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An Oakland City employee testifies to the Oakland City Council, falsely claiming that Hamas is not a terror group and that Israel actually murdered its own people on October 7th. The Council voted to demand an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war.

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*As You Know, We Are
Seeing
Utter Hatred Rear Its Ugly
Head
on American Streets:
Hatred Against Israel and Jews . .
.
and Hatred Against America.*

Make no mistake: The war raging around us targets every one of us—Jews and non-Jews—who love Israel and love the United States.

Our enemies support overthrowing the democratic Jewish state—using “any means necessary”—which means barbaric rape, beheading, incineration and cold-blooded execution. No mercy.

But listen to them: They also say they want to overthrow our entire civilization—values, freedoms, justice—by violent revolution.

These extremists violently attack Jews on campus and on Main Street. They defile synagogues with swastikas—and in mobs of thousands they scream, “Gas the Jews!”

The media, of course, ignore this attempt by radical Islamist and ultra-Left militants to assail Israel . . . and the United States.

Amazingly, as the war in Gaza grinds on, media also still blame Israel for the deaths of innocents—refusing to hold the monsters of Hamas responsible for their savage use of human shields—refusing to demand the terrorists surrender and release all remaining hostages.

As you know, here at home, we’re fighting a vicious

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PLEASE HELP
US!

FLAME is the only organization that defends Israel with

Information War—against the forces of evil and against their media allies—“useful Idiots” who support them.

That’s of course what FLAME is all about: Winning the Information War against the media attacking Israel, Jews and American values.

**We get our power from true lovers of Israel, like you:
Won’t you please join our fight with a membership
donation now?**

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

What shocks me most since October 7 is the explosion of cruel attacks against Jews and the Jewish state based on shameless lies.

- Protesters at the Oakland (CA) City Council looked straight in the camera and told the world, “Hamas never massacred anybody on October 7—*Israel killed all those people*.”
- Tens of thousands of pro-Hamas demonstrators accuse Israel of classic falsehoods—“genocide,” “apartheid” and “settler colonialism”—while major media let the lies pass without comment or corrections.
- Every day mainstream media report the war’s rising “Gaza death toll,” never admitting the numbers are all *unsubstantiated*—fabricated by Hama’s “Health Authority”—part of efforts to force a ceasefire, thus preventing Israel’s total defeat of the terror group.

When we Jews say, “Never Again,” we of course mean the Holocaust.

But after the savage October 7 massacre . . . and skyrocketing Jew-hatred in America—our vow has taken on new meaning and new urgency.

Today, “Never Again” also means we recommit to defending the Jewish people, the Jewish state . . . and the *truth*.

It means we will never give up—we will not stop until we

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placed in media
nationwide every
month: The dire
threats from Iran,
Hamas and
Hizbollah, the
injustice of BDS,
Palestinian anti-
Semitism and more.
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truth about Israel in
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defeat the haters. We must raise
our fists and our voices against
the rising tide of antisemitic,
anti-Israel *slander*.

As you know, at FLAME we believe the most valuable
thing we “regular people” can do to fight our enemies is
to fight the lies . . . and spread the truth.

Unfortunately, since October 7,
the falsehoods against Israel
have been piling up quickly.
Almost as fast as we can refute
them, our enemies invent new
lies, each more vicious than the
last.

It’s the reason FLAME has created a new editorial ad
that I want to share with you here. It’s called “**Israel’s
Enemies Tell Five Big Lies.**”

We plan to start running this ad immediately—full
sheet size, about 8 ½”x 11”—in the *Wall Street Journal*,
New York Post, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*,
Tampa Bay Times and *Houston Chronicle*, as well as in
social media, like Facebook—reaching millions of
Americans.

We can start delivering this message coast to coast as
early as next week . . . but we need your financial help.

(While our media bill will be
about \$135,000, any amount
you contribute will help us. Our
strength lies in tens of
thousands of donors, just like
you.)

**Won’t you please help FLAME
correct the lies and reveal truth
in American media coast to
coast with your **membership
donation** now?**

You can read the full text of this ad on FLAME’s
website at “**Israel’s Enemies Tell Five Big Lies**” . . . but

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I've summarized the Five Big Lies for you right here, below:

**THOUGH MEDIA REFUSE TO EXPOSE THESE 5
SHAMEFUL LIES,
FLAME CAN DO THE JOB . . . WITH YOUR HELP**

While Hamas's October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their positions, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from other of Israel's enemies. Tens of thousands of demonstrators demanded *not* two states living in peace, but rather, "From the river to the sea Palestine will be free . . . *by any means necessary*"—meaning, clearly, slaughter of Jews.

As you know, the primary lies we see in the media are the following five, which FLAME has been fighting for decades—and will continue to battle in today's Information War.

I'm hoping you'll allow us to expose these lies by helping us publish the truth about them in major mainstream and social media over the coming weeks:

Lie #1: Israel is a colonial state that stole Palestinian land. *A colonizer is a foreign nation that conquers and exploits another nation.* First, the Palestinians have never owned any land in Palestine. They were also never a nation. Nothing was stolen. Second, Jews are the indigenous people of the land of Israel. They have lived there continuously for 3,000 years and had two commonwealths for over 1,000 years: They are not foreigners. **No colonial state.**

Lie #2: Israel commits genocide. *Genocide is the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members.* Israel does not, nor has ever, targeted innocent Palestinian civilians for attacks—no mass murders, no pogroms. All Palestinian civilian deaths have occurred as collateral damage while fighting terrorists who hide in residential or other public areas. Tellingly, the population in Palestinian-controlled areas has mushroomed since Israel's founding in 1948—from about 700,000 to seven

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million today: **No genocide.**

Lie #3: Israel practices apartheid. *Apartheid is a system of legalized racial segregation in which one racial group is deprived of political and civil rights.* Israel has no laws or policies separating or limiting the rights of any of its citizens—including two million Arab-Israeli citizens—nor any Palestinians outside Israel. Political and civil rights of all Palestinians outside Israel are controlled by their respective dictatorships, who allow virtually no freedoms, such as speech or the vote. **No apartheid.**

Lie #4: Israel is committing war crimes. *War crimes include torture, hostage taking, acts of terrorism, rape and intentional targeting of civilians.* While Hamas committed all these acts on October 7, Israel commits none. Though some media bristle at what they consider excessive civilian deaths during Israeli military efforts, in fact, Israel attacks only military structures and personnel—never civilian-only targets. Hamas places its fighters in dense residential areas or in tunnels beneath them, endangering civilians. **No Israeli war crimes.**

Lie #5: Israel oppresses the Palestinians. *Oppression is the malicious exercise of power to discriminate against some groups.* Because Israel completely exited Gaza in 2005, it has no power over of the daily lives of Gazans. However, because of Hamas's continuous terror, especially efforts to kill Jews and destroy the Jewish state, Israel and Egypt blockaded Gaza to prevent terror attacks. Likewise, under of the Oslo Accords, Israel and the Palestinian Authority share governance of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), and Israel plays virtually no role governing Palestinians' daily lives. It enters Palestinian-controlled areas only when terrorists flee to and hide in them. **No Israeli oppression.**

**Won't you please help FLAME
expose these lies and publish
the truth in mainstream and**

**social media? Please make your
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**MEDIA, RADICALS AND POLITICIANS WHO SUPPORT
HAMAS**

ALSO URGE A DEADLY CEASEFIRE—WHY?

October 7 was a harsh, tragic, wake-up call—for Israel and all of us who support the Jewish state. Obviously, Hamas's barbaric massacre—the cruel, cold-blooded murder of 1200 innocent people—must never happen again.

Yet today, when Israel calls on its military to put Hamas out of business *forever* . . . radical jihadis on campus—students and faculty—as well as the “progressive” mainstream media, even actors Susan Sarandon and Mark Ruffalo—are calling for an immediate ceasefire.

As you know, crying “ceasefire” at this point is like shouting “Long live Hamas!”

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expose the lies and reveal the
truth in the media with your
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Surely you're old enough to have learned that when the United State mustered all its forces to defeat Nazi Germany, and all its might to defeat Japan—both of whom were fighting to conquer the world—civilians were tragically lost and infrastructure was destroyed.

When the U.S. and its allies hunted down evil ISIS, the global jihadis also hid among civilians . . . and many innocents around them were killed—unavoidably.

Now, Israel is bombing Hamas rocket launchers, terrorist tunnels and military headquarters—all located in residential areas, surrounded by innocent civilians, mosques, hospitals and schools.

Suddenly, Israel is condemned for fighting its enemies—war criminals—in the media, on campus and even by several members of the U.S. House of

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Representatives.

While often these criticisms are accompanied by heart-wrenching photos of wounded Palestinian children—some of the images are fake. Did you see the YouTube video of the “dead” Palestinian in a body bag who was *moving her head*?

But here’s the greatest offense of the media pundits and “peace-loving” commentators: None of them demand that Hamas move its operations *out* of urban centers—so no more children and families will be harmed. What hypocrisy!

Nor do they insist that Hamas release its 138 remaining hostages and surrender immediately—so the fighting will stop. Not a word.

Please join FLAME and tens of thousands of lovers of Israel in publishing righteous story: Start or renew your **membership now.**

**HOW FLAME HELPS ISRAEL WIN TODAY’S INFORMATION WAR.
HELP US SPREAD THESE TRUTHS IN MAINSTREAM MEDIA.**

My friends, I think you’ll agree that the mounting antisemitism and ominous drumbeat of anti-Israel reporting in the media these days is unprecedented . . . and scary.

Believe me: A black storm is gathering against the Jewish people and Israel.

But here’s a bright glow of hope: As you know, FLAME has been at the forefront of the Information War—defending Israel against the wide range of falsehoods her enemies aim at her.

Here are just some of editorial media ads FLAME has run to spread the truth . . . and defend the Jewish state in mainstream media (see hundreds of them under “PR for Israel” at www.factsandlogic.org).

- **“The Israel Genocide Slander”**—refutes the lie that Israel attacks any people because of race or ethnicity and proves world-class Palestinian population growth: This ad reached nearly 5 million people in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Orlando Sentinel*.

- **“Demand Justice for Jewish Students”**—shows skyrocketing anti-Zionist bullying on college campuses, calls to ramp up prosecution of negligent administrators: Delivered to 5.5 million readers in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Houston Chronicle*.

- **“What Is Occupied Palestinian Territory?”**—proves there’s no such thing as “Palestinian territory” and why Israel’s governance is lawful and just: It was seen by millions in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

- **“The Palestinian Catastrophe”**—explains why Palestinians’ real “nakba” was their failure to accept Israel’s many offers of land for peace and their own state: It reached 7 million readers the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Orlando Sentinel*.

- **“Democracy Thrives in Israel”**—disproves accusations that Israel commits apartheid and shows why Israel is ranked the world’s 23rd most successful democracy (ahead of the U.S.): It ran in *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Mercury News*.

**WHY DO MEDIA AVOID TELLING THE OBVIOUS TRUTH
ABOUT HAMAS:
THEIR AVOWED GOAL IS TO KILL JEWS AND DESTROY
THE JEWISH STATE?**

The answer is not complicated: Most media are dominated by leftists who falsely believe the Palestinians want peace and want two states—even though *the Palestinians never say this*.

These media pundits also believe that Israel is

occupying Palestinian land—though in fact, the Palestinians have never in history owned or controlled any land anywhere.

I made the mistake of listening to MSNBC for a few minutes recently, appalled at pundits straining to sound logical while explaining why Israel’s actions over the years have “created Hamas” and “justify” such bestiality.

Yet the justifications these apologists try to sell unsuspecting audiences are fake.

Despite their focus on such seeming political excuses—occupation, stealing land and apartheid—Hamas is not primarily a political organization with political goals. It is a fanatical Islamist group whose goal is to excise the Middle East of the Jewish state and “reclaim” the entire territory.

Let me share with you a few quotes from the Hamas charter—which has not changed in the group’s 18-year history. They irrefutably prove Hamas’s evil motives:

“[T]he Palestinian problem is a religious problem and should be dealt with on this basis.”

“Palestine is an Islamic Waqf (endowment) land consecrated for Muslim generations until Judgment Day”

“The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out, ‘O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.’”

Surely the Hamas fighters hunting down kibbutz members and music-festival-goers as they fled through groves and fields to save themselves must have been inspired on by these murderous commandments from their charter.

Note that Hamas also hates Christians: Shortly after the attack on Israel, Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-

Zahar assures fellow jihadis on [video](#) that “The entire planet will be under our law—there will be no more Jews or Christian traitors.”

Let me ask you: Have you seen any news or analysis in American media about Hamas’s sacred mission to conquer the world and eliminate all Jews and Christians? Of course not.

Won’t you please help FLAME expose the lies and reveal the truth in the media with your [membership donation](#) now?

THE 5 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HAMAS

Here are five more facts that mainstream media *could* tell you, but they don’t:

- ▶ Hamas does not want peace with Israel and has never proposed peace with Israel.
- ▶ Hamas opposes a two-state solution.
- ▶ Hamas opposes the Palestinian Authority and its ruling party, Fatah, in Judea and Samaria (aka the West Bank).
- ▶ Israel does not occupy any part of Gaza and does not set rules or laws for Palestinians living in Gaza.
- ▶ Hamas is an *iron-handed dictatorship* that denies its citizens all civil rights, including the right to vote.

While it’s true that Israel and Egypt have imposed a blockade on Gaza—they did so only following more than 10 thousand missile attacks from Hamas on Israeli civilians.

Americans learn these and other such truths in FLAME’s editorial ads in mainstream and social media—and you can see hundreds of them under “PR for Israel” at www.factsandlogic.org..

Will you please help FLAME fight the liars and haters with your [membership donation](#) now?

WHAT DOES ALL THIS HORROR IN ISRAEL HAVE TO DO WITH YOU AND ME?

When thousands of jihadi missiles rain down on Israelis—when terrorists shoot, rape, decapitate and kidnap innocent Jews . . . as they did a month ago, there's little you and I can do to help directly.

But here's where we can make a difference: We can fight the lies and misinformation.

By joining the *information war*—we can defeat the falsehoods and distortions that threaten Israel and the Jewish people . . . just as seriously as do rockets, machine guns and knives.

Today FLAME's messages telling the truth about Israel reach tens of millions of people in top American daily newspapers and through FLAME's powerful Facebook channel.

**Won't you please help FLAME fight the liars and haters
with your **membership donation** now?**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT ISRAEL TODAY?
PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND RENEW YOUR FLAME
MEMBERSHIP**

**How do we decide that now is the time to act? What
does it take?**

A friend recently sent me this quote from Albert Einstein:

*"The world is a dangerous place, not
because of those who do evil, but
because of those who look on and do
nothing."*

If ever in our lives we were called on to act to defend the Jewish people . . . and the State of Israel—the world's only refuge for Jews—surely now is that time.

Let's not forget the pledge that good people made after Holocaust: We took an oath—Jews and gentiles alike—declaring, "Never again."

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*We will not permit genocide against the Jewish people
ever again.*

So many people say they love and support Israel, but they simply don't know how to get involved. They don't have time or they don't have thousands of dollars to give.

I understand completely. But consider this: You don't have to donate hours of time, and you don't have to donate \$500 or \$100. You don't even have to donate \$50 or \$25.

You see, FLAME is supported by tens of thousands of members.
One by one: We have strength in numbers.

More than 30,000 donors
—people just like you, many who make very modest donations, many on fixed incomes—help ensure our good work.

Won't you please step forward today as someone who cares for Israel from the heart . . . someone who recognizes Israel's importance to the United States and the Jewish people?

Go to [membership donation](#) now.

**PLEASE HELP ISRAEL DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST
HAMAS—
PLEASE HELP US STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH**

I hope you agree that FLAME's editorial messages, which appear in media reaching more than ten million readers—including college students—must continue educating Americans about these and other issues, such as the antisemitic BDS movement on campus.

I hope you also agree that FLAME's editorials spread the truth about Israel—a truth we can't depend on mainstream media to tell.

Finally, I hope you agree that Israel needs this kind of

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public relations—someone like FLAME to tell the inspiring story about the Jewish state—its virtues, values and accomplishments . . . and its strategic importance for our own country.

Who supports FLAME? Our media efforts are made possible by more than 30,000 passionate individual donors who love Israel and everything it stands for. They are people who strongly believe Israel deserves a fair shake in the media.

Thousands of our supporters are of the Christian faith, and we of course welcome their devotion and generosity.

Please be assured that FLAME is an educational non-profit organization and extraordinarily thrifty with the funds that you and other supporters contribute to us.

We work out of Spartan offices, much of our work is contributed pro bono and our part-time office-staff payroll is tiny.

By keeping expenses low, we’re able to publish our monthly messages in major national magazines and metropolitan and small-town newspapers all across the U.S.

We also send our messages, with convincing cover letters, to all U.S. Senators and Representatives, the President, Vice President, Secretary of State and all Justices of the Supreme Court.

Won’t you step forward—help us tell the truth about Israel? Please make your **membership donation now.**

When you start or renew as a member of FLAME, you join tens of thousands of ardent Zionists who realize how precious Israel is to the Jewish people—and the world.

Let me leave you with one thought: The American people must know the truth about these issues—and about Israel’s current war with Hamas. No more lies. No more fake stories.

Remember: The only thing limiting international

persecution of Israel is the United States. We must continue to protect the Jewish state from her enemies.

When you renew your membership in FLAME, you help us continue telling Israel's righteous and powerful story to influential people all over the U.S.—including college students—and to all members of the U.S. Congress.

Won't you go to [membership donation](#) now, while you have this message front and center?

I hope you agree that FLAME's mission is critical and deserving of your generous support.

Thank you very much, shalom and sincerely yours,

James Sinkinson, President
Facts and Logic About the Middle East

P.S.1: Please consider leaving a bequest to FLAME in your will. Your generosity allows us to sustain and expand our voice in more mainstream media, and it secures our ability to support Israel for many decades to come.

P.S.2: *You can play an important role in defending Israel from her enemies—today. This very minute. Please go to [membership donation](#)*

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