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This year was filled with unprecedented achievements and impact. Despite the challenges, we stayed true to our mission and accomplished a great deal. **Please join us as we share our biggest success stories from 2020.**

ACHIEVEMENTS



US State Department declares **BDS as antisemitic**; will not fund pro-BDS NGOs

Governments cut **\$3.8 million** to NGOs tied to terror groups



DCI-P Senior Advisor **disinvited** from speaking at UN Security Council



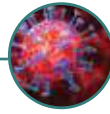
Confronting anti-Israel and antisemitic NGOs in UN frameworks



Submitted **amicus brief** contesting International Criminal Court jurisdiction over Israelis



Exposing NGO
exploitation
of Coronavirus



Israel **summons diplomats four times** over NGO policies



Defense Minister Gantz uses **NGO Monitor research** in meeting with European Union officials



PM Netanyahu to Germany:
Stop funding
anti-Israel NGOs



Annual Conference:
Terror Leaders as Human Rights Activists –
Exposing the Façade



France declares government funding to
NGOs must be consistent with the IHRA
definition of antisemitism



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Prof. Gerald Steinberg speaks virtually at an NGO Monitor drive-in event in Montreal, September 15, 2020.

Dear Friends,

NGO Monitor entered 2020 planning to replicate and exceed the achievements of previous years, when we led an agenda of greater scrutiny of NGOs and drove policy changes that affected the worst groups. Suddenly, we had to adjust to a new COVID-19 reality with substantial challenges – globally and

individually, personally and professionally.

There were significant hurdles, some technical such as switching to remote operations, and some more essential, like the considerable economic downturn and losing some of the teamwork of intra-office interactions. We were also forced to eliminate travel, limiting our ability to meet decision makers, members of parliament, and journalists in North American and European capitals. Understandably, questions pertaining to NGOs and funding were sometimes overshadowed as priorities shifted in Israel and abroad.

Nevertheless, as shown in this Annual Report, our talented employees persevered and generated another year of unparalleled achievements.

For instance, in November, the United States State Department labeled BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) as antisemitic. This follows years of briefings for successive American administrations and publications explaining the discrimination and hate behind NGO-led BDS campaigns. We welcome the new policy and hope that NGO antisemitism is properly treated as a bipartisan issue.

In Europe, we have witnessed a year-long campaign by Palestinian NGOs – in concert with the Palestinian Authority, international NGO allies, and even colluding European diplomats – to roll back stringent requirements that seriously constrain terror-tied NGOs. Our impact is seen both in strong statements from key European officials, who refused to budge and ordered investigations into allegations of NGO terror connections, as well as in the increase in attacks targeting NGO Monitor for our leading role in the process.

On the Israel front, I was privileged to testify before the prestigious Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on our research related to foreign funding to NGOs. The recommendation of the Committee – asking the government to prepare an in-depth report on funding to groups that demonize and delegitimize Israel – is itself important. But I was also heartened to hear MKs from a wide range of the political spectrum praise NGO Monitor’s research as instrumental.

At the United Nations, sessions of the Human Rights Council were canceled, and most business was conducted over Zoom – preventing us from physically appearing in Geneva. However, virtual access to the UN allowed us to participate in a diverse set of meetings.

Our flexibility in response to new modes of operation paid similar dividends in Canada. We were able to brief officials throughout the year, leading parliamentarians to pose questions highlighting the problem of Canadian funding to NGOs via UN agencies.

One thing we have learned in 2020 is that, through the dedication of our team and your generous support – both of which should not be taken for granted – the essential work of NGO Monitor will continue unhampered.

With appreciation for all your contributions and wishing good health for you, your families, and the world.



Professor Gerald Steinberg
President and Founder

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW EU FUNDING REGULATION: NO FUNDING TO TERROR-TIED NGOS



THE DATA AMASSED in NGO Monitor's research and reports have compelled the European Union (EU) to tighten its NGO funding regulations, leading to conflict with Palestinian NGOs.

EU grant agreements now include a clause requiring grantees to actively guarantee that they are not working or partnering with terror groups. This new demand of NGOs is a welcome step, and follows years of meticulous and groundbreaking NGO Monitor research and briefings for Members of the European Parliament, diplomats, and other senior officials.

EU contracts state that entities on the EU terrorist organizations list are ineligible for funding, whether as contractors, subcontractors, or participants in training workshops. In the Palestinian context, this includes Hamas, Al-Qassam Brigades, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The PFLP, in particular, has links to numerous Palestinian NGOs receiving European funding. In fact, the PFLP acknowledged this by publishing a statement urging all Palestinian NGOs to reject EU anti-terror conditions.

Based on information from public sources, including EU databases, **NGO Monitor estimates that the EU has provided €38 million (~\$45 million) since 2011 in project funding to NGOs with clear and ongoing links to the PFLP.**

In March 2020, several months after Palestinian NGOs began complaining about these restrictions, NGO Monitor uncovered a letter from an EU diplomat to an umbrella organization of leading Palestinian NGOs. He assured the Palestinian NGOs that even if an NGO applying for EU grants is an affiliate of EU-designated terrorist groups or employs individuals from these groups, the EU will still provide the organization with funds and legitimacy. **We exposed this information on Israel's primetime news, which led Israel's Foreign Ministry to summon the EU Ambassador in protest.**

EU Neighborhood Commissioner publicly ordered an investigation into whether EU funds went to terror-tied NGOs.

NGO Monitor also wrote to the President of the European Commission and other officials, warning of the dangers of funding NGOs linked to terror. Together with partners in Brussels, NGO Monitor research was instrumental to the demands made by Members of the European Parliament for a serious investigation.

EU Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi addresses the European Parliament on EU funding to terror tied NGOs, May 2020.

A photograph of EU Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking down at a document on the podium. A microphone is in front of him. The background is a blue wall with the European Union flag. The text "On how to ensure that our financial support does not get to terrorists, or terrorists organizations" is overlaid on the bottom of the image.

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Article in the Dutch newspaper “De Telegraaf” about Dutch funding the salary of an NGO employee arrested for the murder of Rina Shnerb.

In May, EU Neighborhood Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi publicly ordered the heads of EU delegations in Israel and the Palestinian Authority to investigate and report on whether EU funds went to terror-tied NGOs. In June, NGO Monitor received a response from the President of the European Commission stating that “an internal review process is ongoing. If there is any finding of concern, the European Commission will act immediately to protect the integrity and proper functioning of the EU funds.”

Palestinian NGOs have been protesting the new guidelines and are refusing to sign the contracts with the EU. In October, the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian groups met to discuss ways to pressure the EU to end terror restrictions in NGO funding. The late Saeb Erekat led the meeting and blamed “Zionist lobbies” (i.e. NGO Monitor) for the enforcement of the EU’s anti-terror rules.

It is also important to note that the EU provides over €25 million (~\$30 million) in grants annually to Palestinian non-governmental bodies. Implementation of these terror restrictions will result in major reductions in NGO funding.

GOVERNMENTS CUT \$3.8 MILLION IN 2020 TO NGOS LINKED TO TERROR

AS A DIRECT result of NGO Monitor’s reports, governments cut more than \$3.8 million in 2020 to NGOs tied to terror groups, adding to previous reductions. There were additional cuts. As lamented by the Executive Director of Bisan Center, who was convicted for his involvement in the PFLP: “When I was arrested, we were in discussions with several international organisations or donors to set up development programmes. Some of them were afraid and backed down, preferring not to be linked with Bisan in these circumstances.”

The Dutch government froze €8 million (~\$10 million) over three years to the Palestinian Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC).



European Union — Following NGO Monitor’s pressure on the EU to honor its anti-terror restrictions (see above), the Palestinian NGO BADIL announced that it “objected to the so-called anti-terrorism clause” and would not sign the contract. **In turn, the EU refused to grant €1.7 million (~\$2 million) to the NGO.** According to media reports, at least eight Palestinian NGOs have stated that they will not sign contracts with the EU.

Netherlands — For years, NGO Monitor has called on governments to end funding to NGOs with ties to terror. In June, the Dutch government froze €8 million (~\$10 million) over three years to the Palestinian Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) – a core member of this NGO network, as documented by NGO Monitor. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Development announced an external investigation into UAWC’s ties to the PFLP.



Director General of MENA Vejbørn Dysvik, NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Senior Researcher Shaun Sacks, CEO of MIFF Conrad Myrland, in Oslo, January 2020.

Our research showed that since 2013, UAWC received nearly \$20 million from the Netherlands. NGO Monitor’s research was crucial in public debates over this issue, which ultimately resulted in the Dutch government’s announcement.

UAWC is one of several terror-linked NGO that receive Dutch government grants, and we will



NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch is interviewed on i24 news.

continue to raise awareness and present our findings on NGO-terror connections.

Denmark — After the EU ended grant negotiations with BADIL (see above), DanChurchAid, a church-based aid organization funded by the Danish and other governments, also ceased its cooperation with BADIL.

Norway - Norway cut 8% of its budget to Palestinian NGOs and demanded more oversight, as part of government responses to ongoing incitement in the Palestinian Authority. This comes following NGO Monitor publications on Norwegian funding to NGOs with terror ties and after an NGO Monitor trip to Norway where we presented our research to members of parliament from across the political spectrum.

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GOVERNMENTS CONFRONT NGO ANTISEMITISM BY IMPLEMENTING IHRA “DEFINITION”

ON NOVEMBER 19, **US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced a new policy, labeling BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) as antisemitic** and stressing that the United States would “ensure that its foreign assistance funding is not provided to foreign organizations engaged in anti-Semitic BDS activities.”

Since its founding, NGO Monitor has systematically exposed the antisemitic nature of BDS and of the NGOs that promote it under the façade of human rights and international law advocacy. We have also called on government donors to cease the funding that empowers and enables these organizations. After years of meetings, briefings, and publications, we welcome the new policy of the US government and encourage other governments to follow suit.

NGO Monitor was cited as the leading expert on this issue in *The New*



Screenshot of NGO Monitor video, November 19, 2020.

York Times, *The Hill*, and other prominent media outlets. Prof. Gerald Steinberg published an op-ed in *Newsweek* emphasizing that NGO antisemitism should be treated as a bipartisan issue.

This is an important example of government implementation, in the context of NGO funding, of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism. IHRA provides examples to illustrate how antisemitism is manifest. Specifically, we note that BDS includes denying “the Jewish people their right to self-determination” and applying “double standards” to Israel.

With this announcement, the US joins European countries, such as France, which declared BDS illegal in 2015, and Germany, where the Bundestag declared BDS antisemitic in 2019 and pledged not to fund organizations that promote BDS or question Israel’s right to exist.

Further stressing the importance of IHRA, in 2020, the **French Prime Minister’s Office declared that government funding to NGOs must be consistent with the IHRA definition of antisemitism.** NGO Monitor has increased our focus on France in recent years, and this declaration will ensure that NGOs promoting antisemitism will not get funding from the French government.

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CHANGES IN NGO FUNDING POLICIES

EXPANDING ON OUR SUCCESSES from previous years, in 2020, NGO Monitor research triggered intensive discussions on the urgent need to revise NGO funding policies in North America, Israel, and Europe.



EU — In May 2020, the European Parliament published the Discharge for the 2018 budget, a procedure that evaluates how EU funds were spent in a given budget year. The Discharge insisted that, when approving foreign funding recipients, the European Commission **“should thoroughly verify the use of Union funds by third entities to ensure that no funds are allocated or linked to any cause or form of terrorism and/or religious and political radicalization.”**

France — In February 2020, the French Development Agency (AFD) announced that every NGO receiving **government funds must be reminded that promoting boycotts of Israel is illegal in France.**



Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch, and IMPACT-se CEO Marcus Sheff at an NGO Monitor press briefing on EU funding to NGOs to “protect Palestinian identity” in Jerusalem, September 17, 2020.



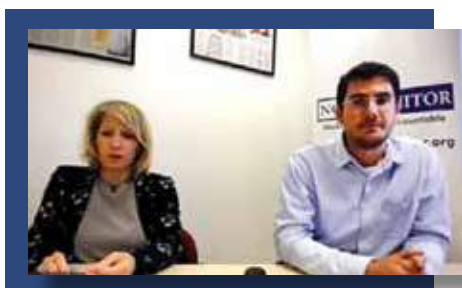
NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch speaks about European funding to NGOs at the Christian Media Summit, October 20, 2020.

Canada — Throughout the year, NGO Monitor briefed Members of the Parliament of Canada (MPs), as well as officials in Ottawa, Tel Aviv, and Ramallah. Our staff emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability in government funding, and the need to track how UN agencies use Canadian funds. In June, MP Marty Morantz asked parliamentary questions to the Minister of International Development and Global Affairs Canada Finance Committee, based on NGO Monitor research. **He inquired about Canadian funding to WHO and UNICEF's COVID-19 efforts and how the Canadian government can ensure that no money goes to NGOs tied to terror groups.**





Prof. Gerald Steinberg speaks at the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee hearing on foreign funding to NGOs, November 16, 2020.



NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch and Senior Researcher Vincent Chebat at an NGO Monitor press briefing on EU funding to NGOs in 2019, October 21, 2020.

Switzerland —

In 2020, the Swiss Development Agency introduced a new requirement in its contracts with NGOs called "Code of Conduct." It specifically stipulates that the "Swiss FDFA does not tolerate any behaviour that is punishable by law or any infringement of rules..." **including incitement to violence and terror related activities, including on social media.**





Israel — On November 16, the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee held a hearing on foreign funding to NGOs. After detailed testimony by NGO Monitor's President Prof. Gerald Steinberg, the Committee asked the government to prepare an in-depth report on funding to groups that demonize and delegitimize Israel or interfere in internal Israeli affairs. The meeting was called in response to NGO Monitor's analysis of EU funding to NGOs. MKs from across the political spectrum participated, and NGO Monitor's research was praised as instrumental throughout the debate. The Committee voted for an in-depth report to be prepared by different governmental ministries and agencies within 90 days. **Committee chair MK Zvi Hauser reiterated and endorsed NGO Monitor's recommendation for increased dialogue with European parliamentarians.**

Earlier this year, on June 17, the Knesset Finance Committee refused to extend a tax exemption on fuel imports into Gaza to ten international NGOs, unless special approval from the army is given. NGO Monitor's research was used extensively during the debates, demonstrating how some of the so-called humanitarian groups promote BDS and other political campaigns. NGO Monitor attended the second committee meeting on this issue.

In addition, information from our research was raised in a meeting between Alternate Prime Minister/Minister of Defense Benny Gantz and the EU Ambassador to Israel. Minister Gantz emphasized in his tweet summarizing the meeting that it is "imperative for the EU and its member countries to better supervise grants to Palestinian civil society to ensure that they are not misused to finance terror infrastructure. I stated that the MOD and I view this issue to be of importance and that we are interested in advancing strategic cooperation with the EU on this matter. We agreed to continue working together to advance dialogue in the region."

NGO Monitor continues to share its research and findings with all relevant elected officials and governmental ministries.

FUNDED BY EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, ARRESTED FOR TERROR ACTIVITY



Funding

Governments fund organizations without accountability or funding guidelines



Terror Ties

These NGOs have staff or board members that are/were members of terror groups



Terror Activities

Financial directors responsible for this money have been arrested for the murder of an Israeli teen



EXPOSING NGOS TIED TO TERROR



THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS in the Netherlands, the EU, and elsewhere – as discussed throughout this annual report – reflect NGO Monitor’s research documenting the links between terror groups and influential anti-Israel NGOs. We have shown how the NGOs claim that the use of violence (terror) is “legitimate” and promote propaganda accusing Israel of committing war crimes.

PUBLICATION OF A REPORT SERIES

In January, we distributed a series of detailed research reports on “NGO Ties to the PFLP Terror Network.” These reports document indisputable evidence of ties between a network of NGOs and their officials to Palestinian terror organizations. We uncovered information showing that more than 70 staffers from these NGOs were connected to the PFLP. All eight of the NGOs discussed in our publications receive grants from European governments, and some receive funding originating in the US, Canada, Japan, and UN agencies such as OCHA and UNICEF.

NGO Monitor sent these reports to government officials, decision makers, and journalists in Europe and North America, urging them to investigate and cease all funding to terror-linked NGOs. This engagement is ongoing and includes direct meetings with ambassadors and other top diplomats from these countries, briefings for jour-

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nalists, and webinars. Our research was also repeated and amplified in the Knesset and by Israeli government officials.

AL-MEZAN REPORT AND IMPACT IN THE NETHERLANDS

Our publication on the Palestinian NGO Al-Mezan and its links to the PFLP led the Dutch government to launch an investigation. The ministers responsible for funding to NGOs confirmed that, on social media, Al-Mezan officials made remarks expressing support for the PFLP, celebrating the murder of Israeli civilians, and generally glorifying and encouraging violence.

Al-Mezan was urged to hide the evidence by deleting these posts. NGO Monitor expects the Dutch government to end grants to Al-Mezan.



RESEARCHERS UNCOVER KEY VIDEO

In 2020, NGO Monitor researchers found additional evidence of the close links between the Palestinian NGO network and the PFLP.

We uncovered a video showing NGO officials, including a number subsequently arrested and indicted for orchestrating a deadly attack, attending an event run by the PFLP terror organization. On May 14, 2019, the PFLP held a memorial in Ramallah. The event centered on a PFLP political bureau member who “contributed to the establishment” of several PFLP-affiliated NGOs, including the Union of Health Work Committees (UHCWC), the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC), and Addameer.

Our researchers identified 10 officials from Palestinian NGOs in the video, capturing the breadth and ongoing relevance of the PFLP's NGO network. This reinforces the clear and urgent need for a funding freeze pending a comprehensive and independent investigation of European government funding to these organizations.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS VISIT A TERROR-TIED NGO

In March, NGO Monitor discovered that Member of European Parliament Manu Pineda (Group of the European United Left, Spain) led a delegation of MEPs to visit the offices of the Palestinian NGO Health Work Committees (HWC), an NGO linked to the PFLP terror organization.

As highlighted in our report series, HWC's co-founder, financial director, and numerous board members have direct links to the PFLP. The organization's financial and administration manager was arrested for leading the PFLP's military operations, including the attack that killed Rina Shnerb in August 2019.

NGO Monitor exposed this meeting on Israel's primetime radio show on Galei Tzahal, which included an interview with NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg.

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COMBATING NGO LAWFARE

THE INSTITUTE FOR NGO RESEARCH, NGO Monitor's parent organization, regularly engages with the UN as a UN ECOSOC accredited organization, including presenting submissions and participating in UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) sessions. This year, NGO Monitor continued to be an active voice at the UN, calling out its antisemitism and bias against Israel.

NGO Monitor also challenged legal attacks against Israel at the International Criminal Court (ICC), where the Prosecutor is attempting to gain approval for proceeding with "war crimes investigations" against Israelis.

UNITED NATIONS

On February 12, **NGO Monitor broke the story of the UN Human Rights Council's adoption of the BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) blacklist, highlighting its defamatory and antisemitic nature.** NGO Monitor was quoted in *The New York Times* and hundreds of other international publications as experts on this issue. This comes after NGO Monitor efforts played a central role in delaying the publication of the UN BDS blacklist. NGO Monitor repeatedly warned that there were significant due-process deficiencies, and as a result, in 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights sent a letter to the UNHRC requesting a delay; the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights announced a further delay in 2018.

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In response to the publication of the blacklist, NGO Monitor and our partners outlined the fundamental problems in a position paper titled “HRC Blacklist Position Paper: A Legal Perspective.” NGO Monitor also prepared a submission to the Norwegian Pension Fund regarding Guidelines for Observation and Exclusion of Companies from the Government Pension Fund Global. Ultimately, the Norwegian government rejected arguments that it should blacklist a subsidiary of a company that appeared on the UN’s list.

NGO Monitor continues to be the primary source for information regarding the blacklist, which was driven in large part by powerful NGOs like Human Rights Watch and members of the PFLP terror-linked network. NGO Monitor also published detailed research on the NGOs involved in the blacklist’s creation and an analysis of the entries. In anticipation of the blacklist’s publication, NGO Monitor posted a video explaining the antisemitism behind this campaign.

In addition, NGO Monitor played an important role in the cancelation of a speech by a leader of a terror-tied NGO at the UN. In February, Defense



NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Managing Editor Becca Wertman, and Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg speak at the UN Human Rights Council.

According to the UN,
**where can
companies operate?**



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UN BDS Blacklist

Denies Palestinians the use of Israeli



Medicine



Transit



Water



Technology

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for Children International-Palestine's Senior Advisor Brad Parker was scheduled to address the UN Security Council in New York. Parker was invited by Belgium, which held the rotating presidency that month. However, after NGO Monitor sent a letter to the Belgian Foreign Minister detailing DCI-P's terror ties, Belgium rescinded its invitation.

NGO Monitor participated at the 43rd, 44th, and 45th sessions of the UN Human Rights Council. Our President Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg, and our managing editor addressed the issues of terrorism, antisemitism, and the UN's problematic reporting

methodology in more than twenty written submissions and video statements to the Council. NGO Monitor's Legal Advisor also participated in multiple organizational meetings pressing the Council to expand virtual NGO participation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

On March 17, NGO Monitor – together with the Lawfare Project, Palestinian Media Watch, and Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs – **submitted a joint amicus brief to the International Criminal Court (ICC) rejecting the ICC's jurisdiction in the West Bank and Gaza.**

The submission is a response to the ICC Prosecutor's announcement that she plans to begin a formal investigation into Israel for "war crimes" committed in the West Bank and Gaza. Our submission presents several arguments countering the NGO claims on ICC jurisdiction.

NGO Monitor is also actively preparing to challenge reliance on and participation of PFLP-linked NGOs in the event the Court authorizes the Prosecutor's investigation.



NGO Monitor staff attends a committee meeting at the UN Human Rights Council.

PRAISE FOR NGO MONITOR – FROM OUR DETRACTORS

IN 2020, MANY influential anti-Israel NGOs attacked NGO Monitor, denouncing the new funding restrictions and other policy changes around the world. As NGO Monitor's impact expands, the NGOs that we expose and their allies intensify their campaigns to derail our efforts by defaming us. The desperate attempts to silence us are clear evidence that our research is having an important and expanding impact.



Belgium — In January, two Belgian NGO umbrella networks presented a highly politicized publication to Parliament that makes numerous false claims about NGO Monitor. **The NGOs identified NGO Monitor as one of “the most threatening actors”** and leveled accusations of our “threatening their space to operate.” They also recommended that “EU institutions in Brussels, the EU Delegation in Tel Aviv, the EU Representation in Jerusalem and EU member states’ delegations in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem should review their relationships and engagement [with NGO Monitor].”



Israel — In May the “Policy Working Group,” a **fringe Israeli organization funded by a far-left German political foundation**, sent a letter to EU Commissioner Varhelyi accusing NGO Monitor of attempting to “harm human rights defenders” in our efforts to ensure that funding does not go to NGOs tied to terror. The letter seems to have been ignored by Commissioner Varhelyi, as later that week he confirmed that the EU envoys are investigating NGO terror ties.

Palestinian NGOs — The Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO), an umbrella organization of the leading Palestinian NGOs, wrote a letter to the President of the European Commission attacking NGO Monitor as “waging smear campaigns to defund Palestinians NGOs” and requesting that the EU continue to support terror-tied groups.



Then, in June, PNGO wrote a letter to the Czech Ambassador to Israel calling for the cancellation of a briefing with NGO Monitor. **The attempt to sabotage the meeting failed, and our Vice President Olga Deutsch briefed several European diplomats on the importance of implementing the EU’s terror restrictions in NGO funding.**

In August, Palestinian Centre for Human Rights published a 48-page report detailing NGO Monitor’s work and impact, stating, “NGO Monitor takes pride in being the reason behind closing and decreasing funding of several Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.”

In October, Palestinian NGO Al-Haq slandered NGO Monitor in a submission to the UN, laughably accusing NGO Monitor of incitement due to our “efforts to associate Al-Haq with the BDS movement.”

In November, Palestinian politician and president of the NGO known as the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) Mustafa Barghouti made the ludicrous claim that NGO Monitor is one of the “three Israeli institutions, run by the Israeli security services, [that] carry out successive attacks on official and private Palestinian institutions, United Nations institutions, and various international development agencies.”



Netherlands — In August, a **Dutch MP asked several parliamentary questions regarding NGO Monitor**, and a group of Palestinian NGOs published a statement claiming, “The decision of the Dutch government [to freeze funds to a terror-linked NGO] was preceded and triggered by a coordinated pressure campaign of organizations closely affiliated with the Israeli government, mainly NGO Monitor...”

NGOS AND ANTISEMITISM

RECENT YEARS HAVE seen a sharp rise in antisemitism, including in the rhetoric and activities of anti-Israel NGOs. NGO Monitor makes sure that incidents of NGOs promoting antisemitism are brought to the attention of funders, decision makers, and the broader public.



OXFAM SELLS MEIN KAMPF

In November 2020, NGO Monitor held Oxfam accountable, when researchers discovered that **Oxfam’s online store featured multiple listings of Hitler’s Mein Kampf, including some with swastikas on the cover.** Media inquiries and our social media posts caught the attention of Oxfam officials, who responded, apologized, and removed the listings.

POLICY PAPER

All our research and impact regarding NGOs promoting antisemitism culminated at the end of the year, with our publication of a policy paper making **recommendations on how governments can integrate the IHRA definition into funding mechanisms.** We suggest that, if properly implemented both proactively and reactively, using the IHRA definition can help address the challenges posed by deeply ingrained antisemitism. This paper will be instrumental in our efforts to combat NGO antisemitism in 2021.



NGO Monitor Vice President discusses how the Knesset can tackle antisemitism with MK Michal Cotler-Wunsh at the Knesset.

CORONAVIRUS AS A BLOOD LIBEL

From the early days of the global pandemic, COVID-19 became another opportunity for politicized NGOs to demonize Israel. This is consistent with the endless previous attempts by NGOs to capitalize on prevailing issues in the public sphere to advance anti-Israel narratives.

NGO Monitor tracked and analyzed NGO statements on coronavirus. We found numerous examples in which NGOs accuse Israel of creating the virus, compare Israel to a virus, and allege that Israel deliberately exposes Palestinians to COVID-19. NGOs also blame Israel, exclusively, for Gaza's lack of medical infrastructure, as well as for the projected spread of the virus in Gaza. **Reminiscent of medieval blood libels, NGOs ascribe nefarious motives and attribute blame**

to Jews and to the Jewish state for non-Jewish deaths. The fact that the virus has spread around the world at an alarming rate, overwhelming health system capacity in numerous countries, is deliberately ignored to promote this demonization.

We published two reports, "Exploiting the Coronavirus for Anti-Israel Campaigns" and "Gaza and Corona: The NGO Pre-emptive Blood Libel Campaign," and prepared a presentation with concrete examples of widely disseminated corona-related antisemitic conspiracy theories. NGO Monitor's reports were updated regularly with new examples, detailing absurd NGO attacks against Israel and antisemitic blood libels in the context of COVID-19. NGO Monitor's reports were also cited in many media outlets and served as the basis for numerous Zoom presentations via which we were able to reach thousands of participants.

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EXPANDING OUR REACH

NGO MONITOR CONTINUES to increase our media presence and impact, ensuring that our research reaches the eyes and ears of decision makers around the world. This year, our analyses appeared in media outlets in over 50 countries and were 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 and launching our new Instagram page. 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.

In 2020, NGO Monitor was cited in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, National Public Radio (US), *The Jerusalem Post*, *Galei Tzahal*, *Israel Ha-*

NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch interviewed on Arte TV.



yom, JTA, JNS, Die Welt (Germany), *Telegraaf* (Netherlands), *Globes*, Middle East Eye, and many other media platforms around the world. We appeared in hundreds of stories on issues related to the UN blacklist, the ICC investigation, EU funding to terror-tied NGOs, BDS, delegitimization, and more.

Through webinars, our research has reached increasingly larger audiences across the globe. We hosted and co-sponsored numerous virtual events in 2020 featuring important guests including Natan Sharansky, Judge Elyakim Rubinstein, Einat Wilf, Adi Schwartz, Ben-Dror Yemini, Hanan Lis, Col. Richard Kemp, and MK Michal Cotler-Wunsh. Our webinars dis-

cussed the ICC's targeting of democ-

racies, NGO antisemitism, *The War of Return*, lies in the media and academia regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict, and antisemitism and the role of civil society. We also teamed up with the Herzl Center, Act.IL, Middle East Forum, and other groups to present our research to their audiences.

On social media, we launched numerous successful campaigns. Our most effective campaigns were on our reports documenting NGOs tied to terror and on the UN blacklist. **Our infographics and videos reached more than 500,000 people on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.**

In addition, NGO Monitor's podcast, Human Rights and Hot Coffee, gained many new subscribers and received hundreds of downloads each week. Our greatest hits in 2020 were on the new EU terror clause, the ICC investigation, the UN blacklist, Human Rights Watch scandals, and Trump's Deal of the Century. Our podcast is available on Apple Podcast, Spotify, Stitcher, Player FM, and more.

Our analyses appeared in media outlets in over 50 countries and were featured in leading newspapers, TV networks, and radio newscasts around the globe.



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Human Rights and Anti-Semitism: Beyond the Partisan Divide | Opinion

GERALD STEINBERG

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's recent declaration on "identifying organizations that engage in, or otherwise support" boycott campaigns singling out Israel is an important acknowledgement of an unfortunate reality. There is ample evidence that the agendas of such groups and their impacts go far beyond straightforward criticism of policies, and venture into anti-Semitism.

This problem has persisted at least since the 2001 NGO Forum of the infamous UN Durban Conference ostensibly on racism—led in part by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International—at which anti-Semitism was very visible. The participants declared their objective was the "complete isolation of Israel as an apartheid state." In the two decades that followed, these groups have worked intensely to implement the goal of turning Israel into a rogue state. I have devoted the past 20 years to researching and documenting the activities of these and other non-governmental organizations,

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



ON DECEMBER 10, NGO Monitor held our annual conference under the banner of “**Terror Leaders as Human Rights Activists – Exposing the Façade.**” The conference focused on the ties between NGOs and known terrorist organizations, and our research on the numerous organizations currently receiving taxpayer support that have direct affiliation to terrorist groups.

The virtual conference featured presentations and two panels with prominent figures. Noam Katz, Deputy Director General and Head of Public Diplomacy at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave the opening remarks, followed by a presentation by Prof. Gerald Steinberg.



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The conference will take place virtually via zoom. Click below to register.

“There is a widespread misunderstanding among politicians that if they want to do something good for the Palestinians they support NGOs without looking ... and without transparency.”

-MEP Niclas Herbst

The first panel discussed “Humanitarian Aid, NGOs and Terror – Reshaping Policy” with Member of European Parliament Niclas Herbst and Former Deputy Administrator at USAID Bonnie Glick. The second panel was a discussion on challenges and best practices in engaging with policy makers, featuring AJC Transatlantic Director Daniel Schwammenthal, Executive Director of Middle East Peace Forum Mirjam Rosenstein, and ACOM CEO Angel Mas.

Rabbi Eitan Shnerb, the father of Rina Shnerb who was murdered in 2019 by NGO officials affiliated with the PFLP, gave a heartfelt and moving speech about his harrowing experience.

This conference is part of NGO Monitor’s strategy of pressing governments to implement funding guidelines, particularly regarding NGOs with ties to terror groups, and to apply new guidelines in NGO funding.

“It’s in working with organizations like NGO Monitor that we are able to make sure that our work benefits intended beneficiaries.”
-Bonnie Glick



ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “Palestinian Activists at Human Rights Watch,” The Begin Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, 22 July 2020, Prof. Gerald M. Steinberg and Maayan Rockland.
- Review essay on “The War of Return: How Western Indulgence of the Palestinian Dream Has Obstructed the Path to Peace,” by Adi Schwartz and Einat Wilf, *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, Prof. Gerald M. Steinberg, July 2020.
- Review essay on “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Holocaust: An Endangered Connection,” by Johannes Morsink, *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, Prof. Gerald Steinberg, forthcoming.
- “The Leadership Role of Human Rights NGOs in Soft Power Warfare: From Durban to the ICC and beyond,” Conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), Prof. Gerald M. Steinberg, November 19-21, 2020.
- “*Lex Generalis Derogat Legi Speciali*: IHL in Human Rights Regulation of Military Courts Operating in Situations of Armed Conflict,” Anne Herzberg, (forthcoming Vol. 54 *Israel Law Review*).
- “Corporate Due Diligence in Situations of Armed Conflict, Submission to the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Project on Business in Conflict and Post-Conflict Contexts,” Anne Herzberg, April 2020.
- “UN Treaty Body Promotes BDS at Urging of Norwegian NGO,” The Began-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies Perspectives Paper, Anne Herzberg, 15 April 2020.



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Professor Gerald Steinberg, President and Founder — Professor Emeritus at Bar Ilan, Gerald Steinberg leads NGO Monitor’s research and activities. He was awarded a prestigious Israel Science Foundation grant for research on NGO fact-finding, served on the advisory board of the Israel Law Review, and participates in the Halifax International Security Forum and similar frameworks. Key publications include “NGOs, Human Rights, and Political Warfare in the Arab-Israel Conflict” (Israel Studies, 2006); “The UN, the ICJ and the Separation Barrier: War by Other Means” (Israel Law Review, 2005); *Best Practices for Human Rights and Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding* (co-author), 2012; and *Menachem Begin and the Israel-Egypt Peace Process: Between Ideology and Political Realism* (2019). Prof. Steinberg is often cited and interviewed in the media regarding NGO and human rights related issues.



Dov Yarden, CEO — Dov Yarden was appointed NGO Monitor’s CEO in March 2008 to oversee the management and day to day operations of the organization. He is also responsible for financial planning, personnel, and donor relations. Together with Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Dov drives NGO Monitor’s strategic direction. Prior to joining NGO Monitor, Dov was a hi-tech entrepreneur. He was one of the founders of Unicorn Solutions and managed their global Information Technologies and Administration until the company was bought by IBM in 2006.



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Yona Schiffmiller, Director of Research — Yona leads NGO Monitor’s research department, which is responsible for creating a variety of reports, fact sheets, and other research materials. He also develops organizational strategic partnerships and increases engagement with NGO Monitor through writing and hosting the “Human Rights and Hot Coffee” podcast. Yona received his BA in Political Science and International Relations and his MA in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Yona’s articles and op-eds have appeared in *Newsweek*, *Globes*, *The Hill*, *Israel Hayom*, and *The Forward*.

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At the end of 2004, he founded the Institute for Zionist Strategies (IZS). He has also written a bi-weekly column for *Haaretz*, articles

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