

# Israel to Coordinate with Google, YouTube, to Censor Palestinian Videos of Conflict

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*The Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, Member of Knesset **Tzipi Hotovely**, held meetings this week with representatives of YouTube and Google, to find ways of cooperating to censor Palestinian videos from occupied Palestine, videos she dubbed as “inciting violence and terrorism.” Israeli daily Maariv said Hotovely will be working with Google and YouTube officials in a joint mechanism that will be in charge of “monitoring and preventing” any publication of materials deemed by Tel Aviv to be “inflammatory.”*

Hotovely announced in a Hebrew-only press release that she met with YouTube CEO **Susan Wojcicki**, and Google’s Director of Public Policy, **Jennifer Oztzisztzki**, at Google’s Silicon Valley Offices.

Hotovely said that she received a comprehensive review mechanism for companies to monitor the films that allegedly incite violence, claiming that the supposed ‘incitement videos’ drive young children to go out and stab: ‘The attacks daily in Israel are the result of youths and children incited by the education system and the social networks, this is a daily war of incitement.’

She said that Google agreed to strengthen the bilateral relations with Israel’s Foreign Ministry, and build a mechanism of “collaborative work” that would make both parties partners in monitoring the published materials and censoring them.

The Israeli move comes amidst escalating tension in occupied Palestine, and a large number of videos, including those showing Israeli soldiers and officers killing Palestinians execution-style after injuring them, and many videos that in general highlight the suffering of the Palestinian people, living under the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine.

The Israeli coordination with Google and YouTube has very serious implications, and many journalists have spoken out in opposition, saying it is a direct assault on the Freedom of the Press.

## ח"כ חוטובלי: "טרור הילדים מונע קודם כל מההסתה ברשת"

סגנית שר החוץ, ח"כ ציפי חוטובלי, נפגשה עם מנכ"לית יונייב, סוזן ווזצ'יצקי ועם ג'ניפר דוונס מנהלת המדיניות הציבורית בגוגל במשרד גוגל בסילקון ואלי.

חוטובלי קיבלה סקירה מקיפה על המנגנון של החברות לניטור סרטים שמסיתים לאלימות והעלטה בפגישה את בעיית ההסתה ברשת שמניעה ילדים קטנים לצאת ולדקור: "הפגועים היום יומיים בישראל הם תוצאה של נערים וילדים שמוסטים החל במערכת החינוך וכלה ברשתות החברתיות, זו מלחמה יום יומית בהסתה שלא יכולה להתבצע מבלי המענה של אותן רשתות חברתיות".

בתום הפגישה סוכם כי החברות יהדקו את הקשרים עם משרד החוץ וייבנה מנגנון עבודה שותף של בקרה למניעת ההפצה של אותם חומרים מסיתים ברשת.

All foreign journalists who report in the Occupied Territories are required to register with the Israeli military, and any footage that they film is required to go through the Israeli Military Censor's office before it can be released.

With the recent advances in technology, many Palestinians and other civilians have been able to post videos uncensored online.

The Israeli government has frequently voiced its discontent with this development, and have worked to find ways to continue to censor videos coming out of the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

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