “Apartheid” Canard

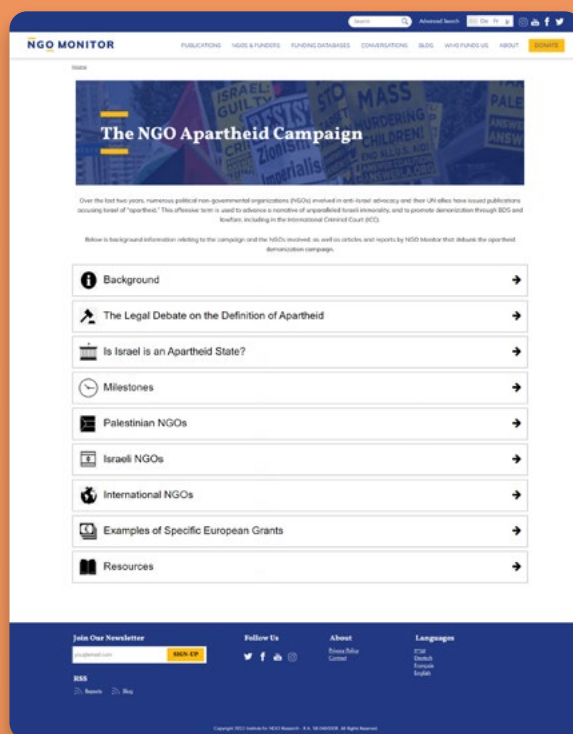
In 2021, NGOs escalated their concerted campaign to accuse Israel of the crime against humanity of “apartheid” and insert the term into all discourse surrounding the Arab-Israeli conflict. In January, Israeli NGO B’Tselem launched an international campaign to that end by publishing a report labeling Israel as an “apartheid state,” which repeatedly used overtly antisemitic tropes. This was followed in April by Human Rights Watch’s report, “A Threshold Crossed,” which recycled tired NGO talking points, dismissed Israeli security concerns, and repeatedly rejected Israel’s legitimacy as a Jewish state.

Throughout the year, NGO Monitor repeatedly challenged and refuted the apartheid narrative in its research, media outreach, and academic activities. In January, NGO Monitor responded to the B'Tselem report with a detailed counter-analysis, and in parallel sent letters to B'Tselem's main donors alerting them to the latent antisemitism in the report. After obtaining an advance copy of HRW's report, NGO Monitor preempted it by publishing an advance analysis of the publication's mix of false accusations, invented legal claims, and antisemitic demonization, accompanied by a series of interviews and op-eds by our experts rejecting HRW's claims.

In December, NGO Monitor's Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg and UK Barrister Josh Kern released the first installment of a groundbreaking legal analysis of the inapplicability of the legal definition of apartheid to the case of Israel and the Palestinian territories. The second part is due to be published in early 2022. They also presented their research at the 16th Annual Hebrew University Minerva Conference on International Humanitarian Law.



NGO Monitor Apartheid Report Series

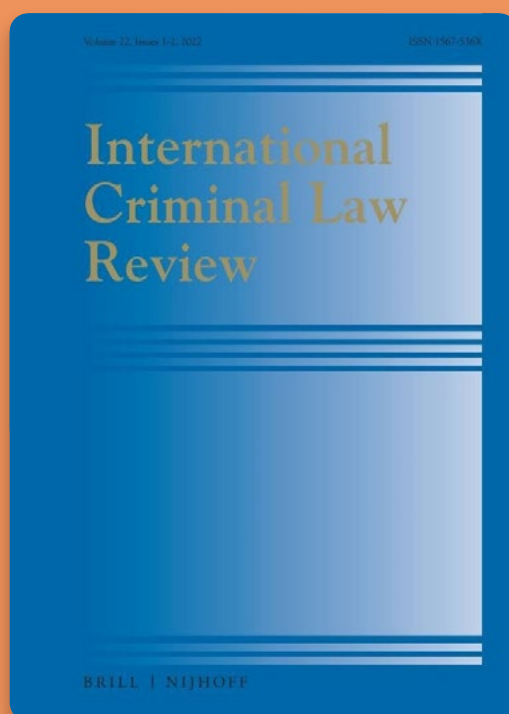


NGO Monitor Apartheid Resource Page

Response to ICC Decision to Investigate Israel

In March, the International Criminal Court (ICC) decided that it had jurisdiction and could open an investigation into alleged war crimes committed in the West Bank and Gaza. NGO Monitor immediately published a statement rebuffing the court's unfounded and absurd claims, and followed up with detailed research on the NGOs behind the campaign to open the investigation, on the governments funding this crusade, and the key figures of the campaign.

The Court's sole dissenting opinion repeated many of the arguments put forth in our March 2020 amicus submission, rejecting the idea that the ICC could have jurisdiction over Israel. In April 2021, Anne Herzberg presented a paper on the role of UN documentation as ICC evidence at an international academic conference sponsored by the University of Copenhagen. Her paper was published in the prestigious International Criminal Law Review journal.



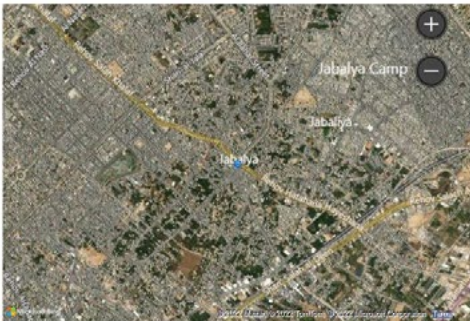


May 2021 Conflict - Countering NGO Misinformation

During Israel's May operation in Gaza, NGO Monitor confronted a flurry of NGO misinformation regarding Israel's actions throughout the conflict, including claims that distorted international law, erased Palestinian war crimes, and intentionally misidentified combatant casualties as civilians. Throughout the operation, NGO Monitor provided real-time analysis disproving these false claims and highlighting Hamas' use of civilian infrastructure for combat purposes. We also constructed an interactive database of incidents in which NGOs misidentified Hamas combatants as civilian casualties.

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Terror Membership of Casualties

According to Hamas, Suleiman was a field commander. DCI-P also mentions this fact. In addition to Hamas, several online sources have shared images showing Suleiman and his 15-year-old son in military fatigues and operating a machine gun.

Sources: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#)

NGO Claims

AI-Haq	AI-Mezan	DCI-P	PCHR
"A reconnaissance plane launched one missile, targeting and killing Saber Ibrahim Mahmoud Suleiman, 38, and his son Muhammad Suleiman, 15."	"Saber Ibrahim Mahmoud Suliman, 30, and his son, Mohammed Saber Ibrahim Suliman, 15, both residents of Jabalia, were killed [in its Arabic report, AI-Mezan refers to both as civilians]."	"An Israeli drone fired missile killed 15-year-old Mohammad Saber Ibrahim Suleiman shortly after 6 p.m. while he and his father Saber Ibrahim Mahmoud Suleiman were on their agricultural land outside the city of Jabalia. Mohammad's father was reportedly a commander in Izz Ad-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, a Palestinian armed group and the armed wing of Hamas, according to information collected by DCIP."	"An Israeli drone launched a missile... As a result, Saber Ibrahim Mahmoud Soliman (38) from Jabalia and his son Mohammed (15) were killed" [in its Arabic report, PCHR calls Saber a civilian].

NGO Monitor Interactive Database

NGO Monitor Defeats Delegitimization Efforts Among Leading Medical Professionals

NGO Monitor's research and documentation were central to the defeat of a boycott campaign at the annual meeting of the influential American Public Health Association in October 2021. A resolution condemning Israel cited NGO allegations regarding the May conflict in Gaza, which were included in an article published by the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ). NGO Monitor's detailed refutation of the claims led to the involvement of leading medical professionals in exposing the false accusations and the defeat of the resolution.

Calling Out the UN Human Rights Council's Israel Bias

Continuing to leverage its special consultative status with UN ECOSOC, throughout 2021, NGO Monitor participated virtually in several sessions of the UN Human Rights Council, dispelling misinformation and challenging the Council's anti-Israel bias. NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg addressed the Council numerous times on topics such as the Council's lack of accountability, Iran, Syria, Afghanistan, NGOs tied to terror, and Israel's operation in Gaza.



Spreading the Word



Olga Deutsch, NGO Monitor's VP, in Jerusalem Post Annual Conference



Itai Reuveni, NGO Monitor's Director of Communications, lectures to students

2021 was an unprecedented success for NGO Monitor's outreach efforts. Our numerous achievements and events gave our work an unprecedented amount of exposure.



3,000,000

Social Media Reach



250,000

Impressions during the
terror designations



500

Media Articles



42

Op Eds

NGO Monitor also participated in and initiated numerous special events and campaigns alongside a host of influential figures, including co-sponsorship of The Jerusalem Post Conference, an event in Montreal featuring former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and a special webinar on the legacy of the Durban Conference with Prof. Irwin Cotler.



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Former deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs at the NGO Monitor Panel at the Jerusalem Post Conference



Canada Event with former PM Stephen Harper



Olga Deutch, NGO Monitor Vice President at the Jerusalem Post Conference



NGO Monitor interview with Prof. Irwin Cotler



NGO Monitor at Knesset discussion

Praise for NGO Monitor - from Our Detractors

In 2021, NGO Monitor was the target of obsessive attacks from powerful anti-Israel NGOs and their allies in governments and civil society.

The increasingly desperate attempts to discredit NGO Monitor are a testament to the significant and growing impact of our work. In a markedly absurd move, the PLO even attempted to label NGO Monitor as a “terrorist organization,” a label widely panned by politicians and media outlets. Others attempted to diminish our work by falsely identifying NGO Monitor as a branch of the Israeli government:



“Influential organizations such as NGO Monitor... the most formidable attack dogs against anyone who criticizes Israel, have made the IHRA definition their main weapon.” -Amos Goldberg and Alon Confino, authors of the anti-IHRA Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism, Haaretz

“There are now strong and firm institutions, as NGO Monitor, it has been suggested that it has 300 employees... Most workers in these institutions are experts from all around the world, recruited and employed for a sole task, a stated one, which is to tire the activity of Palestinian institutions... until they are not capable to continue their work...” - Fouad Abu Seif, General Director of Union of Agricultural Work Committees

“The occupation’s authorities have created many arms in their campaign to ruin the credibility of civil society institutions...NGO Monitor is regarded as the most prominent of these deceiving institutions.”

- Palestinian Center for Human Rights, 2020 Annual Report

“Because of NGO Monitor campaigns, we’ve been getting ridiculous requests from foreign governments, especially the European Union... Donors, especially EU Member-States, are nervous about having to justify these projects in Europe,” - Official quoted in report funded by the EU, France, Switzerland, and Finland.

“The occupation based its allegations on reports issued by the NGO Monitor website, which was founded by Gilad Erdan, the former Israeli Minister of Internal Security and the current representative of the occupation at the United Nations” - Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terror group

“The [PLO’s] professional unions and popular associations declared their decision to designate the Zionist organizations NGO Monitor... as terrorist organizations...They emphasized that NGO Monitor is a specialist and expert organization in the distortion of facts, that strives to smear the Palestinian national struggle and the development and rights work of civil society organizations with the label of terror...”

- PLO workers' unions



Academic Publications



“Lex Generalis Derogat Legi Speciali: IHL in Human Rights Regulation of Military Courts Operating in Situations of Armed Conflict,” Anne Herzberg, Israel Law Review, January 2021

“Human Rights Watch’s anti-Israel Agenda,” Gerald M. Steinberg, Israel Affairs, 27:1, 2021 pp. 34-56

“Should Israel Cooperate with the ICC?” Anne Herzberg, Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, March 2021

“The Role of UN Documentation in Shaping Narratives at the International Criminal Court and the Implications for the Rights of the Accused,” Anne Herzberg, presented at the University of Copenhagen, April 2021

Review essay on “Jewish Internationalism and Human Rights after the Holocaust,” by Nathan A. Kurz, Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, Prof. Gerald Steinberg, June 2021

“Applying the IHRA Working Definition to the UN and Human Rights NGO,” Gerald M. Steinberg, in Contending with Antisemitism in a Rapidly Changing Political Environment. Alvin Rosenfeld, Editor, Indiana University Press, 2021

“European Funding for Palestinian NGOs as Political Subcontracting,” Prof. Gerald Steinberg, November 2021, Strategic Assessment Vol. 24 no. 4 (INSS)

“Misreading Human Rights Due Diligence,” Anne Herzberg, November 25, 2021, Opinio Juris

Anne Herzberg and Joshua Kern, *“Old Wine for a New Bottle? The Apartheid Narrative and ‘Prolonged Occupation,’”* The 16th Annual Minerva Conference on International Humanitarian Law, Hebrew University, November 2021

“False Knowledge as Power: Deconstructing Definitions of Apartheid that Delegitimise the Jewish State,” Anne Herzberg and Joshua Kern, December 2021, NGO Monitor



Annual Conference

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On December 14, 2021, NGO Monitor and Member of Knesset Sharren Haskel (New Hope) hosted a conference at the Knesset, bringing together government ministers, Jewish leaders, and civil society groups. They discussed the challenges surrounding growing antisemitism and delegitimization efforts. The conference, attended by coalition and opposition members alike, reflects a consensus that fighting delegitimization against Israel is a national priority.

Titled “Combatting Delegitimization in a Changing World,” the event featured prominent speakers: MK Haskel, Chair of the Education, Culture and Sports Committee; Diaspora Affairs Minister Dr. Nachman Shai; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Idan Roll; MK Amichai Chikli, Chair of the Knesset Lobby for the Fight against Delegitimization; Acting Chair of the Jewish Agency and Chairman of the World Zionist Organization Yaakov Hagoel; Member of European Parliament Niclas Herbst, Vice Chair of the Budget committee; MKs from the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee; and David Harris, CEO of the American Jewish Committee.



Management



Professor Gerald Steinberg President and Founder

Professor Emeritus at Bar Ilan, Gerald Steinberg leads NGO Monitor's research and activities. He was awarded a prestigious Israel Science Foundation grant for research on NGO fact-finding, served on the advisory board of the Israel Law Review; participates in the Halifax International Security Forum, and similar frameworks. Prof. Steinberg is often cited and interviewed in the media regarding NGO and human rights related issues.



Olga Deutsch Vice President

Olga Deutsch is an expert on EU funding to politicized NGOs, German funding to politicized NGOs, and BDS in Europe through the lens of NGOs. Before making Aliyah in 2009, she served as the chairperson of the European Union of Jewish Students, an umbrella organization for 34 national unions.



Naftali Balanson Chief of Staff

Naftali has been part of NGO Monitor for over ten years and oversees all of NGO Monitor's publications and other output; helps develop strategic goals and objectives; and works closely with researchers, communications, and website staff. His articles and op-eds have appeared in the Jerusalem Post, The Forward, The Jewish Chronicle, and Ynet. He has an MA in English Literature from Columbia University.



Anne Herzberg **Legal Advisor**

Anne Herzberg is the author of NGO Monitor's "NGO Lawfare: Exploitation of Courts in the Arab-Israeli Conflict," and co-author of Best Practices for Human Rights and Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding, and other academic publications. She is one of the leading experts on NGO "lawfare" cases against Israeli officials and companies doing business with Israel. Her op-eds have appeared in Ha'aretz, The Wall Street Journal, and the Jerusalem Post.



Itai Reuveni **Director of Communications and Outreach**

Itai Reuveni earned a BA in Political Science and Iranian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he also obtained an MA in Political Science and International Affairs. At NGO Monitor, Itai oversees Israeli government relations and civil society alliances. His articles and op-eds have appeared in NRG, Israel Hayom, JTA, and Channel 20, among others.



Yona Schiffmiller **Director of Research**

Yona received his BA in Political Science and International Relations and his MA in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Yona's articles and op-eds have appeared in The Hill, Israel Hayom, The Forward, and The Tower.

Board of Directors

Professor Avraham Bell

Prof. Bell is a professor of law at the law schools of Bar Ilan University and University of San Diego. He studied at the University of Chicago and Harvard University. Prof. Bell co-authored, with Professor Steinberg, a study on NGO reporting during the Lebanon War. He currently serves on the boards of the San Diego chapter of StandWithUs and the Israeli chapter of CAMERA (Presspectiva).

Mr. Joel Golovensky, Chair

Mr. Golovensky received a BA from the University of Pennsylvania (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa), a JD from the Harvard Law School, and an LLM from the New York University School of Law. He practiced law in New York for 20 years and was a managing partner of a Manhattan law firm before moving to Israel in 1987. In Israel, Mr. Golovensky practiced law and was active as a lay leader in the Jewish Agency for Israel. At the end of 2004, he founded the Institute for Zionist Strategies (IZS). He has also written a bi-weekly column for *Haaretz*, articles for *Maariv*, *Jerusalem Post*, and *Jerusalem Report*, and was a pioneer mediator, serving on a panel of the Supreme Court. From September 1999-September 2002, Mr. Golovensky served as Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's Russian Department in Moscow. Mr. Golovensky continues to practice international law.

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