

Objet : instructif mais désolant Les caricatures anti israéliennes et anti juives sur l'affaire de la flottille



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Beating up on Israel from East and West: anti-Semitism at sea

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* Below: a selection of cartoons on the flotilla incident.

* When will politicians realize that anti-Semitism, both Arab and Western, including that in the media, is a severe impediment to solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

* *The Guardian* published an incredible 37 comment pieces on the flotilla incident between May 31 and June 9, almost all bashing Israel.

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ANTI-SEMITIC CARTOONS IN AN ILLITERATE REGION

[All notes below by Tom Gross]

The media in countries like Britain, France, Sweden and Greece are not alone in voicing vile reactions – often replete with lies, and sometimes spilling over into blatant anti-Semitism – to the recent Israeli operation to thwart hundreds of armed Turkish Islamists heading to join Hamas in Gaza.

The Arab world too – including supposedly moderate countries at peace with Israel – has produced a number of repulsive cartoons about Israel and Jews. Several, which appeared in mainstream Arab newspapers, compared Israelis to Nazis. A large number of people remain illiterate in Arab countries (most governments there have made little use of their vast oil wealth to educate their citizens, and especially women) so cartoons are particularly influential in Arab countries.

I attach a selection of cartoons below. (Research courtesy of the Anti-Defamation League, the senior staff of which subscribe to this email list. The commentaries and headings below are mine.)

Most print media in the Arab world are under the full or partial control of the ruling regimes.

SAUDI ARABIA: SWASTIKA ON AN ISRAELI FLAG



Al-Iqtisadiyya, June 2, 2010

(Reminder: Saudi Arabia, which is one of the world's most oppressive states, is often referred to as "moderate" by the very same *New York Times* editorial board that berates Israel on an almost daily basis.)

KUWAIT: DEFACING THE STAR OF DAVID



Al-Jarida, June 2, 2010



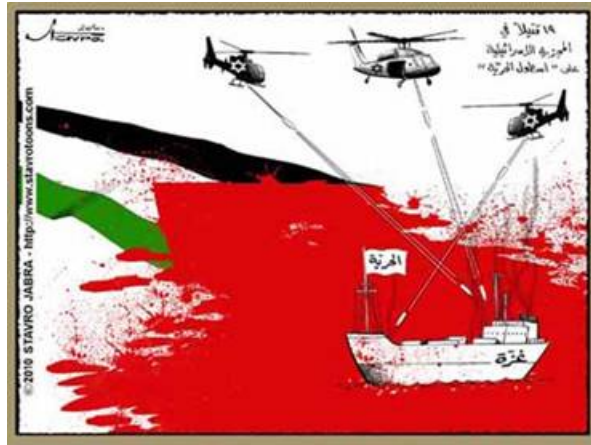
Al-Jarida, June 1, 2010

(Reminder: When Western cartoonists dared to draw Mohammed, over 200 people were killed in riots worldwide. Yet Muslim cartoonists have no trouble defacing the Star of David, and no one complains.)

LEBANON: BLOOD AND FANGS



Al-Balad, June 2, 2010



Al-Balad, June 1, 2010

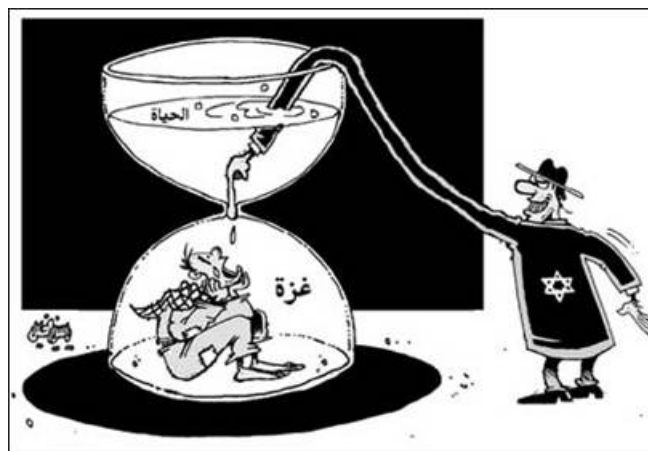
(The headline says: “19 were killed in the Israeli Massacre against the Freedom Flotilla” – as is so often the case, journalists simply invent numbers.)

OMAN: HASIDIC JEWS AND MENORAHS

Oman, another “ally” of the United States, has no problem insulting religious Jews and using the Jewish holy symbol, the menorah, to represent a murder weapon.



Al-Watan, June 2, 2010



Al-Watan, May 30, 2010



Oman, June 1, 2010

EGYPT: THE COUNTRY WHOSE BLOCKADE ON GAZA IS MORE SEVERE THAN ISRAEL'S



Al-Yaum as-Sabe, June 1, 2010

QATAR: HOME OF AL-JAZEERA



Al-Watan, June 2, 2010

(This stereotypical hook-nosed, black-hatted Jew holds a bloody machete in one hand and an assault rifle in another, while his lower body is composed of tentacles. Cartoonists in Nazi Germany also drew Jews with octopus-like tentacles – and as lice.)

ANTI-SEMITISM IN PRINT TOO

Articles in Arab newspapers are equally disturbing. For example, *Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, the official newspaper of the

An editorial in *Al-Ahram*, one of the main papers in Egypt (also a U.S. ally) says Israelis are “killers of the prophets and the servants of Satan.”

The London-based British-Arab paper *Al-Hayat*, whose journalists are favored guests on the BBC, says “Israel can be summed up in its entirety by one word: crime.”

In a separate article *Al-Hayat* (UK) says “the Gaza Strip has become an open-air Nazi concentration camp”. ([See pictures here.](#))

In an editorial, the Jordanian paper *Watan*, says “There is no one lower, more impure, evil-smelling and humiliating than someone who puts his hand in the hands of the Jews.”

Ammon News (Jordan) says Israel is “the embodiment of the Nazi regime by all means. It does not differ from what the Nazis did to the Jews, if indeed what the Nazis did to the Jews is a historical fact.”

NOT AN ISOLATED OCCURRENCE

Please also see this previous selection of [cartoons from the Arab world](#), that I compiled.

And this selection from [elsewhere in the world](#).

Surely it is obvious that anti-Semitism, both Arab and Western, can only serve to make the Israel-Palestine conflict even more bitter.

THE GUARDIAN

The British paper *The Guardian* published a record [37 comment pieces](#) on the flotilla incident between May 31 and June 9.

At the same time (as usual) they all but ignored the 130 other conflicts around the world – most of which are far more deadly than the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (such as the ongoing genocide against Muslim and other minority populations in Burma about which the world cares nothing).

Western media that bash Israel are even silent on the killing of Afghans that their own armies carry out every day. (42 countries have armies in Afghanistan.)

Among past dispatches on the flotilla, please see [this one for more details.](#))

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