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2018 ACHIEVEMENTS



-  Exposing UNICEF's partnerships with radical NGOs leads to policy changes
-  Revealing antisemitism of German-government-owned aid agency leads to investigation
-  Government officials around the world rely on NGO Monitor research
-  Sweden confirms the end to its joint funding with Switzerland, Denmark, and the Netherlands, cutting \$20 million over 4 years



NEW FUNDING GUIDELINES



-  Denmark outlaws funding to groups supporting BDS and with ties to terror
-  European Union adopts guidelines for grants in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza
-  The Netherlands will not fund activities promoting BDS

NGOS & TERROR



-  Visa, Mastercard, and American Express shut down online credit card donations for terror-linked NGOs
-  Canada dedicates percentage of new grant to Palestinians via UN agencies to oversight and includes anti-terrorism clause



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Prof. Gerald Steinberg

Dear friends,

When we published last year's annual report, it was hard to imagine how NGO Monitor would be able to surpass the momentous successes of the past few years. Our research led to the shutdown of a \$20 million European funding framework; exposed NGO ties to terror groups, resulting in further cuts; delayed the UN "BDS blacklist"; and put oversight of NGO funding on the agenda of governments around the world.

Nevertheless, as 2018 comes to a close, I am pleased to share with you, our partners and valued supporters, a review of unprecedented impact. In a number of key areas, NGO Monitor has significantly disrupted the powerful NGO industry.

Thanks to our efforts over the past 17 years, there is a revolution underway in Europe. Country after country has instituted new guidelines that deny funds to BDS projects, as well as to NGOs with connections to terror groups or that engage in antisemitism.

An audit of EU funding for NGOs concluded that the EU lacks transparency, especially when the money is transferred to NGOs via the UN. The newfound attention to NGO funding mechanisms demonstrates that governments are beginning to appreciate the importance of oversight. We therefore expect to see continued cuts in funding to groups that promote hate.

We have also, by partnering with UK Lawyers for Israel, seen credit card companies and banks close accounts belonging to NGOs with terror ties.

In the United States, decision-makers use our research to counter anti-Israel NGO lobbying, while the Canadian government has increased oversight of its funding.

At the UN, our submissions and oral presentations are one of the few voices that challenge the anti-Israel chorus from NGOs and antisemitic UN officials.



Prof. Steinberg speaks at the Israel Democracy Institute's conference, December 2018.

And, as always, in Israel we are consulted by Members of Knesset, government officials, journalists, and researchers from across the political spectrum for information on all issues related to BDS, lawfare, and delegitimization campaigns.

We have also increased our presence in the media, both in Israel and around the world. We are also reaching out to the public at large, including through innovations such as our recently launched podcast, "Human Rights and Hot Coffee."

Perhaps the greatest indications of our success are the coordinated, well-financed attacks against us by NGOs and their funders – including government officials, and their political supporters – such as the Palestinian Authority. Our achievements threaten their funding and their unimpeded control of the public discourse.

We will, undoubtedly, continue our work with resolve. When our opponents invent accusations, throw mud, and use antisemitic slurs, our dedicated staff redouble their efforts to disrupt NGO power and funding.

With your support, NGO Monitor will continue to demand real transparency and accountability for many years to come.

Gerald M. Steinberg

DENMARK LEADS EUROPE IN OFFICIALLY ENDING FUNDING TO BDS AND TERROR-TIED GROUPS

On October 5, the Danish Foreign Ministry announced significant new criteria for its funding of NGOs.

These guidelines specifically state that projects that promote BDS, organizations that question Israel's right to exist, and those with ties to terror will not be eligible to receive funds. The guidelines declare, **"The organization and members of its Executive Board and Board of Directors may not be autonomously listed on EU or UN sanctions and/or terrorist lists. Furthermore, they may not be members of entities or groups listed on these lists... The organization must not use Danish funds to finance boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) activities.** Furthermore, the organization may not outsource Danish funds to BDS activities... the actions and communications of the organization must not interfere with the goal of Denmark's commitment to Palestine to support the realization of a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict" (emphasis added).

On October 19, the Danish Foreign Ministry announced grants under its new criteria to NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. All Palestinian NGOs with ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terror group that had previously received grants are no longer receiving funds. Palestinian NGOs that promote international lawfare against Israel were also removed in the new funding list.

The Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen also published an op-ed in the Danish newspaper Politiken stating, "I have also cast a critical light on the support

that Denmark gives to Israeli and Palestinian civil society organizations. The support is intended, among other things, for efforts within human rights and democracy, but there were doubts as to whether the support was abused to pay tribute to terror against Israel. That is why we have now tightened up the support so that it goes to fewer organizations and with sharper control - but we have not cut the overall support for civil society organizations in Israel and Palestine.”

This breakthrough reflects years of NGO Monitor’s detailed research, reports, and analyses, as well as educating decision makers, and builds on developments occurring throughout Europe. For instance, the Netherlands now prohibits funding to groups that “promote hate and antisemitism” and will not finance activities that “propagate BDS against Israel.” Last year, the Swiss Parliament approved a resolution on NGO funding stating that Switzerland will not support groups that promote antisemitism, racism, and hatred. NGO Monitor will continue to urge other countries to adopt guidelines that prevent support for NGOs that promote antisemitism, incite to violence, have terror ties, and/or engage in BDS campaigns against Israel.



Researcher Shaun Sacks presents NGO Monitor research in the Danish Parliament.



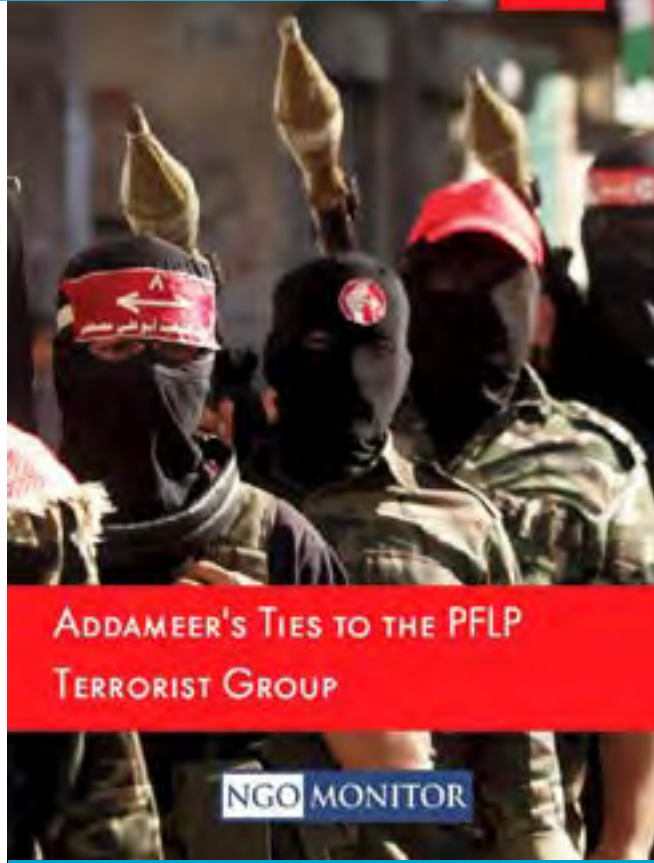
CREDIT CARDS CLOSE DONATIONS TO TERROR-LINKED NGOS

In June 2018, Visa, Mastercard, and American Express shut down online credit card donations for a number of terror-linked NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

NGO Monitor research into [Al-Haq](#), [Women's Affairs Technical Committee](#), [Union of Agricultural Work Committees](#), and the [Alternative Information Center](#) played a critical role in this development, in cooperation with UK Lawyers for Israel.

In addition, in October, Paypal stopped providing services to the British NGO War on Want. A complaint submitted to the UK Charity Commission detailed the group's links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and to Addameer, an NGO affiliated with the terror group.

Similarly, Citibank and Arab Bank closed accounts of Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCI-P), an NGO linked to the PFLP – a designated terror group in the US, EU, Canada, and Israel. DCI-P campaigns for BDS, particularly targeting the IDF, throughout Europe, the US, and Canada, deliberately presenting highly selective and/or false claims about juvenile justice.



UNICEF'S RADICAL NGO PARTNERS

In January 2018, NGO Monitor published ["UNICEF and its NGO Working Group: Failing Children,"](#) exposing UNICEF's partnership with BDS groups and terror-linked NGOs that are working to put Israel on a UN list of the worst violators of child rights. The list currently includes groups like ISIS, Boko Haram, the Taliban, and Al Qaeda.

Among other media platforms, Fox News published a feature article on this report, "UNICEF using biased information to blacklist Israel military, critics say." Israel's most widely read newspaper *Israel Hayom* also featured our research in a multi-page spread.

Since publication of the report, NGO Monitor has conducted numerous meetings with UNICEF officials and representatives of donor countries.

In February, NGO Monitor presented our research on UNICEF to Canadian Members of Parliament and government officials. Importantly, Canada's new funding to Palestinians, which will be distributed via various UN institutions including UNICEF, allocates funds for oversight and includes a strong anti-terrorism clause.

Our research and outreach have also changed the way UNICEF operates. For years, UNICEF has maintained a "target" quota for the number of various "grave violations" that the organization and its partners are supposed to document. NGO Monitor informed UNICEF directly that this practice allows NGOs to baselessly accuse Israel of crimes in order to meet reporting quotas. In UNICEF's latest situation report, it removed the "grave violation target" relating to instances of "killing and maiming of children," "recruitment or use of children as soldiers," "sexual violence against children," "abduction of children," "attacks against schools or hospitals," and "denial of humanitarian access for children." The removal of this target is a positive step towards UNICEF improving the accuracy of its reporting.



NGO Monitor research on UNICEF featured in Fox News.



HEAR ABOUT OUR SUCCESSES FROM THOSE WE MONITOR

“NGO Monitor is behind the requirements for the review of aid to Palestine.”

Swedish government owned magazine,
OmVärlden

“NGO Monitor paints me everywhere as a terrorist.”

Al-Haq General Director
Shawan Jabarin, has ties
to the PFLP terror group

“ NGO Monitor has changed the debate. They have succeeded in persuading the public and politicians that foreign public funding is by definition a problem, while private funds, on which the majority of the organizations that support the occupation run, are okay.”

Senior official at B'Tselem, Sarit Michaeli

“ Steinberg has been very effective. He has in fact swayed European donors to believe that what [NGOs] are doing is corrupt or who knows what. ”

Professional NGO resource development official quoted in the New York Jewish Week

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**Here's a well-known secret about @ngomonitor:
their database of donors is the best....**

I use it every week.

Thanks for your help NGO Monitor!

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Executive Director of Hamoked, Jessica Montell

“

It is necessary to draw attention to NGO Monitor-what is it and who supervises this institution? Who finances it? What is the nature of its connections with the Israeli Prime Minister's Office? What is its function and objectives, and what is the Palestinian role in dealing with it?”

Meeting of Palestinian Authority officials and Palestinian civil society leaders in Ramallah

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They personally contact the donors and ask, 'why are you funding anti-Israel organizations?'

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International Relations official at
Association for Civil Rights in Israel

“You must be borrowing your talking points from NGO Monitor.”

Human Rights Watch Director of Middle East and North Africa Division, Sarah Leah Whitson, on Al Jazeera

The background of the image features a large European Union flag with its characteristic blue field and twelve yellow stars. The flag is waving in the wind. In the background, a modern, curved building with large glass windows is visible under a cloudy sky. The overall tone is professional and institutional.

EUROPE

2018 was an impressive year for NGO Monitor in Europe, with our work generating impact across the continent.

Our research and activities led to significant changes in the way European governments approach funding to NGOs, resulting in enhanced levels of oversight, transparency, and accountability.

EUROPEAN UNION

In March, the EU adopted important NGO funding guidelines for EU-funded activities in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza, stating that “Particular attention will however be paid to prevent that EU-supported civil society organisations are also engaged in activities inciting to hatred and/or violence. Eligibility conditions of the calls for proposals ...will include strict compliance with the EU Framework Decision on racism and xenophobia.” This followed ongoing NGO Monitor reports, diplomatic briefings, and freedom of information requests on this issue.

In April, NGO Monitor and the European Jewish Congress held an event on “EU Cultural and Educational Projects in Third Countries - Are We Promoting EU Values?” The event was hosted by three major political blocs in the European Parliament. The panel included NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch, CEO of IMPACT-se Marcus Sheff, and Project Officer for Cultural Diplomacy Platform Guillemette Madiner. Olga Deutsch discussed our new research findings on European funding for Palestinian “cultural resistance” (meaning terror and incitement).

In July, NGO Monitor published an op-ed in EP Today, a monthly news magazine for the European Parliament, which focused on government donations to the Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO) that support anti-normalization between Israelis and Palestinians. The article had a direct impact on the funders, and PNGO removed material cited in NGO Monitor’s article from its website.

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Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch and IMPACT-se CEO Marcus Sheff present our research in the European Parliament, April 2018.

NGO Monitor also published a report on Palestinian NGOs exploiting women's rights. The report argues that these groups are furthering a rejectionist and politicized narrative of the Arab-Israeli conflict—often with funding from the EU and UN. The report demonstrates that women's rights groups are pressured into pursuing an extreme agenda that forbids any normalization with Israel, discourages the adoption of "liberal" ideals, and encourages girls and women to engage in violence.

On December 18, "a special report released by the European Court of Auditors" (ECA) confirmed NGO Monitor's concerns about EU transparency in funding, finding that there is a severe transparency deficiency in EU funding to NGOs.

The ECA report notes that the EU "was not sufficiently transparent regarding the implementation of EU funds by NGOs" and "does not have comprehensive information on all NGOs supported" by taxpayer funds. Additionally, EU funding via the United Nations is particularly non-transparent and unaccountable. According to the report, "UN bodies' procedures for selecting NGOs lacked transparency" and "the UN bodies directly awarded sub-grants to NGOs without adhering to their own internal procedures."

This report is an important step in ensuring not only transparency in the use of EU public funds in support of NGOs, but also effectiveness in development aid. The ECA report will help facilitate in-depth discussion on how to empower civil society without wasting EU funds.

FRANCE

On December 5, France announced it would award a human rights prize to two politicized NGOs, Al-Haq and B'Tselem. The Palestinian NGO Al-Haq is active in lawfare and BDS campaigns against Israel, in violation of French anti-boycott law. Al-Haq's General Director also has ties to the PFLP terror group. Upon the announcement that it would receive the prize with Al-Haq, B'Tselem stated "We share the same values as Al-Haq..."

Le Monde

Controversy over France's human rights prize awarded to two Israeli and Palestinian NGOs

12.10.2018 | Piotr Smolar and Marc Semo

December 10, Controverse autour du prix des droits de l'homme décerné par la France à deux ONG israélienne et palestinienne: "De source israélienne, on indique qu'un homme aurait joué un rôle important dans le renoncement de ... de France ont suivi les autorités israéliennes, reprenant même, dans le cas du Conseil représentatif des institutions juives de France (CRIF), les publications de l'organisation israélienne NGO Monitor."

Following NGO Monitor research exposing Al-Haq's ties to the PFLP and efforts by our partners in France, the French Justice Minister Nicole Belloubé chose not to participate in the award ceremony. NGO Monitor research was cited in the leading French Newspaper *Le Monde*.

Last year, NGO Monitor uncovered information showing that the [Jewish French Union for Peace](#) (UJFP) received funding from the French government for a project against racism. Abusing this government budget, UJFP published a book demonizing Israel and making false accusations against Israel and France. It also posted video clips that compare Zionism to Nazism and allege that Zionism is antisemitic. NGO Monitor alerted parliamentarians, Jewish organizations, and journalists. Parliamentarians submitted questions and inquiries on this issue, and our research was published in the well-known French magazine *Causeur*. Following our efforts, in February, the French government asked that its logo be removed from the UJFP website, halted the grant, and demanded the return of funding that was already disbursed.

France

The French government asked that its logo be removed from the UJFP website

CAUSEUR.fr

The UJFP, state-subsidized anti-Zionism

02.07.2018 | Luc Rosenzweig and Vincent Chebat

L'UJFP, l'antisionisme subventionné par l'Etat, 7 Février 2018: "L'attribution à l'Union juive française pour la paix (UJFP) de plusieurs dizaines de milliers d'euros d'aides publiques en provenance du Commissariat général à l'égalité des territoires (CGET), placé sous la tutelle du Premier ministre, relève-t-elle du registre pénal?"



In March, NGO Monitor French Researcher Vincent Chebat met with the former Prime Minister of France Manuel Valls in Jerusalem. They discussed NGO Monitor's research on anti-Israel and antisemitic NGOs that receive French government funding and ways in which to address this issue, thereby expanding our impact.

In June, Member of Knesset Amir Ohana accompanied NGO Monitor's Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch and Vincent Chebat on a trip to France. They presented our new report on French government funding to NGOs to the Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France (CRIF), the leading Jewish organization in France, and to a number of Members of Parliament in France. NGO Monitor now has an ongoing partnership with CRIF, which will be instrumental in changing NGO funding policies. NGO Monitor is also seen as the go-to source in France for all information regarding these issues.

In October, Olga and Vincent again travelled to Paris and participated in ELNET's first International Policy Conference in Paris. Several Israeli and international government officials also took part in the conference, including French Minister of the Economy and Finance Bruno Le Maire. NGO Monitor international board members Col. Richard Kemp and Elliott Abrams (a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations), also participated.



Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch presents NGO Monitor research in the European Parliament, April 2018. ▲



Researcher Vincent Chebat meets with Former French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, March 2018. ▲

UNITED KINGDOM

NGO Monitor research was quoted and utilized by British MPs during a Parliamentary debate on child detention. Our research exposed disinformation and propaganda spread by terror-affiliated NGOs, while highlighting the context of PA-sanctioned incitement to violence amongst children.

In response to NGO Monitor's research on incitement by the Palestinian NGO Ma'an, which receives funding from the British government, the Minister responsible for the funding indicated that no additional grants would be provided to the group.

SWEDEN

In August, OmVärlden, a Swedish magazine owned by the government's International Development and Cooperation Agency (SIDA), published a series of 20 articles attacking NGO Monitor. This assault is yet another indication of the impact of NGO Monitor's research in exposing details of funding to groups that promote antisemitism, incite violence, and glorify terror. The government officials and NGOs that are involved, as well as their allies, are clearly seeking to intimidate and block this important debate and prevent hate-promoting groups from losing funds.

The articles published in OmVärlden consist largely of innuendo and factual inaccuracies, and, most alarming, were accompanied by antisemitic motifs reminiscent of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The series also highlights Swedish-government funding to antisemitic and terror-linked NGOs. Notably missing from the 20 articles in OmVärlden is any reference to the absence of due diligence regarding the \$36 million that Sweden has provided to political NGOs in the region since 2016.

Following a complaint to the Swedish press ombudsman, OmVärlden removed some of the antisemitism and fixed one defamatory statement, but did not apologize. NGO Monitor is appealing the decision of the ombudsman and will pursue our claims in other civil rights frameworks.

Sweden OmVärlden published a series of 20 articles attacking NGO Monitor



Screenshot from Omvärlden featuring Prof. Gerald Steinberg in a web with other decision makers.



Then the Israeli right-wing hijacked the aid debate on Palestine

09.30.2018 | Lotta Schüllerqvist and Mats Gezelius

Påverkansarbetet allt mer omfattande, 3 September 2018: OmVärlden har i en serie artiklar granskat den israeliska organisationen NGO Monitor och hur den systematiskt söker påverka parlamentsledamöter i flera EU-länder, däribland Sverige.



ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

In November, Prof. Steinberg and Olga Deutsch published an article in the International Institute for Counter-terrorism, ["Civil Society Organizations: Non-Traditional Actors in the Process of Radicalization"](#), examining the role of civil society in radicalization.

In September, Prof. Steinberg and Olga presented our research on current trends in radicalization and de-radicalization at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism's 2018 World Summit on Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya.



Prof. Gerald Steinberg speaks on a panel at the American Jewish Committee's conference in Jerusalem. ▲



Europe

Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch presents our research on Nagorno-Karabakh and EU peace-building efforts, December 2018. ▲



Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch speaks at the International Institute on Counter-Terrorism World Summit. ▲



Researcher Shaun Sacks speaks at Med Israel for Fred in Norway. ▲



ISRAEL

In 2018, NGO Monitor had significant impact in Israel. We published a number of new reports, participated in regular sessions in the Knesset, were featured on Israel's major news networks, and engaged with students across the country.

NGO Monitor is Israel's leading source of information on NGOs and their donors. Our researchers are regularly approached with requests by Members of Knesset, government officials, journalists, and researchers from across the political spectrum for information on all issues related to BDS, lawfare, and delegitimization campaigns.

Our impact in Israel is paralleled by acute concern by the Palestinian Authority about our growing accomplishments. In May, the Palestinian newspaper *Donia al-Watan* reported on a meeting of Palestinian Authority officials and Palestinian civil society leaders at the Palestinian Center for Social and Economic Policy Planning in Ramallah. The meeting agenda touched on funding to Palestinian NGOs and the role of NGO Monitor in contributing to losses in fiscal support. They discussed the intense need to "draw attention" to NGO Monitor's role in drastically reducing funding to a number of Palestinian NGOs and complained about our successful "branding [of] the slogans and the Palestinian national struggle as incitement and encouraging violence."

دنيا الوطن

متابعة الدعم الدولي تختتم حلقة نقاش بعنوان "التسميات الوطنية"

Donia al-Watan | 5.07.2018

متابعة الدعم الدولي تختتم حلقة نقاش بعنوان "التسميات الوطنية"، ضرورة تسليط الضوء على ال monitor NGO، من هي وإلى من تتبع هذه المؤسسة، ومن هم الممولين لهذه المؤسسة، وماهي طبيعة العلاقة ما بينها وبين مكتب رئيس الوزراء الاسرائيلي، وما دورها واهدافها؟ وما هو الدور الفلسطيني بالتصدي لها؟

GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

In Israel, NGO Monitor's key strategy is to publish in-depth research about Israeli and Palestinian NGOs. This year, we focused on BDS activity by Adalah in the US; EU manipulation of Israeli democracy; analysis of New Israel Fund grants to political NGOs; and reports on the PFLP-linked NGOs Addameer and DCI-P.

NGO Monitor research was featured on the front page of *Israel Hayom*, the most widely distributed newspaper in Israel. The article discussed a €270,000 grant from the European Union to Yesh Din for a project aimed at the

prosecution of individual IDF soldiers and the disruption of anti-terror operations. Following NGO Monitor's exposure of this issue, a number of Israeli officials condemned the EU funding and discussed possible responses. As the debate expanded, our experts were interviewed on Israel Channel 20 (Hebrew), Studio Qualita Radio (French), ILTV (English), and other TV and radio stations. *Israel Hayom* also ran a follow-up piece the next day.



Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni speaks at NGO Monitor's event at the Jerusalem First Station. ►



ישראל היום

EU funding legal proceedings against IDF soldiers, watchdog group finds

6.17.2018 | Ariel Kahana

NGO Monitor: EU gives \$290,000 to a program headed by three leftist groups seeking to eradicate the "culture of impunity" among Israeli security forces

- Groups deny that initiative seeks to prosecute Israeli soldiers
- Move may compromise Israel in The Hague.



Researcher Odelya Azulay presents NGO Monitor research at the Knesset. ▲

In November, the Israeli newspaper *Makor Rishon* reported that in meetings with Dutch representatives there was discussion about a drastic drop in European funding for Israeli and Palestinian organizations due to NGO Monitor's research. Yesh Din representatives stated that "since 2016 we have seen our budget and that of many other organizations shrinking by more than 15%."

NGO Monitor also published a second report in June on 39 Israeli NGOs that received half a billion shekels in 2012-2016. Our research revealed that 60% of the funding came from foreign governments. The report initiated a contentious debate in Israel about the role of foreign funding to civil society.

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In June, we published a report on the NGO network behind BDS in Latin America, NGO Monitor's first exposé of this worrying phenomenon. We presented our research to politicians and representatives of Latin American civil society. As a result, NGO Monitor was the go-to source of information when Argentina's soccer team canceled its friendly match in Israel. NGO Monitor was interviewed on Channel 2 and led the discourse on the wider BDS efforts taking place in Argentina.



Prof. Gerald Steinberg and former Israeli Ambassador to Canada, Rafi Barak. ▲



Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin at an event held at the President's residence in Jerusalem. ▲

ENGAGING WITH THE ISRAELI PUBLIC

NGO Monitor continues to engage with civil society and students across Israel. Our experts spoke at Bar Ilan University, Haifa University, and Ariel University.

We also held two events at Jerusalem's First Station in order to engage young Israelis about NGO Monitor's important work. In April, NGO Monitor Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni presented on "Everything you don't know about the campaign against Israel." In July, NGO Monitor hosted a book launch in Jerusalem, where NGO Monitor board member and former Member of Knesset Einat Wilf and journalist Adi Schwartz discussed their new book, "The War of the Right of Return."

In October, Itai participated in a young professionals NATO conference in Slovenia, moderating a panel and workshop on "Returning Foreign Fighters, NGOs, and Terrorism."



Prof. Gerald Steinberg speaks at the Israel Democracy Institute, December 2018. ▲

NORTH AMERICA

Our goal in North America is to establish guidelines to reduce funding to organizations that support demonization campaigns and to curtail the influence of anti-Israel and terror-linked NGOs in government. These aims are pursued by developing relationships with decision makers, conducting research into funding sources for BDS organizations, and working with local partners to exert pressure on BDS funders to end their support.

UNITED STATES

NGO Monitor provided a detailed analysis of proposed legislation introduced by US Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) “to prevent United States tax dollars from supporting the Israeli military’s ongoing detention and mistreatment of Palestinian children.”

NGO Monitor research highlighted the many false NGO claims in the bill, aiding partners in Washington in combating this inaccurate and antagonistic legislative proposal.

NGO Monitor has also presented American officials with a detailed assessment of the forthcoming UN BDS blacklist of companies doing business in Israel and across the 1949 Armistice line. Legislation was introduced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, seeking to prevent completion of this UN campaign.

In March, NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch spoke on a panel at the AIPAC Policy Conference alongside EU Coordinator for Combatting Antisemitism Katharina von Schnurbein and journalist James Kirkchick. The three discussed developments in anti-Zionism and other forms of antisemitism, including the central role of NGOs.

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Deputy Editor Becca Wertman meets with MP Anthony Housefather and MP Michael Levitt at the Canadian Parliament, February 2018.

CANADA

In February, Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Deputy Editor Becca Wertman traveled to Canada to present our report [“UNICEF and its NGO Working Group: Failing Children”](#) to members of the Canadian Parliament. Prof. Gerald Steinberg highlighted the importance of greater oversight over Canada’s funding to UN agencies and to UNICEF in particular, to ensure that humanitarian projects are carried out by neutral and impartial humanitarian organizations. Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Wertman also discussed Canadian oversight for funding to UNICEF in meetings with MPs from the Liberal, NDP, and Conservative parties, as well as with Senators and high-level officials from Global Affairs Canada. Canada will dedicate 1.5% of its new grant to Palestinians via UN agencies to oversight and included an anti-terrorism clause in the grant.

Since these meetings, both Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Wertman have continued to discuss these issues with parliamentarians on a regular basis. We are also working closely with our Canadian partners at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to ensure the issue of oversight is seen as a priority for the government. Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Wertman have also met and discussed this issue with Canadian Ambassador to Israel Deborah Lyons.

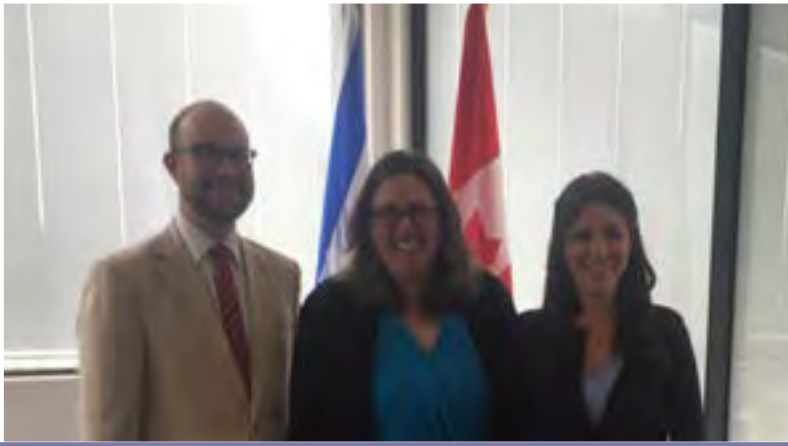
In October, Ms. Wertman traveled to Ottawa to educate Members of Parliament and government officials about new grants to Palestinian NGOs. Becca also traveled to Montreal where she spoke to students at four high schools and Hillel of Montreal about the organizations and funders behind BDS campaigns. More than 250 students attended her presentations.

The Canadian Embassy and Ambassador Deborah Lyons publicly thanked NGO Monitor for sharing our knowledge with the diplomatic community.



Deputy Editor Becca Wertman presents NGO Monitor research at high schools in Montreal. ▲

Deputy Editor Becca Wertman meets with MP Garnett Genuis at the Canadian Parliament, February 2018. ►



Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg, Deputy Head of Mission of the Canadian Embassy in Israel Anthony Hinton, and Founder and CEO of Innovation: Africa Sivan Yaari at our event in the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv, April 2018. ◀

In April, the Canadian Embassy in Israel hosted NGO Monitor and Innovation: Africa in a discussion on “Considerations and Challenges in Delivering Humanitarian Assistance.” Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg spoke to an audience of members of the diplomatic community in Israel about the humanitarian principles and how they serve as a guide for humanitarian work. The Canadian Embassy and Ambassador Deborah Lyons publicly thanked NGO Monitor for sharing our knowledge with the diplomatic community.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Prof. Steinberg and Becca Wertman's article "[Value Clash: Civil Society, Foreign Funding, and National Sovereignty](#)" was published in the January-March 2018 issue of *Global Governance*. The article analyzes how foreign-funded NGO advocacy can be perceived as infringing on the prerogatives of the state, national sovereignty, and the democratic process.

In June, Becca traveled to Florence, Italy to participate in a conference, "The Politics of Interdependence," hosted by the ECPR Standing Group on International Relations. Becca presented her research comparing UNICEF's NGO partners in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza to those in Afghanistan, and the resulting effects such partnerships have on the organization's programs.



Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Deputy Editor Becca Wertman meet with MP Murry Rankin in the Canadian Parliament, February 2018. ▲



Deputy Editor Becca Wertman presents NGO Monitor research at the Politics of Interdependence Conference in Florence, Italy, June 2018. ▲



Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Uzi Rubin at the Halifax International Security Forum, November 2018. ◀



Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch speaks on a panel at the AIPAC Policy Conference with James Kirchik and Katharina von Schnurbein, March 2018. ▲



LAWFARE

Lawfare is the exploitation of courts in democratic countries in order to harass Israeli officials with civil lawsuits and criminal investigations for “war crimes,” “crimes against humanity,” and other alleged violations of international law. While NGOs claim these initiatives are about obtaining “justice” for Palestinian victims, they are actually part of the larger political warfare campaign that seeks to demonize and delegitimize Israel in the international arena.

UNITED NATIONS

Over the past two years, NGO Monitor efforts have played a central role in delaying the publication of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) discriminatory “BDS blacklist” of companies doing business with Israel. NGO Monitor repeatedly warned that there were significant due-process issues related to this blacklist and in 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights sent a letter to the UNHRC requesting a delay. Following the pattern set in 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights announced a further delay in 2018, stating that the list of companies will be published in a “future update.” NGO Monitor’s materials on this issue were featured in Fox News, the Associated Press, and the Times of Israel.

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On March 19, NGO Monitor Legal Adviser Anne Herzberg addressed the UNHRC, [exposing the antisemitic rhetoric](#) in the latest report from Michael Lynk, the UN Special Rapporteur on “the occupied Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.” In response, the President of the Council rebuked Ms. Herzberg for daring to criticize Lynk. The representative from “The State of Palestine” also called a point-of-order after Ms. Herzberg’s speech arguing that the President should not allow pro-Israel voices to be heard. Ms. Herzberg spoke during other Council sessions highlighting the need for the UN to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Association definition of antisemitism. Ms. Herzberg appeared at a side event hosted by UN Watch speaking about the UN reporting process. Her trip also involved several high level meetings with senior UN and government officials.



Legal Adviser Anne Herzberg exposes the antisemitic rhetoric in UN Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk’s report at the UN Human Rights Council, March 2018. ▲

In May, NGO Monitor delivered a speech and a statement to the Council during the Special Session on the Gaza Border Riots. These contributions highlighted the double standards and waste of resources relating to the Council's work on Israel. Ms. Herzberg also sent a letter to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination condemning its one-sided attack on Israel's response to the border riots, while at the same time, ignoring attacks on Israeli civilians and Palestinian incitement.

In July, NGO Monitor Deputy Editor Becca Wertman traveled to Geneva to address the UNHRC. In her three speeches to the Council, Becca discussed the UN's bias against Israel and the need for systematic reform, the Council's indifference to Palestinian exploitation and abuse of children, and the Palestinian Authority's promotion of antisemitic and violent content.

NGO Monitor also alerted UN Member States to the Palestinian Authority's nomination to the Committee on the Rights of the Child of an individual who works for a Palestinian NGO with ties to the PFLP terror group. He came in last place in the vote.



Deputy Editor Becca Wertman speaks at the UN Human Rights Council, July 2018. ◀



SUBMISSIONS

In November, Ms. Herzberg traveled to Geneva to present NGO Monitor's submission to the Commission of Inquiry on the Gaza Border riots. NGO Monitor's submission provided fact-finding recommendations to the Commission and highlighted the many violations committed by Palestinian actors. Our submission built upon previous correspondence with the Commission and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and was featured in the Daily Wire. Ms. Herzberg also participated in the UN's annual Business and Human Rights Forum and conducted meetings with UN and government officials.

In July, NGO Monitor presented a submission to the 70th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women "CEDAW" for its review of "State of Palestine." In May, NGO Monitor presented two submissions, one to the Secretary General for the report on the Implementation of a resolution to "combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related tolerance" and one to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination regarding the Gaza riots.



NGOS MANIPULATING ISRAELI COURTS

In August, NGO Monitor published, [“Flooding the Courts: The Norwegian Refugee Council’s European Funded Proxy War.”](#) The report details the UK, EU, and UN funding to the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) for massive unprecedented political campaigns exploiting the Israeli legal system.

In June, NGO Monitor submitted an amicus brief in *Omar Shakir and Human Rights Watch v. the State of Israel*. The case concerned the decision by Israel to deny Shakir’s request to extend his work visa, and the appeal by Shakir and HRW. Our brief provided the facts about their BDS advocacy that Shakir and his lawyer were hoping would go unnoticed by the court. For instance, Shakir attempted to attend a 2017 FIFA board meeting for the purpose of sanctioning the Israel Football Association. HRW published multiple statements calling for sanctions against and divestment from Israel’s banking industry. The brief also highlights Shakir’s personal identification with what he calls “our movement” for BDS.

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EVENTS

In June, NGO Monitor hosted a book launch at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center, along with the Hague Initiative for International Cooperation and the European Coalition for Israel. The book, *Israel on Trial*, reviews international law regarding self-determination, statehood, territorial sovereignty, human rights, and the right to self-defense. Both Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Herzberg spoke at the event.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

In June, Prof. Steinberg and Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg published in the Israel Law Review, [“NGO Fact-Finding for IHL Enforcement: In Search of a New Model”](#) examining the fact-finding methodologies employed by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. The paper expands upon a presentation made by Prof. Steinberg and Ms. Herzberg in 2016 at the 11th Annual Minerva Center-International Committee for the Red Cross Conference on International Humanitarian Law at Hebrew University.



Prof. Steinberg speaks at NGO Monitor's book launch at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center, June 2018. ▲



COMMUNICATIONS

NGO Monitor continues to focus on growing our media presence, to ensure that our research reaches the eyes and ears of decision makers around the world. This year, our research appeared in media outlets in over 50 countries, and was featured in leading newspapers, TV networks, and radio newscasts around the globe. NGO Monitor also significantly enhanced our social media presence, increasing our number of followers on both Facebook and Twitter. These efforts have led to NGO Monitor experts being quoted in a wide range of media, allowing our issues to be at the forefront of public debate.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

NGO Monitor research appeared in the Associated Press, *The Washington Post*, *The Forward*, *BILD*, *Basler Zeitung*, and more. With hundreds of appearances in newspapers around the globe, NGO Monitor has become the go-to source for journalists on issues related to BDS and anti-Israel NGOs.



Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni is interviewed on i24 news, June 2018. ▲



Prof. Steinberg is interviewed about the Oxfam scandal on France 24 News, February 2018. ►

ISRAELI MEDIA

Throughout 2018, NGO Monitor increased our visibility in Israeli media, including appearances on TV networks such as Channel 2, Channel 10, Channel 20, IBA news, and i24 News. We were also featured in all leading Israeli news outlets including two front-page spreads on NGO Monitor's research in *Israel Hayom*, as well as numerous articles in *Haaretz*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *NRG*, *The Times of Israel*, and *Ynet*.



Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch is interviewed on Israel's Channel 20, June 2018. ▲



Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni is interviewed on Israel's Reshet 13, January 2018. ▲



SOCIAL MEDIA

NGO Monitor's active social media platform grew exponentially in 2018. Our captivating infographics, lively posts, and videos on engaging topics informed the masses about our research. We reached over 12,000 followers on Twitter and over 9,700 followers on Facebook. Our short informative videos reached over 50,000 people.



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NEW PODCAST

At the end of 2018, NGO Monitor launched a new weekly podcast series, "[Human Rights and Hot Coffee](#)." We were privileged to host interesting guests, discussing a wide variety of NGO-related issues. UN Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer spoke about the UN Human Rights Council and its bias against Israel, while AJC Assistant Executive Director Avi Mayer discussed Israel-Diaspora relations. Experts from NGO Monitor also appeared on the podcast. The podcast, hosted by Director of North America Desk Yona Schiffmiller, reached a significant number of people around the world in just seven weeks.

The podcast is available on iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, Facebook, and Twitter, with new episodes released every Thursday at 4 PM IST.



COMMUNICATIONS STATISTICS





**3.5
million**

TWITTER IMPRESSIONS



200,000

FACEBOOK REACH



550

MEDIA APPEARANCES



241,000

MONTHLY WEBSITE VISITS

A SAMPLING OF NGO MONITOR'S 2018 MEDIA COVERAGE

Ästenposten

Israeli newspaper: Netanyahu criticized (FM) Søreide for supporting anti-Israeli activities

Hanne Christiansen | 8.8

The criticism is based on a report by NGO Monitor, an Israeli organization working to monitor NGOs' work in the Middle East. It is said that the Refugee Council uses its legal aid program to actively "overload" the Israeli justice system with cases and signatures campaigns against the Israeli government. The NGO Monitor claims the cases are largely addressed with reference to political, and not humanitarian, considerations.

AP

Rights group: Israeli banks help with settlement building

Staff | 29.5

Anne Herzberg, the legal adviser of NGO Monitor, an Israeli non-profit group that critiques foreign nongovernmental organizations, said Human Right Watch's focus on Israel's banking sector was part of its boycott campaign against Israel that aimed "to downgrade the investment profile of Israeli banks."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Roth's contribution Problematic

Gerald Steinberg | 8.5

On July 30, the Financial Review published an interview with Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch (HRW), that presented a highly distorted image. Roth is very controversial, and has been publicly denounced by, among others, Robert Bernstein, the founder of the organisation that Roth heads. The criticism goes far beyond the brief dismissal of these comments as merely complaints from Roth's preferred targets, including Israelis.

Basler Zeitung

A credo starts to waver

David Klein | 8.6

The Israeli organization NGO-Monitor, which together with the NGO UN-Watch has collected the most comprehensive dossier on the misconduct of UNRWA, received it...When asked why NGO Monitor was denied a visit to Ruch, Baeriswyl replied that she herself had ordered it. She could not disclose the reason for this because she was "bound by instructions" and had to adhere to "language regulations". I pointed out that in addition to UNRWA and numerous anti-Israel NGOs, the DFA also funds organizations such as Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), which has been banned in Israel since 2014 for its involvement with the Muslim Brotherhood and financing for Hamas. Baeriswyl: "That's what you have to show me first" I gladly accepted this request and sent her the EDA list "Projects and Core Contributions to Partners Working in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory 2015", out of which 54 with more than 35 Million francs funded organizations are found.

NEWS

Why the trial of Ahed Tamimi, who slapped an Israeli soldier, is gaining international attention

Sophie McNeill | 20.2

Watching the trial closely is Maurice Hersh, who used to be the prosecutor for the Israeli military court in the West Bank. He now works for right-wing Israeli lobby group NGO Monitor. "Really the crux of the indictment is really the incitement and the calling for committing suicide bombings," he told 7.30. "She has a tremendous amount of influence. And if someone was to heed her call to carry out suicide bombings, I think that would be very severe." The Israeli military prosecutor said comments made by Ms Tamimi on her Facebook page are what amount to a "call for suicide bombings"

NATIONAL POST

UNICEF fails Gaza Children

Becca Wertman | 26.5

Re: Deaths of Gaza children more than just numbers, says Canadian UNICEF worker, May 20 (online) The remarks by UNICEF's Genevieve Boutin highlight the immoral bias in UNICEF's work on the Arab-Israeli conflict, primarily, its failure to monitor and report on Palestinian violations of children's rights. Boutin does not attribute blame for child casualties to Hamas and other terror groups' recruitment and use of children as active participants in the conflict. This is a complete failure by UNICEF in carrying out its mandate of monitoring and reporting on this particularly grave violation of children's rights. Boutin also invents an international standard, stating that it is always wrong to target children. Indeed, it is heartbreaking and tragic if children are harmed in armed conflict. However, when they are directly participating in hostilities, they become legitimate targets and when they are used as human shields, unfortunate outcomes can sadly occur. The moral and legal culpability for any harm rests with those who send those children to engage in violence.

DIE WELTWOCH

Course change in the Department of Foreign Affairs

Pierre Heumann | 11.7

The pro-Israeli lobby group has been warning for three years that NGOs supported by Switzerland operate under the cloak of human rights to spread hatred. EDA knows the Israeli group NGO Monitor compiled information, but that does not mean that they have taken the warning seriously. On less than one and a half pages was the bleak response of EDA. The examples on which NGO Monitor reference are known by EDA known, said the answer. "But as of now, the allegations are not based on facts." The accusations regarding anti-Semitic trends in a federally funded Palestinian organization apply only in one case, according to the EDA - and they are taking measures to prevent future incidents. At the time, the EDA's reply astonished the President of the Swiss-Israel Society, Corina Eichenberger, for two reasons. Firstly, the NGO Monitor document documents other cases with clearly anti-Semitic tendencies, she said.

THE JERUSALEM POST

Rockefeller Bros Fund gives to groups funding Palestinian terrorism

Lahav Harkov | 6.6

A report by the NGO Monitor research institute found several examples of DCI-P's ties with PFLP. DCI-P employee Hashem Abu Maria was hailed as a leader of the PFLP, after he was killed by the IDF in a violent confrontation in Beit Umar in July 2014. DCI-P director Rifat Odeh Kassiss spoke at Abu Maria's memorial service, surrounded by PFLP flags and posters.



Senior UN official blasted for floating Israel's suspension from world body

Adam Shaw, Ben Evansky | 8.7

"Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Systematic Violations with Impunity," was obtained by Fox News from NGO Monitor -- a Jerusalem-based research institute analyzing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) claiming to advance humanitarian agendas. In that audio, Lynk describes Israel as an "illegal occupant," and says "the international community has not simply the ability, but also the responsibility and obligation to bring [settlements] to an end." He then goes on to say that there are "a number of tools" that the international community can use to bring Israel back in line.



Why Netanyahu is blaming this organization for Israel's migrant crisis

Ron Kampeas | 4.4

"Israelis, and not only those who vote for the right, see the NIF as a powerful, secretive and illegitimate extra-parliamentary alternative government," said Gerald Steinberg, who directs NGO Monitor, which tracks groups critical of Israel's government. "There are no checks and balances, and they slam and denounce even the most responsible Israeli critics and analysts instead of conducting constructive dialogues. For all of these reasons, the NIF has created a great deal of suspicion and anger."



Criticism against Sweden: Promotes anti-Semitism

Helena Trus & Kenan Habul | 11.5

NGO Monitor is as safe in its case. Tamimi's writings are not taken from their context. On the contrary, says Olga Deutsch, Head of the European Department at NGO Monitor. "They are part of a context where terrorist attacks are celebrated and terrorists are depicted as role models," she says. Following NGO Monitor's criticism, her name was removed from a UN report, describing her as "a prominent human rights defender." But you should not focus on a person or an individual organization," says Olga Deutsch.



Human Rights Groups In Israel Feeling The Funding Squeeze

Michele Chabin | 7.11

An Israeli resource development professional who requested anonymity said the organization NGO Monitor, an organization that actively discourages individuals, foundations and foreign governments from funding organizations it considers anti-Israel, has also had an impact on donations. "Gerald Steinberg," the founder of NGO Monitor, "has been very effective," the resource development professional said. "He has in fact swayed European donors to believe that what [rights groups] are doing is corrupt or who knows what."



Israeli incitement to Arab and international support for occupied Jerusalem

Adnan Abu Amer | 10.5

أن «وزيرة NGO Monitor وأضافت أزلوي الباحثة في مركز الدراسات الإسرائيلية الاتحاد الأوروبي فريدريكا موثيري أعلنت مؤخراً عن زيادة المساعدات الأوروبية للفلسطينيين بـ«شرق القدس» بقيمة ٤٢ مليون يورو، وفي أبريل تم الإعلان أن بالتعاون مع الأمم المتحدة وقعا اتفاقاً لتوفير نصف مليون دولار OPEC صندوق لتحسين خدمات الصحة لمرضى السرطان الفلسطينيين بـ«شرق القدس»، وهو اتفاق سيستفيد منه ٤٥٠٠ فلسطيني مقدسي سنوياً.



Why Is Amnesty International Providing Excuses For Hamas?

Gerald Steinberg | 14.5

For many years, Amnesty International has been a leader in the intense political war to demonize Israel using the façade of international law and human rights. Using the organization's vast resources, officials have issued a torrent of statements, "reports," and social media posts in this assault, including calls for war crimes investigations by the International Criminal Court and embargoes on the sale of weapons and defensive technologies.



Anti-Israel resolution in the city of Durham, NC, sets precedent for BDS activists

Eliana Rudee | 6.5

It's the first time that JVP was successful in pushing this sort of resolution at a local level, and it's something they have declared they intend to replicate," said Yona Schiffmiller, North American liaison at NGO Monitor.



No Way To Treat Children

Emily Benedek | 27.9

Gerald M. Steinberg, head of the Institute for NGO Research, which publishes NGO Monitor, said that DCI-P "leads the campaign that exploits children for propaganda, posting false allegations and using them to demonize Israel. We would expect the EU officials involved in this project to immediately suspend DCI-P's involvement." Steinberg said "the PFLP uses its NGO network to cover and obscure its role in terror, to gain entry into 'polite company' in the U.N., the EU, the U.S. Congress, the Canadian and Australian parliament and elsewhere."



George Soros — selfless philanthropist or liberal demagogue?

Jefferson Chase | 15.5

“Open Society Foundations sparks controversy because it is a powerful actor that is active in political processes throughout the world, often without any transparency,” NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch told DW.



Social networks: Big Brother, it's us! The last issue of Causeur is out

Daoud Boughezala | 6.2

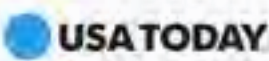
Together with his comrade Vincent Chebat, Luc Rosenzweig finally signs a thorough investigation into the activities of the French Jewish Union for Peace, a subsidized anti-Zionist group that leads a crusade against French and Israeli “state racism”.



Ahed Tamimi: Spotlight turns on Palestinian viral slap video teen

Yolande Knell | 17.1

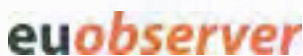
“Fundamental rights are guaranteed for everyone. It doesn't matter if you're an Israeli or Palestinian,” says Mr Hirsch, who now works for Jerusalem-based NGO Monitor, a group that documents alleged distortions of human rights and international law related to the Arab-Israeli conflict.



Palestinian refugees fear Trump administration funding cuts will shutter schools, clinics

Deirdre Shesgrass and Michele Chabin | 9.5

Gerald Steinberg, a professor of political science at Bar Ilan University, called UNRWA a “political organization, not a humanitarian one.”



Israeli propaganda targets EU funds for NGOs

Andrew Rettman | 28.5

Many other claims in the Israeli report also regurgitated past ones by NGO-Monitor, a pressure group funded by right-wing US supporters, which has intimate ties to the ministry of strategic affairs and which accuses global charities of being in an anti-semitic cabal.

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

UN omits ‘blacklist’ from report on firms doing business in settlements

Joshua Davidovich | 31.1

The Israel-based NGO Monitor watchdog group, which has lobbied against the database, said the newest delay pointed to “significant due process concerns” in the creation of the list.



Israeli Professor: Responsible funding promotes peace

Gerald Steinberg | 8.2

Anyone interested in the integrity of future Danish development assistance will support the government's efforts to ensure that funds flow to activities that are in line with Danish policy.



EU denies support for anti-Israeli NGOs

Sarah Lemel | 17.7

The pro-Israeli NGO NGO Monitor called on the EU on Tuesday to immediately initiate an internal audit “to identify and prevent the misuse of NGO funding.”



MAJOR REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Human Rights Watch's Airbnb Campaign: Discrimination and BDS

December 18, 2018

On November 20, 2018, Human Rights Watch, in cooperation with Kerem Navot, published a report targeting Airbnb. The report followed a two-year long coordinated and well-financed BDS campaign.

Omissions and Oversimplifications: HRW's Report on PA and Hamas Torture

December 16, 2018

Human Rights Watch's October 2018 report "Two Authorities, One Way, Zero Dissent: Arbitrary Arrest and Torture Under the Palestinian Authority and Hamas" contains a number of obvious omissions and reflects an absence of serious analysis.

Facilitating Dialogue: EU-Funded NGOs and the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

December 12, 2018

The following report examines the involvement of NGOs in EU-funded peacebuilding efforts in Nagorno-Karabakh in order to gain a better understanding of the challenges and structural issues related to the use of NGOs as peacebuilding agents.

B'Tselem's Flawed Analysis of Seven Months of Gaza Violence

December 05, 2018

On November 22, 2018, B'Tselem published a report that utilized a flawed methodology, minimized the context of violence and terror, belittled the human rights of Israeli civilians living in close proximity to the border, and ignored Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups' incitement to violence against Israel.

The NGOs and Funders Behind Airbnb's BDS Policy

November 20, 2018

On November 19, 2018, Airbnb issued a press release announcing it was "removing listings" in "Israeli settlements in the Occupied West Bank." This change in policy was a clear result of a coordinated and well-financed campaign targeting the company by NGOs involved in BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns against Israel.

Political Advocacy NGO Involvement in UN Humanitarian Aid Clusters

September 25, 2018

As part of UNOCHA's "Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)," aid appeals are divided into clusters with NGOs serving as implementing partners with UN agencies, and in some cases, responsible for leading the cluster. The cluster system is a key international lobbying and action mechanism through which the PA advances its nationalist and political agenda, sustaining conflict.

The UN-NGO Connection: Update on UNICEF-oPt Developments

September 02, 2018

Throughout 2018, NGO Monitor documented numerous concerns regarding UNICEF-oPt (UNICEF's branch in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza) stemming primarily from its relationship with highly partisan non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Adalah's US-based "Justice Project:" A Foray into BDS

August 24, 2018

Since 2014, Adalah has expanded its activities to the United States through the "Adalah Justice Project." Through the Adalah Justice Project, Adalah has increased its involvement in BDS campaigns and legal warfare.

Analysis of EU-Funded Projects on Israeli Civil Society to I'lam Center

August 08, 2018

NGO Monitor analyzes EU-funded projects to the Israeli NGO, I'lam. I'lam, and the other partners on the projects, are highly politicized organizations whose activities suggest they are not focused on dialogue, or on facilitating the core EU objective of peace based on dialogue and a two-state framework.

Flooding the Courts: The Norwegian Refugee Council's European-Funded Proxy War

August 02, 2018

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has used millions of European taxpayer funds, primarily from the UK, for a campaign that exploits the Israeli justice system and is aimed at circumventing appropriate diplomatic channels.

Background on Members of UNHRC Commission of Inquiry into Gaza Riots

August 02, 2018

On July 25, 2018, the UN Human Rights Council appointed three individuals to serve as members of a Commission of Inquiry (COI) into what has been predetermined to be Israel's "military assaults on the large-scale civilian protests" along the Gaza border.

Report from on the Ground: 38th Session UN Human Rights Council

July 30, 2018

The 38th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (June 18 – July 6, 2018) continued the bias and hypocrisy that has come to define the UN in general and the UNHRC in particular. NGO Monitor staff was present, speaking before the Council and documenting the numerous false accusations from member states and NGOs.

Analysis of NIF 2017 Funding for 30 Political Advocacy NGOs

July 16, 2018

NGO Monitor has analyzed the NIF's 2017 financial reports (latest available), detailing grants to a wide variety of Israeli NGOs.

French-Funded NGOs: The Radicalization of Human Rights

July 04, 2018

Several French-funded NGOs involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict use the facade of human rights and international law to blur the lines between "peaceful" and "nonviolent" campaigns and violent "resistance," including attacks against civilians. By exploiting the language of human rights and by working together in a tight network, these groups are able to amplify their claims, garner undue exposure, and gain legitimacy for their radical ideologies.

UN Secretary-General Report on Children and Armed Conflict: Clear Departure from NGO Propaganda Against Israel

June 28, 2018

On June 27, 2018, the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) published his 2017 report on Children and Armed Conflict. Intensive lobbying by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), led by Human Rights Watch, to include the IDF on the list of "grave violators" of child's rights (included as an Annex) failed.

European Union Funding for “Accountability” Against IDF Soldiers

June 17, 2018

In November 2017, the EU approved a four-year grant to an Israeli legal NGO, Yesh Din, for a project designed to increase “Israeli security forces personnel (ISFP) accountability for forcible home entries in line with democratic standards and international humanitarian and human rights law.” Yesh Din is carrying out these efforts in partnership with Breaking the Silence and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I).

HRW Continues to Promote Hamas Narrative on Gaza Border Violence

June 13, 2018

On June 13, 2018, Human Rights Watch (HRW) issued a press statement accusing Israel of “apparent war crimes in Gaza” during the weekly Hamas-orchestrated violence along the border.

The Latin American BDS Network

June 06, 2018

In contrast to the strong economic and diplomatic ties with Israel, many local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Latin America are active in promoting BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions), lawfare, and various other delegitimization campaigns against the State of Israel.

The Center for Constitutional Rights’ Vilification of Social Justice

June 05, 2018

From April 29 – May 6, 2018, the Center for Constitutional Rights led a trip to Israel and the West Bank labeled as the “Justice Delegation.” This trip, made up of self-proclaimed social justice advocates, claimed to provide a “better understand[ing of] the human rights situation in Israel and Palestine.” In sharp contrast, participants met exclusively Palestinian and Israeli organizations that promote a one-sided Palestinian narrative of the conflict.

Analysis of grants to Israeli NGOs, annual reports 2012-2016

June 04, 2018

A full analysis of all of the grants reported annually by 39 Israeli NGOs in the years 2012-2016.

HRW Doubles Down on BDS Campaign Targeting Israeli Banks

May 31, 2018

On May 28, 2018, Human Rights Watch issued yet another publication targeting Israeli banks. These materials are part of HRW's continuing role in a broader BDS campaign to damage Israel's economy through the financial sector.

The Gaza Riots and HRW's Immoral Anti-Israel Obsession on Twitter

May 29, 2018

Between May 13-16, 2018, Human Rights Watch (HRW) employees tweeted excessively about the violence along the Gaza border, with their tweets almost exclusively condemning Israel's right to defend its borders, belittling the violence, and making various politically driven statements.

NGO Statements to the UNHRC Following the Gaza "March of Return" Riots

May 22, 2018

On May 18, 2018, the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) held a "special session of the Human Rights Council on the deteriorating human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem." Many of the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that participated in the session condemned Israel for allegedly committing "war crimes" and denied the legitimacy of Israel's right to self-defense.

After Work Visa Cancelled, HRW Falsely Denies BDS and Demonization Promotion

May 09, 2018

The Israeli Ministry of Interior has revoked the work visa granted in April 2017 to Human Rights Watch (HRW) employee Omar Shakir, a long-time anti-Israel, pro-BDS activist. In its response, HRW (and its local lawyer, Michael Sfard) makes the false claim that "neither HRW – nor Shakir as its representative – advocate for boycott, divestment or sanctions against companies that operate in the settlements, Israel or Israelis (sic)."

European Funding for Palestinian “Cultural Resistance”

April 26, 2018

The European Union (EU) and European governments provide funding to a number of Palestinian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for culture, art, and related activities. Detailed research and analysis of this funding reveal that many of the supported organizations utilize cultural activities to indoctrinate children and youth, promoting rejectionist and violent agendas.

Analysis of NIF 2016 Funding for 29 Political Advocacy NGOs

April 15, 2018

NGO Monitor has analyzed the NIF’s 2016 financial reports (latest available), detailing grants to a wide variety of Israeli NGOs.

Norwegian People’s Aid Funding to Terror Affiliated NGOs

April 10, 2018

According to the US Department of Justice, NPA provided “material support” to Iran, Hamas, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) – designated terrorist organizations under US law. As a result of these partnerships, in March 2018, NPA settled a civil-fraud suit, paying a \$2 million settlement to the US.

Human Rights Watch on Violent Hamas Border Riot: Promoting Terrorist Propaganda at Expense of Human Rights

April 03, 2018

On April 3, 2018, Human Rights Watch (HRW) issued an “analysis” of the March 30, 2018 events along the Israel-Gaza border. Like other HRW responses, this latest publication lacks credible methodology and manipulates the presentation of facts and law to advance a political narrative rather than engage in professional human rights research.

German Government’s Aid Workers Spread Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Propaganda on Facebook

March 27, 2018

NGO Monitor has identified a number of virulently antisemitic statements made by officials of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)- a German government-owned agency that implements Germany’s humanitarian and development aid around the world. These statements include comparisons between Israel and the Nazis, blaming the downfall of Arab leaders on a “Hebrew spring” and depicting Israel as a two-headed monster. GIZ members also posted messages to Facebook that justify Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians and endorse BDS (boycotts, divestment and sanctions) efforts.

Analysis of B'Tselem's "Minors in Jeopardy" Report

March 26, 2018

B'Tselem's report "Minors in Jeopardy," was funded by UNICEF and echoes the claims of Defense for Children International – Palestine, UNICEF, Military Court Watch, and its own 2012 and 2015 reports on the subject. This practice of "copying and pasting" and the financial support provided by UNICEF demonstrate the close coordination between Palestinian, Israeli, and international non-governmental organizations in a concerted effort to falsely accuse the IDF of systematically violating the rights of Palestinian minors in order to impose sanctions against Israel.

Special Rapporteur on Israel: The UN's Weakest Link

March 20, 2018

In March 2016, Michael Lynk, an associate professor of law from Canada, began his term as United Nations Special Rapporteur on the "situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967." Based on the criteria to be named a Special Rapporteur and the following evidence, we conclude that Lynk is unqualified to fulfill this mandate for the UN.

Singling Out Israel While Whitewashing Terrorism: Watchlist's 2018 Policy Note

March 12, 2018

In March 2018, the NGO umbrella group known as Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict (Watchlist) published a Policy Note urging the UN Secretary General to add Israel, Myanmar, and others to a list of "grave violators" of children's rights. Terror groups, including Hamas and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), are not mentioned in Watchlist's publication.

The Exploitation of Palestinian Women's Rights NGOs

March 07, 2018

This report provides background on the situation of women and women's groups within Palestinian society. The report analyses the highly restrictive and coercive civil space and provides an overview of Palestinian female role models, the vast majority of whom are celebrated for their participation in violent "resistance." The report also looks at the role of the international community in perpetuating this state of affairs, whether through funding of radical Palestinian NGOs, or through granting international legitimacy to these groups in multilateral forums such as the UN.

World Health Organization and NGOs Misrepresent State of Gaza Health

February 18, 2018

On February 13, 2018, Human Rights Watch (HRW), along with Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, Amnesty International, Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I), issued a joint statement condemning Israel's procedures for granting access for Gaza residents to Israel for medical treatment. The groups cite a December 2017 World Health Organization (WHO) document that claims that 54 Gazans died while awaiting approval to travel to seek medical attention in Israel or in the West Bank. The WHO paper does not provide a source for this figure.

Factually Inaccurate and Legally Flawed: HRW's 2017 Report

February 15, 2018

Human Rights Watch is a powerful NGO, with a massive budget, close links to Western governments, and significant influence in international institutions. Its publications reflect the absence of professional standards, research methodologies, and military and legal expertise, as well as a deep-seated ideological bias against Israel. HRW's review of "Israel and Palestine: Events of 2017," reflects these same methodological flaws, resulting in a highly skewed representation of Israeli domestic and international law.

NGO Campaigns for Ahd Tamimi, and Against the Rights of Children

February 13, 2018

A number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have been participating in a campaign celebrating and defending Tamimi. Despite the video evidence, they insist that Israel has no grounds for trying and imprisoning her. Although these NGOs claim to promote human rights and the rule of law generally, and protect the rights of children specifically, in Ahd Tamimi's case they ignore the exploitation and recruitment of children as "soldiers" in a propaganda war against Israel.

Westminster Debate on Detention of Palestinian Minors by Israeli Authorities – Promoting Impunity for the Weaponization of Children

February 06, 2018

Palestinian minors are involved in a wide range of offences including murder, attempted murder and illegal possession of weapons. Key contributing factors are incitement by the Palestinian Authority and recognized terror groups, recruiting of children to engage in conflict and the glorification of violence, and large monthly payments (that increase based on the severity of the crime) by the Palestinian Authority to prisoners and their families.

Main Points in the UN High Commissioner's Report on "BDS Blacklist"

February 01, 2018

In advance of the 37th Council session (February 26 - March 23, 2018), the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has released a report on the "BDS blacklist" of companies that do business with Israelis over the 1949 Armistice Line. The report, submitted by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, provides important details on the flawed process and the difficulties inherent in creating a list of companies to be targeted by this form of BDS.

EU Statement on Palestinian Children Parrots NGO Claims and Ignores Child Abuse

January 21, 2018

On January 12, 2017, the European Union Representative and the EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah issued a "statement on the situation regarding Palestinian children arrested, detained and prosecuted by Israeli authorities." The statement unsuttly implies misconduct and ill-treatment by Israeli authorities – echoing a well-coordinated NGO campaign that accuses Israel of "grave violations" against children in order to advocate for Israel's isolation – while providing no verifiable evidence.

UNICEF and its NGO Working Group: Failing Children

January 07, 2018

UNICEF spearheads a campaign to have Israel included on a UN blacklist of "grave" violators of children's rights. This political agenda is a primary facet of UNICEF's activities relating to Israel, completely inconsistent with its mandate of "child protection" and from its guidelines for neutrality and impartiality.

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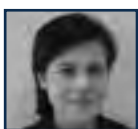
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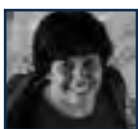
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