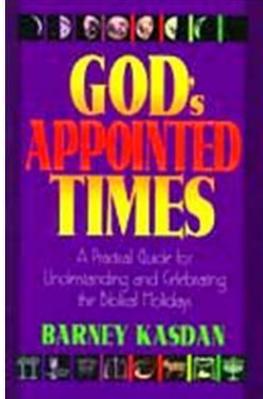


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## ***For the Yachad Report Newsletter For January 2019***

**IRAN FIRES SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE AT ISRAEL:** Iranian military forces fired a medium-range surface-to-surface missile at Israel on Sunday 20 Jan. 2019. The missile was fired from an Iranian installation on the outskirts of Damascus. It was immediately intercepted as it crossed the border over Mt. Hermon by Israeli anti-missile defenses. A statement released by the Israel Defense Forces called the incident a "premeditated" attack meant to send a message to the Jewish state to stop attacking Iran's military build-up in Syria. Earlier in the day, the Israel Air Force had conducted a series of airstrikes on Iranian targets in the war-torn country. A second wave of airstrikes then targeted the Syrian air defenses that had fired on the first wave of Israeli jets. Renewed Israeli airstrikes have demonstrated the ineffectiveness of Syria's new Russian-made air defense systems. Desperate to halt the Israeli assault, Iran resorted to the kind of attack that could spark a regional war, and highlighted exactly why Israel is so determined to prevent the Islamic Republic from establishing a strong military presence in Syria.

**IDF: IRAN FIRED MISSILE FROM SYRIAN AREA WE WERE PROMISED IRAN HAD LEFT:** The missile that was fired into the Israeli Golan Heights on Sunday 20 Jan. 2019 was fired from an area near Damascus which Israel had been assured was empty of Iranian forces. "The firing of the missile yesterday, a launch that could have killed civilians, was fired by Iranians out of Damascus within an area that we were promised that there would be no Iranians," IDF Spokesperson Brig.-Gen. Ronen Manelis told reporters. According to the Israeli military, the missile was an Iranian-made medium-range model that was fired from the outskirts of Damascus. The launch made at approximately three in the afternoon came about an hour after Israel struck targets in Syria in a rare daytime attack. "The bottom line is that such a missile fired by Iranians from an area where they are not supposed to be is an Iranian attempt to attack Israel, to endanger civilian lives and military targets." According to him, the fire was carried out by Iranian command and not by Syrians or local militias. "This was planned in advance as an attempt to deter us from continuing to act against them in Syria," Manelis said, stressing that the missile launch on Sunday and the Iranian targets struck early

on Monday showed just how deep Iran's entrenchment in the war-torn country is. "This is the third time that Iran has tried to attack Israel in the past year," he said. Israel has worked closely with the United States and Russia to try and remove the Iranian and Hezbollah presence from Syria where they have been fighting alongside forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad since the civil war started in the country some eight years ago.

**IRAN OFFICIAL: WE CANNOT WAIT TO FIGHT AND DESTROY ISRAEL:** The head of Iran's air force said Mon. 21 Jan. 2019 that Iran was impatient to fight Israel and destroy it in retaliation for the Israeli attack on Iranian weapon facilities in Syria. "The young people in the air force are fully ready and impatient to confront the Zionist regime and eliminate it from the Earth," said Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh. The comments came hours after Israeli warplanes launched a massive early-morning attack on Iranian targets in Syria and a day after Iranian fighters fired a surface-to-surface rocket at the northern Golan Heights. The IDF said the air bombardment was "a direct response to a surface-to-surface rocket—intercepted by the Iron Dome aerial defense system—launched by the Quds Force from Syrian territory at the northern Golan Heights on Sunday 20 Jan. 2019." The Quds Force spearheads the Iranian Revolutionary Guards overseas operations.

**NETANYAHU ASKS IRAN: TRUE OR FALSE?** PM Binyamin Netanyahu filmed a message to mark forty years since the Islamic Revolution in Iran. Contrasting the cooperation between the countries and economic conditions with the current Iranian regime's hatred of Israel and broken economy, Netanyahu reiterated a message of friendship to the people of Iran, who Netanyahu called the primary victims suffering at the hands of the regime. The prime minister ended his message with the hope that Israel and Iran will one day work together as friends again and not as enemies. (INN)

**EUROPE'S PATIENCE WITH IRAN WEARS THIN:** In Tehran, last week, during a meeting with European envoys, Iranian officials abruptly stood up, walked out and slammed the door. The French, British, German, Danish, Dutch, and Belgian diplomats in the Iranian foreign ministry room had incensed the officials with a message that Europe could no longer tolerate ballistic missile tests in Iran and assassination plots on European soil. "It shows the relationship is becoming more tense," one of the diplomats said. The stormy meeting encapsulated the unexpected shift in European diplomacy since the end of last year. Smaller, more dovish EU countries have joined France and Britain in a harder stance on Tehran, including considering new economic sanctions. For Europe, assassination plots by Iran on French and Danish soil in 2018 were the last straw, diplomats say. "The accusations against Iran over the past few months have awakened a few countries in Europe that were against a tougher line on Iran," a European-based Middle East diplomat said.

**GERMANY BANS IRANIAN AIRLINE FROM ITS AIRSPACE AFTER USA PRESSURE:** Germany has revoked the license of an Iranian airline because it has been transporting military equipment and personnel to Syria and other Middle East war zones, the foreign ministry said on Mon. 21 Jan. 2019, after heavy USA pressure on Berlin to act. The United States imposed sanctions on Mahan Air in 2011, saying it provided financial and other support to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, and has been pressing its European allies to follow suit. Mahan Air, established in 1992 as Iran's first private airline, has the country's largest fleet of aircraft and has flights to a number of European countries, including France, Italy, Spain and Greece. The USA ambassador in Berlin, Richard Grenell, who has long objected to Mahan Air's links to Germany, welcomed the ban. "Mahan Air has flown terrorists, weapons, equipment, and funds to international locations to support Iranian terrorist proxy groups," he said in a statement. "Iran's use of Mahan Air to support the Assad regime in Syria, for example, has contributed to incredible human suffering, violence, and political instability felt across the world," he said, referring to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

**PALESTINIANS TO REFUSE ALL USA FUNDS, INCLUDING THOSE DESIGNATED FOR SECURITY COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL:** The Palestinian Authority (PA) has informed the Trump administration that it will no longer accept any American aid, including funds earmarked for security

cooperation with Israel. The move was taken to avoid exposing the PA to potential financial liability as stipulated by the 2018 Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act, passed by Congress in October and which is set to take effect this month. The law states that if the PA accepts such assistance then American courts would have jurisdiction to hold it accountable for terrorism against USA citizens and render judgments including huge monetary fines. President Donald Trump last year suspended hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to the Palestinians after Ramallah imposed a boycott on USA officials in the wake of his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The Palestinian leadership is slated to hold a meeting this week to discuss the latest setback, as well as the likelihood that USAID will terminate all projects in the Palestinian territories by 31 Jan. 2019.

**RHINO BIRTH CATCHES ZOOKEEPERS OFF GUARD:** The Ramat Gan Safari announced Mon. 21 Jan. 2019 that a rhinoceros had given birth to a healthy female calf and, judging by her behavior so far, the newborn had inherited her mother's adventurous spirit. The cub, who has yet to be named, and her mother, rhino Keren Peles, were both doing well, the Zoological Center Tel Aviv-Ramat Gan said in a statement. On 30 Dec. 2019 heavily pregnant Keren Peles started showing indications she was close to going into labor when she began pushing away her other offspring, Kipenzi (Swahili for Beloved), who was born three and a half years ago. Keepers aimed to cordon Keren Peles off in a private section where she could give birth without interference from the rest of the rhino herd and other animals in her enclosure, but before they could put the plan into action, she went ahead and produced a healthy young calf.

In order to give her time to herself and enable her to care for the newborn, keepers quickly directed Keren Peles to the prepared section, and there the pair stayed for three weeks, in sight of, but out of touch with, the rhino herd. Although the safari planned to keep mother and daughter in their private boudoir for another month or two, last week the young calf decided to take matters into her own hooves and squeezed through the surrounding fence into the main enclosure. The escape had its dangers. As the cub scampered about, she came across one of the male rhinos, Atari, who began pushing her around, all under the gaze of helpless Keren Peles. Keepers immediately released the mother from the closed section and she soon stepped in to defend her daughter and keep Atari at bay. Since then things have settled down and the new arrival is adapting to being part of the herd.

**NETANYAHU, CHAD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCE RENEWED DIPLOMATIC TIES:** PM Binyamin Netanyahu and Chad President Idris Deby have announced the renewal of diplomatic relations between Chad and Israel. The two sides signed an official memorandum to renew relations between the two countries on Sunday 20 Jan. 2019. The announcement was made during the historic visit of PM Netanyahu to Ndjamena, the capital of Chad, where he was received by an honor guard and welcomed by Chad Foreign Minister Mahamat Zene and other dignitaries. Both sides view the renewal of relations as the key to future cooperation for the benefit of both countries. Deby visited Israel in Nov. 2018, where he met with Netanyahu and the two discussed advancing the relations between the two countries towards a full resumption of diplomatic relation.

**LINDA SARSOUR PROMOTES ANTI-ISRAEL MOVEMENT DURING WOMEN'S MARCH:** Linda Sarsour took the stage at the Women's March on Saturday 19 Jan. 2019 and used the platform to express her support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. The movement petitions companies and groups to protest and penalize the state of Israel over its [so-called bad] treatment of the Palestinian people. Sarsour said, "We will protect our constitutional right to boycott, divest and sanction in this country." She was referencing a bill in the Senate that would allow state and local governments to boycott companies that boycott the country of Israel. The leaders of the Women's March have been battling over allegations of anti-Semitism in recent months. While the BDS movement calls for a protest of the country of Israel, many find it to be a disguised version of anti-Semitism because they are targeting only one country for its alleged behavior. The Anti-Defamation League describes the movement as "the most prominent effort to undermine Israel's existence. The BDS campaign is rampant with misinformation and distortion."

## **BDS SUPPORTING REP. ILHAN OMAR APPOINTED TO HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**COMMITTEE:** Minnesota congresswoman Ilhan Omar was named last week to the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In a Tweet on Thur. 17 Jan. 2019, Omar announced her excitement at being appointed to the committee that “oversees all foreign, national security affecting the country’s foreign policy, treaties, peacekeeping and war powers.” I finally have committee assignments and I am excited.” Omar, who supports the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, in 2012 accused Israel of “hypnotizing the world” and of evil doings. “Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel,” she tweeted in reaction to Israel’s November 2012 “Operation Pillar of Defense” in Gaza, in response to rockets launched by Hamas into Israel.

**RABBIS CALL OMAR APPOINTMENT A ‘SLAP IN THE FACE’:** In a strongly-worded letter sent to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the Coalition for Jewish Values (CJV), representing over 1000 traditional rabbis in matters of public policy, called the appointment of Representative Ilhan Omar to the House Foreign Affairs Committee a “slap in the face” and “tantamount to saying that anti-Semitism is acceptable to the United States House of Representatives.” The CJV called for Omar to be removed from the committee. As detailed in the CJV’s letter, Omar declared that Israel “has hypnotized the world” and prayed that “Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel” when Israel defended itself against an unprovoked Hamas missile barrage aimed at civilians in 2012. On CNN this week, Omar defended these comments and said they were aimed only at the “Israeli regime.”

“Madam Speaker,” reads the CJV letter, “you know well that the word ‘regime’ is specifically associated with authoritarianism, whereas Israel is the sole democracy in the Middle East.” It goes on to detail three separate ways in which Omar’s statements fall within the USA State Department definition of anti-Semitism, and concludes that “according to both the United States State Department and thousands of years of rabbinic knowledge (and cruel experience) of the virulent hatred directed against the Jewish People, Rep. Omar’s comments clearly and obviously crossed the line into anti-Semitism. The Democrat Party once proudly included the strongest of Israel supporters among its national leaders,” said Rabbi Dov Fischer, Vice President of the CJV. “It is painful to acknowledge that the party that once was led by people like Hubert Humphrey, Henry Jackson and Daniel Patrick Moynihan has placed an unabashed Jew -hater onto the one committee where an anti-Semite can perhaps do the most harm.”

**DANON CALLS ON UNSC TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST IRANIAN BALLISTIC MISSILES:** "The UN Security Council must take action to curb the threat of Iran’s ballistic missiles, particularly those with the ability to carry nuclear warheads", Israel’s Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, wrote in a letter to the UN Security Council. Danon called Iran’s recently failed satellite launch a “rogue act,” a clear violation of Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) which “prohibits Iran from engaging in ballistic missile activity.” He added, “the launch clearly reflects another stage in Iran’s development of ICBMs”. Danon continued, “Iran completely disregards Resolution 2231, not only by launching missiles itself – both toward outer space and into neighboring countries – but also by leading a frenzy of missile proliferation across an already volatile Middle East. It blatantly defies the calls of the international community, and by doing so, cynically threatens the stability of our region, Europe and beyond. I call on the Security Council to join the nations and unions of states that have already taken measures to curb the threat of Iranian missiles, especially those capable of carrying nuclear weapons,” he said. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani stated days ago that Iran will be ready for a new satellite launch in a few months’ time after a failed attempt last week. Western officials say the missile technology used in such launches could be applied to delivering a nuclear weapon.

**ISRAEL STEPS UP FIGHT AGAINST UNRWA:** As of next year, UNRWA schools will no longer be permitted to operate in eastern Jerusalem and will be replaced by municipal schools. A closed discussion was held a few weeks ago at the National Security Council in the Prime Minister's Office about the plan to remove UNRWA institutions from eastern Jerusalem, Channel 12 News reported on Saturday night 19 Jan 2019.

According to the report, the motivation for this discussion was USA President Donald Trump's decisions against the UN agency for "Palestinian refugees". The United States, the largest single contributor to UNRWA, announced last August that it would end its \$350 million a year funding for the agency, describing the organization as an "irredeemably flawed operation". According to last weekend's report, during the discussion in the Prime Minister's Office, a dramatic decision was taken: To take in practice the plan of the former mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, regarding UNRWA institutions in the city, and to implement the part that relates to education as early as next year. This means that UNRWA schools will no longer be given permits and licenses to operate in eastern Jerusalem and will be replaced by municipal schools. In this way, the National Security Council hopes that the process in which pupils in eastern Jerusalem will study under an Israeli framework will be completed. Israel has logged multiple complaints against the agency for using UNRWA schools and ambulances to hold Hamas weapons. UN Watch has found that at least 10 UNRWA employees used social media to incite stabbing and shooting attacks against Israelis. UNRWA educational facilities frequently employ Hamas members and encourage continued belligerence against Israel.

#### **ISRAEL BLASTS MALAYSIA FOR REFUSING TO ADMIT ITS PARALYMPIC SWIMMERS:**

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Thur. 17 Jan. 2019: "The Malaysian government has taken the decision to ban the participation of Israelis in official international sport events in Malaysia, including the participation of athletes with disabilities in a swimming competition organized by the International Paralympic Committee. This is shameful and totally opposes the Olympic spirit. Israel condemns the decision, inspired no doubt by Malaysia's PM Mahatir's rabid anti-Semitism. We call upon the International Paralympic Committee to change this wrong decision or change the venue of the event."

#### **MIKE AND KAREN PENCE MAKE SURPRISE VISIT TO MARCH FOR LIFE:**

VP Mike Pence and second lady Karen Pence made a surprise visit on Friday 18 Jan. 2019 to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Pence first called into Ben Shapiro's show as Shapiro broadcasted live from the March for Life, however, he later shocked the crowd by appearing in person with his wife, Karen. The Pence family took the stage and the vice president delivered a speech affirming their pro-life values and touting President Donald Trump's appointment of conservative judges to federal courts. The vice president also mentioned his wife's decision to teach art at a Christian elementary school, a move that some have criticized due to the school's traditional values, but the March for Life crowd applauded.

#### **NEW POLL SHOWS AMERICANS FAVOR GREATER RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION:**

A poll conducted this month shows that while a majority of Americans define themselves as generally pro-choice on the issue of abortion, the vast majority also favor wide-ranging restrictions on the right to terminate pregnancy. The poll conducted by Marist and published on Tue. 15 Jan. 2019, surveyed 1,066 adults from 8 Jan. -10 Jan. According to the survey, an absolute majority (55%) of Americans identify as pro-choice. Yet 75% of Americans also say abortion should be banned after the first trimester. Even 60% of Democrats believe abortions after the first trimester should be barred, along with 78% of Independents and 92% of Republicans. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of Americans also believe the Supreme Court should either overturn the Roe vs. Wade ruling or significantly alter its interpretation of the Constitution, allowing either for the outright banning of abortion or for significantly stricter limitations. Americans also are more likely to accept one of the key arguments put forth by opponents of abortion, that a fetus is a unique life, rather than a part of the mother's body. Only 35% of Americans believe a fetus is "a part of a woman's body", while 56% say an unborn child is a "unique life". Forty-two percent of Americans say life begins at conception, compared to 13% who say it begins at birth.

#### **REPORT: IRAN LAUNCHED SATELLITE INTO SPACE, FAILED:**

Iran has admitted that it tried to launch a satellite into space but that the experiment failed, Israeli media reported on Tue. 15 Jan. 2019. Iranian Communications Minister Mohammad-Javad Azari said the rocket carrying the satellite "failed to reach the required speed in the third stage, even though it succeeded in the first two stages of the launch." Last week,

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Jawad Zarif announced that, despite USA warnings, Iran would be continuing its space program. The program includes Space Launch Vehicles which have technology akin to that of a ballistic missile. "There is no international law that prohibits us from continuing," Zarif said. This comes not long after USA Secretary of State Mike Pompeo advised Iran "to reconsider these provocative launches and cease all activities related to ballistic missiles in order to avoid deeper economic and diplomatic isolation." Last week, the European Union froze the assets of an Iranian intelligence unit and two of its staff, as the Netherlands accused Iran of two killings on its soil in 2015 and 2017, and joined France and Denmark in alleging Tehran plotted other attacks in Europe. The move, although in part symbolic, marks the first time the EU has enacted sanctions on Iran since lifting a host of curbs on it three years ago following its 2015 nuclear pact with world powers.

**PM TO IRAN: 'GET OUT OF SYRIA FAST, WE WON'T STOP OUR ATTACKING POLICY':** Israel's PM Netanyahu sent a warning to Iran on Tue. Morning, 15 Jan. 2019. Referring to Iran's entrenchment in Syria, Netanyahu said: "I'm telling you, get out of there fast. We won't stop attacking." Netanyahu mocked an Iranian official who denied the presence of Iranian troops in Syria and said that Iran only served in an advisory position. "They always lie. They are lying with that and they are lying when they say their attempt to launch a satellite into space failed," Netanyahu said. The Premier accused Iran of using the issue to cover up their real intentions of developing intercontinental ballistic missiles. On Wed. 16 Jan. 2019 Iran's Revolutionary Guards commander announced Iran will leave all its forces in Syria despite Israel's threats. "Netanyahu, don't play with the lion's tail - because he'll attack," warned the Iranian general. "You have to know and fear that one day the precision missiles will work, and all our facilities and military personnel and advisers will remain in Syria and will not exit. Even if Israel continues to attack Syria - they will only continue to grow."

**USA OFFICIAL CRITICIZES HEZBOLLAH:** The USA State Department on Mon. 14 Jan. 2019 criticized the Lebanon-based Hezbollah terrorist group for digging tunnels into Israel and stockpiling rockets. "While Lebanon has the right to defend itself that is the right of the Lebanese state alone," said David Hale, USA undersecretary of state for political affairs, after meeting Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Saad al-Hariri in Beirut. "It is unacceptable to have a militia outside the control of the state, and unanswerable to all people of Lebanon, digging attack tunnels across the blue line to Israel or assembling an arsenal of over 100,000 missiles with which to threaten regional stability," he added. In Dec. 2018, the IDF launched Operation Northern Shield in order to dismantle terrorist tunnels dug by Hezbollah from Lebanon into Israeli territory. Last weekend the end of the operation was announced after Israeli troops discovered a sixth tunnel dug by Hezbollah reaching into Israel's terrain.

**PRO-HEZBOLLAH ACTIVIST POSTS PHOTOS WITH RASHIDA TLAIB AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Michigan Democrat, was called out Mon. 14 Jan. 2019 after Palestinian activist Abbas Hamideh, a staunch defender of the terrorist group Hezbollah, posted photos of the two of them posing at her swearing-in ceremony in Detroit. Mr. Hamideh tweeted a photo of himself with Ms. Tlaib along with the caption, "I was honored to be at Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib's swearing-in ceremony in Detroit and private dinner afterward with the entire family, friends and activists across the country." Critics were quick to point out that Mr. Hamideh has a history of praising Hezbollah leaders such as Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and declaring that Israel has no right to exist. In Dec. 2015, Mr. Hamideh called convicted terrorist Samir Kuntar a "legendary Hezbollah martyr," days after he was killed in an explosion in Damascus. Kuntar was convicted of murder and terrorism for his role in a 1979 attempted kidnapping that resulted in the deaths of four Israelis but was released in a 2008 Israeli-Hezbollah prisoner exchange. Max Samarov, executive director of the pro-Israel group Stand With Us, said that Mr. Hamideh has a "long record" of incendiary rhetoric. "Just one example: He called Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah 'the most honorable man on earth,'" Mr. Samarov said, referring to a Feb. 2016 social media post. "Hassan Nasrallah has made genocidal threats against Jews, he has actively aided the dictator Bashar al-Assad in the mass murder of the Syrian people."

**ABBAS TAKES OVER AS CHAIR OF U.N. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:** Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has taken over as head of the key group of developing countries at the United Nations, promising to confront "assaults" on multilateralism and pledging a peaceful two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Abbas took over the chairmanship of the Group of 77, a block of 134 mainly developing nations and China. Palestine is a non-member observer state of the U.N. He accepted the gavel Tue. 15 Jan.2019 from Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, the outgoing chairman. Before the ceremony, Abbas reiterated to reporters in Arabic that he will seek full U.N. membership for Palestine, but gave no timetable. In his acceptance speech, Abbas said Palestinians are suffering "under the yoke" of Israel's [so called] occupation. In Oct. 2018, the United Nations General Assembly voted in favor of allowing the PA to chair the group in 2019, thus allowing the PA to act more like a full UN member state during meetings in 2019.

The PA has unilaterally joined international organizations in recent years as part of the diplomatic war it has been waging against Israel and its attempts to achieve international recognition as a state while bypassing peace talks. In 2012, the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the de facto recognition of the "state of Palestine" when it upgraded the PA's U.N. observer status to non-member state. The Egyptian-drafted resolution approved in Oct. 2018 allows the PA to operate as a member state when acting on behalf of the G77 and China - making statements, submitting and co-sponsoring proposals and amendments, giving rights of reply and raising points of order. In recent years the PA has also joined the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has attempted to push for an investigation of alleged "Israeli war crimes" in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

**UNWRA IS A RACIST OBSCENITY:** Through UNWRA, the Palestinian Arabs have received 25 times more aid per capita than did the whole of Europe to rebuild their shattered countries after World War II. And yet, many decades later, Palestinians still use the victimhood card of poverty and statelessness, even though massive funding flows through the hands of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. UNWRA is the only UN refugee agency dedicated to a single group of people. They do not solve the refugee problem. They inflate it. One needs to ask why. Palestinians do not absorb their refugees. Instead, with cooperation from UNWRA, they increase their refugee numbers with each generation. Compare this to Israel that absorbed more refugees from Arab and Muslim countries than the number of Arabs fleeing the Arab-inflicted wars against the Jewish State. On top of this, Israel absorbed millions of immigrants from around the world as citizens. As for the Palestinians, 90% of their so-called refugees were never displaced, therefore should not carry the status of refugees. Another obscenity is that 40% of the 'refugee' recipients are not refugees at all, having been given citizenship in Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. Yet their numbers still appear in the UNWRA and Palestinian Authority ledgers. International funding to UNWRA in 2016 was in excess of \$1.2 BILLION to an agency that deals exclusively with the Palestinians, and ignores the 50 million genuine refugees elsewhere in the world. UNWRA is an anti-Semitic obscenity because it perpetuates the Palestinian conflict against the Jewish State and has no intention of reforming itself to operate as other refugee agencies do, to reduce their number of refugees, and to address the fraud of Palestinian refugee status.



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