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U.S. tries to interfere in Jerusalem Day parade—Israel says “No, thanks.”

Dear Friend of FLAME:

U.S. supporters of Israel (which is to say a majority of Americans) must be puzzled—and even embarrassed—by the U.S. administration's attempted micromanagement last week of Israel's Jerusalem Day Flag Parade logistics.

In a gesture of unmitigated chutzpah, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Thomas Nides, publicly asked Israel to reroute its Flag March. Nides advised that Israel's expression of pride at the reunification of its ancient capital should avoid the Muslim Quarter neighborhood in the Old City of Jerusalem. Nides believed such a route was likely to provoke Arabs there to riot, and could even trigger missile attacks from Hamas or Hizbullah—as had occurred following last year's Jerusalem Day March.

Israel completely rejected the American request, and the march proceeded as planned with minimal disruption, thanks to meticulous Israeli police planning.

“I understand your concerns,” Israel's Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev told Nides, adding: “We are doing all we can to prevent friction and provocations. This march is a long tradition.”

Then—amazingly—Bar-Lev felt the need to remind the American ambassador: “Jerusalem is Israel's capital.”

Though the U.S. Congress called for Jerusalem's recognition as the capital of Israel in 1995 and set aside funds to move the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv, it wasn't until 2018 under President Trump's orders that the Embassy was actually moved there.

In no place except Israel would a nation's celebration of its own capital city be considered a trigger for criticism by an ally.

But America has a long history of criticizing Israel's sovereign decisions

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The Palestinian Catastrophe

Palestinians mourn Israel's birth with Nakba Day, but the real catastrophe then, as now, is their failure to share the land—and seize the chance to form a state.

Throughout U.S. Representative have proposed legislation to name Palestinian Nakba / "Catastrophe" Day a national observance, for the event commemorates the refusal of Palestinians to accept a Jewish state and what the UN had said was their state for two people. Unfortunately, the refusal continues.

What are the facts?

The annual Nakba Day protests to lament Israel's establishment in 1948. But actually, Nakba Day represents a mythical history of victimhood in which "Palestinian Arab land" was stolen by colonizing Jews. In fact, the catastrophe was the Palestinian own making, specifically their refusal to accept a Jewish state or any of many Jewish offers of land—and a nation—the peace.

Not only does Nakba Day present harmful propaganda against Israel and Jews, but it also continues the Palestinian victim identity. It also flies in the face of the fact that the last 74 years—since Israel's birth—except for a few moments of civil war and even less opportunity to create a state today.

Nakba Day's fundamental premise is fiction. It blames Israel for Palestinians losing their chance to acquire land and establish a state, which was in fact caused by Arab-state rejection of the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan, dividing the territory into two states—one Arab, one Jewish. Unlike the Palestinians, Israeli leaders pragmatically but firmly embraced the UN offer. Thus, Palestinian suffering of blame for their situation depends should not rest on Israel, but on their failure to define Arab unity—and on Palestinian own rejection.

Despite the misleading Palestinian narrative, Israel's Day of Independence was not to state Arab land. After all, no Arab state ever existed in Palestine, and Israel had purchased and negotiated possession of most of the land in its future country. In the U.S. Declaration of Independence was different—against enemies of the Arab Jewish majority interest and the 1948 United Nations Partition Plan.

In fact, the Palestinian state could have been established on the original date of the "Nakba" but Jordan, Egypt, Syria and other Arab states would have Israel of a bloody war "in" the UN City plan. Palestinians would have been celebrating the 75th anniversary of their State of Palestine.

But their answer was "No!" Palestinians Arabs launched a bloody guerrilla campaign against Jewish communities. Palestinian Arabs were crushed by the Arab Arab leaders that Israeli death would follow soon, and many fled. Hostile Palestinians were also expelled by the Israeli army.

When Arab states let the war to destroy Israel, they drove out or killed all Jews resulting in mass they expelled—some 700,000 Jews fled. The UN had said that the Jewish state was to be established in the "Nakba" but Jordan, Egypt, Syria and other Arab states would have Israel of a bloody war "in" the UN City plan. Palestinians would have been celebrating the 75th anniversary of their State of Palestine.

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expected more than 100,000 of their own Jewish citizens. Once the UN's plan was announced, Jews were driven, the new Palestinian Nakba—the meaning the Hebrew—Nagat King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan and Jewish of Egypt and their state established. What was said was that the world had lost one "Palestinian state." What Palestinians lost in 1948/49 was not Israel's land. It was stolen by Jordanians and Egyptian nationalists.

The catastrophe never became long-term, because the Arab League and hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arab refugees into equal refugee camps, adding money for Israeli destruction and their suffering to the Nakba myth. So other World War II era refugees suffered such despair.

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The UN established UNRWA to serve Palestinian Arab camps (temporarily) in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Gaza, yet it still exists. Other than Jordan, no Arab state has offered citizenship and resettlement to the Palestinian refugees. Specifically, no national movement of Palestinians ever arose against their Arab oppressors—only against the Jews.

Arabs resettling in Israel, however, were given full citizenship, and today enjoy democratic election, governmental service and property ownership in the Middle East.

Israel's leader, the mayor of Jerusalem who headed the PLO and the Palestinian Authority until his 2011 death, declared the "Nakba" Nakba Day in 1988. He said that he was the first to create a hate fest to support his false vision of destroying Israel.

Instead of affirming the truth of Israel's founding and the heretofore of the Palestinian Arabs by their neighbors, world governments, the UN and the media were really committed to continuing the self-destructive myth of the Palestinians and their wrongheaded leadership.

Especially Nakba Day with Israeli that no peace with Palestinians is possible via a land-for-peace treaty. As long as we have Nakba Day in Israel, the problem is Israel's existence. It is not the 1947 UN Partition Plan of the Holy Land and its borders are not the Holy Land. Rather, the problem is Israel's existence.

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regarding housing projects and police actions in response to Arab rioting. Even Israeli Supreme Court decisions regarding legal issues like the Sheik Jarrah evictions of Arab squatters from Israeli-owned property have been described by State Department spokesmen as “unhelpful.”

Nides’ boss, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, repeatedly challenges Israel about actions he believes “endanger the Two-State Solution” . . . as if such a solution exists. Even if it did, the Palestinian Arabs and their leaders stand staunchly against *any* permanent “two-state solution.”

Later this June, President Biden is planning to visit Israel. Part of his Jerusalem itinerary includes East Jerusalem and the Old City. Biden’s advance planners have prohibited any Israeli government officials from accompanying the President on that part of his visit, lest it be viewed as “provocative.”

America—and its State Department—seem to have bought the false narrative that Israel dispossessed the Palestinians of Jerusalem (though they never controlled any of it) and that Israel was a colonial aggressor in reclaiming its patrimony. Despite all historical evidence to the contrary, Secretary Blinken and his team believe that if only Israel made sufficient concessions, peace would reign between the parties.

Inflammatory Palestinian actions—like missile attacks and terrorist stabbings—are dismissed by the U.S. as if they were just a young child’s tantrums. Genocidal proclamations and other threats of violence from Ramallah and Gaza are overlooked as mere rants. Washington seeks a shared sovereignty arrangement for Jerusalem and the greater Holy Land. Yet the Palestinians announce in their media and mosques on a daily basis that no sharing is possible.

What began after the 1967 Six-Day War as an exclusive claim by Palestinians to the al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount has now been extended to an asserted Palestinian possession of the entire Temple Mount. America seems unwilling to accept the idea that shared sovereignty of the site with the Palestinians is simply an invitation to perpetual bloody conflict.

Last year’s Jerusalem Day March was rerouted at America’s behest to avoid Palestinian neighborhoods, yet still provoked a missile barrage and an 11-day war with Hamas in Gaza. So much for appeasement.

Unsurprisingly, Israel’s sworn Arab enemies promised missile barrages and terror attacks again if Israel had the temerity to celebrate the reunification of its three-millennia-old capital city.

Hamas’ shrill calls for the “Palestinian people” to mobilize and confront “the storming by the Zionist colonial settlers” of Jerusalem were largely ignored this year.

Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas’ exhorted “his people” to “challenge” and “confront” the Flag March. In PA-speak, these are calls for terror attacks and riots.

Not for the first time, Abbas was largely ignored by “his people.” Other than

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minor confrontations, there was no mass outbreak of violence.

The question looms: Why do so many in the current administration consider the status of Jerusalem—Israel’s capital for three quarters of a century—a controversial issue?

Jerusalem was declared Israel’s capital by Ben Gurion shortly after the 1948 War of Independence. But the armistice lines—the so-called “Green Line”—which were drawn to conclude that war, cut Jerusalem in half.

The ancient and precious walled Old City was in the larger “West Bank” territory conquered and annexed by the Kingdom of Trans-Jordan. It made the UN’s Partition Plan of two states for two peoples null and void.

Under the terms of the UN-brokered 1949 armistice agreement, Israelis were promised free access to their holy sites, including the Western Wall and the Temple Mount itself.

Instead, Jordan built a barbed-wire barrier blockading the Old City, and shot on sight any Jew trying to cross it. Jerusalem was a militarily partitioned city. Ancient Jewish synagogues and even cemeteries were desecrated.

Triumphing over the Arabs’ unsuccessful 1967 attempt to eradicate it, Israel reconstituted its historic capital on its indigenous land. It has restored access to members of all religious faiths.

Annexing Jerusalem after the Six-Day War, Israel made clear that it would never surrender sovereignty over its eternal capital.

It is America and the Palestinians—not Israel—who must adjust to the reality of a unified Jerusalem. It would actually help the Palestinians understand realistic conditions for a peace agreement if President Biden and his State Department would acknowledge Israel’s permanent sovereignty over its capital city.

Please express to your friends, family, colleagues, and elected representatives that unified Jerusalem is Israel’s eternal capital, and America and the world must accept and respect Israel’s policies in the city . . . exactly as they do in other national capitals.

Emphasize that America’s apparent fantasy of a “shared” Jerusalem will never be permitted by an Israel that has seen its ancient capital torn apart, desecrated and forbidden to it so few years ago.

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—“The Palestinian Catastrophe”—which exposes the false narrative of “Nakba Day,” commemorating Palestinians’ missed opportunity for independence.

Best regards,

Ken Cohen, Editor

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P.S. U.S. Representative and “Squad” member Rashida Tlaib has introduced a bill that would make Palestinian Nakba (“Catastrophe”) Day a national observance. The resolution promotes the false narrative that Israel’s statehood in 1948 prevented Palestinian Arabs from achieving independence. I think you’ll agree that truth is the only antidote to this lie. FLAME’s new *hasbarah* message called “[The Palestinian Catastrophe](#)”—shows it was in fact Arab refusal to accept the U.N. proposal of two states for two peoples that created the problem. I hope you’ll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which is scheduled to run in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times* and other media nationwide. It spells out how it was actually Arab states who stole the land designated for Palestinians. 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 antisemitic actions by individuals, politicians and commercial companies.

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