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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 2013.

Newspapers across the Arab and Muslim 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 Jewish conspiracy theories, including blood libel themes, Nazi symbols and the use of animal imagery – snakes, vultures and sharks - to portray Israel as a sinister predator.

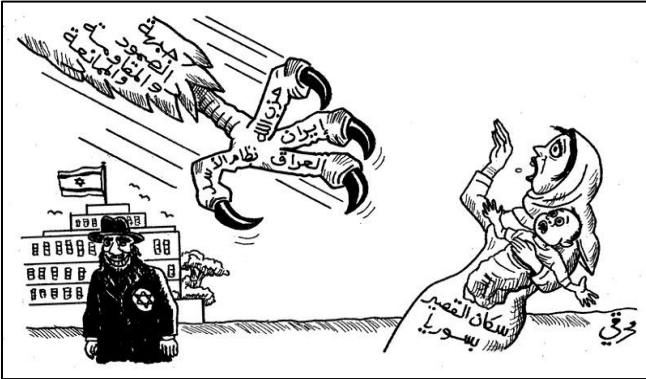
The anti-Semitic cartoons appearing during the past few months relate to a number of issues, including US efforts to restart negotiations between Israelis and the Palestinians, the US-Israel relationship, the conflict in Syria and Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank. There were also a number of anti-Semitic cartoons accusing Israel of attempting to “Judaize” Jerusalem, often depicted as a Jew “stealing” the Temple Mount or the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

It is important to note that in the past year, there has been a decline in the number of anti-Semitic cartoons published. This is likely attributable to a focus on domestic issues, specifically those relating to the pro-democracy movements in many Arab countries, as well as the Syrian regime’s brutality towards their citizens which grabbed the attention of many cartoonists. That said, while there were fewer anti-Semitic cartoons, a substantial number of anti-Israel cartoons still found their way into Arab and Muslim newspapers.

On the cover: *Ar-Rai*, May 2, 2013 (Jordan)

Bahrain

Cartoons



Akhbar al-Khalij, May 21, 2013

The woman holding the baby represents "the al-Qusayr (Syria) residents." On the left, the claws represent "The rebellion, resistance and steadfastness front of Hezbollah, Iran, Iraq and the Assad regime (in Syria)."

Egypt

Cartoons



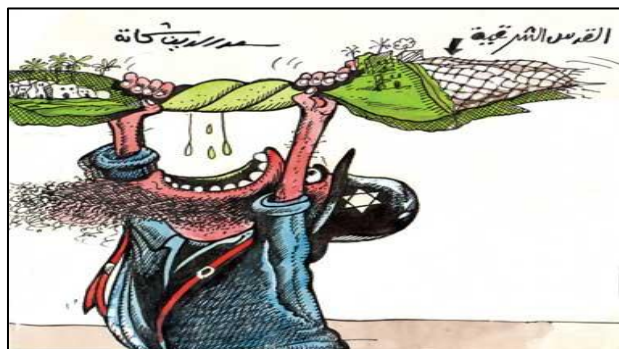
Al-Ahram weekly, May 16-23, 2013



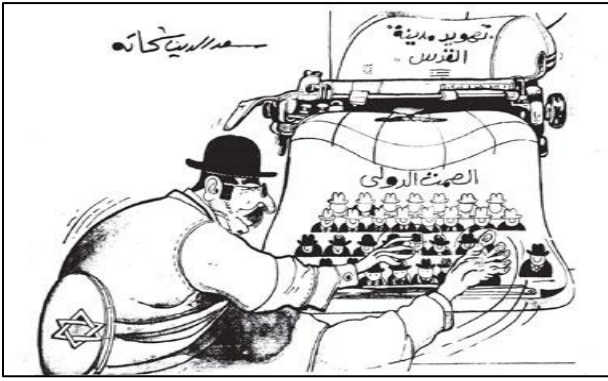
Al-Ahram weekly, March 21-28, 2013



Al-Ahram, March 19, 2013
The Jew is saying "Shalom."



Al-Ahram, March 12, 2013
The arrow is pointing at "East Jerusalem."



Al-Ahram, March 3, 2013

The typewriter represents “the international silence,” and the Jewish figure is typing the “Judaization of Jerusalem.”

Articles

- "...Throughout the world, the Jews commemorate today (Sunday) the anniversary of what is known as the alleged genocide of the Holocaust, launched by the German Nazi party led by German leader Adolf Hitler, during World War II, against the Jews, as Jewish History claims..."

Mahmud Muhyi, "The Jews Commemorate the Anniversary of the Holocaust Today", *Al-Yawm As-Sabi*, January 27, 2013

Gaza – Hamas

Cartoons



Filastin, June 28, 2013
 US Secretary of State Kerry with Palestinian President Abbas. Written above the peace dove: "Tuk-tuk."



Filastin, June 16, 2013
 Headline: "The sectarian charger."



Filastin, June 1, 2013
 Written on the arm: "Egypt."



Filastin, May 31, 2013
 Headline: "A thousand new housing units in Jerusalem." The person on the right represents "the Palestinian negotiator."



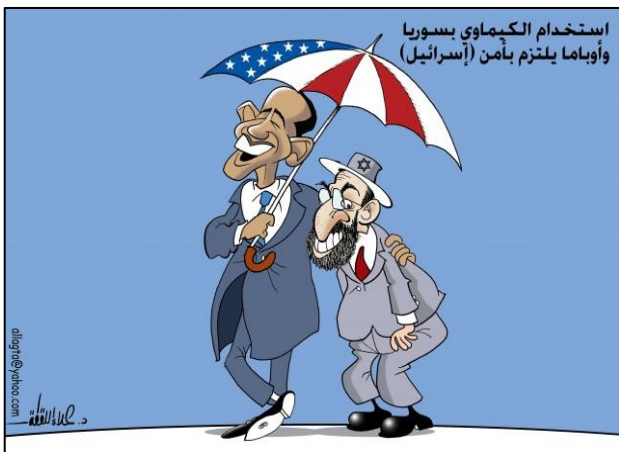
Filastin, May 28, 2013
 President Abbas is saying: "Kidnapping Israeli soldiers is not part of our culture."



Filastin, May 3, 2013
 Headline: "Territorial exchange."



Filastin, April 9, 2013
 The Arab man is reading: "Halting the settlements is a condition for negotiations."



Filastin, March 21, 2013
 Headline: "While chemical (weapons) were used in Syria, Obama is committed to Israel's security."



Filastin, February 27, 2013
 Written on the horse: "The (West) Bank."



Filastin, February 19, 2013
 Headline: "The American pressure on both sides to renew the negotiations."



Filastin, January 20, 2013
 The paper's headline: "An American study: the origins of European Jews do not go back to Palestine."

Jordan

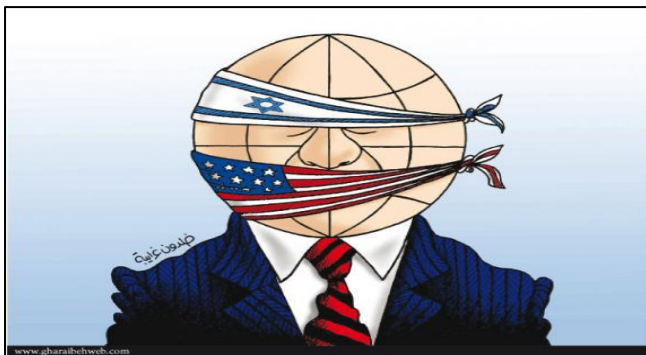
Cartoons



Ad-Dustur, June 29, 2013
Written on the needle: "Terrorism."



Ar-Rai, May 30, 2013



Ar-Rai, May 18, 2013



Al-Ghad, May 9, 2013
Written on the sign: "We condemn."



Ar-Rai, May 7, 2013
 The wolf represents "the Syrian regime" and the man attacked represents "the Syrian people."



Ad-Dustur, May 6, 2013
 Headline: "Google recognizes the State of Palestine."



Ar-Rai, May 2, 2013



Ad-Dustur, February 23, 2013



Ar-Rai, January 23, 2013
On the left: "The Israeli left"; on
the right: "The Israeli right."

Articles

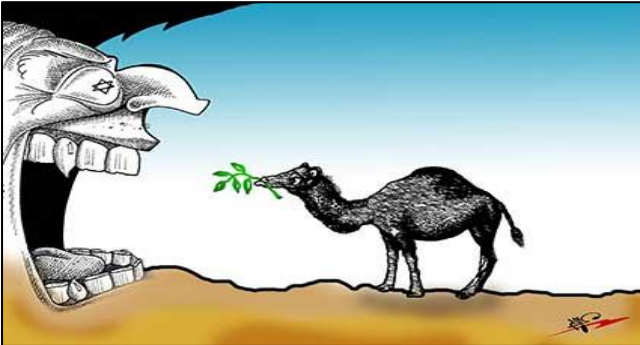
- "...There is difficulty for them (the Jews) to coexist with others, due to the practices of interest, immorality and the culture concerning Gentiles (whereby non-Jews are animals). A contemporary indicator of this is that (democratic) Palestinian intellectuals who lived with them, weren't able to continue to do so, like the poet Mahmud Darwish... as well as former Knesset Member Azmi Bishara..."
Muwaffaq Mahadin, "On the Jewish Ideology", *Al-'Arab Al-Yawm*, May 28, 2013
- "...The Zionist enemy realizes that forgetting Jewish history ... is a killing and defeating of their enterprise, with regard to appearing as the constantly targeted victim that must be protected and defended by those who were responsible some time, or were silent over the emigration and slaughter of Jews in the alleged Holocaust!..."
Dr. Dima Tarek Tahbub, "The Heart of Israel does not Forget", *As-Sabil*, April 4, 2013
- "...The Jewish fox set the holy city as a major objective of its Talmudic desires, not giving a hoot for the sanctity of that city for Muslims and Christians alike..."
Muhammad Hasan At-Tal, "Jerusalem in the Eye of the Zionist Fox", *Ad-Dustur*, April 3, 2013
- "...Due to certain reasons, the most important of which was perhaps US pressure... [Palestinian Authority threats to submit official complaints against Israel in the International Criminal Court] did not happen. The (Palestinian) Authority resorted to silence and put the matter aside. This, even though it is a foremost and true window that can inform the world of the extent of the injustice, subjugation and death that the Palestinians were subjected to at the hands of the previous and current Zionist gangs. Thus, gaining the solidarity and support of the world's peoples, that do not know the scale of the danger of the Talmudic Zionism, its bloodiness, criminality, hatred and loathing of all peoples, which by far exceeded that of Nazism..."
Ibrahim Al-'Absi, "Israel ... between War Crimes and the Settlements", *Ar-Rai*, February 10, 2013
- "...In addition, many of the most eminent American and European scholars, philosophers and researchers doubt that the catastrophe (Holocaust) took place to

begin with. Thus, whereas others think that only the number of Jews who were burned is exaggerated, and while a body of innumerable documents corroborates that the Jewish catastrophe is actually nothing but a Zionist fabrication regarded as a lie of the previous century. The Zionist movement exploited it over the previous decades to instill fear and frighten world Jewry, and urge them to immigrate to Palestine; as well as to instill fear and to criminalize the European public opinion; and as a means of financial, moral and spiritual robbery..."

Nawwaf Az-Zarw, "68 Years since the Fabrication of the Jewish Holocaust...?", *Al-Arab Al-Yawm*, January 27, 2013

Lebanon

Cartoons



Al-Intiqad, May 3, 2013



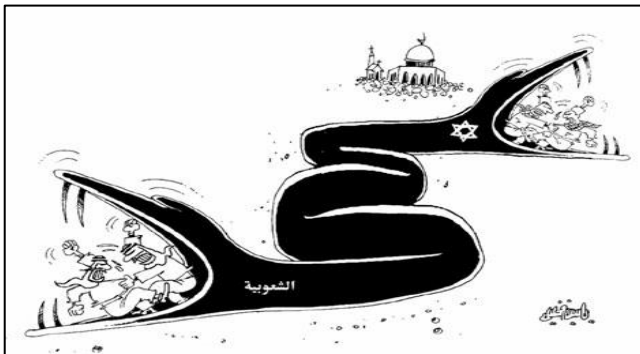
Al-Bina, March 21, 2013



Al-Intiqad, February 16, 2013
The Jewish figure is saying "our threats are empty."

Oman

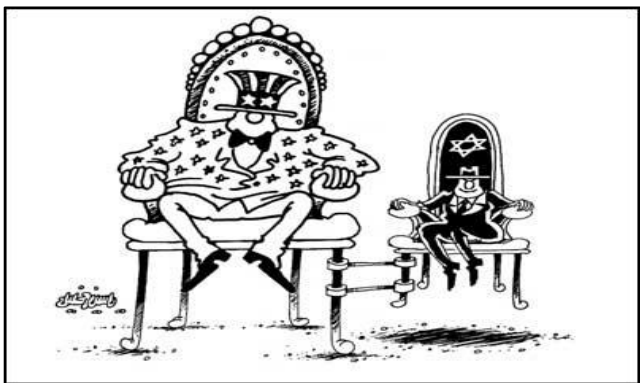
Cartoons



Al-Watan, June 11, 2013
Written on the snake: "Nationalism."



Al-Watan, May 11, 2013
Headline: "The Middle East."



Al-Watan, March 29, 2013



Al-Watan, February 25, 2013
The figure on the left represents President Obama.



Oman, February 14, 2013
Written on the sign: "Human rights."



Al-Watan, February 10, 2013
Written on the flag: "Past, present and future presidents."

Palestinian Authority

Cartoons



Al-Ayyam, February 13, 2013
Headline: "The settlements' goal."

Articles

- "...The torment and torture which our prisoners are subject to in the prisons and dungeons of the Israeli occupation, as well as the deprivation of their most basic rights, expose the true nature of Zionism. It exceeded Fascism and Nazism in the extent of ugliness and criminality, and in its passion for oppressing the Palestinian person with the legal claim, which he defends, no matter how many losses this inflicts upon him..."
Dr. Aiman Abu Nahiya, "Jerusalem is the Spirit of Al-Isawi¹", *Filastin*, April 20, 2013
- "...The worshipping of money, for instance, is deep-rooted in the Zionist movement, being firmly established in the Jewish education and consciousness. Therefore, the matter constituted the heart of the Zionist enterprise which came into existence thanks to the Jewish capitalism ... Perhaps the (Muslim) Brotherhood in Egypt noticed long ago, as others have, that the Jews of Egypt remained intent on focusing their presence where the banks and the commercial and financial institutions are situated. We suffice by pointing that it is no coincidence that the Jewish synagogue in Alexandria, for instance, is situated on Prophet Daniel St. in the middle of the city, adjacent to the banks and the financial institutions..."
Faruq Wadi, "The Clear Similarities between 'Zionism' and the (Muslim) "Brotherhood", *Al-Ayyam*, January 4, 2013

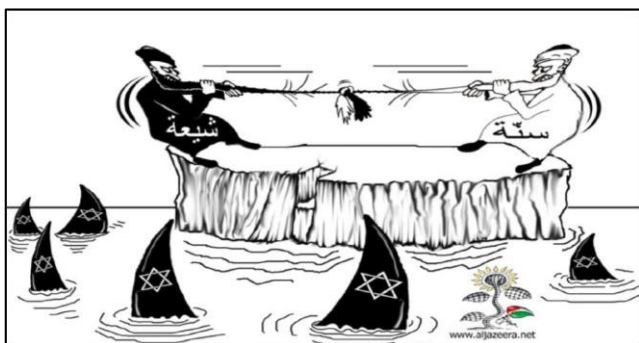
¹ Samir Al-Isawi is a Palestinian prisoner in an Israeli prison.

Qatar

Cartoons



Ar-Raya, June 30, 2013
Headline: "The events in the Arab world".



Al-Jazeera (TV), June 25, 2013
The figures represent the Sunnis and the Shi'ites.



Al-Jazeera (TV), June 2, 2013
Headline: "The security of Egypt's water."



Ar-Raya, June 2, 2013



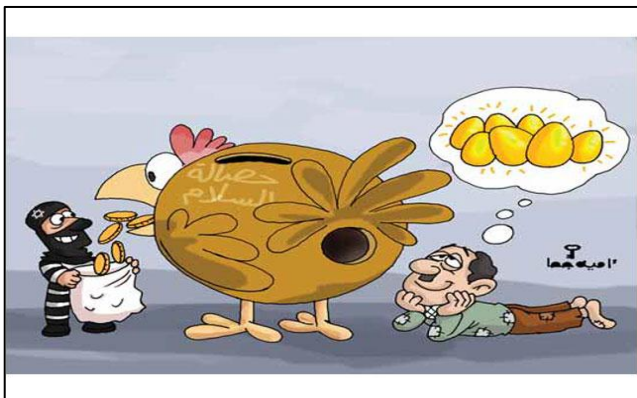
Ar-Raya, May 28, 2013
 Standing on the Golan Heights,
 the Jewish figure is saying: "O
 Lord, save the resistance for us."



Al-Jazeera (TV), May 16, 2013



Al-Jazeera (TV), May 12, 2013
 Written on the dove: "The peace process."
 Written on the Jewish figure: "The
 settlement process."



Ar-Raya, May 8, 2013
 Written on the chicken: "The peace
 piggy bank."



Ar-Raya, May 1, 2013
 Headline: "The whip of Judaization". The woman represents "Jerusalem."



Ar-Raya, April 27, 2013
 Standing on "the Arab homeland" the US is using "the blood of the Palestinian people" to water Israel, represented by the screw.



Ar-Raya, April 22, 2013
 Written on the caldron: "peace."



Al-Jazeera (TV), April 17, 2013
 Written on Secretary Kerry: "The American diplomacy."



Al-Watan, April 8, 2013
 Headline: "Cyber-attack on Israel."
 The arm represents "hackers."



Al-Jazeera (TV), March 24, 2013
 Headline: "Obama's visit to Palestine and 'Israel'." His briefcase reads: "Backing, support and solidarity," and he is saying to the Jewish figure: "Our hearts are with you."



Ar-Raya, March 20, 2013
 The man is saying: "We criticize, condemn and denounce Israel's swallowing of Palestinian land, and we will continue to criticize and denounce until the last breath of life."



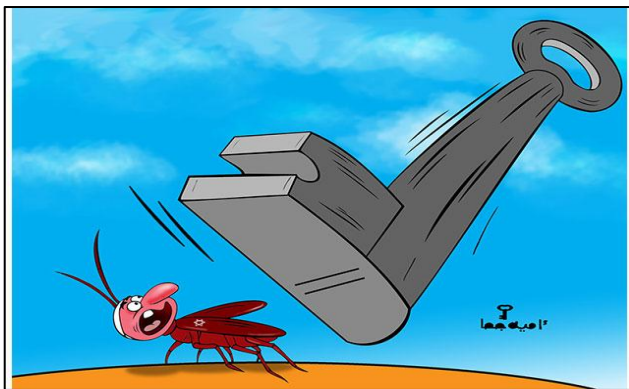
Ar-Raya, March 13, 2013



Ar-Raya, March 11, 2013
 The soldier is saying: "In this way, Israel will become a Jewish state." Being crucified are the "1948 Arabs."



Ar-Raya, March 6, 2013
 Written on the sign: "The Palestinian people's rights."



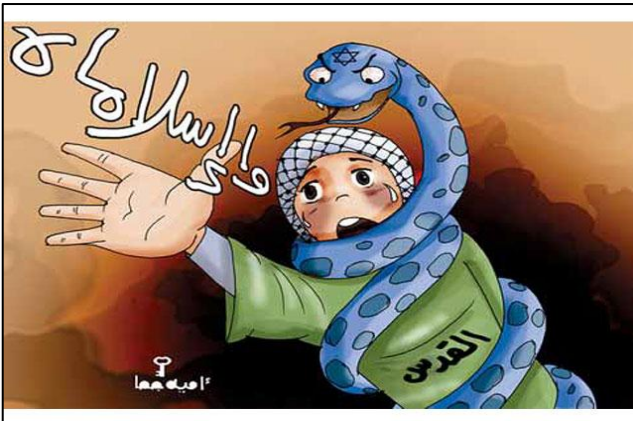
Ar-Raya, March 5, 2013



Ar-Raya, February 9, 2013
 Written on the sign above the guard: "Do not approach - heavy security guarding."
 Written on the sign above the door: "The holy sites".



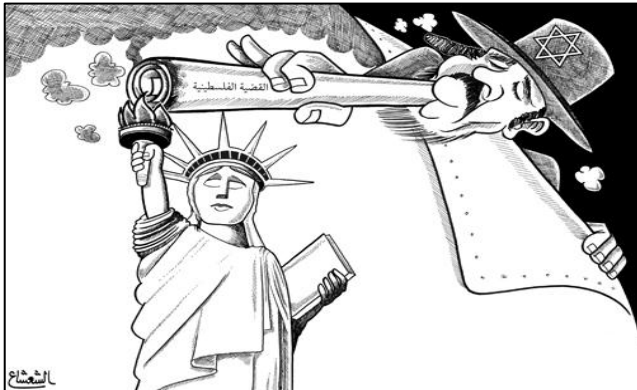
Ar-Raya, February 4, 2013
Written on the ballot box: "The Israeli elections."



Ar-Raya, January 1, 2013
The figure represents Jerusalem and it is shouting "Oh Islam."

Saudi Arabia

Cartoons



Al-Jazira, June 26, 2013
The Jew is smoking the “Palestinian cause.”



Al-Watan, May 12, 2013



Al-Watan, May 6, 2013
The Jewish figure is saying: “Congratulations! (Your) country is in Google!”



Okaz, April 8, 2013
The bag handed to the Jewish figure by the US represents "US criticism." The paper the Jew is holding represents settlement construction.



Okaz, April 2, 2013
 "Amnesty International" is submitting "an appeal against Israel" to the "Human Rights Council."



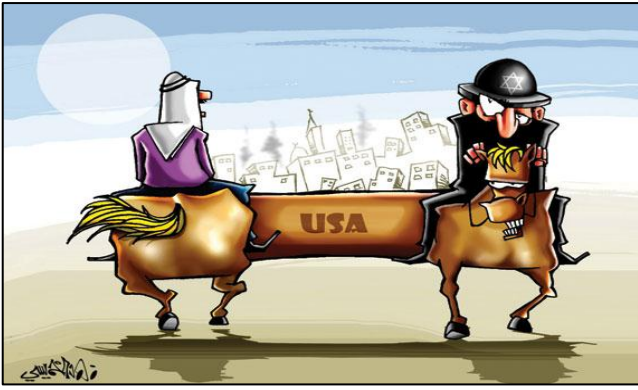
Al-Watan, March 4, 2013



Arab News, February 8, 2013



Okaz, January 14, 2013
 On the sign: "Jerusalem – Israel's capital."



Al-Iqtisadiyya, January 1, 2013

Syria

Cartoons



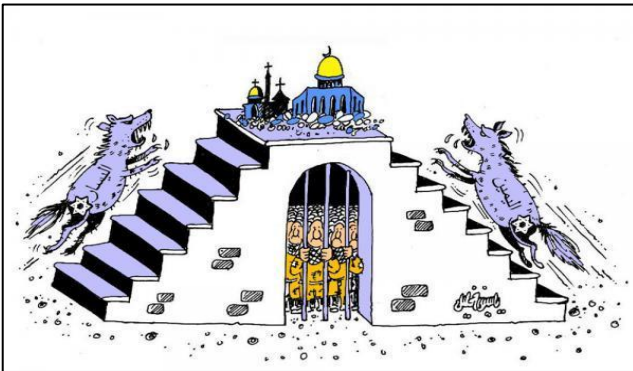
Tishrin, February 3, 2013

The skeleton represents "a new government."
Written on the ballot box: "Elections."



Tishrin, January 31, 2013

The UN represents "the international community." Israeli PM Netanyahu is holding a paper that reads: "Electing Natn Yahu" (Note: in Arabic, "Natn" means "stench"). On the floor are two papers: "US interests" and "UN resolutions."



Tishrin, January 29, 2013

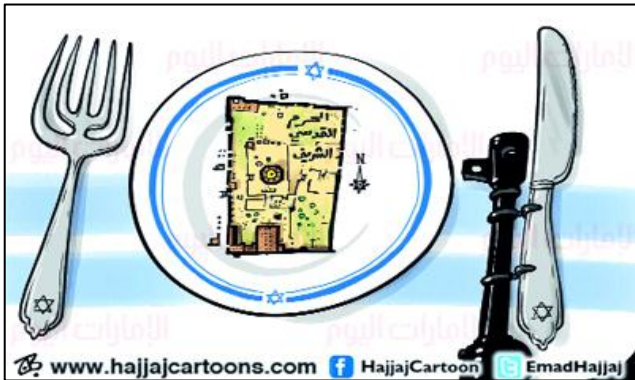
The wolves represent the Israeli "Right" and "Left."



Tishrin, January 27, 2013

United Arab Emirates

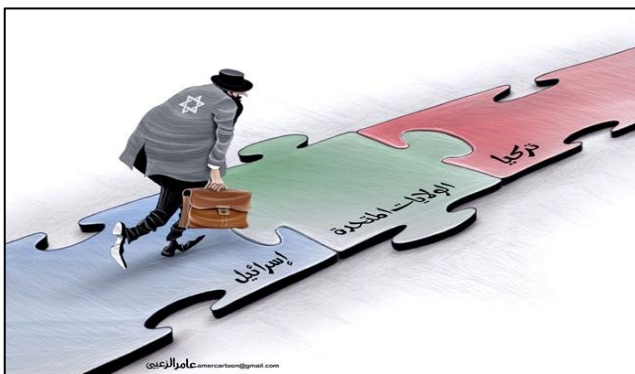
Cartoons



Al-Imarat al-Yawm, May 12, 2013
On the plate is the "Temple Mount."



Al-Bayan, May 8, 2013
The Jewish figure is holding the "key to China" in one hand, and "the keys to the world" in the other. (Note: this relates to Israeli PM Netanyahu's visit to China.)



Al-Bayan, April 24, 2013
Written on the red piece: "Turkey"; on the green: "The US"; on the blue: "Israel."



Al-Bayan, March 23, 2013



Al-Khalij, March 13, 2013
The book's title: "Human rights."



Al-Bayan, February 27, 2013
The book's title: "International law."



Al-Bayan, February 22, 2013
Written on the right sign: "The Arabs." On the left sign: "The Israelis."



Al-Ittihad, February 1, 2013
Headline: "Israel protests against a British cartoon." Netanyahu is saying: "A lie and anti-Semitism."



Al-Ittihad, January 23, 2013
The Jewish figure is saying: "The election clothes!"



Al-Khalij, January 7, 2013
Written on the pot: "The new Middle East."

United Kingdom-Based Newspapers

Cartoons



Al-Quds al-Arabi, May 13, 2013

Headline: "The settlers' attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque".

Articles

- "... When it (Hezbollah) launches an attack against an Israeli military or economic (not human) target, it operates as a national liberation movement in the face of an occupying, racist, neo-Nazi government. But if it carries out an attack against Israeli tourists abroad, or a Jewish center in a third country, it perpetrates (an act of) terror which absolutely cannot be defended..."

Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: Hezbollah on the Scales", *Al-Hayat*, March 4, 2013

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. It is issued by The Jordan Press and Publishing Company.

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 Muhammad Abd ar-Rahman.

Al-Ahram (Egypt) — an Egyptian daily controlled by the Egyptian government: the president appoints the editor. The editor 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. Editor-in-chief is Abd An-Naser Salameh.

Al-Ahram Al-'Arabi (Egypt) — a weekly published by the Dar Al-Ahram publishing house. The editor-in-chief of the newspaper is Ashraf Badr. 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-Israel views.

Al-'Arab Al-Yawm (Jordan) – Self-described "Independent" daily, based in Amman. It was established in 1997.

Al-Ayyam (Palestinian Authority) – A wide-spread Palestinian daily based primarily in Ramallah. It is supportive of the Fatah movement and was established in 1995. The editor in chief is Akram Haniyyeh

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. The acting Editor in Chief is Tha'in Shahin, and it is based in Dubai.

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

Al-Ghad (Jordan) — an independent and privately sponsored mainstream daily. It was established in 2004. Today the paper is less anti-Israel than it used to be.

Al-Hayat (United Kingdom) — a London-based pan-Arab daily first issued in 1946 in Beirut and later re-launched in 1988. It reflects the general tone in the Arab world and tends to publish scoops. The

Editor in Chief is Ghassan Charbel.

Al-Imarat Al-Yawm (United Arab Emirates) – A newspaper published by *Dubai Media Incorporated*. The paper was first published in 2005. Editor in-chief: Sami ar-Riyami.

Al-Intiqad (Lebanon) - Pro-Hezbollah Lebanese daily.

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 Muhammad Al-Hamadi. 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 (www.emi.ae).

Al-Jazeera TV (Qatar) - A popular Qatari news channel accessible throughout the Arab world, launched in 1996, and headed by Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer bin Mohammed bin Thani Al-Thani. It broadly covered the uprisings in the Arab world. The cartoons were posted on Al-Jazeera's website.

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 Hamad Al-Malik.

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

Al-Madina (Saudi Arabia) – A Saudi daily established in 1937. The editor in chief is Fahd Hasan Al 'Aqran. It is one of the earliest Saudi newspapers and it is based primarily in Jeddah.

Al-Quds al-Arabi (United Kingdom) – A London based pan Arab daily first issued in 1989 by Palestinian expatriates. The paper is published by the *Al-Quds al-Arabi Foundation for Publishing and Media*. Editor in-chief: Abd al-Bari Atwan.

Al-Watan (Oman) — the only privately owned daily. It was established in 1971, the editor-in-chief is Muhammad Ibn Sulaiman At-Taie. It enjoys high popularity and has a circulation of 40,000. Although the daily is privately owned, the government has a right 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 former Foreign Minister, Hamad Bin Jasim Bin Jabir Al Thani, owns half of the newspaper. It was founded in 1995. The Editor-in-Chief is Muhammad Al-Marri.

Al-Yawm As-Sabi' (Egypt) – an Egyptian daily. The editor in chief is Khaled Salah. It was published as a weekly starting October 2008 and as a daily since May 31st 2011.

Arab News (Saudi Arabia) — launched in 1975, it is the first English-language daily newspaper in Saudi Arabia, produced by the Saudi Research & Publishing Company (SRPC). The Editor in Chief is Mohammed Fahad Al-Harhi, and 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.

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 Samir Al-Hayari.

Ar-Raya (Qatar) — launched in 1979 as a weekly and turned into a daily in 1980, *Ar-Raya* is a government-sponsored daily. The Editor-in-Chief is Saleh Bin Afsan Al-Kawari, and it is published through the Gulf Company, which belongs to the royal family.

As-Sabil (Jordan) – Launched as a weekly in 1993, and became a daily in 2009. The Editor-in-Chief is 'Atif Al-Julani.

Filastin (Gaza) — a daily first issued in May 2007, which often expresses Palestinian nationalist, pro-Hamas, anti-Israel and ant-Semitic views. It is published by *Al-Wasaf* Media and Publishing Company.

Okaz (Saudi Arabia) – a daily whose editor in chief is Hashem 'Abdo Hashem. It is based in Jeddah and it was established in 1960.

Oman (Oman) — first issued in November 1972, it is a government affiliated paper issued by the Oman Establishment for Press, Publication & Advertising.

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 the same company that issues *Tishrin*).



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