Newscaster: "NGO Monitor" published its latest report this week as it traces efforts by foreign NGOs, especially international human rights organization to conduct anti-Israel activities, especially efforts to prosecute IDF officers and other Israeli citizens abroad. Reporter Jackie Beecham heard from its executive director, Professor Jerald Steinberg about NGO Monitor and the conclusions of the latest report

Professor Jerald Steinberg: We've got a series of publications, the latest focuses on the central role played by the so-called human rights groups NGOs - Non Governmental Organizations in the persecution and prosecution of Israeli officials. General Doron Almog, who was one of our speakers today was not allowed to get off of...
an El-Al plain in London after he’d finished his military service when he was raising money for autistic children and he was going to be arrested and investigated for so-called war crimes. It’s part of the attempt to label Israel the greatest source of human rights violations in the world, and that was led by European funded non-governmental organizations, and we documented this whole campaign.

Jackie Beecham: Surely this kind of event comes to the attention of the government here.

Professor Jerald Steinberg: The Israeli government is busy on other issues, and frankly needs a lot of support when the Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni protested to the Spanish Foreign Minister on the way Spain is allowing its courts to be used for this type of demonization of Israel, she didn’t know and she didn’t mention the fact that the funding for this activity comes from the European governments themselves through the non-governmental community. Also to some degree from groups like the New Israel Fund, most of the donors don’t even known what their money is being used for, but they’re the ones...
who support these radical NGOs

Jackie Beecham: And the latest report that you had this morning in a press conference, has it brought out any recent incident that should be brought to our notice?

Professor Jerald Steinberg: In fact this was a trigger for a lot of these recent incidents. In Spain there are a number of cases that are being started again, Israeli officials buy these NGOs, "Adallah", a group funded both by the EU and by the New Israel Fund has launched a series of attempts to use the court to prevent Israelis from actually going to Spain by threatening to arrest them on fictitious charges of war crimes. No Palestinian terrorists or leaders are ever discussed in this context, what"s called universal jurisdiction is strictly being applied to Israelis, it"s really making a farce out of anti-genocide and similar types of legislation.

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