

Netanyahu Likens Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) to Nazi Germany

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I suppose it was <u>bound to happen</u> eventually; Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said <u>BDS</u>, the Palestinian led nonviolent global movement for justice in Palestine, <u>resembled Nazi Germany</u>. He said it during a meeting with Poland's Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna today, in speaking of the "defamation" of the Jewish people in Poland when Nazis controlled the country.

"The attacks on the Jews were always preceded by the slander of the Jews. What was done to the Jewish people then is being done to the Jewish state now," Netanyahu said.

"In those days we could do nothing. Today we can speak our mind, hold our ground. We're going to do both."

Last week Netanyahu told a <u>Las Vegas conference on BDS</u> that American supporters were the "front line" in a fight against BDS; and in a speech <u>last year at an Israel lobby group, Netanyahu</u> mentioned BDS 18 times in denouncing it. Last week, Netanyahu's former <u>minister of finance Yair Lapid said that</u> the same people responsible for the 9/11 attacks were behind the BDS movement.

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