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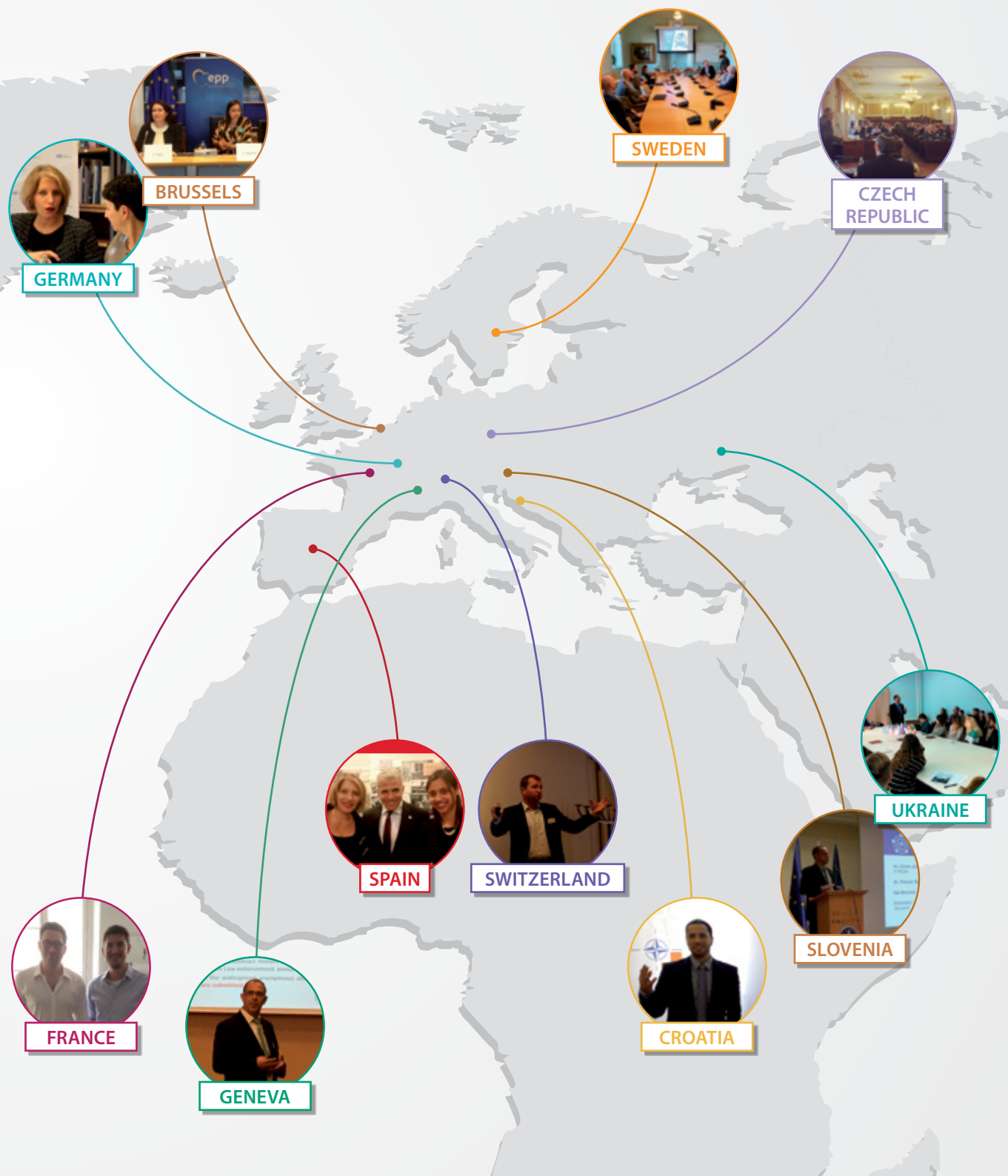


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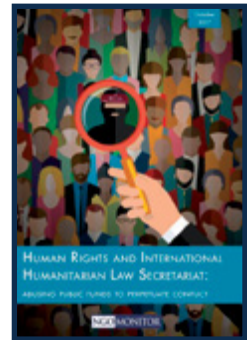
# NGO Monitor in Parliaments and Conferences Around the World



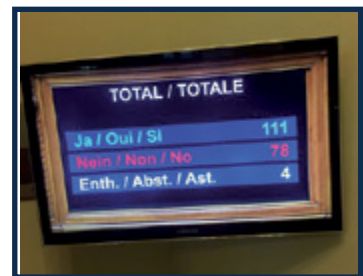


# 2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

- NGO Monitor halts millions in funding to “Secretariat”
 



- Momentous new Swiss legislation halting funding to NGOs that support racism, antisemitism, and hate
 



- Exposed NGO terror ties, resulting in funding cuts in Denmark and the Netherlands

- ✓ Presented research with MK Yair Lapid in the Spanish Parliament →



- ✓ NGO Monitor submission to UN delayed publication of UN "BDS blacklist"

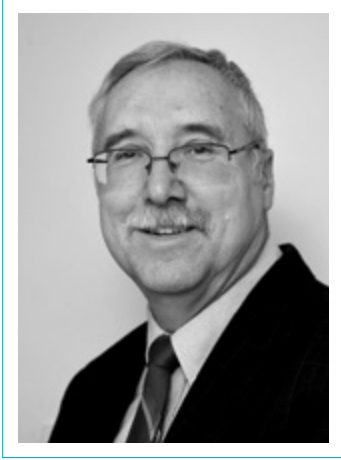
- ✓ US legislation drew upon NGO Monitor research

- ✓ NGO Monitor celebrated 15 years of achievements →



- ✓ NGO Monitor protests to the European Parliament resulted in ban on members of terror groups attending future events





## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Prof. Gerald Steinberg

### Dear friends,

In writing the original version of this letter, I had a substantial list of achievements in front of me.

However, the events of the last week of December forced me to start again.

On December 22, Denmark declared an end to funding for Palestinian and Israeli NGOs through a funding mechanism known as the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (Secretariat). Denmark provided an estimated \$12 million since 2006, in a pool with Switzerland, Sweden, and the Netherlands. Beyond the loss of grants for specific NGOs, this tremendous success is seen primarily as a powerful blow to a massive governmental funding framework.

This development shows what we are capable of doing, and also what it takes to succeed to “speak truth to power” in the NGO-funding industry. For more than a decade, NGO Monitor’s staff has dedicated countless hours to researching and uncovering immor-

al Secretariat funding to NGOs with links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terror group, and those involved deeply in BDS and lawfare campaigns.

Through our systematic and timely research, the governments involved in this scheme have been repeatedly embarrassed by these revelations - either they did not know where their money went or they approved of the shameful abuses. Regardless of the reason, once the secrecy was gone, the best option was to close out this funding.

Even before Denmark’s decision, 2017 was a year of significant achievements for NGO Monitor, as seen throughout this Annual Report.

In Switzerland, another partner in the Secretariat, the Parliament approved legislation to halt funding to NGOs that support racism, antisemitism, and hate. In Spain, we worked with local partners (ACOM) and MK Yair Lapid (Yesh Atid) to present decision makers with





Prof. Gerald Steinberg speaks at NGO Monitor and WJC's conference, December 2017.

our research on funding to radical groups. Our correspondence with the European Parliament played an important role in alerting parliamentarians to the feting of a PFLP terrorist at an anti-Israel event, sponsored by allied NGOs.

In the United States, NGO Monitor worked to increase transparency in State Department funding, end support for Palestinian NGOs that promote BDS and glorify violence, and educate key decision makers on anti-Israel UN initiatives pushed by NGOs.

We also had important successes at the United Nations. Our submission forced the UN to delay the publication of its NGO-led "blacklist" of companies doing "business supporting settlements in the occupied territories" by at least one year. Similarly, our intervention with the Office of the High Commission-

er for Human Rights resulted in the removal of an antisemitic NGO activist from a list of "human rights defenders."

In 2017, NGO Monitor celebrated 15 years of outstanding research and impact. These past 15 years and our successes have only been possible with the backing of our supporters, whose devotion to our work matches the enthusiasm of our staff.

With appreciation for your support,

Gerald M. Steinberg

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald M. Steinberg".

# NGO MONITOR HALTS MILLIONS IN FUNDING TO SECRETARIAT

At the end of 2017, Denmark ended funding to The Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (Secretariat) – a joint NGO funding framework with Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.

**Denmark provided an estimated \$12 million to the Secretariat and its predecessors since 2006.**

Our research reveals that of the 24 core NGO grantees, 4 have links to the PFLP terror group and 15 are deeply involved in BDS campaigns.

This decision came after more than a decade of NGO Monitor research and advocacy concerning the Secretariat, exposing its funding to radical and anti-Israel NGOs. Earlier this year, our efforts also brought unrivaled results with the establishment of ethical guidelines that deny funding to NGOs that support racism, antisemitism, and hate in Switzerland.

In March, the Swiss Lower House of Parliament voted (111 to 78 with 4 abstentions) to “amend the laws, ordinances and regulations so that Switzerland can no longer subsidize, even indirectly, development cooperation projects carried out by NGOs involved in racist, antisemitic or hate incitement actions...”

On June 13, the Swiss Council of States (upper house) adopted the resolution.

In September, the National Council signed the bill into law, which awaits implementation by the relevant government ministries.

This story and NGO Monitor’s research on Swiss funding were covered by all major Swiss news outlets.

As a direct result of major NGO Monitor impact, the Secretariat structure is being redefined with Denmark cutting its funding and Switzerland passing legislation and conducting investigations.

It remains to be seen whether the Secretariat will survive.

## Basler Zeitung

### Kein Geld für Israel-Boycott

March 9, 2017 | Dominik Feusi

Die Schweiz müsse jedoch sehr genau prüfen, mit wem sie in der Region zusammenarbeite. Das EDA unterstütze Organisationen, «die Boycott und Sanktionen gegen Israel fordern und betreiben, die Anti-Israel-Hetze, juristische Kriegsführung sowie Antizionismus- und Rassismuskampagnen betreiben, zur Zerstörung des Staates Israel aufrufen oder teilweise sogar direkte Verbindungen zu Terrororganisationen haben».



NGO Monitor Europe Desk Researcher Shaun Sacks in the Swiss Parliament.

TOTAL / TOTALE	
Ja / Oui / Si	111
Nein / Non / No	78
Entn. / Abst. / Ast.	4

Screenshot of Swiss vote.

# FUNDING CUTS TO NGOS WITH TERROR TIES

Over the past two years, NGO Monitor has examined the issue of government funding to NGOs with terror ties, and we have prioritized exposing these connections to the NGOs' funder-enablers. In 2016, NGO Monitor published a groundbreaking report unraveling the ties between NGOs and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) – a designated terrorist organization by the US, EU, Canada, and Israel. As a result of this publication and our ongoing efforts, NGO Monitor achieved tremendous impact in 2017.

1. In November, the European Parliament took action following our letter to the President of the Parliament, protesting an NGO event that featured and applauded with a standing ovation PFLP terrorist Leila Khaled. In September, the International Solidarity Association, MEP Angela Vallins (GUE/NGL) and MEP Javier Couso (GUE/NGL) organized a conference on “The Role of Women in the Palestinian Popular Struggle,” featuring presentations from Addameer Director Sahar Francis and PFLP terrorist Leila Khaled in Parliament. In her outrageous speech, Khaled glorified terror against Israelis, including praise for a terror attack that took place earlier that day. NGO Monitor was at the forefront of Israeli discourse about the event, with our research being cited on Israel's Channel 2.

NGO Monitor also sent a letter of protest to the President of the European Parliament, calling on the leadership of the Parliament to investigate whether funds used to arrange the conference violate EU regulations. As a direct result of our efforts, the European Parliament Bureau issued a directive stating that “Members of the European Parliament and Political Groups are requested not to invite persons listed in the Council Decision or individuals representing entities or groups on that list, nor to facilitate their access to Parliament.” This is an important policy change and will put a damper on European cooperation with terror groups.

2. As a result of years of NGO Monitor intervention, four countries halted funding to an NGO involved in celebrating a terrorist. An NGO funded by the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (Secretariat) – a joint funding mechanism of the governments of Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland – took part in inaugurating a center named after Dalal Mughrabi – a terrorist who in 1978 mur-

dered 38 civilians, including 13 children. NGO Monitor notified the Secretariat donor countries, which ended their funding.

3. Following a terror attack that killed three Israeli security officers outside the neighborhood of Har Adar in September, Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) posted the following description of the attack on their website: "Israeli forces killed Nemer Mahmoud Jamal (37) from Beit Sorik village, northwest of occupied Jerusalem when 4 Israeli Border Guard officers at the entrance to 'Har Adar' settlement opened fire at him. Moreover, three Israeli soldiers were killed and the fourth was wounded."

NGO Monitor informed PCHR's funders - the governments of Sweden, Switzerland, and Denmark - of this misleading and factually incorrect account. The Swiss Ambassador to Israel responded stating that the post had been removed from PCHR's website and that the Swiss government "carefully investigates all the allegations against its partners' organizations and takes measures, if necessary."

4. In November, NGO Monitor provided Israeli newspaper *Makor Rishon* with details on the German funded political foundation Heinrich Boell Stiftung's (HBS) funding and activities. Following this, *Makor Rishon* published an exposé on HBS co-sponsoring a conference featuring Hamas and PFLP terrorists as speakers at the event. Following further media coverage in Germany and significant public pressure citing NGO Monitor research, HBS withdrew its support for the conference.



**מי יפקח על ה"סיוע  
ההומניטארי" בעזה?**

ג'וש בקון | 17:04 27.3.2017

בשבוע שעבר חשף השב"כ שחמאס גונב לצרכיו את כספי הסיוע הבינלאומי המיועדים לתושבי רצועת עזה. במקרה הנכוח, מוחמד מורתג'יה, המתאם המקומי של הסוכנות הטורקית לתיאום ולשיתוף פעולה, נחשד בהסתת מיליוני שקלים מכספי סיוע טורקיים למטרות הקשורות לחמאס.

NGO Monitor expert Josh Bacon's op-ed on aid diversion in Israel's nrg.



NGO Monitor research on Leila Khaled at the EU Parliament was quoted on Israel's Channel 2, September 2017.



# US LEGISLATION UTILIZES NGO MONITOR RESEARCH

Over the course of 2017, NGO Monitor succeeded in presenting our research to a number of key congressional offices. This included our assessments of US funding to Palestinian NGOs and the transparency of US foreign funding, as well as our analyses of UN agencies and initiatives, such as the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) blacklist. In our meetings and discussions with these offices, NGO Monitor consistently stressed the need to improve the transparency and accountability of US funding to ensure that it remains consistent with US foreign policy goals and values.

We are pleased that Congress has recognized the need to more closely scrutinize funding to foreign NGOs and to UN agencies.

On October 5, 2017, Senator Bob Corker, Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced legislation designed to “establish a review of United States multilateral aid.” The bill’s criteria for reviewing contributions to UN agencies and programs includes “Transparency and Accountability,” “Alignment with United States Foreign Policy Objectives,” and the “Relationship of Stated Goals to Actual Results.”



NGO Monitor North America Desk Director Yona Schiffmiller outside US Congress, March 2017.

# NGO MONITOR DRIVES CHANGES AT UN

NGO Monitor's pressure on the UN has brought unprecedented results in 2017, leading the UN to make amendments to its anti-Israel programs.

In January, NGO Monitor made a submission to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the anti-Israel United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) "blacklist" of companies doing "business supporting settlements in the occupied territories" - a one-of-its-kind database that will target a single country, Israel. The planned blacklist ignores due process rights, promotes antisemitism, and will be used as a tool to promote BDS campaigns against companies that do business with Israel.

Following our submission, the UN delayed the release of the report by more than a year and UN officials cited the problems raised by NGO Monitor as reasons for this delay. NGO Monitor is now seen as the expert on the blacklist and our research on this issue is regularly cited in leading media outlets.

Along with our success in delaying the blacklist, NGO Monitor again led the UN to make changes regarding its regular anti-Israel bias. In March, UN Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk published a report to the UNHRC on the "situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967," in which he absurdly included Manal Tamimi, who tweets radical anti-Israel and antisemitic imagery, as a "human rights defender." In response, NGO Monitor sent a complaint to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights exposing Tamimi's tweets. NGO Monitor's complaint resulted in the Office of the High Commissioner removing Manal Tamimi from the report.





Manal Tamimi's antisemitic tweets.

## The Washington Post

### US Pushing to quash UN 'blacklist' of firms doing business in Israeli Settlements

Anne Gearan | August 21

Anne Herzberg, a lawyer and activist against BDS activities with the Jerusalem-based group NGO Monitor, said the list is "punitive."

"It's a process that is really extraordinary," Herzberg said. "There is no due process, they are not contacting companies ahead of time, and they have no basis to evaluate what they are sent about companies."



# EUROPE

2017 has been a remarkable year for NGO Monitor in Europe, having generated impact across the continent. Our research became indispensable in its unique ability to offer in-depth analysis and data and information.

Our largest milestone in Europe is the change in the overall attitude and awareness on issues pertaining to human rights and humanitarian NGOs and their funding. Country by country, decision makers and other stakeholders became increasingly aware that greater accountability is needed in order to ensure their support (financial and other) goes to intended causes. Parliamentarians learned that transparency surrounding public funds is a general issue, rather than one reserved only for the Arab-Israeli conflict.

We were particularly vocal in emphasizing the role NGOs play in the context of modern conflicts – how they can be used as vehicles for incitement and justification of terror. The complete lack of oversight makes civil society a fertile ground for spreading radical ideologies. These points became part of the public discourse in Europe, and a new debate on ways to understand and tackle radicalization began.

This shift in attitude led to a more constructive policy debate in the European Union and other European countries, resulting in major changes: A major funding mechanism is disintegrating; individual NGOs have been defunded; and a number of countries initiated serious reviews, including one that led to historic legislation to “amend the laws, ordinances and regulations so that Switzerland can no longer subsidize, even indirectly, development cooperation projects carried out by NGOs involved in racist, antisemitic or hate incitement actions...”

In our estimation, the developments of 2017 set precedents that will ensure major changes in years to come.



Prof. Gerald Steinberg speaks in the Czech Parliament, March 2017.

## Changes in attitude and awareness across Europe on NGOs and funding.

## DENMARK

On June 2, the Danish Foreign Minister halted distribution of Danish government funding to organizations via the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (Secretariat), a joint funding mechanism of the Danish, Dutch, Swedish, and Swiss governments. The statement explained that “all payments of Danish money to organizations within the donor secretariat” are frozen pending a “thorough investigation of all the organizations.”

The decision came following NGO Monitor documentation and criticism of Secretariat core-funding recipient Women’s Affairs Technical Committee (WATC), which helped inaugurate a youth center named after a terrorist. The Danish Foreign Minister stated, “Denmark and Danish tax money should under no circumstances be used for anything that in any way glorifies or promotes terrorism. Therefore, we now require of WATC that they pay Danish support back.”

Following the Danish example, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands also confirmed that they suspended funding to the terror glorifying NGO.

NGO Monitor research shows that the Secretariat funds some of the most radical and anti-Israel organizations that operate under the guise of human rights in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Due to its expertise, NGO Monitor was invited to give testimony at the Danish Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee’s hearing on children in conflict and war zones. The event was scheduled for May 24, but was canceled due to pressure from NGOs worried about being contradicted by NGO Monitor’s experts.

## EUROPEAN UNION

In January, NGO Monitor published a detailed report on EU funding to NGOs active in anti-Israel BDS campaigns. The report uncovers nine BDS-supporting beneficiaries of the EU’s Peace Building Initiative program meant to “build trust and understanding between societies in the region.” In March, this program issued a new call for proposals with guidelines for applicants explicitly stating that “actions that are related to boycott activities” are ineligible. This new addition clearly echoes NGO Monitor’s government funding guidelines.

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 **Denmark**  
**NGO Monitor**  
**cuts \$2.2 million**  
**from Secretariat**  
**in 2017.**

NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch discusses EU funding to anti-Israel NGOs on ILTV, May 2017. ▶



NGO Monitor Europe Desk Researcher Shaun Sacks is interviewed for a Dutch film, July 2017. ◀



Prof. Gerald Steinberg, NGO Monitor Researcher Tamar Kogman, and NGO Monitor Deputy Editor Becca Wertman with the EU Ambassador to Israel, October 2017. ▲

In March, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Markus Pieper (EPP), a member of the European Parliament's Committee for Budgetary Control (CONT), issued a draft report calling for stricter regulations on EU funding to NGOs citing NGO Monitor's "Value for Money" reports. Subsequently, CONT requested a special report assessing EU funding to NGOs from the European Court of Auditors, the EU's auditing body. NGO Monitor is in touch with officials in charge of writing the report and has shared relevant research material with them. The report will be published in 2018.

In June, NGO Monitor presented its research at an event at the European Parliament, "Evaluating Impact: EU Funding to NGOs." The event was hosted by two MEPs, MEP Patricija Šulin (EPP) and MEP Anders Primdahl Vistisen (ECR), of the first and third largest EP groups, respectively. The European Commission official in charge of evaluating the EU's humanitarian and development projects attended the event and answered questions.



## Major step: European Court of Auditors to investigate NGO funding.

In March, NGO Monitor published our report, "Whitewashing 'Resistance' – Human Rights Funding to Organizations Blurring the Lines Between Violence and Nonviolence." This report, the first of its kind, analyzes patterns and predicts trends in European funding to NGOs. NGO Monitor sent this report to over three thousand Members of Parliament and officials throughout Europe. It was one of the leading sources for all discussions on European funding to civil society.



## NGO Monitor cited in EU legislation initiative.

In September, MEPs submitted two parliamentary questions to the European Commission that clearly echo NGO Monitor concerns and recommendations.

In November, it came to NGO Monitor's attention that MEP Julie Ward slandered NGO Monitor in an attempt to prevent the nomination of a candidate for the European Court of Auditors, who once met with NGO Monitor. MEP Ward's frantic smear campaign reflects NGO Monitor's increasing impact in limiting political advocacy by radical anti-Israel NGOs and creating stronger transparency and accountability in EU funding.

NGO Monitor Europe Desk Researcher Tamar Kogman addresses European officials and parliamentarians, June 2017. ▼



### על פוליטיקאים בלגים וארגונים ישראלים

Prof. Gerald Steinberg | 2.14.2017

ארגונים ישראלים ופולטיקאים מקבלים סכומים חסרי פרופורציה, דרך הליכי קבלת החלטות חסויים או לא שקופים, ומשפיעים באופן ישיר על החברה ועל המערכת הפוליטית הישראלית. בין אם מסכימים ובין אם לא מסכימים עם שוברים שתיקה, בצלם, יש דין ועשרות ארגונים ישראלים אחרים, הממונים בנדיבות על ידי אירופה, לא ניתן להכחיש כי הכסף שהם מקבלים מאפשר להם להשפיע בגדול על ישראל.



NGO Monitor Europe Desk Researcher Tamar Kogman presents NGO Monitor research to a packed room in the European Parliament, June 2017. ▲

Prof. Steinberg's op-ed on European government funding to NGOs published in Ynet. ▲

## SPAIN

In April, NGO Monitor published a new, groundbreaking report, together with the Spanish organization ACOM, on Spanish funding to radical NGOs involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The report highlights issues of Spanish public funding to NGOs with ties to terrorist organizations that promote antisemitism, incite violence, and/or are involved in BDS campaigns. The report was published in both English and Spanish, and disseminated to all Spanish parliamentarians.

In June, MK Yair Lapid (Chairman of Yesh Atid), was shocked by the findings of NGO Monitor's report and took initiative in joining NGO Monitor's Europe Desk Director Olga Deutsch, and representatives from ACOM and NGO Monitor at the Spanish Parliament. The group hosted two events in Parliament where we presented our Spanish report to parliamentarians and discussed the need for policy changes.

NGO Monitor discovered that following PFLP terrorist Leila Khaled's appearance at the European Parliament, she planned to travel to Madrid as well. MK Lapid sent a letter to the Spanish Foreign Minister asking him to not allow her to appear at planned events.

### Spain NGO Monitor and MK Yair Lapid take on NGO funding with the Spanish Foreign Minister.



MK Yair Lapid's letter to the Spanish Foreign Minister shown on Channel 2, June 2017.

### THE JERUSALEM POST

#### Israeli Lawmaker Urges Spain to Stop Funds for BDS NGOs

June 28, 2017 | Benjamin Weinthal

"The Jerusalem-based NGO Monitor and Yesh Atid chairman Yair Lapid launched dual criticisms on Wednesday of Spanish government funds for anti-Israel NGOs in the country's parliament in Madrid."





NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director and MK Yair Lapid with Spanish parliamentarians in the Spanish Parliament, June 2017. ◀



NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director and MK Yair Lapid address Spanish parliamentarians, June 2017. ▲

## GERMANY

In April, German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel visited Israel and held meetings with top Israeli officials. Our issues were raised during his visit, which brought the issue of German funding to civil society to the forefront of the debate in both Israel and Germany.

In February, Olga Deutsch, Director of Europe Desk, spoke at a panel on “German-Israeli Cooperation in Counter-Terrorism – Needs, Current Realities and Future Prospects” organized by the American Jewish Committee in Berlin. The panel featured Mr. Stephan Mayer MdB, CDU/CSU Faction Spokesperson for Interior Policy and Member of the Internal Affairs Committee in the Bundestag; MK Sharren Haskel, Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the Knesset; Johannes Bockenheimer, Correspondent, Tagesspiegel; and Mr. Paul Landes, then Acting Head, National Counter-Financing Bureau in the Prime Minister’s Office, Israel.

Last year, NGO Monitor provided German film producers with data on the role of NGO funding and activities in contributing to antisemitism in Europe and the Middle East, to be used in a documentary on European antisemitism.

The film was scheduled to be aired in June 2017. However, in moves that triggered intense public criticism, a French-German broadcasting company (ARTE) refused to air it, as did the public German broadcasting company Westdeutscher Rundfunk (WDR).

Eventually, following public pressure, WDR and ARTE relented, but WDR attached an unprecedented set of “factchecks” to the film – attempting to attack NGO Monitor’s research that was referenced in the film. In response, the most widely read newspaper in Germany, *BILD*, broadcast the film along with NGO Monitor’s research. WDR’s actions and baseless and weak claims greatly embarrassed the broadcaster, and resulted in major publicity for the documentary and NGO Monitor.

In November, NGO Monitor Europe Desk Director Olga Duetsch debated the founder of the BDS Movement, Omar Barghouti, in German media outlet Deutsche Welle. Olga countered the lies Barghouti continues to spread about Israel and his reasoning for boycotting the Jewish State.



Director of Europe Desk Olga Duetsch speaks at the AJC conference in Berlin. ◀



### Wird Israel-Hass von Deutschland finanziert?

June 22, 2017 | Philipp Piatov Und Björn Stritzel

“Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Präsident der Recherche-Organisation NGO Monitor zu BILD: „Die deutsche Unterstützung von Organisationen wie B’Tselem und Breaking the Silence ist ein kleines Teil des Problems; die Regierung finanziert auch radikale Organisationen, die das Recht des jüdischen Volkes auf Souveränität delegitimieren.“



## UNITED KINGDOM

In May 2016, NGO Monitor researchers met with the Department for International Development (DFID) in London to discuss the issue of UK government funding to anti-Israel NGOs and the issue of aid diversion to terror groups. Following this, in October 2017, DFID declared that they “will not hesitate to stop funding development organizations that are not getting results and value for money for UK taxpayers.”

## FRANCE

At the end of 2016, the Île-de-France regional council adopted an amendment regarding the funding of the local government body to NGOs, which emphasizes that local government “is excluded from funding any organizations calling for boycott of the State of Israel, especially those involved in the Boycott movement, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS).”

Following this, in January 2017, in the context of the Paris Summit for Peace, NGO Monitor’s French language researcher was interviewed by the Israeli Channel 10, on our report about French funding to politicized NGOs.

In June 2017, our French researcher travelled to France in order to create relations with the leaders of the Jewish community there.

NGO Monitor research exposed a series of videos produced by French Organization Union Juive Française pour la Paix (UJFP) and funded by the French government, which proclaims that “Zionism is racist” and accuses France of “state racism”.

### France

## NGO Monitor outs French group comparing Nazism with Zionism.



NGO Monitor French researcher Vincent Chebat interviewed on Israel’s Channel 10 regarding French funding to Israeli NGOs, January 2017.

## NORWAY

In a shift in policy, Norway conducted an internal revision of its NGO funding to organizations involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict and made drastic changes. This investigation led the Norwegian government to cut funding to NGOs with ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terror group and other controversial NGOs.

In its 2018 budget, Norway states that its priority in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza is to combat “discrimination, including hateful expressions and antisemitism.” Making clear it opposes a “boycott against Israel,” Norway committed to not funding organizations that have “expressed key goals to promote the BDS campaign.” Norway instead expressed its support for “dialogue and cooperation.”

Norway’s decision is a vital step in European governments taking accountability for their funding. NGO Monitor will continue to expose the radical NGO activities and the governments that fund them.

### Norway

**Terminated \$1 million of funding to NGOs with reported ties to the PFLP (2015-2016).**

NGO NAME	AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY DONATED	YEAR
Addameer	NOK 1,800,000	2015-2016
Al-Haq	NOK 3,200,000	2015-2016
Palestinian Centre for Human Rights	NOK 2,000,000	2015-2016
Breaking the Silence	NOK 1,000,000	2015
<b>TOTAL FUNDING CUT</b>	<b>NOK 8,000,000*</b>	2015-2016

# ISRAEL

NGO Monitor's Israel Desk is the country's leading source of information on Israeli and Palestinian NGOs. Our researchers are regularly approached with requests by Members of Knesset, government officials, journalists, and researchers from across the political spectrum for information on all issues related to funding, BDS, lawfare, and other delegitimization campaigns.

In 2017, the Israel Desk had significant impact both locally and internationally. We have been instrumental in developing and promoting various public campaigns in partnership with other Israeli civil society organizations. The Israel Desk also furthered NGO Monitor's goal of exposing and ending funding to NGOs with ties to terror groups by contributing to two new groundbreaking reports. These reports are important tools in cutting funding to radical NGOs.

## GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

The Israel Desk's in-depth, detailed research into NGOs and their funding is essential for NGO Monitor as a whole and frequently stands at the center of NGO Monitor publications and presentations.

For instance, NGO Monitor's report, "Whitewashing Resistance: Human Rights Funding to Organizations Blurring the Lines between Violence and Non-violence" focuses on Palestinian and European NGOs that have ties to the PFLP and/or glorify terrorist attacks terming them "resistance."

In a second report released in October, we exposed the Palestinian NGO Addameer's ties to the PFLP, the fact that much of the NGO's leadership consists of convicted terrorists, the group's work advocating for convicted terrorists, and its European government funding.

With both publications, NGO Monitor's Israel Desk achieved significant impact with media and partners in Israel, while our other desks circulated the research internationally.

This year, NGO Monitor undertook a major endeavor and compiled all available data on foreign government funding to Israeli and Palestinian NGOs, creating new databases available to the general public. Currently, the system shows complete data of more than 40 NGOs and reporting on more than NIS 260 million from over 20 governments between 2012-2017. NGO Monitor uses this database to provide updated funding in all our reports. This interactive resource is also an extremely useful tool for the Israeli public, media, and elected officials as well as for diplomats and foreign parliamentarians. The database was largely shared on social media, among officials, and by news outlets such as NRG and *Israel Hayom*.

**NGO Monitor's database shows complete data of more than 40 NGOs and reporting on more than NIS 260 million from over 20 governments between 2012-2017.**

Prof. Gerald Steinberg on Israel's Channel 1, April 2017. ▼



NGO Monitor's report on Addameer. ◀

NGO Monitor Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni is interviewed on Israel's Channel 20 on the UN's discriminatory blacklist, August 2017. ▼



## ישראל היום

### המאבק ב־BDS: החזית האזרחית

Prof. Gerald Steinberg | 3.29.2017

המלחמה הפוליטית נגד מדינת ישראל מנוהלת בעיקר על ידי ארגונים לא־משלתיים, במיוחד אלו המעורבים בקמפיין החרם והלוחמה המשפטית נגד חיילי צה"ל

Prof. Steinberg discusses lawfare in an op-ed in Israel Hayom.

Our research was utilized by Israeli Members of Knesset, ministers, politicians, and diplomats from across the political spectrum.

NGO Monitor also published a comprehensive report on the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), an advocacy program that “brings international activists to the West Bank through the ruse of tourist visas.” These activists then return to their communities, and have a leading role in BDS efforts in churches worldwide, using demonizing and at times even antisemitic rhetoric. NGO Monitor is the only group to have conducted in-depth analysis of the complicated funding structure of EAPPI, identifying crucial information on government involvement in funding for the program.

NGO Monitor also published an academic article on the issue of civil society groups active in countering the delegitimization of Israel in the NATO affiliated *Defense Review* journal.

## GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Throughout the year, Prime Minister Netanyahu demanded an end to European funding to radical NGOs, based directly on NGO Monitor reports. In particular, he has focused on NGOs that have ties to terror groups and groups that promote discriminatory BDS and delegitimization campaigns against Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu highlighted these issues in meetings with Prime Minister Theresa May (UK), Prime Minister Charles Michel (Belgium), Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen (Denmark), Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel (Germany), and Foreign Minister Simon Coveney (Ireland).



NGO Monitor Israeli Media Relations Coordinator Hodaya Shahar with Minister Gilad Erdan.



Our research was also utilized by Israeli Members of Knesset, ministers, politicians, and diplomats from across the political spectrum. NGO Monitor continues to be the go-to source for information on NGO funding, aid diversion, lawfare, and BDS.

The issue of NGO funding is now on the top of the agenda for many Israeli Members of Knesset.

In November, Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein met with the Speaker of the Swedish Parliament and discussed Swedish government funding to anti-Israel NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Likewise, after NGO Monitor exposed that PFLP terrorist Leila Khaled spoke at the EU Parliament in September, Minister of Strategic Affairs Gilad Erdan wrote a letter to the head of the EU Parliament condemning this event.



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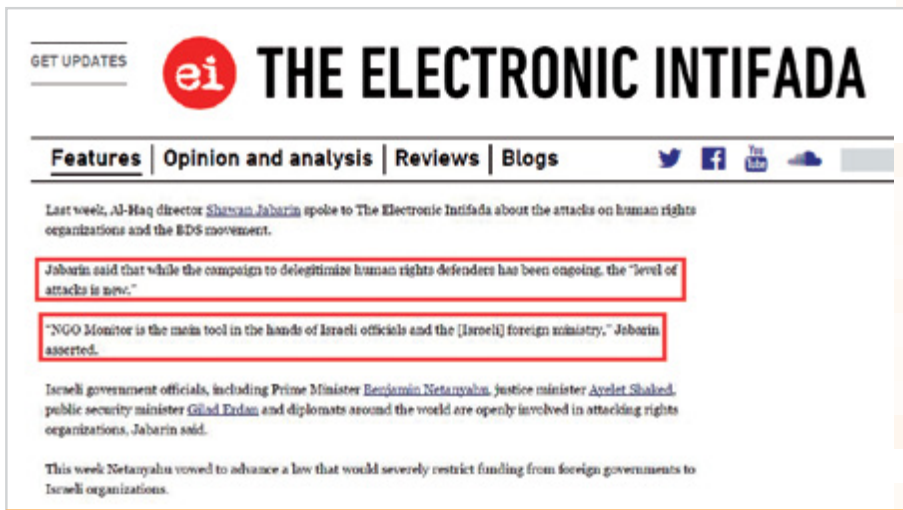
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Interior Minister Gilad Erdan thanks NGO Monitor on Twitter



Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein’s Facebook post stating that he discussed Swedish funding to NGOs with the President of the Swedish Parliament, November 2017.



In his article in the Electronic Intifada, Shawan Jabarin, Director of Al-Haq, names NGO Monitor research as the “main tool in the hands for Israeli officials.”



NGO Monitor Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni presents NGO Monitor research in Slovenia, October 2017.

## CONFERENCES

Israel Desk researchers were invited to speak in two different NATO security conferences, held in Croatia and Slovenia. In both conferences, NGO Monitor representatives discussed the issue of soft power, European funding, and NGO terror connections.

A particularly significant event took place in April, where Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program, a prestigious program run by the US State Department that deals with promoting human rights. Along with four other representatives of Israeli human rights NGOs, Itai met with government officials, police departments, religious organizations, and international and local NGOs in four different US states. Itai led a discussion on critical analysis regarding NGOs and the public discourse in Israel.



NGO Monitor Israel Desk Director Itai Reuveni presents NGO Monitor research in Croatia, June 2017.

The image features two tall, silver flagpoles against a clear blue sky. The upper pole is topped with a spherical finial and has an American flag flying from it. The lower pole also has a spherical finial and has a Canadian flag flying from it. The flags are waving in the wind. The text 'NORTH AMERICA' is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

# NORTH AMERICA

The North America Desk's goal is to establish guidelines to reduce funding to organizations that support demonization campaigns in the US and Canada, and to "name and shame" BDS funders. These aims are pursued by developing relationships with decision makers, conducting research into funding sources for BDS organizations, and working with local partners to exert pressure on BDS funders to end their support.

## UNITED STATES

Over the course of 2017, NGO Monitor succeeded in presenting our research to a number of key congressional offices. This included our assessments of US funding to Palestinian NGOs and the transparency of US foreign funding, as well as our analyses of UN agencies and initiatives. In our meetings and discussions with these offices, NGO Monitor consistently stressed the need to improve the transparency and accountability of US funding and to ensure that it remains consistent with US foreign policy goals and values.

At the end of 2017, NGO Monitor noted increased State Department transparency, as well as an end to funding for specific Palestinian NGOs that glorify terrorism and support BDS.

We are pleased that Congress has recognized the need to more closely scrutinize funding to foreign NGOs and to UN agencies.

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NGO Monitor North America Desk Director Yona Schiffmiller addresses the Knesset on BDS and antisemitism on college campuses, January 2017.



## **We Were 100% Right to Highlight Anti-Israel Hate Whatever Peter Beinart Says**

June 27, 2017 | Josh Block

“The program and speakers were introduced by Jennifer Bing of AFSC. According to NGO Monitor, an organization that shines a light on otherwise unaccountable organizations operating in Israel, AFSC “actively promotes boycotts, divestments and sanctions (BDS) campaigns against Israel; accuses Israel of ‘apartheid against Palestinians’; and advocates for the ‘right of return,’ meaning the end of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people.”

In January, Senators Marco Rubio and Tom Cotton introduced the “Countering Anti-Semitism and Anti-Israel Activities Act” to combat anti-Israel bias and antisemitism at the UN.

In March, NGO Monitor presented our research on PFLP-affiliated NGOs to officials at the US Treasury Department – the Federal body responsible for designating terrorist organizations.

The relationships we developed in Washington have provided an additional platform for presenting NGO Monitor’s UN research. This includes our detailed assessment of the UN’s proposed blacklist. Legislation was introduced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, targeting the UNHRC’s proposed blacklist of companies operating in the West Bank.

Following this, in April, the House of Representatives introduced similar legislation, which would require the US to work to repeal the UNHRC proposed blacklist, as well as work to combat BDS at the UN more broadly. The bill also calls for specific measures to address antisemitism at the UN.

In August, NGO Monitor contributed to an article by JNS on a Palestinian summer camp - run by a US-funded school in Ramallah – and how it had taken campers to memorials for terrorists, as well as to meet an individual affiliated with the PFLP. Subsequently, NGO Monitor was then approached by key congressional offices to provide background and context on US funding to Palestinian groups.

In December, the US Consulate in Jerusalem published a list of grants to Palestinian NGOs through the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) program after an extended period during which this information was not made public. These no longer included specific organizations flagged by NGO Monitor that had glorified violence, provided a platform to members of terror organizations, and promoted BDS.

Prof. Gerald Steinberg at the Knesset Caucus for US-Israel Relations with US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, July 2017. ▶



(Left to Right) NGO Monitor North America Desk Director Yona Schiffmiller, Consul General Dany Dayan, Prof. Gerald Steinberg, and Deputy Consul General Amir Sagie at the ALPAC Policy Conference, March 2017. ◀



Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Yona Schiffmiller with US Senator Ted Cruz, March 2017. ▲

## CANADA

In Canada, NGO Monitor has identified several instances of Canadian funding to Palestinian NGOs that glorify terrorism and terrorists, as well as support BDS. NGO Monitor is working with MPs and other officials to put an end to this phenomenon.

NGO Monitor's research debunking the claims of the "No Way to Treat a Child" campaign was distributed to MPs and other government officials, who are primary targets for this NGO campaign alleging that Israel violates the rights of Palestinian minors. NGO Monitor also alerted MPs to the fact that the Palestinian NGO leading the lobbying campaign has alleged ties to the PFLP terror group – a group included on Canada's list of terrorist entities.

NGO Monitor also uncovered funding from the Canadian government to Palestinian and international NGOs that promote violence, glorify terrorists, and abuse humanitarian funds. While Canada has excellent transparency and accountability, a lack of oversight over large grants to international organizations, such as UN agencies, allows this misuse of donor funds to occur. NGO Monitor is working with Canadian Senators, MPs, and allies in order to end funding for such groups and help instigate legislation that would ensure better oversight over taxpayer dollars.

In May, NGO Monitor participated in Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)'s West Coast Policy Conference, which brought together experts, politicians, journalists, and members of the community to learn about best practices in discussing the Arab-Israeli conflict with Canadians. NGO Monitor experts also met with CIJA representatives in order to deepen NGO Monitor's contacts in Canada; these relationships will be essential for our targeted impact in 2018.

In June, NGO Monitor met with Canada's new Ambassador to Israel and briefed her on NGO Monitor's research and activities.

**NGO Monitor uncovered funding from the Canadian government to Palestinian and international NGOs that promote violence, glorify terrorists, and abuse humanitarian funds.**

### The Province

#### Lack of Foreign Aid Oversight Imperils Policy Objectives

September 26, 2017 | Becca Wertman

A year earlier, in 2015, the Jerusalem-based research institute NGO Monitor identified World Vision as an organization susceptible to aid diversion, concluding that there is "little doubt as to World Vision's willingness to negotiate and coordinate with armed groups."





NGO Monitor Deputy Editor Becca Wertman with former Israeli Ambassador to Canada, October 2017. ◀



NGO Monitor Deputy Editor Becca Wertman at the 2017 CIJA West Coast Conference. ▲

## CAMPUS

NGO Monitor continues to work with partners in the US to end funding from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) to leading American pro-BDS NGOs such as Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, and others.

NGO Monitor's research on the funders of on campus BDS activities was featured in a Tablet Magazine piece about the extensive support of the RBF for BDS campaigns in the US.

In August, we briefed Hillel British Columbia Society staff about the NGOs behind BDS campaigns and indirect Canadian government funding to NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.



# LAWFARE

Lawfare is the exploitation of courts in democratic countries in order to harass Israeli officials with civil lawsuits and criminal investigations for “war crimes,” “crimes against humanity,” and other alleged violations of international law. While NGOs claim these cases are about obtaining “justice” for Palestinian victims, they are actually part of the larger political warfare campaign that seeks to demonize and delegitimize Israel in the international arena.

This year, we achieved remarkable impact in combating lawfare campaigns against Israel. From submissions to the UN to presentations at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), NGO Monitor successfully pushed back against the NGOs leading this lawfare strategy. When NGO Monitor made a submission to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the anti-Israel UNHRC “blacklist” of companies doing “business supporting settlements in the occupied territories,” the release of the report was delayed by more than a year, with UN officials citing the problems raised by NGO Monitor.

NGO Monitor also hired an important new member of our team to help combat NGO-lawfare, Lt. Col. Maurice Hirsch, who serves as NGO Monitor’s Senior Military Justice Consultant. Maurice was the former Head of IDF Military Prosecution for Judea and Samaria and has already helped write three reports debunking NGO claims about the Israeli military justice system.

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**NGO Monitor submission delayed UN “BDS blacklist” by more than a year.**

## NGO MONITOR SUBMISSIONS

NGO Monitor’s two major submissions – about the discriminatory blacklist and an NGO activist that promotes antisemitic propaganda on her Twitter being included in a UN report on human rights defenders – pushed the UN to delay the release of the blacklist and remove the “human rights defender” from the original report, respectively.

In addition to these important accomplishments, at the June session of the UNHRC, NGO Monitor continued to discredit the blacklist. We submitted four written statements, presented two oral statements, hosted two side events, and held meetings with government and UN officials.

NGO Monitor made a submission about Swiss funding of NGO incitement and anti-semitism to the Human Rights Committee for its review of Switzerland. This submission highlights the issue of European government funding and the need for greater accountability.



### **Confronting UN Anti-Israel Hypocrisy on Doing Business in Occupied Territories**

June 19, 2017 | William A. Jacobson

As a result of the NGO Monitor report, the blacklist process was delayed from March 2017 until December 2017. The High Commissioner for Human Rights based his request for the delay on the issues related to due process raised in our submission.

## APPEARANCES

In June, NGO Monitor brought Prof. Eugene Kontorovich – of Northwestern University, Kohelet Policy Forum, and NGO Monitor’s Legal Advisory Board – to speak at the UNHRC as part of our efforts to combat the upcoming release of the UN blacklist. At this side event, Prof. Kontorovich and NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg presented a new report, “Who Else Profits: The Scope of European and Multinational Business in Occupied Territories.” The report exposes the biased nature of the UN blacklist.

At the September session of the UNHRC, NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg, and Senior Military Justice Consultant Lt. Col. Maurice Hirsch addressed the Council, held high level diplomatic meetings, hosted a press conference, and led two side events.

The main theme of our initiatives at the September session was “Child Protection: The Realities of Israeli Military Juvenile Justice,” highlighting NGOs’ and UN agencies’ blatant lies and distortions surrounding Palestinian children’s rights. NGO Monitor held a widely attended side event and press conference on these issues. Our presentations frustrated the NGOs behind the anti-Israel campaign, triggering attacks on social media and blogs that generated additional publicity for NGO Monitor.

NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg speaks at the UN Human Right Council, March 2017. ▼



NGO Monitor Senior Military Justice Consultant Maurice Hirsch presents NGO Monitor research at a side event at the UN in Geneva, September 2017. ▼



NGO Monitor Senior Military Justice Consultant Maurice Hirsch addresses the UN Human Rights Council, September 2017. ◀

Lt. Col. Maurice Hirsch addressed the Council during the notoriously anti-Israel Agenda Item 7, discussing the issues of child protection. Prof. Steinberg also addressed the Human Rights Council, discussing the antisemitism and abuse of human rights since the 2001 Durban conference.

In May, NGO Monitor President Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg presented at The Pears Institute conference in London on Zionism and Antisemitism.

Anne Herzberg also presented at the Jewish Impact Investing Summit in December in New York City. Anne discussed exploitation of Corporate Social Responsibility by BDS activists.

## PUBLICATIONS

In September, NGO Monitor published a new report exposing the links between NGOs and UN agencies promoting political warfare. Our report details how UNICEF copies unverifiable information from highly politicized NGOs for use in reports to the UN on Palestinian minors.

This year, Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Josh Bacon, and Anne Herzberg published an academic paper on “Examining the NGO Security Discourse on Urban Warfare” in the prestigious journal, *The Israel Yearbook of Human Rights*.



In July 2017, in his speech at the UN, PA leader Mustafa Barghouti names NGO Monitor as leader of the “Zionist Plan” stating, “they can use NGO Monitor and other instruments but this will not stop the struggle for justice.”

# COMMUNICATIONS



NGO Monitor continues to focus on growing our media presence, to ensure that our research reaches the eyes and ears of decision makers around the world. This year, our research appeared in media outlets in over 50 countries, and was featured in leading newspapers, TV networks, and radio newscasts around the globe. NGO Monitor also significantly enhanced our social media presence, increasing our number of followers on both Facebook and Twitter. These efforts have led to NGO Monitor experts being quoted in a wide range of media, allowing our issues to be at the forefront of public debate.

**NGO Monitor has become the go-to source for journalists on issues related to BDS and anti-Israel NGOs.**

## INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

NGO Monitor research appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Hill*, *Politico*, *The Forward*, *BILD*, *Basler Zeitung*, and more. With over 1,000 appearances in newspapers around the globe, NGO Monitor has become the go-to source for journalists on issues related to BDS and anti-Israel NGOs.

## ISRAELI MEDIA

Throughout 2017, NGO Monitor increased our visibility in Israeli media, including significant appearances on TV networks such as Channel 2, Channel 10, Channel 20, IBA news, and i24 News. We were also featured in all leading Israeli news outlets including *Israel Hayom*, *Haaretz*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *NRG*, *The Times of Israel*, and *Ynet*.





Left to Right: Journalist Michele Chabin, Movie Producer Robert Magid, Journalist Amotz Asa-el, and Prof. Steinberg have a panel discussion following our screening of *Eyeless in Gaza*.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

NGO Monitor's active social media platform grew exponentially in 2017. Our captivating infographics, lively posts, and videos on engaging topics informed the masses about our research. We reached over 10,500 followers on Twitter and over 8,800 followers on Facebook. Our video on the Secretariat received over 23,000 views and reached over 45,000 people.

## CONFERENCES

In June, NGO Monitor held an event with NGO Monitor Board Member and expert on international affairs Elliott Abrams in celebration of NGOs Monitors 15 years of success and marking 50 years since the Six-Day War. In a captivating discussion, Prof. Steinberg and Elliott Abrams discussed "From Partition to Delegitimization on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Six Day War," addressing the change in the narrative over the past 50 years

In July, NGO Monitor held a screening of the film *Eyeless in Gaza* at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem. Following the screening there was a panel discussion featuring Prof. Gerald Steinberg, film producer Robert Magid, journalist Amotz Asa-el, and foreign correspondent Michele Chabin. Former IDF Spokesperson Lt. Col. Peter Lerner moderated the panel. NGO Monitor also held a second screening of the film at the UN in Geneva. Following that screening Prof. Steinberg, Anne Herzberg, and UN Watch's Hillel Neuer held a discussion on the film.



Former Canadian Ambassador Vivian Bercovici speaks at NGO Monitor's event, June 2017.

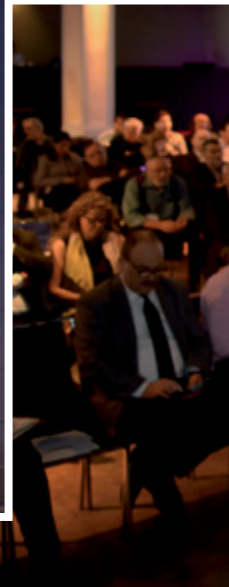


Left to right: Dov Yarden, Elliott Abrams, Prof. Irwin Cotler, and Prof. Gerald Steinberg at NGO Monitors event, June 2017. ▶



One of NGO Monitor's largest conferences to date was held in December. NGO Monitor and the World Jewish Congress hosted a full day conference on modern day antisemitism, "The Oldest Hatred Gone Viral," in Tel Aviv. The conference was held in memory of Prof. Robert Wistrich. In three sessions, panelists discussed developments in the academic study of antisemitism, antisemitism and social media, and antisemitism and BDS.

Left to right: Marcus Sheff, Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, Lucy Ahrish, and Daniel Swibel speak on a panel at NGO Monitor's antisemitism conference, December 2017. ▼



Left to right: Prof. Dina Porat, Prof. Alvin Rosenfeld, Prof. Menachem Rosensaft, and Prof. Gerald Steinberg at NGO Monitor's conference on antisemitism, December 2017. ▲

Left to right: Yoaz Hendel, Olympian Ori Sasson, Adam Shay, and Ben-Dror Yemini speak about BDS on a panel at NGO Monitor's antisemitism conference, December 2017. ▼





## ACHIEVEMENTS

In June, Prof. Gerald Steinberg received the Nefesh B'Nefesh Bonei Zion Prize in recognition of his and NGO Monitor's contributions to the State of Israel. NGO Monitor staff attended the award ceremony as Prof. Steinberg accepted his award from Nefesh B'Nefesh.





# ONLINE STATISTICS FOR 2017



10,800

TWITTER FOLLOWERS



8,900

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



161

VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE



187,000

WEBSITE VISITS MONTHLY



91,900

MENTIONS IN GOOGLE SEARCH

## A SAMPLING OF NGO MONITOR'S 2017 MEDIA COVERAGE



### When foreign govts meddle in Israeli politics

**Post Editorial Board | 25.4**

Directly or indirectly, UK government outlays of more than \$2.5 million have gone to "groups that polarize Israeli society and for campaigns exploiting false allegations of 'war crimes,'" says Gerald Steinberg of the watchdog outfit NGO Monitor.



### Fake news and Human Rights Watch's role

**Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman | 25.4**

Reports by NGOs from war-torn areas can be wildly inaccurate because these organizations simply don't have the expertise or access to facts to make their claims, explains Anne Herzberg, legal advisor to the Israel-based watchdog NGO Monitor. "In many cases, groups like AI and HRW don't have a local presence. They rely on claims from local NGOs themselves, and don't verify this information."



### Letters to the Editor: B'Tselem Post-truths and the Secret Summit in Aqaba

**Naftali Balanson | 25.4**

In an age of political polarization, the disdain and radicalization of El-Ad's B'Tselem, aided by distant and unaccountable European officials, have become par for the course. Making demands is much easier than offering anything of value or a constructive way forward.



### Swiss Parliament Votes to Halt Funds to Antisemitic Groups

**Toby Axelrod | 25.4**

NGO Monitor, the Israel-based non-governmental organization that lobbied for the bill, said Switzerland donated \$2.38 million between 2013 and 2016 to the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat, a Palestinian human rights group, which then handed out funds to NGOs in Israel and the Palestinian Authority. NGO Monitor reported that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, considered a terrorist organization by the European Union, the United States and others, received some of the money.



### Anger Surrounding Gabriel's Visit to Israel

**25.4**

These NGOs do not turn to Israeli society, but almost exclusively to foreign countries, explains Gerald Steinberg of the organization NGO Monitor, which monitors the work of these non-governmental organizations. "They are appealing to the international community to take action against Israel," he says - and are financed from abroad as well.

## Commentary

### Israel's Wrongheaded Retreat on BDS

**Evelyn Gordon | 25.4**

His [Omar Shakir] resume also includes a stint as a legal fellow at the Center for Constitutional Rights, an organization that provides legal assistance and training to BDS activists and files war crimes suits against Israeli defense officials. Nor would discovering all this require any great research skills on the part of government officials; it's all in a handy memo, complete with links, that NGO Monitor published in December.



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## The New York Times

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### Israeli Leader Cancels Meeting After German Official Visits Protest Group

Ian Fisher | 25.4

NGO Monitor, a group critical of what it sees as bias against Israel among nongovernmental and rights groups, said the German government had given roughly \$1.5 million to Breaking the Silence through various donors over the last four years.

## The Washington Post

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### U.S. pushing to quash U.N. 'blacklist' of firms doing business in Israeli settlements

Anne Gearan | 21.8

Anne Herzberg, a lawyer and activist against BDS activities with the Jerusalem-based group NGO Monitor, said the list is "punitive. It's a process that is really extraordinary," Herzberg said. "There is no due process, they are not contacting companies ahead of time, and they have no basis to evaluate what they are sent about companies."



### Israel passes law barring foreign BDS activists from entry

Miriam Elman | 25.4

"I am not a fan of the new law. It was a political decision and as in other democratic societies, should be analyzed and understood in that context. The simple politics are that a significant portion of the Israeli public demands a response to the demonization and political warfare embodied in BDS and related forms of political warfare. But the law does not give the government significantly new powers—substantively, it was unnecessary. Israel, like all countries, already had the power to restrict the entry of individuals and organizations on the basis of various criteria including incitement to violence and hate. At the same time, the law was written relatively carefully and with specific definitions (compared to other such initiatives) in the attempt to avoid being overturned by the high court." Steinberg has a point.

## American Thinker

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### How Do You Stop Good People from Hurting Themselves?

Eileen F. Toplansky | 1.1

As Gerald Steinberg notes, "similar political attacks using the language of ethics and morality have taken place in connection with false massacre claims, related to the intense fighting information. Almost nobody checks their accuracy, and this process is a central pillar in the war to delegitimize Israel." In fact, between 2004-2006, "ideological attacks against Israel took up one-third of the entire activity of Human Rights Watch."

## POLITICO

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### Additions to the EU transparency register (23-30 January)

Quentin ariès | 25.4

Last week, 89 new organizations signed up in the joint transparency register of the European Commission and the European Parliament. New entries include: ...NGO Monitor.

## Los Angeles Times

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### Israel's questioning of U.S. activist raises concerns of government pressure on groups

Joshua Mitnick | 25.4

"What we are seeing now is a major effort to push back against the impact and influence of these organizations both inside Israel and outside of Israel. It's a politically powerful message," said Gerald Steinberg, president of NGO Monitor, a research institute critical of the New Israel Fund and Breaking the Silence. "As there's more and more talk here of Israelis being dragged to the International Criminal Court, this is an issue that's going to boil at a higher temperature."



### On Belgian politicians and Israeli NGOs

Gerald Steinberg | 25.4

All foreign government funding to political NGOs operating in another democracy is a violation of sovereignty and self-determination, and this issue is particularly important for Israelis.

## THE SPECTATOR

### German attacks on Israel

Hal G.P. Colebatch | 25.4

Research by the NGO Monitor has shown that the German Government is providing millions of Euros to anti-Israel NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza, and Israel itself.

## EURACTIV

### Are NGOs immune to conflicts of interest?

Tamar Kogman | 25.4

The EU should keep its interaction with interest groups in check to avoid conflicts of interest. Whether those groups are corporate lobbies or NGOs, the same rules should apply, writes Tamar Kogman.

## Basler Zeitung

### The SVP politician withdraws the tax money from "Israel-Agitation"

Martin Sturzenegger | 25.4

Imark sieht das Neutralitätsprinzip der Schweiz verletzt, wenn palästinensische Organisationen durch Steuergeld profitieren. Imark wiederum liess sich beim Verfassen des Vorstosses durch "NGO Monitor" beraten.

## Bild

### Is Israel hatred funded by Germany?

Filipp Piatov And Björn Stritzel | 22.6

"Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Präsident der Recherche-Organisation NGO Monitor zu BILD: „Die deutsche Unterstützung von Organisationen wie B'Tselem und Breaking the Silence ist ein kleines Teil des Problems; die Regierung finanziert auch radikale Organisationen, die das Recht des jüdischen Volkes auf Souveränität delegitimieren."

## הארץ

### לידיעת ב. מיכאל, אנחנו לא "ימין קיצוני"

הודיה שחר | 25.4

בשבוע שעבר ביקר ח"כ יאיר לפיד בפרלמנט הספרדי במטרה להציג לחבריו דו"ח, שחובר על ידי הארגונים NGO Monitor ו-ACOM, המצביע על מימון ספרדי רחב היקף לארגונים לא ממשלתיים, המנהלים קשרים עם ארגוני טרור, מקדמים אנטישמיות, מסיתים לאלימות, ומעורבים בקמפיין ה-BDS.

## nrg

### בצלם' ו'שוברים שתיקה' - לא הסכנה האמתית

אולגה דויטש | 25.4

למרות תשומת הלב הרבה שלה הם זוכים, שני הארגונים הישראליים אינם המזיקים ביותר, אלא ארגוני זכויות אדם שנתמכים בידי גרמניה ומקדמים בפועל אלימות וטרור. ביקור נשיא גרמניה בישראל היה עוד הזדמנות שהוחמצה להפנות את השיח לנושאים החשובים באמת.

## THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

### Controversial Documentary on Antisemitism finally to air this week

Marc Neugroschel | 25.4

However, Prof. Gerald Steinberg from the Jerusalem-based think tank NGO Monitor, which provided the respective figures, denounced the WDR's allegation as "inaccurate" and "simply political."

## THE JERUSALEM POST

### Switzerland Funds NGOs that call for Israel's Destruction

Benjamin Weinthal | 25.4

"Parliamentary oversight over and investigation of Swiss government funding of these anti-peace NGOs is very important," said Olga Deutsch, director of the European desk of NGO Monitor. "Other countries are doing the same and the Swiss MPs can set an example. It is clear that the millions of Swiss francs going to NGOs, including hate groups through secret processes, cannot continue."



## Filmmaker's exposé of Israeli checkpoints stirs controversy

Rafael Medoff | 25.4

Prof. Gerald Steinberg, director of the Jerusalem-based research institute NGO Monitor, said the position of Human Rights Watch fails to recognize the role of the checkpoints in pre-empting suicide bombers and other terrorists. "Bashi's fundamental objection to checkpoints reflects the way in which Israeli human rights are routinely ignored by Human Rights Watch and other NGOs," Steinberg said. "Israel has an obligation to its citizens, as well as to Palestinians, to provide security and maintain order. Checkpoints have been effective in preventing terror and violence."



## BDS: 6 questions and answers about the movement boycotting Israel

Sarah Hofmann | 1.12

Israeli non-governmental organization NGO Monitor criticizes this model: "It's an amorphous organization. It is extremely decentralized in every possible way," says Olga Deutsch, an NGO Monitor spokesperson. NGO Monitor believes that elements with BDS do oppose this right, if not overtly.

"If you check their website, they don't say that they oppose a Jewish state," says Deutsch of BDS. "But some of their activists do promote a one-state solution and deny the Jewish people's right to self-determination." She goes as far as to claim that these activists are "promoting blatant anti-Semitism" and are "glorifying terror." But NGO Monitor criticizes legislation that restricts the right to freedom of expression. They argue that the only way forward is a genuine dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

## ישראל התים

### קנוניה של האו"ם וארגונים קיצוניים

עמית מזרחי | 25.4

האו"ם צפוי להעניק 18 מיליוני דולרים לארגונים פלשתיניים אנטי-ישראליים, זה כחלק מהסכם שנחתם בין האו"ם לרשות הפלשתינית, כך הזהירו בתחילת השבוע ב-NGO Monitor.

## THE JERUSALEM POST

### Keep Your Promise

Editorial Board | 29.6

According to NGO Monitor, Al-Haq is not the only Palestinian nonprofit that has ties to the PFLP. Others include Addameer, the Alternative Information Center, Defense for Children International – Palestine, the Health Work Committee, Stop the Wall, the Palestine Center for Human Rights, and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees.

## POLITICO

### Hijacking the European Parliament

Ryan Heath | 2.10

NGO Monitor - a watchdog close to Israeli conservative movements - has also lodged a complaint with Tajani.

## El Confidencial

EL DIARIO DE LOS LECTORES INFLUYENTES

### An Israeli deputy travels to Spain to ask that BDS not be financed

EFE | 28.6

Se trata de una visita oficial que tiene como objetivo dar a conocer el documento elaborado por el grupo israelí NGO Monitor sobre la financiación con dinero público a organizaciones vinculadas al BDS y pedir que se creen medidas legales para evitarlo, informó a Efe una fuente de la oficina de Lapid.

## DAILY NEWS

### Trump's Jerusalem Proclamation is long overdue

Prof. Gerald Steinberg | 7.12

When President Trump issues his pronouncement on Jerusalem, traffic here will stop, stores will be empty and we will be listening carefully. It's not because we need the President of the United States to tell us where our capital city is located, but instead reflects the anticipation of righting a 70-year wrong — the insulting situation in which foreign powers, led by the world's democracies, deny the obvious fact that Jerusalem has been the center of Jewish life for 3,000 years.



# MAJOR REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

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### **Military Court Watch: Inventing Legal Standards to Attack the IDF**

December 21, 2017

Military Court Watch is an opaque organization that claims to work on issues related to ensuring children are protected under international law. In reality, MCW's activities are part of a broader non-governmental organization (NGO) propaganda campaign that exploits concerns over children's rights to demonize Israel. The NGO was founded and is led by Gerard Horton, who was previously involved with the Palestinian NGO Defense for Children International – Palestine, which promotes a similar agenda.

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### **Al Jazeera Joins the Anti-Israel Child Campaign**

December 19, 2017

On December 15, 2017, AJ+ – part of the Al Jazeera network – posted a video on its Twitter, that was also widely disseminated in an offensive tweet by Human Rights Watch Executive Director Ken Roth, alleging that Israel “systematically harasses and abuses Palestinian kids.” The video parrots blatantly false and/or misleading claims by non-governmental organizations (NGO) regarding Israel's treatment of Palestinian minors, and goes so far as to claim that Israel has no reason to arrest minors (0:27) – regardless of the fact that some minors are perpetrators of violent terror attacks, including murder.

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### **European Parliament Event - Propaganda-Based Advocacy for Israel's Isolation**

December 17, 2017

The European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Palestine held a conference, “Fifty Years of Occupation and Counting: Is it time for a new EU Policy on the Middle East Peace Process?” The conference featured politicians, academics, and NGO officials advocating Israel's isolation and calling on the European Union and other countries to increase international pressure and to impose sanctions on Israel. None of the speakers advocated for dialogue and/or negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis.

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### **EU Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy: False Claims, Contradictions, and Reliance on Advocacy NGOs**

November 27, 2017

On October 16, 2017, the Council of the European Union adopted the EU Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World in 2016. The report makes several misleading, inconsistent, and grossly inaccurate claims, as well as disregards a number of EU norms and official stances. The publication fails to provide references or any verifiable sources, violating basic rules of evidence. The degree to which these sections copy from and rely on problematic reports by advocacy NGOs highlights the broader issue of EU outsourcing of responsibility for analysis and policy-making without oversight.

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### **Yesh Din's Fuzzy Math: A Comparative Analysis of Global Crime Statistics**

November 20, 2017

Yesh Din is an Israeli NGO that leads campaigns regarding legal issues in the Israeli justice system, including Israeli investigations into alleged crimes by both security forces and settlers in the West Bank. This study analyzes and compares their claims regarding "ideologically motivated crimes" and Israeli "investigative failures" to official Israeli and international statistics about these issues.

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### **The NGOs that Wrote McCollum's Legislation on Children's Rights**

November 15, 2017

NGO Monitor research reveals that the NGO involvement in Congresswoman McCollum's legislation runs more deeply than endorsement from BDS NGOs. The entirety of the proposed bill is premised on factually inaccurate claims from anti-Israel advocacy NGOs, including direct quotes from DCI-P's "No Way to Treat a Child" 2016 report and website.

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### **Initial Analysis of B'Tselem/HaMoked Report on Children's Detention in Jerusalem**

October 25, 2017

B'Tselem and HaMoked published a joint report, "Unprotected: The Detention of Palestinian Teenagers in East Jerusalem." NGO Monitor's initial analysis reveals that these NGOs are participating in a well-funded international campaign against Israel surrounding the issue of children's rights. The publication also suffers from fundamental methodological flaws, highlighting the appropriation of human rights for political objectives.

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### **No Way to Represent a Child: Defense for Children International-Palestine's Distortions of the Israeli Justice System**

October 17, 2017

In April 2016, the Palestinian non-governmental organization (NGO) Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCI-P) launched its No Way to Treat a Child campaign, which aims to lobby governments to "use all available means to pressure the Israeli government to end the detention and abuse of Palestinian children." In this campaign, DCI-P makes numerous false and misleading claims about the IDF and Israeli Military Courts.

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**Addameer: The PFLP's Prisoner Advocacy Wing**

October 16, 2017

The Palestinian NGO Addameer published "The Israeli Military Court System." This report claims to present a number of faults with the Israeli justice system in the West Bank and implies that Israeli courts do not have the right to prosecute Palestinians committing acts of terrorism. The report goes on to make a number of false legal claims regarding the implementation of law and the Israeli military courts in the West Bank – emblematic of the NGO's contextually, factually, and legally misleading campaigns.

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**The Origins of "No Way to Treat a Child": Analyzing UNICEF's report on Palestinian Minors**

October 15, 2017

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) led by Defense for Children International-Palestine's (DCI-P) have been conducting a campaign under the label of "No Way to Treat a Child" (NWTAC). This initiative calls on government officials "to use all available means to pressure the Israeli government to end the detention and abuse of Palestinian children" and will "continue until the occupation is ended."

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**Consolidated Palestinian NGO Funding Database**

September 3, 2017

This analysis presents the details of funding to 36 Palestinian NGOs, including the identities of the donors (government or private), the grant's time frame, and the source of the data.

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**Analysis of EU Peacebuilding Grants - December 2016**

August 17, 2017

In December 2016, the EU announced grants under the EU Peacebuilding Initiative (European Neighbourhood Policy) with a total budget of €4.9 million. Among the recipients and projects, a number (receiving one-third of the total budget) demonstrate records of activities that are entirely inconsistent with the stated goals of promoting peace in the region.

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### **Terrorist Salaries: European-funded NGOs Promote “Right” to Be Paid for Terror**

August 2, 2017

A number of European governments have joined the US and others in demanding that the Palestinian Authority (PA) end its policy of paying salaries to, and hence incentivizing, Palestinian prisoners convicted of terror crimes. Yet, in sharp contrast, a number of Palestinian NGOs receiving European government funding under the banner of human rights assert that terrorists have a “right” to receive salaries and that suspending these payments is a violation of international law.

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### **UN CEIRPP “50 Years of Occupation” Event: BDS, Antisemitism, and Demonization**

July 16, 2017

On June 29-30, 2017, the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) held a forum to “mark fifty years of Israeli occupation.” As anticipated, the event “Ending the Occupation: Creating the Space for Human Rights, Development and a Just Peace,” featured antisemitic rhetoric and calls for BDS and demonization campaigns against Israel’s existence.

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### **Watchlist: Human Rights Watch Leads Effort to Promote Impunity for Palestinian Terrorists**

June 29, 2017

HRW was one of a number of NGOs that set the agenda for a Policy Note published by Watchlist, urging the UN Secretary General to add Israel to the list of “parties known to commit grave violations against children.” The publication lacks methodology and evidence, and promotes impunity for Palestinian terror groups.

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### **Over €115M to NGOs in Arab-Israeli Conflict in 2015**

June 25, 2017

NGO Monitor estimates that European governments – directly through governmental mechanisms, and indirectly via church and other humanitarian groups – and UN agencies contribute over €100 million to NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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### **UN Women Report on Israel: Faulty Methodology and Promotion of NGO Political Warfare**

June 8, 2017

A report published by UN Women is yet another example in a recurring pattern of UN blunders caused by unchecked reliance on NGOs that promote antisemitism, BDS, and reject a negotiated two state solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.



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### **Danish government funding to the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat**

May 18, 2017

Denmark is one of four governments that funds politicized NGOs in the Arab-Israeli conflict through the Secretariat. A number of these groups have ties to terrorist organizations and are leaders of BDS campaigns against Israel.

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### **Spanish Funding to NGOs Active in the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

May 3, 2017

Public funding from Spain to politicized NGOs involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict is widespread and highly decentralized, correlating to several levels of governance in Spain. Funds are managed and allocated by the central government, autonomous communities, provincial deputations, municipalities, and bar associations – and reflect deep political fissures and regional radicalization.

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### **Fact Sheet: German Funding to NGOs Active in the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

April 25, 2017

The German government directly and indirectly provides millions of euros to Israeli, Palestinian, and European NGOs that are politically active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. This includes groups that glorify terrorism, promote BDS campaigns against Israel, and some with alleged ties to the PFLP terrorist organization.

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### **Whitewashing “Resistance”: Human Rights Funding to Organizations Blurring the Lines between Violence and Nonviolence**

April 20, 2017

A number of government-funded Palestinian and European NGOs repeatedly manipulate human rights through the use of “resistance” rhetoric, blurring the lines between violence and nonviolence, denigrating security concerns, and legitimizing attacks against civilians. Some of these groups also have ties to the PFLP – a designated terrorist organization by the EU, US, Canada, and Israel.

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### **United Nations Human Rights Defenders 2017**

April 19, 2017

In his report, United Nations Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk falsely labels virulent antisemites, individuals convicted of terrorism, and someone who has allegedly funneled millions of dollars away from humanitarian causes and towards violent extremism as “Human Rights Defenders.”

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### **French and Swedish Government Funding Used to Target Israeli Banks**

March 30, 2017

A number of known NGOs that advocate for BDS against Israel released a report calling on the French government to force French banks and insurance companies to “disengage without delay from any financial link with Israeli banks.”

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### **Core Bias in the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA-oPt)**

February 5, 2017

UN-OCHA oversees and facilitates government funding to some of highly biased and politicized NGOs, including a number that are very active in promoting BDS and “lawfare” campaigns that single out Israel.

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### **Transparency and Due Diligence in US Government Funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs: 2016 Update**

January 31, 2017

An updated analysis of US government funding for NGOs that operate in Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA).

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### **EU Funding to NGOs Active in Anti-Israel BDS Campaigns**

January 23, 2017

In-depth analysis of EU funding reveals that 25% of all beneficiaries support BDS, a tactic that the EU claims to expressly oppose.

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### **French Funding to NGOs Involved in Boycott Campaigns and with Alleged Ties to Terror Groups**

January 10, 2017

The French government’s funding of groups that support BDS campaigns and with alleged ties to terror organizations casts doubt upon its ability to serve as an impartial host of an upcoming summit dedicated to peace.

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### **2017: The Year of the NGO War Against Israel**

January 1, 2016

NGOs have already begun to exploit the three significant anniversaries related to the Arab-Israeli conflict, which will be marked in 2017. NGO Monitor estimates that these efforts will intensify as the respective anniversaries draw near, and activists will use them to lend artificial urgency and resonance for their agendas.

# NGO MONITOR MANAGEMENT





**Professor Gerald Steinberg**, President and Founder

A senior faculty member at Bar Ilan University, Prof. Steinberg provides direction and strategy for NGO Monitor. In 2017, he published a number of academic articles, as well as op-eds and letters to the editor in *The Huffington Post*, *Times of Israel*, *Jerusalem Post*, and many other newspapers. Prof. Steinberg conducted extensive interviews on NGO and human rights related issues with television, radio, and print media outlets. He also spoke at a variety of high-level government sessions and academic conferences worldwide. Prof. Steinberg is co-author of *Best Practices for Human Rights* and *Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding*.

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**Dov Yarden**, CEO

Dov Yarden was appointed NGO Monitor's CEO in March 2008 to oversee the management and day to day operations of the organization. He is also responsible for financial planning, personnel, and donor relations. Together with Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Dov drives NGO Monitor's strategic direction. Prior to joining NGO Monitor, Dov was a hi-tech entrepreneur. He was one of the founders of Unicorn Solutions, and managed their global Information Technologies and Administration until the company was bought by IBM in 2006.

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**Naftali Balanson**, Chief of Staff

Naftali has been part of NGO Monitor for over nine years and oversees all of NGO Monitor's publications and other output; helps develop strategic goals and objectives; and works closely with researchers, communications, and website staff. He has written extensively about BDS campaigns, NGO funding and transparency, and the relationship between governments and NGOs. His articles and op-eds have appeared in many publications including the *Jerusalem Post*, *Zeek Forward*, *The Jewish Chronicle*, and *Ynet*. He has an MA in English Literature from Columbia University.

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**Anne Herzberg**, Legal Advisor

Anne Herzberg is the author of NGO Monitor's "NGO Lawfare: Exploitation of Courts in the Arab-Israeli Conflict" and the "International Law, Human Rights and NGOs Series," as well as co-author of *Best Practices for Human Rights* and *Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding* and other academic publications. She is one of the leading experts on NGO "lawfare" cases against Israeli officials and companies doing business with Israel. She is regularly invited to speak at international conferences, and her op-eds have appeared in *Ha'aretz*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the *Jerusalem Post*.

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**Olga Deutsch**, Director of Europe Desk

Olga Deutsch oversees NGO Monitor's Europe desk and directs NGO Monitor's research on the European Union and European countries. She is an expert on EU funding to politicized NGOs, German funding to politicized NGOs, and BDS in Europe through the lens of NGOs. Before making Aliyah in 2009, she served as the chairperson of the European Union of Jewish Students, an umbrella organization for 34 national unions. She is fluent in English, Hebrew, Serbian, and German.

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**Itai Reuveni**, Director of Israel Desk

Itai Reuveni earned a BA in Political Science and Iranian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he also obtained an MA in Political Science and International Affairs. Itai has been active in the Muslim-Jewish Conference (Sarajevo, 2013; Vienna, 2014), where over 100 Jews and Muslim from 34 different countries meet to discuss interfaith issues, antisemitism, and Islamophobia. He also participated in various NATO young professional initiatives, including "Balkan SAYS – Security Architecture Youth Seminar 2016." At NGO Monitor, Itai oversees Israeli government relations and civil society alliances. His articles and op-eds have appeared in NRG, *Israel Hayom*, JTA, and Channel 20, among others.

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**Yona Schiffmiller**, Director of North America Desk

Yona received his BA in Political Science and International Relations and his MA in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Yona's articles and op-eds have appeared in *The Hill*, *Israel Hayom*, *The Forward*, and *The Tower*.

# BOARD MEMBERS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### **Professor Abraham Bell**

Prof. Bell is a professor of law at Bar Ilan University and University of San Diego. His research interests include international law (particularly the laws of war), property law (including intellectual property), and economic analysis of law. He studied at the University of Chicago and Harvard University. Prof. Bell co-authored with Prof. Steinberg a study on NGO reporting during the second Lebanon War, funded by the Israel Science Foundation. He currently serves on the board of the San Diego chapter of StandWithUs and the Israeli chapter of CAMERA (Presspectiva).

### **Mr. Edward Cohen**

Mr. Edward Cohen is qualified as a chartered accountant in the UK. Mr. Cohen has previously been a member of the London Stock Exchange and a partner of a stockbroking firm in London. He was also a member of Lloyds of London. Upon moving to Israel in 1983, Mr. Cohen was involved in venture capital, until he retired from business in 2003. Since then, he has been mainly involved in voluntary and charitable activities.

### **Mr. Joel Golovensky, Chair**

Mr. Golovensky was born in New York City and was raised in New Rochelle, NY. He received a BA from the University of Pennsylvania (magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa), a JD from the Harvard Law School, and an LLM from the New York University School of Law. Mr. Golovensky practiced law in New York for 20 years and was a managing partner of a Manhattan law firm before moving to Israel with his wife (Vera) and two daughters (Yael and Michal) in 1987. In New York, he was active in Jewish life, serving as Vice President and President-Elect of the Board of Jewish Education for the New York Metropolitan Area. In Israel, Mr. Golovensky practiced law and was active as a lay leader in the Jewish Agency for Israel, serving on the Executive of the Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education and on the Board of Governors Education Committee. At the end of 2004, he founded the Institute for Zionist Strategies (IZS). He also wrote a bi-weekly column for *Haaretz*, articles for *Maariv*, the *Jerusalem Post*, and the *Jerusalem Report*, and was a pioneer mediator, serving on the panel of the Supreme Court. From September 1999-September 2002, Mr. Golovensky served as Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's Russian Department in Moscow. Mr. Golovensky continues to practice international law.

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## AMUTA MEMBERS

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**Adv. Trevor Asserson** is the Founder and Senior Partner at Asserson Law Offices, a law firm in Tel Aviv that focuses purely on English law and is Israel's largest foreign law firm. Mr. Asserson heads the Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration departments where he specializes in complex international litigation. His clients include sovereign states, multinational companies, banks, and high net worth individuals. Mr. Asserson also holds higher advocacy rights in the UK and is a qualified mediator. Mr. Asserson, a graduate of Oxford University, qualified as a UK solicitor in 1984 and was called to the Israeli Bar in 1992. Prior to establishing Asserson Law Offices, he was the Head of International Litigation at Bird & Bird, one of the leading law firms in the UK. He has been recognized for many years in the leading UK legal directories for his litigation skills where he has been described as a "brilliant litigator" who "has all the qualities needed and is commercially savvy." He has also been shortlisted as "Litigator of the Year."

**Mr. Charles Freedman** - is currently Scholar in Residence and Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of Economics at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He worked at the Bank of Canada from 1974 to 2003, serving as Deputy Governor from 1988 to 2003. Prior to joining the Bank of Canada in 1974, Freedman was a faculty member at the University of Minnesota. Since his retirement, Freedman has served as a consultant for a number of central banks, focusing on both monetary policy questions and issues surrounding the organization and structure of central banks. He has also produced studies on real interest rates for Canadian financial institutions. Freedman is a director of boards in Canada and Israel. Freedman studied at the University of Toronto, Oxford University, and M.I.T., from which he received a PhD in Economics. He has published widely in economic journals and volumes of conference proceedings.

**Mr. Mark Goldfarb** - made Aliya from New York in 1996 and lives in Jerusalem. He is a graduate of CUNY Queens College. Mark is the CEO of Six Degrees Space Ltd, a Jerusalem based technology startup ([www.sixdof.space](http://www.sixdof.space)) and CEO of Habira Group Capital Ltd, an Israeli real estate advisory and investment firm. In parallel with his professional work, Mark has voluntarily been involved in senior positions at several not - for - profits, with a focus on education.

**Ms. Penina Goldstein** was educated at Columbia University in New York City, where she studied political science, law, and international affairs. After working as a commercial lawyer in New York, she moved to Israel in 1994. There she worked as an attorney at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State Revenue Administration at the Ministry of Finance, and as an editor at the Institute of the World Jewish Congress. She currently lives in Jerusalem and works as a freelance translator, working on legal and other materials for various government entities as well as a variety of private firms.

**Ms. Frieda Horwitz**, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, made Aliyah in 1983. Ms. Horwitz has diverse project and agency managerial skills, and is an effective and experienced bi-lingual fundraiser in the non-profit arena. She holds credentials from Barnard College, Brandeis, and Columbia University.

**Brigadier General (retired) Yosef Kuperwasser** was the Director General of the Israeli Ministry of International Affairs and Strategy between 2011 and December 2014. Previously, he was the head of the Analysis and Production Division of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Directorate of Military Intelligence (Aman) for five years until June 2006. In this capacity he was responsible for preparing Israel's national intelligence assessments and for early warning. During his military career, Brig. Gen. Kuperwasser served as Assistant Defense Attaché for Intelligence at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC and as the Intelligence Officer of the IDF Central Command, where he helped shape the way Israel coped with the threat of terror and in understanding regional developments and in sharing those understandings with the US and other foreign entities. Brig. Gen. Kuperwasser has a BA in Arabic language and literature from Haifa University and an MA in Economics from Tel Aviv University.

**Rabbi Dov Lipman** was born and raised in Silver Spring, MD. He has rabbinic ordination from the Ner Israel Rabbinical College and a Masters in Education from Johns Hopkins University. Rabbi Lipman served as a teacher and administrator in the US before moving to Israel with his wife and four children in July 2004. They settled in Bet Shemesh, where he taught in post high school yeshivot and seminaries for boys and girls from North America. Tensions between populations in Bet Shemesh led to Rabbi Lipman getting involved in community activism which led to national standing as a personality who represents a moderate and embracing Judaism. He is also the author of three books that have inspired Jewish youth about Judaism and his fourth book, "TO UNIFY A NATION - My vision for the future of Israel" was published in 2014. He served as a Member of Knesset for Yesh Atid between 2013 and 2015.

**Ms. Linda Olmert** was born and raised in Toronto, Canada, and moved to Israel in 1975. Ms. Olmert served as the Director of NPO "Eretz Nehederet" ("A Wonderful Land"), and lectures to churches and Christian media in the US and the UK. Ms. Olmert previously spent 12 years at the Diaspora Museum Tel Aviv, developing "Game Education" and was the Director of Media Relations and Resource Development at Palestinian Media Watch. She founded "The Organization for Children of Holocaust Survivors in Israel"; is an Executive Steering Committee member and Board of Directors member at Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum; and is Vice President and Board of Directors member Fellowship of Israel and Black America (FIBA).



**Dr. Jonathan Rynhold** is the director of the Argov Center for the study of Israel and the Jewish People in the Political Studies Department at Bar-Ilan University, where he is also a senior researcher at the Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies. Dr. Rynhold's research focuses on Israeli and US policy towards the Middle East peace process. In this vein, he has authored many academic articles on topics such as the 2005 Gaza disengagement and Israel's security barrier. His book, *The Arab-Israeli Conflict in American Political Culture*, was published by Cambridge University Press in February 2015. He has also co-edited two volumes in the *Israel at the Polls* series, and sits on the editorial board of the *Fathom Journal*. In addition, Dr. Rynhold played a leading role in combating the UK campaign to boycott Israeli universities. He is regularly interviewed by a wide variety of news outlets, which have included, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, CNN, *USA Today*, *The Times* (London), *Al Jazeera* (English). He has also authored opinion pieces in *The Atlantic*, *Jerusalem Post* and *Ha'aretz*.

**Mr. Arnold Roth** is an Israel-based manager, technology commercialization specialist and attorney, and founder of the Malki Foundation. As the child of Holocaust survivors from Poland who settled in Australia in the late 1940s and as a law student at Monash University, he took an active role in local Jewish communal affairs, including two years as president of the Australian Union of Jewish Students. With partners, he established a commercial law firm in Melbourne, and then brought his family to settle in Jerusalem in 1988 where they live today. The murder in a terror attack in the center of Jerusalem of his 15 year old daughter Malki in 2001 catalyzed Roth and his wife Frimet to speak and write widely about terrorism.

**Dr. Amira Schiff** is a faculty member of the graduate program on Conflict Management and Negotiation at Bar Ilan University. She holds a PhD in Political Science specializing in international conflict resolution, particularly peace processes in ethno-national conflicts. Dr. Schiff has published articles in leading academic journals and is currently in the process of writing a book on the topic of international conflict resolution. She was previously a visiting fellow at the York Center for International and Security Studies (YCISS) at York University, Toronto (2007-2010).

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## INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

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### **Elliott Abrams**

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Elliott Abrams is a Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.



### **Amb. John Bolton**

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John R. Bolton was appointed as United States Permanent Representative to the UN on August 1, 2005 and served until his resignation in December 2006. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Bolton served as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from May 2001 to May 2005.



### **Amb. Vivian Bercovici**

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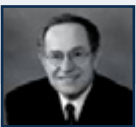
Vivian Bercovici served as Canada's Ambassador to Israel from January 2014 to June 2016. Prior to serving in this role, Vivian practiced law in Toronto for 24 years, focusing on financial services, First Nations negotiations, and defamation law. Vivian is a senior fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute in Jerusalem and an Executive Fellow with the University of Calgary School of Public Policy.



### **Hon. Michael Danby (MP)**

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Hon. Michael Danby is a senior member of the Australian Labor Party. Currently the Parliamentary Secretary to the Opposition Leader, Michael Danby was previously Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts, Chairperson of the Australian Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade, as well as the Joint Standing Committee on Migration. Mr. Danby is also a member of the Steering Committee of an international network called the World Movement for Democracy.



### **Professor Alan Dershowitz**

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Professor Alan Dershowitz is the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. He has been called "Israel's single most visible defender – the Jewish state's lead attorney in the court of public opinion."



### **Sen. Linda Frum**

In 2009, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed the Honourable Linda Frum to the Senate to represent the Province of Ontario. She currently sits as a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology; Rules, Procedures, and the Rights of Parliament; Conflict of Interest for Senators.



### **Tom Gross**

Tom Gross is a British-born journalist and international affairs commentator.



### **Col. Richard Kemp**

Col. Richard Kemp served as Commander of the Order of the British Empire for 29 years, and handled all major global terrorist attacks, including those against British interests.



### **Douglas Murray**

Douglas Kear Murray is a Scottish writer, journalist, and commentator. He was the director of the Centre for Social Cohesion from 2007 until 2011, and is currently the associate director of The Henry Jackson Society.



### **Hon. Fiamma Nirenstein**

Hon. Fiamma Nirenstein is an award-winning journalist and author, and was a member of the Italian Parliament's Chamber of Deputies, where she served as Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies. In August 2015, she was appointed Israeli Ambassador to Italy.



### **Professor Judea Pearl**

Judea Pearl is a Chancellor's Professor of Computer Science and Statistics at UCLA. He is a graduate of the Technion, Israel, and has joined the faculty of UCLA in 1969, where he currently directs the Cognitive Systems Laboratory and conducts research in artificial intelligence, human cognition, and philosophy of science. A Member of the National Academy of Sciences and a Founding Fellow of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence, Pearl is a recipient of numerous scientific awards including the Technion's Harvey Prize and the ACM Alan Turing Award.



**Judge Abraham Sofaer**

Judge Abraham Sofaer has been a George P. Shultz Distinguished Scholar and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution (Stanford University) since 1994. He has been a prosecutor, legal educator, judge, government official, and attorney in private practice.



**Dr. Einat Wilf**

Dr. Einat Wilf is a Senior Fellow with the Jewish People Policy Institute, former Chair of the Knesset Sub-Committee for Israel and the Jewish People, and previous Member of the influential Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the 18th Knesset.



**Professor Ruth R. Wisse**

Professor Ruth R. Wisse is Martin Peretz Professor of Yiddish Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University.



**R. James Woolsey**

R. James Woolsey is the former Director of the CIA and the Intelligence Community (1993-1995), and currently serves on the board of the Washington firm, Executive Action LLC.

# IN MEMORIAM

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Dr. Harry Wechsler,  
of blessed memory,  
at NGO Monitor's  
office in 2007

NGO Monitor's founding donor, Dr. Harry Wechsler, passed away this year.

Prof. Steinberg met Dr. Wechsler in 2002, where they discussed a small project that began in cooperation with Ambassador Dore Gold at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. Prof. Steinberg explained the importance of his initial project, exploring the damaging role played by powerful NGOs that exploited the language of human rights to demonize Israel, which developed out of the notorious UN Durban NGO Forum that took place a few months prior. Dr. Wechsler immediately understood the problem at hand, and the need to take action.

Dr. Wechsler and the Wechsler Family Foundation became the co-founders of NGO Monitor, providing the first substantial donation to set up a website and hire the first researchers and assistants.

From then on, Dr. Wechsler was actively involved in helping NGO Monitor shape its strategy, and his involvement was crucial in sharpening NGO Monitor's product and impact.

As our partner, Dr. Wechsler took great pride in NGO Monitor's growing accomplishments and was continuously impressed with the organization's ability to stay focused on its mission while expanding our global impact.

NGO Monitor remains a joint project of the Wechsler Family Foundation and we will always be indebted to our founding donor and his family.



For many years, Paul Ogden was an important voice in the development of NGO Monitor, and his contributions and valuable input were essential for our continued success. Paul's dedication and enthusiasm for NGO Monitor were felt far beyond the formal board meetings. He was always available to talk to staff, evaluate ideas, give advice, and help us improve.

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