

Censorship of UN Report Calling Israel an "Apartheid Regime". Backlash of Pro-Israeli Lobby

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The <u>Richard Falk/Virginia Tilley report</u>, discussed in a same day article, drew strong criticism from Israeli officials as expected.

They're not pleased about scathing truth-telling, discussing disturbing facts about their apartheid regime, brutalizing Palestinians from inception, committing slow-motion genocide against a defenseless people.

Israel's Foreign Ministry spokesman criticized the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) for publishing the report, comparing it to Der Sturmer, a Nazi anti-Semitic publication.

Israeli UN envoy Danny Danon said the report

"is despicable an constitutes a blatant lie. It comes as no surprise that an organization headed by an individual who has called for boycotts against Israel, and compared our democracy to the most terrible regimes of the 20th century, would publish such a report."

The World Jewish Congress called the report a

"piece of vile propaganda that has no basis in fact." It ludicrously claimed Israeli Arab citizens have equal rights as Jews. Indisputable evidence proves otherwise.

A coalition of US Zionist organizations called on the UN to publicly reject the report, accusing the authors of launching "unjustified and outrageous attacks on Israel."

Hard truths don't go down well in Tel Aviv or Washington. US UN envoy Nikki Haley called it "unsurprising (that) such anti-Israel propaganda (sic) would come from a body whose membership nearly universally does not recognize Israel..."

She demanded the UN "withdraw the report altogether." It's in the public domain, extensively commented on, including by myself. It covers vital information I've discussed in many articles on Israel/Palestine, a topic I revisit frequently.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' spokesperson Stephane Durarric said "(w)e just saw the report today. It was done without any prior consultation with the secretary general. The

report as it stands does not reflect the stance of the secretary general."

Washington didn't approve his appointment to criticize Israeli, US or NATO policies, just to be a loyal imperial servant like his predecessors.

The Falk/Tilley report reveals important hard truths about Israel's fantasy democracy, its dark side, its apartheid cruelty against Palestinians for praying to the wrong God, persecuting them the way Hitler treated Jews.

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