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“Who, me?” U.N.’s antisemite-in-chief Pillay denies any bias.

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After being called an antisemite for her UN commission’s savage, one-sided attacks on Israel in a new report, Navi Pillay protested that “I am 81 years old, and this is the first time I’ve ever been accused of antisemitism.”

Pillay, now Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Council’s “Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Including East Jerusalem and Israel,” has no reason to be shocked at the accusation. She’s lived a long history of antisemitic, anti-Israel activism as chair of the UNHRC itself, as well as her latest star chamber, dedicated solely to prosecuting Israel.

The recent Commission of Inquiry (COI) report blames the Palestinian-Israeli conflict entirely on the Jewish state. The report does not mention Hamas's unprovoked terror attacks on Israel, tens of thousands of missiles rained down on Israeli civilians, nor the Palestinians' refusal to accept numerous Israeli peace offers over decades.

Accusing Israel of human rights abuses using outright lies and half-truths is brutally unfair. But U.N. Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer states flatly that the COI report is guilty of “shameless bias . . . it’s antisemitic.”

Indeed, the very name of Pillay's Commission confirms its verdict will be biased: To call the disputed region of Judea and Samaria (aka, the "West Bank") *Occupied Palestinian Territory* prejudices and cancels any chance of peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

There is, of course, no such legal entity as “Palestinian Territories.” There are only disputed territories in the region that the Palestinians and Israel have agreed in the Oslo Accords to jointly and severally govern. Israel has every legal right to administrative and security control in large parts of Judea and Samaria. The COI fully *disregards* these legal agreements.

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A new report ranks the Jewish state as one of the world's strongest, most equitable democracies—despite headlines full of gloom about its suppression of Palestinians.

democracies—despite baseless falsehoods about its oppression of Palestinians

What are the facts?

Israel remains under condemnation for its alleged treatment of the Palestinian people, and for its continuing occupation and annexation of the West Bank and Gaza, and for its continuing displaced territories. Its stark contrast to such a peaceful and democratic society is the "Democracy Index 2021" by the Economist Intelligence Unit – ranks Israel as one of the least democratic countries in the world, behind a host of the United States, Spain, Italy and some 130 other nations. The index ranks countries according to 51 criteria, covering each nation's performance according to 1) electoral process and pluralism; 2) political rights; 3) political participation; 4) political rights; 5) political culture; and 5) civil liberties.

That Palestinians have been suffering serious war against Israel's existence since the state's birth in 1948. Much of Palestinian suffering results from Israel's military occupation of the West Bank, and its settlements, as well as its blockade of Gaza. Palestinians refused to accept multiple offers of land for peace and a state of their own.

Israel's "nation-state law" has also been unfairly criticized. The law declares that the country exists to fulfill the national self-determination of the Jewish people. It does not, however, in a real manner, asserting that a statute that is not to any limits Israeli democratic liberties. Note that this law does not infringe on the rights of individual Israelis, including its Arab citizens. Unlike the U.S. Constitution, which is a document that formalizes symbols of its people – in this case the

Israel's 2021 ranking shows consistent improvement in its democratic processes compared with the first such report in 2006, when the Jewish state ranked only 47. In the current report, Israel was lauded for its inclusion of an

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Like all countries in the index, Israel's performance in the EIU evaluation was based on the health and performance of democratic institutions among its citizens.

While critics often label Israel a lack of democratic freedoms in Judea and Samaria ("the West Bank"), the report shows that the Oslo Accords have given the Palestinian Authority responsibility for the governance of Palestinians in those territories almost entirely to their respective leadership—the Palestinian Authority and Hamas.

Unfortunately, neither of these Palestinian governments holds regular elections, reports basic civil liberties—like freedom

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According to the COI report, Jews also have no historical rights to a presence in Judea and Samaria. The report ignores Jewish presence in its ancient biblical homeland for thousands of years until 1948, when Jordan ethnically cleansed it of all Jews.

When Israel defeated Jordan in the 1967 Six-Day War, it recovered this territory. Though the Palestinians have never owned or controlled any land in the region, the COI now magically grants it to them.

By any definition, Pillay and her two fellow henchmen on the COI qualify as antisemites.

Pillay herself has accused Israel of apartheid, which she knows is a patent lie. Israel has never had any laws separating or discriminating against its citizens because of race—the key characteristic of South African apartheid. This attempt to *demonize* Israel alone is enough to make the antisemitism label stick to Pillay.

Pillay was in charge of the U.N.'s 2009 Goldstone Report, which accused the Israel Defense Forces of war crimes and crimes against humanity. The report's evidence was later exposed as fraudulent, causing its main author, Justice Richard Goldstone, to disavow it. Navi Pillay, however, has refused to repudiate the lies—another example of her demonizing Israel.

Pillay also supports the hateful BDS movement, which, since it opposes the existence of the Jewish state, is blatant *delegitimization* —another bright marker of antisemitism.

One of Pillay's colleagues on the COI tribunal, Miloon Kothari, just last June inferred that social media are controlled by the “Jewish lobby”—a notorious antisemitic trope—and he questioned the right of Israel to be a member of the United Nations. In response, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield affirmed there's “no place for such antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment at the U.N.”

Clearly, the COI triumvirate is immune to the stench of anti-Jewish bias. Its third member, Chris Sidoti, mockingly said that “accusations of anti-Semitism are thrown around like rice at a wedding.” Except it's not a joke when the hate is real.

No wonder the COI's latest report, just presented to the U.N. General Assembly, was slammed by Israel's U.N. Ambassador Gilad Erdan, who noted that 30% of the UNHRC's resolutions attack Israel—more condemnations than against North Korea, Iran and Syria combined.

Gratifyingly, Erdan's statement was supported by Hungary, the U.S., Canada, Australia, Guatemala, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Germany, among others.

Shamefully, the UNHRC does not fret about China's imprisonment of a million ethnic Uyghurs; Russia's violent colonialism in seizing huge parts of Ukraine; the world's largest population of slaves in Africa; or billions of people living in

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more than 100 nations who are denied basic democratic rights.

Instead, the U.N. focuses inordinate attention excoriating the world's only Jewish state:

- ✓ one of the world's most vibrant and successful democracies
- ✓ one of the most inspiring stories of self-determination by an indigenous people
- ✓ one of the world's most ethnically diverse nations—of which 20% are Arabs
- ✓ one of the freest countries for women and sexual minorities
- ✓ one of the world's most thriving, prosperous economies
- ✓ birthplace of some of the world's most innovative technologies
- ✓ one of the “happiest” nations on earth

Yet tiny Israel has only 9.5 million people—only 7.5 million Jews. All Jews worldwide number just 14.8 million.

Jews make up only about 0.2% of the world's population of 7.95 *billion* people. Fewer than 2 in 1,000 of the world's people are Jews.

With all the injustice wreaked by North Korean, Syrian, Iranian, Russian and Chinese dictatorships on hundreds of millions of people, why does Israel deserve so much attention from the United Nations?

If you try to explain the disproportion of criticism, violent attacks and outright hate expended on the Jewish people and their one and only state—in the U.N. and on the streets of the U.S. and Europe—there simply cannot be any other explanation than racism.

Racism means hateful prejudice with no rational basis. Racism against Jews is *antisemitism*.

Like all antisemites, Navi Pillay will deny her prejudice until her dying day. We can't expect her—or other antisemites to stop just because we call them out.

However, last January, a bipartisan group of 42 House members called for U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken to defund the UNHRC Commission of Inquiry.

Please point out to friends, family, elected representatives—and in letters to the editor—that the United States should immediately withdraw funding for the Commission of Inquiry . . . and preferably for its parent, the decidedly antisemitic UNHRC. Neither deserves our moral or financial support.

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 —"Democracy Thrives in Israel"—which exposes false claims that Israel deprives Arab Israeli citizens and Palestinian Arabs of their rights.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson, President

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P.S. Despite Israel's guarantee of civil liberties and equal treatment for all its citizens—including two million Arab Israelis—Israel is still falsely accused of being an apartheid state. Despite Israel and the Palestinians agreeing that the Palestinian Authority will administer its own civil affairs, including elections, Israel is accused of violating human rights because Palestinians can't vote in Israeli elections. I think you'll agree that truth is the only antidote to this lie. FLAME's new hasbarah message—called "[Democracy Thrives in Israel](#)" publicizes a new, independent "Democracy Index" in which Israel is named the world's 23rd most successful democracy—ahead of the United States, Italy, Spain and 139 other nations. This new editorial message also clarifies that Palestinians' repression is due overwhelmingly to their two ruling dictatorships. (Palestinians are ranked #109 in the Democracy Index—as "authoritarian.") I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which is scheduled to run nationwide in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times* and *San Jose Mercury News*. 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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