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Israeli F-35i and F-15i aircraft flying alongside an American B-52 strategic bomber, symbolizing the deep U.S.-Israel military partnership through the U.S. Central Command. American financial assistance to Israel greatly multiplies U.S. strength in the Middle East.

Mr. Trump, the U.S. doesn't *give* Israel aid—it makes an investment with huge returns

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

In spite of Israel's recent promise to eliminate *all* tariffs on U.S. goods, President Trump has so far refused to eliminate his new 17% tariff on the Jewish state. Last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the White House attempting to persuade Trump to reduce or eliminate this tariff. Trump's reply? "We already give Israel so much money."

Mr. Trump, the U.S. doesn't *give* Israel aid, it makes an extraordinarily high-return investment.

It's true, the U.S. provides Israel \$3.8 billion in aid each year, plus billions more over the last

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End of the Palestinian Lie

For 77 years, Israel and the West bought the myth that Palestinians want peace and a state. The savagery of October 7 was a cruel wake-up that changed everything.

While Palestinian leaders will continue to repeat the lie that they want a state and to Israel, their actions betray this lie. In fact, they pursue Palestinians in Israel they will one day conquer Israel. It's why they have waged constant war and refused every offer of two states.

What are the facts?

Hamas's October 7 massacre, plus murder and torture of hostages, killed the U.S. and U.K. governments. Israel has revealed the exact same against Israel, plus tens of thousands of terror and suicide attacks. Still Israel and the U.S. have never taken any action to end the pain for the Palestinians—all except before Gaza based Hamas's heinous, inhuman in 2023, nearly 30,000 Palestinians were killed in Israel and committed them for medical care daily Israeli government support. Before Hamas's October 7, the majority of Palestinians already support Hamas's attack and Israeli destruction. When Hamas entered the Gaza Strip, it was not a liberation of the Jewish state, but a brutal and unprovoked attack on Israel's civilians. Israel's refusal to negotiate with Hamas is a failure of leadership.

For 79 years, Israel worked for peace with the Palestinians. Instead of a liberation to Israel, everything Gaza was for years advocates of peace with the Palestinians—some of whom drove Palestinians to Israel hospitals for specialized treatment, others who supported employment for Gazans in their own industries. On October 7, 2023, a group of women from Kibbutz Be'er Sheva attacked a major peace conference with a Palestinian women's group. These meetings have been ongoing for 79 years—along with 1,000 other innocent Israelis. On that day, the hopes of millions of Israeli peace activists were shattered, as were those of millions more who sought through a peaceful solution to the conflict. Instead, when Hamas refused Israel's long-term offer and instead they launched a brutal terror attack, as did the thousands of other kidnapping victims, including Israeli family members—Israel's support for Hamas and Israel's refusal to end its remaining trust in the Palestinian cause.

When Palestinians say "no" to the state of Israel, we now believe them. Israel's refusal to U.S. 1947-1948 Resolution for the Jewish and Arab states, Israel's refusal to war to destroy Israel. The Palestinians also refused government aid and peace offers in 1947, 2000, 2001 and 2008. For years, Palestinian leaders have called their people with the cry, "There is no other way but"—advocating for a "two-state" solution.

and Israel and Hamas who have failed to leave. Hamas's charter denies legitimacy of the Jewish state and declares Israel will "eliminate" Israel. Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas has stated, "I will never recognize Israel as a Jewish state" and Hamas has five million descendants of 1947 Jewish refugees have a "right of return" to Israel, which would swamp the Jewish state demographically. Hamas's October 7's mass murder and kidnapping overtook the vast majority of Israeli and Palestinian goals in the extermination of Israel and the Jewish people. This was confirmed by 2024 polls showing 75% of Palestinians supporting Hamas's slaughter and 65% of Palestinians opposing a two-state solution.

Time to stop the Palestinian war on Israeli Dismant, disband, defeat. The never-ending war against Israel—which has killed thousands of innocent Israelis and continues with terrorist attacks on its population centers—must be stopped. Israeli citizens of additional October 7 attacks—and its refusal to release remaining Israeli and American hostages—made this clear. We would limit in taking steps to prevent Hamas's military and political—any future violence on Israel's behalf. While debating Hamas's future will not be easy—especially since they have already and repeatedly among Palestinian citizens—Israel believes ending the group's brutal rule over Gaza will bring a measure of peace to Israelis, Palestinians and the entire world.

End of the lie for Palestinians. Most importantly, ending the lie for Palestinians will bring an end to a violent lie. A February 2023 poll showed 75% of Israeli Jews oppose a Palestinian state, while another poll reported only 15% of Israeli Jews believe peaceful coexistence with an independent state is possible—the needed support to go peace. With Israel's denial of its own history and the Palestinian Authority in power, the only way to end the conflict is to end the Palestinian Authority's denial of its own history and the Palestinian Authority's denial of its own history.

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year and a half due to the current war in Gaza that followed the October 7th massacre. But



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country.

U.S. support for Israel is crucial for securing American interests in the Middle East, because Israel's enemies—Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis—are also America's enemies. In fact, Israel often does the dirty work of combatting these enemies so America doesn't have to. Furthermore, when the U.S. does act directly in the Middle East or elsewhere, it often relies on Israeli intelligence, battle-hardened experience and military cooperation to do so.

U.S. support for Israel also delivers technological and economic benefits for both countries. Most of this financial backing, for example, goes towards purchasing American military equipment, supporting tens of thousands of American defense jobs.

Arguments on both the right and left of the American political spectrum against continued U.S. investment in Israel just don't stand up to scrutiny. U.S. support for Israel doesn't contradict American interests in any way, nor does the U.S. exercise undue influence over Israel because of the support we give it. But suspending investment in Israel—as a tiny contingent of U.S. Congress members have proposed—would severely compromise American security, financial stability and Middle East strategic interests.

If President Trump wants to bolster the U.S. economy and prevent unnecessary expenses, he will *reduce* Israel's U.S. tariffs and *increase* U.S. investment in Israeli military capability and technological innovation.

U.S. investment in Israel helps protect both countries from our mutual enemies. All enemies who seek to destroy Israel also want to destroy America, not to mention the rest of Western civilization. Indeed, the ultimate goal of Iran and its proxies is to create a global Islamic caliphate.

Oftentimes, Israel has saved America the trouble of having to militarily intervene directly to combat mutual enemies. For example, Israel's air attack on Iran last year wiped out much of their missile production capabilities, compromising Iran's ability to manufacture missiles that can be used by it and its proxies to attack the Jewish state, U.S. bases in the region, and Arab allies of the U.S.

The U.S. relies heavily on Israeli intelligence and experience to conduct military operations.

Israel is a world leader in cybersecurity and intelligence gathering, providing the U.S. a priceless feed of classified information about Iran, Syria, Russia, Al-Qaeda, Hamas and Hezbollah. In fact, according to former ambassador Yoram Ettinger, Israel is the most productive external source of military intelligence for the U.S., exceeding all NATO countries combined.

It was the work of Israel's Mossad, for example, that retrieved the archives on Iran's nuclear program, exposing the Islamic Republic's intention to build nuclear weapons. Israel has also assisted in foiling anti-U.S. terrorism and attempts to topple pro-U.S. Arab regimes. Gen. George Keegan, a former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, remarked: "I could not have procured the intelligence [received from Israel] with five CIAs." Note that the annual budget of the CIA is about \$15 billion—many times more than the U.S. grants Israel annually.

Israel's also shares its battle experience with the U.S. For instance, Israel's top experts have trained U.S. special forces on neutralizing car bombs, suicide bombers and improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

U.S. investment in Israel delivers vast technological and economic benefits. Per bilateral agreements, Israel *must* spend 70% of U.S. financial assistance on American military equipment, directly supporting over 20,000 jobs in the U.S. and indirectly supporting thousands of other jobs. Much of the military technology used by the U.S. was developed in Israel. The Iron Dome, for example, which was invented in Israel but produced in America, is now a part of the U.S. Army's defense system. Israel is also second only to the U.S. as an innovative hub of American commercial high-tech, hosting world-class research and development centers of some 250 U.S. high-tech giants, such as Intel, Google and Microsoft.

Arguments against stopping financial support for Israel don't hold water. American far-leftist politicians like Bernie Sanders, who recently tried to halt investment in Israel in the Senate,

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argue that it contravenes American interests. In fact, it's quite the opposite. Israel is one of


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thousands of American troops, [Israel has never requested](#) American boots on Israeli soil, nor will it ever.

Also consider Ethiopia, Jordan and Egypt—along with Israel among the top five U.S. financial aid recipients. They make virtually no positive contributions to America, but rather absorb billions of U.S. dollars to resolve their own [deficits and dysfunctionality](#).

Finally, those who argue that the U.S. exercises undue influence on Israel because of the assistance it gives the Jewish state also have no case. Israel is a sovereign country that has acted against America's wishes on many occasions, For example, the IDF [wouldn't have invaded](#) the Gazan city of Rafah if Israel had heeded the wishes of former President Biden.

U.S. tariffs will harm Israel's economy and make Israel weaker—which contravenes American interests. Trump's tariffs also harm the strong, mutually beneficial relationship between the U.S. and Israel. Damage to U.S.-Israel ties only [buttresses our mutual enemies](#), who believe they can take advantage of tensions between the two countries.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that if President Trump wants to make the U.S. stronger and more financially efficient, he could do no better than to *increase* investment in Israel's military power.

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline [at no charge](#).

Best regards,

Jason Shvili, Contributing Editor

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P.S. I'm sure you'd agree: If your enemy says they want to kill you and take your land, you'd be smart to believe them. If you try to make peace, but they refuse all your offers and continue to make murderous threats, it's time to eliminate this enemy. Israel has faced exactly this danger with the Palestinians—yet continued to hope for peace . . . until Hamas's October 7 massacre and kidnappings. Finally, Israel and many lovers of Israel are facing reality. They've concluded their futile dreams of peace must end. They must finally defeat their Palestinian enemies—starting with Hamas and other jihadi terrorists. I hope you'll agree that we supporters of the Israel-U.S. relationship need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—[“End of the Palestinian Lie”](#)—describes how Israel and the West have for 77 years bought the myth that the Palestinians want peace. It details the many offers of land for peace Israel, the U.N. and the U.S. have made to give Palestinians their own state—all refused. Finally, it explains why Israel must adopt a bold new strategy—disarming, disabling and defeating Hamas and all other terror groups that attack Israeli civilians. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME intends to publish to millions—in leading social media, as well as in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *Denver Post* and *Los Angeles Times*. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, the President and Vice President. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to [support us](#) with a donation.

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