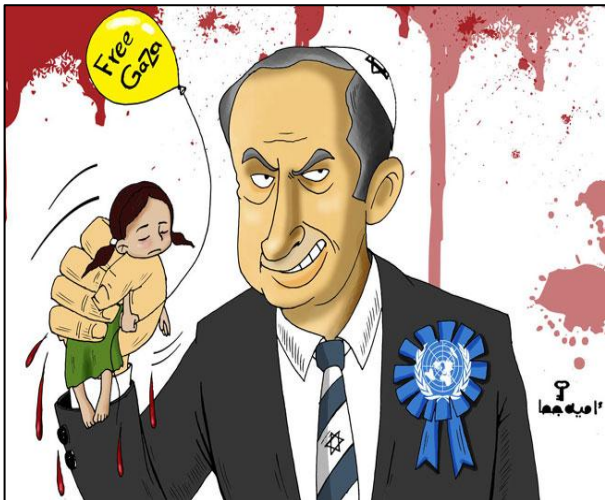
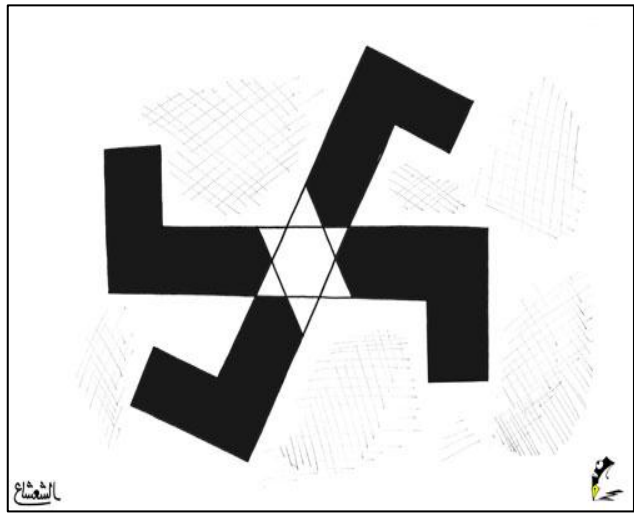


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Introduction

Anti-Semitism is widespread throughout the Arab and Muslim world, manifested in many segments of society. The Anti-Defamation League monitors and documents anti-Semitic cartoons and articles, which appear daily in the Arab media. This publication is the latest compilation of select anti-Semitic and thematic caricatures and articles in the Arab and Muslim media, and includes examples from January-June 2012.

Newspapers across the Arab world continue to feature anti-Semitic caricatures and themes, with demonic depictions of Jews that include big noses, black coats and hats, large skull caps, and many promoting age-old global Judaization conspiracy theories, including blood libel themes, Nazi symbols and the use of animal references – snakes, octopuses and scorpions - to sinisterly portray Israel.

The anti-Semitic cartoons appearing over the last six months relate to a number of issues including Israeli settlements, Iran's nuclear ambitions, the Palestinian prisoners' hunger strike and the newly minted relations between Israel and South Sudan, with a particular focus on South Sudan's president Salva Kiir.

Another topic which has gained traction in recent months is the upcoming US presidential election. Arab newspapers routinely publish cartoons portraying President Obama and the Democratic and Republican parties as subservient to Israeli interests, and subjected to whims of the Israel/Jewish Lobby. As the election date draws near, we can expect this theme to become more prevalent within the Arab press.

It is important to note that in May and June we noticed a decline in the number of anti-Semitic cartoons. This is likely attributable to a focus on domestic issues, specifically those relating to the Arab Spring, as well as the Syrian regime's brutality towards their citizens which grabbed the attention of many cartoonists. That said, the Israeli angle was not completely neglected, with cartoons equating the violence of the Assad regime to Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

On the cover:

Top Left: *Al-Watan*, March 9, 2012 (Qatar)

Top Right: *Al-Jazira*, February 13, 2012 (Saudi Arabia)

Bottom Left: *Ar-Raya*, May 14, 2012 (Qatar)

Bottom Right: *Al-Watan*, January 11, 2012 (Qatar) - The Jew is holding a folder titled "2012 American elections." The elephant represents "The Republican Party" and the donkey represents "The Democratic Party."

Bahrain

Cartoons



Akhbar al-Khalij, February 10, 2012
The group hiding under the blanket is saying: "O Palestine, don't be afraid, we are all under the blanket!!" The girl being strangled by the Jewish monster represents "Palestine."

Egypt

Cartoons



Al-Ahram weekly, May 3-9, 2012



Al-Ahram, April 25-May 1, 2012



Al-Ahram weekly, April 12-18, 2012



*Al-Ahram weekly, March 29-
April 4, 2012*



*Al-Ahram weekly, March 8-14,
2012*

Articles

- "...The main reason that prevents Israel from forming a constitution is that it rules in light of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. It is fundamentally a religious state based on Zionist thought, which violates the rights of others... "

Wujdi Zein Ad-Din, "(Dr. Muhammad Nur) Farahat and Israel's Constitution!!", *Al-Wafd*, May 13, 2012

- "...The Protocols (of the Elders of Zion), which appeared with the Bolshevik Revolution in the beginning of the 20th century, included some ideas which can realize some of the objectives that were in effect achieved. First and foremost was the prediction of the fall of the Ottoman Empire at the hands of the Jews before the establishment of the State of Israel; as well as the provoking of the World Wars in which both sides equally lose and only the Jews reap their fruits. Likewise was the fall of monarchies in Europe, the spreading of civil strife, the creating of a suitable climate for the intensification of global financial crises, in order to re-build the global economy on the basis of gold, which Jews monopolized. It is odd that these ideas were realized in effect, and this indicates, according to numerous references, that these protocols preceded the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia..."

Mohammed Abd Al-Latif, "The Elders of Zion Lead the counter-Revolution", *Al-Wafd*, March 29, 2012

- "...This protocol is one example in these protocols, which number 24 protocols. And even though they still refuse to acknowledge them, time has confirmed that. What takes place in our country is a real implementation of these protocols, because they want to destroy Egypt in order to get rid of its armed forces..."

'Abd Al-Jabir Ahmad 'Ali, "The Israeli Mossad and Remnants of the National (Democratic Party) are Behind the Events of Port Said", *Al-Ahram Sports*, February 8, 2012

- "...The history of the Jews documents many bloody stories during the Purim celebrations. On that occasion, extremists among them catch or kidnap a non-Jewish man, slaughter and hang him like a slaughter animal in order to dry out his blood. Alternatively, they torment him in brutal ways by deeply puncturing his body, also to dry

out his blood in a container. This, while taking pleasure in observing his screams and pains. This blood is dried until it becomes powder and it is kneaded with flour to make candy ... it appears that recently, after these practices during this holiday had been exposed, these rituals were replaced by others on a large scale. Namely, the killing of Palestinians in unjustified military campaigns during the days of this holiday, and especially the bringing down of as large a number (as possible) of Muslim martyrs. Fikriyya Ahmad, "Purim Holiday and the Jews' Sacrifice from Muslims' Blood", *Al-Wafd*, March 14, 2012

- "...In Europe, until this day the peoples pay the price of the Holocaust, in which it is claimed that Hitler killed six million Jews. Guilt complex controls the Europeans to such an extent that makes them pass a law that punishes anyone who shows enmity toward Jews, even by word..."

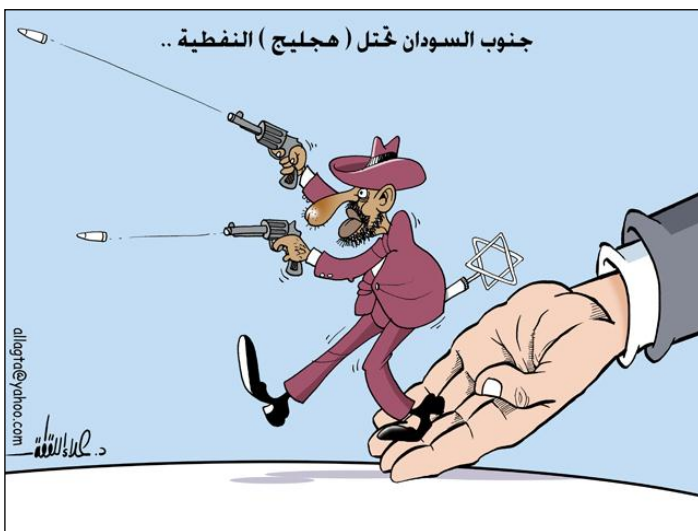
Hisam 'Abd Al-'Aziz, "Anti-Islam Law", *Al-Wafd*, January 14, 2012

Gaza – Hamas

Cartoons



Filastin, April 21, 2012
The man on the right is saying: "Visits of Arabs to Jerusalem under the occupation is not religiously permissible." The man on the left is saying: "I say it is religiously permissible."



Filastin, April 14, 2012
Headline: "South Sudan occupies oil (rich) Heglig"



Filastin, March 13, 2012
In Arabic: "Gaza."



Filastin, March 7, 2012
Headline: "Netanyahu-Obama meeting."



Filastin, March 2, 2012
The Jew is saying: "Bow your head down so that you can enter." On the top: The emblem of the State of Israel.



Filastin, January 20, 2012
 Headline: "Election Exaggerations." The man on the right is saying: "Jerusalem is the united capital of Israel." The man on the left is saying: "Israel is the united capital of the United States of America."



Filastin, January 6, 2012
 Headline: "Suspicious Relationship." On the hat: "Salva Kiir (President of South Sudan)."

Articles

- "...Philosopher Roger Garaudy has assumed the attitude of refuting Jewish propaganda, which planted a lie in human memory. It is something called 'the disaster that befell the Jews', which they subjected European peoples to, until anyone who doubted the Jewish lie became a criminal..."

Dr. Fayiz Abu Shamala, "Roger Garaudy Votes for Muhammad Mursi", *Filastin*, June 17, 2012

- "...On Sunday May 20th, tens of Zionist usurpers stormed the courtyards of the blessed Al-Aqsa mosque, on the occasion of what is called 'Jerusalem Day', in celebration of their control of the holy city. A month ago they stormed it and caused havoc in it, through their satanic rituals, in celebration of the 'Holiday of Passover'."

Dr. Isam Shawir, "Jerusalem Will Not Be Liberated Until Our Tongues Are Cut Off", *Filastin*, May 20, 2012.

Jordan

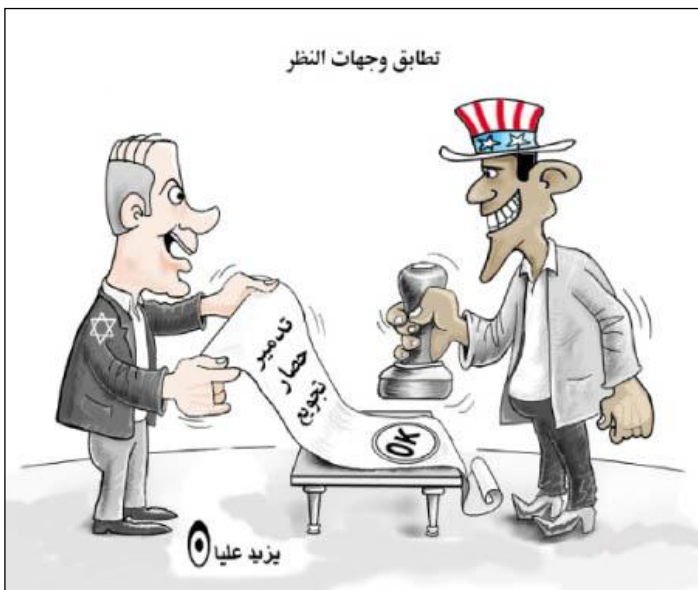
Cartoons



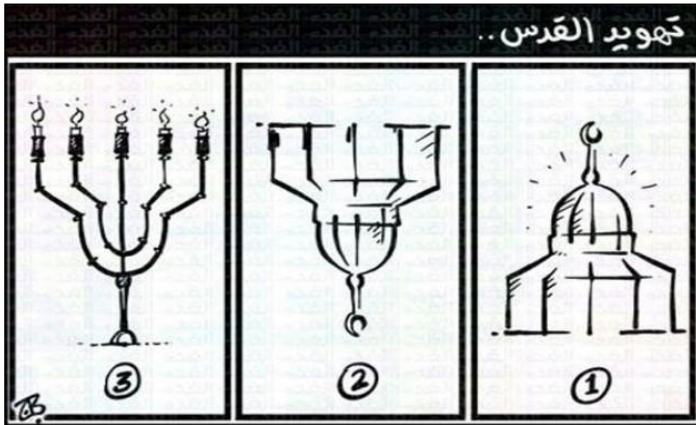
Ar-Rai, June 3, 2012



Ad-Dustur, April 22, 2012
On the right box: "Republicans";
on the left: "Democrats."



As-Sabil, April 19, 2012
Headline: "Matching points of
view". Written on the paper:
"Destruction, Siege, Starvation".



Al-Ghad, March 29, 2012
 Headline: "Judaization of Jerusalem..."



As-Sabil, March 25, 2012



As-Sabil, March 7, 2012



As-Sabil, February 24, 2012
On the blanket: "Peace."



Ar-Rai, February 18, 2012



Al-Ghad, February 2, 2012



Ad-Dustur, February 1, 2012
 On the right glass: "The Massacre of Az-Zaytoun Neighborhood - Gaza"; on the left: "The Massacre of the Olive (Az-Zaytoun) Grove – Homs (Syria)."



Ad-Dustur, January 30, 2012
 Headline: "Obama emphasizes ironclad commitment to Israel's security". Written on the iron ball: "Zionist Lobby in America".



Ar-Rai, January 14, 2012
 The American is holding a document titled: "Israeli terror."
 On the iron ball: "The Zionist Lobby."

Articles

- "...To conclude, I say that that non-Muslim man (Hitler), most or all of whose co-religionists side with Jews today, powerfully stood up against them. He knew them as they really were and waged his fierce, restless and relentless war against them ... So, how are sons of Arabs today misled, after God had strengthened them through Islam, which informed them most clearly and accurately about Jews, about those evil people?! (And how do they) surrender to them in their occupation of their holiest place, Palestine, and keep the peace with them and shake their hands?!..."

Dr. 'Ali Al-'Attum, "Reading in Hitler's Mein Kampf (3)", *As-Sabil*, Feb. 22, 2012

- "...Israeli President Shimon Peres appears in public - whether in his youth or even in his old age these days - arrogant and impudent, exactly like Adolf Hitler and George W. Bush. The first used to claim that Nazi Germany is above all, while the second used to think that the world is nothing but an American empire!!..."

Odeh Odeh, "May God Protect Nazareth... and South Lebanon...!", *Ar-Rai*, Feb. 20, 2012

- "...Extreme racism is one of the main components of the Jewish personality. As an ideology, it is not exercised only against 'Gentiles' – non-Jewish races, according to Jewish faith – but racism as a system of exclusion and enmity is exercised even among various Jewish communities. As one of the immigrant societies which are artificial in their composition, Jewish society has various religious and intellectual streams wrestling with one another. This conflict takes a nature of exclusion rather than of co-existence. And the more a Jew applied himself to religiosity, the more racist and extremist he became towards others, in a situation where they did not share his faith, even if they were Jews..."

Nabil Barghal, "Haredim: From Denial of the Jewish Entity to Controlling over It", *As-Sabil*, January 5, 2012

- "...The story of the Jewish 'Holocaust – Catastrophe – Crematory' has been for approximately 70 years that passed, a distinctly Israeli-Zionist story. It was an excuse to, and means of, financially and spiritually robbing the world in general and Germany in

particular. This is due to the fact that the Zionist movement and the successive Israeli governments succeeded in utilizing the “Catastrophe – Crematory” in a colonial, racist, Shylock-like manner; overstepping all bounds of reason, logic, justice and fairness.

Nawwaf Az-Zarw, “Israel’s Alert on the Anniversary of the Jewish Holocaust!”, *Al-‘Arab Al-Yawm*, April 22, 2012

Kuwait

Articles

- "...Whoever wants to substitute Kuwait's democracy, freedom and history, of which all Kuwaitis boast, for hotels, discotheques and bars; is more harmful than the Jews' elite was to them, who wandered about for 40 years. So be wary, O people of Kuwait, of the Jews of Kuwait, viewed by some as your elite..."
Sa'd Al-Mu'tish, "The Elite of Kuwaiti Jews", *Al-Anba*, May 29, 2012

Lebanon

Cartoons



Al-Mustaqbal, March 7, 2012
Headline: "Netanyahu in the US."



Al-Bina, February 13, 2012
Headline: "The American presidential race..."

Articles

- "...Hitler used to talk about establishing Greater Germany, and Netanyahu today talks about Greater Israel. Hitler used to promote the motto 'Germany for the Germans,' and Netanyahu today promotes the motto 'Israel for the Jews'. Hitler used to talk about eliminating those he called "internal enemies", referring to Jews in particular; and this is the same term Netanyahu uses to talk about the Palestinian Arabs, whom he describes as posing a demographic time bomb that threatens Israel's identity and security..."
Muhammad As-Sammak, "Israel: From Zionist to Jewish", *Al-Mustaqbal*, May 21, 2012

Oman

Cartoons



Al-Watan, May 15, 2012
In Arabic: "Damascus bombings."



Oman, April 12, 2012
In Arabic: "We will never surrender".



Al-Watan, April 3, 2012



Oman, March 14, 2012
Headline: "Continued Israeli raids on Gaza."



Al-Watan, January 24, 2012
The upper region is "Sudan";
and the lower is "South Sudan."

Qatar

Cartoons



Ar-Raya, June 14, 2012
The Jew is holding a sign that reads: "Insistence on Settlements"; the Arab is holding a sign that reads: "Insistence on peace."



Ar-Raya, June 7, 2012
In Arabic: "The Palestinian people's rights."



Al-Watan, June 4, 2012
The Arab sings: "Distinguished people, O Arabs, distinguished people."



Ar-Raya, May 14, 2012



Al-Watan, March 9, 2012



Ar-Raya, March 18, 2012
Headline: "Israel: The truce does not include assassinations."



Ar-Raya, February 21, 2012.



Ash-Sharq, January 28, 2012
 Headline: "Exploratory Amman talks.."
 Written on the bag the Arab figure is holding:
 "Negotiations."



Ar-Raya, January 18, 2012
 Headline: "Israel considers condemning massacres on the ground..."



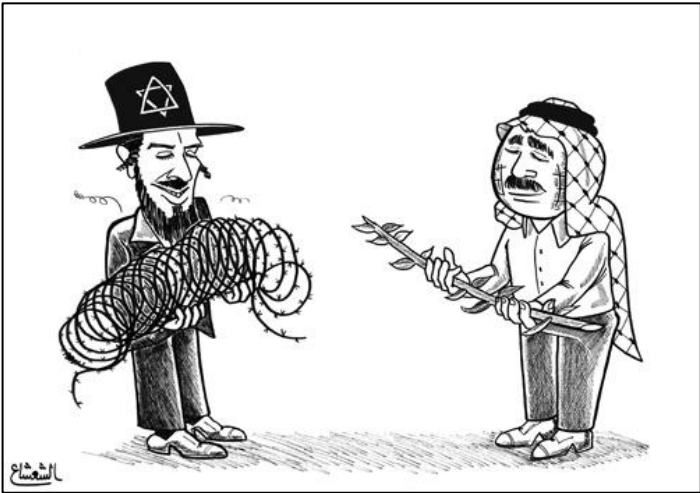
Al-Watan, January 11, 2012
The Jew is holding a folder titled: "2012 American elections." The elephant represents "The Republican Party"; and the Donkey represents "The Democratic Party."

Saudi Arabia

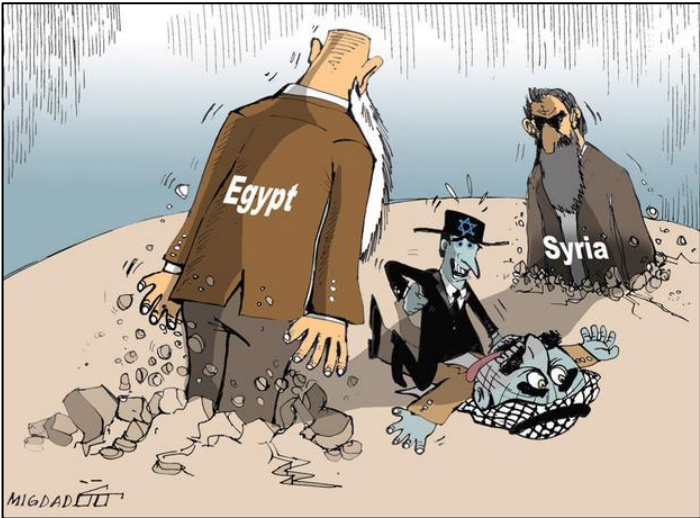
Cartoons



Al-Watan, May 2, 2012
In Arabic: "Civil strife."



Al-Jazira, April 13, 2012



Arab News, April 5, 2012



Al-Jazira, March 30, 2012
On the sign: "The Middle East."



Arab News, March 29, 2012



Arab News, March 26, 2012



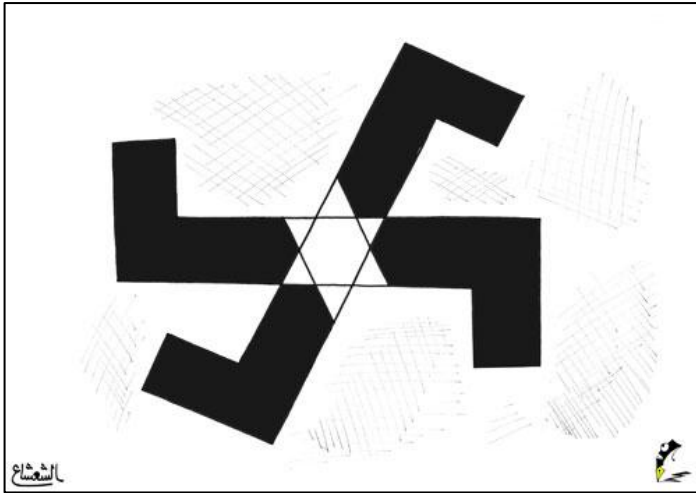
An-Nadwa, March 18, 2012
 The song's words: "You, and you alone, are the one I love!"
 On the joint shoe: "Common goals"



An-Nadwa, March 15, 2012
 Headline: "Netanyahu to the Settlers: "Withdrawing from Gaza was a big mistake!" The crocodile represents "the settlements." Written on the sign: "Gaza".



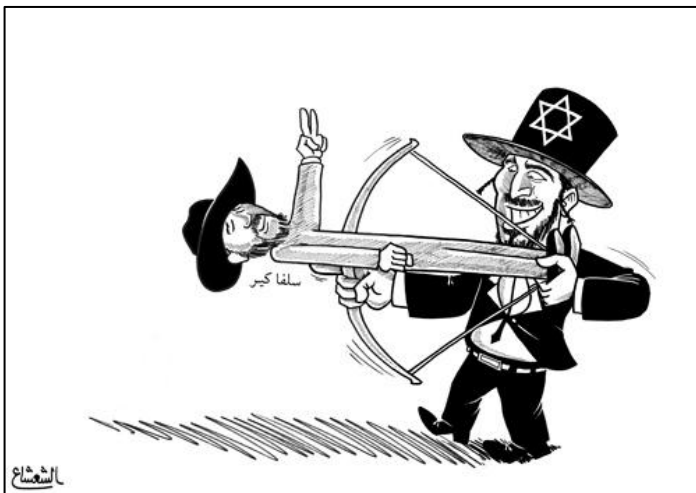
An-Nadwa, February 26, 2012
 Headline: "Al-Aqsa (Mosque) is in danger!"
 On the snake: "Extremism."



Al-Jazira, February 13, 2012



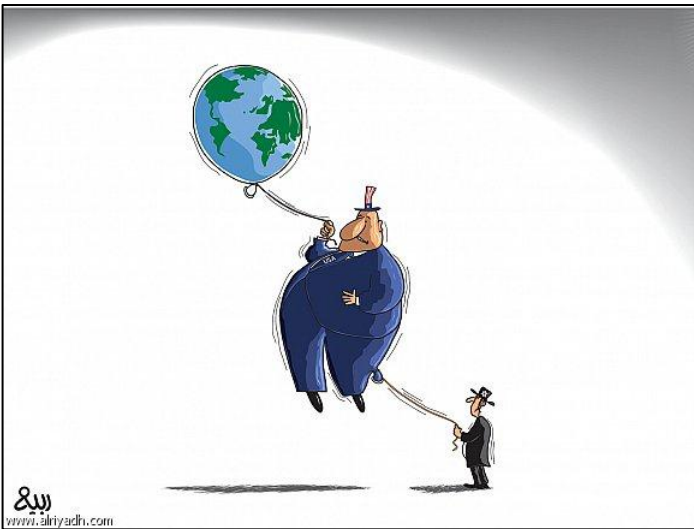
Al-Jazira, January 15, 2012
It is the "Negotiations" that the Arab figure is holding, and the "Peace dove" that the Jewish figure is serving him.



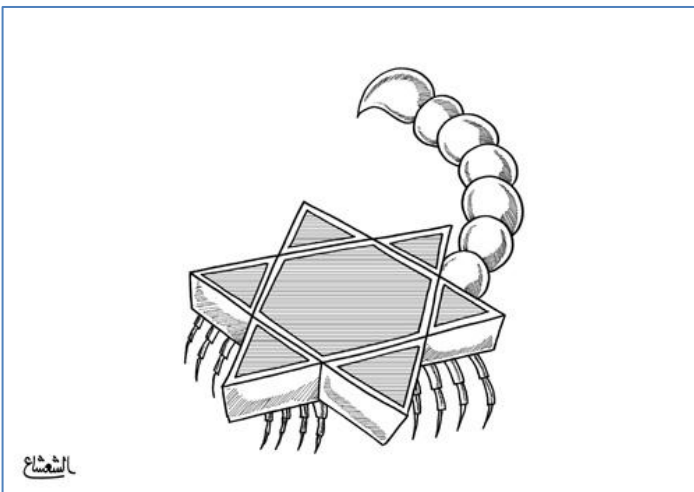
Al-Jazira, January 11, 2012
In Arabic: "Salva Kiir (President of South Sudan)"



Ar-Riyadh, January 9, 2012
In Arabic: "Western media."



Ar-Riyadh, January 8, 2012



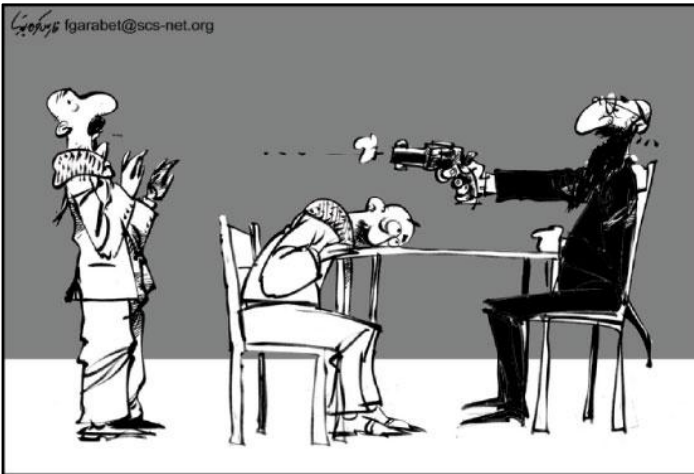
Ar-Jazira, January 3, 2012

Syria

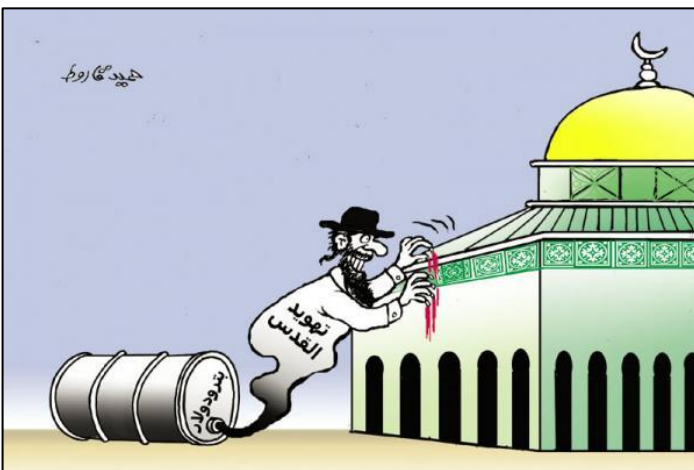
Cartoons



Al-Watan, June 7, 2012
Headline: "Sectarian violence."



Al-Watan, April 25, 2012



Tishrin, March 25, 2012
The Jew is emerging from a barrel of "petro-dollars", and it represents "The Judaization of Jerusalem."



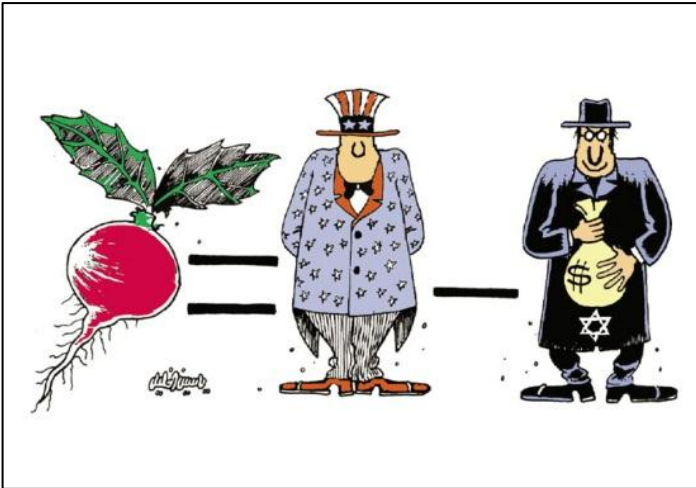
Al-Watan, March 19, 2012
 In Arabic: "The Judaization of Jerusalem" Written on the bucket of paint: "Arab disputes".



Al-Watan, March 7, 2012



Tishrin, March 6, 2012
 Obama, sitting in front of "The American elections" ballot box, is begging for "The Jewish vote."



Tishrin, March 1, 2012



Tishrin, February 19, 2012
 In Arabic: "The Middle East."
 Written below: "Fingerprints".



Al-Watan, February 9, 2012



Tishrin, February 1, 2012
In Arabic: "The (UN) Security Council."

Articles

- "...The attacks President Bashar Assad faces, in the framework of the global war against Syria, reveal a high level of resentment and hatred in American and Western circles toward this young Arab leader. They illustrate that a huge amount of hatred, vengeance and deception lead the course of action of the Zionist movement, which recruits all its agents and all the powers of the Zionist lobby in the world, to harm President Assad and to demonize his political image in front of international, Arab and Syrian public opinion..."

Ghalib Qandil, "President Assad and the Zionist Vengeance", *Cham Press*, June 3, 2012

- "... Israel occupies three quarters of Palestine, yet its danger exceeds its small size. It has become a threat to the world and it controls the world's biggest power, having gained control over the decision makers in the US, which sees it (Israel) as the 'true treasure!!!'."

Muhammad 'Ayyash, "Brought Israel into our Bedrooms. Qatar... a Sparking Stone?!!!!", *Al-Watan*, May 2, 2012

United Arab Emirates

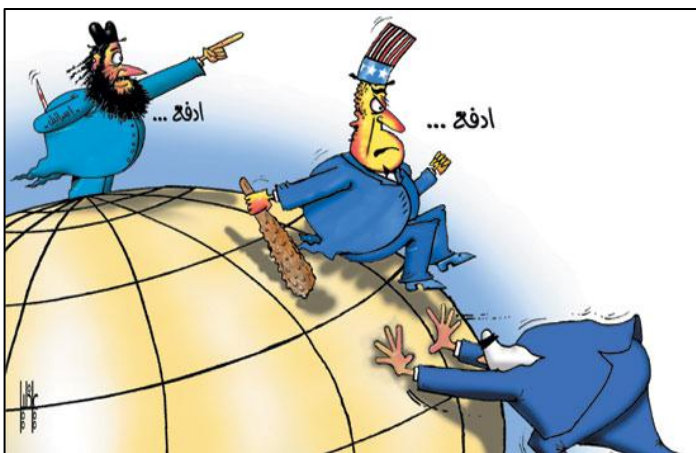
Cartoons



Al-Ittihad, June 13, 2012
Written on the bucket of paint:
"Judaization".



Al-Khalij, May 31, 2012
The man on the left is saying: "A
resisting people are imperishable..."



Al-Khalij, May 1, 2012
In Arabic: "Push...Push..."



Al-Khalij, April 17, 2012
 On the note: "Ok for building and expanding the Settlements."
 The Jewish figure represents Israel.



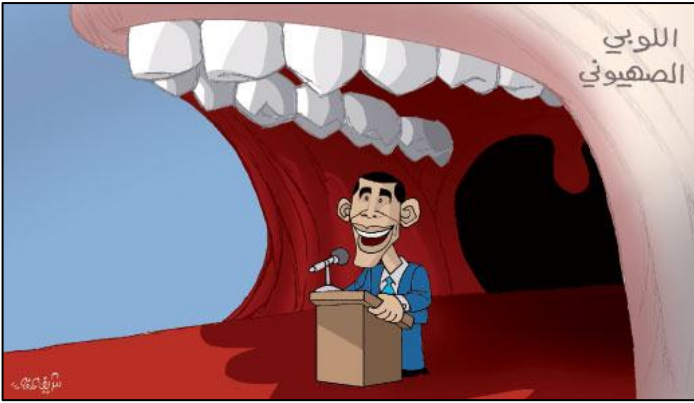
Al-Ittihad, March 19, 2012
 The Israeli soldier is saying: "This scene is staged ... and so are attacks by settlers, bombing of Gaza, desecrating of Mosques, stealing of lands, Judaizing Jerusalem and ..." (In the photo is Muhammad al-Durrah, who was killed during the Second Intifada, and his father.)



Al-Khalij, March 16, 2012
 The Star-of-David-shaped shark represents "Zionist Settlements", and it is "American tax payer money" that President Obama is holding.



Gulf News, March 7, 2012



Al-Ittihad, March 6, 2012
In Arabic: "The Zionist Lobby."



Gulf News, February 29, 2012



Al-Khalij, February 17, 2012
On the chest: "The Zionist Lobby." Obama is saying: "Vote for me."



Al-Bayan, January 30, 2012
In Arabic: "Settlement."



Al-Khalij, January 16, 2012
The right sign reads: "Vote for me, guys". The left one reads: "I am Israel's servant."

Articles

- "...It was appropriate that Germany, which attempts to get rid of nuclear capabilities, even for peaceful purposes, not equip invading states like "Israel", with what enables it to use its destructive weapons. By this conduct, it (Germany) cannot free itself from the burden of the crimes of its Nazism during World War II. Rather, it burdens itself with the burden of its support for the New Nazism in the Zionist Entity..."

Al-Khalij, "Arming Israel" (Editorial), June 4, 2012

United Kingdom-Based Newspapers

Cartoons



Al-Hayat, March 6, 2012
Headline: "President Obama in the AIPAC Conference."



Al-Hayat, February 13, 2012
Headline: "The American election campaigns have commenced."



Al-Hayat, January 22, 2012

Articles

- "...Everything we know about Islam and its prophet is proven and certain. Whereas everything that reached us about the Jewish religion and its prophets is false and unsupported by any findings. Islam came as seen from History, and the Jewish religion was written 500 to 1000 years afterwards. I maintain that the Jews' prophets, specifically the prophets in the Five Books of Moses, did not exist. I challenge the world's historians and archaeologists to bring forward conclusive evidence of them..."
Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: Islam Came as Seen from History", *Al-Hayat*, April 12, 2012
- "...My article coincided with the Christian Western churches' Easter celebration, and with the Jews' celebration of their Passover, which commemorates the Jews' salvation from slavery in Egypt. It is yet another fable of the Torah that is not supported by any traces on the ground..."
Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: Where are the Jews' Traces?", *Al-Hayat*, April 15, 2012
- "...In the end, it appears that Zionism is more dangerous than Nazism, because it succeeded in obtaining a tempting moral cover for its crimes against humanity in Palestine and the Arab World, especially Lebanon..."
Faisal Jalul, "On Nazism, Zionism and What Comes between Them," *Al-'Arab Online*, March 21, 2012

Yemen

Cartoons



Al-Jumhuriyya, May 15, 2012

Articles

- "...This is how things are in any Western presidential elections, which makes it incumbent upon us not to be optimistic, as Arabs and Muslims, by the arrival of one president or another. This is because they all fall under the control and domination of the Zionist lobby, which controls most Western countries and imposes with full force on any new president who comes to power, policies that support the Zionist gangs in Palestine..."

'Abdullah Sultan, "They are both our Enemies!!", *Al-Jumhuriyya*, May 5, 2012

Select List of Arab Media Outlets

Ad-Dustur (Jordan) — first issued on March 28, 1967, this government-owned daily expresses pro-Palestinian and anti-Israeli views. Editor in chief: Muhammad Hasan At-Tal.

Akhbar Al-Khalij (Bahrain) — first issued on February 1, 1976, this pro-government daily is Bahrain's oldest and leading newspaper. Editor-in-chief is Anwar Moh'd Abd ar-Rahman.

Al-Ahram (Egypt) — an Egyptian daily controlled by the Egyptian government: the president appoints the editor. The editor (and the editors of the other government owned dailies, *Al-Gumhuriyya* and *Al-Akhabar*) is given substantial leeway in his editorial practices, assuming he avoids certain "taboos." *Al-Ahram* is the largest Arabic paper in the world and has established the *Al-Ahram* Regional Press Institute. It was founded in 1875.

Al-Ahram Al-'Arabi (Egypt) — a weekly published by the Dar Al-Ahram publishing house. The editor-in-chief of the newspaper is Dr. 'Abd Al-'Ati Muhammad, and the chairman of the publishing house is Ibrahim Nafi, who is *Al-Ahram's* editor in chief. Although both newspapers are published by the same publishing house, *Al-Ahram* and *Al-Ahram Al-Arabi* are different. The editorials in *Al-Ahram* are always supportive of government positions, while the editorials in *Al-Ahram al-Arabi* are critical of the government and also other countries. The paper publishes very strong anti-Israeli views.

Al-Ahram al-Masa'i (Egypt) — The editor-in-chief is Tariq Hasan and it is also published by the Al-Ahram publishing house.

Al-Anba – Kuwaiti daily established in 1976; editor in-chief: Yousuf Khaled Yousuf al-Marzouq. Considered one of the three most read newspapers Kuwait. During the Iraqi invasion to Kuwait, the paper was published from Cairo (8/1990-8/1991).

Al-'Arab Al-Yawm (Jordan) – Self-described "Independent" daily, based in Amman.

Al-'Arab Online (United Kingdom) – Arab daily newspaper. Its editor-in-chief is Mohamed Ahmed El-Houni.

Al-Bayan (United Arab Emirates) — owned by the Al-Bayan Foundation for Press, Printing and Publication. The newspaper was founded in 1980 and the editor is Hasher Al-Mektom, a member of the royal family.

Al-Bina (Lebanon) – daily newspaper first published in 1958.

Al-Ghad (Jordan) — an independent and privately sponsored mainstream daily. Today the paper is less anti-Israel than it used to be.

Al-Hayat (United Kingdom) — a London-based pan-Arab daily, which reflects the general tone in the Arab world and tends to publish scoops.

Al-Iqtisadiyya (Saudi Arabia) – economics-focused daily, and its editor-in-chief is Salman Aldossary.

Al-Ittihad (United Arab Emirates) — it was first issued on October 20, 1969. The editor-in-chief is Rashid Salih Al-'Arimi. It is a government daily, which emphasizes the government's policy and its achievements in domestic and foreign affairs. The paper publishes all kinds of news related to the Arab and Muslim arena. It has a wide network of correspondents in Arab countries and the west. The paper is being published by Emirates Media.

Al-Jazira (Saudi Arabia) — very conservative, pro-Islamic. The paper has a limited circulation and is not widespread in relation to the other Saudi papers. It was established in 1960. The editor-in-chief is Khalid Bin Hamd Al-Malik.

Al-Jumhuriyya (Yemen) –political daily founded in 1962. Its editor-in-chief is Samir Rashad Al-Yusufi.

Al-Khalij (United Arab Emirates) — The country's largest Arabic language newspaper; it is privately-owned. It was founded in 1970.

Al-Mustaqbal (Lebanon) — a Lebanese daily established in 1995, owned by the deceased Rafiq Al-Hariri.

Al-Wafd (Egypt) — *Al-Wafd* is the main opposition paper in Egypt. The paper criticizes the regime on a wide range of issues — from economy to internal and foreign policy. However, it is important to note that the criticism is only on subjects that are allowed by the regime. The paper is one of the most acceptable tools of opposition activism, since the Egyptians see themselves as supporters of freedom of the press, and the paper is supposed to be concrete proof to this idea. *Al-Wafd* expresses extreme anti-Israel and anti-Semitic views, in its articles and cartoons. Editors-in-chief are 'Adil Al-Qad and 'Adil Sabri.

Al-Watan (Oman) — the only privately owned daily — owned by a business group. It was established in 1971, the editor-in-chief is Muhammad Ibn Sulaiman At-Tani. It enjoys high popularity and has a circulation of 40,000. Although the daily is privately owned, the government has a right (by law) to censor materials.

Al-Watan (Qatar) — *Al-Watan* is one of the five Qatari dailies. *Al-Watan*'s chairman is Hamad bin Sahim Al Thani, a member of the royal family (all of the papers are owned by different branches of the royal family). The Foreign Minister, Hamad Bin Jasim Bin Jabir Al Thani, owns half of the newspaper. It was founded in 1995.

Al-Watan (Saudi Arabia) — a daily owned by the governor of the Asir district.

Al-Watan (Syria) – Self-described “Independent” political daily.

An-Nadwa (Saudi Arabia) – Daily newspaper whose editor-in-chief is Ahmad Bin Saleh.

Arab News (Saudi Arabia) — The first English daily newspaper in Saudi Arabia. Published simultaneously from Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran. Established in 1975 by Saudi Research & Publishing Co. (SRPC). It is distributed to Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Near East, North Africa, Europe and the USA. Arab News Online is published by Arab News from its offices located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Editor in Chief is Mr. Khalid Al-Maina.

Ar-Rai (Jordan) — first issued in 1971, it is a government daily which expresses the approaches of the Jordanian regime. The editor-in-chief is 'Abd Al-Wahab Zaghilat.

Ar-Raya (Qatar) — a government-sponsored daily edited by Yusuf Muhammad Darwish and published through the Gulf Company, which belongs to the royal family.

Ar-Risala (Gaza) – Hamas-affiliated newspaper that was founded in 1997.

Ar-Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) — A Saudi daily, one of the four principal Saudi papers (the three others are: *Al-Madina*, *Al-Jazira* and *Al-Watan*). The paper presents a relatively conservative attitude, while emphasizing (as most of the Saudi papers) its praise of the Royal family. Generally, the Saudi government lays severe limitations on the freedom of press and has a strict censorship, even on the foreign press that enters Saudi Arabia. Since the Saudi press is government-oriented, it concentrates

on praising the Saudi Royal Family. Of course, opposition or independent newspapers do not exist in Saudi Arabia. However, the London based Saudi press has more independent features.

Ash-Sharq (Qatar) — a daily newspaper edited and managed by Mr. 'Abd Al-Latif Al-Mahmud and part of the Ash-Sharq publishing and printing house. The Ash-Sharq house board is headed by one of the royal family members.

As-Sabil (Jordan) – Newspaper published since 1993, that became a daily in 2009.

Cham Press – Syrian news agency based in Damascus; editor in-chief: Iskandar Ibrahim Mahmoud. The website claims to be independent from the government.

Filastin (Gaza) — Affiliated with Hamas. It was first issued in May 2007.

Gulf News (United Arab Emirates) – English-language daily, based in Dubai. It was first published in 1978 and re-launched in 1985.

Oman (Oman) — first issued in November 1972, it is a government affiliated paper. The editor-in-chief is Abdallah Bin Nasir Ar-Rahabi.

Tishrin (Syria) — a state-sponsored and owned newspaper, in which the journalists are appointed and instructed by the government (the English-language *Syria Times* is published by *Tishrin* as well).



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