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Ukraine and Putin Remind Israel: You're on your own

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Russia's murderous attack on Ukraine reminds Israel of a truth that the Jewish state's first prime minister, David Ben Gurion, intuited decades ago: When the chips are down, Israel is on its own.

Even before Israel achieved statehood, its Zionist founders were living this existential fact of life affirmed when Britain betrayed its Mandate for Palestine by carving out the majority of Palestine to create Trans-Jordan, and again when it issued its 1939 White Paper, trapping millions of Jews in the European slaughterhouse of the Holocaust.

Ben Gurion and his successors in Israel's War of Independence once again slammed into this hard truth in the Six-Day War, as well as in its many battles against terror groups and in other crises over the years.

Israel knows well there can be mounds of international agreements, cordial declarations, and statesmen's pledges, but when a formidable enemy—or a treacherous ally—disregards these pacts and sentiments, Israel, like Ukraine, stands alone.

Even Israel's best friend, the United States, freely proclaims its “unbreakable bonds” with the Jewish state. But then—as happened with President Obama just months later—betray those promises at the United Nations by failing to veto a Security Council resolution aimed at nullifying Israel's sovereignty in parts of Jerusalem and its communities in Judea and Samaria.

Putin, like all tyrants before him, disregards all prior arrangements in pursuing the re-establishment of a Russian Empire. Ukraine suddenly has become, for Putin, the Third Reich Redux.

Recall that Ukrainians suffered perhaps the worst of Nazi Germany's assault on Stalin's USSR—after having suffered the worst of Stalin's own barbaric insanity.

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Why do Israel's enemies repeat the anti-Zionist slander?
The accusation of genocide is a tool to delegitimize Israel... (text continues with analysis of the slander's purpose)

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Improbably, Ukrainians elected President Zelensky, a Jewish comedian who lost many relatives in the Holocaust. His father was a decorated World War II Red Army hero. Even these facts pose no contradiction in Putin's unhinged narrative about Ukraine's alleged neo-Nazi regime.

Meanwhile, the world expresses outrage, levies limited, mostly toothless sanctions with little short-term urgency, and sends trickles of "defensive weapons" to stop a quarter of a million heavily armed Russian soldiers. Ukrainians may be putting up a plucky defense, but their fate is dubious at best.

As the world dithers in its response to Putin's military buildup and naked aggression, Israel needs to remember that when its survival as a nation is at stake—as Ukraine's surely is—only Israel itself can ensure Israel's future.

Like Ukraine, Israel is facing enemies that would love to see it disappear from the family of nations. Those enemies adhere to an utterly fictitious historical narrative about everything from Jewish history in the Middle East—including whether Jewish Temples existed—to the *Mossad's* alleged deployment of Zionist killer dolphins.

Just as Putin invents a fictional history of Ukraine and alleges atrocities, Israel is regularly accused by malicious NGOs of human-rights violations—even genocide and apartheid—that are manifestly false.

And, like today's Ukraine, Israel has been left to fend for itself when attacked incessantly.

The United Nations in 1947 voted to partition Palestine. But not one of the international endorsers of the plan helped Israel militarily when it was swarmed by genocidal Arab armies in 1948.

None of these UN members would even supply Israel with the arms that were desperately needed to repel the Arab horde invading from all directions. Prophetically, Israel stood alone.

In 1967, the UN withdrew its "peacekeeping" force from the Sinai when Egypt's Nasser demanded it. The UN force, ironically, was removed precisely when an Egyptian aggressor promised a genocidal war. Israel was deserted by all of its "allies," but nonetheless—single-handedly—turned the debacle into a stunning victory.

Israel now faces one of its greatest challenges: a nuclear Iran. Iran has proclaimed that it will destroy Israel. Its nuclear and missile programs are its vehicles to do so.

The elite of the UN—a team of negotiators from the Security Council's permanent members plus Germany—gave Israel's vicious enemy precisely what it wanted: A roadmap to achieving nuclear weaponry, just supposedly delayed by a decade.

Iran secretly continued its program, leading then-President Trump to renounce American support for the toothless deal. Iran now stands just months from

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nuclear “breakout.”

Now, President Biden’s team is in Vienna, negotiating a replacement agreement with Iran that observers expect will be even weaker than the old one, and which Iran will certainly continue cheating on.

The same world order that failed to protect Ukraine from Russia now effetely insists that it can deter Iran from nuking Israel.

It bears repeating: Only Israel can ensure Israel’s survival. Israel knows that this can only be decided in Jerusalem—not at the Vienna negotiations or the New York headquarters of the UN.

No nation can outsource its own survivability. Israel’s best friend, America, is only as reliable as the administration and the sitting congressional majority. Israel cherishes American support, but Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett—like his predecessors—cannot take the chance of suffering the same fate as President Zelensky’s Ukraine.

Please point out to friends, family, colleagues, and your elected representatives that Israel has always maintained its self-reliance. The wisdom and urgency of providing Israel with defense resources—like Iron Dome funding and other military assets—is underscored by Putin’s actions in Ukraine. This support reduces Israel’s vulnerability to its enemies and advances the cause of peace in the Middle East.

Emphasize that Ukraine reminds Israel of the danger of relying on “the kindness of strangers.” In the case of Iran, any nuclear pact that is not verifiably ironclad only assures that Israel will need to act to ensure its future—as it always has.

I hope you’ll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME’s lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME’s new *hasbarah* campaign—which further exposes “[The Israel Genocide Slander](#)” and the anti-Semites who make this false accusation.

Best regards,

Ken Cohen

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P.S. Whoopi Goldberg’s comments recently about the Holocaust underscored perhaps the greatest “public relations” problem Israel faces: Lies, slander and misinformation. One of the greatest of these falsehoods is the accusation of genocide against the Jewish state. Last May, actor Mark Ruffalo tweeted that Israel commits genocide. A college student in a public forum told Vice President Harris that Israel commits “ethnic genocide.” I think you’ll agree that the only antidote to these lies is the truth. To clarify the outrageous accusation of genocide by Israel, FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “[The Israel Genocide Slander](#).” I hope you’ll review this convincing, fact-

based paid editorial, which is slated to run soon in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Orlando Sentinel* and other media nationwide. It spells out why the State of Israel does not and has never committed genocide—and why accusers should be branded anti-Semites. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel—comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider [giving a donation now](#), as you're able—with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To donate online, just go to [donate](#) now. Now, more than ever, we need your support to ensure that the American people, the U.S. Congress and President Biden stay committed to fighting anti-Semitic actions by individuals, politicians and commercial companies.

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