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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 and Muslim 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 July-December 2013.

Newspapers across the Arab and Muslim world continue to feature anti-Semitic caricatures and themes, with demonic depictions of Jews that include horns, big noses, black coats and hats, large skull caps, and many promoting age-old global Jewish conspiracy theories, including control of international governments, obsession with money and the use of animal imagery – snakes, octopuses, and vultures - to portray Israel and Jews as sinister predators.

The anti-Semitic cartoons appearing during the past few months relate to a number of issues, including the current peace talks between Israelis and the Palestinians, the US-Israel relationship, the regional turmoil in countries like Syria and Egypt, and Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank.

It is important to note that in the past few months there has been a noticeable increase in the number of anti-Semitic cartoons accusing Israel of attempting to “Judaize” Jerusalem, often depicting Jews as “stealing” the Temple Mount or the Al-Aqsa Mosque. These are likely a result of the current round of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, and reflect the increase in “Judaization” accusations by senior Palestinian officials and other leaders from the across the Arab and Muslim world.

You can view the previous edition of the Middle East Press Review (January-June 2013) here -

www.adl.org/assets/pdf/anti-semitism/arab-world/mepr/Jan-June-2013.pdf

On the cover: *Ar-Raya*, July 10, 2013

Egypt

Cartoons



Al-Ahram weekly, October 23-30, 2013



Al-Ahram, September 1, 2013
Headline: "No matter what happens, no one can drive a wedge between us." Written in green: "Egypt."

Articles

- "...What Israel does today to the Arabs comes close in its ugliness to what the Nazis did to the Jews, as 'the victim' turned into a beast which attacks those who have never been a party in attacking it. Thus, the annihilation of the Jews under the Nazis turned into the massacre of Dir Yassin and into other massacres perpetrated by the Zionists against the Palestinian people. This, in order to expel it from its land and from the land of its forefathers for thousands of years. From here, the presence of 'Israel' became a loathsome continuation of European colonialism in the Arab region, but as settlements supported financially and militarily by western powers, in the phase of controlling today's world..."

Dr. Majdi Yusuf, "Commenting on the Article: The Muslim Brotherhood and Zionism", *Al-Ahram*, November 28, 2013

- "...As of the 70's, the word Holocaust began to be used exclusively to describe the collective annihilation campaigns that the Jews were subjected to at the hand of the German Nazi party, headed by Adolf Hitler. And in the name of the Holocaust, the Jews controlled the economy of America and the world. This, as they had instilled in the West feelings of guilt, because they made them feel that they were the ones who had suffered very much and endured persecution..."

Rula Kharsa, "The Rabi'a (Al-Adawiyya)¹ Syndrome", *Al-Masry Al-Yawm*, October 25, 2013

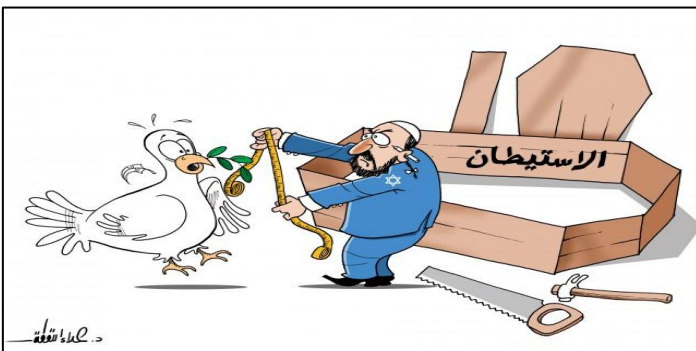
¹ A female Sufi saint.

Gaza – Hamas

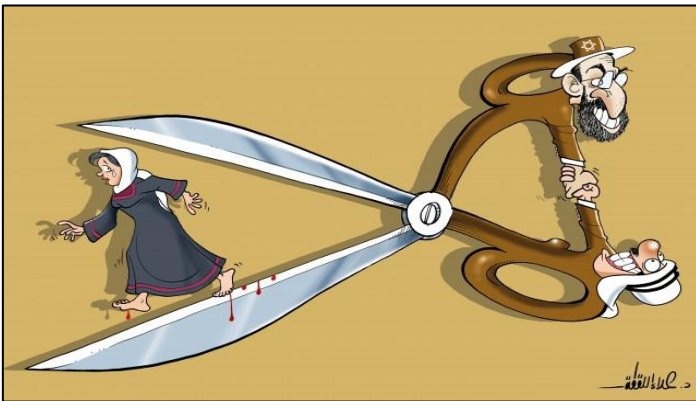
Cartoons



Filastin, November 5, 2013
Headline: "Sacrifice."



Filastin, October 26, 2013
In Arabic: "Settlements."



Filastin, September 3, 2013



Filastin, August 13, 2013
Headline: "Kerry calls on the Palestinians to negotiate despite the settlements."



Filastin, July 21, 2013

Headline: "The borders." While Gaza, represented by the mouse hole, is being guarded; the "occupation" is the wide-open door through which the Jewish figure is leaving, carrying "drugs," "weapons," "espionage," and "civil strife."



Filastin, July 19, 2013

Headline: "Kerry talks about breaking off the peace efforts."

Articles

- "...Part of the protection of Al-Aqsa Mosque collapses on a daily basis, due to rains, excavations, or anything human or natural. This is attributed to the world of excavations and tunnels in which the Zionist movements live, searching for their alleged Temple, paving the way for demolishing (Al-Aqsa) and building the Temple on its ruins, relying on myths and fables from their book..."

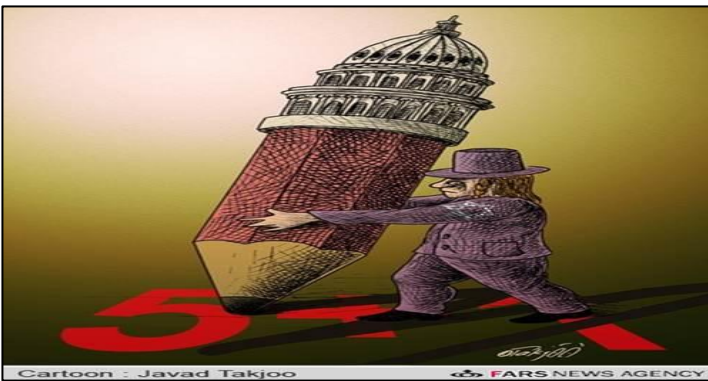
Dr. Hasan Abu Hashish, "The Hanukkah Menorah is at the Heart of Jerusalem, O Muslims", *Filastin*, December 6, 2013

Iran

Cartoons



Fars, December 2013



Fars, December 2013



Fars, December 2013



Fars, December 2013



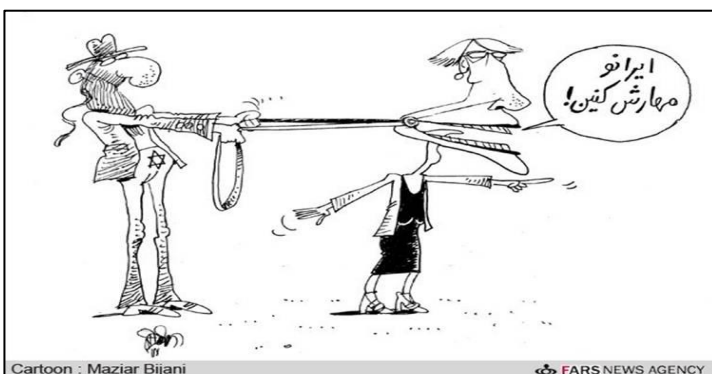
Fars, December 2013



Fars, November 2013
U.S. diplomat Wendy Sherman is saying "Please, my master," while presenting the "P5+1 report" on negotiations over Iran's nuclear program.



Fars, October 2013
The burning figure represents an Israeli self-emolition in Tel Aviv because of economic problems. The Jewish figure is holding a book titled "Holocaust." The spirit of Hitler is saying: "Honestly! Don't tell me you want to add this to my record/account!"



Fars, October 2013
U.S. diplomat Wendy Sherman is saying: "Let's rein in Iran!"



Fars, October 2013
 The Jewish figure is saying: "Ha ha...it's only you who they've prohibited from possessing chemical weapons...!"



Fars, August 2013



Fars, August 2013



Fars, August 2013

Jordan

Cartoons



Ad-Dustur, November 22, 2013



Ar-Rai, November 13, 2013
The steel ball represents "the Zionist lobby" and the paper represents "Israeli terror."



Ar-Rai, November 11, 2013



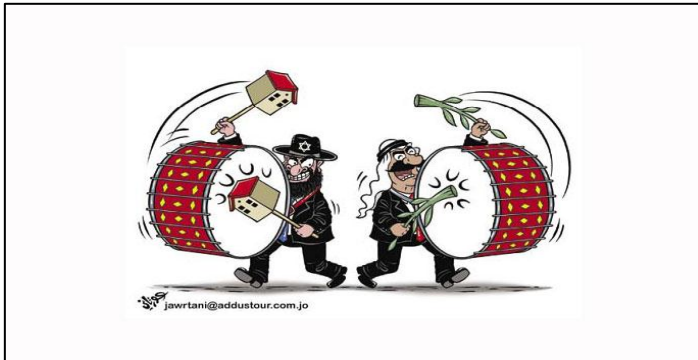
As-Sabil, October 10, 2013
Written on the suitcase: "The Palestinian negotiator."



Ad-Dustur, 27, 2013
 Headline: "Peace talks."



As-Sabil, September 6, 2013
 The Jewish congressmen are saying:
 "We want a clearly defined strike,"
 "Bashar first," "Hezbollah second,"
 "Al-Nusra² Front third."



Ad-Dustur, September 16, 2013



Ad-Dustur, August 17, 2013

² Al-Nusra Front is a Jihadist group operating in Syria against the regime.



Ad-Dustur, August 12, 2013
Headline: "Peace negotiations as Israel wants them to be."



Ar-Rai, August 5, 2013
Headline: "Negotiations."



Ar-Rai, August 3, 2013

Articles

- "... The third card (which the Palestinian negotiator possesses) is the Palestinian consensus, which has not been shaken since the first swarm of the Zionist locust landed on the shores of Palestine at the end of the 19th century, arriving from East European countries. It (the consensus) narrows down to the need to oppose this locust, and not renounce or relinquish a single grain of the holy Palestinian earth, as all of Palestine is a Muslim and Arab land..."

Rashid Hasan, "Is The Palestinian Negotiator Weak??", *Ad-Dustur*, October 29, 2013

- "...The Zionist occupation embodies Satan in its most loathsome form, which makes it incumbent upon the Muslims of the world to oppose it, and to declare a general call to arms to liberate Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque... from the Jews, killers of the prophets, who endeavor night and day to alter the Arab heart and arteries of this city, to make it a Jewish city..."

Rashid Hasan, "Stoning Satan..!!", *Ad-Dustur*, October 15, 2013

- "...It ought to be known that the smallest Palestinian faction that still believes in the resistance and in the establishment of the Palestinian state, is a million times more noble and pure than those who sell their souls every day in the service of the Jew, who heads the war on Islam these days, be it in Egypt, Jordan or anywhere..."

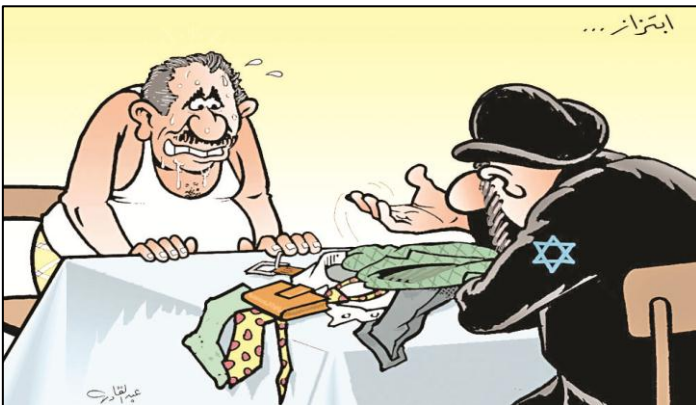
Jamal Ash-Shawahin, "Jewish War on Islam", *As-Sabil*, July 31, 2013

Kuwait

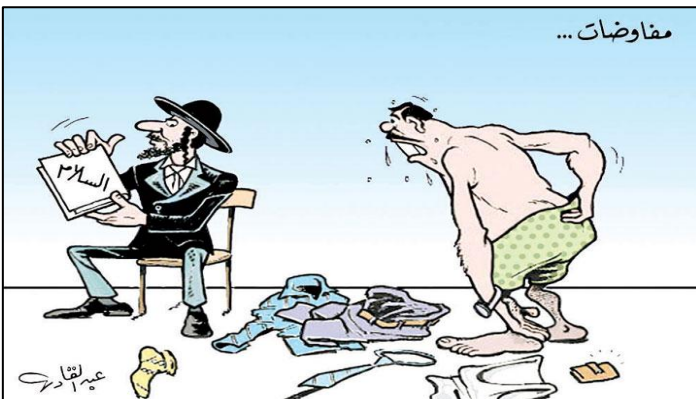
Cartoons



Al-Anba, October 6, 2013
On the right: "The Likud (party)"; on the left: "The Labor (party)."



Al-Jarida, September 9, 2013
Headline: "Robbery."



Al-Jarida, August 14, 2013
Headline: "Negotiations."

Lebanon

Cartoons



Al-Intiqad, July 12, 2013
Headline: "The European Union resolution."

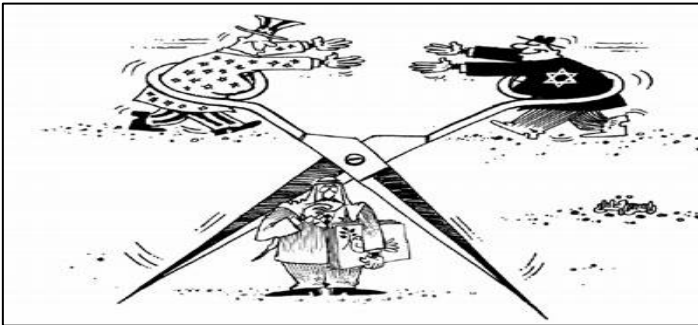


Al-Intiqad, July 12, 2013
Written in Arabic: "July 2006"³.

³ This refers to the anniversary of the 2006 Lebanon war.

Oman

Cartoons



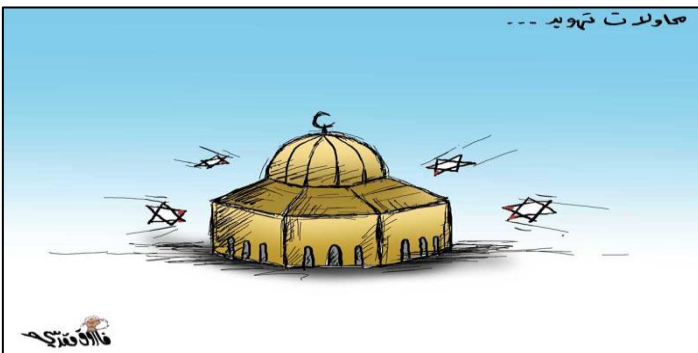
Al-Watan, November 14, 2013



Oman, October 28, 2013
In Arabic: "Chemical."



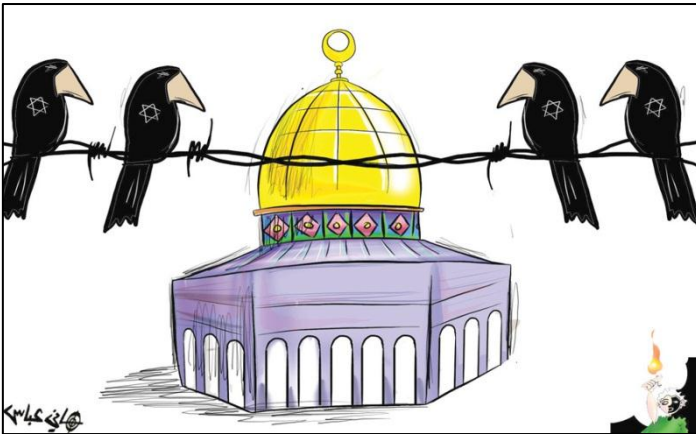
Al-Watan, October 28, 2013



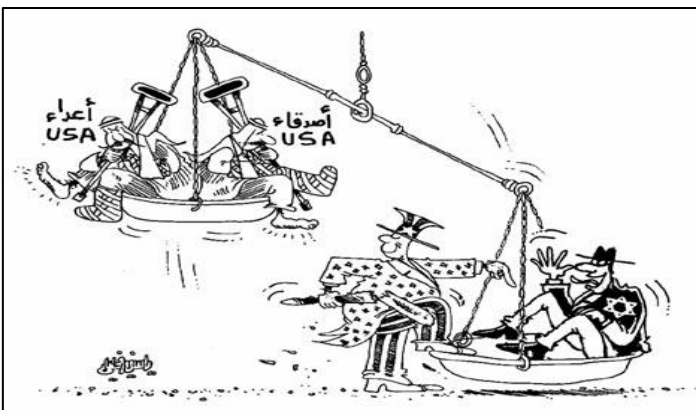
Oman, September 16, 2013
Headline: "Attempts at Judaization."



Al-Watan, September 14, 2013



Oman, July 30, 2013



Al-Watan, July 30, 2013
On the left: "USA enemies"; on the right: "USA friends."

Palestinian Authority

Cartoons



Al-Hayat al-Jadida, November 25, 2013



Al-Ayyam, October 13, 2013
Headline: "And the Arabs are sleeping."



Al-Hayat al-Jadida, September 28, 2013
Headline: "Talmudic prayers."



Al-Ayyam, July 24, 2013
Headline: (U.S. Diplomat) "Martin Indyk". The Palestinian is saying: "Don't know which face he'll show us."

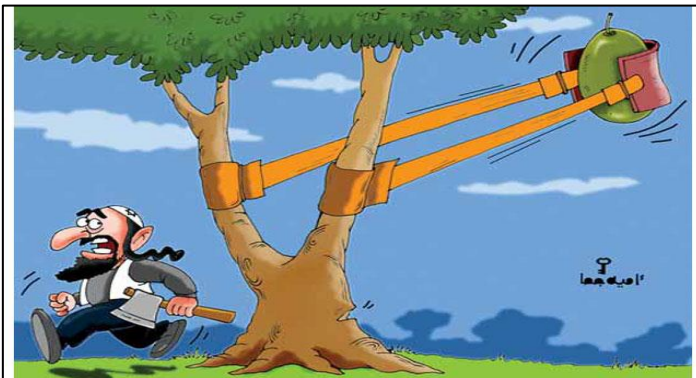
Articles

- "...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-Isawi⁴", *Filastin*, April 20, 2013

⁴ Samir Al-Isawi is a Palestinian prisoner in an Israeli prison.

Qatar

Cartoons



Ar-Raya, November 19, 2013



Al-Watan, November 17, 2013

The man on the left is saying to the man representing "Assad's militias": "Congratulations – you exceeded us with regards to crimes."



Al-Jazeera TV, November 14, 2013
The Jew is handing "Al-Quds" to the "Islamic world."



Ar-Raya, November 3, 2013

The Jew is saying: "The great (people) forget their homeland and the young (people)" (continues on the sign) "are digging the land in order to go back to it."



Ar-Raya, October 29, 2013



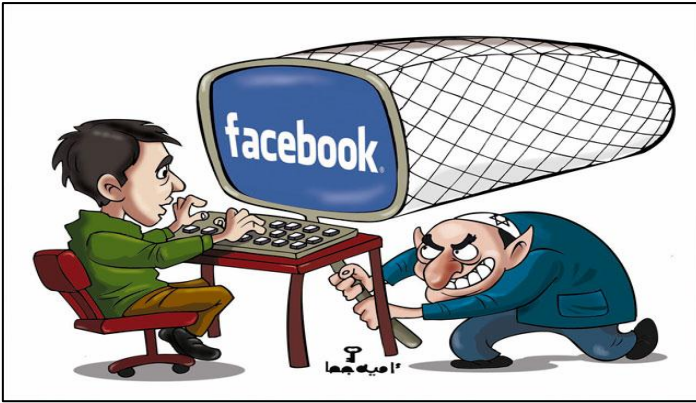
Al-Watan, October 27, 2013
 In Arabic: "Which of them you think is a terrorist?"



Ar-Raya, October 20, 2013
 Headline: "Until victory...". The missile represents "the resistance."



Al-Jazeera TV, October 13, 2013
 In Arabic: "Syria."



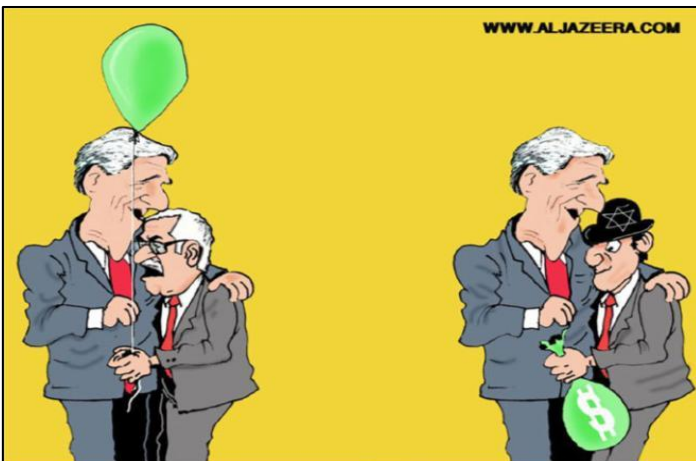
Ar-Raya, September 22, 2013



Ar-Raya, September 14, 2013
 Standing on the Golan Heights, the Jewish figure is saying: "O Lord, save the resistance for us."



Ar-Raya, August 7, 2013
 Headline: "Renewal of the negotiations."



Al-Jazeera TV, July 30, 2013



Ar-Raya, July 10, 2013



Al-Watan, July 8, 2013

Saudi Arabia

Cartoons



Al-Madina, November 24, 2013
Headline: "The Judaization of al-Quds."



Ar-Riyadh, November 15, 2013
Headline: "Building new settlements."



Al-Watan, November 10, 2013
The Jew and the Arab are sitting in front of "the negotiations portfolio", while their table stands on "Arafat's assassination portfolio."



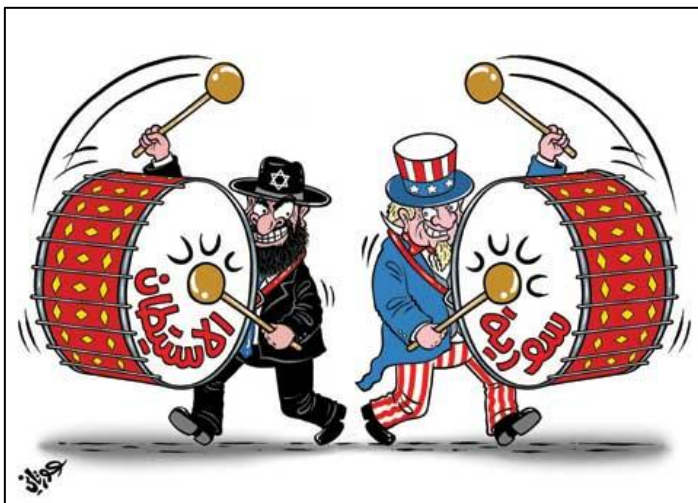
Al-Madina, October 9, 2013



Al-Watan, September 30, 2013
 The Jewish figure is saying: "Arab Idol ... or Arabs' Got Talent?!"
 Al-Aqsa Mosque is saying: "Where are you, o' Arabs?"



Al-Madina, September 14, 2013
 Headline: "Anniversary of the Oslo Accords." The Palestinians are saying to each other: "I am the people's representative," "No, I am the people's representative."



Al-Watan, September 10, 2013
 On the left: "The settlements"; on the right: "Syria."



Al-Watan, August 14, 2013
 In Arabic: "The negotiations."



Al-Jazira, August 11, 2013



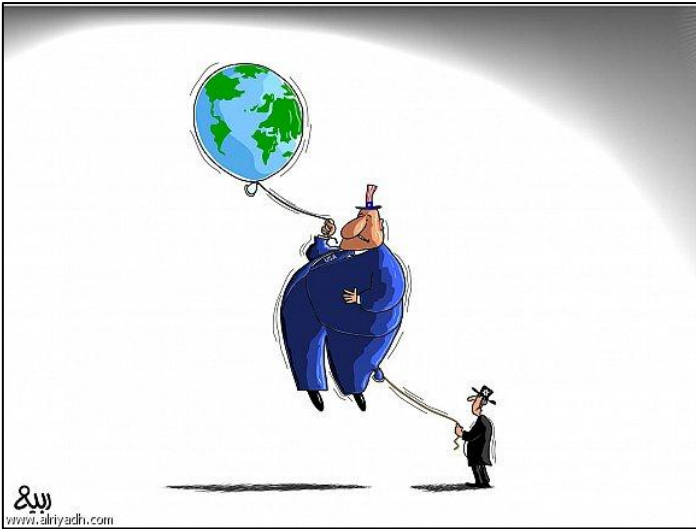
Al-Madina, July 29, 2013



Ar-Riyadh, July 29, 2013
Headline: "Renewal of the negotiations."



Al-Madina, July 19, 2013
In Arabic: "The Prawer Plan."



Ar-Riyadh, July 12, 2013

United Arab Emirates

Cartoons



Al-Bayan, November 11, 2013
The man on the left representing "the settlements" is strangling "al-Quds."



Al-Bayan, October 3, 2013
In Arabic: "The two-state solution."



Al-Bayan, August 21, 2013



Al-Bayan, August 14, 2013



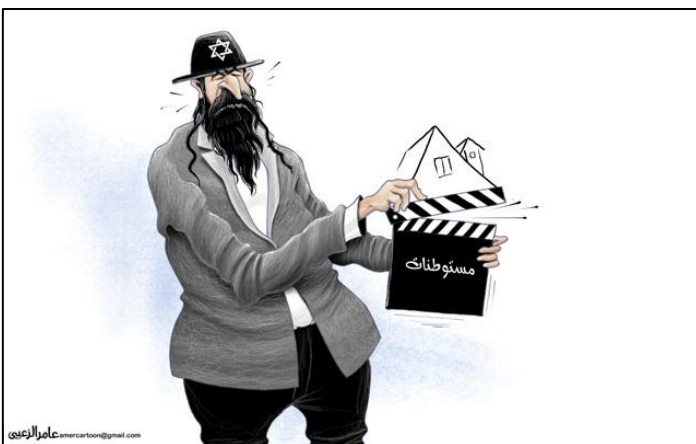
Al-Khalij, August 6, 2013



Al-Bayan, August 4, 2013
In Arabic: "The settlements."



Al-Bayan, July 25, 2013
In Arabic: "A decent negotiator."



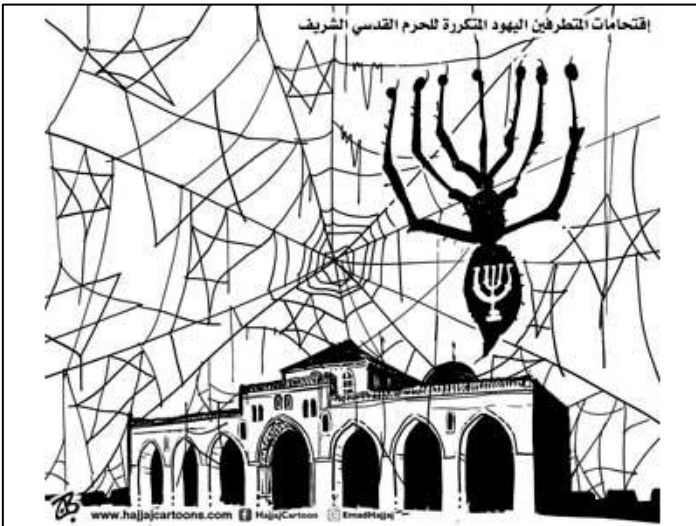
Al-Bayan, July 7, 2013
In Arabic: "Settlements."

United Kingdom-Based Newspapers

Cartoons



Al-Quds al-Arabi, November 24, 2013
The fighting represents the Arab Spring, while Al-Aqsa mosque represents Jerusalem.



Al-Quds al-Arabi, September 27, 2013
Headline: "The recurring storming of the Temple Mount by extremist Jews."

Articles

- "The Israeli government is a terrorist one and all of the land is Palestine, from the (Mediterranean) Sea to the (Jordan) River. The fictions of the Torah don't produce History, and there are no remnants of the Jews and their kings in Palestine (or in Egypt). Solomon's Temple is a lie, and there is one thing which is the Temple Mount, the history of which is known, documented, and undisputed. Two days ago Jews stormed it, danced on the site, and raised the Israeli flag ... The Israeli governments, and particularly those headed by neo-Nazi war criminals - such as Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Shamir, Ariel Sharon and Benjamin Netanyahu – are the first and only reason for the new wave of anti-Semitism around the world. The acts of the Israeli governments provoke animosity toward Israelis and Jews around the world, even though most Jews want peace, and the Jewish peace organizations are some of the most active in the world..."

Jihad Al-Khazin, "Eyes and Ears: the Most Impure People on Earth", *Al-Hayat*, October 20, 2013

Yemen

Cartoons



Al-Jumhuriyya, September 7, 2013
Headline: "The Palestinian identity."

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.

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

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.

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-Hayat Al-Jadida (Palestinian Authority) - The official Palestinian Authority daily.

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

Al-Jarida (Kuwait) - Arabic daily newspaper that launched in July 2007, and is among the top 3 most circulated newspapers in the country. The newspaper has offices in Cairo and Beirut. The paper is

owned by Mohammed Al-Sayegh, the former editor in-chief of *Al-Qabas* newspaper. The editor-in-chief is Khalid Hilal al-Matiri.

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 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-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 — 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.

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-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.

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

Fars (Iran) – A semi-official government news agency with close ties to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

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

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



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