

Is Israel Using Soccer to Export Its Racist Political Model to Europe?

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For the second time in 8 days, hundreds of Israeli soccer hooligans attacked unidentified fans at a football match in Paris, France. A number of videos circulating on social media show swarms of young men—mostly dressed in black with masks and stocking caps or draped in Israeli flags—[pummeling an unknown Frenchman](#) who was [beaten to the ground](#). The extent of his injuries remains unknown.

The skirmishes took place at Thursday's UEFA Nations League soccer game between France and Israel at the Stade de France which drew the smallest crowd in history due to the threat of hooligan violence. But although the streets of Paris were heavily patrolled by thousands of police and security guards to protect the visiting Israelis, fans of the home team received no such security. When the Maccabi Tel Aviv fans began [raining-down blows](#) on their unnamed victims, the police were nowhere to be found.



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Some of the videos show [terrified fans fleeing an area in the stands](#) that was overrun by a hostile Maccabi mob sprinting across the upper deck while thousands of fans “Booed” loudly from below. The scene seemed more reminiscent of the political street fights that took place in Weimar Germany in the early 1930s than a football match in 2024. The ensuing mayhem was described by analyst Arnaud Bertrand on his Twitter site:

.... There was a football match between Israel and France yesterday and this happened at the beginning of the match: **a horde of Israeli supporters openly lynched some French supporters in the stands.** Macron himself was in attendance at the match to show his commitment to “fighting antisemitism” after Amsterdam...

He made no public comment that I know of on these French supporters getting lynched in front of his eyes. And **the police made no reported arrests.** Had the reverse been the case, had this been some Israeli supporters getting lynched by a horde of French supporters, you can absolutely bet 100% that he (and all the French media) would have made a huge deal out of it. You cannot overstate the absurdism of it: because we’ve so gaslighted ourselves around “antisemitism” and so distorted the meaning of it, **Western countries would literally rather let our their own citizens get lynched on their own soil - in front of the president’s eyes (!) - than face accusations being “antisemitic”** in their own definition of the term. [@RnaudBertrand \(video\)](#)

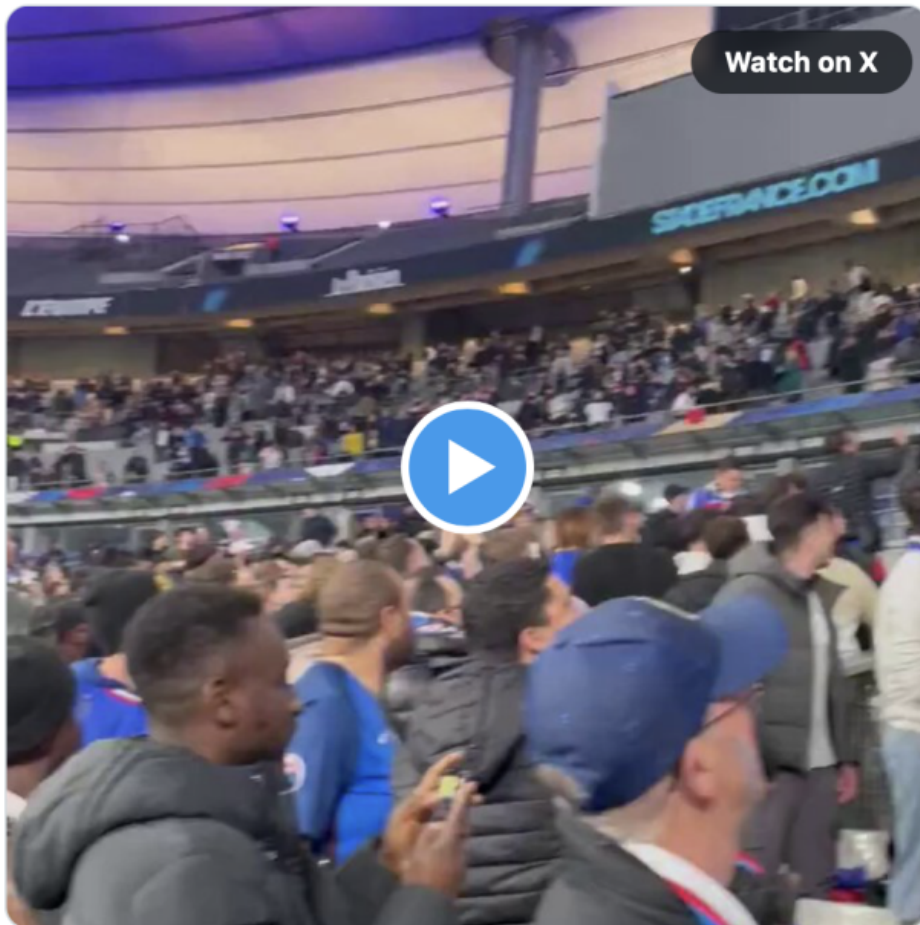


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Absolutely perfect illustration of what we enable with the way the media and the Western political class framed what happened in Amsterdam.

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Bertrand is using the term “lynching” in the legal sense as it relates to the “Emmett Till Anti-lynching Act” in 2022.... meaning “that the actions of the Israeli supporters would most certainly be **considered lynching under US law because they conspired as a mob to cause serious bodily harm based on bias regarding “the actual or perceived religion or national origin” of the person(s)** - matching exactly 18 USC §249(a)(5)’s definition requiring conspiracy & serious injury in hate-motivated attacks. [@RnaudBertrand](#)

Arnaud is correct in pointing out that President Macron attended the match. Not surprisingly, Macron was joined in his luxury box by two former presidents, the current prime minister and a large portion of France's political establishment, all of whom stand foursquare behind the violent Zionist thuggery they witnessed in the stands. (Note—Joshua Zarka, Israeli ambassador to Paris, was also at the game, while Ronen Bar, the head of Israel's Shin Bet security service, was in France to supervise the security of Israeli players and fans.)

This is from an article at *inews.uk*:

Fights broke out at a sparsely attended France-Israel match at the Stade de France in Paris on Thursday night, despite a heavy security presence inside and outside the stadium. Footage on social media showed clashes between home and away fans in the stands, with **one clip appearing to show men wearing Israel flags punching and kicking a man on the ground** before stewards intervened.

Tensions ran high even before the match with a heavy security operation around the stadium, with **4,000 police and 1,600 civilian security personnel deployed** as French authorities sought to avoid a repeat of the violent scenes around a Maccabi Tel Aviv match in Amsterdam last week. **Police lines extended more than a kilometer from the stadium with barricades along the streets and helicopters buzzing overhead....**Just 13,000 tickets had been sold the day before the game - reportedly the lowest attendance for any home fixture in the history of the French national team...

Israel fans sang songs in support of the Israel Defence Force (IDF) and "free the hostages," in references to captives held by Hamas in Gaza. Some wore masks and IDF shirts.

Despite Israeli government advice, **some Israeli dual nationals were in Paris with Betar, an international right-wing Zionist group. Betar's social media channels posted an image of members in the French capital holding baseball bats before the game.** [Fights break out at France-Israel match in Paris despite heavy security](#), *inews.co.uk*



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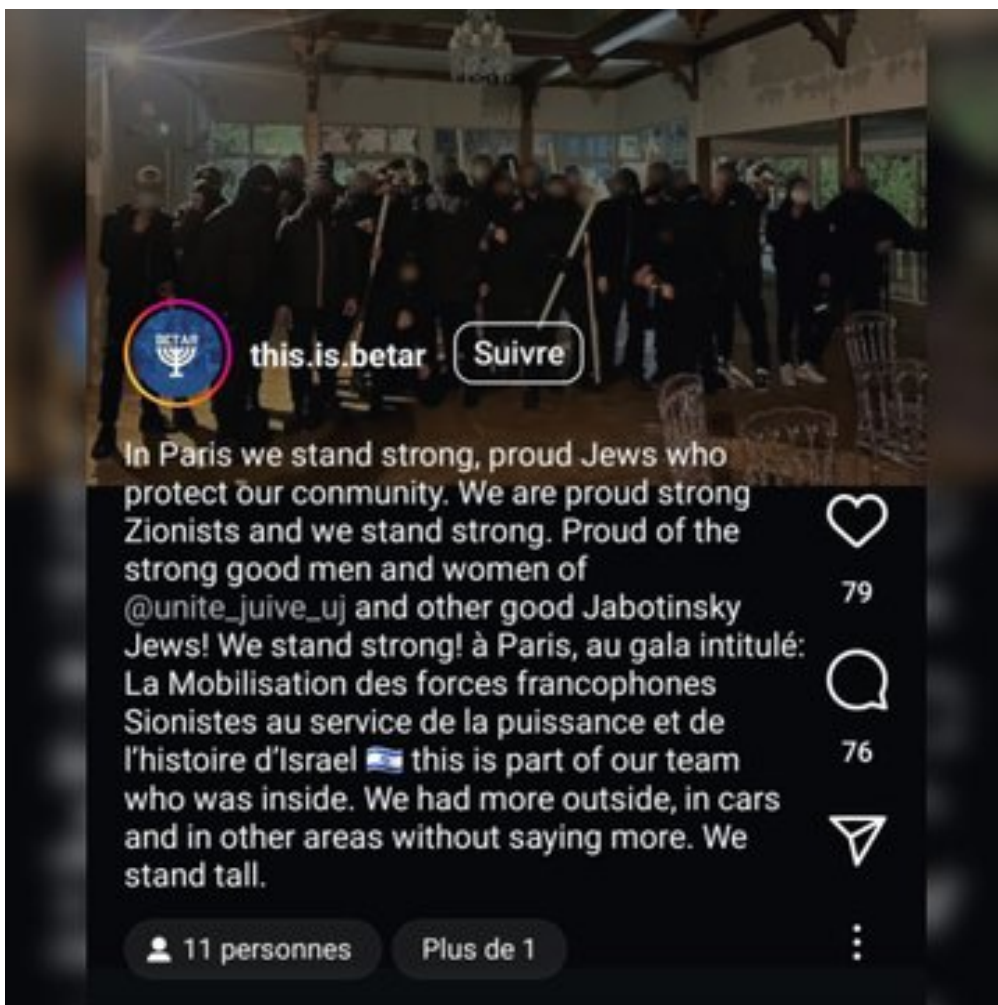


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Let's recap:

1. No expense was spared to provide security for the Maccabi hooligans, but French fans were beaten in the stands without anyone lifting a finger.

2. A mere 13,000 people attended a stadium that holds 80,000, but the match was given the go-ahead regardless.
3. The Maccabi mob sang military songs and bellowed racist slogans, but no government official has had the courage to order an inquiry. Note: According to the *Middle East Eye*, Israeli fans chanted “Free the hostages” and “ Hamas, Hamas, we’re fucking you”.)



Readers should take a minute and carefully examine the photo at the top of this article. What do you see?

Do you see a gathering of typical soccer fans dressed in team colors and jerseys waving banners and singing team songs, or do you see a uniformly dressed and deeply threatening throng of black-clad troopers with stocking caps and masks who could—just as easily be conducting a military operation as attending a match of their favorite football team?

Who wears a black mask and a stocking cap to a soccer match? Who chants “ Hamas, Hamas, we’re fucking you” at a soccer match?

Was this really a spontaneous get together of pumped-up Maccabi fans expressing their support for their team or a clandestine infiltration of the EU overseen by Israeli intelligence agents on secret assignment?

And be sure to take special note of the author's last observation:

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Betar? The far-right youth movement founded by Vladimir Jabotinsky that fought against the British in Mandatory Palestine and was closely affiliated with the Zionist terrorist organization, the Irgun?



Source: The Unz Review

Here's more from an article at the *Middle East Eye*:

At the demonstration in Paris, Salah Hamouri, a French-Palestinian lawyer who was deported from Jerusalem by Israel in 2022 after spending many years in prison and is now a member of Urgence Palestine, also accused the French president of sending a political message of support for Israel by attending the match.

"This match and the participation of Macron, Hollande and Sarkozy is part of France's complicity in the ongoing genocide. It is a diplomatic green light given to the Israeli occupier for all its actions in Palestine and Lebanon and for it to continue its massacres in Palestine and in Lebanon," he told MEE.

"Today, the low turn-out at the stadium shows that the public opinion in France is in favour of the Palestinian cause, and that the people support the people. It shows that the voice of the Palestinian people has been heard, and that a boycott needs to be implemented." [France-Israel match marked by scuffles, booing and a record-low](#)

Summary and Analysis

So, now we've seen two significant and politically destabilizing events in less than 10 days both of which took place in European capitals. And in both cases, the violence and racist chants were initiated by Israeli hooligans engaged in actions aimed at intimidating the public. Is there a rational explanation for this sudden uptick in social unrest attributable to Maccabi sports fans?

Of course, it could be just a coincidence linked to the behavior of overzealous sports fans who need to practice more self-restraint. That is one possibility. We cannot exclude another possibility, however, that the violence we have seen in Paris and Amsterdam is not a one-off or merely a case of exuberant young men "letting off a little steam." We must at least consider the possibility that Israeli powerbrokers have launched this operation—using their assets in the IDF and Mossad—to advance their own strategic agenda consistent with their expansionist Zionist plan.

What we've seen is that the incitements on the ground have been coordinated with journalists in the legacy media and with political leaders across the West who have fabricated a narrative of growing antisemitism when, in fact, that storyline is easily debunked by the hundreds of first-person eyewitness accounts and the numerous videos on social media that prove that the sole responsibility for the violence in both cities lies entirely with the Israeli soccer thugs.

But why would political leaders and the media want to create the impression that antisemitism is on the rise? That is the question we must ask ourselves, because that is the narrative we are expected to believe.

IMHO, Israeli leaders understand that the claim of antisemitism is a powerful coercive tool that can be used to pressure parliamentarians to modify the law in ways that benefit one group over the others. Thus, as fears of a new wave of antisemitism intensify, the demand for changes to the law increase. Eventually—as in the case of Israel—equal protection is no longer equal protection. One category of people is placed above the law, while the others are crushed beneath the wheel of "second class citizenship." This erosion of equal protection—that is attributable to the creation of "special" laws for special people—is the fast-track to apartheid, which is the end of a justice system that treats all people equally and with dignity.

Israel is frequently called an apartheid state because one group of people is treated differently (under the law) than the other. If my theory is correct, then Israeli policymakers are trying to affect those same changes in Europe, which means, they are exporting their racist political model to the continent.

Readers may want to skim the article below and decide for themselves whether this theory has any merit:

[Calling for a boycott against Israel is forbidden now - and other measures against anti-Semitism](#), *CNE*

The German Bundestag took the clearest decision. **Last week, the parliament accepted a resolution from both the government and the Christian Democratic**

opposition to protect Jewish life in the country. The title of the resolution was “Never again is now”, according to reports from the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

According to the text, hatred against Jews and Israel is higher than “decades” since the terror attacks on October 7th 2023. The resolution also explicitly mentions that migrants especially add to this problem.... Concrete measures of the resolution are that **no state money can go to organizations that... call for a boycott against Israel. Also, schools will be supported in educating about the Holocaust....**

Norway

This Monday, **the Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre presented an action plan with 22 measures against hatred against Jews.** He invited representatives of the Jewish community to a meeting to discuss the matter. “We would love we did not need an action plan”, the Prime Minister said. **“But we know that it is necessary.”**

The Holocaust Centre in Norway has reported that anti-Semitism is growing after many years of decrease. “It is not just one budget post that resolves this”, Støre said. “This is about something difficult as attitudes.”...

Netherlands

Also , **the Dutch government has been invited to take action against anti-Semitism.** On Wednesday, there was a lengthy urgency debate in the Lower House about the incidents in Amsterdam last Friday.

The debate was dominated by Geert Wilders -who is leading the largest party- who presented **immigration by Muslims as the basic problem of anti-Semitism.**

The Dutch society was shocked by the pogrom-style hunt of Israeli football supporters. Hundreds of Maccabi Tel Aviv supporters were asked for their passports, beaten and chased. Opposition leader Frans Timmermans expected concrete measures from the government. He advocated for appointing more detectives to track down anti-Semitic offenders and then imposing harsher penalties....

European Parliament

Also, in the European Parliament in Brussels, parties held an urgency debate about anti-Semitism later on Wednesday. The debate was requested by the Dutch MEP Bert-Jan Ruissen from the Reformed SGP party after the shocking events in Amsterdam. The title of the debate is the “deplorable escalation of violence around the football match in the Netherlands and unacceptable attacks on Israeli football fans.”

“Europe is increasingly in the grip of extremist violence and Jew-hatred”, Ruissen said in a written statement. “This must stop as soon as possible.”

Already **in October, the EU ministers of Foreign Affairs adopted a declaration that condemned “all forms of anti-Semitism, racism, hatred and discrimination.”** Also, in this statement, action in schools was asked to keep **the Holocaust in the “collective memory”.** [Calling for a boycott against Israel is now forbidden](#), CNE

Everyone is entitled to equal treatment under the law. There should be no legal carveouts for special people.

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