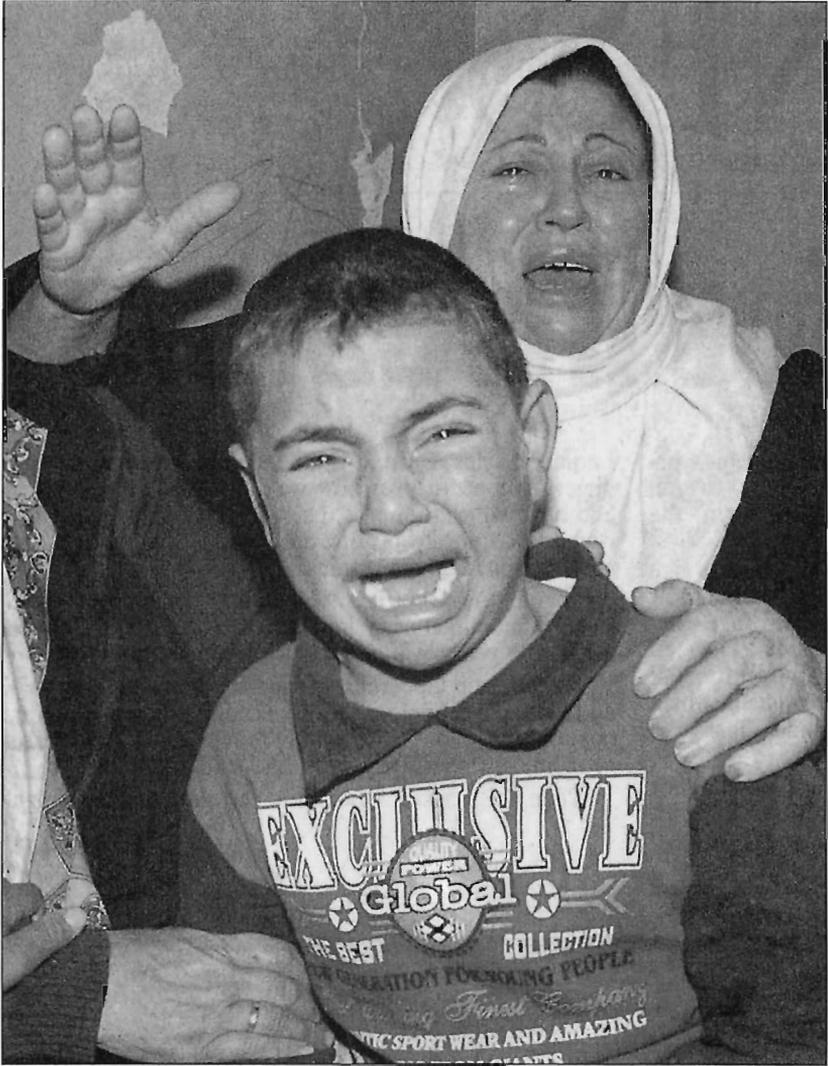


The Israeli Holocaust



Against the Palestinians

A chronicle of war-crimes and atrocities against people judged less than human by the U.S. government and media

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This book is dedicated to the memory of reporter
Raffaele Ciriello
a truth teller who was murdered by Israeli troops
March 13, 2002 in Ramallah

The loss of memory is the root of evil

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Leslie Stahl, of CBS News, asked the US Ambassador to the United Nations, Madeline Albright: "We have heard that half a million children have died," (as a result of U.S. sanctions on Iraq). "I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And you know, is the price worth it?"

"I think this is a very hard choice," Albright answered, 'but the price—we think the price is worth it.'

CBS News television broadcast, 1996

"...President (Bush) has made clear that he regards the Israeli operation in the West Bank as broadly justified..."

N.Y. Times, April 3, 2002

Ariel Sharon is a man of peace.

George W. Bush

The writer's first job is not to have opinions but to tell the truth and refuse to be an accomplice of lies or misinformation...It is the job of the writer to depict the realities, the foul realities...Serious writers...shouldn't just express themselves differently from the way the mass media does. They should be in opposition to the communal drone of the newscast and the talk show.

Susan Sontag, acceptance speech
The Jerusalem Prize for Literature 2001

We can't give in to Jewish victimology, grant it a waiver from decency and practicality, write off its cruel deeds as the inevitable product of a particularly disillusioning history.

Imaja Dauof, *Wailing Wall Street*

**"Lest we Forget"
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Every year in April there is *Yom Has Shoa* day in the religion of Judaism, marked universally in the otherwise secular West under the rubric, "Holocaust Remembrance Day." How ironic that in the midst of the Israeli army massacre of Palestinians in Jenin on April 9, 2002, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon together with the Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi, Rabbi Meir Lau (above), solemnly commemorated "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Jerusalem to mourn "the Nazi massacres of Jews."

Orthodox Rabbis like Lau teach the Talmudic doctrine that the lives of Jews are preferable to non-Jews, hence the rabbis can mourn Judaics massacred by Nazis while simultaneously giving spiritual support to ongoing Israeli massacres of Arabs. Christ called this rabbinic brand of shameless hypocrisy, "the leaven of the Pharisees."

The blood-thirsty former prime minister of the Israeli state, Binyamin Netanyahu, believes that the "Holocaust" should shield Israelis from criticism for their mass murders. Netanyahu said he was dismayed, though not really surprised, that European countries criticized the Israeli onslaught in Jenin:

"This, after all, is the same Europe which 60 years ago refused to lift a finger to stop the wholesale slaughter of Jews," he said. Mr. Netanyahu said criticism of Israel's weeklong operation in the West Bank is groundless...(He cited) the 'exceptional restraint' that his country has shown..." *N.Y. Times*, April 10, 2002.

(The "restraint" was so "exceptional" the Israelis banned the media from covering it).

The calendar of the West has memorials to other Judaic victims. We are informed many times annually by the media concerning anniversaries marking events having to do with Anne Frank, Babi Yar and Auschwitz, in addition to "Holocaust Day" in April. The newspapers and televised news programs also cover on a nearly weekly basis, allegations of Jewish victimhood in the smallest detail, as for example the story that made national headlines in America at the end of May 2002, about a rabbi's son who was punched in the nose in faraway Russia!

American official history and official media tend to report Israeli attacks on Palestinians usually only once, and then often sparingly, sometimes omitting key elements. But there is never any annual remembrance of Palestinian victims of particularly savage and indiscriminate Israeli attacks, such as the 20,000 civilians slaughtered by the Israeli air force in Beirut, Lebanon in 1982, on orders of Ariel Sharon, culminating in massive terror bombing of the city center in August of that year. Neither is the 1948 massacre at Deir Yassin remembered or the 1994 mass murder of forty Arab worshipers by Baruch Goldstein at a mosque in Hebron. All that Arab blood is mighty cheap as it washes down the memory hole of Western history and media; too cheap to recall, even as the recollection of Jewish victimhood has been some how accorded eternal status.

"The media's role in making this massive operation of (Israeli) state terrorism acceptable has, of course, been extremely important...Relevant elements of bias include: (1) suppressing Sharon's historic record as a terrorist commander; (2) giving hugely disproportionate weight to Israeli as compared to Palestinian suffering; (3) maintaining the traditional pattern of making the Palestinian attacks appear unprovoked and not retaliatory, the Israelis always retaliating..." (Edward S. Herman, "Ariel Sharon, From Sabra-Shatila to Jenin," *Z Magazine*, June 2002, p. 33).

Remembrance can be a weapon or a warning. The remembrance of what the Nazis did to Jewish persons both *real and imagined* (we say imagined since some World War II accounts have been shamelessly exaggerated and politicized), is utilized as justification for the Israelis using Nazi tactics against the Palestinians.

But remembrance need not be corrupt. Remembering what was done to the American Indian has resulted in better treatment of Indians in America today. Raising the Palestinians to the status of human beings and recalling what American taxpayer funds and weapons have wrought upon them, will save innocent Palestinian lives, as well as the lives of other marginalized persons around the globe.

As things stand at present, there is one nation of Holy People on earth which has suffered as no other nation has ever suffered and which must be placated, accommodated and granted special immunities and privileges

amounting to *Herrenvolk* (Master Race) status. This status in turn, grants the “Chosen” the privilege of committing war crimes and atrocities against the indigenous people of Palestine with impunity, on the grounds that ensuring security of the Master Race takes precedence over the security concerns of the Palestinian people.

This racism could not function if the media and universities of the West were honest, instead of politicized. If they were honest, the crimes which the Zionists in the Israeli state have committed would be as highly publicized, and commemorated on an annual basis, as Nazi crimes.

Jewish supremacy is based on the imposition of amnesia about other holocausts and in particular, the holocaust the Israelis are perpetrating now in Palestine. We are here attempting to redress this double-standard and fix the truth of the holocaust against the Palestinians in the memory of America and the West as a whole. We have selected as our principle focus a period of a few weeks in Palestine in the spring of 2002. There was nothing atypical about this time period. An objective timeline of Israeli war crimes in Lebanon and Palestine would stretch back decades.

Jewish Supremacy

Such is the power of Judaism and Zionism that most of us dare not utter the phrase “Jewish supremacy” in the face of massive examples of Talmudic and Zionist racism, because we have been taught to believe that to call the “saints and martyrs” who comprise The Holy People supremacists, is itself racist. Institutionalized cowardice in the face of incontrovertible fact has created a nation of Americans who dare not think lest they violate a taboo.

This suppression of free thought is destabilizing to the Establishment’s empire, predicated as it is on the highly touted differences between “Us and Them” (American Jew-worshippers vs. the anti-racist resistance in Europe and the Third World). We Americans are declared to be free and democratic. “They,” on the other hand are tyrannical and hateful. But if this equation is valid, then why can’t we in the “free world” objectively analyze Jewish supremacy? White supremacy has certainly been analyzed and condemned in its minutest particulars. Even the black nationalist movement has been approved for attack by the Establishment, for its “black supremacist” tendencies, at least to the extent that the black movement in the U.S. embodies resistance to Judaism and Zionism.

But to discuss or study Jewish supremacy is to enter a zone of forbidden thinking, where “rabid anti-semitic fantasies” and “the cliches of paranoid Jew hatred” afflict “psychotics.” Missing from this hysterical diagnosis is the fact that *the Jewish people are themselves oppressed by Judaism and Zionism*. Jewish liberation is intrinsically tied to the defeat of the self-worship embodied within both the Talmud and Kabbalah, and Zionist governance and militarism, as Hebrew University Professor Israel Shahak demonstrated in his epochal masterpiece, *Jewish History, Jewish Religion*.

The real “Jew-haters” are the authors of the Talmud, with its tens of thousands of crazed rules governing every aspect of the Jewish person’s life down to the tiniest detail, from circumcision and menstruation to how to behave in the bathroom (cf. Michael Hoffman, *Judaism’s Strange Gods* [Coeur d’Alene, Idaho: Independent History and Research], 2000).

Furthermore, the “Jew haters” are comprised of the Zionists who, in the

name of all so-called Jews, dispossess and massacre the indigenous peoples of Palestine. This conflation of opposition to Zionism with opposition to or hatred of Jewish people, is exposed as a fallacy by the historical record. In 1919, California Congressman Julian Kahn, himself Jewish, delivered a proclamation to President Woodrow Wilson signed by 300 Jewish-American leaders, denouncing the Zionists for trying to segregate Jews and reverse the historic trend toward assimilation. Rep. Kahn objected to the creation of a distinctly Jewish state in Palestine as "contrary to the principles of democracy."

Due to tactics of silencing any Jewish dissent from Zionism, and threats against the Jewish dissidents themselves, in 1943 Jewish leader Louis Wolsey, a committed anti-Zionist, declared that the powerful American Zionist Rabbi Stephen Wise had "revealed by his tyranny over the non-conformists (among Jewish-Americans) what the Zionists would do to the Arabs (cf. Thomas Kolsky, *Jews Against Zionism* [Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1990]; pp. 31, 41 & 73).

We have a System in the United States which cannot abide the truth. But where truth is consistently suppressed, an enormous tension is created in the root cellar of the suppressive society. Americans may pay lip service to the gods of Zionism and Judaism, but beneath this compulsory servility a growing number harbor a smoldering resentment and contempt for a System that will not allow them to articulate forbidden thoughts or disseminate banned information, without risking loss of employment, career or business. In the post 9/11 era of the new King George (W. Bush), voicing and disseminating such thoughts and information could conceivably lead one to be branded an "unlawful combatant" and detained indefinitely in a military prison without Constitutional rights of any kind.

Using official invective and psychiatric jargon to denounce and demonize *the fact of Jewish supremacy* only broadens the aura of forbidden appeal that this and other proscribed truths inevitably tend to exert. Joseph Massad, professor of Intellectual History at Columbia University, details the overwhelming reality of Jewish supremacy:

"It is no longer contested, even among many Israelis, that the impact of Zionism on the Palestinian people in the last 100 years includes: the expulsion of a majority of Palestinians from their lands and homes and the subsequent confiscation of their property for the exclusive use of Jews and the prevention of refugees from returning; imposing a military apartheid system on those Palestinians who remained in Israel from 1948 until 1966, which since then has been relaxed to a civilian Jewish supremacist system of discrimination...it has always been made explicit that transforming Israel into a non-Jewish (read non-racist) state is 'not pragmatic...' On the pragmatic side, the argument runs as follows:...it is pragmatic for Palestinians to accept to live in a Jewish supremacist state as third class citizens...and it is pragmatic for Israel to remain a Jewish supremacist state...

"...racist talk about the demographic 'threat' that the Palestinians constitute for a Jewish supremacist Israel is not confined to Mr. Sharon and the Israeli Jewish right wing...but also to liberal and leftist Israeli Jews. In December, 2000 the Institute of Policy and Strategy at the Herzlia

Interdisciplinary Center in Israel held its first of what is to be a series of annual conferences dealing with the security of Israel, especially with regard to maintaining its Jewish supremacist character. One of the 'Main Points' identified in the 52-page conference report is the concern over the numbers needed to maintain the Jewish supremacy of Israel:

"The high birthrate (of Israeli Arabs) brings into question the future of Israel as a Jewish state...The present demographic trends, should they continue, challenge the future of Israel as a Jewish state. Israel has two alternative strategies: adaptation or containment. The latter requires a long-term energetic Zionist demographic policy whose political, economic and educational effects would guarantee the Jewish character of Israel.'

"...The conference's findings and commitments are hardly a new phenomenon in Zionist thought. ...Golda Meir could not sleep in the early 1970s, horrified at the number of Palestinians born and conceived every night...Jewish demographic supremacy, which has always been the ideological cornerstone for imposing ethno-racial Jewish supremacy in Palestine (however the Jewish 'race' or Jewish 'ethnicity' may be defined), is as old as the Zionist movement itself...Aside from the laws that safeguard Jewish supremacy in Israel, including the Law of Return (1950), the Law of Citizenship (1952), the Status Law (1952), the Law of Absentee Property (1950), the Law of the State's Property (1951), the Israel Lands Administration Law (1960), the Construction and Building Law (1965) and a myriad of others, not to mention the exclusive Jewish symbolism that Israel deploys, ranging from its Jewish flag and national anthem (which only speaks of Jews), to its ceremonial national days and its practices of institutionalized discriminations against its Arab non-Jewish citizens in every facet of life, Jewish society in Israel as well as the Jewish leadership continue to uphold Jewish supremacy as sacrosanct and non-negotiable..." ("On Zionism and Jewish Supremacy," *New Politics* No. 32, Winter 2002, pp. 89-95).

In the March 27, 2002 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*, Middle East "authority" Walter Laquer wrote, "Palestinians have been indoctrinated by their leaders for decades that there will be no (peace) settlement without a 'right of return' to Israel. But there can be no return to houses and villages that no longer exist, to a country that is overpopulated anyway."

Laquer uses this over-population claim as the rationale for excluding hundreds of thousands of native Palestinians driven from their ancestral lands, while neglecting to mention the double-standard at the heart of the Zionist enterprise, that there is always room for hundreds of thousands of Jewish persons from Russia and New York in the "overpopulated" Israeli state.

The facts about Jewish supremacy are both revealed and hidden

In this, the Cryptocracy's Revelation of the Method era, the facts about Jewish supremacy are both revealed and hidden (cf. Michael Hoffman, *Secret Societies and Psychological Warfare: 2001* and "Leaking the 9/11 Charade" in *Revisionist History* No. 24, June 2002). While to charge that the U.S. news and entertainment media is inordinately biased in favor of Judaism and Zionism is to reap the usual hysteria about "anti-semitism,"

in actuality the Establishment itself has issued books from its major publishing houses such as *How the Jews Invented Hollywood*, in which Jewish author Neal Gabler asserts credit for Judaic control of the world's most influential outpost of the mass communications industry.

Hollywood director Rob Reiner, who is Jewish, is on record as stating, "I think Jews are the smartest people in the world." He points out that, with regard to the film industry. "It's all run by Jews, even Disney. That's funny, because Walt Disney was a terrible reactionary. If he found out that Michael Eisner and Jeffrey Katzenberg were running his company," Reiner says with a laugh, "he'd be spinning in his grave. That's a wonderful bit of poetic justice." *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*, Dec. 4, 1992.

Jewish film critic Michael Medved has stated: "It makes no sense at all to try to deny the reality of Jewish power and prominence in popular culture. Any list of the most influential production executives at each of the major movie studios will produce a heavy majority of recognizably Jewish names" (*Moment*, 1996).

Benjamin Ginsberg in *The Fatal Embrace* (University of Chicago, 1993), writes, "The chief executive officers of the three major television networks and the four largest film studios are Jews, as are the owners of the nation's largest newspaper chain and most influential single newspaper, the *New York Times*."

It can be argued that the most powerful man in the U.S. ruling class is the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan. According to the financial magazine *Worth*, in September of 1974, when Greenspan was sworn in to his first government position, as the nation's leading economist, he "swore his oath of office by placing his right hand on a Talmud held by his aged mother." (*Worth*, May, 1995, p. 102).

Furthermore, on Sept. 2, 1994, the conservative Israeli newspaper *Ma'ariv* published in Tel Aviv a report by Israeli journalist Avinoam Bar-Yosef, which was headlined, "The Jews Who Run Clinton's Cabinet." The article asserted that America was no longer a gentile nation: "The U.S. no longer has a government of Goyim..." Instead, Bar-Yosef reported that Americans were governed by "warm (i.e. Zionist) Jews."

If we were to make precisely the same claim using the exact wording as the Israeli newspaper, we would be denounced by the media and "human rights watchdog groups" as "haters" or "anti-semites" or "self-hating Jews." Indeed, in north Idaho, the former "hotbed" of the now defunct Aryan Nations hate-group, multi-millionaire computer magnate Greg Carr has established the "Carr Center for Human Rights" at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Carr has taken it upon himself to establish a branch of his center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to "teach tolerance and defeat supremacist ideology." Numerous overtures to officials of the Carr Center to establish a section of their "human rights" facility for the documentation of Judaic racism and supremacy have been met with complete silence.

Outfits like Carr's are actually extensions of Zionist power, masquerading as human rights concerns. They stereotype the white working man ("redneck") as a congenital moral leper, and cleverly group Zionist racists

with African-Americans and Third World immigrants as collective "victims of evil rednecks." Removed from view is the history of Jewish supremacy in Palestine, the spread of Master Race Zionist ideology in the U.S. (particularly among Protestant fundamentalists) and the power Judaism and Zionism exert over the U.S. government and media. Like President Clinton before him, King George has fanatical Zionists and Talmudic religious extremists at top spots in the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice and leading his White House staff. These include Paul Wolfowitz, Michael Chertoff and Chabad-Lubavitch hate group member Ari Fleischer.

As an initiated member of a Freemasonic order (The Skull and Bones society of Yale University), George W. Bush has pledged his fealty to "the Jews." (In Royal Arch Freemasonry, the masonic initiate swears allegiance to his brother masons and to "the Jewish nation"). Our masonic president is, spiritually in that sense at least, himself a member of the Judaic entity.

If there is a virulent racist movement among the white working class in America today, it is the worship of Israelis as God's Master Race and the hatred of Arabs and adherents of the Muslim religion as "demonic pedophiles" (Falwell) who deserve to be murdered (George Will in the *Washington Post*; Hillel Halkin in the *Wall Street Journal*); or at the very least, denied civil rights (Paul Weyrich; *National Review*; *The Weekly Standard*, the *New York Post*). This bigotry, disseminated by both the liberal Establishment media and the right-wing television and radio talk shows, is leading America toward world war, genocide and racism on an unprecedented scale, all in the cause of the maintenance of Jewish supremacy.

In an editorial in the *Wall Street Journal*, the flagship publication of America's financial elite, columnist Hillel Halkin called for the assassination of Palestinians: "I can make careful use of the intelligence at Israel's disposal to identify, locate and kill...with minimal loss of innocent life, by such means as booby-trapping their telephones, rocketing their cars and offices, etc. In a word, assassinate them. Sounds good to me..." *Wall Street Journal*, August 28, 2001, p. A14.

The Right-wing in America, properly described as "kosher conservative," has for decades been unwilling to breath a word about Israeli murder of Christians, as for example the Israeli bomb planted in a Maronite Catholic Church in Lebanon in 1994 --timed to go off when parishioners were at the communion rail. This bomb killed about a dozen Catholics and wounded dozens more. There was nothing about Israeli responsibility for this heinous terror bombing in the conservative Roman Catholic *The Wanderer* newspaper or Buckley's *National Review* magazine or any of the other right wing Christian organs which publish bombastic and mostly mendacious or exaggerated exposes and editorials against the easy target that is Islam.

When the Pope visited Palestine in March of 2000, rabbis targeted him with the *pulsa de nura* ("lashes of fire") kabbalistic cursing ceremony, held at midnight in a cemetery in Safed. The curse was broadcast nationwide on Israeli Channel 2 just before the pope's arrival. This black magic rite recalled rabbinic curses cast on prime minister Yitzhak Rabin prior to his 1995 assassination by a Talmud student, Yigal Amir.

The American Right, being effectively a tool of the Israeli fundamentalists, parrots the party line of Judaism and Zionism, which pretend that Muslims

fight not for economic and social justice in their lands, but because they resent "The Triumph of the West." This claim is retailed by representatives of the very ideology that has fashioned the most pernicious of all subversions of the West in the form of our new state religion, Holocaustianity, which claims that Christianity is the pathology that led to Auschwitz. Judaism's anti-Christianite bigotry has replaced Calvary with Auschwitz as the central ontological axis of Western history, and yet this subversive sleight of hand has been lauded and even amplified by a legion of prominent "Judeo-Christians" who proclaim their ardor for the "values of the West" -- presumably the virtues of Shylock, Fagin and Begin.

In 2002 the *Los Angeles Times* published a supposedly "leaked Pentagon document," the Federal government's secret *Nuclear Posture Review*, which showed that under Bush, the Pentagon has broadened America's nuclear targets to seven countries and lowered the threshold for U.S. use of nuclear weapons. The nuclear targets include Iraq, Iran, Libya and Syria. The U.S. government's *Nuclear Posture Review* allegedly calls for use of nuclear weapons in case of an attack by Iraq against Israel, or during any event that falls under the heading "surprising military developments." The Bush administration appears to be planning to use tactical nuclear weapons against cities and troops.

Why would the U.S. commence a nuclear war on behalf of the Israelis, when the Israelis have a large nuclear arsenal and one of the world's most powerful military forces? Why nuke Syria, which poses no threat to America? Until the advent of the George W. Bush presidency, the U.S. vowed never to use nuclear weapons against nations that did not possess them. But with Zionism on the war path, Bush is moving away from nuclear deterrence toward offensive use of nuclear bombs. Is not the increasing likelihood of nuclear war on behalf of the Israelis one of the greatest threats to human rights imaginable?

Groups such as the Carr Center for Human Rights choose easy targets that will not offend their deep-pockets Zionist financiers. Carr would rather devote an acre of space to exposing some drunken lout who hammered some two-by-fours together to form a burning cross, than devote even one small corner to the study of American financing of the Israeli government's burning of Jenin, or Talmudic hate-literature, or a sustained exposé of the Arab-hating racism and anti-Islamic religious bigotry which is spreading across the U.S. heartland like prairie fire.

To counter the media's myopia and selective indignation, as well as highly distorted exhibitions such as the Wiesenthal Center and the US Holocaust Museum (synagogues disguised as "history museums"), the Campaign for Radical Truth in History operates the first-ever virtual museum devoted to documenting the unsung holocaust against the Palestinians. The museum is online at hoffman-info.com/palestine.html

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Moshe Lieberman

March 6-16, 2002

More than 200 Palestinians were slaughtered between March 6 and March 16 by the Israeli Occupation Army. 40 Palestinians were killed on March 8 alone. The Zionist-dominated media has not given any memorable name to that bloody massacre of Palestinians because, according to Jewish law, Jewish blood is worth more.

Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburg, head of the Kever Yossev Yeshiva (school of Talmud) in Nablus stated, "The blood of the Jewish people is loved by the Lord; it is therefore redder and their life is preferable." This is the U.S. media's position too. NBC News described the Israeli army's mass murder in Ramallah and the other refugee camps from March 6-16 as "Israeli patrols."

The bloody massacre of Palestinians in March of 2002 has already been forgotten. The blood of those Arab civilians murdered by Israeli soldiers is not "red enough" for the US media to commemorate. Only Jewish casualties are truly mourned and memorialized. This is Talmudic racism in action, and it breeds rage. In this publication we have attempted to preserve salient photographs and facts pertaining to this horrible onslaught of Israeli state terrorism, amounting both to collective punishment of the entire Palestinian people and low intensity genocide.

The slogan of the "Holocaust" is "Never Again." But it is happening again--to the Palestinians Israeli Army policy: exterminate as many young Palestinian males as possible.

Israelis Bomb School for the Blind



In the Gaza ghetto, a Palestinian teacher carries a Palestinian boy from the wreckage of a school for the blind which was bombed by the Israelis, March 6, 2002.

The Israeli Genocide in Palestine, March 29 - April 18, 2002

"...we must encircle the main Palestinian population centers..."
--Binyamin Netanyahu, *Jerusalem Post*, March 29

March 30

Eight Palestinians Killed In Israeli Assault on Arafat's Ramallah Office: Mass Round-up of Palestinian Males in Ramallah: Five Palestinian policemen have been murdered in cold blood by Israeli soldiers since March 29. The policemen were found shot in the back of the head at close-range, execution-style, on the third floor of the Cairo-Amman bank at midnight on Friday, March 29 during the Israeli rampage in the Palestinian city of Ramallah. These five men were put to death by the Israelis, each with a single *coup de grace* administered to the head or throat.

Maher Shalabi, bureau chief of Abu Dhabi television in Ramallah, was in his office in the same building. "I believe this was an execution," he said. Hassan Asfour, a senior Palestinian negotiator, added: "They were executed in cold blood. This is an example of the collective execution policy adopted by the Israeli government against the Palestinian people."



Three of five Palestinian policemen summarily executed by Israeli soldiers. The five victims were Khaled Awad 33, Ismail Zaid 56, Said Abdelrahman 60, Abdelrahman Abdallah, 58, and Omar Musa, 54

Operation Destroy the Data

An American police official, who wishes to remain anonymous, contributed the following analysis of the Israeli murder of the Palestinian policemen:

The five Police officers were public employees, i.e. civil servants (law enforcement Officers), who had been dispatched to a Community Bank in Ramallah, for the purpose of protecting that financial institution against the notoriously customary Israeli habit of vandalizing and robbing private and public financial and administrative resources throughout the occupied territories.

Another view of the Israeli massacre



of the Palestinian policemen

Every one of the armed robberies committed by the Israeli army during “Operation Defensive Shield” was committed in open contempt of the laws of man, the laws of civilized culture, and the laws of human conscience.

Every one of the armed robberies committed by the Israeli army during “Operation Defensive Shield” was committed in open criminal assault against Law Enforcement officers.

The Palestinian people hired those police officers for the purpose of protecting their communities against crime. Michael Hoffman has produced

a photo on his website of a room inside one of the Community Banks in Ramallah, a room containing a group of dead Palestinian officers of the law; dead cops.

They were inside that Community Bank, during "Operation Defensive Shield," protecting that bank, doing their job, honorably, bravely and lawfully. They were confronted by a mob of predatory Israeli criminals who were determined to commit a lynching, and were eager to commit another of the Israelis notoriously customary robberies (sponsored, armed, trained and granted prosecutory immunity by the United States of America).

The mob of sociopathic Israeli predators broke into the Bank, killed the law enforcement officers and then proceeded to vandalize the contents of the Bank (including the Bank's safe and its walk-in vault). This scene was repeated in hundreds of private homes and businesses, and in many of Palestine's federal government administrative buildings, throughout Ramallah, during "Operation Defensive Shield." It is a scene which has been repeated hundreds of thousands of times in the occupied territories during all the decades of Israel's lawless and sociopathic assault against the peace and security of Palestinian civilization.

The photographs which are reproduced by Michael Hoffman show the remnants of an explosive detonation on a portion of one of the walls, in the room where the police officers were murdered. The photographs clearly show the dead Policemen's bodies and clothing. The photographs clearly substantiate the fact that the garments and bodies of the dead Police Officers do not contain any of the clothing damage or random torso and leg wounds which would be present if the police officers had been killed or injured by the detonation which impacted on the wall of that room.

One of the police officers in the photograph does appear to have been severely mutilated by the explosion shown in the photograph, but we cannot ignore the clearly-evident indication that all except one of the Police Officers shown dead in that room were killed either before (or after) the explosive device was tossed into that room.

Detonating a grenade in that room after the Police Officers had already been killed would make the murders appear to be the result of a "military" maneuver. In the eyes and minds of a criminal "military" force, the murder of innocent and honorable police officers can be justified to the media, when a grenade is designated as the cause of death, instead of bullets, or in conjunction with bullets.

Grenades evoke the impression that the men who were killed were legitimate "military" targets. As we have seen in the media's response to these photographs of murdered police officers, the grenade deception does what it is intended to, even when the men who are murdered are honorable, law-abiding police officers who were honorably protecting a Community Bank against immoral serial killers and armed robbers sent by a nation of cop killers, a nation which achieves and maintains its existence by generating and perpetuating a national psychology which takes pride in being a nation of cop killers. (End quote from testimony of American police official, May, 2002).

Our American lawman's expert opinion was buttressed by the opinion of Israeli columnist Amira Hass, which was published in the Hebrew language

Israeli newspaper, *Ha'aretz* (and duly ignored by the American media):

"...the breaking into every hard disk of every bank and clinic, commercial consultant's office or Palestinian Authority ministry...was not a whim or crazed vengeance by this or that unit...the scenes of systematic destruction show how the IDF (Israeli Army) translated into the field the instructions inherent in the political echelon's policies: Israel must destroy Palestinian civil institutions, sabotaging for years to come the Palestinian goal of independence, sending all of Palestinian society backwards." ("Operation Destroy the Data," *Ha'aretz*, April 24, 2002).

Here's how liars at Michael Hoffman's former employer, the Associated Press, falsified the murders of the Palestinian policemen to make it appear as though they died in a gun battle: "Near the center of Ramallah, the bodies of five armed Palestinians, some in police uniform, were found Saturday in a six-story building. The Israeli army said they were killed a day earlier in a firefight that left two soldiers wounded." End quote from Associated Press dispatch, "Arafat Remains Confined in Office" March 30, 2002. The preceding AP dispatch gives only the Israeli account, and it withholds information about wounds at the back of the policemen's heads at close range.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, said in a telephone interview that "Arafat's compound is being guarded so he won't be hit." But Yasir Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian communications director, dismissed the Israeli minister's claim. "He is a liar," Mr. Abed Rabbo said. "They are all liars."

Israeli tanks and troops rampaged throughout Ramallah, demanding over loudspeakers that all Palestinian boys and men ages 15 to 45 come out for "questioning." 500 have been kidnapped by the Israelis and dragged away, bound and gagged for torture, and in some cases, summary execution.

This round-up was particularly ominous in light of Israeli killings from March 7 to March 16, in which more than 150 Palestinian males between the ages of 15 and 45 were shot to death. Journalists have been expelled from Ramallah so that the low intensity Israeli genocide against the Palestinians could proceed without publicity. Such inhuman tactics breed rage and ever more fanatical resistance to the Israelis.

March 31

Easter Sunday Onslaught

It is difficult to experience Resurrection Sunday with any kind of joy or sit down to the traditional repast with any kind of relish when, as I write these words, Palestinian males are being summarily executed in Ramallah by the Israeli army.

Many words will be written about this low intensity genocide but they are all futile if they fail to go to the root of the crisis -- the religion of Judaism's institutionalized, racist contempt for gentiles as documented in this reporter's book, *Judaism's Strange Gods*.

Also, today a bombshell was dropped in England by Lord Ian Gilmour, Britain's former Secretary of State for Defense. Writing in the March 31 edition of *The Observer*, Lord Gilmour stated, "Ariel Sharon has never wanted peace with the Palestinians and never will - he only wants their

surrender and expulsion."

How true! And how seldom is this horrible truth articulated by any official interviewed in the US media, especially on television. Gilmour might have tacked on one final addendum: Sharon does not want peace, he seeks Palestinian surrender, expulsion *and* extermination.

This extermination is what Bush, the US Senate and media pundits applaud, the de facto extermination of Palestinians by low intensity-- but weekly--murders. This holocaust of Palestinians can be applauded by those who have sat through hundreds of hours of "Holocaust" movies and "Holocaust" classroom studies because Palestinians are viewed through a Talmudic lens, as sub-humans. They're not "Jews," so genocide against them simply doesn't register.

Palestinian official Gibriel Rjoub said that Israeli soldiers in Ramallah executed thirty Palestinian men on Easter Sunday, March 31. Eyewitnesses say that mass killing by Israelis is taking place in various parts of the city. Bahij Abdullah, 61, owner of a Ramallah hardware store, said: "They (Israelis) are shooting at everything that moves."

Some will be interned, others summarily executed



Collective punishment: Palestinian males, hands tied behind their backs, under Israeli guns, March 31, 2002. Some will be shot, others interned or tortured.

Grim Selection Process

During this operation, Palestinian males have been divided into two groups by the Israeli army: one group is selected to be interned and another group of males is selected to be shot. Nidal Abdullah, 17, was one of those detained

by the Israeli army. "They called everybody out of the houses," he said. "Any male from age of 16 to 45. Then they sat us all down in a field." The group was split up, and some 150 were held overnight. During his internment, the youth said, "sometimes they would call a person outside and hit him a little, smack him around ... slap him in the face."



Dead Palestinian civilian is carried away from lineup after being summarily shot by Israeli soldiers, March 31, 2002. Other Palestinians awaiting selection huddle against the wall.

The Al Nazer hospital in Ramallah, a maternity hospital, came under Israeli fire. Many wounded were around the hospital. Medical workers were denied access to the wounded.

Zionists Killers Must Operate in Secret: City of Ramallah Declared "Closed Military Zone": The Israeli army announced March 31 it will forcibly remove European human rights activists and news reporters from the Palestinian city of Ramallah. The Israeli army has declared the Palestinian city of Ramallah "a closed military zone" in the hope that their soldiers can slaughter the population without undue publicity.

The Israeli army has taken over the Ramallah offices of foreign news organizations, including Reuters, expelling the journalists: The Israeli killers have a lot to hide and the ban on the media is necessary before completely unrestrained butchery can be implemented against Palestinian civilians.



Israeli soldier prevents TV news crew from entering Ramallah, April 1, 2002

The Foreign Press Association (FPA) protested the Israeli army's order. "The media must be allowed to cover this major story. We call upon the Israeli government to allow free and independent coverage of the operation in Palestinian Authority areas," the FPA said in a statement. At least two journalists, including Anthony Shadid of the Boston Globe and Carlos Handal of Abu Dhabi TV, were shot by Israeli soldiers in Ramallah since March 29. Shadid was shot in the shoulder March 31. Handal was shot in the face March 29.

Two Palestinian men have been assassinated by Israelis in the village of Saida in the West Bank.

Israeli forces invaded the Palestinian town of Beit Jala. Heavy shelling and firing is reported in this predominantly Christian town. Muslims and Christians have jointly gone to the streets fighting the advancing Israeli tanks.

The town of Bethlehem is also under fire as Israeli troops are attacking it from two directions. On every corner of Ramallah Israeli tanks are positioned. The devastation that these tanks have wrought inside the Palestinians' most attractive city has to be seen to be believed. Roads have been dynamited or torn up by tanks. Buildings are burned and shattered. Everywhere there is rubble, spent ammunition and broken glass.

Hossam Sharkawi and Mohamed Awad, two senior officials in the Palestinian Red Cross reported Israelis had arrested five medics and ambulance drivers. "They have them blindfolded and handcuffed. I cannot understand what the Israelis are thinking. They also used one of our ambulances today as a human shield. They sandwiched it inside a convoy."

Israeli troops also forced wounded Palestinians out of four Palestinian ambulances and used them as human shields in Ramallah.

French Mission of Mercy: A delegation from the Palestinian solidarity movement courageously marched to Arafat's office amid Israeli gunfire. They were led by José Bové, the French farmer and anti-globalization leader. Bové and his colleagues marched through the ruins of devastated Ramallah, even as Israeli soldiers opened fire. With hands above their heads, and carrying palm fronds as Easter symbols of peace, they approached Arafat's compound with two columns of heavily armed Israeli infantry threatening from behind. Bové marched through the besieged town with a small group of fellow humanitarians, bearing a tray of medicines for those injured inside Arafat's offices. (Some of the activists were subsequently arrested by the Israelis and jailed).

Israeli Soldiers Broadcast Pornography on Seized TV Stations: Pornographic movies were broadcast by Israeli troops who have taken over Palestinian television stations in Ramallah. The offices of local television and radio stations were occupied by Israeli soldiers a few hours after tanks and hundreds of troops stormed the town. The soldiers started broadcasting the porn clips -- considered extremely offensive by most Palestinians -- intermittently in the afternoon from the Al-Watan, Ammwaj, and Al-Sharaq stations.

"The pornographic movies started on Al-Watan television at around 3:30 pm," one 34-year-old Palestinian mother said. "I have six children at home, they have nowhere to go with what is going on here and can't even watch TV," she said angrily. A 52-year-old mother of three children complained about "the deliberate psychological damage caused by these broadcasts. I am furious, these are the people who are shooting at us that also play this disgusting trick on us," she said. "We are desperate for news and constantly flipping channels and get these terrible pictures instead."

April 1

Israeli Troops Shoot at Human Rights Activists and TV Cameramen

Beit Jala, West Bank (Compiled from Wire Services, April 1, 2002): Seven foreign peace activists and a television cameraman were wounded when an Israeli soldier fired at the ground in front of them, officials and witnesses said. About 100 demonstrators, Palestinian and foreign, were marching through the center of the West Bank town of Beit Jala behind a sign saying "We want peace, not war," witnesses said.

As they approached an Israeli armored personnel carrier, a soldier in the carrier fired several shots at them. Medical officials said a Palestinian and seven foreigners were hurt. They included two Americans, two Britons, and one each from Australia, Japan and France. The Palestinian, who was wounded in the leg, was a cameraman covering the march for the Associated Press.

An Israeli soldier also kicked and pushed a Reuters cameraman and fired

one shot over his head while the cameraman was filming the protest.

The director of Beit Jala hospital, Peter Qumri, said one woman from Australia was undergoing surgery to remove a bullet wound from her abdomen and was in a satisfactory condition. The Australian woman was shot along with six others.

A witness from Beit Jala, who gave his name only as Fouad, said: "We were just marching in front of the tank and far away from our position they began to shoot live ammunition on the international (demonstrators). The marchers raised their hands in a peaceful way and they started shooting immediately," he said. "Six or seven people were brought to the hospital."

Groups of international peace activists were in the West Bank to show solidarity with Palestinians after Israeli forces sent troops and tanks to besiege Arafat's headquarters in the city of Ramallah. The Israeli army said earlier that troops had stopped 50 protestors, mostly Italians, from entering Ramallah, where they had planned to join the Jose Bové contingent which reached Arafat's office.

The group, calling itself Grassroots International Protection for the Palestinian People, wants to shield Palestinian officials from Israeli troops who have taken over most of the Palestinians' offices. Israeli police said the army had handed over 10 French human rights activists to their custody pending their expulsion from Israeli territory.

April 2

A Fact Unreported by the U.S. Media

**The very first victim of the Israeli siege:
An American Mother
Shot Dead By Israeli Soldiers**

April 2, 2002: It was reported on March 29, 2002 that the first victim of Israel's latest siege of the West Bank city of Ramallah was a woman who was shot while driving her car. What most media outlets did not report, however, are the circumstances of the woman's death, as well as her identity.

Suraida Saleh, the 21-year-old woman gunned down by Israeli soldiers, was an American, born in Washington, D.C. Her father, Farhan Saleh, had owned small restaurants in Washington and Virginia until 1989, including one in the D.C. subway station at L'Enfant Plaza called Gourmet One. The details of his American daughter's death have emerged in an interview with Suraida's brother and father. Both are locked inside their home in Ramallah, along with other members of their family, and have been unable for four days to retrieve Suraida's body from the morgue to give her a proper burial.

Omar Saleh, Suraida's brother, explained what happened in the early hours of March 29, when the Israeli military invaded Ramallah. An unknown wounded man came to Suraida's home in Ramallah at about 3:30 a.m. Morad Abu Gharbiyeh, Suraida's husband, a journalist with the Palestinian Broadcasting Company, assisted the man and called for an ambulance. Paramedics took the wounded man and left their house by 4 a.m. Morad and Suraida decided that it would be safer for them if they went to Suraida's

father's house, not far up the street from where they lived. "We wanted to be together. We did that because everyone feels more secure," said Morad.

Suraida sat in the passenger seat holding her 9-month-old infant son Muhsin, as Morad drove their car. A band of undercover Israeli soldiers dressed like civilians, stood in the shadows of an upcoming intersection. As the car approached, the Israelis opened fire. Her husband Morad was shot several times in the upper chest. His wife called his name. She was shot in the belly, chest and neck. The boy was laughing," Murad recalled.

Suraida died instantly. The Israelis, assuming that all of the occupants were dead, left the scene. Morad regained consciousness to find his dead young wife slumped over their child. Fortunately, little Muhsin was unharmed.

Wounded, Morad took Muhsin out of the lifeless arms of Suraida and began walking towards the home of his in-laws, in the foggy darkness of that morning, but he collapsed, and both he and his son fell to the pavement.

Suraida's family heard a commotion outside and looked in horror to find that the bleeding man lying in the street was their daughter's husband. They called for an ambulance and rushed to help him. Israeli soldiers delayed the ambulance for two hours, refusing to let it pass. Morad and his son finally made it to the hospital. Doctors were able to save Morad, and he is now in stable condition.

Suraida's father couldn't hold back his anguish and heartache over the loss of his daughter, and the manner in which she was killed:

"They killed her in cold blood--cold blood, and now my grandson will grow up not knowing the mother who gave birth to him. I called the American consulate so that they could help me get Suraida's body, and they promised me on Saturday, and on Sunday, and today, and still nothing. I don't think that they care about us because we are Arab-Americans. If we were American Jews they would put pressure on Israel. But for us, nothing."

Omar also spoke of his aunt and uncle, Farhat Saleh and Selma Frookh, also Americans from northern Virginia, who went to Palestine for a visit following their pilgrimage to Mecca during Hajj last February. "They are an old couple, and right now they are alone in their home with no electricity or running water, and barely any food. My uncle has diabetes, and my aunt has high blood pressure. I'm worried that they are in need of their medication, but they can't get any because the Israelis will shoot anyone who goes outside and breaks the curfew."

Bethlehem Siege

The Israeli Army attacked the area around Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity on April 2. US-made Israeli helicopter gunships, backed by F-16 fighter jets, hovered over Manger Square machine-gunning Palestinians near Jesus' traditional birth site. Some ten Palestinians were killed in the onslaught, including an 80-year-old man. At the nearby Santa Maria Convent in downtown Bethlehem run by the Salesians (an order of nuns), a Palestinian mother and her son were also killed: 64-year-old Samieh Abdeh and her 38-year-old son Khaled, were wounded by Israeli fire, then bled to death after Israelis prevented ambulances from reaching them. A reporter for al-Jazeera satellite television, Majdi Benoura, was shot in the neck by Israelis as he was photographing the Israeli assault on Bethlehem from the

roof of a hotel.

Israeli forces have invaded Bethlehem, which has a population of 150,000 Palestinian civilians, several times in the past 18 months. During an Israeli assault in October, 2001 the Church of the Nativity was hit by bullets. Holy Family Church in Bethlehem has also been shelled by the Israelis, as recently as March 15, 2002.

In an April 2 appeal to President Bush, the pastors of all the Christian churches in Jerusalem asked him to "stop immediately the inhuman tragedy" taking place as a result of the latest Israeli rampage in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. About 100 priests and Franciscan brothers also marched from Jerusalem's walled Old City to the official residence of Ariel Sharon, demanding an end to the Israeli attacks on Bethlehem.

John Pilger reports that on June 9, 2002 the "Correspondent" series on Britain's BBC Television channel featured a documentary about the Israeli siege of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It was, in effect, an Israeli occupation propaganda film put out by the BBC. It was made as a co-production with an American channel, and the credits listed the producer as Israel Goldvicht, who runs an Israeli production company. "The Israelis were determined not to damage the buildings," began the narrator. "The international press were cleared from Manger Square, but we were allowed to stay and observe the Israeli operation..." The film presented one Colonel Lior as the star good guy, guaranteeing "medical treatment to anyone wounded," saying a cheery hello on a mobile phone to a friend in Oxford Street and, like any colonial officer, speaking about and on behalf of the Palestinians: they were all "terrorists" and "gunmen," not civilians fleeing helicopter gunships or Christian-Arabs seeking to protect the birthplace of Jesus. Not a single Palestinian was interviewed.

Elderly Woman Sniped; Palestinian Males Summarily Executed

In Ramallah, Widad Sufran, a 56-year-old hard-of-hearing Palestinian grandmother had gone to the hospital in the morning to have a cast removed from her leg. That done, she began to hobble home on her cane. An Israeli sniper from a nearby building shot her down about 50 yards from the hospital's entrance, according to doctors who witnessed the shooting, including Dr. Hosni Atari. The ambulance crew that tried to reach her was also shot at by the Israelis. Israeli soldiers prevented medics from treating her and she died.

Medical workers also found the bodies of two Palestinian males summarily executed by the Israeli army as part of the army's "selection process," Ayoub Musallam, 40, and Mohammed Mahroum, 32. In the Gaza ghetto, gunfire from an Israeli guard tower killed a 13-year-old Palestinian boy near Rafah.

The Israeli government on April 2 banned journalists Leileh Odeh and Bassam Azawi of Abu Dhabi Television news from reporting any longer in Palestine, after the pair broadcast a report on March 31 investigating the summary execution of a group of young Palestinian men in Ramallah by the Israeli army. The Israelis charged that the TV reporters had showed "utter disregard" for Israeli military censorship rules.

The Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists on April 2 criticized Palestinian reporters for their graphic coverage of Israeli

marauders and Israeli atrocities against civilians. The group demanded that the Palestinian media tone down its reporting to conform to the offended sensibilities of the Israelis, who are known to be extremely sensitive concerning reporting of ongoing Israeli war crimes, even as Zionists worldwide lobby for ever more intensive and graphic coverage of more than half century old "Nazi war crimes."

April 2, 2002

In the northern Palestinian ghetto of Tulkarm, Israeli soldiers ordered terrified residents to stay indoors or be shot. As in Ramallah, the Israeli army in Tulkarm and Kalkilya was rounding up young men for "selection"--some to be interned, others summarily shot. Israeli troops shot dead a man aged 42 who had been "selected" near Bala'a, north of Tulkarm. Two Palestinian civilians were also killed near Tulkarm, by Israeli "settlers," also on April 2.

Israeli helicopters bombed and Israeli tanks shelled the headquarters of the Palestinian Preventive Security outside Ramallah early April 2, engulfing it in flames and killing many of the Palestinians inside. By daybreak, the flames had ebbed, leaving two of the buildings in the compound smoldering, blackened wrecks, one with a shattered roof. Holes were visible in the walls of several other buildings in the compound. Eyewitnesses said Israeli soldiers used 60 Palestinian civilians as human shields in front of the tanks before the attack. The Israeli army banned reporters from the scene.

In the center of Ramallah, Israeli soldiers used vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft guns to pulverize the facades of buildings packed with residents. Israeli soldiers broke down the doors of homes in Ramallah and Qalqilya. In the West Bank, the army moved in force late on April 1 into the Palestinian cities of Bethlehem and Tulkarm with dozens of tanks, armored personnel carriers and armored bulldozers backed by infantry. Residents are running out of food and water.

An 11-year-old Palestinian boy was killed by gunfire from Israeli soldiers as he played near a market in Rafah, in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian hospital officials said. In Ramallah, nearly all the dead over the course of the incursion, at least 25, have been men in their 20s and 30s. At Ramallah Hospital, the city's main medical center, doctors pulled open the metal doors of the morgue to display bloodied bodies of young Palestinian males, wrapped in sheets, and said they had not been allowed to transport them out for burial.

April 3

"...President (Bush) has made clear that he regards the Israeli operation in the West Bank as broadly justified..." *N.Y. Times*, April 3, 2002



The bodies of Jacob Abda, 37, and his mother Sumaya, 64, after they were shot to death in their Bethlehem home by Israeli soldiers, April 2, 2002

In Bethlehem in the Church of the Nativity, April 3, Israeli forces blocked attempts to deliver food and medicine to the church, where about 200 people, among them several priests, nuns and Palestinian civilians and policemen - were trapped. Ten of those inside have been wounded, including one in critical condition. Israeli tanks are stationed at the edge of Manger Square, where the church is located, and Israeli troops occupy the municipality building overlooking the square.



Arab nurse and female civilian, gassed by Israelis, Ramallah, April 3, 2002

The United Nations said a convoy bringing food to the besieged city of Ramallah on April 3 was shot at by Israeli marauders. A U.N. staff member accompanying the humanitarian aid trucks was arrested. A U.N. spokesman, Fred Eckhard, said that the agency organizing the food deliveries, the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, planned to protest the shootings and the arrest.

April 3, 2002: in Jenin, a Palestinian man and woman and a 13-year-old boy were killed by the Israeli army.

April 4

"More than 1,000 prisoners have now been taken away by the Israelis and except for a dozen or so, no one knows where they have been taken or if they are alive." *The Independent* (U.K.), April 4, 2002

Israelis Inflict Hell on the Civilian Populations of Ramallah, Nablus and Bethlehem

In Ramallah, whose population has been under Israeli tanks and guns for a week, the water is running out because the electric system that drives the pumps is destroyed. In a third of the town, the electricity itself is out. Ali Hamouda, director of the local electricity district, said, "There are no less than five or six electricity poles damaged every day by Israeli tanks." Rita Giacammen, a public health worker, said an emergency Palestinian utilities crew went out April 4 to try and repair Ramallah's water pump system, but were harassed by Israeli troops and turned back. They tried a second time and were bound and gagged and taken away by the Israeli army.

Nearly every car that was parked on the street when the Israelis blitzkrieged into Ramallah early on March 29 has been run over by a tank and flattened. Buildings that formerly housed Palestinian institutions in this city of 160,000 are now wrecked.

All of the stores are closed and shuttered. Food is running out. Salwa Daibis said she won't try to go to the store even if the curfew is lifted again, as it was for a few hours April 2, because, she said, she saw a 14-year-old Palestinian teenager shot by an Israeli soldier April 2. She said, "I don't want to die for a piece of bread."

The censorship the Israelis have imposed on journalists makes it difficult to report the collective punishment of an entire population. The Jews have declared Ramallah a closed military zone, meaning reporters are banned. A new list of media-ban zones issued by the Israeli government includes every city and town the Israeli army has invaded since March 29.

"What we see is destruction all over," Dr. Jiha Mashal said. Dr. Mashal's own family was kept with three other families, totaling 24 people, in a small basement apartment for five days. As of April 4, 2002, 230,000 Palestinians are without water.

The Israeli army assaulted Nablus, April 4, 2002, with the Palestinian population of the crowded city coming under artillery bombardment and withering helicopter fire. Three refugee camps were bombarded using more than 100 tanks in an attack that lasted all day. Palestinian residents reported that buildings around them exploded in a cascade of shrapnel as Israeli helicopter gunships provided by the United States fired at homes.

The Israelis have been targeting the facilities that support the basic needs of the Palestinians since the latest invasion began March 29. April 4 was no different, with the Israeli army destroying the Nablus city water tanks with machine-gun fire. Medical workers are also targets. In Bethlehem, doctors resorted to sneaking wounded Palestinians under piles of the dead because ambulances were being stopped or their movements restricted by the Israelis. In Nablus, Doctors said that one Palestinian medic was forced to hide under his ambulance for hours when he came under fire from Israeli soldiers, who have sealed off Nablus. At the city's hospital, Dr. Husam Al-Johari, said: "Ambulances are not reaching the injured so the injured are not reaching the hospital."

One of the town's obstetricians, Dr. Salwa Najjab, has had to deliver babies over the telephone because she and her patients are not allowed to

travel by the Israeli military. "It is very difficult to travel around," she said. "I haven't been able to reach my clinic since last Friday. I have been told they (Jews) have destroyed the doors but I don't know what has happened to the files."

She said that one expectant mother encountered more problems when sent to the Red Crescent Maternity Hospital in El Bireh, only to discover Israeli soldiers arresting Palestinian doctors and nurses. Hospital staff said that the soldiers kidnapped two doctors, two nurses and a medic, who were handcuffed and blindfolded. "They went into the surgery room, the delivery room and even the intensive care unit for premature births," Dr. Nader Ayesh said. "Hospital doors were knocked down with heavy sledgehammers."

In Jenin, Samer al Ahmad, a resident, testified: "They (the Israelis) have been shelling since this morning. The Apaches (U.S. helicopter gunships) have been shooting and shelling. Most of the action is against the (refugee) camps. There is fire and smoke coming out of them..." TV cameramen are not allowed to film in Palestinian cities under attack and reporters who attempt to photograph the latest Israeli holocaust against the Palestinians have had grenades thrown at them.

In Bethlehem, Greek Orthodox priests have stayed by their own free will in the Church of the Nativity, the church on Manger Square. The priests were providing humanitarian care to nine wounded Palestinians and sharing supplies of coffee and snacks with the Palestinians, a priest said in a telephone interview.

"They are agitated and nervous, but they respect us very much," said a young priest from Canada, who called himself Father Parthenius. "The Christians among the Palestinians are joining us in prayer. There is shooting outside. We heard two tank shells fired today."

Israelis say the Palestinians are abusing the churches by seeking sanctuary. The priests in the Church of the Nativity don't regard themselves as hostages. They say they are complying with the ancient custom of furnishing sanctuary. "We'll never ask them (Palestinians) to leave," the priest said of the Palestinians. "To make war is easy. In order to make peace, we must all pray together."

The priests said they were more concerned about the long-suffering Palestinian people of Bethlehem than about the fate of the church buildings. "The dignity of human beings is more important than the historical center," commented Father Maron Laham, rector of the Catholic seminary in Bethlehem.

A Palestinian Christian, Samir Ibrahim, who had been the bell ringer at the Church of the Nativity for three decades, was shot to death by Israeli soldiers early in the morning of April 4 while walking to the Church.

Two Palestinians bled to death April 3 in the Fawagrah neighborhood, because ambulances couldn't reach them through streets filled with Israeli sniper fire. As a little girl watched, Palestinian Abdel Kader's agony ended on the kitchen floor of a family whose members were strangers to him.

Kader was wounded by Israeli troops in the street during the Israeli onslaught April 2. The family of Fatheyeh Mousa, carried Kader into its ground-floor apartment, a poor hovel in a small courtyard. "He was from a

refugee camp in Jordan," said Issam Isis, sitting next to the deceased. "He was here visiting relations. Her family tried to tend to Kader with the help of instructions from doctors at the hospital, which is just a few minutes away.

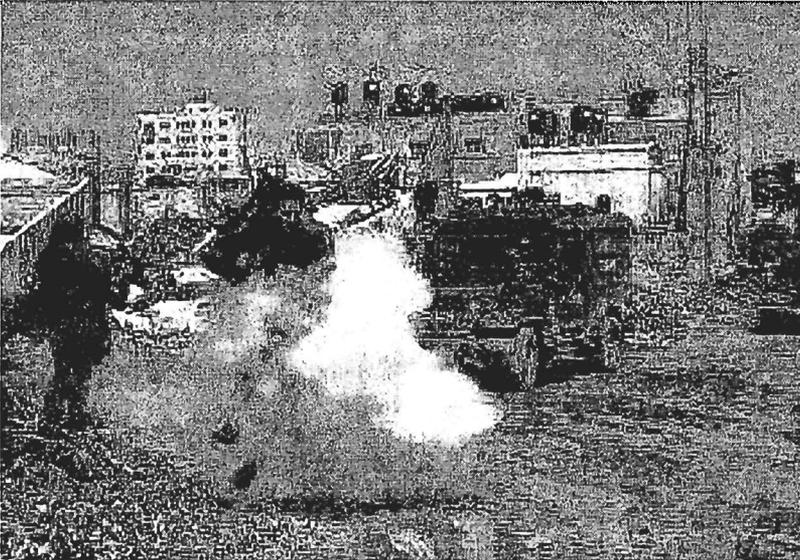
"He has been bleeding here since the morning," Mousa said. "Today he told us, 'I'm dying, I'm going to die soon.' He kept bleeding from a hole in his waist. We tried to find any kind of medicine to help him. We don't know who he is, but we feel as if he was family. We feel as if we have lost a loved one."

Mousa let loose a tirade of curses against Israelis. Her home and the adjoining courtyard reverberated with the wails of enraged Palestinian women, some of whom also shouted anti-American sentiments.

April 5



Palestinian doctors in a hospital in Hebron, treat eight-year-old Palestinian Ahmed Srayer, who was severely burned in an attack by an Israeli helicopter gunship, April 5, 2002



An Israeli army stun grenade explodes next to a TV cameraman attempting to report events in Ramallah, April 5, 2002

At least 36 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli army April 5, 2002 in the cities of Nablus, Tubas and Jenin. Most were killed as Israeli tanks and U.S. made Apache helicopter gunships shelled and rocketed the refugee camps and the casbah. At least three Palestinian women and two Palestinian children are known to be among the dead.

The deadliest Israeli attacks April 5 were in Nablus and Jenin. Apache attack helicopters launched rocket attacks repeatedly on downtown Nablus. The Zionist onslaught increased in the evening and continued for most of the night. Houses in the casbah and in the teeming Balata refugee camp were sprayed with heavy machine-gun fire by the Israeli army.

Israeli troops in armored personnel carriers assaulted the home of the mayor of Nablus, Ghassan Shaka, around 3 a.m. April 5. They strip-searched eight men and three women present before taking the men away blindfolded. The mayor was in Jordan at the time, but his family was home. Israeli soldiers ransacked the house. "They were yelling: 'Get out! Get out! Don't wear any clothes,'" the mayor's wife, Halimeh, said in an interview, her hands still shaking hours after the incident. "They were kicking us in our backs. They made us kneel down on the ground with our faces to the wall and our hands behind our heads, and they kicked us."

US envoy Anthony Zinni met Yasser Arafat in Arafat's office, now reduced by the Israelis to barbed wire-ringed mounds of rubble. Israeli troops threw stun grenades, fired rubber bullets and rammed the vehicles of journalists trying to report Zinni's arrival. The journalists were forced to flee. Ranaan Gissin, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's spokesman, said Israelis wanted little attention drawn to the event.

In Bethlehem, reporters tried to get to Bethlehem's Manger Square, where

Palestinians have sought sanctuary in the Church of the Nativity. Several hundred yards from the square, Israeli troops opened fire on the reporters, hitting a television cameraman from France in the leg. "If you don't like it, we don't care," said Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, an Israeli army spokesman. Jewish attacks on reporters are nothing new.

Jewish-Zionist reporters generally maintain a cooperative relationship with Israeli army censors in order to improve Zionism's image worldwide and are thus granted far greater access to the army than other journalists. In March, Israeli Channel 2 was allowed access to the army while troops were on a raid in a Palestinian refugee camp near Bethlehem. The footage was recorded as part of an arrangement with top military brass by which the Israeli army's public relations office would, prior to broadcast, censor images it found offensive. Instead, Channel 2 broadcast the images uncensored. Israeli troops were shown using explosives to blow down the door to a family's house, fatally wounding a young Palestinian mother. She died in front of her husband and small children. At one point in the filming, an Israeli soldier turned to the camera and stated, "I don't know what we're doing here. Purification, maybe -- apparently it's dirty here."

The human rights group B'Tselem charged the Israeli army with the torture of Palestinians at the Ofer concentration camp near Ramallah. One Palestinian released from Ofer, Kamal abu Khadijeh, who works for Coca Cola in Ramallah, testified that detainees who are Palestinian policemen are tortured the most by the Israelis. Khadijeh was grabbed from his home by soldiers March 30, handcuffed, blindfolded and interned in the Israeli concentration camp at Ofer.

Torture of Palestinians by Israelis has a shameful and savage history. In September of 1999 the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that torture of Palestinians was permissible "in emergencies in which civilian lives are at stake."

On the medical front, in Ramallah city alone, Israeli troops have invaded Palestinian hospitals three times, ransacking operating rooms and medical supplies. The International Committee of the Red Cross announced April 5 that it was reducing operations in Palestine to "a strict minimum" after Red Cross staff and medics were attacked by Jewish soldiers. Red Cross staff were threatened at gunpoint by Israelis in Bethlehem and shot at in Nablus and Ramallah by the Israeli army. Ambulances were crushed by Israeli tanks in Tulkarm. The Red Cross leadership issued the following statement: "This behavior is totally unacceptable, for it jeopardizes not only the lifesaving work of emergency medical services, but also the ICRC's humanitarian mission."

April 6

"Wanton destruction" inflicted on Palestinian Population

War Crimes in Jenin: "...opinion polls showed 72% of Israelis supported a 'wide-scale war' in the West Bank."--The Guardian, (U.K.) April 6, 2002



Pathologists examine the body of a six-year-old Palestinian girl, Somaeah Hassan, who was killed by Israeli soldiers in the Rafah refugee camp, in the Gaza ghetto, April 6, 2002. Israeli soldiers pummeled the refugee camp, killing this six-year-old Palestinian child, a 21-year-old civilian and wounding six others, including four Palestinian schoolgirls.

Israeli assaults on Palestinian civilians April 6, in densely populated refugee camps in the West Bank have resulted in "heavy loss of life in the northern town of Jenin." Residents of the Jenin refugee camp said a "massacre" was taking place April 6. The bodies of at least 30 Palestinian civilians have been found thus far in Jenin alone.

At Al Razi hospital, just outside the Jenin camp, Dr. Ziad Ayaseh said hundreds of phone calls had come in saying there were dead and wounded lying on the street. The hospital also got a call from a woman giving birth and asking for help. But the staff could do nothing and the baby died. A wounded man, shot in the hand and stomach was brought to the hospital and dropped about four yards from the front door. But Israeli soldiers in a tank parked nearby would not let medical workers bring the wounded man inside the hospital, and after several hours he bled to death, Dr. Ayaseh said in a telephone interview.

Officials from the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees stated that the agency's staff are reporting "wanton destruction" of Palestinian infrastructure across the West Bank, including roads, water pipes and the electricity supply. There have also been reports of looting by Israeli soldiers carrying out house to house assaults.

The United Nations children's agency Unicef says it has been unable to deliver crucial aid to the Palestinian communities in the West Bank over the past five days. A representative of Save the Children in the West Bank says one of the major problems is that the humanitarian efforts are hampered by Israeli soldiers. "... there is no respect for the humanitarian missions," Marie-Louise Weighill said from the West Bank. "The Israeli Defense Forces are not allowing any humanitarian agencies to operate in areas under their control."

Adam Shapiro, a US citizen in Ramallah testified: "I've seen tanks roll straight over cars and destroy walls for no apparent reason. Many homes and buildings are shot through with bullet and shell holes," he said. The Israeli human rights group, B'Tselem, says, "We do have confirmed reports of a private hospital being shelled," B'Tselem spokesman Leore Yavne said.

A priest in Bethlehem said his church and others all over Bethlehem were being used as sanctuaries by local families fleeing Israeli tanks and soldiers. Father Magdi Siryani said his own Church of Our Lady Fatima was housing about 25 people. "Dozens and dozens of churches are full of people who just fled this terror," said Father Siryani. "People are terrorized, they are panicking outside. The only place to go, the last resort, is the churches."

April 7

Israeli forces pounded the Palestinian cities of Nablus and Jenin today. Tank shelling and helicopter missile attacks on Palestinian civilians in the refugee camp in Jenin also continued today for the fifth straight day:

"You see them as you come down the last mountain before the city of Jenin, a swarm of Apache helicopters hanging low over the city. Then you hear it: the dull intermittent roar of the Apaches' heavy machine guns firing directly into the houses of Jenin camp. Israeli commanders have said that there has been substantial loss of life on the 'other side'... An hour or so earlier we had been stopped on another route into the city by Israeli

soldiers preparing to go and fight at Jenin camp. They told us they had come from fighting in the city of Tulkaram and had been at the Qabatiya junction, close to the city, fighting for the past two days. We ask a young Israeli soldier why is he fighting here, on Palestinian land. He thinks for a moment. 'The problem,' he says, 'is that there is not enough room in this small country for two peoples. It is a trial of strength that we are winning.'

Columnist Can't Empathize with Palestinian Victims Because His Great-Grandmother was Killed by the Nazis: "As a self-proclaimed humanist, I ought to recoil in horror from the thought of tanks rumbling through a city, anybody's city. My head should hang in sorrow at televised images of street fighting in Bethlehem and Ramallah. When an army fights in heavily populated quarters, no matter how just its cause, the guilty and the innocent die side by side. Yet for me, when it comes to the confrontation between Israel and the Palestinians, such considerations are outweighed by one simple historical fact. My great-grandmother was murdered in the Treblinka extermination camp." *Chicago Tribune*, April 7, 2002

April 8

The Bethlehem Church Fire and the Talmudic Injunction to Lie



Smoke billows from the left side of the Church of the Nativity complex in Bethlehem, April 8. Israelis opened fire on the sacred site, causing the blaze

Objective observers of the Israeli scene have long noted the distinct Israeli penchant for lying, the more outrageous the better. This heritage of lies is, sad to say, of religious origin. The Talmud, Judaism's holiest book, decrees: "Jews may use lies ('subterfuge') to circumvent a Gentile" (Baba Kamma

113a).

We observe this institutionalized lying in a disturbing case in Bethlehem on April 8, where Israeli soldiers started a blaze in the Basilica of St Catherine, adjacent to the Church of the Nativity. Israelis lie and say their "troops are under orders not to fire at holy places" such as the Church of the Nativity, which is revered as the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Palestinians fleeing shoot-on-sight Israeli tanks and snipers have found haven in the church complex, along with a group of monks and nuns.

To explain the fire, this is the grotesque cover story Zionist propagandists distributed to the media: "Palestinian gunmen provoked a fire which broke out near the Church of the Nativity on Monday. Gunmen opened fire from a belltower, wounding two Israeli border policemen in a nearby rooftop look-out, an army officer told Reuters news agency. He said the Israelis returned fire and a smoke grenade started the blaze in a second-floor meeting hall overlooking the Basilica of St Catherine, adjacent to the Church of the Nativity. One Palestinian gunman was shot dead in the battle. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said today that his soldiers would not 'defile the holiness of the site.'"

Now, here is the truth: Israeli soldiers tried to storm the building by a roof, opening fire and throwing stun grenades into the church compound. That ignited a fire in the church. So it was Israeli soldiers who started the fire. The Franciscan pastor inside the church, Father Amjad Sabbara, told the BBC that the Palestinian man killed by the Israelis was not shooting at them but had been trying to douse the flames. The Israeli soldiers killed him because he was trying to extinguish the flames and save the church. After the Palestinian was murdered, the blaze burned for an hour before Israeli forces allowed firefighters access to extinguish it, destroying altar cloths and ceremonial cups and damaging mosaics inside the Basilica of St Catherine. The exterior of the Church of the Nativity has been scarred by Israeli gunfire. A spokesman for Catholic monks in the Holy Land testified that Israeli soldiers were guilty of an "indescribable act of barbarity." Israelis had broken their international obligations and risked "long-term and incalculable" consequences, Father David Jaeger said. Christian clerics from Jerusalem were prevented by Israelis from entering Bethlehem on April 8 to investigate.

The Israeli liars however, received an important buttress for their tale. The *NY Times*, in its April 9 edition, in an article by Joel Brinkley, upheld the Israeli army's propaganda lies about what happened in Bethlehem April 8. Brinkley wrote: "In Bethlehem, Israeli troops exchanged fire on Monday with Palestinian gunmen holed up in the Church of the Nativity, said to be the birthplace of Jesus, scarring the exterior of the ancient building." Brinkley made absolutely no mention of what Christian clerics who were eyewitnesses at the scene had said about the attack. Instead, the *NY Times* scribe relied solely on the Israeli government's official version of events.

Thus, in the "newspaper of record," which is a bastion of perpetual publication of "Nazi Holocaust" fare, the Israeli sacrilege against the Bethlehem church will look like "a measured response to provocative gunfire" from Palestinians inside the church. If this had been a revered synagogue

that had come under fire from an Arab army, then the attack would enter the universal human rights calendar of eternal mourning and commemoration, and the *N.Y. Times* would give it front page attention, along with hand-wringing rhetoric about the "rising tide of anti-semitic violence." The rising tide of Israeli anti-Christian violence is, of course, not an issue for the Zionist-owned "newspaper of record."

Another example of Zionist lying is in the realm of human shields. The Israelis grab Palestinians and hide behind them as they raid Palestinian areas. Palestinian Kamal Taleb testified that on April 6 Israeli soldiers ordered residents at gunpoint to walk in front of Jewish troops as the soldiers raided homes. A neighbor also testified that they were ordered to enter several homes to shield the soldiers from gunfire or booby traps. The Israeli army lamely denies that their soldiers use Palestinians as human shields. Here is the transparent lie they tell: The Israeli army acknowledges they have "on occasion ordered Palestinians to 'guide' them in their searches. Sometimes they take them to bring them to the next house, not to shield them," the Israeli army spokesman said. "Guide them." Ha! What liars, just like their father (John 8:44).

Yossi Kelin Halevi, a columnist for the *L.A. Times* wrote on April 8, 2002: "...mainline churches continue to ignore Israeli fears and offer simplistic judgments..It is time for mainline churches to reconsider their anti-Israel bias, which undermines the credibility of Jewish proponents of dialogue and jeopardizes our historic reconciliation...in their obsessive attacks on Israel, some churches are inadvertently reawakening old anti-Semitic instincts that, since the Holocaust, much of Christianity has tried to uproot. For example, an Episcopalian church in Scotland, seeking to express solidarity with the Palestinians, has just unveiled a painting showing a crucified Jesus flanked by Roman and Israeli soldiers."

"Israeli soldiers in Palestinian territories can operate with impunity. There's no accountability. There's no investigation." - Jessica Montell, executive director of the human rights group B'Tselem, quoted in the *Washington Post*, April 8, p. A10.

Jenin refugee camp heavily bombed: Israeli forces have demolished Palestinian homes in densely populated Jenin, including several with families still inside them. Palestinian civilians who spoke by telephone reported U.S. made Apache attack helicopters continuously hovering overhead. "Since 7 a.m., I have been counting about 40 rockets being shot on refugee camps," said Najeh Jarrar, a college professor who was cowering with his wife and child in their home. "We don't know where the bullets will fall."

Media Watch

Feigned Ignorance: Mathews and Fleischer

Chris Mathews, host of TV's "Hardball," feigning ignorance, asked the following question, April 7, of his Palestinian guest: "Has there ever been any civilian who was ever deliberately killed by the Israeli Army?"

Mathews' ludicrous "amnesia" is reminiscent of an exchange during a White House Press Briefing with Ari Fleischer on April 3, 2002. Reporter Russell Mokhiber's question to Fleischer: The other day, when you were asked why you don't condemn Israeli killing of innocent Palestinians -- as

terrorism, why the President doesn't condemn it as terrorism -- you (Fleischer) said, "Well when a Palestinian blows himself up in a cafeteria, he's intending to kill innocents. But as for Israel, there are times when in military operations, innocent lives are lost."

Mokhiber replied: "A number of human rights groups, including B'Teselem, have documented how Israel targets Palestinian civilians. Most recently, a 21-year Palestinian American, Suraida Saleh, on Friday (March 29), was shot down (dead) in Ramallah. She was a passenger in a car. Her husband was driving. Her husband is a journalist. A group of Israeli undercover agents... they're called Mustarabeem -- were at the intersection, and just opened fire on the car. If that fact pattern is correct, why doesn't the President condemn that as terrorism?"

April 9

"We will continue until we make this camp (Jenin) submit.' -Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Eitan, chief of the Israeli army central command, in a briefing for reporters in Jerusalem, April 9.

Jenin refugee camp used to be a poor but peaceful community of 13,000 on a West Bank hillside overlooking a fertile plain. But five days of relentless bombardment by Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships have left large parts of it in ruins and Palestinians bleeding to death in its alleys for lack of medical care. The army has now seized control of most of the camp and is butchering its residents. Residents who have fled to safe havens outside say decomposing bodies litter its narrow alleys. They spoke of seeing wounded Palestinians moaning for help. The Zionist army is using bulldozers to crush homes, with families still inside them, in Jenin's Al Hawashin neighborhood.

At least 200 Palestinians are reported as having been killed in Jenin alone, but the headline on the front page of today's edition of the New York Times reads, "13 Israeli Soldiers are Killed." Jewish blood is redder and their life is preferable, says leading Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburg and the U.S. media concurs. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, who affiliates with the Lubavitcher Jewish supremacist hate group, said today that "...Arab responsibilities are to stop what he said was news media incitement of hatred against Jews." (*NY Times*, April 9, 2002).

The U.S. proxy, Saudi Arabia, on April 9 saved the U.S. from the consequences of its own support for Israeli genocide. Crude oil prices fell almost 3 percent after Saudi Arabia said it would ensure that consuming nations had enough oil to cover any losses caused by a 30-day halt in exports by Iraq. Iraq called the halt to protest the Israeli genocide. The oil boycott hit the genocide-supporters where it hurts, in their pocketbooks, since they have no conscience when it comes to otherwise contentedly watching Palestinian mothers and children shot to death by state terrorists. The Saudis have rescued Bush and the American economy--temporarily anyway.



***Ritual hypocrisy:* Israeli troops take a break from their murder of Palestinian women and children to mark "Holocaust Remembrance Day" on April 9, 2002 with ceremonies around the country for the "Six Million" Jews "killed by the Nazis."**

The "Holocaust" is the justification used repeatedly by Jewish spokesmen to justify the killing of Palestinian civilians: "The world stood by while Jews were slaughtered in 'The Holocaust.' Today, the Israelis say they will do whatever it takes to ensure the security of a Jewish state."

The security of the Judaic racial-religious national state is the prime purpose of "Holocaust" propaganda. Nazi war crimes against Jews in the past are the Jewish excuse for Israeli war crimes against Palestinians now. Implicit in this monstrous cycle is the superiority of Jewish lives over non-Jewish ones, as decreed by the rabbis and their Talmud, the religion of Judaism's holiest book.

The proof of this rests in the fact that *the security of the Palestinian people* is never a rationale for anything the U.S. finances or permits in the Middle East. Thousands of Palestinian women and children are killed with impunity in the name of the almighty objective of "ensuring Israeli security." The Israelis are human beings. They must be preserved at all costs. The Palestinians are a species of sub-human. When it is a choice between Jewish and Arab lives, even though it is the Israelis who have dispossessed the Palestinians, the United States government has chosen Jewish lives every time. This is Talmudic-Kabbalistic praxis on the part of the Federal government in Washington D.C. It is incontrovertible evidence of the homicidal racism at the very root of the Israeli and American governments, cheered on by the professional "anti-racists" in the western media.



The sister of Khalid Jarour holds Khalid's daughter during his funeral

April 10

Excerpts from Israeli leader Binyamin Netanyahu's speech to the U.S. Congress, Capitol Hill, April 10, 2002:

"I am concerned that the State of Israel, that has for decades bravely manned the front lines against terror, is being pressed to back down...unintentional loss of Palestinian life...is the tragic but unavoidable consequence of legitimate warfare. No one, of course, would dare suggest that the United States was the guilty party in World War II because German casualties, which included millions of civilians, were 20 times higher than American casualties. So, too, only a twisted and corrupt logic would paint America and Britain as the aggressors in the current war, because Afghan casualties are reported to have well exceeded the death toll of September 11...what has destabilized the region is not Israeli action...but rather the constant pressure exerted on Israel to show restraint...it is only a matter of time before suicide bombers will terrorize your cities."

"...let Israel finish the job." Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), *L.A. Times*, April 10, 2002

Jenin: "There is no massacre there (in Jenin)," said Sharon's head liar, Raanan Gissin. "The dead are armed men who were fighting to the death."

"Reports from the (Jenin) camp, home to 15,000 refugees living on less than half a square mile, told of civilians fleeing in panic, of heavy shelling and homes in flames. The dead included civilians *and* fighters, residents said." *L.A. Times*, April 10, 2002 (emphasis supplied).

The army descended on the camp (Jenin) last Thursday (April 4), bulldozing

houses on its perimeters to clear a path for its tanks, and hacking through the walls with sledgehammers to form tunnels for ground troops. "They came with giant sledgehammers, and they destroyed the walls from one side to the other, said a metal worker who lives in the camp...The soldiers then hauled men out of the captured homes, beat them, bound their hands and blindfolded them, stripped them to their underwear, and shipped them off...They beat my brother - 100 times they hit him with their batons, on his shoulders, his stomach and his back." -The Guardian (U.K.), April 10, 2002.

My mother and brother were shot by helicopter gunships and were bleeding to death and could not be saved." -Abdullah, 26 year old Palestinian witness in Jenin, quoted by *The Times* of London, April 10, 2002. Omar abu Rashid, a Jenin businessman whose house overlooks the camp from half a mile away, said he saw five bulldozers demolish several hundred of the camp's 2,000 to 2,500 homes"...about 500 Palestinians had been killed in Jenin and in Nablus..." *L.A. Times*, April 11, 2002.

On April 10 Israeli tanks and helicopters shelled, bombed and strafed helpless Palestinian civilians in the Al Ain refugee camp, outside Nablus, destroying homes and killing more than a dozen people thus far. Yet the Jewish supremacist headlines in the media of the West today are: "Bus Bomb Kills Eight Israelis." It was the same story yesterday, when the deaths of 13 Israeli soldiers made the front page headlines throughout the West, while the killings of scores of Palestinians in Jenin was reported as an after-thought: "...it is difficult to escape the notion that many in the media, Jews and non-Jews alike, lean to the view that Arab life is cheap."

--Robert Scheer, columnist, *L.A. Times*, April 9.

Israelis Raze Historic Casbah in Nablus: From one end of what had been the ancient casbah to the other, the residents of Nablus searched through the rubble that had been their homes and cried for help because one relative or another was buried in it. "I have two aunts still underneath," cried Bashar Fratiekeh, pointing to a pile of rocks. "The whole house collapsed on us. It was 200 years old!" After four days of Israeli bombing and shelling, the casbah, as the centuries-old architectural treasure at the center of Nablus is known, has been utterly destroyed by Israeli troops. Palestinian survivors who wandered dazed through the ruined streets, recounted indiscriminate bombing by helicopter gunships and fighter jets firing volley after volley into the densely packed civilian residences in the casbah.

They bombed all the night," said Muhammad Abu Hatham, 52, a shopkeeper. "There were many killed this morning (April 10)." One exotic word was on Palestinian lips. Children, pointing to the collapsed walls of their homes cried: "Apache, Apache!" The Israeli Army had used American-made Apache helicopters furnished by US taxpayers, to fire missiles and automatic weapons into their homes. "They killed my son right in front of my eyes," said Mahmoud Abdel Zallul, pointing to a bloodstained patch of dirt at his feet. "He was a peaceful person."

The moonscape that is now the casbah is not unique to Nablus. The devastation in civilian areas inflicted by Israeli tanks, bulldozers, helicopters and jet fighters has created an eerie moonscape of ruin from Bethlehem to

Jenin. The images are unforgettable: blocks of storefronts smashed by rampaging tanks in Tulkarm, broken pipes gushing precious water, flattened cars in fields of shattered glass, electricity poles snapped like sticks, solitary walls where homes formerly stood, immense holes where Israeli bombs pierced office buildings. April 10, the awesome D-9 Israeli bulldozers attacked Jenin, erasing whole stretches of densely crowded concrete apartment houses. The extent of the latest Israeli spasm of destruction in Ramallah, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, Qalqilya, Nablus and Jenin is massive and unprecedented. The Gaza airport is laced with deep trenches, the nascent Palestinian seaport is destroyed.

"In 1999 we were building new infrastructure, roads, apartments, a seaport, strategic projects," said Muhammad Shtayyeh, the director of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), talking of development that was now gone with Sharon's fiery wind. The infrastructure of life itself and of any future Palestinian state - roads, schools, electricity pylons, water pipes, telephone lines - has been eradicated by the Zionists. The weeping of the Palestinian mothers and children, the piles of corpses of little boys and girls and infants are grim testimony to a calamitous Israeli terror which "terror fighter" Bush funds, and which--throughout the Easter weekend and up until April 2-- he publicly extolled.

In Bethlehem on April 10, an Israeli sniper shot a monk, Armin Sinanian, 22, at the Church of the Nativity. The Israeli liars told their typical Talmudic lies, accusing Palestinians of gunning him down, but late April 10 Israeli military officials said in a statement that the Israeli sniper may have "accidentally" shot the monk.

"Finally, on April 11, in the face of mounting evidence, "...a senior Israeli military official said that an Armenian monk who was seriously wounded in the besieged Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem had apparently been shot by an Israeli soldier." (*The Guardian*, April 11, 2002).

Supremacy breeds segregation: "Israel must establish physical barriers separating the main Palestinian population centers from Israeli towns and cities."-Binyamin Netanyahu, former Israeli prime minister, *Jerusalem Post*, April 11, 2002.

Along with Jewish supremacy comes the imposition of racial segregation in the "only democracy in the Middle East." In Palestinian areas near new "buffer zones," Sharon's plan calls for including dozens of Palestinian hamlets within Israeli areas of control. The communities would be annexed. About 400,000 Palestinians would fall under permanent Israeli jurisdiction. One vulnerable town is Baka Gharbiya, along the border with the West Bank. Palestinians there regard segregation glumly. Even before the current Israeli onslaught starting March 29, the town's streets were virtually empty. Baka Gharbiya is cut off not only from "Israel," but from the rest of the West Bank too, by Israeli ditches and army checkpoints. Israelis have created special entry permits for Palestinians who want to travel there from other parts of the West Bank. Only Jewish settlers pass freely through Baka.

Israelis living close to Palestinians have greeted segregation with enthusiasm. Bat Hefer is an Israeli city of 6,000 residents, near Palestinian Tulkarm. Bat Hefer is a pioneer in racial segregation. Bat Hefer first put

up a wall in 1995 to keep Palestinians out. Lately, it extended and raised its wall, upgrading it with electrical wire and video. It is about a mile long. It cost almost \$2 million. Nahum Itkovitz, head of the regional Israeli council, claimed credit for building the wall. "I believe separation is the best way to give quiet to Israelis in the middle of the country. It's too easy for Palestinians to come over. We won't need a wall in the fields. We'll need only electric fences and alarms."

Segregation of the Palestinians has a long history. Soon after the 1967 conquest of the Palestinian West Bank, Israeli officials drew up plans to settle Jews on the edge of the West Bank, creating walls between the West Bank and Jordan, to the east, and between the West Bank and Israeli land, to the west. So while leading Jewish activists in America are responsible for court orders ending racial segregation between blacks and whites; and opposing immigration controls in America, in the Holy Israeli State, the Master Race enforces segregation with a vigor that would astound even George Wallace. But that can't be racist or hateful, because anything the Master Race does is just dandy and to say otherwise is "rabid anti-semitism."

A Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) About Israeli Genocide

Question: Do Israeli attacks in March and April of 2002 on Palestinian villages, ghettos and camps conform to the definition of war crimes under international law?

Reply: Yes. First and most obviously because these attacks have resulted in the mass murder of non-combatants. Second, because they constitute invasion and occupation of the land of the Palestinians. Thirdly, because they represent collective punishment of the Palestinian people as a whole, rather than a police function of using detection to locate and arrest specific terrorist suspects. International law, codified in the Geneva Convention, severely restricts armies from involving civilian populations in military actions. But the Israeli view is that every Palestinian is "Amalek," a member of the nation which, in the Old Testament, God called on the Israelites to exterminate, "man, woman, and suckling child." The Israeli Army chaplain Shmuel Derlich has openly labeled the Palestinian people as Amalek, as have dozens of other influential Israeli rabbis.

In this context, let us take, by way of illustration, what is happening in Bethlehem. On April 4 Jiha Abu Ajour, a young Arab mother, gave birth to her first child in her home in the Dheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem. The newborn had breathing problems, but the Israeli Army refused to allow ambulances to enter the refugee camp. Hours later an ambulance finally came to bring the baby to the hospital, where he died soon after. Later that night, under a curfew and the threat of snipers, relatives of the baby boy sneaked out of the camp to a nearby cemetery to bury him.

When the Israeli Army invaded Bethlehem it placed the entire civilian population under siege. This is tantamount to putting the entire population of Harlem under siege because black terrorists are planting bombs in Manhattan. The world would never tolerate it. But due to the sub-human, "Amalek" status of Palestinians, they can be treated in this manner with impunity, while the world preoccupies itself with moaning over the ghosts of the Nazi "Holocaust."

The people in Dheisheh refugee camp are short of water, food and milk for

their children. Those who are fortunate enough to have stashed supplies prior to the Israeli invasion now hunker in crowded rooms away from windows exposed to Israeli gunfire. Those who have no food wait in desperation for Red Cross workers to supply them. Israeli tanks and soldiers raid the streets, and shots are fired in all directions. A safe corner in a Palestinian home today can be a deathbed tomorrow. Palestinian civilians cannot step outside for fear of being shot by an Israeli sniper. Human beings are not treated in this manner. Amalek is. Collective punishment of an entire population is not only a racist Jewish war crime, it is insane. A Palestinian Catholic priest interviewed on American TV April 9, said that before the latest Israeli rampage beginning March 29, there were about 15 Palestinian suicide bombers. "After this," he said as he waved his arm over acres of destruction and piles of dead bodies, "there will be 1500."

April 11

More than 5,000 Palestinians are interned in Israeli concentration camps as of today.

Bethlehem: Franciscan Father David Jaeger, spokesman for the Custodians of the Holy Sites, said that the Israelis have cut off electricity and water to the part of the church controlled by his order. "The situation is dire," he said. "We have been unable to persuade the Israeli government to restore water." The *NY Times* of April 12 reports: "A day after an Armenian monk was shot, apparently by an Israeli sniper, priests living inside said they were well aware of the danger. When Greek Orthodox monks leave their monastery to enter the church, they must cross an open-air courtyard inside the complex, Father Parthenios said. The younger monks do not allow the eldest one - a slow-moving 82-year-old - to make the journey because they fear he could be shot by Israeli snipers. When the younger monks make the trip, they rush."

Jenin: Peter Hansen, the director of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), said in a statement that Israeli tanks and bulldozers had intensified their destruction of houses in the refugee camps here. CBS News reported on its April 11 evening news broadcast that Israelis are concealing the bodies of their Palestinian murder victims by bulldozing them into mass graves in Jenin so they will not be used as part of "Arab propaganda." The Israeli Army denied all such charges. "It was difficult to assess the claims and counterclaims, because Israeli forces were still turning journalists away from Jenin today (April 11)." *NY Times*, April 12.

Nablus: A five-hour Israeli attack here took place April 11, involving rockets, helicopter cannons and tank shells. As dawn came, the deadly barrage halted and Israeli army loudspeakers announced in Arabic to Palestinian men, "Put your hands up and come out. Otherwise we will kill all your women and children." Palestinian men walked out of the al-Ein refugee camp, obeying Israeli orders to either submit to a round-up or have their families killed. Watched by their children, the men, aged 16 to 45, were humiliated by Israeli troops within the sights of tank machine guns. Holding their identity cards, the men waited to be herded into the makeshift concentration camps established by the Israelis for more than

5,000 Palestinian males, some of whom will be tortured and other shot. As in other West Bank towns and camps, reports of beatings and executions of Palestinian prisoners were widespread, as Palestinian children were forced to drink sewage and piles of Palestinian corpses were seen being cleared by Israeli bulldozers. On the other side of the street in the al-Ein refugee camp, Palestinian wives and mothers screamed that their homes had been devastated and families wiped out by the bombardment. "They hit my house with a rocket and we had ten children inside!" screamed one Palestinian mother.

In the Arab World: Across the Arab world - where TV news footage of Ariel Sharon's unleashing of state terror has been a good deal more graphic than what we have seen on our own screens - millions have demonstrated their fury at what is taking place, while their western-backed rulers have turned their guns on the streets, killing and injuring protesters from Bahrain to Egypt.

April 12

The "Incidental" Palestinians

Palestinians say that the United States has written off Palestinian civilian casualties as incidental: "You foreigners make much of Israeli civilian deaths," said Bashir Abu Walid, a neighbor of Manal Sofran, a woman who was shot to death by Israeli soldiers April 10. 'Every Israeli death is a big event. But we are just statistics. Because an Israeli soldier does it, it is not terrorism. Why not?"

Manal Sofran, a Palestinian housewife, was shot twice in the head by Israeli soldiers in Ramallah on April 10, while calling her husband Sami and their four children to come in from the garden of their three-story apartment building. She leaned out from the window. She spied five soldiers by a nearby wall, the neighbors recalled, and feared they might shoot at moving objects. "She was right," said Tom Kay, one of the neighbors. "But she was the object, and it was clear the soldiers could see her." Her last words were "Oh, Sami," said grieving relatives who received visitors at a wake April 12. Israeli soldiers enforce a shoot-on-sight curfew, to the point where a Palestinian mother or child who sticks his or her head out a window risks losing it.

Palestinians cite examples of the kind of attacks Ramallah residents believe exemplify the Israelis wanton killing of civilians--people who were shot the week of April 8---one died in a taxi after delivering a female relative to Ramallah Hospital to give birth. Soldiers shot another in the chest as he stood in front of his home; a third was killed trying to drive relatives out of Ramallah to their home villages; a Palestinian paraplegic in a wheelchair was also shot.

Ramallah city hall was ransacked and its second floor burned. Deeds, tax receipts, building permits and other documents important to governing a city disappeared. The possibility that deeds were destroyed is particularly important in an area where successive Israeli governments have confiscated property on the grounds that the owner possessed no documents. "You will have to kill every one of us," shouted Umm Khaled Yahya, an old woman in a scarf who shouted at Israeli soldiers for 10 minutes without letup.

Israelis shelter bloodiest battlefield from eyes of media and aid groups "...countless dead bodies"

"Israeli troops continued their strenuous efforts to prevent independent witnesses entering the bloodiest battlefield.... With Colin Powell, the Secretary of State, arriving in Jerusalem the soldiers blocked the United Nations, the Red Cross and the media from entering the 'closed military area' (Jenin)...Some journalists were detained. One had his press card ripped up. Footage filmed by a television cameraman was confiscated. The few pictures that did emerge from the camp showed scenes of devastation. Refugees leaving the northern West Bank city talked of misery, horror and death inside the camp which formerly housed 13,000 residents. They spoke of 'countless dead bodies' and men being executed at close range...An international group representing the UN, the Red Cross and the Norwegian Government, who were given assurances by the Israeli Defense Force that they would be allowed inside the camp, were turned away. Their cars were illegally searched and their cameras confiscated...one member of the group said... "I asked one commander what exactly it is that they want to hide as I have never known of UN people not being allowed in before."

"One camp resident, Ali Ramile, a 40-year-old truck driver, said he watched Israeli soldiers kill seven or eight disarmed Palestinian fighters execution-style and dump several loads of bodies in a mass grave within 100 yards of his home..."

"There are still several thousand people inside the camp, with no communication with the outside world....Latest reports from refugees include stories of executions of civilians and bulldozers piling dead bodies into a pit. The city is destroyed, damaged even more than other West Bank cities...In a white villa in Yaomu, a village outside of Jenin, hundreds of refugees have arrived in the past few days, white-faced, tearful, and clutching cheap plastic suitcases. Inside are remnants of their pitiful lives. Most of the residents of Jenin camp are children and grandchildren of those Palestinians who lost their properties after the (Israeli) war of independence and as a result, they know no other way of life than the squalor and poverty of a refugee camp. Now they are refugees once again, this time from the teeming camp that they call home." --*The Times* (London), April 12, 2002

Israeli Army Brig Gen Ron Kitrey admitted that "hundreds" had been killed in Jenin. --"Breaking News," *The Times* (London), April 12, 2002

Israeli Terror in Jenin: Tanks and bulldozers attacked inhabited homes; Palestinian civilians were used as human shields

"Israel's fiercest assault of its 2-week-old West Bank operation dealt systematic destruction and random death to civilians as well as fighters in this militant Palestinian stronghold (Jenin), according to displaced residents of the camp and relief workers in Jenin...the Israelis fired on unarmed civilians, used them as human shields and obstructed medical workers trying to save the wounded.

"One camp resident, Ali Ramile, a 40-year-old truck driver, said he watched Israeli soldiers kill seven or eight disarmed Palestinian fighters execution-

style and dump several loads of bodies in a mass grave within 100 yards of his home...interviews with more than a dozen Palestinians from the Jenin camp indicated a heavy loss of civilian life there. Nearly everyone interviewed said they had watched neighbors die from Israeli shelling or sniper fire, or at least seen bodies in the street...

"Ten days ago, we hoped someone could do something to save the refugee camp, but now the camp is gone,' said Dr. Ziad Ayaseh, the hospital's director. Israeli missiles took out several water tanks on the roof, threatening the hospital's water supply, he said. The army siege blocked fuel supplies that power the hospital's generator--the only source of electric power. The staff pharmacologist and urologist were slightly wounded by apparently stray army gunfire. A 16-year-old boy was shot dead Thursday on a street in Jenin, half an hour after the army had lifted a curfew to allow the city's residents to move about for the first time in five days, hospital officials say.

"A 52-year-old woman wounded Monday inside her home in the refugee camp bled to death before relatives could get her to the hospital, they said. Sameh Abazeineh, an aide to Jenin's mayor, said his 70-year-old neighbor died waving his arms in the air in a futile effort to stop an Israeli bulldozer from destroying his home in the camp. Other residents reported seeing a tank round kill a neighbor who was recharging his cellular phone with his car battery; and of finding the body of a mentally disabled neighbor who had been shot and run over by a tank. Riad Ghaleb, a 28 year-old produce merchant, said the Israelis targeted his entire camp neighborhood...Helicopter gunships fired on rows of densely packed homes, killing two young boys in their home, he charged. 'After that, I saw five bulldozers and three tanks come in,' said Ghaleb, who walked out of the camp into central Jenin on Thursday. 'Now there are no more houses in my neighborhood. It's all a big highway now...'

'News agency reporters Thursday (April 11) managed to tour a small corner of the camp, which had been off limits to journalists during eight days of combat. They saw widespread devastation--homes flattened by bulldozers, walls blackened by fire and the streets chewed up by armored vehicles... Roughly one-third of Jenin's 40,000 people lived in cinder-block houses on the refugee camp's narrow streets. The army used bulldozers to knock down homes and clear the way for its tanks...One bulldozer also wreaked destruction in the center of Jenin as it moved behind a tank along Old Castle Street toward the refugee camp. Just before Ahmed and Bassam Fashafsheh's stone home, the street narrowed and the tank couldn't squeeze by. Issam Fashafsheh, a relative, said he watched early this week as the tank fired ...into the house, backed up and moved aside so the bulldozer could advance. The bulldozer knocked in the wall of the living room, killing the middle-aged couple and their 9-year-old son, Samira.

Human Shields

"When Israeli troops entered the camp on foot to search homes for armed militants, they sent captive Palestinian men ahead of them at gunpoint to knock on the doors or break through the walls. The army has acknowledged the practice, saying it discourages armed resistance.

"Ali Mustafa Sireh, 42, said he was working as such a door-to-door human shield in the refugee camp when, at the 10th house, he was shot in the

knee by Israeli snipers who apparently did not see his captors. At that point, he said, the Israelis abandoned him, and it took four days for relatives to get him to the hospital.

Trails of Destruction, Terror and Loss

"But few experiences capture the terror of the assault like that told by Khadra Samara, 33, whose husband, Hisham, 40, is the Al Razi hospital's cook. She first noticed a tank outside her home at 11 p.m. Sunday (April 7), she said. At 11:30, it knocked down the front gate. 'We screamed and lighted candles to make the Israelis aware that people were in the house,' she said, but the tank kept coming. It fired a missile into the second and third floors, she said, causing a bright flash, shattering the windows and sending all 15 people in the home to the ground floor. The demolition halted until 5 a.m., when the household was awakened by the sound of a bulldozer outside. It slammed into the front of the house, crashing into a large bedroom in which the family had been sleeping, she said. Houses in the camp abut each other, so Samara and her relatives hammered a hole in a side wall and broke in next door, where her sister-in-law's family lives. Less than an hour later, she said, that house came under attack, and 30 people crawled through to the next house in line, which had been abandoned.

"That refuge stood up until 3 p.m. Monday, when it fell after a three-hour bulldozer assault, she said. 'We moved from the bedroom to the bathroom to the kitchen--wherever we thought was safest,' Samara said. 'The children started vomiting. I phoned the hospital. My husband said to leave the camp immediately. I demanded an ambulance. He said the Israelis won't let one through.' It took them five more hours to talk their way through Israeli checkpoints and reach the hospital, waving white prayer scarves and dodging stun grenades from helicopters that followed them."--*L.A. Times*, April 12

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There is Rina Zayyed, 15, who said she was struck in the chest by a bullet as she sat at home with her father and brother..."There are uncountable numbers of houses that have been destroyed,' said Riad Ghaleb, 28, a produce seller from the camp. 'When you see them, you go crazy. The helicopter fired so many rockets at our neighborhood because three soldiers were killed there in a house near where I live."

...Shortly after 10 a.m. (April 11) an Israeli tank opened fire with its heavy machine gun on a 13-year-old Palestinian boy, Fares Einad Zaben...The

boy was hit in the chest and died...

Israeli Military Entombs Palestinian Family

On Old Castle Street, where the Fashafsheh family lived, their corner house, with its walls three feet thick, was a wreck, half of it shorn away and turned to rubble. In the crater that was once the family's living room, the stench of death hung in the air. About 9 a.m. an Israeli tank fired a shell into the house without warning, according to neighbors. Then an Israeli armored bulldozer pulverized the wall, possibly to clear a passage for the tank to pass. Ahmad Fashafsheh, 50, his wife, Sameera, and their son Hisham were killed. Two other sons, 11 and 13, were hurt. Issam Fashafsheh, a relative who lives across the street, watched the scene. "I heard the kids screaming, then the bulldozer came and started destroying the house," he said. "They were entombed under the wall in their living room where they sat." Neighbors dug the corpses out of the rubble and covered them with a white sheet...

At 2:30 p.m. (April 11), an Israeli armored vehicle drove through town, firing bursts from its heavy machine gun. There was no sound of return fire.

After curfew, perhaps the only functioning institution in Jenin was the little Razi Hospital, just south of the town center. Lacking water and short on diesel fuel to power its generator, the 30-bed hospital struggled to meet basic needs....Two doctors were hit by gunfire in an upstairs room...the family of a 52 year-old Palestinian woman arrived with her corpse. The woman had been shot in the face and chest by helicopter gunships, her family said; they needed a death certificate.

Testimony of a Palestinian Mother

Khadra Samara, 33, the wife of the hospital cook, said she was inside her home on Rawabi Street in the refugee camp about 11:30 at night when an Israeli bulldozer approached and tore through the front gate and began slamming into the house. 'We started screaming and lighting lamps so they'd know someone was inside,' she said. 'We were 15 women and children...But as we screamed, a missile was fired at the house, destroying the second and third floors. The whole house shook, there was a flash of light, and all the windows were blown out...before dawn Monday (April 8) it (the Israeli bulldozer) smashed into the house again, shaking the cinder-block walls of the bedroom where the children were sleeping. "The top of the wall started to give, and I started grabbing the kids and hauling them away from there," she said. "They destroyed the house with everything in it"...

Samara tried to get out the front door, but found it was blocked by rubble. She handed the children through a side window into a neighbor's house. "I was so furious I wanted to make a suicide bomb and use it on them," she said. "I picked up a cylinder of cooking gas to carry with me so I could blow it up. I was so scared I was screaming. I thought I was going to die. When I picked up the cylinder my daughter said, "Mom, don't do it! For God's sake don't do it!" The second house provided little respite. An hour after they took refuge there, the bulldozer came again. They fled to a third house; it came under attack from missiles fired by helicopter gunships. From 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. we ran from bedroom to bathroom to kitchen, wherever we

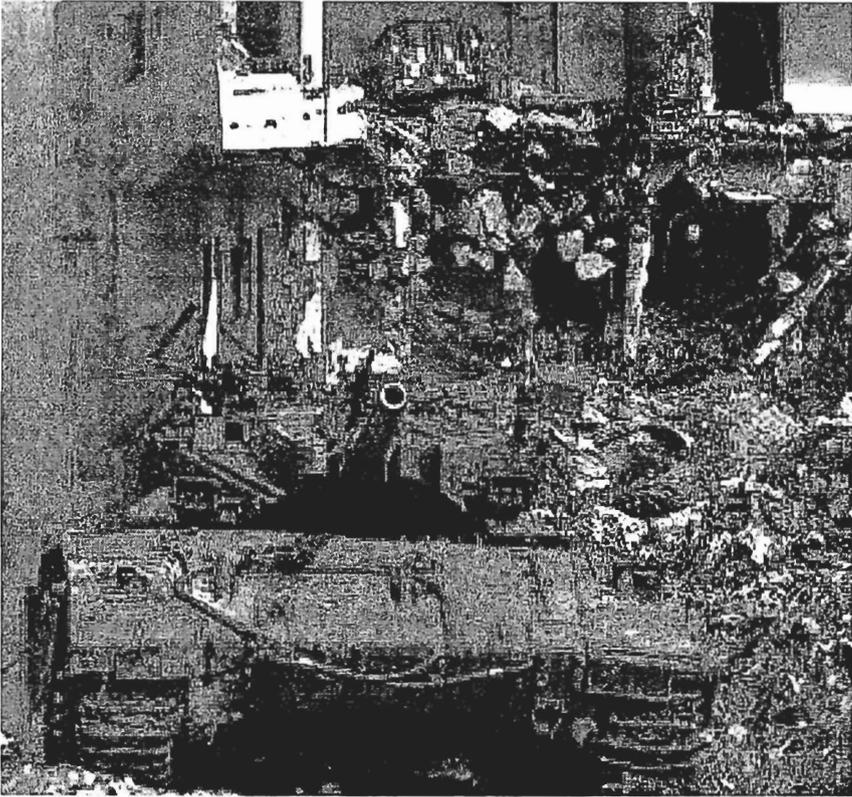
thought was safest to go." *Washington Post*, April 12, 2002

April 13

War Crimes Coverup Continues

The killings in Jenin ended temporarily on April 11, but the Israeli Army continues to bar the outside world from the scene of the carnage. Before Ali Khatib left Jenin on April 11th, he saw dump-trucks filled with the remains of the Palestinian houses bulldozed by the Israelis. Inside those houses, the Palestinian father of eight said, were dead Palestinians. Inside the trucks, mixed in with the rubble and the concrete, were their remains. "There were ten or fifteen trucks," he said. "After the Israelis bulldozed the houses, they scooped everything up. Then they drove away." One man spoke of receiving a call on his cell phone on April 11 from a Palestinian family trapped beneath the rubble of a bulldozed home inside the camp. On April 12 the family's phone went dead. On the morning of April 12, Israeli Army General Ron Kitrey confessed in a brief moment of candor: "...very likely several hundred Palestinians were killed."

His statement has since been withdrawn and "clarified" by the Israeli army. A combination of an Israeli ban on the media and the clever method the Israelis have devised for disposing of the bodies of hundreds of their victims, almost guarantees there will be no holocaust-like photos of mounds of Palestinian cadavers. The Palestinian people are so much rubbish in the view of the Americans and Israelis. It is fitting therefore that their remains should be disposed of in this anonymous and secretive manner, "mixed in with the rubble" of a demolished refugee camp. In this way the always media-wise Israelis spare themselves the kind of opprobrium their minions in media, government and education forever heap on the Germans.



An Israeli tank rolls through the rubble of a Palestinian apartment house in Jenin, April 13, 2002, in the course of Israeli attacks on civilian homes in Jenin, part of the Zionist policy of collective punishment of "Amalek" -- the entire Palestinian nation

April 14

Palestinian children desperate for water after the Israeli army smashed water tanks and water supplies in their neighborhood, collect water from a broken pipe in the Palestinian village of Dhahreiah, near Hebron, April 14, 2002. Because of the Israeli siege and blockade, many Palestinian children had been forced to drink sewage water, or urine mixed with powdered milk.

April 14, 2002: In the Jenin hospital last week, two Red Cross officials were targeted by an Israeli sniper. One, a former British officer, testified that one of three bullets fired into the hospital passed between him and a Canadian assistant. He retrieved the bullet and identified it as Israeli army issue.

Hurriya Kureini heard the roar of a huge, armored, D-9 bulldozer smashing through the wall of her home in Jenin, just after hearing the sound of US-made "Hellfire" missiles streaking from an Apache helicopter gunship firing at Palestinian homes elsewhere in her neighborhood.

Kureini managed to lead her children out a window before her house came crashing down. Once out on the street, the Israelis ordered her and the children to stand in front of Israeli tanks. Her three sons, the youngest 15, were blindfolded and kidnapped. She also spotted the bodies of two of

her neighbors, Feridi Asaadi, 80, and her daughter Lena, 40, lying in the doorway of their home. As of April 14, 2002, two of her sons are still in Israeli "custody."

Homes Bulldozed with the Families Inside

Ali Mustapha Abu Sani, a 42 year old Palestinian school teacher testified to the wholesale bulldozing of Palestinian homes by Israeli tanks and D-9 bulldozers. He says many families were wiped out. He provided the names of those who died in this way: "The household of Abu Naif Zagrah," says Ali Mustapha with certainty. "The households of Mazen al-Ghul and Abura al-Ghul." He continues: "Abu Jawad Narseh and Abu Jawad al-Asmar."

Maaz Staty, age 22, says his mother died in this way, her home bulldozed with her inside. Witness Isa Weshaky mentions his cousin, Ataf Dasouki, aged 52, who opened the door of his home when commanded to by Israeli soldiers, and was then shot down.

"Israeli officers...interviewed by *Ha'aretz* (the Israeli newspaper)...admit the Palestinian claims of extensive damage, including the bulldozing of houses. They admit too that Israeli soldiers fired on ambulances to drive them away from recovering the wounded." Source: *The Observer*, (U.K.), April 14, 2002.

Tanks and Apache helicopters enforced a round-the-clock curfew. The Israeli stranglehold on the town not only complicated humanitarian efforts, it is preventing any detailed scrutiny of the Israeli massacre in Jenin, where at least 500 Palestinians were killed, according to eyewitnesses. Ahmad al-Tibi, an Arab member of the Knesset (Israeli parliament) said witnesses had seen Israeli army trucks bringing bodies to a mass grave near the Adam bridge across the Jordan river. According to the *Times* (London): "The Israeli Army has acknowledged that bodies of 'terrorists' were removed for burial in unmarked graves at what General Ron Kitry, an army spokesman, referred to as 'the enemy cemetery' in the Jordan valley." -*The Times*, April 14, 2002.

Israelis have paid no heed to international laws that ban collective punishment and provide for the protection of civilians. Instead, Palestinian civilians in Jenin were strafed by machine guns. Buildings sheltering Palestinian civilians were bombed from the air and shelled by tanks. "What would the world reaction be if an Arab army treated Israelis - or anyone else - like this?" said Palestinian Khaled Sala'am.

"...fighting is the wrong word. It suggests a parity of violence"

A reporter's testimony: "We had driven to the outskirts of Jenin a week ago (April 7) for the first time. It was strange how small the city seemed, set among the green hills of the West Bank, surrounded by rich farmland and thick olive groves. A resident pointed out the camp itself..By then the fighting had been raging for five days. We watched the Israeli armor pouring in, and from a rooftop in the adjoining village of Wad Burqin, we watched the fighting. But fighting is the wrong word. It suggests a parity of violence.

"Instead, what we could see was a long-range assault, unequal in every part. We could see the tanks maneuvering and shelling houses from the plain. We could hear them firing from the ridge behind us. Most shocking, however, were the Apache helicopter gunships that hovered like an angry swarm above the city, approaching, often in pairs, and firing bursts of

cannon-fire every five minutes into the camp.

"Every now and then they would fire a pair of missiles which would explode and send a plume of darker smoke above the white haze of gunsmoke already hanging above the camp. We learn the consequences of these strafing runs five days later: Dr Zaid Ayasi, director of the hospital, tells us that many of the civilian victims that he knows of were hit by helicopter fire in those few days. Slipping deep into the city on April 12, despite a curfew and its designation as a closed military zone, we are surprised to encounter large groups of Palestinian men all heading in the same direction. Following them discreetly, we are approached by a man who will only give his name as Hussam. He calls us to accompany them and talks rapidly at us as we walk. An hour earlier, Hussam tells us, the Israelis had come with their armored personnel carriers and loudspeakers and ordered every man who was between the age of 15 and 55 to gather in a central location. The men are too scared to disobey.

"And so we watch them leaving their homes and gathering in their hundreds, snaking in a long line towards a pale blue arch across the highway...Among them is a local journalist. I do not have time to get his name before the Israelis chase us away. He asks us to intercede on his behalf and shows us his press card to prove his bona fides. We are forced to tell him that we are as much in danger of being arrested as he.

--Peter Beaumont, *The Observer* (U.K.), April 14, 2002.

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The Israelis last week ordered the Palestinian population to leave Jenin refugee camp, roughly half a mile wide and three miles long, now a moonscape of blood-soaked rubble. Of the 13,000 Palestinians crammed into Jenin before the Israeli "incursion," fewer than 5,000 are still resident there.

Nablus: Israeli destruction inflicted on Nablus, the largest Palestinian city, with some 20,000 inhabitants includes the Shuabi family and the family home. Among the buildings destroyed by Israeli tank fire or bulldozers in Nablus was the ancient casbah home of the Shuabi family. The Shuabis were still inside their home when the Israelis attacked. On April 13, rescue workers who had been digging through the rubble for days, found the bodies of three of the Shuabi children and their mother. The body of their father, Samir Shobi, was found April 12. Three other family members also were killed. On April 13, rescuers found two other members of the Shuabi family still alive. Rescuers pulled Abdullah Shuabi, 68, and his wife, Shamsa--from their living room, which was under a mass of stone and dirt. Neighbors of the Shuabis said Israeli bulldozers came to the front of the Shuabi home and began attacking. The house collapsed, with the family inside. "They were shouting, 'Help us! Help us!' " neighbor Amani Ghanem said of the crushed family. Three generations of the Shuabi family were buried alive. The confirmed Shuabi dead include: Omar Shuabi, 85, his daughters, Fatima and Abir, and his son, Samir; Samir's pregnant wife, Nabila, and the couple's three little boys, Abdallah, Azam, and Anas.



Rev. Ekonomus George Awwad, 56, pastor of Saint-Dimitrios church of Nablus, inspects damage to his church two days after it sustained an Israeli bombardment on April 14, 2002. The church's two prayer rooms were damaged by Israeli fire and its windows smashed by Israeli troops

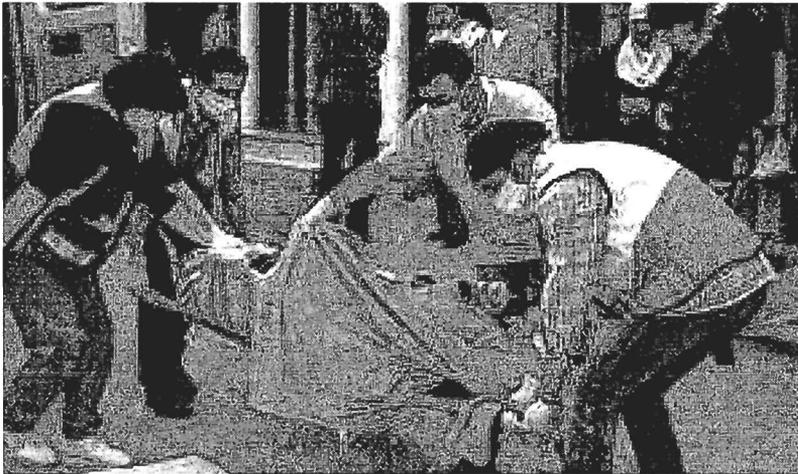
Rokaya Hinno said she saw Imad Kasua trapped under the ruins of his home, bleeding to death. The Kasua house was one of several private homes that had been hit by Israeli fire in Nablus. Catholic and Muslim shrines were also attacked by Israelis in Nablus. The local Muslim house of worship, the Saladin Mosque, was rammed. Two rooms of the 250 year-old St. Demetrius Catholic church were severely damaged by Israeli tank fire, said Father Ekonomus George Awwad. The 56 year-old priest saved his own life by crawling out of the structure, as the Israelis bombarded it.

April 15

On April 15 "Holocaust Survivor" Elie Wiesel gave a speech in Washington D.C., congratulating the Israelis on their pogrom against the Palestinians.

UN Commission on Human Rights Condemns Israeli Mass Killings in Palestine: On April 15, the United Nations human rights commission condemned "mass killings" of Palestinians and demanded the end of "acts of mass killings perpetrated by the Israeli occupying authorities." The Geneva-based Commission on Human Rights ruled that the Israelis were guilty of "gross violations" of humanitarian law and the commission upheld the "legitimate right of Palestinian people to resist." The Commission on Human Rights expressed grave concern at "the killing of men, women and children" in West Bank refugee camps, among them Jenin, where Israeli troops of massacred Palestinian women and children.

"A United Nations vehicle with supplies of flour and sugar had been denied access to the (Jenin) camp, as well as the Red Cross. 'For over a week now,' one senior UN official said, 'the Red Cross and the UN have made strenuous efforts to receive permission to enter the camp. Especially for the Red Cross, this is an unheard-of situation for a government to refuse access in this way. The only assumption that we are making, regrettably, is that someone had something abominable to hide.' An Israeli soldier told a journalist that the Red Cross had been granted access to the camp but had refused (to enter). The UN official responded: 'This is a blatant lie.' Source: "The Times" (London), April 15.



April 15: Medics carry the body of a Palestinian woman, Zoha Ifreiteh. The body of her sister, Rasha, was discovered yesterday. The two sisters were killed by Israeli soldiers on April 3, in Nablus.

There is a growing body of testimony that since April 3, the Israeli army's rampage at the Jenin refugee camp, was marked by numerous war crimes. Eyewitness Baha Awad, a paramedic with a the local ambulance, saw

soldiers go ahead and bulldoze a house in Jenin with a retarded Palestinian man inside. His parents ran out, screaming that their mentally handicapped son was still stuck inside the structure. He was buried alive by the Israeli bulldozer anyway. Kamel Ali testified that his 20 year old son and his son's friend, were struck by an Israeli rocket April 5, killing both young men. Ali said neither was armed.

More Executions

On April 8, Ali himself, and four other men, were rounded up by Israeli troops. One of the four Palestinian captives was fluent in Hebrew. He said that he overheard the Israeli soldiers talking about whether to execute the Palestinians in a shop or in the street. Mai Ziat told how a refugee from the Jenin camp had arrived at her doorstep describing how he had seen seven captive Palestinian men executed at close range by Israeli troops.

A Palestinian resident of Jenin, Luka Tomei, saw a Palestinian man shot down in the street by Israelis. "He had no guns. He said: 'I want a doctor. I want to go to the hospital. They shot him.'" She also testified that an Israeli sniper shot down an elderly Palestinian lady.

Palestinian officials and aid workers have testified that many Palestinian civilians were slaughtered by the Israelis in Jenin. Some Jews have been determined to conceal the Palestinian casualty toll by any means necessary. The Israeli Supreme Court on April 14 denied a demand by human rights groups to stop the mass burial of Palestinian bodies in pits, which has been the practice of the Israeli army thus far.

April 16

"Whatever is ultimately discovered about the carnage committed by Israel's forces, enough is known to implicate Sharon for a form of ethnic cleansing--purposefully destroying the Palestinians' ability to govern themselves. The systematic destruction of the signposts of nascent Palestinian statehood--statistics bureaus, education ministries, electricity and water supplies--is aimed at further uprooting a refugee population." Robert Scheer, *Los Angeles Times*, April 16, 2002

A war crime that Israel has tried to cover up for a fortnight has finally been exposed. Its troops have caused devastation in the center of the Jenin refugee camp, reached yesterday by *The Independent*, where thousands of people are still living amid the ruins. A residential area roughly 160,000 square yards about a third of a mile wide has been reduced to dust. Rubble has been shoveled by bulldozers into 30ft piles. The sweet and ghastly reek of rotting human bodies is everywhere, evidence that it is a human tomb. The people, who spent days hiding in basements crowded into single rooms as the rockets pounded in, say there are hundreds of corpses, entombed beneath the dust, under a field of debris, criss-crossed with tank and bulldozer treadmarks.

In one nearby half-wrecked building, gutted by fire, lies the fly-blown corpse of a man covered by a tartan rug. In another we found the remains of 23 year-old Ashraf Abu Hejar beneath the ruins of a fire-blackened room that collapsed on him after being hit by a rocket. His head is shrunken and blackened. In a third, five long-dead men lay under blankets. A quiet,

sad-looking young man called Kamal Anis led us across the wasteland, littered now with detritus of what were once households -- foam rubber, torn clothes, shoes, tin cans, children's toys. He suddenly stopped. This was a mass grave, he said, pointing. We stared at a mound of debris. Here, he said, he saw the Israeli soldiers pile 30 bodies beneath a half-wrecked house. When the pile was complete, they bulldozed the building, bringing its ruins down on the corpses. Then they flattened the area with a tank. We could not see the bodies. But we could smell them.

A few days ago, we might not have believed Kamal Anis. But the descriptions given by the many other refugees who escaped from Jenin camp were understated, not, as many feared and Israel encouraged us to believe, exaggerations. Their stories had not prepared me for what I saw yesterday. I believe them now.

Until two weeks ago, there were several hundred tightly-packed homes in this neighborhood called Hanat al-Hawashim. They no longer exist. Around the central ruins, there are many hundreds of half-wrecked homes. Much of the camp - once home to thousands of Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war - is falling down. Every wall is speckled and torn with bullet holes and shrapnel, testimony of the awesome, random firepower of Cobra and Apache helicopters that hovered over the camp.

Building after building has been torn apart, their contents of cheap fake furnishings, mattresses, white plastic chairs spewed out into the road. Every other building bears the giant, charred, impact mark of a helicopter missile. Last night there were many families and weeping children still living amid the ruins, cut off from the humanitarian aid. Ominously, we found no wounded, although there was a report of a man being rescued from beneath ruins only an hour before we arrived.

Those who did not flee the camp, or not detained by the army, have spent the bombardment in basements, enduring day after day of terror. Some were forced into rooms by the soldiers, who smashed their way into houses through the walls. The UN says half of the camp's residents were under 18. As the evening hush fell over these killing fields, we could suddenly hear the children chattering. The mosques, once so noisy at prayer time, were silent. Israel was still trying to conceal these scenes yesterday. It had refused entry to Red Cross ambulances for nearly a week, in violation of the Geneva Convention. Yesterday it continued to try to keep us out.

Jenin, in the northern end of the occupied West Bank, remained "a closed military zone," was ringed with Merkava tanks, army Jeep patrols, and armored personnel carriers. Reporters caught trying to get in were escorted out. A day earlier the Israeli armed forces took in a few selected journalists to see sanitized parts of the camp. We simply walked across the fields, flitted through an olive orchard overlooked by two Israeli tanks, and into the camp itself.

We were led in by hands gesturing at windows. Hidden, whispering people directed us through narrow alleys they thought were clear. When there were soldiers about, a finger would raise in warning, or a hand waved us back. We were welcomed by people desperate to tell what had occurred. They spoke of executions, and bulldozers wrecking homes with people inside. "This is mass murder committed by Ariel Sharon," Jamel Saleh, 43, said.

"We feel more hate for Israel now than ever. Look at this boy." He placed his hand on the tousled head of a little boy, Mohammed, the eight-year-old son of a friend. "He saw all this evil. He will remember it all." So will everyone else who saw the horror of Jenin refugee camp. Palestinians who entered the camp yesterday were almost speechless.

Rajib Ahmed, from the Palestinian Energy Authority, came to try to repair the power lines. He was trembling with fury and shock. "This is mass murder. I have come here to help but I have found nothing but devastation. Just look for yourself." All had the same message: tell the world.

Source: *The Independent* (U.K.) April 16, 2002

Inside the Camp of the Dead

Bashir died in agony. The hands of the 23 year-old Palestinian are clenched into tight fists, his body charred. He lies buried under rubble and cement, his head twisted towards the door as if crying out for help. His tomb is a wasted house that crashed around him after the Israelis tried to bulldoze it to make a road. Next door, up a blackened stairway and across shards of glass, is the body of Ashran Abu Hadel, also 23. Someone tried to pull him out of the rubble but gave up. His arm lies straight out, as though he tried to push himself away from the cement as he lay dying.

Elsewhere in the Jenin refugee camp I saw bodies of men who were clearly fighters, replete with ammunition belts and other paramilitary trappings. Bashir and Ashran had nothing. The refugees I had interviewed in recent days while trying to enter the camp were not lying. If anything, they underestimated the carnage and the horror. Rarely, in more than a decade of war reporting from Bosnia, Chechnya, Sierra Leone, Kosovo, have I seen such deliberate destruction, such disrespect for human life.

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This was not only a town of fighters, as Israeli soldiers told me. It was a town of women, children and old men, who have seen the camp grow into a warren of ramshackle homes over half a century...

Throughout the camp, which the Israelis called a production line for terrorists, there is the stench of death, of bodies that have been rotting in the sun for days. Everyone who survived the fiercest battle of Israel's Operation Defensive Shield has a terrible story to tell. They take your hand and lead you into their houses across bulldozed mounds of rubble including photo albums, clothing, toys and pillowcases. There are more bodies, burnt or twisted grotesquely, caught off guard by sudden death...

The dead are everywhere. Kamal Anis, a laborer, leads us to an area called Harat al-Hawashim, a mound of rubble the size of four football pitches where 200 houses once stood. He says the Israelis leveled the place; he saw them pile bodies into a mass grave, dump earth on top, then ran over it to flatten it. There are still bulldozers and tanks at work, sending us fleeing into destroyed buildings. There is the sound of children crying.

There are people looking for survivors under rubble.

"We have passed dark days," says Aisha, whose house was turned into a snipers' nest and base for 50 soldiers. "What we have passed through, I cannot describe to you but I will remember all of my life."

"What my son told me is that when they get older, they will resist occupation because they have seen this," says Aisha, a mother of five. For five days since the last Palestinian fighters surrendered the Israelis have prevented us from entering this camp, saying it was booby-trapped. Thirteen Israeli soldiers died in an ambush in its narrow alleys last week. The Army is still seeking to keep us out. I write this, hiding from an Israeli tank 50 meters away, inside the home of a man called Jamal who, in a state of shock, shows the destruction of his once-grand home...

Yoni Wolff, 26, an Israeli lieutenant who has spent weeks here, told me that no deliberate destruction had taken place and that the soldiers had killed only terrorists. But the hundreds believed dead were not all fighters. Buried under the rubble are the bodies of women and children whose houses caved in around them. "We destroyed the infrastructure of terror," Yoni boasted. He said the camp was empty, that civilians had fled and that it was booby-trapped. He said he saw no bodies of civilians, and that it was a successful operation.

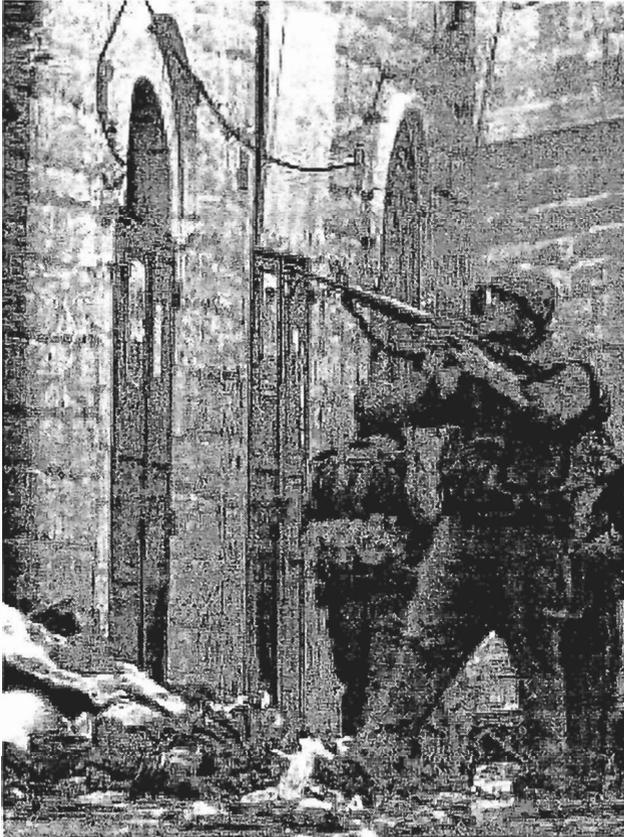
To reach this "successful operation" we had to run through olive groves, dodging from tree to tree because of an Israeli sniper. I have seen demolished houses before. I have seen wells stuffed with bodies. I have seen civilians terrorized and living under siege. But what remains of Jenin camp is a wasteland of death... "I saw some children who were wounded take four days to die, bleeding to death because there was no one here to tend them," says Fahdi Jamal, a 30 year-old laborer.

Soraya and Harej, small sisters living in a ruined house with electrical wires hanging from the ceiling and a tank round through the living room wall, do not know their father is dead. Their mother does not know either but their aunt does; she heard it on the radio. "They stripped him and shot him," she says. "We can't tell his wife, she is too sick. She thinks he may still be alive." Ramsey, 28, who returned from Germany to be with his family, leads us to where five fighters lie dead inside a house, shot in the head. Flies swarm around and the smell is overpowering. For Muslims, whose custom dictates burial within 24 hours, this is the ultimate degradation.

"There is no justice, no ethics to this war," says Abu Bashir who is 70 years old. He points at a photo album heaped with the other trash. "This was someone's life, now it is gone, do you understand?" he shouts. Down the road, near Harat al-Hawashim, Abu Salim, who has passed 50 years in this camp, wanders through the rubble in shock. "What did they do?" he asks. "What did they do?"

Source: *The Times* (London), April 16, 2002

April 17



An Israeli soldier fires on a church in Bethlehem, April 17, 2002

April 18

A Palestinian boy who was wounded by Israeli troops, stands downcast amid the ruins of his home in the Jenin refugee camp, April 18, 2002

A nurse from west Cork (Ireland) has told how she and a group of volunteers had warning shots and a grenade fired at them by Israeli soldiers as they tried to reach a refugee camp in Nablus. Palestinian members of the groups were beaten by the soldiers, she added. Mary Kelly, 24 other international volunteers and six Palestinian medical staff were allowed to pass through an Israeli checkpoint but were then stopped by tanks. "Two Israeli tanks approached us and fired warning shots. We stopped and formed a circle around the Palestinians. The Israeli soldiers threw a percussion grenade and the situation began to get ugly. They pushed us to the ground and beat and kicked the men. I was knocked down," Ms. Kelly said. "Our aim was to visit Balata camp where the food and water situation is very bad. The unconfirmed toll there is 25 injured and 17 dead," she added.

Having just visited the Rafidia Hospital in Nablus, she added that there were "79 bodies in the hospital, some of them in the dairy truck because the morgue is full." Source: *Irish Times*, April 18, 2002.

Bush and Sharon: Birds of a Feather

by Eric Margolis

President Bush clearly is a political soulmate of ultra-hawk Sharon; they share a mutual detestation for Arabs in general. Bush has been encouraging Sharon's attacks on Palestine for months. But Israel's invasion of the West Bank - reminiscent of Soviet tanks crushing Hungary in 1956 - gravely threatened the stability of America's Mideast client regimes, so Bush had to demand that Ariel Sharon relent. The world saw the grotesque spectacle of Bush pleading in vain with Sharon, leader of a nation of only 6.3 million people which receives almost \$5 billion in annual U.S. aid, to cease laying waste the Occupied West Bank. Ignoring Bush, Sharon ordered his armor, much of it American-supplied, to accelerate shooting up and bulldozing Palestinian towns, refugee camps and all symbols of Palestinian identity or statehood.

In an act of sheer farce, Colin Powell was sent on a slow boat to Israel, via Madrid and Morocco. Before Powell even arrived, former Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu summoned fawning U.S. senators and arrogantly informed them Powell's mission would fail.

While the rest of the world condemned Israel's invasion and destruction of the Palestinian ghettos, not a peep was heard from the White House, Congress or America's media about Israel's violation of U.S. law in using U.S.-supplied armor and warplanes against civilians. Nor about Israel's violation of the Geneva Conventions and other international laws. There were no protests when Sharon named to his cabinet a fanatical right-wing general who advocates ethnic cleansing of Palestinians - the same crime for which the U.S. pursued Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic.

How could Bush, who, only a few weeks ago, was bathing in the bogus glory of a military "triumph" against a few thousand medieval tribesman in Afghanistan, be so suddenly made to look foolish and impotent by events in the Mideast? Simply put, Sharon's right-wing Likud party has come to dominate U.S. Mideast policy through its powerful American lobby, which "guides" Congress. Under pressure from the Israeli lobby, 89 out of 100 senators and at least 280 congressmen recently demanded Bush give Sharon *carte blanche* to crush Palestine. As the Israeli writer Uri Avnery wryly noted, if the Israel lobby gave orders to repeal the Ten Commandments, Congress would vote in favor.

America's media is strongly pro-Israel and averse to dissenting views. A coterie of hawkish, Israel-first neo-conservatives dominates media opinion-making and the Pentagon; leading the charge for a war against Iraq, Iran, and Syria. Tight U.S. mid-term elections are approaching. Bush does not want to anger American Jewish voters (who make up only about 2.2% of the U.S. population).

Sharon needs to be pushed the way Dwight Eisenhower ordered Israel, in

1956, to get out of the Sinai, which it had invaded and occupied - or else. Had Bush Eisenhower's integrity or genuine patriotism, he would compel Sharon to accept the wise Saudi peace plan. This would be a boon to Jews and Arabs alike. But Bush junior is no Eisenhower. His dithering over the Mideast has made the United States appear both helpless and a tacit supporter of Israel's West Bank repression - and made America the potential target of more terrorist attacks from the enraged Arab world. *Toronto Sun*, April 14, 2002

"Israel Has Nothing to Hide" The Israeli Assault on Reporters in Palestine

by Michael Hoffman

"The Israeli Army continued to block journalists from entering Jenin on April 10, saying it feared for their safety. But Israeli officials were also nervously looking ahead to the eventual withdrawal, fearful that Palestinians would try to present the many corpses as evidence of an Israeli massacre." (*N.Y. Times*, April 11, 2002).

The Israeli government is hostile to media coverage of its massacres of Palestinians. Israeli armed forces intimidated and fired upon journalists in the West Bank throughout March and April. Six journalists have been shot, including an American, Anthony Shadid of the *Boston Globe*. In one incident, a reporter from Italy, Raffaele Ciriello, was killed. This is the same Israeli government that stages elaborate "Holocaust" remembrance commemorations, museums, documentaries and dramas because "the world must know and never forget what the Nazis did to the Jews." But when it comes to what the Jews do to the Palestinians the world apparently does not have the right to know.

The Committee to Protect Journalists has reported that the Israeli army used grenades to prevent journalists from reporting the meeting between Yasser Arafat and Anthony Zinni in early April. Journalists have been shot at and wounded since March 29, when the Zionists imposed a "closed military zone" upon Ramallah, where Arafat had been held captive. The Israeli government has deported news crews from Al Jazeera and Abu Dhabi television. They have jailed eight Palestinian reporters. In Ramallah, a cameraman for Reuters and another from Middle East Broadcasting Co. were beaten by Israeli troops. Banning and assaulting reporters tends to suggest the Israelis have a great deal to hide.

When a Jewish bus is bombed by a Palestinian, graphic photos of the carnage and interviews with survivors are immediately beamed around the world. But when Palestinians are massacred by the Israeli army, the killings are perpetrated in secret, behind the veil of a "closed military zone." The bloodthirsty, anti-Arab bigot and *Wall Street Journal* columnist Victor Davis Hanson, and hundreds of American pundits like him, claims that the Israeli state and America are superior because they have an "open media" as compared with shuttered Arab societies (*Wall Street Journal*, April 2, 2002). But it is Arab al-Jazeera satellite news that is providing most of the information on Israeli atrocities, not the "open" West, which can't forget

Danny Pearl, but has a bad case of amnesia when it comes to Raffaele Ciriello.

Trying to reach Arafat's bombed out headquarters in early April, television producer Charles Enderlin and his French TV crew were turned back at an Israeli checkpoint. Before leaving, they tried to film the Israeli soldiers but were ordered to stop. "Show me a written order that I cannot film here," the producer demanded. "Instead of a paper, you're going to get a bullet," snarled an Israeli soldier, raising his machine gun threateningly. Then the soldier opened fire: the bullet sailed centimeters from Enderlin's head. Had the newsman died his death would have been reported as either "killed in a crossfire" or by "Mideast violence." The US media generally shy away from such naughty practices as directly attributing killings to Israelis, hence the weasel words.

As "Israel" perpetrated its massacres in the West Bank in March and April, journalists trying to cover the story were running up against the ultimate roadblock--Israeli bullets fired at them, often without warning. Correspondents say the obstacles to reporting are the worst they have ever observed. At least 20 journalists have come under Israeli fire since the latest Zionist rampage began March 29, 2002, according to Reporters Without Borders, based in Paris.

Journalists got the message April 5 when they tried to enter what is left of Arafat's office-building in Ramallah and came under attack from two Israeli army units. Without warning, an Israeli army jeep rammed a clearly marked CNN vehicle, and soldiers threw several stun grenades at reporters. Senior army officials have defended the use of stun grenades against journalists.

Gen. Ron Kitrey, the Israeli army's chief spokesman, stated on April 7: "...the instruction is to minimize the journalists' presence in the area..."

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Five journalists from Agence France-Presse and a TV crew from Spain came under fire by Israeli troops in the West Bank town of Yatta on April 7, even though they were wearing jackets with "TV" inscribed in large, white letters, and waving a white flag. They retreated under Israeli gunfire. Journalists in Ramallah were shot at from March 30 through April 7. Israeli snipers took shots at their hotel, too.

"The Israeli army is knowingly targeting journalists in a deliberate policy of intimidation," Robert Menard, general secretary of Reporters Without Borders, said April 7. "The Israelis want a news blackout so they can work in a vacuum and do as they like." Israeli officials warned that any reporter who enters Palestinian cities is "provoking Israeli troops."

"The army does not want anyone watching too closely because they know that what they do does not make for pretty pictures," said Amos Harel, military correspondent for the Hebrew-language, Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz*.

Israelis have done more than just shoot at journalists. On March 13,

Raffaele Ciriello, 42, a courageous and honest reporter for the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, was murdered by Israeli troops in the Manara district of occupied Ramallah. In American news media reports of Israeli army attacks on reporters, the murder of Ciriello is mostly omitted. The trial of the killers of Jewish-American reporter Danny Pearl in Pakistan, however, remains big news. Meanwhile Ciriello is unknown to Americans and his killers are not even sought. Books and memorials to Danny Pearl are flowing and he will undoubtedly enter the eternal, Pantheon of Martyrs Killed by Anti-Semites, which every school child in the West will be required to learn, while Ciriello is left to rot in the dust reserved for victims of Israelis.

In the midst of these outrageous attacks on journalists, White House spokesman and Lubavitcher sect affiliate Ari Fleischer, had the *chutzpah* to announce that "...Arab responsibilities are to...stop what he said was news media incitement of hatred against Jews." (*NY Times*, April 9, 2002) .

Fleischer shares the delusions of his co-religionists. In their eyes, documenting *Israeli war crimes* is a form of evil, an "incitement of hatred against Jews." The truth about the Zionists becomes a crime. A certain Nazarene was crucified for a similar offense against their Imperial Majesties. Documenting *Nazi war crimes* however, is humanity's solemn obligation! Our highest moral duty! The cosmic alarm bell that must be rung throughout all time and for all generations! Amen.

London's *Times* newspaper: "Israeli troops continued their strenuous efforts to prevent independent witnesses entering the bloodiest battlefield.... the soldiers blocked the United Nations, the Red Cross and the media from entering the 'closed military area' (Jenin)...Some journalists were detained. Footage filmed by a television cameraman was confiscated. The few pictures that did emerge from the camp showed scenes of devastation.

"Refugees leaving the northern West Bank city talked of misery, horror and death inside the camp which formerly housed 13,000 residents. They spoke of 'countless dead bodies' and men being executed at close range...An international group representing the UN, the Red Cross and the Norwegian Government, who were given assurances by the Israeli Defense Force that they would be allowed inside the camp, were turned away. Their cars were illegally searched and their cameras confiscated..." "Israelis shelter bloodiest battlefield from eyes of media," *Times* (London), April 12.

Israelis Forbid War Crimes Investigation in Jenin

The nation founded on exploitation of a martyr complex over war crimes, blocks investigation of its own crimes against humanity

Worried that a UN investigation could form the basis for war crimes prosecutions against Israeli soldiers, the Israeli government announced April 30, 2002 that it wouldn't allow a U.N. investigation in Jenin, a Palestinian refugee camp that is overseen by UN agencies, within occupied territory that by treaty is controlled by the governing Palestinian Authority. Nonetheless, the Israeli security Cabinet--led by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon--voted against letting the investigation proceed.

The UN investigators were to be led by former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari. The 20-member UN commission was charged with assessing the civilian death toll from the April 2002 Israeli attack on Jenin, where hundreds of civilians were killed during three weeks of assaults by jets, helicopters and bulldozers in a "zone" closed to the media by the Israeli army.

John D. Negropono, the U.S. Ambassador to the world body, said the United States is opposed to the Jenin war crimes inquiry. Though the United States was the original sponsor of the Security Council resolution endorsing the Jenin investigation, American diplomats had come to view the UN inquiry as "a divisive and potentially dangerous distraction."

From the Israeli viewpoint, cancellation of the U.N. investigation would be preferable to an investigation it feared would reveal the extent of the war crimes committed by Israeli forces while the media and aid groups were banned from the area.

"Whatever penalty Israel will pay (in terms of lost prestige) is less than the cost of a report that is one-sided and uses terms such as 'war crimes,'" said Gerald Steinberg, a political scientist at Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv.

UN Secretary General Koffi Annan sent a letter to the Israeli government April 27 assuring the Israelis that their soldiers and others interviewed by the fact-finding team would be guaranteed anonymity, and that there would be no transcripts that might be used in war crimes prosecutions.

In recent weeks the Israelis also refused entry into Jenin by a team of UN human rights investigators led by the UN high commissioner for human rights -- Ireland's Mary Robinson -- and Felipe Gonzalez, a former Spanish prime minister.

The Israeli cabinet decision reflected a consensus among Israelis that the United Nations is biased against the Jewish state and that any UN inquiry into war crimes in the Jenin camp would inevitably end badly for Israeli public relations and Israel's image. One senior Foreign Ministry official said Israel had been wary of the war crimes investigation from the start. "We have every right in the world to be extremely suspicious about anything that comes out of the UN," said the diplomat. "We may be paranoid, but we have good reason to be."

UN undersecretary-general for political affairs, Kieran Prendergast reported April 30 that the investigation was originally endorsed "on the basis of assurances of full Israeli cooperation" from the Israeli foreign and defense ministers. But when the UN named a team dominated by specialists in international law and war crimes, the Israelis retracted their promise of support. Israeli officials were also outraged by the remarks of Terje Roed-Larsen, the UN envoy to the Middle East, who described "horrifying scenes of human suffering" at the Jenin camp.

The Israelis blocked the investigation because "...any UN inquiry into war crimes in the Jenin camp would inevitably end badly for Israeli public relations and Israel's image..." On April 29, 2002 Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Secretary of State Colin Powell, "We have no intention of letting [Israeli] soldiers be investigated or even give testimony..."

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he feared that the UN Security Council would "interpret our refusal as if we were scared that they might discover something." In an interview with Israeli radio, Peres said he told Secretary of State Colin Powell by telephone on April 29: "Our army is still fighting....What do you want, for us to put them on trial? Tell our soldiers that they should show up [to testify] with a lawyer?' We have no intention of letting [Israeli] soldiers be investigated or even give testimony..."

Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian official said, "I think this is equivalent to giving Sharon the license to do it again, to kill again and to commit slaughter again." On April 30, the group Physicians for Human Rights issued a preliminary forensic assessment of Jenin's dead and wounded, referring to the deliberate targeting of Palestinians civilians and blocked access to medical care.

Sharon, who was found by an Israeli commission to have been "indirectly responsible" for a 1982 massacre at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp, took a defiant tone. To him and other senior Israeli officials, the United Nations inquiry is a case of selective investigation, to be followed by spurious prosecution. "No attempt to tarnish our name or to put us on trial before the world will succeed," Sharon said.

The Israelis sought to have American Major-General William Nash, of the Council of Foreign Relations (CFR), appointed to head the UN probe. The position of the CFR is that the Israelis should have been allowed to determine the make-up of the commission: "There should have been more consultation with the host government (Israel) before appointing the members," said David Philips, Nash's deputy at the CFR. "The composition of the initial group created the impression that the mission was being politicized."

Numerous war crimes investigations were conducted in Germany, Poland and Japanese colonies after World War Two, and more recently in the Balkans with regard to ethnic cleansing; and in Rwanda where genocide was determined to have been committed. War crimes investigations held in

Germany and Japan after World War II set the standard for such proceedings, establishing the principle that soldiers must be held responsible for atrocities committed during war. Since then, a series of Geneva conventions have defined violations in three categories:

War crimes: such as mistreatment of prisoners and targeting civilians.

Crimes Against Humanity: such as deportation and murder of civilian populations, and racial, ethnic and political persecution.

Genocide: defined as "deliberately inflicting on a group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part."

Several Western governments have also established permanent tribunals for the investigation of elderly persons, many of them refugees from Communism, accused of having committed war crimes against Jews 60 years ago. For example, in the US, the Office of Special Investigation (OSI), was established in 1979 as part of the Department of Justice to investigate "war criminals living in the United States."

The OSI drove Andrije Artukovic, former minister of the interior of Croatia back to Communist Yugoslavia. The OSI deported Catholic Bishop Valerian Trifa back to Communist Romania. Arthur Rudolph, the distinguished NASA rocket scientist, was also investigated and driven out of the US as a "war criminal." In the cases of Alfred Deutscher and Michael Popczuk, the men committed suicide after being targeted by the OSI.

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Claims that these war crimes investigations were politicized and tainted by pro-Communist or Zionist bias were dismissed out of hand as an obstruction of human rights and humanitarian and international law.

The traditions about war crimes committed against Jews is central to the maintenance of the Israeli state, a sly tool for obtaining Palestinian land and for portraying a nuclear power with a penchant for pulverizing dark-skinned civilians as a "victim of intolerance." Billions of dollars have been paid by Europeans--and continue to be paid-- to the Israeli government and its agencies as "war crimes reparations."

The Israelis, however, regard themselves as immune from international prosecution for war crimes or responsibility for reparations to Palestinians. On April 28, 2002 the Associated Press reported Foreign Minister Shimon Peres as declaring, "Israel won't sit in the place of the accused. Israel will sit in the place of the accuser."

The AP dispatch added that the Israeli foreign minister described charges of Israeli war crimes in Jenin as, "baseless blame, almost a blood libel, on Israel."

Very few Americans would support "incursions" into the predominately black ghetto of Los Angeles by tanks, helicopter gunships, D-9 armored bulldozers and F-16 jet fighters if a minority of African-Americans were planting suicide bombs in white areas. If the US military were to bulldoze

and bomb black ghettos into a moonscape of rubble, with whole families buried beneath the wreckage, as collective punishment of all blacks for the actions of a few black terrorists, most Americans would revolt at the injustice and virtual genocide such attacks would represent.

But so warped is the distorting prism of Jewish supremacy in the American media, that the monstrous Israeli policy of collective punishment of the entire Palestinian people is repeatedly upheld by Congress and the White House, in defiance of the Geneva Convention and the definition of war crimes imposed by the Americans themselves after WWII.

The current propaganda line describes a war against the Palestinian people in terms of a struggle against "terrorists," with the racist implication that all Palestinian people are terrorists, men, women and children. A similar racist innuendo was maintained by the American media with regard to the Vietnamese people during the early days of the American war in Southeast Asia.

Iraq hits at UN for hypocrisy on Israel

"The Iraqi deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, accused the United Nations of double standards yesterday for imposing sanctions on Baghdad for eleven years, but failing to take any action against Israel for blocking a fact-finding inquiry into military action at the Jenin refugee camp. 'The UN Secretary General cannot challenge America and its ally Israel,' Mr Aziz said in Baghdad..." *The Guardian* (U.K.), May 2, 2002.

Milosevic's Deputy Surrenders to War Crimes Court

The Hague - Nikola Sainovic, Slobodan Milosevic's deputy premier, joined his former leader behind bars in The Hague on May 2, 2002 to face charges of waging a 1999 terror campaign against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Reuters, May 2, 2002.

Human Rights Watch Report Indicts Israelis for War Crimes

Israeli soldiers "committed grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions" Jenin Refugee Camp, West Bank, May 2, 2002. A day after Israeli opposition killed plans for a United Nations fact-finding mission into the Israeli Army's disputed attack on this refugee camp, a weeklong investigation by an American rights group found that... Israeli forces used civilians to walk protectively in front of them throughout the incursion; destroyed more houses than needed for "any conceivable military purpose"; and blocked the passage of ambulances and relief groups to the camp for 11 days.

The document, based on more than 100 interviews and written by Human Rights Watch, a group that is generally considered fair-minded, concluded that those actions, among others, constituted "strong prima facie evidence" that Israeli soldiers "committed grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, or war crimes" and called for further investigation by Israeli or international bodies. The Human Rights Watch senior researcher who led the project, Peter Bouckaert, said: "We have no doubt that extremely serious violations of the laws of war were committed. The evidence is certainly strong enough to warrant a war crimes investigation." Yet the inquiry may well be the last of its kind - especially since Secretary General Kofi Annan's decision May 1 to disband the (UN) fact-finding team. *NY Times*, May 3, 2002.

Righteous Judaics Who Will Not Be Complicit

by Moshe Lieberman

As a means for upholding the canard that publicizing Israeli war crimes and atrocities in Palestine and Lebanon is a "blood libel" and a form of "anti-semitism," US media suppress information about and access to important Jewish scholars who take a stand in defense of the brutalized Palestinian victims of Zionism. There are probably hundreds of thousands of "Jews" the world over who are opposed to Zionism or Judaism or both. There are dozens of Israeli academics who are highly critical of and deeply disturbed by Zionism and its crimes, or who are opposed to the Israeli apartheid state outright. The American people know almost nothing about them. These include most notably: Benny Morris, Avi Shlaim, Ilan Pappé, Eibie Weizfeld, Yoav Peled, Dan Bar-On, Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, Yigal Brunner, Gabriel Piterberg, Moshe Zimmerman, Oren Yiftachel, Ilan Gurev, Uri Ram, Teddy Katz, Baruch Kimmerling and the late Israel Shahak (1933-2001). We present testimony of Jewish and Israeli dissenters below. Our solidarity is with *everyone* with the courage to put the Truth above tribal taboos and sectarian ethnic loyalties and religious manias.

The Unholy War In the West Bank and Gaza

"Those who do not speak out are complicit by their silence"

by Ellen Cantarow April 2002

From 1979 to 1989 I reported for *The Village Voice* and other US publications from Israel and the West Bank. During those years I witnessed the rapid growth of Israel's settlements and the seizure of Palestinian land and water for them: today Israel controls over half the West Bank's resources and a third of Gaza's. I interviewed ultra-right-wing (Israeli) settlers and settler-leaders whose cry was: "Let them bow their heads, or let Israel expel them." Within Israel I witnessed the increasing polarization of Israeli society by the occupation; the growing, virulent racism of new generations. For instance Moroccan Jews in Kiryat Shemona, members of Menachem Begin's voting base about whom I wrote for *The Village Voice* in 1982, often told me, "The only good Arab is a dead Arab."

I interviewed Palestinian villagers who had suffered settler vigilante actions running the gamut from wanton destruction of property and crops through rampages in villages with cries of "Death to the Arabs," casual in-the-street humiliation of Palestinian civilians, beatings, murder. I wrote portraits of Palestinian towns that suffered 23 hour-a-day curfews for weeks on end, collective punishment for the alleged acts of individuals (stone-throwing was the usual offense: suicide bombers are a 1990s post-Oslo phenomenon, as it became clear that the accords in fact consolidated the Bantustanization of the territories, their towns and cities encircled in nooses of settlements whose population actually doubled after Oslo).

I interviewed villagers in front of homes dynamited and bulldozed by the army, another form of collective punishment, as common as bad weather. I interviewed townspeople who had been jailed, abused, and tortured in Israeli jails (well documented by human rights organizations from the 1980s onward, and according to *The Financial Times* it is now underway in the

Ofer detention center near Ramallah.) I witnessed the casual landscape of apartheid: blue license plates for Palestinians, yellow for Israelis, the differing treatment of Palestinians on the one hand, Israelis and internationals on the other, at omnipresent checkpoints. I wrote about the mayors of several Palestinian towns after their cars were booby-trapped by Jewish extremists and two were maimed for life...

To single out the blustering bully Ariel Sharon as Israel's exceptional evil: "if only he were gone and that polite Mr. Peres could guide the nation," is to be oblivious of history. It wasn't under Ariel Sharon and the Likud party that the settlement Kiryat Arba was established on Palestinian land in 1968, but under the Labor Party. Permanent settlement, retention and expansion of Israeli settlements on Palestinian land: this has driven Israeli policy under every government since 1967.

A personal note: by an accident of birth I am Jewish. I am old enough to remember a childhood just after World War II. I am filled with a mix of grief, despair and rage as Israel commits the same kinds of atrocities the Nazis committed against Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. At the same time Israel invokes the Nazi destruction of European Jewry to cloak its clear aim: to obliterate the economy, the social, political and cultural institutions, and the entire infrastructure of the Palestinian people. Those who do not speak out against this unholy war are complicit by their silence.

Zionist Nazis and the Gaza Ghetto Uprising

To repress Palestinian resistance, a senior Israeli officer earlier this year urged the army to "analyze and internalize the lessons of how the German army fought in the Warsaw ghetto." (cf. *Haaretz*, 25 January 2002; 1 February 2002). Judging by the recent Israeli carnage in the West Bank - the targeting of Palestinian ambulances and medical personnel, the targeting of journalists, the killing of Palestinian children "for sport" (in the words of Chris Hedges, the *New York Times*' former Cairo bureau chief)...the indiscriminate torture of Palestinian detainees, the denial of food, water, electricity, and medical assistance...the bulldozing of Palestinian homes with the occupants huddled inside - it appears that the Israeli army is following the officer's advice.

Norman G. Finkelstein, "First the Carrot, Then The Stick: Behind the Carnage in Palestine," April 14, 2002.

Demons of the Nakbah and the Process of Denial

by Prof. Ilan Pappé

As a Jewish child, born in Haifa in the early 1950s, I did not encounter the term *Nakbah* (the Arab word for the Israeli takeover of Palestine; literally, "catastrophe"), nor was I aware of its significance. Only in my high school days did the term make its first appearance. There were three Israeli-Palestinian pupils in my class and we all participated in joint and guided tours around Haifa and in its vicinity. In those days, there was still evidence of Arab Haifa in the Old City: beautiful buildings, remnants of a covered market later destroyed by the Israelis in 1948...

The media and other cultural institutions were also recruited to discourage

discussion of the *Nakbah* and its relevance to the peace process, and it was in this atmosphere that I became involved in the Tantura Affair. This erupted after a graduate student at my university, Haifa, exposed a hitherto unknown massacre, one of the largest yet discovered, carried out during the 1948 War by Israeli forces in the Palestinian village of Tantura. This student was taken to court (by the Israelis) in December 2000 accused of defamation, and later, in November 2001, he was expelled from Haifa University for daring to add yet further evidence of Israel's responsibility for the Palestinian catastrophe. The court system, it transpired, thus willingly joined the denial process.

This year, as I look back over the attempts that I have made, together with those of others, to introduce the *Nakbah* into the Israeli public agenda, what emerges is a very mixed picture. I can now detect cracks in the wall of denial and repression that surrounds the *Nakbah* in Israel, coming about as a result of the debate on the "new history" in Israel and the new political agenda of the Palestinians in Israel....

As a result, now, in mid-2002, it is, after more than 50 years of repression, more difficult in Israel to deny the expulsion and destruction of the Palestinians in 1948. However, this relative success has also brought with it two negative reactions, formulated after the outbreak of the Al-Aqsa Intifada.

The first reaction has been from the Israeli political establishment, with the Sharon government, through its minister of education, beginning the systematic removal of any textbook or school syllabus that refers to the *Nakbah*, even marginally. Similar instructions have been given to the public broadcasting authorities.

The second reaction has been even more disturbing and has encompassed wider sections of the public. Although a very considerable number of Israeli politicians, journalists and academics have ceased to deny what happened in 1948, they have nonetheless also been willing to justify it publicly, not only in retrospect but also as a prescription for the future. The idea of "transfer" (forced expulsion of the Palestinian people from Palestine) has entered Israeli political discourse openly for the first time, gaining legitimacy as the best means of dealing with the Palestinian "problem"...

A circle has thus been closed. When Israel took over almost 80 per cent of Palestine in 1948, it did so through settlement and ethnic cleansing of the original Palestinian population. The country now has a prime minister who enjoys wide public support, and who wants to determine by force the future of the remaining 20 per cent. He has--as did all his predecessors from Labor and Likud alike--resorted to settlement as the best means for doing this, adding the destruction of independent Palestinian infrastructure....

[*Al-Ahram* editor's note: Prof. Pappé is one of Haifa University's most erudite historians. But the Dean of Haifa University has recently demanded Pappé's expulsion from the university and it appears that he will be expelled. In a letter to the international academic community, Pappé wrote: "...Israeli academia has decided to support the (Israeli) government and help silence any criticism...Judging by the way things have been done in the past," Pappé writes, "the verdict has already been decided ... A fair trial does not exist, and hence I do not even intend to appeal ...].

Background on the Expulsion of the Arabs of Palestine

Documenting the amnesia, mythology and fabrication of Zionist history

"In 1947-48 Ben-Gurion appealed to the Arabs within the nascent Israeli State not to run away and promised them full protection. But Arab leaders urged them to leave, promising them a triumphant return after Israel's defeat."

This quote is a typical summation of what Zionists publish in American newspaper advertisements and O'Reilly, Limbaugh and Mathews retail in their chat shows. But how reliable is this account and what responsibility do the Israelis have for the Palestinian refugees today?

The flight of between 520,000 (Israeli estimate) and 810,000 (British estimate) Palestinians between November 1947 and May 1948 was at the barrel of a gun and the result of premeditated Israeli plans.

In 1952 Joseph Schectman, a prominent American Jewish writer and confidant of Zionist Vladimir Jabotinsky, drafted a pamphlet for distribution by the Israeli Information Office in New York. This pamphlet added the new claim that the Palestinian exodus was promoted by "the Arab Higher Committee (Command), municipal authorities, local commanders and at a later stage, by Arab Governments themselves."

Such documents became the basis for all future Israeli comment and analysis. Until the late 1980's the veracity of their claims was accepted without question. The "Arab orders" thesis moved from hearsay to historical truth through the quoting and re quoting of these original documents by pro-Israeli authors like Abba Eban, Martin Gilbert and even Moshe Menuhin. The novel *Exodus*, by Leon Uris and the Hollywood film of that name that followed, established these views as "historical fact." But the truth is otherwise.

Ben-Gurion never urged Arabs to stay in Israel. He instructed Yitzhak Rabin to expel over 50,000 Arab citizens from Lydda (Lod) and Ramle on July 12, 1948. Rabin issued the following order, "The inhabitants of Lydda must be expelled quickly without attention to age."

Weitz, head of Israeli Settlement and Land Acquisition wrote in his diary on April 22, 1948 that "the state of mind of the fleeing Arabs should be exploited" and that the "inhabitants of Haifa who had not left should be pressed to leave." After hearing from the local Haganah commander that two Arab villages outside of Haifa had been evacuated, Weitz wrote on April 24 that "I was happy to hear that this line was being adopted by the command - to frighten the Arabs so long as flight-inducing fear was upon them."

In the months prior to Israeli Independence, Yigal Yadin, head of the Haganah prepared an operation plan called Tochnit Dalet (Plan D). He explained that its objective "is to gain control of the territory of the Hebrew State and to...gain control of the areas of Jewish population and settlement outside the areas allocated to the Jewish State." He elaborated that "if Arab towns or villages occupied strategic points ... the Haganah must undertake ... the expulsion of the population outside the borders of the State."

There is incident after incident of Palmach, Haganah and Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) actions that aimed "to clear out the Arab population." Yigal Allon, official historian of the Palmach wrote, "We regard it as imperative to cleanse the interior of Galilee and create Jewish continuity in the whole of Upper Galilee."

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In April, 1948 the last Palestinian village whose population had not yet fled, Deir Yassin on Jerusalem's west, was attacked by Irgun and Stern Gang forces. The official Israeli account written by Lieutenant Colonel Lorch in 1961, (later head of Military History of the Israeli army) describes how they "massacred hundreds of villagers, took the rest prisoner and paraded them proudly through the streets of Jerusalem." Deir Yassin was only one of over 250 Palestinian villages to disappear completely from the map of Israel. We can imagine the effect the news of this massacre had on Palestinians who were unwilling to leave their homes or property up to that time.

Weitz wrote on April 21, 1948 that "... our army is steadily conquering Arab villages and their inhabitants are afraid and flee like mice. During the night several shells will whistle over them and they flee for their lives. Villages are steadily emptying, and if we continue on this course then villages will empty of all their inhabitants."

The Israeli war hero Yigal Allon, ordered the harassment of (Arab villages and towns) in order to speed up their evacuation. Since the late 1980's, Israeli historians have gained access to declassified documents from the Israeli State Archives which challenge the amnesia, mythology and fabrication of traditional Israeli-Zionist history. These documents show that direct Jewish expulsions in many parts of Israel was significant in the Palestinian flight and that there was also no evidence of any blanket Arab Higher Command order to flee.

On October 21, 1948 the Israeli government took a decision that was to have the most lasting and divisive effect on the rights and status of the remaining Palestinians who lived within the State's borders. The creation of military government security zones in the remaining areas of Arab habitation which prohibited residents' movement without permission and authorized the military to remove and transfer residents from their homes. The reassessment of Israel's early history has radically transformed understanding of the Palestinian refugee origin.

Israeli Terrorism, 1946-1989

July 2, 1946: The King David Hotel in Jerusalem was bombed, killing 91 people. Menachem Begin, who was later awarded the Nobel Prize for peace, is the same man who planned the destruction of the King David Hotel and the massacre of Deir Yassin. Ex-prime minister Yitzhak Shamir was originally a member of the Jewish terrorist gang called Irgun, which was headed by none other than Menachem Begin. Shamir later moved over to the even more radical "Stern Gang," which committed many vicious atrocities. Shamir himself has defended the various assassinations committed by the Irgun and Stern gangs on the grounds that "it was the only way we could operate, because we were so small. So it was more efficient and more moral to go for selected targets." The selected moral targets in those early days of the founding of the state of Israel included bombing of the King David Hotel and the massacre at Deir Yassin.

April 9, 1948: A combined force of Irgun and Stern Gangs committed the massacre of 260 Arab residents of the village of Deir Yassin, most of whom were women and children. The Israeli hordes even attacked the dead to satisfy their bestial tendencies.

The Zionist Chaim Weizman referred to the Deir Yassin massacre as this "miraculous simplification of our task," and Ben Gurion said that "without Deir Yassin there would be no Israel." Americans are not told that ten percent of the Arabs killed by the Israelis in 1948 were Christian, and that ten percent of the Arab property confiscated belonged to Christians. Nor are they told that Israel's massacres and military actions forced 100,000 Christian-Arabs to become refugees.

Accounts of Deir Yassin by Red Cross and United Nations observers who visited the scene said that the houses were first set on fire and the occupants were shot down as they came out to escape the flames. The head of the International Red Cross delegation in Palestine, Jacques de Reynier, drove into the village and was met by a detachment of Irgun terrorists. In his report of the massacre the previous night, he wrote: "All of them were young, some even adolescents, men and women armed to the teeth: revolvers, machine-guns, hand-grenades, and knives, most of them still blood-stained. A beautiful young girl with criminal eyes showed me hers (her knife) still dripping with blood; she displayed it like a trophy."

May 1948: The U.S. appointed Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden to mediate between the Arabs and the Israelis. In his first progress report (of Sept. 16, 1948) he recommended that the U.N. should affirm "the right of the Arab refugees to return to their homes in Jewish controlled territory at the earliest possible date." The Israelis responded in their own way. The following day Bernadotte was murdered in Jerusalem.

Responsibility for the spectacular terrorist act, which caused an international outcry, was claimed by an unknown group, "Fatherland Front," but which was actually a cover for Yitzhak Shamir's Stern Gang. Yoshua Zeitler and Meshlam Markover of the Stern Gang told Israeli television in 1989 that

they respectively directed and led the operation that killed the Swedish diplomat and his French aide-de-camp. Zeitler, 71, said he decided to speak now because of fear that the UN and the "goyim" (non-Jews) are again trying to force Israel into territorial concessions.

October 14-15, 1953 Under the command of Ariel Sharon, Israeli squads attacked the unarmed Arab village of Qibya in the demilitarized one, where they blew up 42 houses and killed more than 60 civilian residents who were trapped inside. The details were so gruesome that the U.S. joined in a U.N. condemnation of the Israeli action, and for the first and only time, suspended aid to Israel in reprisal.

April, 1954: During Holy Week, and on the eve of Easter, the Christian cemeteries in Haifa were invaded, crosses broken down and trampled under the feet of these miscreants, and the tombs desecrated by the Israelis.

July 1954: Israeli intelligence planted "a ring of spies (moles)" in Cairo. Its task was to begin sabotage operations against selected Egyptian, British and American targets. On July 14, the Alexandria post office was fire-bombed, and the U.S. Information Agency offices in Cairo and Alexandria were damaged by fire started by phosphorous incendiary devices, as was a British-owned theater. Members of the spy ring were caught, and they confessed. They had been planted by Modin, the Israeli military intelligence organization. The purpose, presumably, was to sabotage Egyptian relations with the U.S. and Britain. Various commissions of inquiry into the affair conducted in Israel were never able to decide whether or not Israeli Defense Minister Pinchos Lavon authorized the operation.

1956: Squads of Israeli soldiers committed a terrorist atrocity in the Palestinian village of Kafr Qasim, where 47 Palestinians were shot down in cold blood. The careful and premeditated mass murders, never received great attention in the West. Although the Israeli courts convicted eight soldiers of murder, they were all released within two years of their trial. The soldier who had been convicted of killing 43 Arabs in an hour, was released within three years and then hired by the municipality of Ramleh as the "officer responsible for Arab affairs in the city."

1960-1962: Israeli forces attacked Syrian villages on Lade Tiberias and brought death to hundreds of Arab civilians.

1966 Squads of Israeli soldiers raided the Jordanian village of Sammu; they killed 18 civilians, wounded 100 others and demolished 130 houses including a school, a clinic and a mosque.

1967: The U.S.S. Liberty was deliberately attacked in international waters as it monitored communications during the Six-Day War. Israel used U.S.-donated equipment to jam the ship's S.O.S., hoping to sink it and murder all aboard before word could get out. 34 sailors were butchered and 170 wounded in this blatant Act of War.

June 5, 1967: Israeli began its most ambitious war against Egypt, Syria and Jordan. After destroying Egyptian aircraft on the ground in a lightning attack, Israeli forces invaded and occupied the rest of Palestine, that is, the West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan Heights and the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula. In the first days of the war and in plain disregard of the truth, Israel fabricated a charge of aggression against its victims and presented it in a dramatic manner to the UN Security Council. Western media spread this fabricated story and the West sympathized with the supposed Israeli victim. The Israelis then made a third ruthless attack upon the Arabs. This time they deliberately destroyed three quarters of a million dollar's worth of church property.

The great deception practiced by Israelis on the UN and the Arab world is being discredited. The Israelis, in response, rely nowadays on the argument that, they were not attacked by Egypt (as they first claimed), but they were *in danger of being attacked*, and hence they resorted to a so-called pre-emptive strike. Alan Hart quotes a former Israeli Director of military intelligence as informing him, "If Nasser had not given Israel the excuse to attack the Arabs, Israel would have invented a pretext for war within six or ten months" because its military planners had decided that the time had come to knock out vast amounts of mainly Soviet-supplied Arab armor. Yitzhak Rabin, who as chief of staff planned this attack, told *Le Monde* in February 1968, quite simply: "We knew that Nasser did not intend to attack."

1969: Israeli war planes raided an Egyptian school "Bahr al Baker" in southern Egypt killing 75 children and wounding over 100.

August 1969: An Israeli set fire to one of the most sacred Islamic shrines. Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, causing extensive damage to it.

March 12, 1970: Israeli forces invaded part of southern Lebanon, killing Palestinian and Lebanese civilians.

September 8, 1972: Israeli Phantom jets bombed Arab civilians in Lebanon and Syria in a series of raids, killing hundreds.

February 21, 1973: Israelis land terrorists the coasts of the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli. The terrorists attack two Palestinian refugees camps, dynamite several houses and buildings, some over the heads of their occupants, killing 35 Palestinian refugees and wounding a similar number. On the same day, Israeli war planes shot down a Libyan Civilian Aircraft over the Sinai Desert, killing over 100 passengers.

April 10, 1973: Israeli terrorist stormed into a residential quarter in East Beirut and assassinated three Palestinian leaders: Yusef Al Najjar, Kamal Adwan and Kamal Nasser.

1974: Israeli terrorists attacked the Beirut airport and bombed 13 Lebanese civilian aircraft. In the same year, Christian shrines in Jerusalem were subjected to several acts of aggression and robbery. These included damaging

the church of the Holy Sepulchre and stealing the diamond Crown of the Virgin Mary.

1975-1980:Israeli's intelligence service, the Mossad, distinguished itself by feats of terror that resulted in the deaths of a number of Arab and Palestinian diplomats, scientists and journalists in London, Rome, Paris and Brussels, including prominent Palestinian journalist Ghassan Kanafani and the Egyptian scientist, Dr. Al Mashad.

1981: Israeli terrorists bomb an Iraqi nuclear power facility near Baghdad, killing scientists in the facility.

June 1982 The Israeli armed forces invade Lebanon. Less than two weeks after its election, the new Menachem Begin government unleashed the first strike in its war to liquidate Palestinians in Lebanon. Israeli forces launched the invasion of Lebanon. As a result of this invasion a great number of refugee camps, Lebanese towns and villages were destroyed. Israeli warplanes launched eight raids on Palestinian villages in south Lebanon and Beirut, killing nearly one thousand people and wounding many others. The fantasy of the "pre-emptive strike policy" was dropped and even the *Jerusalem Post* correspondent was at pains to explain the purpose of the Israeli terror bombings. "The past few days of activities on the northern border followed five weeks of quiet. It is not known what triggered Israeli's Friday afternoon raid."

July 17, 1982:U.S. supplied F-4 and F-5 jets swooped low over Beirut in four passes, bombing the densely-populated Fakahani neighborhood. Five apartment buildings were destroyed, 200 people were killed and 800 wounded. Forty percent of the victims were small children. Israel's then Chief-of-staff Rafael Eitan announced on Israeli Radio that Arab civilian casualties were unimportant.

August, 1982: Defense Minister Ariel Sharon intensifies the terror bombing of downtown Beirut which he had directed throughout the summer of 1982. Clearly-marked schools, hospitals, nursing homes and apartment blocks are incinerated by the Israeli air force in what Sharon calls "pressurizing." Leon Weiseltier of the *New Republic* terms it "terror-bombing pure and simple." A total of nearly 20,000 Arab civilians are killed in the Israeli holocaust of Lebanon in 1982.

September 1982: The massacre of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps is committed. Some 800 Palestinian women, children and elderly are slaughtered by Israeli "Phalange" surrogates, as Israeli forces under Ariel Sharon provided intelligence, lighting and security for the massacre. Even the Israeli high court held a number of the Israeli military officers, including Sharon, "indirectly" responsible for the terror.

October 1982: Israeli terrorists bombed the houses, cars and offices of three elected Palestinian mayors on the West Bank, Nablus, Ramallah and

Al Beireh.

1984: Israeli warships and gunboats intercepted merchant ships on the high seas off the coast of Lebanon and kidnap a number of Palestinians.

1986: Israeli secret agents assassinated a noted Palestinian cartoonist, Naji Al Ali, in London.

April 1988: Israeli commando units stormed into the house of Khalil Al Wazir, in Tunis. Al Wazir, a Palestinian leader, is murdered in his bed.

February and March 1989 Israeli F-16 planes pound Palestinian targets in Lebanon's Shouf Mountains, Damour and the Beka's valley with a series of raids killing a numbers of civilians, including 15 school children in Damour.

April 14, 1989:Israeli police and armed Jewish settlers attack the disarmed Palestinian village of Nahalin near Bethlehem. Eight Palestinians are murdered and over 50 were injured. The killings took place late in the night and at the beginning of the Holy month of Ramadan.

The File on Judaic Assassination

by Michael Hoffman

An all-encompassing form of delusion has swept the West. This delusion is derived from the institutionalized insanity known as Judaism. Jewish terrorists are not terrorists, they are "retaliators." Israeli state-sponsored assassination is not assassination it is "preventive defense." The tortured lexicon twists and turns to accommodate Jewish delusion and our amnesiac western world bows to this schizophrenia like a terrified, drooling schoolboy confronted by a towering bully.

There is nothing particularly new about these assassins "who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets." (I Thess. 2:15).

"Wherefore behold I send you prophets and wise men and scribes and some of them ye shall kill...that upon you shall come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias...O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou which killeth the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee..." (Mat. 23:34-35,37).

The nature and history of the Judaic assassin was known by our civilization's greatest artists and poets and imparted through the classics of western literature. Today however, the myriad "classical Christian" advocates (former drug czar William Bennett comes to mind), who *quack* their support for western civilization and its canon, have about the same fidelity to it as Donald Duck.

Since we are loathe to harken to the old wisdom for our knowledge of assassins, we are left with the vacuity of the advertising age; that is, with images, so that when we think of an assassin we don't think of Yigal Amir, the Israeli who shot Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 on Talmudic grounds, but of the nebulous figure of the "lone nut," homogenized into a vortex of the revolving visages of Oswald, Ray, Sirhan and Manson; cotton candy fare for the carnival riders on the masonic midway. But the documentary record tells a different story, as usual.

On July 16, 1918, the Christian monarch of Russia, Czar Nicholas II, his wife, the Czarina Alexandra, their son Alexis and their four daughters Olga, Tatiana, Marie and Anastasia were all murdered in a cellar of the Ipatyev house in Ekaterinburg in the Urals. Anastasia and her sisters were stabbed and beaten to death with bayonets and rifle butts. The others were killed by gunfire. The actual murders were personally supervised by Jewish secret police commander Jacob Yurosky. The massacre had been ordered by the first President of the USSR, Jewish commissar Yakov Sverdlov. Ekaterinburg was renamed Sverdlovsk in 1924 in honor of Sverdlov's massacre.

The Ipatyev house, where the gruesome assassinations occurred, stood intact until 1977, when a local Communist party boss at that time, a certain Boris Yeltsin, ordered it demolished, lest it become a Christian shrine. Yeltsin was subsequently rewarded with the Premiership of Russia, after the tenure of Mikhail Gorbachev.

On May 25, 1926, Simon Peteliura, a former general in the anti-Communist Ukrainian Republican Army that had battled the Bolsheviks from 1919-1920,

was assassinated in Paris by the Judaic killer Shalom Schwartzbard. A Jewish-Communist lawyer, Henry Torres, convinced a Paris jury that this assassination was justifiable "according to the ethics of the French Revolution" and Schwartzbard went free. The assassin's release was hailed by Albert Einstein as "vibrant...justice."

On September 8, 1935, populist U.S. Senator Huey Long, a rival of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt, was assassinated by Dr. Carl Weiss in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On Feb. 4, 1936 assassin David Frankfurter murdered the anti-Communist Swiss leader Wilhelm Gustloff in his home.

In Paris Nov. 7, 1938 Judaic assassin Herschel Feibel Grynszpan, a member of the Jewish youth group Maccabi, gunned down German diplomat Ernst von Rath.

Sometime after Nov. 1, 1943, Yitzhak Yazernitzky-Shamir, the future Israeli Prime Minister, began the planning of the assassination of Walter Edward Guinness -- Lord Moyne -- British Minister for the Middle East. Shamir was a leader of the Stern gang, or Lehi (*Lohamei Herut Israel*), a Jewish terrorist organization. On Nov. 6, 1944 Lehi agent Eliahu Hakim shot Lord Moyne to death in Cairo, Egypt. In 1982 the Israeli government issued a special stamp in honor of the assassin Hakim's memory.

In late 1945 a group of Jewish soldiers in the British army secretly organized the *Nokmim* order of Jewish assassins in Europe. With the assistance of British intelligence, the Jewish operatives researched, located, identified and assassinated an estimated "several hundred" ex-Gestapo and surrendered SS officers. The leaders of the *Nokmim* were: Israeli Carmi, Chaim Laskov, Robert Grossman, Meir "Zero" Zorea and Shaikie Weinberg.

In the summer of 1948, Shamir gave the order for the assassination of United Nations Middle East diplomat Count Folke Bernadotte, the nephew of the King of Sweden. Bernadotte's movements were mapped by Stanley Goldfoot. (Decades later Goldfoot would become the darling of "Judeo-Christian" television "evangelists"). A four-man assassination squad commanded by Meir Zetler attacked Bernadotte's convoy on Sept. 17, 1948. Yehoshua Cohen was the actual trigger man. He killed Count Bernadotte with a *Schmeisser* submachine gun. The planners of the assassination were exonerated by a general amnesty accorded by the Israeli government on Feb. 10, 1949. Regarding Bernadotte, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said privately, "As long as Bernadotte was alive the UN was against us, except the Russians." (Nachman Ben-Yehuda, *Political Assassinations by Jews*, p. 274).

In July of 1956 Egyptian police commanders Mustafa Hafez and Salah Mustafah were killed by parcel bombs (July 11 & 13 respectively), sent by the head of Israeli military intelligence, Yehoshafat Harkabi.

In the early 1960s the government of Egypt recruited German missile scientists for military research and development. On Sept. 11, 1962 Heinz Krug, who worked on the project, was kidnapped by Israeli agents in Munich and threatened with assassination if he did not quit the Egyptian endeavor. In November of 1962 letter bombs were sent by the Israelis to the offices of the German project manager in Egypt and to other German engineers, killing Egyptians who opened the letters. In February of 1963 the Israelis

attempted to assassinate project researcher Dr. Hans Kleinwachter when he was on vacation in Germany. The violent intimidation eventually succeeded, with the Germans withdrawing from cooperation with Egypt's military in the late 1960s (the project was formally terminated in 1969).

In July, 1972, the Israelis assassinated the well known Palestinian writer, Ghassan Kanafani, whose car was booby trapped. Kanafani's niece, age 9, was also killed.

On April 10, 1973, Palestinian poet and journalist Kamal Nasser was shot to death by Israeli agents in Beirut. Approximately 50 other Palestinians were massacred in Beirut by the Israelis at this time.

On August 1, 1978, a Palestinian writer, Izz Al-Din Al-Qalaq, was murdered by the Israelis along with his secretary.

On June 6, 1980 Iraqi nuclear scientist Dr. Yaha El-Meshad was stabbed to death by Israeli assassins at the Hotel Meridien in Paris. A witness to the assassination, Marie-Claude Magal, was killed a few weeks later, on July 12, 1980.

In Tunis on Feb. 14, 1988, Palestinian leaders Mohammed Bassem Sultan Tamimi, Marwan Kayyali and Mohammed Hassan Buheis were assassinated by a car bomb detonated by the Israeli secret service, Mossad, on orders of Israeli Prime Minister Shamir. (Ben-Yehuda, p. 313).

Israeli commandos assassinated Yasser Arafat's colleague "Abu Jihad" (Khalil El Wazir) on April 16, 1988 in Tunis. (cf. *Washington Post*, April 21, 1988). The assassination was reportedly videotaped by the Israelis.

On March 22, 1990 Dr. Gerald Bull, internationally renowned artillery expert and designer of the world's longest range cannon, allegedly capable of firing into space, was shot twice in the neck in Brussels with a silencer-equipped 7.65 mm pistol. Dr. Bull had supposedly been developing his "Doomsday" cannon for Iraq. According to the Canadian CBC *5th Estate* television documentary, broadcast on Feb. 12, 1991, the Mossad was responsible for Dr. Bull's assassination.

On Feb. 16, 1992, an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) helicopter attacked the automobile of Muslim leader Abbas Musawi in Lebanon. The Israeli aircraft fired rockets at Musawi's car and Musawi and his family died a grisly death.

Burned alive along with Musawi, was his wife Siham and their infant child. Two other cars carrying Musawi's aides were also rocketed by the Israelis. When another automobile arrived to pick up the wounded survivors, the Israeli helicopter returned and destroyed the vehicle carrying the wounded.

"The opportunity to hit someone like Musawi does not present itself every day," an Israeli official involved in the planning of the assassination said. In Jerusalem a senior Israeli adviser said Musawi's death "is good for Israel."

In 1993 Yoram Skolnik murdered Palestinian Moussa Abu Sabha, who had first been bound, beaten and blindfolded by Jewish settlers. In a premeditated act, Skolnik fired nine bullets at point blank range into the helpless Sabha. Skolnik was sentenced to life in Israeli prison, to much media fanfare, but he was quietly freed on Feb. 18, 2001 after only seven years' imprisonment, through the intercession of Chief Sephardic Rabbi

Eliahu Bakshi-Doron and Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

In November, 1994 Israeli Secret Service agents planted a car-bomb intended for Palestinian leader Hani Abed, who was killed as a result of the Mossad booby-trap.

On June 22, 1995 the Mossad assassinated a Palestinian leader in the Gaza Strip. Mahmud el-Khawaja, 34, who worked in the United Nations refugee program, UNWRA. He was shot as three men drove past him in the Shatti refugee camp in a blue Peugeot 404. Two Israeli gunmen in the car fired pistols fitted with silencers, hitting Khawaja in the head and chest.

On Oct. 26, 1995 the Mossad assassinated Palestinian leader Dr. Fathi Shiqaqi. Shiqaqi was shot in broad daylight in Malta. Maltese police said Dr. Shiqaqi was killed in a "professional job" as he walked out of his hotel in Sliema, outside the capital, Valletta. He was approached by two men riding a motorcycle and was shot five times in the head with a silenced gun. The assailants later abandoned their vehicle, which had false licence plates. Dr. Shiqaqi was a medical doctor and a native of Gaza who had been deported in 1991 and had been living in Damascus.

Prime Minister Yizhak Rabin said he knew nothing about the killing of Dr. Shiqaqi. When asked if he would express remorse over his government's policy of state-sponsored assassinations or at the death of Shiqaqi, Rabin replied, "I won't be sorry."

Israeli newspapers praised the "long arm" of its assassins and welcomed its government's determination to "smash the Palestinian viper's head". The assassination of Dr. Shiqaqi required "exceptional operational ability," boasted Yaacov Erez, editor of *Ma'ariv*, one of the largest Israeli daily newspapers.

On November 18, 1996, an Israeli military court in Jaffa sentenced four Israeli undercover unit officers to *one hour* in jail and fined them one *agora* (*1/3 of a cent*) for assassinating the wrong Palestinian in 1993.

Our next case involves the James Bond-like capabilities of the Israelis high tech assassination bureau. First described by the Western media as a "paranoid fantasy of Hamas," the attempted Mossad assassination of Arab activist Khaled Meshal in the autumn of 1997, in which Jewish agents carrying Canadian passports sprayed a lethal poisonous gas into his ear, was all too real. The plot began in early September of 1997 at a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Danny Yatom, head of Mossad. Netanyahu demanded the murder of an Arab leader. According to the sources, Netanyahu said he wanted to "knock down" a leader in Amman.

Netanyahu wanted a nice gift for Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. What he got was one of the most shameful and stupid Mossad operations ever. It began smoothly enough. Eight members of the *Misgarot* operational unit of Mossad flew into Amman, Jordan without incident. Four carried Canadian passports, the rest European passports.

Two Israeli hit-men checked into the Intercontinental Hotel in central Amman. The Mossad unit leader installed himself in the new Israeli embassy. On September 25, 1997 the agents rented two cars and obtained a high tech weapon from the Israeli armory for state terrorism. This item was

brought from the Israeli embassy – an electric shock device containing a poison spray. At 10 a.m. Khaled Meshal was being driven through the city's Garden district, en route to his office on Wasfi Al-Tal Street. In the back of the car were three of his young children.

Mossad's killers appear to have been spotted almost immediately. "I told Mr. Meshal that a green rented Hyundai car was following us," Meshal's driver recalled. "We arrived at the office about 10.30 a.m. The car had passed us by then and two European-looking people in their thirties had got out of the car and were waiting by the front door. They looked like tourists and an Arab tour guide appeared to be with them."

The Israeli agents moved quickly. "One of them asked for Meshal," his driver said. Almost simultaneously one of the Mossad agents, who had been holding a plastic bag, produced a black device with which he attacked Meshal on the left side of Meshal's head. "It looked as if he was spraying some kind of gas into his ear."

The Mossad death squad then sped off. Meshal's bodyguard flagged down another car and pursued the Israeli hit-men until the Jews tried to switch to another vehicle. The burly Arab bodyguard jumped on the Israelis. He and some passers-by wrestled with them as the police arrived. Several Mossad agents in the second vehicle raced away.

Soon after their arrival at a police station, it became clear that the two supposed tourists carrying Canadian passports which identified them as Shawn Kendall, 28, and Barry Beads, 36, were not what they claimed to be. A representative of the Canadian embassy was told by the Mossad agents that they would not be needing his assistance.

The head of Mossad in Jordan had the task of calling Samih Batihi, a Jordanian official, to inform him that the death squad consisted of Israeli intelligence agents. "They are my people," he said. "Don't harm them. We will deal directly with the king" (Hussein).

Two hours after the assault, Meshal began to feel drowsy. He felt what he describes as "a ringing in my left ear" and shivers "like an electric shock running through my body." Nausea followed, then breathing difficulties. He was rushed to the hospital on the point of suffocation. "He only lived because the doctors put him on an artificial breathing apparatus," said Dr Ahmed Rantisi, a Palestinian physician.

Let us recall that this botched terrorist act had been ordered to slake the bloodthirst of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister at the time; the same Netanyahu who, in April of 2002, was wildly applauded and lovingly doted upon by the U.S. Congress when he gave a speech to House and Senate leaders on how to fight terrorism.

Palestinian Humanitarian Murdered

A Palestinian leader in the town of Tulkarm was assassinated by the Israelis on Dec. 31, 2000. Dr. Thabet Thabet, a 49 year old dentist, worked for Physicians for Human Rights in furnishing medical aid to Palestinians wounded and disabled by Israeli gunfire. He also served as director of the Palestinian Health Ministry. The Palestinian leader on the West Bank, Marwan Barghouti, said the Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, personally approved the assassination. Witnesses said Dr. Thabet was backing his car out of his driveway just before 10 a.m. when Israeli special forces operatives

sprayed him with gunfire in a drive-by shooting. Dr. Thabet was shot 14 times in the chest. Members of the Israeli Peace Now movement expressed shock at the killing, noting that Dr. Thabet had been a keen supporter of the Oslo peace process and had frequently taken part in activities to promote Israeli-Palestinian co-existence. Physicians for Human Rights also issued a statement saying it had frequently worked with Dr. Thabet to provide medical help in Palestinian villages.

Time magazine justified Dr. Thabet's murder by describing him as a leader of Fatah (the legally recognized Palestinian political party) in an area of the Palestinian ghetto where there had been unrest. This is akin to justifying the murder of a black dentist by the L.A.P.D. because he was a leader of the Democratic party in an area of the Los Angeles ghetto experiencing unrest. (Cf. caption under Dr. Thabet's photograph in *Time* magazine, Jan. 15, 2001).

Palestinian leader Massoud Ayyad, was assassinated by Israelis in the Jabaliya refugee camp in northern Gaza, Feb. 13, 2001. The Israeli army acknowledged Mr. Ayyad's assassination. Ehud Barak, the caretaker prime minister, sent congratulations to the army and security services, declaring that the killing sent this message: "The long arm of the Israeli Defense Forces will reach them."

Israelis Take Out Newspaper Advertisement Urging Assassination of Arafat: an advertisement published July 20, 2001 in a newspaper in the Israeli state urged anyone who has the opportunity to murder Yasser Arafat, to do so. The ad, published in the Israeli *Makor Rishon* newspaper was paid for by Moshe Feiglin and three other Zionists.

On July 31, 2001 the Israeli government assassinated Palestinian leaders Jamal Salim, Jamal Mansour and Mansour's cousin Omar Mansour, in an attack on their office in the West Bank town of Nablus. Five other Palestinians were killed in the Jewish ambush, including two little brothers, Bilal Abu Khader, age 8, and Ashraf Abu Khader, age 5. This massacre was omitted from the *Timeline of Mideast Violence* compiled by the Associated Press for August, 2001.

Palestinian leader Amer Mansour Habiri was assassinated by Israelis in a missile attack on Aug. 5, 2001 in the West Bank town of Tulkarem. 27 year old Emad Abu Sneineh was assassinated by Israeli agents outside his home in Hebron, on August 15, 2001 .

Media Doublethink

The *New York Times*, liberal voice of obsessive Holocaustianity, as well as the other corporate media who take their cues from New York, use Orwellian doublethink to describe Zionist assassinations of Arabs. The *New York Times* minces no words about German crimes, but when it comes to Israeli assassins, the *Times* sanitizes Jewish murders. When is assassination not assassination? Why, when Israelis do it, of course; then it is merely "targeted killing."

Assassination is too harsh a word for the *NY Times* to use with regard to the actions of the Master Class: "The Israeli pattern in recent months of targeting specific people for death has outraged Palestinians." -*New York Times*, August 1, 2001, p. A6.

Nowhere in the Aug. 1 article does the *NY Times* term what the Israelis

did "assassination." That word is only used in connection with reports of allegations: "...Palestinian charges of assassination."

On Aug. 2, 2001 the *Times* reported, "In a five-hour session ...the security cabinet of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon affirmed the policy of picking out targets for killings."

The Aug. 2 article in the *NY Times* rather awkwardly avoids terming what the Israelis did "assassination." That word is, again reserved only for accounts of allegations by others: "...what Palestinians call cold-blooded assassinations."

The *Times* even reports on the Jewish search for a means to make palatable the assassinations: "...Israeli officials recognized that they had a problem selling their tactics elsewhere in the world. (Israeli) Ministers at the security cabinet meeting were reported to have debated what to call their policy. 'Liquidation' is one word the government has frequently used. So is 'interception'...Neither word pleased some ministers today, according to Israeli radio reports. A new phrase said to have been proposed was: 'actions to prevent the killing of Jews.'" N.Y. Times, Aug. 2, 2001.

What the *Times* does not say (though it reveals as much by its journalistic practice), is that the *NY Times* itself conforms to this Israeli doublethink "selling tactic."

For example, on Aug. 6, 2001 the *New York Times* minced words again: "The missile strike was the third in less than a week, part of Israel's pattern of singling out certain Palestinians for death."

"Singling out Palestinians for death"-- another *N.Y. Times* euphemism for the A-word. The Aug. 6 article repeats the pattern: the *NY Times* does not refer to the Israeli assassinations as assassinations. The word is mentioned only in connection with an allegation made by others: "To Palestinian leaders, such attacks amount to a policy of state-sponsored assassination." But not to *New York Times* reporters or editors.

The *Wall Street Journal* in an Aug. 2, 2001 editorial concerning Israeli policy, in strict conformity with the *N.Y. Times'* Orwellian thought code, does not use the forbidden assassination word either. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Palestinians "...are being brought down enroute to their mischief... This is war waged in twilight ... subtle..."

I have news for Wall Street: Several Arab women and children and at least one dentist, have also been "brought down" by Israeli assassins and their only "mischief" was to be Palestinian, but they are unmentioned and nameless in the *Wall Street Journal* editorial because being Arabs, they are not fully human. In the same way, the supreme Talmudic teacher Moses Maimonides stipulated that black people are not quite human, in his sacred rabbinic book, *Guide of the Perplexed*.

On Aug. 4, 2001, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) issued a "new edict from their London editors that they must in future refer to the Israeli assassinations as 'targeted killings.'" (Cf. *The Independent*, [London], Aug. 5, 2001).

The Associated Press refers to Israeli assassinations of Palestinians as "Israeli military raids" (cf. AP Jerusalem dispatch, Aug. 7, 2001). The *Boston Globe*, which is owned by the N.Y. Times Company, uses similar cosmetic "denier" phraseology.

On Aug. 9, 2001 the *N.Y. Times* continued to studiously avoid the dreaded assassination word, referring to "...Mr. Sharon's policy of sending the army to kill specific Palestinian leaders..."

On Aug. 9, 2001 the *Jerusalem Post* reported, "Minister Matan Vilna'i, a security cabinet member, told Army Radio that he favors continuing the policy of targeted killings..."

"The implication was that, at the least, Israel would continue to single out certain senior Palestinian figures for death..." *N.Y. Times*, Aug. 10, 2001.

"...targeted Israeli killings of suspected Palestinian militants..." Reuters, Aug. 10, 2001

"In recent months, Israel has killed more than 50 Palestinians...in targeted attacks...The targeted killings have been widely condemned..." Associated Press, Aug. 15, 2001.

Avoidance Terms, Euphemisms and Weasel Words

This policy has continued as of this writing, in the summer of 2002. The killing of Palestinian leaders continues to be termed with this or that avoidance term, euphemism and weasel word, by "our unfettered, independent news media." In the same week in July, 2002 that a Palestinian leader was reported to have died as the result of "targeted killing" by the Israelis, we find that the July 6 shooting of Afghan Vice President Haji Abdul Qadir in Kabul was reported as having been an "assassination" (cf. AP dispatch, July 8). Since the Israelis didn't kill him, it would not be anti-semitic to report the Afghan minister's death as an assassination. Had the Mossad killed him, it would have been anti-semitic to call his death an assassination. How much more Orwellian does it get?

Reporting the recent murders of Palestinian leaders by Israelis, the *N.Y. Times* reported on July 23, 2002: "Israel maintains that such targeted killings, which Palestinians call assassinations, are essential to its self-defense."

"Targeted killings," "picking out targets for killings," "singling out Palestinians for death," "brought down" and "military raids" are Big Brother's preferred doublespeak for Israeli assassination. The *NY Times*, the BBC, the AP, Reuters and the *Wall Street Journal* have self-censored their reporting to eliminate the word "assassination" as their own description of what the Israelis are doing, because this is what the Israeli government has dictated as public relations policy for the Western media. These Zionist house organs -- "our" supposed "free" media that contrasts so starkly with "Muslim and Arab propaganda organs" -- have fallen on their knees in abject submission to the Israeli fiat. They are so servile they must state that "*Palestinians* describe the murders as assassinations." Powerful newspapers like the mighty *N.Y. Times* simply dare not. The *N.Y. Times* will term any other murder of a nation's leaders anywhere else on the face of the earth, an "assassination." But so great is the influence of the Israeli government that only in Palestine is an assassination not an assassination.

Why not call a spade a spade? Because the word assassination is too obviously freighted with moral evil to be used in a Jewish context. It represents too much of a potential wake-up call to the goyim. Consequently, reality itself must be universally falsified. Sanitized terms must be substituted by corporate media such as the *N.Y. Times*, a newspaper that

reports at least weekly and often daily on the nearly 60 old Nazi "Holocaust." As the *Times* shrilly demands that the "Holocaust against the Jews" must never be minimized one iota, the *NY Times* and allied media, whitewash Israeli crimes in front of our eyes, and do so with an arrogant contempt for the chilling parallels to "1984"-style thought control that is their *lingua franca*.

Furthermore, if an Islamic government were to adopt a policy of assassination, the *N.Y. Times* and the rest of the conforming media monopoly would immediately and boldly headline the word "assassination" in their reports of any such Arab policy, without qualification of any kind.

Moreover, the *New York Times* and other media actually advocate assassinations of Palestinian leaders. In the context of Israeli "targeted killings, the *NY Times* opined: "...Israel's military response to further attacks should be measured and targeted directly at those responsible for the violence." (*N.Y. Times* editorial, June 5, 2001). Here's the Talmudic formula again: Palestinians engage only in "violence" (never resistance, or retaliation for Israeli crimes). The Israelis meanwhile only *respond* to the violence, they never perpetrate or initiate violence.

The US Media Line

Palestinians engage almost exclusively in "violence" (never *resistance* to occupation or retaliation for Israeli crimes). The Israelis meanwhile only *retaliate* against the "Palestinian violence." Israeli forces seldom, if ever, precipitate or perpetuate "violence" themselves.

Vice-President Dick Cheney, who is himself protected around-the clock from assassination by the U.S. Secret Service, agrees that assassinations of Arabs are justified: "...Cheney told Fox News last week that Israel might have 'some justification' for the killings..." (*Jewish Telegraph Agency*, Aug. 7, 2001).

What if the Arabs decided that their "military response" to "further attacks" should be to "target directly...those (Israelis) responsible for the violence" against Palestinian civilians? Would the *N.Y. Times* endorse "measured" military assassinations of Israeli war criminals? Or does the *N.Y. Times* push the monster of assassination out of Pandora's box only on Talmudic terms--okay to assassinate the goyim, but not the Chosen?

The *Washington Post* actually endorses the extermination of the Palestinians. In the Aug. 15, 2001 edition, *Post* columnist Michael Kelly urged the Israelis to "unleash an overwhelming force" against the Palestinians, "go right ahead and escalate the violence" and "destroy, kill, capture and expel..."

Can one imagine the *Washington Post*, or any other mainstream American newspaper, printing a column that calls for Palestinians, in order to gain their independence and freedom from foreign occupation, to "go right ahead and escalate the violence" and "destroy, kill, capture and expel" Jews? If Palestinians spoke like this, the United States would demand their arrest and Israelis would place them on assassination hit lists and send death

squads after them.

Execution without trial, without ascertaining that a suspect really is a perpetrator of armed resistance and not a political activist, lets loose the demon of lawlessness. Palestinians insist that Jamal Mansour, who was killed by the Israelis, was involved in political agitation only, and not with the military wing of Hamas. Yet the sycophantic American media simply took the Israelis word as infallible and labeled Mansour a guerrilla "mastermind," rather than someone who had been *accused* by the Israelis of such notoriety.

If Americans were to break out of the claustrophobic media monopoly they would find that Cheney, Bush, Powell, Berger, William Cohen and William Clinton are regarded as terrorists by hundreds of millions of people in the Third World.

When American leaders fund Israeli assassinations of Arab leaders with taxpayer dollars, those American leaders are complicit in those assassinations, and since turnabout is fair play, U.S. leaders open themselves up to their own assassination by the very demon of lawlessness their Israeli partners in crime unleash in the occupied territories.

Lest the U.S. secret police accuse this writer of advocating or apologizing for the assassination of Americans, I will point out the obvious. All assassinations are wrong. But the spread of the contagion of Israeli doublethink in the U.S. has caused Americans to subscribe to the racist Talmudic/Zionist double-standard, that it is permissible, indeed perhaps even laudable, to assassinate Arab goyim, whereas the assassination of the Chosen terrorist Ariel Sharon, or his patrons in the U.S., would be deemed a moral outrage of the highest order by the guardians of public opinion in the West.

"Our" media drum up a non-stop chorus of pompous propaganda about an antique "Holocaust" from nearly 60 years ago, in which the most finite details of absolute moral perfection are urged upon the Germans with tiresome homiletic admonishment. At the same time that they drown us in their bucket of crocodile tears, the media concoct, on their editorial and news pages, a tenor of acceptance and advocacy for state-sponsored Israeli assassinations, for the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians, in a word, for the holocaust of any Arab who dares to countenance an uprising against Zionist troops in the Gaza ghetto.

As the Israeli missiles fly and the tanks roll, let us divert ourselves with some dumbed-down movie-of-the-week entertainment, perhaps the latest film saluting the Jewish revolt against Nazi troops, "Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto," starring Ben Affleck, introduced by Tom Brokaw, and written, produced and directed by flagrant Zionist blowhards.

“The Only Democracy in the Middle East” Guarantees Jewish Supremacy under “Law of Return”

The Israeli state is a democracy only for its Jewish inhabitants. So-called “Israeli Arabs” (Palestinians residing within Israeli borders established in 1948), are severely discriminated against in housing and employment, as well as the courts. When the Palestinians demand the right of return for refugees forcibly expelled or terrorized into fleeing as a result of the establishment of the Israeli state, the Israelis say that this return cannot be allowed because it would result in the end of the *Jewish* state. So we see that the appellation “democracy” is another sham. The ethnic-religious *Jewish* character of the Israeli state is to be maintained at all costs. Aliens from Brooklyn and Russia who are Jewish have an automatic right to residency in Palestine. Here is the relevant case law:

LAW OF RETURN, 5710-1950

1. Every Jew has the right to come to this country as an oleh.*

2. (a) Aliyah shall be by oleh's visa. +

(b) An oleh's visa shall be granted to every Jew who has expressed his desire to settle in Israel, unless the Minister of Immigration is satisfied that the applicant (1) is engaged in an activity directed against the Jewish people; or (2) is likely to endanger public health or the security of the State.

3. (a) A Jew who has come to Israel and subsequent to his arrival has expressed his desire to settle in Israel may, while still in Israel, receive an oleh's certificate.

(b) The restrictions specified in section 2(b) shall apply also to the grant of an oleh's certificate, but a person shall not be regarded as endangering public health on account of an illness contracted after his arrival in Israel.

4. Every Jew who has immigrated into this country before the coming into force of this Law, and every Jew who was born in this country, whether before or after the coming into force of this Law, shall be deemed to be a person who has come to this country as an oleh under this Law.

5. The Minister of Immigration is charged with the implementation of this Law and may make regulations as to any matter relating to such implementation and also as to the grant of oleh's visas and oleh's certificates to minors up to the age of 18 years.

DAVID BEN-GURION - Prime Minister

MOSHE SHAPIRA - Minister of Immigration

YOSEF SPRINZAK - Acting President of the State / Chairman of the Knesset

* Passed by the Knesset July 5th, 1950

+ Aliyah means immigration of Jews, and oleh (plural: olim) means a Jew immigrating, into Israel.

LAW OF RETURN (AMENDMENT NO. 2), 5730-1970*

1. In the Law of Return, 5710-1950**, the following sections shall be inserted after section 4:

4A. (a) The rights of a Jew under this Law and the rights of an oleh under the Nationality Law, 5712-1952***, as well as the rights of an oleh under any other enactment, are also vested in a child and a grandchild of a Jew, the spouse of a Jew, the spouse of a child of a Jew and the spouse of a grandchild of a Jew, except for a person who has been a Jew and has voluntarily changed his religion.

(b) It shall be immaterial whether or not a Jew by whose right a right under subsection (a) is claimed is still alive and whether or not he has immigrated to Israel.

(c) The restrictions and conditions prescribed in respect of a Jew or an oleh by or under this Law or by the enactments referred to in subsection (a) shall also apply to a person who claims a right under subsection (a).

4B. For the purposes of this Law, "Jew" means a person who was born of a Jewish mother or has become converted to Judaism and who is not a member of another religion.

2. In section 5 of the Law of Return, 5710-1950, the following shall be added at the end: "Regulations for the purposes of sections 4A and 4B require the approval of the Constitution, Legislation and Juridical Committee of the Knesset."

3. In the Population Registry Law, 5725-1965, the following section shall be inserted after section 3:5725-1965.

3A. (a) A person shall not be registered as a Jew by ethnic affiliation or religion if a notification under this Law or another entry in the Registry or a public document indicates that he is not a Jew, so long as the said notification, entry or document has not been controverted to the satisfaction of the Chief Registration Officer or so long as declaratory judgment of a competent court or tribunal has not otherwise determined.

(b) For the purposes of this Law and of any registration or document thereunder, "Jew" has the same meaning as in section 4B of the Law of Return, 5710-1950.

(c) This section shall not derogate from a registration effected before its coming into force."

GOLDA MEIR Prime Minister / Acting Minister of the Interior
SHNEUR ZALMAN SHAZAR President of the State

* Passed by the Knesset March 10th, 1970

Compilers note: Any attempt to argue that the United States of America is a Christian nation has been opposed and denounced as “rabid racism and hate” and “racial and religious exclusivity” by Jewish-American lobby groups and leaders, such as Abraham Foxman of the ADL. Yet the Israeli Law of Return, based on maintaining the Jewish character of the Israeli state and its racial and religious exclusivity, is staunchly defended and even championed by these same esteemed U.S. Zionist groups, who are the media-appointed, lofty arbiters of human rights standards in America.

Americans Pay a High Price for Israeli Friendship

The American people do not know the extent of domestic economic losses resulting from U.S. policy in the Middle East, particularly the losses which are "directly or consequentially" linked to U.S. support for Israel, according to Thomas Stauffer, an international oil and finance consultant.

Speaking at a May 14, 2002 Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine (CPAP) briefing, Stauffer blamed the public's naiveté on the U.S. government, adding that the magnitude of U.S. aid to Israel and the hefty tab the American people are picking up is a well kept government secret.

Stauffer describes U.S. aid to Israel in terms of categories, most of which are kept off the government's budget balance sheet and conventional U.S. aid records. Putting a price tag on the total amount of U.S. aid to Israel is difficult because most costs are consequential, or indirect. "It would be interesting to know how the public would react if the public knew how much it [aid to Israelis] costs them," Stauffer said.

Billions of dollars in lost Trade, Jobs, and Business

Stauffer pointed out that Israelis enjoy a "remarkable" spectrum of ad hoc and special forms of aid, which for years has cost the American people billions of dollars in lost trade, contracts, jobs, and business ventures in the Middle East. Stauffer broke down U.S. economic losses into six broad categories, one being the publicly known and traceable form of direct aid that the United States also provides to Egypt and Jordan. The total price tag for U.S. taxpayers is roughly \$5.5 billion per year. Stauffer calls this the "simplest and smallest" category of U.S. aid.

Other forms of aid to Israel come as a result of "consequential" aid that the majority of Americans know nothing about. This adds up to approximately \$8 billion annually over a roughly ten-year period. U.S. aid to Turkey, which amounts to billions of dollars annually, is linked to Turkey's relationship with Israel, which in turn is linked to U.S. policy toward Israel. Billions of dollars in U.S. aid to Central Asian countries, under the pretext of promoting emerging democracies, are part of U.S. efforts to confine Iran, which again is tied to U.S. policy toward Israel.

The same applies to the countries of the Caucasus. Aid to Turkey, Central Asia, and the Caucasus should be thrown into the "pot" of aid to Israel, Stauffer stressed. Contributions by Jewish organizations and individuals are another element of consequential aid to Israel. These contributions, averaging from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion, are tax-deductible.

But the real losses to Americans, Stauffer argued, come from the harder to track forms of aid because there is no government overview. One example comes from the Central Bank of Israel's statistics which show that in the 1980s the United States bailed out the Israeli banking system at a cost of \$10-12 billion. Americans probably never knew this because there is no trace of the money in American records. Israel has never returned the money and is unlikely to be asked to return it.

Furthermore, the United States has undertaken loan guarantees from various sources totaling about \$10 billion, of which \$7 billion have been initialed. Stauffer calls this a "contingent liability" on the United States,

and asserts that Israel has no prospect of repayment. Jewish immigration from Russia to Israel, also a hidden cost, is subsidized by the United States with some \$60-100,000 million annually.

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And then there are the losses to U.S. military institutions. According to Stauffer, the United States has poured billions of dollars into Israeli military technology, technology that is in direct competition with that of the U.S., citing the Israeli Lavi fighter program and Arrow missile system as examples. Israel enjoys large discounts on what are considered "surplus" U.S. arms, and Israeli military firms have the upper hand in relationships with U.S. military firms. U.S. contractors, Stauffer asserted, are required to subcontract Israeli firms for military components, subcontracts that would otherwise have gone to American firms.

Moreover, for every dollar of military equipment the United States gives Israel, the United States buys 60 cents worth of Israeli equipment. The difference here is that while the United States pays with real money, Israel does not.

Another "consequential" cost to the U.S. economy with a potential price tag of \$20-30 billion is the oil supplies guarantee. Should Israeli oil supplies be cut off, Stauffer explained, the United States guarantees to provide Israel with oil regardless of U.S. oil supply levels.

An additional example of hidden cost to the U.S. economy with a direct effect on the American people, is trade losses with Israel and with those countries Israel perceives as hostile. Stauffer's data reveal that the United States' trade deficit with Israel is about \$5-5.5 billion. One reason for this is that Israel, for example, can buy textile from China, relabel it, and sell it to the United States duty-free. But the real reason behind the losses, said Stauffer, is the trade imbalance between the United States and Israel.

While the United States pays real money for its imports from Israel, Israel does not pay real money for its imports from the United States. The result is an annual trade imbalance of just under \$10 billion. In terms of jobs, that comes to about a quarter of a million American jobs lost.

U.S. sanctions on Libya, Syria, Iran and Iraq -- sanctions linked to U.S. policy toward Israel -- are costing the U.S. economy about \$14 billion annually in potential trade, Stauffer argued, basing his calculations on trade and economic studies. The sanctions, which only affect U.S. companies and not their competitors, translate into 500,000 to 600,000 in lost U.S. jobs.

U.S. policy toward Iraq, presented to the American people in terms of protecting Gulf oil supplies, is really meant to weaken Iraq, seen by Israel as a potential threat. The Israeli lobby in the United States has foiled

major U.S trade contracts with Arab and Muslim countries, like the 1980s aircraft sales contract with Saudi Arabia that cost the U.S. economy between \$20-25 billion annually.

So, who is benefiting from this costly U.S. policy toward Israel? Congress and presidential candidates, Stauffer claimed, have benefited "handsomely" from contributions made by the Jewish community. About 20 to 40 percent of the total political campaign contributions -- tens of billions of dollars -- from the Jewish community in the United States, go into the pockets of U.S. leaders. As for the benefit to the United States, that, Stauffer said, is hard to find..

Collective Punishment of Palestinians

Terrorists were never a majority of the Palestinians. But by continuing to impose collective punishment of the entire Palestinian people: seize land, build settlements, steal water, shoot children, torture prisoners, confine millions to their homes for weeks on end, and bulldoze houses, the Israeli occupation unified Palestinian society against Israelis and made Palestinians more likely to support the violent resistance that culminates in terrorism:

“Sharon has repeatedly engaged in assassinations and other violent actions precisely to stimulate counter-violence to justify his determination to invade and destroy Palestinian civil society. Zbigniew Brezinski speaks of the ‘deliberate overreactions by Mr. Sharon designed not to repress terrorism, but to destabilize the Palestinian Authority and to uproot the Oslo Agreement, which he always denounced.’

“...the Sharon method of fending off peace options is a rerun of 1982 Lebanon, where, contrary to establishment mythology, the Israeli invasion was precipitated, not by Palestinian violence but by its very absence, which impelled a violent Israeli response to prevent negotiations and any kind of compromise settlement. The problem, according to Israeli analyst Yehoshua Porath, writing in *Ha'aretz* on June 25, 1982, was ‘that the cease fire had been observed,’ and Begin and Sharon invaded Lebanon anticipating and desiring that a PLO under military attack ‘would return to its earlier terrorism’ and ‘lose part of the political legitimacy it has gained.’ Sharon is still playing that game and with the success that comes from the fact that an Israeli leader, even a world class genocidalist, is under the full protection of the U.S. government and media.” (Edward S. Herman, op.cit., p. 32).

The Fourth Geneva Convention

Article 17

The Parties to the conflict shall endeavor to conclude local agreements for the removal from besieged or encircled areas, of wounded, sick, infirm, and aged persons, children and maternity cases, and for the passage of ministers of all religions, medical personnel and medical equipment on their way to such areas.

Article 33

No protected person may be punished for an offense he or she has not personally committed. Collective penalties...are prohibited.

The Genocide Convention

“Sharon has even acknowledged an intent to attack civilians, declaring in March 2002, ‘The Palestinians must be hit and it must be very painful: we must cause them losses, victims, so that they feel the heavy price.’...the overall Sharon operation, both in working details and strategic conception, very clearly fits the ‘genocide’ category of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, Article 2 (c) identifying as genocide the ‘Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or part’ (Edward S. Herman,

op. cit., p. 33).

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy is on record promising to target and kill Arab children. Levy told the Israeli Knesset that the Jewish nation would retaliate "blood for blood, soul for soul, child for child" against Arabs. (*The Independent* (U.K.), Feb. 25 2000).

The influential Chief Rabbi of the Sephardim, who is also the spiritual leader of the Israeli political party *Shas*, gave a Passover sermon in April, 2001 in which he called on God to exterminate Arabs:

"It is forbidden to be merciful to them, you must give them missiles, with relish -- annihilate them. Evil ones, damnable ones," Rabbi Ovadia Yosef declared. He was quoted in the Hebrew-language *Ma'ariv* newspaper as telling a synagogue congregation, "May the Holy Name visit retribution on the Arabs' heads, and cause their seed to be lost, and annihilate them."

The rabbi's *Shas* party holds the balance of power in the Israeli Knesset (legislature) and is a key member of Ariel Sharon's ruling coalition. Tens of thousands of Sephardic Israelis and *Shas* party adherents, for whom Rabbi Yosef's pronouncements are revered as having divine authority, serve in units of the Israeli military, police and intelligence. Cf. *The Times* (London, U.K.), April 10, 2001.

American Law Professor Advocates Killing Families of Suicide Bombers

"Torah Commands Total Eradication"

Nathan Lewin, a prominent Washington D.C. attorney and law professor who teaches litigation at Columbia Law School and Jewish Civil Law at George Washington Law School, is calling for the execution of family members of suicide bombers. Lewin, an oft-mentioned candidate for a federal judgeship who frequently argues cases before the US Supreme Court, told the Jewish *Forward* newspaper that a policy of killing Palestinian civilians would provide a much-needed deterrent against suicide attacks. Lewin unveiled his proposal in the May, 2002 issue of the Talmudic opinion journal *Sh'ma*:

"The nation whose civilians are killed or maimed (by a Palestinian suicide bomb) should, by 'targeted assassinations' or other means, be free promptly to execute the immediate relatives of the suicide bombers...parents, brothers, and sisters...This consequence would, I believe, deter most suicide killers...can Jewish law and tradition accept this seeming punishment of innocents? The Torah commanded the total eradication - including women and children - of certain nations (Amalek being a singular illustration) because of the continuing threat its members presented to the survival of Israel. When there is no other deterrent, self-defense entitles one to take measures that are ordinarily unacceptable.

"... proposals that some people are now willing to accept ...even the 'automatic' destruction of Palestinian villages that Alan Dershowitz proposed in the *Jerusalem Post* of March 11, 2002...will have no major impact on the terrorist threat. Effective prevention will come only with effective individual deterrence..." Cf. *Forward*, June 7 and *Sh'ma*, May, 2002.

The identification of both Palestinians and "Holocaust" revisionists with "Amalek" is a common one. Prof. Deborah Lipstadt of Emory University equated revisionist historian David Irving with Amalek on at least two occasions. The teaching that Palestinians are Amalek is a common part of Judaic theology in the Israeli state, as personified for example by Rabbi Dov Begon of the *Rosh Yeshiva* (Talmud school) in Jerusalem. Cf. Dov Begon, "Canaanites and Amalekites: As Then, So Today," *Jewish Press*, June 21, 2002, p. 47.

Nathan Lewin's argument proceeds from a typically delusional Judaic axiom, in this instance, that no Israelis commit any act of terror worthy of punishment, interdiction or "deterrence." Yet on Purim, Feb. 25, 1994, New Yorker Baruch Goldstein entered a mosque in Hebron and slaughtered 40 Palestinians while they worshiped in their house of prayer. Like some relatives of Palestinian suicide bombers who praise them for their heinous acts, Goldstein's mother, Miriam, declared that she was proud of the mass murder her son Baruch committed. Mrs. Goldstein said she always hoped that someone would do something like what her son did. She said her son's massacre showed that he "loved Israel more than himself." ("Mother glad that son massacred Palestinians," *Seattle Times*, March 5, 1994, p. A4).

Now, the question to lawyer Lewin is this: according to your own logic, should Miriam Goldstein be "promptly executed" as a "deterrent" against further acts of Israeli terror (as for example killings like the ones committed by Ami Popper and many other Israeli mass murderers), or does Mrs. Goldstein's exalted racial/religious status as one of the "Holy People" absolve her of the "punishment" Lewin seeks to inflict on the relatives of Palestinian suicide bombers?

A Million People Under Curfew

Few if any Israelis can understand what it means to be under full curfew for 10 days, incarcerated with the children...how intolerable it is for the Palestinians to be imprisoned for days and weeks at a time with the children in their meagerly furnished homes, while threatening tanks continually rumble by and every sortie outside is liable to end in disaster.

Very few Israelis have experienced curfew and it is very unlikely that many of them are spending their time thinking about the fact that within an hour's drive from their homes nearly a million people - some 800,000 in the cities of the West Bank along with the residents of some of the surrounding localities - have been locked into their homes for days under severe conditions. Not far from Tel Aviv, which on Friday (June 28, 2002) hosted its annual Gay Pride parade, with all the color and merriment of past years, increasing numbers of Palestinian detainees, some of them innocent, were made to walk in a procession of humiliation.

The protracted curfew that has been imposed in the West Bank within the framework of Operation Determined Path, which is a more comprehensive curfew than any in the past, is not present in the Israeli consciousness. The media barely reports on it and no one is moved to speak out against the situation....

The collective punishment that we are imposing on a million people is only postponing the next wave of (Palestinian) attacks slightly, and may even have the effect of intensifying it. It is not hard to guess the plans that are being hatched in the curfew period by those who have been condemned to such a hard life: One thing we can be sure of is that no one there is planning to absorb a further 35 years of occupation without resistance.

...collective punishment in the form of a curfew imposed on an entire nation and locking up that nation indefinitely by means of siege and closures are immoral methods that must not be resorted to under any circumstances.

This curfew is also exacting a price in blood from the Palestinians, yet it is scarcely creating echoes in Israel. In Jenin, four children were killed in two separate incidents when they ventured outside. Most Palestinian children are by now cued to run when they hear the sound of a tank approaching in the terrible silence of the curfew and feel the earth tremble under the tank treads - but they don't always succeed in getting away....in Jenin the next day: three small children, two of them brothers, were killed by a tank shell as they rode their bicycles, only because they were under the mistaken impression that the curfew had been lifted for a moment and they could go outside for a little while.

Gideon Levy, *Ha'aretz* (Hebrew language Israeli newspaper), July 1, 2002

Israeli State Terror: A Case in Point

In the early morning of July 23, 2002, an Israeli F-16 fighter jet, on direct orders of the Israeli government, dropped a one-ton laser-guided bomb into Al Daraj, a densely packed neighborhood, in a heavily populated warren of apartments in the Gaza ghetto, killing at least 14 Palestinians, including nine children. More than 140 civilians were wounded in the bombing. An area about half the size of a city block was leveled. All that remained were chunks of cinder block, several stumps of what had been pillars, pulverized lumps of concrete with twisted snarls of what had been iron reinforcement bars poking out of them, remnants of plumbing pipes and scraps of clothing. A half-dozen buildings in an arc around the hole were badly damaged, chunks of their sides ripped off and floors partly destroyed. Arab television broadcasts showed Palestinian rescue workers digging through rubble at the scene of the Israeli bombing. Witnesses described Palestinian body parts strewn in the street near the remains of the apartment complex.

"I didn't know where to go, what to do to save myself or my children," one father who was wounded in the attack said from his hospital bed. A three-mile-long procession of Palestinians was led by a man holding aloft the tiny body of a baby girl, Dina Mattar, killed in the bombing. Her mother, Imam Mattar, and four brothers and sisters were also killed. Israeli leader Sharon called the bombing "one of our major successes" (*N.Y. Times*, July 24, p. 1).

At an Israeli briefing for reporters, a senior Israeli military official explained the reason for using the F-16 instead of an Apache helicopter: "An Apache missile does nothing to a two-story building. We had to collapse it and make it rubble."

President Bush's chief spokesman, Ari Fleischer, with remarkable candor confirmed that the Israeli operation "was a deliberate attack on the site, knowing that innocents would be lost in the consequences of the attack."

Asked how the Bush administration could be so sure that the Israelis knew that civilians were in the building, Mr. Fleischer replied, "These were apartment buildings that were targeted."

Source: David Stout, July 23, 2002, *N.Y. Times* online:

nytimes.com/2002/07/23/international/23CND-PREX.html?ex=1028452847&ei=1&en=0676992a2d75563d

In spite of admitting that the Israelis had deliberately killed civilians, neither Fleischer nor President Bush described the Israeli attack as terrorism or a war crime, or demanded any penalties or sanctions against the Israelis for the murder of what even the White House Press Secretary admitted were "innocents."

Bush expressed token reservations concerning this act of Israeli terrorism --which Congress funds and he encourages when the mood suits him (see p. 65) -- issuing a statement (he did not speak in public), characterizing the July 23 massacre merely as "heavy-handed."

"Despite the tough words, Mr. Bush made no suggestion that the United States would withhold American arms if they are used again in the deliberate targeting of civilian housing." *N.Y. Times*, July 24, 2002. So much for

Bush's vaunted policy of "zero tolerance for terrorism."

"...Bush administration officials rebuffed calls to open an investigation into whether Israel's use of an American F-16 fighter jet in the attack, which killed nine children, might have violated a U.S. law (the U.S. Arms Export Control Act), requiring that such weapons only be used in self-defense...Under the law, the State Department is required to report violations of the law to Congress. But State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said no specific review of the Gaza attack was planned." (*Chicago Tribune*, July 24, 2002).



A portion of the housing complex bombed by Israeli terrorists

Some analysts reported that Bush's pique had nothing to do with the loss of life among Palestinian civilians, but reflected his wounded pride at the fact that the Israelis continue to treat "the leader of the free world" as their lapdog. Only hours before the Israeli bombing, Sharon's chief of staff, Dov Weissglas, and Gen. Moshe Kaplinsky, Sharon's military attaché, met at the State Department with Secretary of State Colin Powell, and then at the White House with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. The Israelis gave Powell and Rice no warning of what was coming," one senior analyst said.

Why should they give Bush such intelligence? Bush is in the White House at the sufferance of the Israeli lobby. His *raison d'être* is to supply the warplanes, munitions, intelligence and cash for Israeli terrorists, partly in the expectation that more Arabs and Muslims can be persuaded to attack the U.S. homeland in retaliation, so that Bush and his Republican and Democrat partners in crime can continue to build their digital police state in America. If King George finds his position as an Israeli Steppin' Fetchit demeaning, his Majesty can always be replaced in the next election, or removed by one of those righteous Israeli "targeted killings," to which the media are accustomed to turning a blind eye.

**Flagship Journal of U.S. Financial Elite Identifies
“Human Monsters” who must be “Exterminated”**

Civilian Casualties: No Apology Needed

by Ralph Peters

Wall Street Journal, July 25, 2002, p. A10

“...the civilian deaths (14 Palestinians, nine of whom were children, July 23, 2002) may be lamentable, but they were also justifiable...Israel is fighting with great restraint...When terrorists attempt to hide amid the civilian population, we must pursue them without hesitation. They cannot be allowed a single safe haven. If they use their neighbors as shields, it is the terrorists who are to blame should civilians die.

“If they attempt to use their families as cover, they will be responsible for the deaths of their own loved ones. The world must learn that, when civilians allow terrorists to use them, the civilians become legitimate targets.

“This is not about diplomatic table manners. It is a fight to exterminate human monsters...Israel will do what must be done as humanely as possible.

“...critics will tell you that by killing civilians in their attacks, the Israelis--or the Americans--simply turn other civilians against them. This is nonsense. Civilians who shield the enemies of Israel or the U.S. are already anti-Israel or anti-American.

“Terrorists and their supporters must learn that they will be allowed no hiding places. Not in their homes, not in churches or mosques...”

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