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Re: **Benjamin Netanyahu's Speech Before Congress on 24 July 2024**

"Although non-Zionists, the leaders of the American Jewish Committee retained the traditional Jewish religious belief in the restoration of Palestine...The war gave momentum to the Zionist movement in the United States. Indeed, in the summer of 1914, the American Zionist at last acquired a leader of distinction in Louise D. Brandies."

Moses Rischin, "The Early Attitudes of the American Jewish Committee to Zionism", 49(3) American Jewish Historical Society, pp.190-191 (1960).

"لكن غيوم الخريف الاسم الرمزي للقتل – تقضي على أسرة كاملة مكونة من سبع عشرة حياة...تبحث الأخبار عن أسمائهم تحت الأنقاض. ما عدا ذلك تبدو الحياة غير العادية العادية الوتيرة." محمود درويش، روتين.

1. On 7 October 2023 Israel, headed by your invitee Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, launched an unjustified and illegal war against Palestinians in Gaza committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. International Criminal Court's Prosecutor filed an incomplete request for arrest warrant regarding Netanyahu mightily opposed by President Biden, senior members of his administration,¹ Senator Schumer,² nineteen house democrats,³ and members of the Republican party.⁴
2. Biden and his foreign policy's firm rejection of international rule of law with respect to Gaza first manifested in his opposition to South Africa's case versus Israel at the International Court of Justice submitted under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. International law practitioners around the world have charged and continue to prepare law suits relating to Israeli officials and their accomplices from

¹ "Blinken willing to work with Congress on potential sanctions against ICC", *The Guardian*, 22 May 2024.

² Emily Jacobs, "Schumer accuses ICC of 'long term anti-Israel bias' amid Israeli arrest warrants", *Jewish Insider*, 30 April 2024.

³ Marc Rod, "Nineteen House Democrats call for U.S. sanctions on the International Criminal Court", *Jewish Insider*, 31 May 2024. Israel's promoters' reach in congress is overwhelming. See Tom Perkins et al, "Revealed: Congress backers of Gaza war received most from pro-Israel donors", *The Guardian*, 10 January 2024. American Jewish Zionist involvement with Palestine / Israel remains constitutionally and diplomatically improper, out of place, and deplorable as demonstrated by the nature of the group J Street. See Marc Tracy, "J Street Seeks a Middle Path on Gaza. Is That Possible Anymore?", *New York Times*, 8 April 2024.

⁴ See Mychael Schnell, "Speaker Johnson eyes legislation to sanction ICC officials over arrest warrant requests", *The Hill*, 21 May 2024; Emily Jacobs, "House lawmakers pushing to sanction ICC over potential Israel arrest warrants", *Jewish Insider*, 21 May 2024.

various foreign countries, including the United States, seeking their arrest, investigation, and prosecution under the principle of universal jurisdiction.⁵ The legal consequences for American officials are irrefutable.⁶

3. Biden and his accessories have furnished Israel with billions of dollars of military assistance and constant diplomatic cover throughout Israel's heinous international criminality in Gaza. At first Biden and his subordinates denied the nature and scale of Israel's conduct followed by an attempt to engage in domestic political damage control to their initial inexplicable drastic failings while perpetuating their egregious policy. There is more than straightforward evidence linking Biden's criminally culpable grave shortcomings to special interest groups and billionaires advancing Israel's interests.⁷
4. Yet, Biden and his staff have not been alone in their blinded backing of Israel's rogue performance. Overwhelming members of Congress yielded their cooperation. Wilful ignorance, misrepresentations in the media, and Israel's lobbyists' mundane advocacy generated unsurprising and tedious act of Congress from Bernie Sanders rightward. American universities funded by tycoons were not spared from the wrath of Israel's falsifying impact. Domineering wealthy donors solicited their acquiescent university managers. They were justifiably alarmed from an inspiring movement of solidarity with Palestine accomplished by students and faculty faced with the awkward Seinfeldization of the American public sphere.⁸
5. Netanyahu's upcoming speech before Congress is his fourth. Among foreign heads of state only Winston Churchill matches the frequent occasion. No doubt Israel's centrality to the United States is shrouded with burdening mystique. Nevertheless, it is primarily plain and simple power politics that maintains Israel's and its advocates' grip on the leading branches of government of the globe's super power. Israel's genesis is indebted to the preeminence of its champions in imperial and emerging international forces thus its fundamentally colonial inception and illegitimacy. 1917 Balfour Declaration, 1922 League of Nations Mandate, and 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan all adopted contrary to Palestine's demography, history, geography, and authoritative political will.
6. Prolong and illegal, Israel's 1967 occupation of East Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza has been an augmentation of its 1948 - 1966 military regime imposed on third of Palestinians who were not ethnically cleansed by Israeli forces in 1948, rather merely internally displaced or aggressively contained producing dispensable opportunist politicians. It has been defined by mass killings, political assassinations, torture, collective arbitrary arrests, concentrated administrative detentions, deportations, and constant dispossession.
7. Israel and the vast majority of Israelis have persistently denied their own international criminality, the existence of a Palestinian people, and consequently their right to just, palpable, and meaningful sovereignty on all the territories occupied in 1967 without all the settlements and all the settlers whose illegal status endures. Purposeful (as opposed to symbolic) right of return for Palestinian refugees and equal constitutional personal as well as collective rights for Palestinians living in Israel are also necessary to reach meaningful peace but are

⁵ See David Connett et al, "Pinochet arrested in London", *The Guardian*, 18 October 1998. Memories of that era's American geopolitics with lasting effects to this day have not faded: John Bartlet, "Latin America remembers Kissinger's 'profound moral wretchedness'", *The Guardian*, 30 November 2023; Vivian Salama et al, "Biden's National Security Adviser Navigates a World of Chaos", *Wall Street Journal*, 11 March 2024 ("But Sullivan's role, as other officials and experts said, isn't to advocate a policy, but present an analysis of the options to Biden, who listens to advice and makes the ultimate decision. One former official likened it to a debate over the color of the sky: If five people said it's blue, and Sullivan said it's red, what ultimately matters is what the president believes.")

⁶ See Sean Mathews, "US considers fresh legal bid questioning ICC jurisdiction over Israel", *Middle East Eye*, 12 July 2024.

⁷ According to Open Secrets website, Biden is the second most funded American politician by Israel campaigners during 2023 – 2024 receiving \$1,772,619. Haim Saban's interventions for Israel with the democratic party, particularly while Israel carried out its genocide in Gaza have been documented by the American press. See also Neil A. Lewis et al, "Lawmaker Is to Have Agreed to Aid Lobbyists", *New York Times*, 20 April 2009 ("In return, the caller promised her that a wealthy California donor the media mogul Haim Saban would threaten to withhold campaign contributions to Representative Nancy Pelosi, the California Democrat who was expected to become House speaker after the 2006 election, if she did not select Ms. Harman for the intelligence post."); Gene Maddaus, "Haim Saban Hosts Fundraiser for Speaker Nancy Pelosi Amid Impeachment Probe", *Variety*, 5 November 2019. Hakeem Jeffries is 5th on the list of Israel's proponents' donations recipients (\$947,289) and Mike Johnson is 17th (\$442,899). Adelson family still exercises control over the Republican party. Alexandra Ulmer, "Republican mega donor Adelson to back major pro-Trump spending group", *Reuters*, 30 May 2024. Heir billionaire Alexander Soros' engagement with New York form of AIPAC politics is only one of Open Society Foundation's critical problems. Joe Schoffstall et al, "Alex Soros huddled with top Democrats shortly after taking his father's nonprofit empire", *Fox News*, 29 June 2023.

⁸ Barbara Streisand is another entertainer who stood up to criticism of Israel by performing in the country in 2013 invoking her soul-searching identity, few decades after her public long distance phone conversation with Golda Meir which culminated in crowd singing of Israel's national anthem. Michele Chabin, "Streisand vows Israelis, makes headlines for segregation stand", *USA Today*, 21 June 2013.

repudiated by Israelis. No genuine desire to reach reasonable and decent compromise characterize Israel's spirit to Palestine. On the contrary, Israelis from all the political spectrum insolently consider the 1967 occupied territories, similar to those confiscated in 1948 and after, as locations for legitimate capture, settlement, ridiculous barbecue sessions, and vulgar ideological hiking induced and reproduced culturally. Conventional mindset of a repugnant alien colonizer.

8. The topic and methodology of Israeli historian close to Netanyahu who thinks that the historical study of Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel for more than twelve centuries poses enormous problems to the researcher conserve their essentiality to academic, political, and popular rational for Israel's sovereignty in Palestine. Israeli legal philosopher with roots in Mapai's reprehensible ideology and practice of 'Beautiful Land of Israel' confirmed that "[M]ost Israelis believe that the Land of Israel is the property of the Jews." On the other side of the planet, renowned American Jewish political theorist observed that "[M]ost American Jews call themselves Zionists...don't be too quick to give up on Zionism."
9. Israel's settler colonial and apartheid formation, laws, and governing policies are not mere theoretical reflections. They have actual daily manifestations since before the country's inception aimed at grotesquely avowing one foreign identity to the land over another original one. Supremacy, despotism, and consistent brutal psychopathic lawlessness deserve no less than resistance and abolishment. Foreign practice of political murders and regional sabotage has been a well-known subtextual subject among Israelis in and outside Ramat Ha-Sharon and Tel-Aviv.⁹ No source of justification can be derived from duplicated barbarity emanating from insecure ideological propositions. Israel is and has always been essentially and preposterously inequitable, atrocious, and imperious.
10. To ensure just, dignified, and prosperous presence for Palestinians, their past and contemporary grievances and rights must be addressed seriously. The right of return, individual property rights, and reparations arising from Israel's lasting diabolical injustices are required. Subsequently, a rapid process should be initiated the objective of which is to institute an alternative polity to Israel in the entirety of historic Palestine based on international law, constitutionalism, equal political, social, economic, and group rights for Palestinians and Israelis. The configuration of the envisioned future substituting Israel could be one or two states.
11. Jews in the United States and around the world may think they comprise a people, a faith, or both. They might wish to contemplate themselves as ethnic communities in the states where they reside. It is no one's choice but theirs. However, Jews in the United States and around the world did not enjoy nor do they possess today a right to sovereignty in Palestine following Zionist ideology or any other. Herzl's idea of a Jewish state in Palestine remains a vehemently objectionable fanatic ambition. Zionism has no rightful claim and place in Palestine between the river and the sea. Solid and imperishable historical and sociological fact it is unwavering even in the face of influential American Jewish political organization and its adamant alliance with dangerous mode of American religiosity.

Respectfully,



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⁹ See, for example, Tom Segev, "Now it Can be Told", *Haaretz*, 6 April 2006 ("Compared to the terror currently raging in Baghdad, the 1951 bombing barely rates a footnote..."). Exhibitionist reporting by Segev's colleague in *Haaretz* is directive regarding Israel's troubled 'diplomacy of violence': Zvi Bar'el, "Analysis - Not Every Terror Attack Is Al-Qaeda", *Haaretz*, 16 November 2003; Zvi Bar'el, "Explosive Elections", *Haaretz*, 28 January 2005; Zvi Bar'el, "Between Explosions the Ministers Will Be Sworn in Today", *Haaretz*, 3 May 2005; Zvi Bar'el, "Syria Continues its Revenge Campaign", *Haaretz*, 12 December 2005 (Hebrew)("Despite what seems as a twisted Syrian logic, to murder a heavyweight oppositional figure such as Tueni precisely on the day the Mehlis report about Prime Minister Hariri assassination is published, the explanation for it is not complicated"); Zvi Bar'el, "General in Swan's Feathers", *Haaretz*, 23 November 2006 (Hebrew)("The assassination of Pierre Gemayel junior ruined this week's plans for some."); Zvi Bar'el, "Istanbul Explosion Threatens Erdogan's Political Position and Popularity", *Haaretz*, 14 November 2022. Stirring and increasing political tensions seems to drive Israel's permanent regional covert violent activity. See Ihsan Hijazi, "Moslem Leader in Lebanon Slain, Imperiling Peace", *New York Times*, 17 March 1977 (Jumblatt and Pierre Gemayel junior were assassinated by identical methodology 29 years apart); Amos Harel, "MI Figures Out What Went Wrong in Lavon Affair - 55 Years Later", *Haaretz*, 11 November 2009; Tom Segev, "Benyamin Gibli: 1919 - 2008 Shameful Business, Constant Danger", *Haaretz*, 20 August 2008 ("Sadly, it cannot be said that the terrorist actions carried out in Egypt, employing local Jews, was the last shameful business.")