



November 20, 2023

Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission
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RE: Request for Investigation of Attorney Rashida Tlaib, Esq. (License #P70356)

Dear Administrator Goetz:

Please accept this Request for Investigation regarding Attorney Rashida Harbi Tlaib (P70356) pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 9.112 by Complainant Coolidge-Reagan Foundation. Attorney Tlaib was admitted to practice in Michigan on January 25, 2007, and is presently an active member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan. Her primary address of record is:

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Neither Coolidge-Reagan Foundation nor any of its agents were a client of Attorney Tlaib, an opposing counsel or party, an employer/supervisor of hers, or a Judge before whom she practiced. Coolidge-Reagan Foundation files this Request for Investigation in its capacity as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to promoting the truthful exchange of ideas and defending the rule of law, including from terrorist organizations such as Hamas. This complaint does not arise out of a particular judicial proceeding.

This request arises from Attorney Tlaib's false, discriminatory, and anti-Semitic comments regarding the horrific massacre and other crimes the international terrorist group Hamas ruthlessly unleashed against innocent Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023, including kidnapping, rape, beheading children, burning people alive, and murdering a baby by placing him in an oven. In response to these atrocities, Attorney Tlaib made several public statements evincing deeply discriminatory, antisemitic views that call into question her character and fitness to practice law.

On November 7, 2023, the U.S. House of Representatives publicly censured Attorney Tlaib for her repeated reprehensible statements. Attorney Tlaib's irresponsible anti-Semitic lies and discriminatory statements—which include embracing a call for the violent destruction of Israel and concomitant genocide of Israelis, as well as reckless false accusations of genocide against President Joe Biden and the government of Israel—violate the Michigan Court Rules and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. The State Bar of Michigan should initiate an investigation and impose appropriate sanctions against an attorney who spreads anti-Semitic propaganda and lies in support of an officially designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. *See* U.S. Dep't of State, *Foreign Terrorist Organizations* (noting the Secretary of State designated Hamas a Foreign Terrorist Organization on October 8, 1997), <https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/>.



Attorney Tlaib's Sanctionable Comments

Attorney Tlaib has made numerous false and anti-Semitic comments designed to incite hatred, stoke outrage, and deny an entire class of people their protected rights based on invidious identity-based discrimination:

1. Attorney Tlaib Defends Hamas' Massacre of Israeli Civilians as "Acts of Resistance"—On October 8, 2023, Attorney Tlaib issued a press release that began by “griev[ing]” the Palestinian lives lost while Hamas was slaughtering Israeli civilians, beheading and burning babies, and kidnapping children and senior citizens, mentioning Israeli lives only afterwards. Rashia Tlaib, Press Release, *Tlaib Statement on Ongoing Violence in Israel and Palestine* (Oct. 8, 2023), <https://tlaib.house.gov/posts/tlaib-statement-on-ongoing-violence-in-israel-and-palestine>. A true and correct copy of this press release is enclosed as Exhibit 1. The press release went on to claim Hamas' “resistance” stemmed from Israel's supposed “apartheid system.” *Id.* Though not actionable in themselves, these statements provide a foundation for Attorney Tlaib's subsequent violations of the Michigan Court Rules and Rules of Professional Conduct.

2. Attorney Tlaib Falsely Blamed Israel for Bombing a Hospital in the Gaza Strip, Despite Later Evidence Demonstrating the Hospital Had Not Been Bombed and Palestinian Terrorists Were Responsible for the Explosion Nearby—On October 17, 2023, an explosion occurred near the al-Ahli Arab Hospital in the Gaza strip. Attorney Tlaib posted to her 1.4 million followers on X (formerly known as Twitter):

Israel just bombed the Baptist Hospital killing 500 Palestinians (doctors, children, patients) just like that.

@POTUS this is what happens when you refuse a ceasefire & help de-escalate.

Your war and destruction only approach has opened my eyes and many Palestinian Americans and Muslim Americans like me. We will remember where you stood.

<https://twitter.com/RashidaTlaib/status/1714342122185191596> (emphasis added). A true and correct copy of this post is enclosed as Exhibit 2.

As early as the next day, independent analysis of video footage as well as “‘high confidence’ signals intelligence, which includes electronic surveillance, indicat[ed] that the blast . . . was caused by the militant group Palestinian Islamic Jihad.” Margherita Stancati, et al., *U.S., Experts Say Evidence Suggests Palestinian Militants' Rocket Hit Gaza Hospital*, Wall. St. J. (Oct. 18, 2023, 8:33 PM ET), <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/israel-tries-to-back-up-claims-it-didnt-attack-gaza-hospital-a8cc3405>. A true and correct copy of this article is enclosed as Exhibit 3. An intercepted conversation between two Hamas terrorists confirmed “the rocket was fired by militants from a cemetery near the hospital.” *Id.* Adrienna Watson, the spokeswoman for the White House National Security Council, declared, “The U.S. government assesses that Israel was not responsible for an explosion that killed hundreds of civilians yesterday at the Al Ahli Hospital in the Gaza Strip.” *Id.* Photos revealed the explosion had actually occurred in the



hospital's parking lot and lacked the type of "deep crater" that would "indicate an aerial strike." *Id.* Moreover, "The small size of the open area where the explosion occurred, coupled with limited shock-wave damage, was inconsistent with the death toll claimed by the Palestinian Health Ministry" in its false propaganda about the explosion. *Id.*

Despite this information, Attorney Tlaib has refused to remove her tweet, which remains posted on her timeline through today. Rather, on October 23, 2023, Attorney Tlaib issued a press release demanding a United Nations investigation because "I cannot uncritically accept Israel's denials of responsibility as fact Both the Israel and United States governments have long, documented histories of misleading the public about wars and war crimes." Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Press Release, *Tlaib Statement on Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital* (Oct. 23, 2023), <https://tlaib.house.gov/posts/tlaib-statement-on-al-ahli-baptist-hospital>. A true and correct copy of this press release is enclosed as Exhibit 4. Attorney Tlaib's press release did not comment on Hamas' history of violence, deception, or war crimes.

3. Attorney Tlaib Disseminates False Posts Accusing Israel of Deliberately Massacring Civilians—Attorney Tlaib made or reposted false assertions Israel was intentionally murdering Palestinian civilians:

a. On October 16, 2023, Attorney Tlaib reposted a post from @theIMEU to her 1.4 million followers declaring, "Israel is ***deliberately and indiscriminately slaughtering*** ***Palestinians*** in Gaza." <https://twitter.com/theIMEU/status/1713954846133440700> (emphasis added). A true and correct copy of this post is enclosed as Exhibit 5.

b. On October 20, 2023, Attorney Tlaib falsely asserted to her 1.4 million followers, with no evidence, the United States was supporting a "***massacre of civilians***" by Israel. <https://twitter.com/RashidaTlaib/status/1715444198474748295> (emphasis added). A true and correct copy of this post is enclosed as Exhibit 6. Attorney Tlaib's post did not mention the terrorist group Hamas' literal massacre of actual Israeli civilians.

4. Attorney Tlaib Issues a Press Release Falsely Accusing Israel of Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing, and Falsely Accusing Members of Congress of Wanting to Support War Crimes—On November 2, 2023, Attorney Tlaib issued a press release stating "the Israeli government [is] carry[ing] out ***ethnic cleansing*** in Gaza. . . ." Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Press Release, *Tlaib Statement on Funding Netanyahu's Genocide* (Nov. 2, 2023) (emphasis added), <https://tlaib.house.gov/posts/tlaib-statement-on-funding-netanyahus-genocide>. A true and correct copy of this press release is enclosed as Exhibit 7. The title of the press release expressly accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of engaging in "genocide." *Id.* It went on to falsely accuse Israel of enforcing a "dehumanizing system of apartheid." *Id.* Attorney Tlaib's press release concluded by recklessly accusing unidentified members of Congress of "want[ing] to send more weapons ***to carry out war crimes and violations of international law.***" *Id.* (emphasis added). Attorney Tlaib posted the press release's contents to her official @RepRashida X account. <https://twitter.com/RepRashida/status/1720200114789064981>. A true and correct copy of this post is enclosed as Exhibit 8. Attorney Tlaib uses the @RepRashida account, among other things, for

the dissemination of press releases prepared by her congressional staff and other official statements. Cf. *Knight First Amend. Inst. v. Trump*, 928 F.3d 226, 236 (2d Cir. 2019) (explaining why President Trump’s Twitter account constituted a “government account”), *vacated and remanded*, 141 S. Ct. 1220 (2021), *dismissed as moot sub nom.*, *Knight First Amend. Inst. v. Biden*, No. 18-1691, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 35273 (2d Cir. May 26, 2021).

5. Attorney Tlaib Uses Hamas’ Anti-Semitic Genocidal Slogan “From the River to the Sea” While Accusing President Biden of Assisting Genocide—On November 3, 2023, Attorney Tlaib posted a video to her 1.4 million followers. The video was one minute and twenty-nine seconds long. At the 1:05 mark, Attorney Tlaib had the phrase “MICHIGAN From the river to the sea!” superimposed on an image of protestors chanting that phrase:



The phrase “from the river to the sea” is a part of the terrorist group Hamas’ official charter. Islamic Resistance Movement “Hamas,” *A Document of General Principles and Policies*, ¶¶ 2, 20, at 2, 6 (May 2017), <https://irp.fas.org/world/para/docs/hamas-2017.pdf>. A true and correct copy of this infernal document is enclosed as Exhibit 9. The charter calls for “jihad” and “armed resistance” against Israel, *id.* ¶¶ 23, 25, at 7, declaring Israel’s existence to be “entirely illegal” and against “the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people,” *id.* ¶ 18, at 6.

The Anti-Defamation League confirms the phrase “from the river to the sea” is an “antisemitic slogan . . . denying the Jewish right to self-determination, including through the removal of Jews from their ancestral homeland. Usage of this phrase has the effect of making members of the Jewish and pro-Israel community feel unsafe and ostracized.” Anti-Defamation

League, *Allegation: From the river to the Sea Palestine Will Be Free* (Oct. 26, 2023), <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/allegation-river-sea-palestine-will-be-free>. A true and correct copy of this issuance is enclosed as Exhibit 10. As even Attorney Tlaib’s political ally, Democratic Minority Leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, recognizes, the phrase is “widely understood as calling for the complete destruction of Israel.” Kayla Guo, *House Censures Rashida Tlaib, Citing “River to the Sea” Slogan*, N.Y. Times (Nov. 7, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/07/us/politics/tlaib-censure-house-israel-gaza.html>.

Attorney Tlaib had the phrase superimposed again, over a different image, at the video’s 1:08 mark:

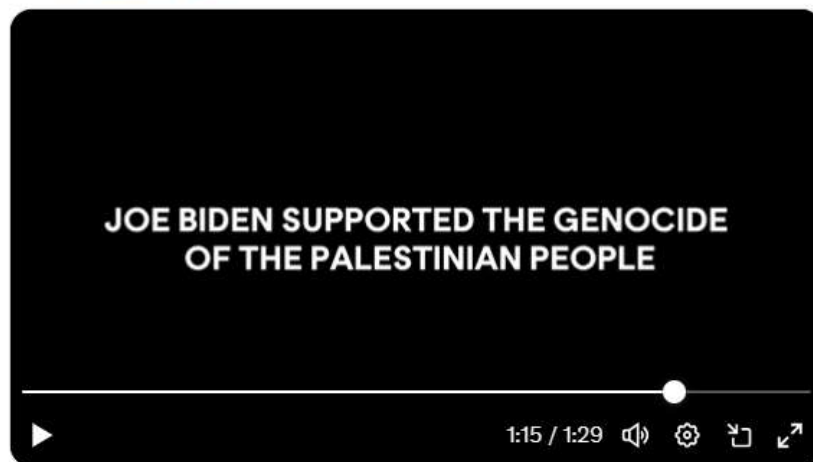


Three seconds later, at the 1:11 mark, the video shows Attorney Tlaib herself threatening, “We will remember in 2024.” At the 1:15 mark, the screen turns black and displays the text, “JOE BIDEN SUPPORTED THE GENOCIDE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.”



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@RashidaTlaib

.@POTUS, the majority of the American people are not with you on this one. #CeasefireNow



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Attorney Tlaib’s video received extensive press coverage. *See, e.g.,* Giselle Ruhiyyih Ewing, *Tlaib Accuses Biden of Supporting Genocide of Palestinians*, Politico (Nov. 4, 2023), <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/04/tlaib-biden-palestinian-genocide-israel-00125392>. Even before that video, however, Attorney Tlaib “has used the phrase ‘from the river to the sea’ despite warnings the words are antisemitic and code for those who want the eradication of Israel.” Dana Kennedy & Joshua Rhett Miller, *How Rashida Tlaib Became “The Biggest Jew Hater in Congress,”* N.Y. Post (Nov. 2, 2023), <https://nypost.com/2023/11/02/news/how-rashida-tlaib-became-the-biggest-jew-hater-in-congress/>.

The U.S. House of Representatives’ Censure of Attorney Tlaib

On November 6, 2023, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to publicly censure Attorney Tlaib in her capacity as a Member of Congress for her comments. *See* H. Res. 845, 118th Cong., 1st Sess. (Nov. 6, 2023). A true and correct copy of this resolution is enclosed as Exhibit 11. The censure resolution declared Attorney Tlaib:

has repeatedly displayed conduct entirely unbecoming of a Member of the House of Representatives by calling for the destruction of the state of Israel and dangerously ***promoting false narratives*** regarding a brutal, large-scale terrorist attack against civilian targets inside the sovereign territory of a major non-NATO ally while hundreds of Israeli and American hostages remain in terrorist captivity.

Id. at 3 (emphasis added).

The resolution cited three main examples of Attorney Tlaib’s false, extremist claims:

- **First**, “within 24 hours of [Hamas’] October 7 barbaric attack” on Israel, Attorney Tlaib “defended the brutal rapes, murders, be-headings, and kidnapping—including of Americans—by Hamas as justified ‘resistance’ to the ‘apartheid state.’” *Id.* at 2.
- **Second**, on October 18, she “continued to knowingly spread the *false narrative* that Israel intentionally bombed the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital on October 17 after United States intelligence, Israeli intelligence, and President Biden assessed with high confidence that Israel did not cause the explosion.” *Id.* (emphasis added).
- **Third**, on November 3, 2023, Attorney Tlaib “published on social media a video containing the phrase ‘from the river to the sea’, which is widely recognized as a genocidal call to violence to destroy the state of Israel and its people to replace it with a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean sea.” *Id.*

The findings in the House’s censure resolution are themselves sufficient to establish Attorney Tlaib has violated the Michigan Court Rules and Michigan Rules of Professional Responsibility.

Applicable Michigan Rules

The Michigan Court Rules specify the following “acts or omissions by an attorney . . . are misconduct and grounds for discipline, *whether or not occurring in the course of an attorney-client relationship:*” (emphasis added)

- “conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach,” Mich. Ct. R. 9.104(2);
- “conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals,” *id.* R. 9.104(3);
and
- “conduct that violates the standards or rules of professional conduct adopted by the Supreme Court,” *id.* R. 9.104(4).

As Rule 9.104 itself makes clear, these forms of misconduct are actionable even when they do not “occur in the course of an attorney-client relationship” and “are unrelated to the practice of law.” *Grievance Admin. v. Nichols*, 442 Mich. 254, 260-61 (1985). Attorney Tlaib’s malicious and hateful statements as a licensed Michigan attorney concerning Israel and Israelis, false claims that Israel bombed the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, and false accusations that Israel and President Biden are engaged in genocide against the Palestinian people tend to expose the legal profession to obloquy and contempt, Mich. Ct. R. 9.104(2), and are contrary to justice, honesty, and good morals, *id.* R. 9.104(3).

Additionally, the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct—made applicable by Rule 9.104(4) as explained above, *see Grievance Admin. v. Deutsch*, 455 Mich. 149, 166 (1997)—provide:

- “A lawyer shall treat with courtesy and respect all persons involved in the legal process. A lawyer shall take particular care to avoid treating such a person discourteously or disrespectfully because of the person’s race, gender, or other protected personal characteristic.” Mich. R. Prof’l Cond. 6.5(a). This rule “address[es] discourteous behavior.” *Grievance Admin. v. Fieger*, 476 Mich. 231, 252 n.19 (2006). It applies even to comments made for public dissemination outside of the courtroom, such as on a radio program (as in *Fieger*) or, by extension, social media. *Id.* at 252 & n.19. The comment to this rule elaborates, “A lawyer must take particular care to avoid words or actions that appear to be improperly based upon a person’s race, gender, or other protected personal characteristic.” Mich. R. Prof’l Cond. 6.5(a), cmt. ¶ 3. Moreover, “a lawyer’s private conduct should not cast doubt on the lawyer’s commitment to equal justice under law.” *Id.* ¶ 4.

- Additionally, “[i]t is professional misconduct for a lawyer to . . . engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, [or] misrepresentation . . . where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer.” Mich. R. Prof’l Cond. 8.4(b). This prohibition extends to dishonest conduct that does not violate any criminal laws. *Deutsch*, 455 Mich. at 165. The comment to this rule emphasizes the heightened duties to which a Member of Congress such as Attorney Tlaib are subject, declaring, “Lawyers holding public office assume legal responsibilities going beyond those of other citizens.” Mich. R. Prof’l Cond. 8.4(b), cmt. ¶ 3.

The Michigan Supreme Court has emphasized these rules subject Michigan attorneys to “the highest ethical standards.” *Triplett v. St. Amour*, 444 Mich. 170, 181 n.4 (1993). The United States and Israel are dealing with the results of Hamas’ terrorism through military, diplomatic, legal, and other processes. Attorney Tlaib’s repeated comments treat Jews, Israelis, and others involved discourteously, including due to their protected personal characteristics of race and/or religion. Mich. R. Prof’l Cond. 6.5(a). Moreover, her false accusations against Israel, President Biden, and other Members of Congress constitute conduct involving misrepresentation which reflects adversely on Attorney Tlaib’s “honesty, trustworthiness, [and] fitness as a lawyer.” *Id.* R. 8.4(b).



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Conclusion

Michigan-licensed attorneys—particularly those with large national and even global platforms—cannot recklessly lie about foreign bombings, accuse foreign nations of engaging in ethnic cleansing, or declare the President of the United States, foreign leaders, or Members of Congress are supporting genocide or other war crimes. Nor can they be permitted to use antisemitic slogans from Foreign Terrorist Organizations that call for the literal genocide of Israelis and the destruction of Israel. Such conduct is wholly unprofessional and reflects horribly on the Michigan legal community of which Attorney Tlaib is a part. Attorney Tlaib’s public statements have shown a complete disregard for the truth and serve only to enflame anti-Semitic hatred rather than promote the ends of justice.

For these reasons, the Coolidge-Reagan Foundation respectfully requests you open an investigation into Attorney Tlaib and pursue appropriate sanctions against her for her repeated false statements, anti-Semitic comments, and spread of foreign terrorist propaganda.

Dated November 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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“I grieve the Palestinian and Israeli lives lost yesterday, today, and every day. I am determined as ever to fight for a just future where everyone can live in peace, without fear and with true freedom, equal rights, and human dignity. The path to that future must include lifting the blockade, ending the occupation, and dismantling the apartheid system that creates the suffocating, dehumanizing conditions that can lead to resistance. The failure to recognize the violent reality of living under siege, occupation, and apartheid makes no one safer. No person, no child anywhere should have to suffer or live in fear of violence. We cannot ignore the humanity in each other. As long as our country provides billions in unconditional funding to support the apartheid government, this heartbreaking cycle of violence will continue.”

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U.S., Experts Say Evidence Suggests Palestinian Militants' Rocket Hit Gaza Hospital

Middle East convulses even as Western intelligence discounts claims that an Israeli strike caused the deadly explosion

By *Margherita Stancati* [Follow](#), *Yaroslav Trofimov* [Follow](#), *Nancy A. Youssef* [Follow](#) and *Stephen Kalin* [Follow](#)

Updated Oct. 18, 2023 8:33 pm ET

Israel, the U.S. government and independent security experts said Wednesday the preliminary evidence for a deadly explosion at a Gaza hospital compound pointed to a local militant group, casting doubt on Palestinian claims that an Israeli airstrike was responsible.

Independent analysts poring over publicly available images of Tuesday's explosion at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza and its aftermath say the blast site doesn't bear the hallmarks of a strike with a bomb or missile of the types usually used by Israel.

The amount of damage also appears inconsistent with the Hamas-controlled Gaza Health Ministry's assertion that 471 people were killed, experts said. U.S. officials say that the death toll so far is likely between 100 and 300 people.

"We have none of the indicators of an airstrike—none," said Michael Knights of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, an expert on military and security issues.

The U.S. has collected "high confidence" signals intelligence, which includes electronic surveillance, indicating that the blast at the hospital in Gaza was caused by the militant group Palestinian Islamic Jihad, U.S. officials said, buttressing Israel's contention that it wasn't responsible for the blast.

A video verified by The Wall Street Journal recorded a shrieking sound and the explosion that followed.

Washington's assessment that Israel wasn't behind the blast at the hospital drew, in part, on communications intercepts and other intelligence gathered by the U.S., defense officials said.

"The U.S. government assesses that Israel was not responsible for an explosion that killed hundreds of civilians yesterday at the Al Ahli Hospital in the Gaza Strip," White House National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said. "Our assessment is based on available reporting, including intelligence, missile activity, overhead imagery and open source video and images of the incident."

She added: "Intelligence indicates that some Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip believed that the explosion was likely caused by an errant rocket or missile launch carried out by Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)," a Hamas aligned group. The U.S. continues to collect information on the incident, she said.

The Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees said they had been briefed on the intelligence related to the blast, and concluded it wasn't the result of an Israeli military action.

The small size of the open area where the explosion occurred, coupled with limited shock-wave damage, was inconsistent with the death toll claimed by the Palestinian Health Ministry, several open-source intelligence analysts said.

Photos and videos taken at the site of the blast show a very shallow crater in the parking lot outside, and that the hospital compound's buildings hadn't sustained major damage.



A fire burned after the explosion at the Gaza hospital, leaving charred debris at the compound; a satellite image of the area was taken the following day.

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“At the moment, the preponderance of evidence does point to it being a Hamas or PIJ rocket hitting the area,” said Blake Spendley, an open-source intelligence analyst. He said videos and photos he has reviewed showing the scene were more consistent with a death toll of about 50 rather than the 500 initially claimed by Hamas.

A silent video shown in a livestream from Al-Jazeera captured a blast and fire at the hospital.

Palestinian claims that Israel was responsible late Tuesday were echoed by several Middle Eastern governments, sparking angry street protests across the region and complicating a visit to Israel by President Biden. Those claims also drained whatever sympathy Israel might have had in the region from Hamas's Oct. 7 attack on Israel, which caused the single biggest loss of Jewish lives since the Holocaust.

Biden, during his visit, said Israel's version of events appeared more accurate based on information he had received from the Defense Department.

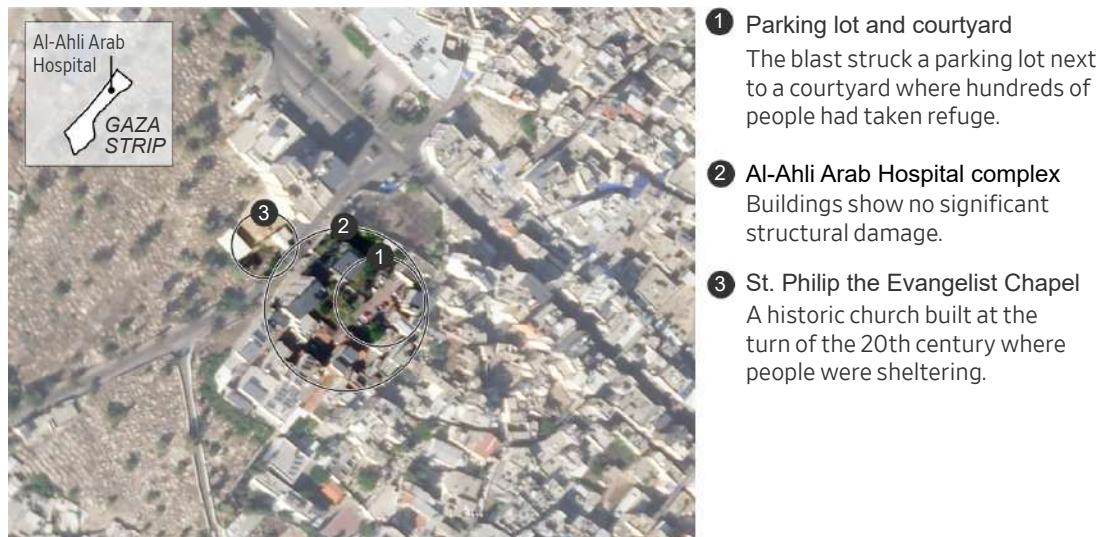
“Based on what I’ve seen, it appears as though it was done by the other team,” he said. “But there’s a lot of people out there not sure, so we’ve got a lot—we’ve got to overcome a lot of things.”

In later comments aboard Air Force One, he said he understood why people in the region wouldn’t believe Israel, adding he wasn’t suggesting Hamas intentionally targeted the hospital. “It’s not the first time Hamas has launched something that didn’t function very well,” he said.

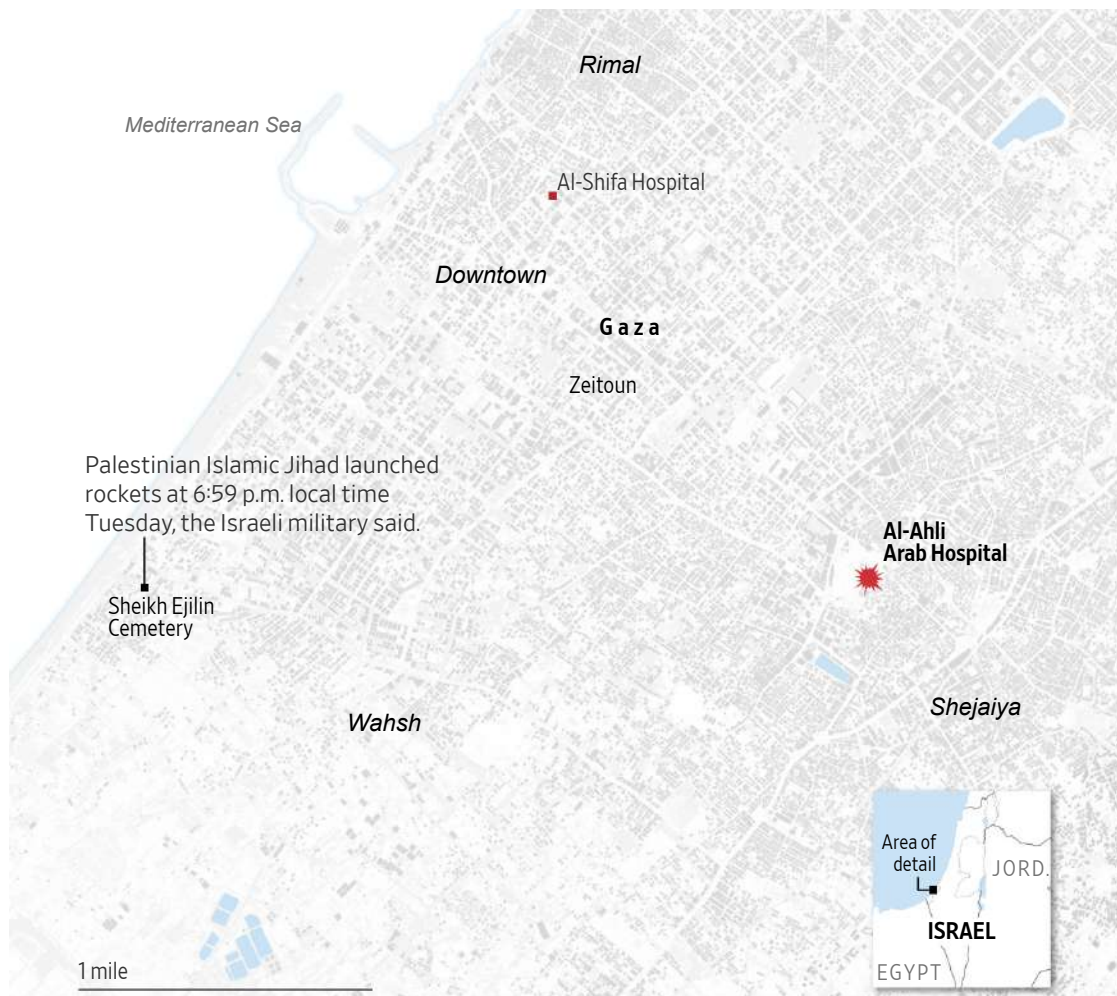
Biden will address Americans about the Israel-Hamas conflict and Russia’s war in Ukraine on Thursday evening, the White House said. Biden is expected to seek a roughly \$100 billion aid package from Congress for Israel, Ukraine, the Indo-Pacific region and border security.

Israel on Wednesday offered what it said was proof that it wasn’t responsible for the incident, which it said was caused instead by an errant rocket fired from within Gaza by Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which rejected the accusation.

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, Israel’s chief military spokesman, told a news conference that there had been no Israeli strike in the hospital area. Hagari shared what he said was an intercepted conversation between two unidentified Hamas operatives saying the rocket was fired by militants from a cemetery near the hospital.



Sources: staff reports; PlanetLabs (satellite image)



Source: Israeli Defense Forces
Carl Churchill/THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Hagari said the blast took place in the parking lot of the hospital and that the hospital building itself didn't suffer structural damage. He shared a photo of the burned-out parking lot, saying there was no deep crater at the site of the blast to indicate an aerial strike. Hagari said the rocket's residual propellant—fuel that boosts the rocket toward its destination—explains why the explosion was so powerful.

"Islamic Jihad caused the casualties in the hospital," said Hagari. "We want the maximum transparency because we take any incident involving civilians very, very seriously."

A shallow crater in a parking lot, which appears in a video of the site on Wednesday, was cited by Israel as evidence that the blast wasn't an airstrike.

Spendley said that kind of damage appeared more consistent with a fireball from a rocket rather than the kinds of weapons that Israel's air force uses, such as Joint Direct Action Munition, or JDAM, guided bombs.

"Something like a short-range rocket will cause more fire," he said. "With something like a JDAM you will get a lot of blast energy, and not as much energy wasted in heat or fire or light. There were some characteristics with the Palestinians killed in the strike that have led me to believe that there was a lot more fire that came from the impact than just pure blast energy."

Other analysts agreed. Knights said the scene showed it "very clearly was hit by a rolling fireball." The most plausible cause for that, Knights said, is rocket fuel, consistent with the Israeli military's explanation that a rocket misfired.

Nathan Ruser, an analyst at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, said on X, formerly known as Twitter, that the scene shown in photos was “not consistent with an airstrike and are not consistent with claims that 500+ people were killed.”



Palestinians removed items from the hospital on Wednesday. PHOTO: BELAL KHALED/ANADOLU/GETTY IMAGES



Palestinians were using a chapel at the Gaza hospital as a shelter before the explosion on Tuesday. PHOTO: ABED KHALED/ASSOCIATED PRESS

The published images also show a lack of shrapnel patterns associated with Israeli air force bombs, said Justin Bronk, an analyst at the Royal United Services Institute, a think tank in London.

“Still not conclusive, but IF this is the extent of the damage then I’d say an airstrike looks less likely than a rocket failure causing an explosion and fuel fire,” Bronk wrote on X.

A definitive conclusion, Spendley said, would require postmortem analysis of victims and other forensic field work that is unlikely to occur given Gaza’s current conditions.

Islamic Jihad accused Israel of wanting to “evade its responsibility for the brutal massacre it committed.” The militant group called the Israeli accusations that it was responsible “false and baseless.”

Shortly after the explosion, Palestinian Ambassador to the United Nations Riyad Mansour rejected Israeli claims that it wasn’t responsible. “Now they change the story to try to blame the Palestinians. It is a lie,” he said during a press conference at U.N. headquarters on Tuesday.

Hamas also blamed the blast on Israel, calling it a “crime of genocide,” and attacked the U.S. and Western countries for supporting Israel.

Protests erupted Wednesday in several Middle Eastern countries, underlining a deep suspicion of Israel’s assertions and evidence.



Source: Global Health Cluster, World Health Organization
Emma Brown/THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

“Nobody is buying that narrative in this part of the world,” Jordan’s foreign minister told NBC News. “Try and find anybody who is going to believe it in this part of the world,” he said.

Hours after Biden’s visit, Israel said it had agreed to a request from the U.S. president to allow humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip through Egypt.

“I was very blunt about the need to get humanitarian aid to Gaza,” Biden told reporters on his flight back to the U.S.

He said Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi had agreed to allow 20 trucks of aid into Gaza. That represents around an eighth of what aid workers estimate is needed, and Egyptian officials said the Rafah crossing into Gaza had been destroyed in an Israeli airstrike and needed repairs. It is the only official land crossing in Gaza that Israel doesn’t control.

The Israeli prime minister’s office said Israel wouldn’t allow any aid into Gaza from within its own borders until all the hostages taken by Hamas on Oct 7. are returned.

The explosion at the hospital complicated an already difficult situation in the region.

On Wednesday, protesters gathered in Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt, Tunisia and in the West Bank, where they clashed with security forces from the Palestinian Authority. In Lebanon and Iraq, protesters tried to break through security barriers leading to the U.S. and French embassies, chanting “death to America” and “death to Israel.”

Four hospital staff members were injured in the blast, said Suhaila Tarazi, the Palestinian-American director of the hospital, which was founded in the 1880s and funded largely by the European Union and the Episcopal Church. When she visited the hospital Wednesday morning, Tarazi said, windows were shattered and body parts were still scattered around.

Israel has warned hospitals in northern Gaza to evacuate in recent days. But hospitals have ignored the calls, saying that there aren’t enough beds at hospitals in the south to accommodate patients and that many patients can’t be transported on roads that are damaged or blocked with debris from the attacks. Some northern Gaza residents who ignored Israeli warnings to move south have taken shelter in hospitals, believing they would be safe there from attacks.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, which runs the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, initially put out a statement on Tuesday saying it had been struck “during Israeli airstrikes.”



Protesters waved Egyptian and Palestinian flags in Giza, Egypt, on Wednesday. PHOTO: STRINGER/ZUMA PRESS



A scene at the Gaza hospital compound on Tuesday. PHOTO: MOHAMMED SABER/SHUTTERSTOCK

On Wednesday, Hosam Naoum, the Anglican archbishop in Jerusalem, declined to assign blame during a news conference. Naoum said the hospital's parking lot, and not the hospital building itself, was directly hit.

Naoum declined to discuss a death toll, but said up to 5,000 people had taken refuge in the hospital compound at various points in recent days.

"We know the casualties were many," said the archbishop, without elaborating. He called on Biden to push for justice and peace.

The deaths at the hospital prompted Jordan to cancel a meeting in Amman with Biden and the Egyptian, Jordanian and Palestinian leaders to discuss the situation in Gaza, Jordan's foreign minister said Wednesday. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas left Jordan and returned to the West Bank, senior Arab officials said.

Since the Oct. 7 attacks by Hamas, Israel has been carrying out a relentless air-bombing campaign on Gaza aimed at Hamas militants and their operational infrastructure. Israel is preparing for a major ground offensive in Gaza, although it hasn't committed to it yet.



Palestinians gathered around the wreckage at the Gaza City hospital on Wednesday. PHOTO: BELAL KHALED/ANADOLU/GETTY IMAGES

The war is already shaping up as one of the deadliest rounds of violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Some 1,400 Israelis were killed in the Hamas attack, and at least 200 hostages were taken to Gaza. Before the hospital blast, 3,000 people had been killed in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run Health Ministry. The death toll couldn't be independently verified.

Around one million people are displaced within Gaza, the U.N. said Wednesday, roughly half of the enclave's population

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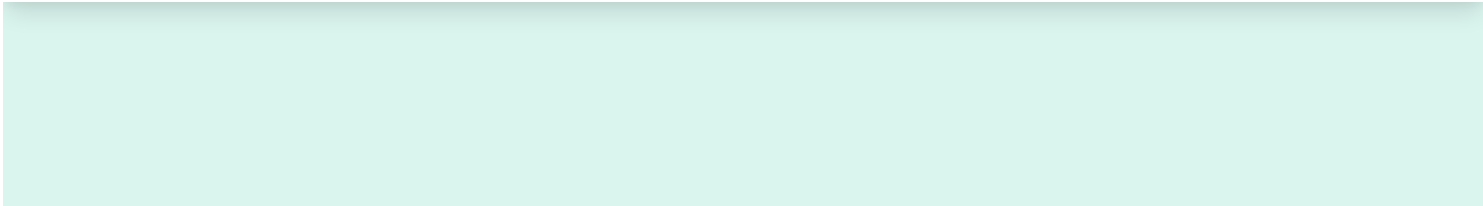


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Tlaib Statement on Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital

Oct 23, 2023

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WASHINGTON D.C. – Today, **Representative Rashida Tlaib (MI-12)** released the following statement:

“[Media outlets](#) and [third-party analysts](#) have raised doubts about claims and evidence offered by both Israel and the Gaza Ministry of Health, and I agree with the United Nations that an independent investigation is necessary. I cannot uncritically accept Israel’s denials of responsibility as fact, especially in light of confirmation from the [World Health Organization](#) that Israel has bombed numerous medical facilities in Gaza and [reports](#) from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society of ongoing threats from the Israeli military to evacuate hospitals.

“Both the Israeli and United States governments have long, documented histories of misleading the public about wars and war crimes—like last year’s Israeli military assassination of Shireen Abu Akleh and the false claims of weapons of mass destruction that led our country into the Iraq War—and cannot clear themselves of responsibility without an independent international investigation. This debate should not distract us from the urgent need for a ceasefire to save innocent civilian lives.”

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Israel has killed over 1,030 Palestinian children in Gaza since it began bombing on Saturday.

Israel has killed over 100 children a day.
A child every 15 minutes.

Israel is deliberately and indiscriminately slaughtering Palestinians in Gaza – wiping out entire families.

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Rashida Tlaib 
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You must demand that your BFF Netanyahu withdrawal his evacuation order. Our country can't keep supporting this massacre of civilians.

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Tlaib Statement on Funding Netanyahu's Genocide

Nov 02, 2023  Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, **Representative Rashida Tlaib (MI-12)** released the following statement:

"The American people do not support funding for war crimes—like the use of [white phosphorus bombs](#)—and are calling for a ceasefire. As the Israeli government carries out ethnic cleansing in Gaza, President Biden is cheering on Netanyahu, whose own citizens are protesting his refusal to support a ceasefire. We must be laser focused on saving lives, no matter their faith or ethnicity. The number of children killed in Gaza in just three weeks has surpassed the annual number of children killed across the world's conflict zones since 2019—yet instead of helping end this violence, President Biden baselessly casts doubt on the Palestinian death toll. U.S. funding for the Israeli military with no humanitarian conditions will take us farther away from ending the violence and reaching peace. Achieving a just and lasting peace requires lifting the blockade, ending the occupation, and dismantling the dehumanizing system of apartheid. Not only do some of my colleagues want to send more weapons to carry out war crimes and violations of international law, but they want to do it by providing tax breaks to billionaires and undermining crucial investments in our communities. Instead of funding more bombs with American taxpayer dollars, our leaders should be calling for a ceasefire now, before this violence claims thousands more lives."

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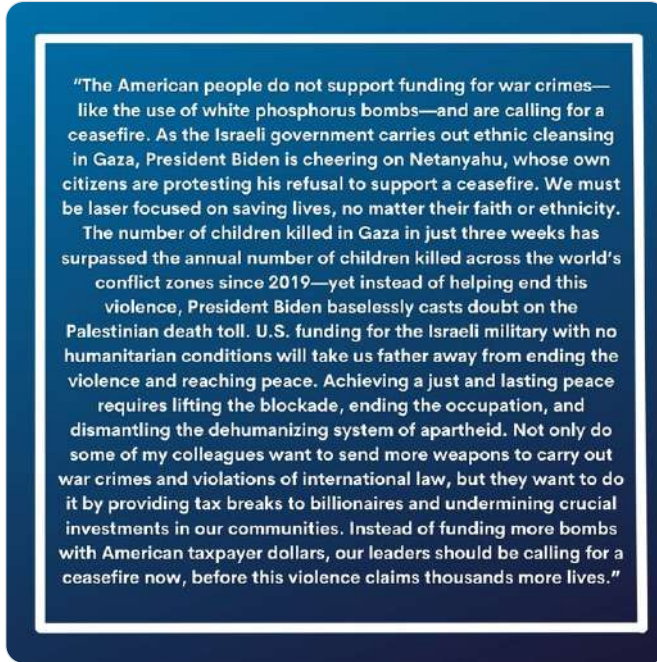
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My statement on \$14.3 billion in funding for Israel with absolutely no conditions on upholding human rights:



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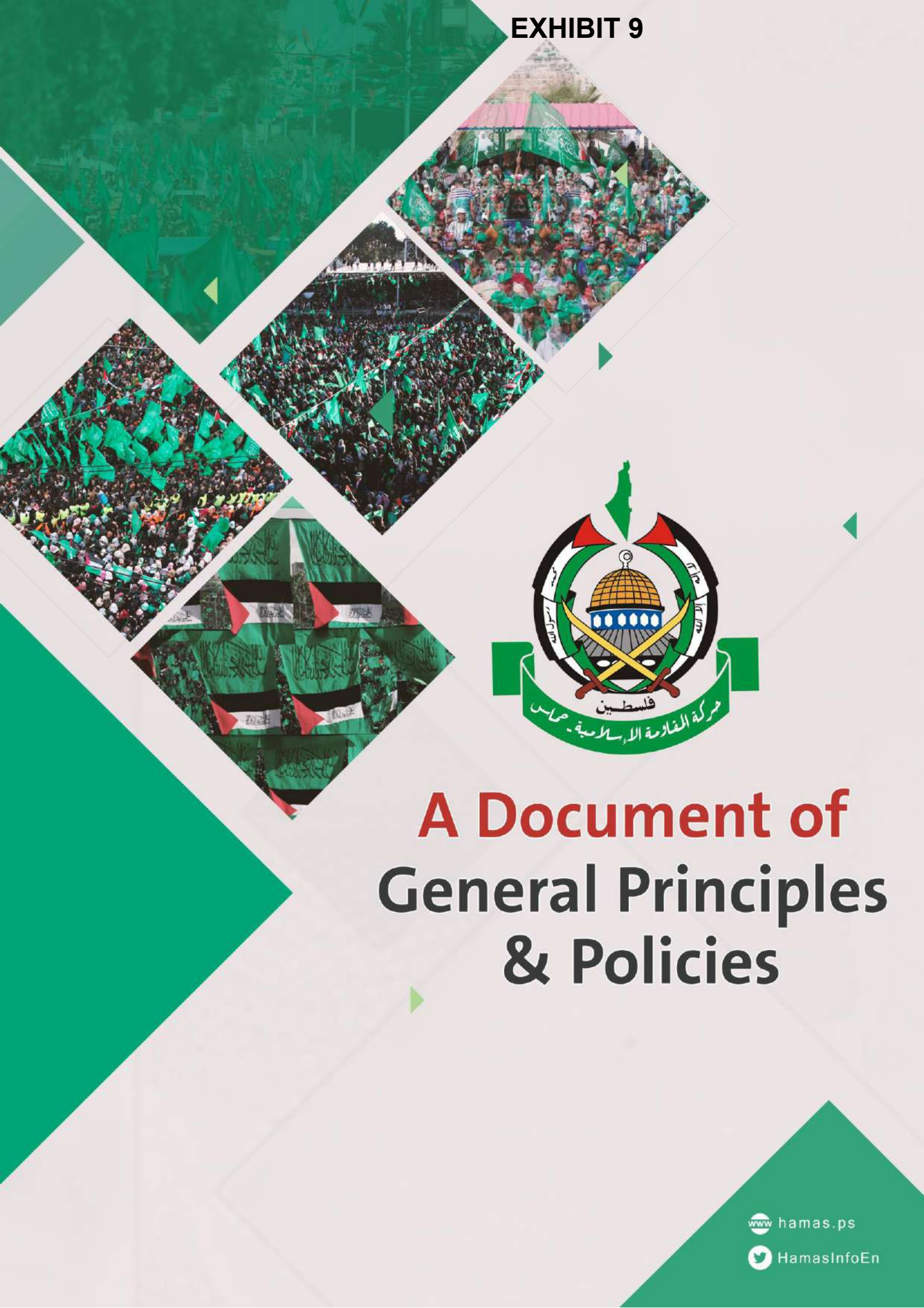
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A Document of General Principles & Policies

In the Name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful
The Islamic Resistance Movement “Hamas”

A Document of General Principles and Policies

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon Muhammad, the Master of Messengers and the Leader of the mujahidin, and upon his household and all his companions.

Preamble:

Palestine is the land of the Arab Palestinian people, from it they originate, to it they adhere and belong, and about it they reach out and communicate.

Palestine is a land whose status has been elevated by Islam, a faith that holds it in high esteem, that breathes through it its spirit and just values and that lays the foundation for the doctrine of defending and protecting it.

Palestine is the cause of a people who have been let down by a world that fails to secure their rights and restore to them what has been usurped from them, a people whose land continues to suffer one of the worst types of occupation in this world.

Palestine is a land that was seized by a racist, anti-human and colonial Zionist project that was founded on a false promise (the Balfour Declaration), on recognition of a usurping entity and on imposing a fait accompli by force.

Palestine symbolizes the resistance that shall continue until liberation is accomplished, until the return is fulfilled and until a fully sovereign state is established with Jerusalem as its capital.

Palestine is the true partnership among Palestinians of all affiliations for the sublime objective of liberation.

Palestine is the spirit of the Ummah and its central cause; it is the soul of humanity and its living conscience.

This document is the product of deep deliberations that led us to a strong consensus. As a movement, we agree about both the theory and the practice of the vision that is outlined in the pages that follow. It is a vision that stands on solid grounds and on well-established principles. This document unveils the goals, the milestones and the way in which national unity can be enforced. It also establishes our common understanding of the Palestinian cause, the working principles which we use to further it, and the limits of flexibility used to interpret it.

The Movement:

1. The Islamic Resistance Movement “ Hamas ” is a Palestinian Islamic national liberation and resistance movement. Its goal is to liberate Palestine and confront the Zionist project. Its frame of reference is Islam, which determines its principles, objectives and means.

The Land of Palestine:

2. Palestine, which extends from the River Jordan in the east to the Mediterranean in the west and from Ras Al-Naqurah in the north to Umm Al-Rashrash in the south, is an integral territorial unit. It is the land and the home of the Palestinian people. The expulsion and banishment of the Palestinian people from their land and the establishment of the Zionist entity therein do not annul the right of the Palestinian people to their entire land and do not entrench any rights therein for the usurping Zionist entity.

3. Palestine is an Arab Islamic land. It is a blessed sacred land that has a special place in the heart of every Arab and every Muslim.

The Palestinian People:

4. The Palestinians are the Arabs who lived in Palestine until 1947, irrespective of whether they were expelled from it, or stayed in it; and every person that was born to an Arab Palestinian father after that date, whether inside or outside Palestine, is a Palestinian.

5. The Palestinian identity is authentic and timeless; it is passed from generation to generation. The catastrophes that have befallen the Palestinian people, as a consequence of the Zionist occupation and its policy of displacement, cannot erase the identity of the Palestinian people nor can they negate it. A Palestinian shall not lose his or her national identity or rights by acquiring a second nationality.

6. The Palestinian people are one people, made up of all Palestinians, inside and outside of Palestine, irrespective of their religion, culture or political affiliation.

Islam and Palestine:

7. Palestine is at the heart of the Arab and Islamic Ummah and enjoys a special status. Within Palestine there exists Jerusalem, whose precincts are blessed by Allah. Palestine is the Holy Land, which Allah has blessed for humanity. It is the Muslims' first Qiblah and the destination of the journey performed at night by Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. It is the location from where he ascended to the upper heavens. It is the birthplace of Jesus Christ, peace be upon him. Its soil contains the remains of thousands of Prophets, Companions and Mujahidin. It is the land of people who are determined to defend the truth – within Jerusalem and its surroundings – who are not deterred or intimidated by those who oppose them and by those who betray them, and they will continue their mission until the Promise of Allah is fulfilled.

8. By virtue of its justly balanced middle way and moderate spirit, Islam – for Hamas - provides a comprehensive way of life and an order that is fit for purpose at all times and in all places. Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. It provides an umbrella for the followers of other creeds and

religions who can practice their beliefs in security and safety. Hamas also believes that Palestine has always been and will always be a model of coexistence, tolerance and civilizational innovation.

9. Hamas believes that the message of Islam upholds the values of truth, justice, freedom and dignity and prohibits all forms of injustice and incriminates oppressors irrespective of their religion, race, gender or nationality. Islam is against all forms of religious, ethnic or sectarian extremism and bigotry. It is the religion that inculcates in its followers the value of standing up to aggression and of supporting the oppressed; it motivates them to give generously and make sacrifices in defence of their dignity, their land, their peoples and their holy places.

Jerusalem:

10. Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine. Its religious, historic and civilizational status is fundamental to the Arabs, Muslims and the world at large. Its Islamic and Christian holy places belong exclusively to the Palestinian people and to the Arab and Islamic Ummah. Not one stone of Jerusalem can be surrendered or relinquished. The measures undertaken by the occupiers in Jerusalem, such as Judaization, settlement building, and establishing facts on the ground are fundamentally null and void.

11. The blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque belongs exclusively to our people and our Ummah, and the occupation has no right to it whatsoever. The occupation's plots, measures and attempts to judaize Al-Aqsa and divide it are null, void and illegitimate.

The Refugees and the Right of Return:

12. The Palestinian cause in its essence is a cause of an occupied land and a displaced people. The right of the Palestinian refugees and the displaced to return to their homes from which they were banished or were banned from returning to – whether in the lands occupied in 1948 or in 1967 (that is the whole of Palestine), is a natural right, both individual and collective. This right is confirmed by all divine laws as well as by the basic principles of human rights and international law. It is an

inalienable right and cannot be dispensed with by any party, whether Palestinian, Arab or international.

13. Hamas rejects all attempts to erase the rights of the refugees, including the attempts to settle them outside Palestine and through the projects of the alternative homeland. Compensation to the Palestinian refugees for the harm they have suffered as a consequence of banishing them and occupying their land is an absolute right that goes hand in hand with their right to return. They are to receive compensation upon their return and this does not negate or diminish their right to return.

The Zionist Project:

14. The Zionist project is a racist, aggressive, colonial and expansionist project based on seizing the properties of others; it is hostile to the Palestinian people and to their aspiration for freedom, liberation, return and self-determination. The Israeli entity is the plaything of the Zionist project and its base of aggression.

15. The Zionist project does not target the Palestinian people alone; it is the enemy of the Arab and Islamic Ummah posing a grave threat to its security and interests. It is also hostile to the Ummah's aspirations for unity, renaissance and liberation and has been the major source of its troubles. The Zionist project also poses a danger to international security and peace and to mankind and its interests and stability.

16. Hamas affirms that its conflict is with the Zionist project not with the Jews because of their religion. Hamas does not wage a struggle against the Jews because they are Jewish but wages a struggle against the Zionists who occupy Palestine. Yet, it is the Zionists who constantly identify Judaism and the Jews with their own colonial project and illegal entity.

17. Hamas rejects the persecution of any human being or the undermining of his or her rights on nationalist, religious or sectarian grounds. Hamas is of the view that the Jewish problem, anti-Semitism and the persecution of the Jews are phenomena fundamentally linked to European history and not to the history of the Arabs and the Muslims or

to their heritage. The Zionist movement, which was able with the help of Western powers to occupy Palestine, is the most dangerous form of settlement occupation which has already disappeared from much of the world and must disappear from Palestine.

The position toward Occupation and Political Solutions:

18. The following are considered null and void: the Balfour Declaration, the British Mandate Document, the UN Palestine Partition Resolution, and whatever resolutions and measures that derive from them or are similar to them. The establishment of "Israel" is entirely illegal and contravenes the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and goes against their will and the will of the Ummah; it is also in violation of human rights that are guaranteed by international conventions, foremost among them is the right to self-determination.

19. There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity. Whatever has befallen the land of Palestine in terms of occupation, settlement building, Judaization or changes to its features or falsification of facts is illegitimate. Rights never lapse.

20. Hamas believes that no part of the land of Palestine shall be compromised or conceded, irrespective of the causes, the circumstances and the pressures and no matter how long the occupation lasts. Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea. However, without compromising its rejection of the Zionist entity and without relinquishing any Palestinian rights, Hamas considers the establishment of a fully sovereign and independent Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital along the lines of the 4th of June 1967, with the return of the refugees and the displaced to their homes from which they were expelled, to be a formula of national consensus.

21. Hamas affirms that the Oslo Accords and their addenda contravene the governing rules of international law in that they generate commitments that violate the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. Therefore, the Movement rejects these agreements and all that flows

from them, such as the obligations that are detrimental to the interests of our people, especially security coordination (collaboration).

22. Hamas rejects all the agreements, initiatives and settlement projects that are aimed at undermining the Palestinian cause and the rights of our Palestinian people. In this regard, any stance, initiative or political programme must not in any way violate these rights and should not contravene them or contradict them.

23. Hamas stresses that transgression against the Palestinian people, usurping their land and banishing them from their homeland cannot be called peace. Any settlements reached on this basis will not lead to peace. Resistance and jihad for the liberation of Palestine will remain a legitimate right, a duty and an honour for all the sons and daughters of our people and our Ummah.

Resistance and Liberation:

24. The liberation of Palestine is the duty of the Palestinian people in particular and the duty of the Arab and Islamic Ummah in general. It is also a humanitarian obligation as necessitated by the dictates of truth and justice. The agencies working for Palestine, whether national, Arab, Islamic or humanitarian, complement each other and are harmonious and not in conflict with each other.

25. Resisting the occupation with all means and methods is a legitimate right guaranteed by divine laws and by international norms and laws. At the heart of these lies armed resistance, which is regarded as the strategic choice for protecting the principles and the rights of the Palestinian people.

26. Hamas rejects any attempt to undermine the resistance and its arms. It also affirms the right of our people to develop the means and mechanisms of resistance. Managing resistance, in terms of escalation or de-escalation, or in terms of diversifying the means and methods, is an integral part of the process of managing the conflict and should not be at the expense of the principle of resistance.

The Palestinian Political System:

27. A real state of Palestine is a state that has been liberated. There is no alternative to a fully sovereign Palestinian State on the entire national Palestinian soil, with Jerusalem as its capital.

28. Hamas believes in, and adheres to, managing its Palestinian relations on the basis of pluralism, democracy, national partnership, acceptance of the other and the adoption of dialogue. The aim is to bolster the unity of ranks and joint action for the purpose of accomplishing national goals and fulfilling the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

29. The PLO is a national framework for the Palestinian people inside and outside of Palestine. It should therefore be preserved, developed and rebuilt on democratic foundations so as to secure the participation of all the constituents and forces of the Palestinian people, in a manner that safeguards Palestinian rights.

30. Hamas stresses the necessity of building Palestinian national institutions on sound democratic principles, foremost among them are free and fair elections. Such process should be on the basis of national partnership and in accordance with a clear programme and a clear strategy that adhere to the rights, including the right of resistance, and which fulfil the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

31. Hamas affirms that the role of the Palestinian Authority should be to serve the Palestinian people and safeguard their security, their rights and their national project.

32. Hamas stresses the necessity of maintaining the independence of Palestinian national decision-making. Outside forces should not be allowed to intervene. At the same time, Hamas affirms the responsibility of the Arabs and the Muslims and their duty and role in the liberation of Palestine from Zionist occupation.

33. Palestinian society is enriched by its prominent personalities, figures, dignitaries, civil society institutions, and youth, students, trade unionist

and women's groups who together work for the achievement of national goals and societal building, pursue resistance, and achieve liberation.

34. The role of Palestinian women is fundamental in the process of building the present and the future, just as it has always been in the process of making Palestinian history. It is a pivotal role in the project of resistance, liberation and building the political system.

The Arab and Islamic Ummah:

35. Hamas believes that the Palestinian issue is the central cause for the Arab and Islamic Ummah.

36. Hamas believes in the unity of the Ummah with all its diverse constituents and is aware of the need to avoid anything that could fragment the Ummah and undermine its unity.

37. Hamas believes in cooperating with all states that support the rights of the Palestinian people. It opposes intervention in the internal affairs of any country. It also refuses to be drawn into disputes and conflicts that take place among different countries. Hamas adopts the policy of opening up to different states in the world, especially the Arab and Islamic states. It endeavours to establish balanced relations on the basis of combining the requirements of the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian people's interests on the one hand with the interests of the Ummah, its renaissance and its security on the other.

The Humanitarian and International Aspect:

38. The Palestinian issue is one that has major humanitarian and international dimensions. Supporting and backing this cause is a humanitarian and civilizational task that is required by the prerequisites of truth, justice and common humanitarian values.

39. From a legal and humanitarian perspective, the liberation of Palestine is a legitimate activity, it is an act of self-defence, and it is the expression of the natural right of all peoples to self-determination.

40. In its relations with world nations and peoples, Hamas believes in the values of cooperation, justice, freedom and respect of the will of the people.

41. Hamas welcomes the stances of states, organisations and institutions that support the rights of the Palestinian people. It salutes the free peoples of the world who support the Palestinian cause. At the same time, it denounces the support granted by any party to the Zionist entity or the attempts to cover up its crimes and aggression against the Palestinians and calls for the prosecution of Zionist war criminals.

42. Hamas rejects the attempts to impose hegemony on the Arab and Islamic Ummah just as it rejects the attempts to impose hegemony on the rest of the world's nations and peoples. Hamas also condemns all forms of colonialism, occupation, discrimination, oppression and aggression in the world.

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BACKGROUND

EXHIBIT 10**Allegation: "From the River to the Sea Palestine Will be Free"**

Published: 10.26.2023

"From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" is an antisemitic slogan commonly featured in anti-Israel campaigns and chanted at demonstrations.

This rallying cry has long been used by anti-Israel voices, including supporters of terrorist organizations such as [Hamas](#) and the PFLP, which seek Israel's destruction through violent means. It is fundamentally a call for a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, territory that includes the State of Israel, which would mean the dismantling of the Jewish state. It is an antisemitic charge denying the Jewish right to self-determination, including through the removal of Jews from their ancestral homeland.

Usage of this phrase has the effect of making members of the Jewish and pro-Israel community feel unsafe and ostracized. It is important to note that demanding justice for Palestinians, or calling for a Palestinian state, should not mean, as this hateful phrase posits, denying the right of the State of Israel to exist.

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EXHIBIT 11

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In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

November 7, 2023.

Whereas Israel has existed on its lands for millennia and the United States played a critical role in returning Israel to those lands in 1948 immediately following the Holocaust in recognition of its right to exist and as an indelible signal of our solidarity with the Jewish people;

Whereas Israel is a critical ally to the American people and to our strategic national security interests in the Middle East;

Whereas the people of Israel—including American citizens—were brutally attacked on October 7, 2023, by Hamas;

Whereas Representative Rashida Tlaib, within 24 hours of the October 7 barbaric attack on Jewish citizens of the State of Israel, representing the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust, defended the brutal rapes, murders, be-headings, and kidnapping—including of Americans—by Hamas as justified “resistance” to the “apartheid state”;

Whereas Representative Tlaib’s October 8 statement claimed that Hamas’ October 7 attack on the Jewish people was partly attributable to United States security aid provided to Israel, which ignores the fact that the Iron Dome, a co-developed air defense system, saved lives that day by

intercepting rockets launched from the Gaza Strip against Israeli civilian targets;

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, Representative Tlaib continued to knowingly spread the false narrative that Israel intentionally bombed the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital on October 17 after United States intelligence, Israeli intelligence, and President Biden assessed with high confidence that Israel did not cause the explosion;

Whereas, on November 3, 2023, Representative Tlaib published on social media a video containing the phrase “from the river to the sea”, which is widely recognized as a genocidal call to violence to destroy the state of Israel and its people to replace it with a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea;

Whereas Representative Tlaib doubled down on this call to violence by falsely describing “from the river to the sea” as “an aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence” despite it clearly entailing Israel’s destruction and denial of its fundamental right to exist; and

Whereas Representative Tlaib has repeatedly displayed conduct entirely unbecoming of a Member of the House of Representatives by calling for the destruction of the state of Israel and dangerously promoting false narratives regarding a brutal, large-scale terrorist attack against civilian targets inside the sovereign territory of a major non-NATO ally while hundreds of Israeli and American hostages remain in terrorist captivity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Representative Rashida Tlaib be censured.

Attest:

Clerk.