

**HOLOCAUST DENIAL'S ASSAULT ON MEMORY:**  
**PRECURSOR TO TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY GENOCIDE?**

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## Preface

This monograph—*Holocaust Denial's Assault on Memory*—was initially inspired by the campaign of Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to deny history's most documented crime: Nazi Germany's genocidal "Final Solution" against Europe's Jews that left 6 million dead, included a generation of children. Indeed, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is translating this work into Arabic, Farsi, and, hopefully, Indonesian and Urdu. We dare not allow the bigots to be the sole source of information about the Holocaust for young people in the Arab and Muslim worlds.

But upon further reflection, the onslaught of attractive websites, books, and "journals" demonizing the victims and whitewashing the crimes of the perpetrators reflects a much broader worldwide campaign against Truth that must be confronted and defeated.

What's at stake? The philosopher, George Santayana once warned, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." But in the twenty-first century, we are confronted with a much bigger nightmare: Not forgetfulness but denial. And if lapses of memory lead to tragedy—deconstructing memory could lead to genocide or Armageddon.

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## **WHY HOLOCAUST DENIAL'S ASSAULT ON MEMORY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND**

### **The Assault on Memory: What's At Stake?**

“Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past.”  
 ——**George Orwell, 1984**

“‘The event is unthinkable; therefore it did not occur’. So say the metaphysicians of history when they talk about the extermination of the Jews in the gas chambers. And miraculously they are not exactly preaching in the desert, for here and there a few people lend an ear and welcome their ‘revelations’.”

——**Alain Finkielkraut, *The Future of a Negation* (1998)**

“The World Holocaust Foundation’s mandate is to question the historical reality of the ‘Final Solution’ [and] ‘challenge the nations of Europe to hand over the proof of the organized massacre of Jews in Europe during World War II’.”

——**Mohammad Ali Ramin, head of Iran’s World Holocaust Foundation, Tehran, 2007**

*“people will say the events you describe are too monstrous to believe”*

“Even if someone were to survive, the world will not believe him. There will be perhaps suspicions, discussions, research by historians, but there will be no certainties, because we will destroy the evidence together with you. And even if some proof should remain and some of you survive, people will say the events you describe are too monstrous to be believed: they will say that they are exaggerations of Allied propaganda and will believe us, who will deny everything, and not you. We will be the ones to dictate the history . . . .”

——**Auschwitz Guard taunting Inmate Primo Levi**

“The Holocaust is a Myth. . . . Zionists are the true manifestation of Satan.”

——**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**

“To those who deny the Holocaust ever happened I would like them to personally explain to me what happened to my 6 year-old brother, who was murdered in Auschwitz, to my 33 year old mother, my 36 year-old father and to the one and a half million children who did not survive the Holocaust!”

——**Sally Wasserman, who survived Auschwitz as an 8 year-old orphan, challenging Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s “Witness to the Truth” Two-Nation Videoconference, December, 2006**

### **The Danger of Denial:**

“Holocaust Denial is like a slow invasion of termites. As long as there are survivors, the danger is mitigated. They can stand up and say ‘I am not lying about the Holocaust: where are my parents and brothers?’ I don’t believe Holocaust denial is a clear and present danger; it’s a clear and future danger. When there won’t be anyone around to say, ‘This is my story, this is what happened to me’, it will become easier to deny.”

———**Historian Deborah Lipstadt**

“The Holocaust Deniers are not a bunch of social misfits, but part of an increasingly sophisticated and interconnected international movement whose ‘assault on truth and memory’ is the ‘cutting edge’ of antisemitism old and new, with all the attendant harm that such racist incitement connotes. For the danger of this international hate movement does not lie only in its assaultive speech denying the Holocaust . . . rather, it resides first in the imputation of this ‘hoax’ to the Jews . . . ; and second, it resides, in its whitewashing of the worst crimes and criminals in history. In effect, the Holocaust Denial Movement can be seen as an international criminal conspiracy. . . .”

———**Former Canadian Justice Minister Irwin Cotler (MP)**

“Today, the most vicious ideas about Jews are primarily voiced not by the downtrodden and disenfranchised fringe elements of society but by its most successful, educated and ‘progressive’ members. This is true in the Islamic world, and it is even truer in the West. One is less likely to find anti-Semites today in beer halls and trailer parks than on college campuses and among opinion makers in the media elite.”

———**Journalist Gabriel Schoenfeld**

### **The Truth About the Nazi Holocaust from Key Perpetrators:**

“I said in court that what happened with the Jews, which the government of the German Reich brought about during the last Great War, was the most enormous crime in the history of mankind. And I witnessed the gruesome working of the machinery of death; gear meshed with gear, like a clockwork. It was the biggest and most enormous dance of death of all time.”

———**SS Obersturmbannführer and “Final Solution” architect Adolf Eichmann, on trial in Israel in 1961.**

“The ‘final solution’ of the Jewish question meant the complete extermination of all Jews in Europe. I was ordered to establish extermination facilities at Auschwitz in June 1941. At that time there were already in the General Government three other extermination camps. . . . These camps were under the Einsatzkommando of the Security Police and SD. I visited Treblinka to find out how they carried out their exterminations. The Camp Commandant at Treblinka told me that he had liquidated 80,000 in the course of one-half year. He was principally concerned with liquidating all the Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto. He used monoxide gas and I did not think his method was very efficient. So when I set up the extermination building at Auschwitz I, I used Zyklon B, which was crystallized Prussic Acid we dropped into the death chamber from a small opening. It

took from 3 to 15 minutes to kill the people in the death chamber depending upon climatic conditions. We knew when the people were dead because their screaming stopped. We usually waited about one-half hour before we opened the doors and removed the bodies. After the bodies were removed our special commandos took off the rings and extracted the gold from the teeth of the corpses.

Another improvement we made over Treblinka was that we built our gas chambers to accommodate 2,000 people at one time, whereas at Treblinka their 10 gas chambers only accommodated 200 people each. The way we selected our victims was as follows: we had two SS doctors on duty at Auschwitz to examine the incoming transport of prisoners. The prisoners would be marched by one of the doctors who would make spot decisions as they walked by. Those who were fit for work were sent into the Camp. Others were sent immediately to the extermination plants. Children of tender years were invariably exterminated since by reason of their youth they were unable to work. Still another improvement we made over Treblinka was that at Treblinka the victims almost always knew that they were to be exterminated and at Auschwitz we endeavoured to fool the victims into thinking that they were to go through a delousing process. Of course, frequently they realized our true intentions and we sometimes had riots and difficulties due to that fact. Very frequently women would hide their children under the clothes but of course when we found them we would send the children in to be exterminated. We were required to carry out these exterminations in secrecy but of course the foul and nauseating stench from the continuous burning of bodies permeated the entire area and all of the people living in the surrounding communities knew that exterminations were going on at Auschwitz.”

———**Auschwitz Commandant Rudolf Höss, Affidavit at Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, April 15, 1946**

### **Anatomy of a Lie—One Denier’s Deceptions:**

“David Irving had gone on the claim that on 1 December 1941, ‘Himmler telephoned SS General Oswald Pohl, overall chief of the concentration camp system, with the order: ‘Jews are to stay where they are’. Himmler’s phone log for 1 December 1941, published in a scholarly edition in 1999, did indeed confirm that he spoke to Pohl that day. However, what he said was not what Irving claimed at all. I had looked it up in the edition. Himmler summarized the conversation as follows:

*‘Besuch bei Schwarz.  
Koksagys. Verwaltungsführer der SS  
Haben zu bleiben.  
Lappenschuhe u. Finnenstiefel’.*

“The relevant part of this entry for the matter under discussion consisted of the third and fourth lines, which together made a single sentence: ‘Administrative leaders of the SS are to stay’. Thus, what Himmler talked about with Pohl was not *that Jews* were to stay where they were (i.e., safe from ‘liquidation’), but that the *administrative leaders of the SS* had to stay where they were. The term *Jews* was not mentioned by Himmler in his

phone call at all. It was simply fabricated by Irving, a fabrication that he continued to repeat in other books, such as the 1991 edition of *Hitler's War*.”

———**Historian Richard Evans**

**Judgment Against Author David Irving:**

“The charges that I have found to be substantially true include the charges that Irving has for his own ideological reasons persistently and deliberately misrepresented and manipulated historical evidence; that for the same reasons he has portrayed Hitler in an unwarrantably favourable light, principally in his attitude towards and responsibility for the treatment of the Jews; that he is an active Holocaust Denier; that he is anti-Semitic and racist and that he associates with right wing extremists and promotes neo-Nazism.

———**Justice Charles Gray, UK Trial Judge, Royal Courts of Justice, *David Irving vs. Deborah Lipstadt*, London, April 2000**

## **THE CHALLENGE OF HOLOCAUST DENIAL**

In 2001, the United Nation's World Conference Against Racism, in Durban, South Africa, gave a new lease on the life to the canard that "Zionism equals Racism." By demonizing Israel—the state born on the ashes of Auschwitz—Durban also served to give new impetus to Holocaust Deniers. Durban's legacy casts a shadow on the present and future.

In 2007, a UN General Assembly Resolution, sponsored by 103 countries condemned the denial of Hitler's crimes. Iran and Venezuela indicated that they would have voted against the resolution if given the opportunity. Indeed, the "consensus" vote in favor of the resolution was misleading. The 103 sponsors are equivalent to "yes" votes. The 76 countries that showed up for the session but refused to sponsor the resolution should be considered "abstainers." The ten countries—including every Arab and Muslim nation except Turkey—that boycotted the session essentially voted "no." So despite this important gesture, Holocaust Denial is still on the march across the globe. Perhaps this would help, in part, to explain why a 22 year-old Denier felt emboldened enough to stalk and almost kidnap from a San Francisco hotel 78 year-old Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel. The alleged perpetrator then openly boasted about the assault on an Australian web site.

Today, Negation or Denial of the Holocaust stands at the center of what has been called "the new antisemitism" that is rising ghoulishly in the shadows of the Nazi crematoria and spreading globally. And six decades, a continent, and a civilization away from the greatest crime against humanity in recorded history, the denial of the Holocaust has emerged as the ideological battle cry and genocidal game plan of the Muslim world's most aggressive, intolerant, soon-to-be-nuclearized regime—Iran. How has this come to pass? What are the implications of Holocaust Denial for the survival of tolerance, decency, human rights, and memory in the twenty-first century?

Historian Deborah Lipstadt, who defeated a high-profile libel suit brought against her by notorious Hitler apologist David Irving in London in 2000, has called Holocaust Denial a "clear and future danger" to the integrity of Truth and Memory. This report documents the phenomenon of twenty-first century Holocaust Denial and explains why it casts such an ominous shadow over humanity's future.

## **THE ROOTS OF HOLOCAUST DENIAL: EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA**

In the early years of World War II, when the first reports of Nazi killing squads and mobile extermination vans reached Western Europe and the United States, Winston Churchill called Hitler's mass murder of the Jews "a crime that knows no name." It wasn't until later in the war that the Polish-Jewish human rights lawyer Rafael Lemkin coined the term "genocide"—from the Greek word "genus" (for tribe or race) and Latin word "cide" (for murder)—to characterize the phenomenon. The terms Holocaust and Shoah are postwar usages. While the Holocaust was being implemented, the Nazis and



their genocidal collaborators did their best to obscure the reality of mass murder behind euphemisms for mass murder (e.g., “resettlement,” “transit camps,” “processing,” “special treatment,” “bath houses”) and an absence of written orders at the highest level (only verbal authorizations from Hitler conveyed through SS Commander Heinrich Himmler, Reich Security Chief Reinhard Heydrich, and others). Then, before the Soviet Army reached the death camps in Eastern Poland, the SS began systematically dismantling and dynamiting the crematoria in order to lay the groundwork for later attempts by the perpetrators to deflect and, ultimately, deny responsibility.

It has been remarked that had observers in 1900 been asked which modern country was most likely to witness organized mass violence against Jews in the twentieth century, most respondents would probably have said, not Germany, but France. France was the home of the notorious frame-up for treason of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, the fascist Action Française, and the fraudulent tract subsequently incorporated by the Czarist secret police into *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Though France’s World War II Vichy regime was only complicit in Nazi genocide against the Jews, it was postwar France that provided the setting for what has come to be known as Holocaust Denial.

During the Cold War, France, with Western Europe’s largest Communist party, was arguably the Western world’s most ideological polarized nation. Yet from the beginning, the phenomenon of Holocaust Denial showed remarkable ability to bridge ideological divides between “Right” and “Left”—providing the common ground for its diverse proponents. Paul Rassinier, a radical pacifist, who had antisemitic tendencies even before World War II, yet fought in the Resistance and was imprisoned at the Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora concentration camps.

Rassinier emerged from the camps blaming, not the Nazi guards, but his fellow inmates for making the camp environment a living hell, thus exemplifying the phenomenon of victims “identifying with the aggressor.” Starting with *The Lie Of Ulysses: A Glance At The Literature Of Concentration Camp Inmates* (1950), Rassinier put responsibility for the origins of both World War I and II at the feet of the Allies and the Jews. He questioned the reality of the gas chambers, the authenticity of Holocaust documentation, and the veracity of the testimony of Holocaust Survivors. This “founding father” of modern Holocaust Denial (initially called “Holocaust Revisionism”) was succeeded at the head of the movement in France by Robert Faurisson, a professor of literature. In 1978, *Le Monde* published Faurisson’s “The Problem of the Gas Chambers or the Rumor of Auschwitz.” In it and subsequent works, Faurisson denounced *The Diary of Anne Frank* as a forgery and claimed that: “The alleged Hitlerian gas chambers and the so-called genocide of the Jews form a single historical lie whose principle victims are the German people . . . and the Palestinian people.”

Despite Faurisson’s long flirtation with fascism, the *leftwing* publishing house, La Veille Taupe, reconstituted itself as a clearing house for Holocaust “Revisionism” in order to publish his views in a book with a Preface by famed linguist and radical critic Noam Chomsky. Chomsky not only rallied in support of Faurisson’s right to free speech but defended him as “a relatively apolitical liberal” smeared by Jews. Chomsky wrote his

Preface only a few years after he himself denied that Cambodia's Pol Pot regime had murdered millions, only to abruptly change his position and condemn the regime after the Soviet Union broke with Pol Pot.

In 1983, Faurisson, was found guilty by the Paris Court of Appeal of malicious defamation. In 1991, he was removed from his University Chair for violating the Gayssot Act, a French statute prohibiting Holocaust Denial. The Human Rights Committee upheld the Gayssot Act and Faurisson's conviction as necessary to counter resurgent antisemitism.

Faurisson's canards resonated among the international Holocaust Denial network including German Neo-Nazi Wilhelm Stäglich, author of *The Myth of Auschwitz*; Swedish Holocaust Denier Ditlieb Felderer, who specialized in organizing summer jaunts to Poland to prove that nothing happened at the Nazi death camps; Moroccan expatriate to Sweden, Ahmed Rami, whose internet website, Radio Islam, pioneered Denial in cyberspace; British historian David Irving, who during the 1980s moved beyond defending Hitler to denying the Holocaust; Fredrick Töben of the Adelaide Institute in Australia; German-Canadian Denier Ernest Zündel, author of *The Hitler We Knew and Loved*, who was deported from Canada to Germany and recently sentenced to five years for antisemitic incitement; American engineer Arthur Butz, author of *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*; Fred Leuchter, famed as "Mr. Death" for his preoccupations with gas chambers and assisted suicide as well as his bogus "proof" that cyanide was not used to kill at Auschwitz; and the Orange County, California-based Institute for Historical Review, founded by white supremacist Willis Carto, which sought to give Holocaust Denial international academic respectability. (See "A Who's Who of Deniers" for more biographical detail.)

The sad truth is that Holocaust Denial remains a vital movement on both sides of the Atlantic. In France, Faurisson has passed the baton to Roger Garaudy, the leftist intellectual who converted to Islam and wrote *The Founding Myths of Modern Israel* (1995), an international best-seller that denies Israel's right to exist and accuses the United States of committing the "the real Holocaust" for allegedly murdering 200 million Africans during the era of the slave trade. Indeed, one hero of the Resistance, Abbe Pierre, even defended Garaudy in a broadside displayed on posters all over Paris reading: "The Holocaust: Victory of the Revisionists." In Germany, where David Irving's *Hitler's War*, which now appears in a revised edition with the words "Holocaust" and "extermination" eliminated from the Index, is a perennial favorite, the town of Bayreuth has drawn thousands of Holocaust Deniers since the early 1990s for pilgrimages honoring Hitler's Deputy Rudolf Hess. There have been periodic attacks and desecrations of Holocaust Memorials in Berlin and concentration camp sites at Ravensbrück and Sachsenhausen. In one poll, 58 percent of Germans agreed "it is time to put the memory of the Holocaust behind us," and 39 percent agreed that "Jews are exploiting the Holocaust for their own purposes."

In Sweden, Holocaust rescuer Raoul Wallenberg's homeland, a third of young people polled voiced skepticism that the Holocaust really happened. This shocking result spurred the Prime Minister to champion international Holocaust education.

In Austria in 2006, David Irving was sentenced to a three years in jail for violating a law making it a crime to publicly deny, diminish, or justify the Holocaust, but a judge with fascist sympathies released him after nine months. Arriving in London, the far-from-contrite Irving swapped prison garb for a Saville Row suit and held a press conference where he bragged about his recent purchase, for cash, of a "nigger" brown Rolls Royce and reiterated that Hitler was innocent. In the former Yugoslavia, President Franco Tudjman, the first president of contemporary Croatia, which had been a Nazi puppet state, denied the mass murder of Jews as well as Serbs by the Croatian Ustasha during World War II. In Poland, Holocaust Denier Dariusz Ratajczak was acquitted for violating a Polish statute that outlaws "public denial" of wartime Nazi crimes.

And there are those who turn the legacy of the Holocaust on its head, charging Jews are the real perpetrators of genocide. In the former Soviet Union, Konstantin Sminrov-Ostashvili, leader of Russia's of extreme right-wing Pamyat party, holds Jews "responsible for the genocide of the Russian people," while America's David Duke, a former KKK Grand Wizard, was awarded a doctorate by the Ukrainian University, MAUP, for a dissertation on "Zionism as a Form of Ethnic Supremacism." Duke regularly tours the Mideast denying the existence of Nazi gas chambers. In Great Britain in 2000, historian Deborah Lipstadt defeated David Irving's libel suit, but only at great cost and effort after a trial that provided the Holocaust Deniers with unprecedented international exposure. In the United States, radical propaganda minimizing the Holocaust by picturing President George W. Bush as Hitler and the Israelis as Nazis has become a staple on college campuses and on the internet since 9/11.

## **NEW STATES OF DENIAL: THE ARAB AND MUSLIM WORLD**

In 2007, increasing attention is being given to Holocaust Denial in the Arab and Muslim Worlds. How to explain its attraction and impact? First, contrary to conventional wisdom that responsibility for the Holocaust was the total monopoly of Christian Europe, the reality is somewhat different. Arab and Muslim Holocaust Deniers would have us forget the World War II role of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Hajj Amin al Husseini, who allied himself with Hitler, toured the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, and recruited 20,000 Bosnian Muslims to serve in the Waffen SS. Also erased from collective Memory, but now recovered in Robert Satloff's book, *Among The Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust's Long Reach Into Arab Lands*, is the forgotten chapter of Jews in Arab Lands during World War II, including the critical role Arabs played in Nazi, Vichy, and (Italian) Fascist persecution of these Jews as well as the stories of Arabs who saved Jews.

Second, money from Arab sources has been financing Holocaust Denial since the 1960s and 1970s when Egypt's President Nasser denied the Holocaust and Iraq's Saddam Hussein was seen carrying a dog-eared Arabic translation of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* in his

back pocket. The late King Fahd extolled the long debunked anti-Jewish canard, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, to then U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and Saudi money partly financed the launching of the 'Revisionist' Institute for Historical Review in the United States.

Hate merchants in the Mideast have long been fluent in the international language of Denial. As early as 1974, a Revisionist tract, *Hitler, Bergründer Israel*, written by an Arab under the pseudonym Karl Hunecke, appeared in Switzerland. Not just the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, but Arab and Muslim rejection of Israel's very right to exist has of course been a prime dynamic fueling Holocaust Denial in the Mideast. In 1983, Syria's Defense Minister, Field Marshal Mustafa Tlass, published *The Matzah of Zion*. This tract, whose full-color cover is adorned with hook-nosed Chassidim draining the blood of an innocent gentile, endorses as historical fact the notorious Damascus Blood Libel of 1840, when Syrian Jews were persecuted for allegedly conspiring to murder Muslims and Christians, flirts with Holocaust Denial. Tlass subsequently signed a contract with Egyptian producer, Munir Radhi, to make a film based on his book, that was supposed to be the Arab answer an answer to "Schindler's List." The tentative title was "Harari's List." David Harari was the head of the Jewish community in Damascus in 1840 who was accused of masterminding the murder plot. The unmistakable message was that, just as Harari allegedly claimed falsely that the Jews were the victims of persecution in Damascus in 1840, movies like "Schindler's List" falsely portray the Jews as victims of the Holocaust.

Also in 1983, Mahmoud Abbas, who would eventually succeed Arafat as President of the Palestinian Authority, published in Arabic: *The Other Side: The Secret Relations Between Nazism and the Leadership of the Zionist Movement*. Originally his doctoral dissertation, completed at Moscow's Oriental College, the book claims that: "Following the war, word was spread that six million Jews were amongst the victims and that a war of extermination was aimed primarily at the Jews . . . The truth is that no one can either confirm or deny this figure. In other words, it is possible that the number of Jewish victims reached six million, but at the same time it is possible that the figure is much smaller, below one million." Abbas misquoted historian Raul Hilberg to support his claim that fewer than one million Jews were killed, and quoted Robert Faurisson on the nonexistence of gas chambers.

In 1988-1989, the Charter of the new Hamas organization incorporated antisemitic doctrine from *The Protocols* and the Koran as well as the essential components of the Deniers' claim that the Holocaust was concocted to justify "Zionist conquest" of Palestine. In 1990, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society published an article by Ream Arnaouf embracing in full Robert Faurisson's views of the "Holocaust as Hoax." More recently, Abdallah Horani told his fellow Palestinians that "instead of talking about the so-called Holocaust, (we) should have followed the doubts (about it) that are gaining momentum in the international arena and among leading European intellectuals." Meanwhile, Sheik Nafez Azzam of the Palestinian Jihad movement in Gaza insisted that any "intention to teach the Holocaust in the Palestinian schools contradicts the natural order of the universe." And columnist Anis Mansour, writing in Egypt's official *Al-*

*Ahram* newspaper, said it should “become clear to the world that what happened to the Jews of Germany, Poland and Russia was justified.” In the same newspaper in 2002, Fatma Abdallah Mahmoud averred that Jews

are accursed in heaven and on earth. They are accursed from the day the human race was created and from the day their mothers bore them. . . . These accursed ones are a catastrophe for the human race. They are the virus of the generation, doomed to a life of humiliation and wretchedness until Judgment Day. . . . With regard to the fraud of the Holocaust . . . many French studies have proven that this is no more than a fabrication, a lie, and a fraud!! That is, it is a “scenario,” the plot of which was carefully tailored, using several faked photos completely unconnected to the truth. Yes, it is a film, no more and no less. Hitler himself, whom they accuse of Nazism, is in my eyes no more than a modest “pupil” in the world of murder and bloodshed. He is completely innocent of the charge of frying them in the hell of his false Holocaust!! . . . But I, personally and in light of this imaginary tale, complain to Hitler, even saying to him from the bottom of my heart, “If only you had done it, brother, if only it had really happened, so that the world could sigh in relief without their evil and sin.

In the twenty-first century, it is Tehran that has emerged as the engine catapulting the canard of Holocaust Denial front and center in the Muslim world. Iran’s role as an instigator of Holocaust Denial was already evident in May, 2000, when the Iranian embassy in Vienna granted refuge to Austrian Holocaust denier Wolfgang Fröhlich. Fröhlich had testified as a defense “expert witness” on Zyklon B and the gas chambers at the trial in Switzerland of Juergen Graf, who fled to Tehran in 2000 after his conviction. In February, 2001, Dr. Younes Geranmayeh in the *Tehran Times* ridiculed “the Auschwitz Conspiracy” perpetrated by “a handful of Jewish swindlers” who “present themselves as gas chamber witnesses.” Also in 2001, the international conference, “Revisionism and Zionism,” coordinated by Graf, was scheduled for Beirut. Then Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri, who was later assassinated by Syrian agents, had the courage to cancel this global hate fest.

In the Middle East—where hate dies hard—the Beirut Conference was quickly followed by another with the same purpose in Amman. Jordanian militant Ibrahim Alloush rallied “scores of writers and intellectuals across Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon moved to defend freedom of expression in the Arab World and to set the record straight on Revisionist Historians.” The Amman Forum, according to Alloush, was “just the beginning of a series of activities that will hopefully culminate in a conference for Revisionist historians in some Arab country.” The Arab and Muslim worlds, he informed the world, needed to learn such scientifically-proven “truths” as that “the so-called gas chambers were not used to exterminate Jews systematically, but to burn the corpses of people from different nationalities (after their deaths) to circumvent plagues.” Among the “so-called victims”: Anne Frank. Fortunately, the Jordanian government postponed the event just before the scheduled opening, for fear it would embarrass new young King Abdullah, as he prepared to meet President George W. Bush for the first time at the White House.

Today, Iranian Holocaust Denial constitutes a strategy by Tehran's mullahs to reach out beyond the Shia-Sunni divide and forge a united Muslim front behind their genocidal blueprint to "wipe Israel off the map." The highest-profile example to date occurred in December, 2006, in Tehran. Convened by Iran's President "Let's wipe Israel off the map!" Ahmadinejad and sponsored by the Foreign Ministry, the "International Conference to Review the Global Vision of the Holocaust" featured a planetary rogue's gallery including former KKK Wizard David Duke; Lady Michele Renouf, the Australian-born London socialite and admirer of David Irving; Georges Thiel, a Frenchman who has called the Holocaust "an enormous lie"; and Fredrick Töben, a German-born Australian who has proven the nonexistence of Nazi gas chambers. Only one initial invitee, Israeli Arab Khaled Ksab Mahamid, was denied entry when it became clear his museum in Nazareth dares to teach Arab visitors that there was a Holocaust.

For the masses in a region where literacy is an elite monopoly, and for million more beyond Iran's borders, Tehran launched an international, web-based cartoon competition, debunking the "Final Solution" and debasing its victims. Meanwhile, the head of President Ahmadinejad's brain trust, Mohammad-Ali Ramin, revealed, based on Hennecke Kardel's 1974 book, *Hitler, Founder of Israel*, that the Führer was both a Jew and a Zionist. Ramin may seem crazy, but there is method to his madness: "If the official version of the Holocaust is thrown into doubt, then the identity and nature of Israel will be thrown into doubt. . . . The resolution of the Holocaust issue will end in the destruction of Israel." Among scheduled coming attractions: the Iranian regime's promise to send a "Truth Squad" to Auschwitz to demonstrate that no Jews were gassed there.

Because of Iran's nuclear potential, the mullahs' mania about the Holocaust, coupled with their obsession with completing Hitler's work by destroying Israel, would be a cause for grave concern even if it existed in isolation. Unfortunately, in today's Mideast, the politics of madness is contagious. Not to be outdone by Tehran, Cairo was the site early in 2007 of another Denial Conference entitled "The Holocaust Lie" aired live across the region on *Iran's* Arabic satellite TV. Hosted by Egypt's Arab Socialist Party, it was keynoted by Waheed al Uksory who was permitted to run for president against Hosni Mubarak in 2005. No such high profile event could be convened in Cairo without the permission of a government, ostensibly at peace with Israel and which currently is mediating between Jerusalem and the Hamas-dominated Palestinian Authority. But President Mubarak's realpolitik has never been confused with any commitment to true peace and reconciliation with the Jewish state.

Whether Arab or Persian, Sunni or Shia, Holocaust Denial then has emerged as a force to be reckoned with in the Mideast. It fuses historic extremist Muslim religious prejudices against Jews (and also Christians) as second-class citizens and even enemies of Islam with Nazi racial antisemitism to create a weapon against Palestinian-Israeli peace, while legitimizing a possible future genocide against the children and grandchildren of Holocaust victims.

## DENIAL ON THE INTERNET

The “virtual” subculture of hate emanating from the more than 6,000 extremist sites on the worldwide web provides a growth medium for Holocaust Denial. Worldwide, over one billion people—including 35 percent of Europeans and 68 percent of North Americans—use the Internet. The Deniers utilize the latest forms of electronic communication to target global audiences. As early as 1996, the extremist group, Stormfront, boasted: “The Internet is our sword.” The Institute for Historical Review web site claimed 2.5 million hits during a single month in 2005.

Compared to issuing bulky pamphlets or organizing conferences, the Internet provides a cost-effective means for haters to reach a mass market of consumers with information—and misinformation while harassing and demoralizing Holocaust Survivors. Through websites, blogs, hyperlinks, email, discussion boards, and chat rooms, deniers are able to link together with like-minded individuals who could help become the building blocks of larger online communities disseminating antisemitism and racism. Here is yet another example of how potent a two-edged sword the Internet has become: It affords simultaneously, new educational frontiers to promote freedom of thought and democratic values, while also empowering the forces of hate among from individuals, movements, and governments with a powerful medium to disseminate their evil campaigns. Traditional hate texts like *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* have been given a new lease on life by the explosive growth of the Internet as a tool used by Neo-Nazis, Klansmen, Skinheads, Islamic extremist groups, and terrorist movements to reach out to each other as well as raise money, recruit new members, and coordinate activities. Holocaust Deniers are linking their movement to other twenty-first century causes with extremist antisemitic fringes including anti-globalization, 9/11 conspiracy theories, hatred of the U.S. and Israel.

The Internet has emerged then as a propaganda weapon par excellence for emboldening haters while demoralizing their targets—innocent and decent people everywhere. In addition to being cheap, the Internet is difficult to monitor and it’s virtually impossible permanently to block a message. In some visually attractive web sites, racist groups aim at women's hearts and minds—and if possible, their money. Others are targeting Muslims, whites, children, or frustrated young Algerians in France. Messages can be tailored specifically to the market one is trying to reach. If one is clever enough to get a site listed in a search engine by putting in important key terms, the site may get considerable traffic from unsuspecting individuals, at least once. Further, there is negligible quality control on the Internet—no librarian, no censorship, no analysis in helping to determine the truthfulness of a message posted in the virtual Marketplace of Ideas. These unique qualities of cyberspace all play into the hands of Holocaust Deniers.

In an e-mail message to the mailing list of the Nationalist Socialist White People’s Party, Harold Covington enthused: “Take away the Holocaust, . . . [and people would be] stunned with admiration for the brilliance of Adolf Hitler. . . . [Holocaust Denial will] make National Socialism an acceptable political alternative again.” The web site of the

Charlemagne Hammerskins, a French group, boasts: “We still have many one-way tickets for Auschwitz.”

One of the cleverest racist operators on the Internet has been American Nazi, Gerhard Lauck (aka Gary Lock), whose earlier hate activities landed him in a German jail for a number of years. Transferring his hate agenda online, he utilizes “cybersquatting” website links that diverts unsuspecting online users in Germany trying to contact government ministries for information, to German Neo-Nazi site posted in the U.S., outside the jurisdiction of the German laws.

Through use of the Internet, hate campaigners are able to present their agenda more powerfully and in a controlled and unassailable environment. In the past, an individual such as Ahmed Rami in Sweden set up Radio Islam. He fled Morocco where he had been involved in a plot against the late King Hassan. He spent time in a Swedish jail when caught using taxpayers’ funds to broadcast *Mein Kampf* in Arabic over Swedish public radio. The Internet allowed him to network and create of global “Who’s Who” of antisemitism and Holocaust Denial.

As a result of the Internet, a much greater scope of instant communication is created between individuals and groups with nothing in common except their hatred. After September 11th, one could read in Arabic and other languages of Islamic countries, articles by the American racists David Duke and the late William Pierce. This occurred despite the fact that these American bigots have promoted a 'pro-white' agenda, which domestically is anti-immigrant, anti-black and anti-minorities.

The shared hatred of Jews encourages diverse individuals and movements to overcome great differences in their worldviews. New alliances and coalitions are forged via the Internet, which is helping to shape and speed up transnational alliances of the enemies of Truth.

One of the most active transnational bigot is David Duke, a former head of the xenophobic Ku Klux Klan in the United States. He was a high-profile participant in the 2006 Tehran Holocaust Denial Conference, having previously been invited to lecture in the Gulf States during Ramadan. Duke is also occupied with pan-European activities, which mainly involve communists in Germany, Russia and Austria. This is yet another example of new relationships in the post-Cold War era between extremists of all kinds who have found a common language in Holocaust Denial, the hatred of Jews, Israel, and the United States.

William Pierce—author of *The Turner Diaries*, a virulently antisemitic novel that inspired Timothy McVeigh to blow up the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995—thought globally and strategically regarding the Internet. He pondered how to attract younger people to the racist movement. For this purpose he bought music websites such as Resistance Records, with revenue over a million dollars. Pierce’s organization, the National Alliance, and other Hate groups have found both profit and converts to their causes through Hate Music CDs,<sup>2</sup> books, videos and even T-Shirts, marketed on line.



In the Muslim world, new worldwide players have also used the Internet. Egyptian-born Sheikh Yusef al-Qaradawi, who lives in Qatar, is a renowned Islamic scholar whose Fatwas are presented on the Internet and who often appears on Al Jazeera television. From his beginning as a local teacher, he has become somebody whose influence is felt from Indonesia to London. Al-Qaradawi is now both independent and tremendously empowered. Unfortunately, he often uses this power to legitimize suicide terror and purvey antisemitism.

Tehran's mullahs have also made Holocaust Denial on the Internet a major component of their extremist ideology and terrorist statecraft. This serves to reinforce among the online elite, the promotion of hate and terrorism and those who do not want a Jewish state in the Middle East. There are even Internet sites that go beyond propaganda to recruit suicide bombers.

Meanwhile, all proponents of Holocaust Denial from Neo-Nazis to Islamist extremists use Internet links to embolden and empower their followers. Denial is more than an abstract doctrine; it's a rallying cry for violent extremists on both sides of the Atlantic, the Middle East and beyond.

The challenge to all those who want to defend historic truth and debunk the haters is clear: We must post at least some basic information directly in Arabic, Farsi, Urdu and other languages. And we must use Internet technologies to directly dialogue with young people unequipped to deal with this tsunami of hate. There are brave voices in the Arab and Muslim world who denounce Holocaust Denial. (See "An Open Letter on Iranian Holocaust Denial Conference.") To do its share, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is launching AskMusa.com to make available basic information on Judaism, Jewish values, and scholars to online audiences in the Middle East.

### **DENIAL AS GLOBAL COMMON DENOMINATOR OF HATE**

The American humorist Mark Twain once wrote, "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." Thanks to today's new communications technologies, including the Internet, conspiratorial 'Big Lies' span the whole globe in an instant before anybody can respond. Deniers' also skillfully tailor their message to exploit the divergent ideologies and politics in a polarized world. However it is packaged and in whatever language or technology it is delivered, the powerful imagery of these deceitful web of lies remains the same: the Jews were not killed in gas chambers, there was no systematic attempt to annihilate European Jewry, millions of Jews did not die, and that the Holocaust is a myth invented by Allied propagandists.

The global reach of Holocaust Denial extends as far as Japan where extreme nationalists use antisemitic conspiracy theories to argue that—just like Hitler and the Nazis—Tojo and the Japanese military were innocent of crimes against humanity during World War II.

Still, the main center of Holocaust Deniers is not East Asia but Europe.

The mordant observation has been made that Europe killed its Jews during World War II—and will never forgive them for it.” In Europe, denying or minimizing the Holocaust has become the continent-wide common language of Neo-Nazis and extreme right-wing nationalists—from France’s Jean Marie Le Pen, to Austria’s Jörg Haider, to Russia’s Vladimir Zhirinovskiy. Despite all the resources invested in Holocaust education by “the new Germany,” German public opinion polls show an increasing desire to forget about Hitler’s crimes while a new generation of intellectuals and politicians are rewriting the history of the 1940s to make German civilians who died as a consequence of wartime bombings or postwar population transfers as “the real victims” of World War II—rather than the Jews systematically targeted for mass murder.

Equally troubling, the discourse of Holocaust Denial and minimization in Europe as well as the United States is no longer a right-wing monopoly of rabid antisemites and religious fanatics like the Christian Identity Movement. Some leftwing champions of the Palestinian cause have crossed the fateful line from legitimate criticism of Israel to portraying the Israelis as “the new Nazis” and demonizing the Jewish state and its supporters abroad as part of an international “Zionist conspiracy.” The ultimate descent into madness and malice is the accusation that “the Zionists” actually worked with the Nazis in order to manufacture “the Holocaust hoax” as a propaganda weapon to displace the Palestinians in the post-World War II Mideast. This conspiratorial libel is a crime against history that in no way advances the legitimate national aspirations of Palestinians.

So it should surprise no one that Mideast-centric Holocaust Denial also increasingly resonates among Europe’s growing Muslim minority populations—from Paris’ banlieus, to London’s mosques, and extending even to American college campuses. Too many Arab and Muslim newcomers to the Western world bring Holocaust-denying antisemitism with them as part of their cultural baggage. They absorb it from the surrounding non-Muslim political culture. And they have it further reinforced by a “blowback” Holocaust Denial circuit linking Europe and the U.S. with Mideast countries—preeminently Iran, but also Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian Authority.

The First World War exploded in Europe’s unstable Balkans. The Third World War—which some argue has already begun—seems certain to explode, if it occurs at all, in the Mideast cauldron of religious and ethnic animosities. The Mideast forces hoping to ignite such a global Armageddon all rely on Holocaust Denial as part of their ideological arsenal. They falsify the history of World War II and the Nazi Holocaust to attack, not just Israel, but the Western world including capitalism, democracy, liberalism, and secularism. By re-exporting this hateful ideology from the Mideast back to Europe and North America where it originated, Arab and Muslim Holocaust Deniers are weakening the pluralist fabric of western democracy upon which the future prospects of immigrant communities depends. For even as they mock the martyrdom and suffering of others, Mideast Holocaust Deniers demand that the world accept that they have sole claim to global “victim status,” while scapegoating Europe and the U.S. as villains responsible for all their ills.

## CONCLUSION: WHY IT MATTERS

Some intellectual follies are perverse fun. As early as 1827, a Frenchman argued that Napoleon never existed. Elvis, on the other hand, lives eternal. The Flat Earth Society—headquartered in California, within shouting distance of the Holocaust denying Institute for Historical Review—assures us that it can “prove the earth is flat by experiment, demonstrated and demonstrable. “Earth Flat is a Fact not a Theory. Australians do not hang by their feet under the world.” Like the Flat Earthers, the Deniers do “experiments” to prove their “facts” debunking the Holocaust. The difference is that the intent and results of Holocaust Denial are wholly pernicious. From the United Kingdom to Egypt and Iran, Holocaust Denial is like an elephant in the living room, allowed to rampage at the cost of rationality by those who would rather ignore it than speak up for increasingly exposed Jewish citizens and Israel—the “Jew” among the nations.

Holocaust Denial is an assault on the experiences and suffering of older generations—especially, against the integrity of Survivors who are still with us.

Holocaust Denial is a threat to the education of younger generations. In the 1990s, 38 percent of U.S. adults and 53 percent of high school students either “didn’t know” or incorrectly explained what was meant by “the Holocaust.” The Deniers seek to transform this knowledge deficit into perverse—and, potentially, deadly—ignorance about history.

Holocaust Denial is an ideological arsenal for twenty-first century mass murderers. Those who deny the Holocaust are deconstructing humanity’s collective Memory to pave the way for new genocides, for more Darfurs.

We ignore the ominous implications at peril to our future. As Ron Rosenbaum puts it, “I wish I could regard Holocaust Denial as merely a bad joke, a parody of an anti-Semitic theory. . . . Should we consider Hitler’s genocidal Final Solution the *final* step on a ladder down into the abyss, or just the *latest* step. And if the latter, what might the next step be?”

## APPENDIX A: ANSWERING THE DENIERS' 13 BIG LIES

In 1941, Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels wrote: “when one lies, one should lie big, and stick to it. They keep up their lies, even at the risk of looking ridiculous.” He was falsely accusing Winston Churchill’s government of lying about the Nazis, but accurately describing Hitler’s own psychological warfare techniques. Today, Holocaust Deniers are preeminent practitioners of “The Big Lie.” They specialize not in a single canard, but in intricate webs of deception which they continually embroider with new Lies—often detailed and seemingly plausible—to make it difficult or impossible to refute or demolish their fabric of falsehoods in totality.

Here, we answer with the Truth **13 “Big Lies” about the Holocaust** that are recycled over and over again by the Deniers in their campaign to brainwash new generations born after World War II.

### 1. The Holocaust was merely Allied propaganda.

As early as 1942, the Allied governments and media knew that Hitler’s “Final Solution to the Jewish Problem” had begun. They decided the war effort would be better served by not publicizing the alarming truth. Instead, the Allies actually ignored reports filtering out of Europe about the mass murder of Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators. Even when convinced of their veracity, they tried to withhold the information from the public. On August 8, 1942, Dr. Gerhart Riegner, the representative of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, asked the U.S. Legation in Switzerland to relay information about Germany’s plan to exterminate all European Jews under its control to American Jewish leader, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. The information had been given to Riegner by a highly-placed German official. Instead of relaying the message, the U.S. State Department instead withheld it and ordered its Swiss Legation not to relay any such reports in the future.

In that same year, an heroic member of the Polish Underground, Jan Karski, had secretly been smuggled into a German concentration camp in Poland. Making his way out, he was sent to London by the Underground to deliver his report on the horrors he witnessed. Karski spoke with both Roosevelt and Churchill. History records, however, that Karski’s pleas were largely dismissed.

One need only check the major newspapers of the period to realize how little attention was paid to Nazi atrocities. If the Holocaust was merely “propaganda,” why did the Allies go to such lengths to downplay it?

## **2. There is no proof that the Holocaust occurred.**

No crime in history has been as well-documented as the Nazi Holocaust. Proof of the Holocaust is multi-faceted. It is demonstrated by a myriad of documents, the majority of them, Nazi-authored, captured by Allied troops before the Germans had a chance to destroy the entire paper trail of genocide. Included are detailed reports of mass shootings and gassings. In fact, some 3,000 documents on the destruction of Europe's Jewish community by the Nazis, were presented by the prosecution at the War Crimes Tribunals at Nuremberg after the end of the Second World War.

The first-hand testimony of survivors who lived through the horrors of the death camps, as well as the reports and confessions by the perpetrators, leave no doubt as to the nature of Hitler's "Final Solution." Horrifying films and photos of killing operations and their aftermath can only begin to give us a picture of the extent of Nazi bestiality; as do the reports of Allied Generals and troops who were sickened by what they saw at sites of mass slaughter they had just liberated in 1944 and 1945.

Interestingly, Nazi war criminal like Adolf Eichmann who stood trial in the postwar years for their misdeeds never claimed that the crimes of which they were accused were fictional. They instead argued that they were "only following orders."

The evidence is, in fact, so overwhelming that on October 9, 1981, Judge Thomas T. Johnson of the California Superior Court, took Judicial Notice of the Holocaust ruling that, "The Holocaust is not reasonably subject to dispute. It is capable of immediate and accurate determination by resort to resources of reasonable indisputable accuracy. It is simply a fact."

## **3. The estimates of Jewish losses during the Holocaust are greatly exaggerated. There were never even 6 million Jews in Germany.**

It is true that Germany had fewer than 600,000 Jews when Hitler came to power in 1933. The majority of Jews murdered by the Nazis, however, did not live in Germany. They resided in the countries that Germany invaded and occupied during the war, especially Poland and areas of the former Soviet Union, where millions of Jews once made their homes. In fact, the Protocol of the Wannsee Conference (Jan. 20, 1942), an official German document outlining the Nazi plan to annihilate European Jewry, lists over 11 million Jews throughout the continent.

The 6 million figure can be demonstrated by comparing Europe's Jewish population before and after the war. Even after making allowances for those who fled Europe and others who could be expected to die due to natural causes, there are nearly 6,000,000 people who cannot be accounted for.

Authentic German documents confirm the slaughter of Jews in the millions. The famous "Korherr Report" (named after Richard Korherr, chief statistician for the SS) puts the

number of Jewish losses at more than 2,454,000 by the end of 1942 alone. The war in Europe would not end until May, 1945.

The Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry, meeting in April 1946, put the total Jewish Holocaust losses at 5,721,500. On the basis of wartime statistical reports on ghettos, concentration camps and mass murder operations carried out by the Nazis, historian and international jurist, Jacob Robinson, arrived at a figure of 5,820,960. German historian, Helmut Krausnick, put the number of Jewish losses nearer to seven million. While the exact figure will never be known, scholars of the Holocaust find the rounded-off figure of six million to be in line with all the evidence.

**4. The International Committee for the Red Cross report that only 300,000 people had perished in the German concentration camps, not all of them Jews.**

The International Red Cross never issued such a statistic, nor has it offered any estimate of the number of victims who perished in the camps. In its bulletin of February 1, 1978, the International Red Cross declared that it had never compiled, much less published such statistics.

The 300,000 figure was actually taken from the Swiss paper, “Die Tat,” in 1955. This estimate, however, was only a figure for the number of Germans who perished in the concentration camps. No mention of any Red Cross figures, however, was ever made by the paper.

Despite the obvious deception, Holocaust Deniers, continue to peddle it, hoping that few people will actually check the sources.

**5. Nazi policy towards the Jews was emigration, not extermination.**

From the beginning, the Nazis made no secret of their goal of creating a “Jew-free” Germany and Europe. One of the earliest methods was, indeed, forced emigration. But on November 10, 1941, precise instructions from Berlin to kill the Jews in his area were received by higher SS and police leader, Friedrich Jeckeln, from Berlin, stating that pursuant to the Führer’s order, Jews would no longer be allowed “to emigrate”; instead, they would be “evacuated.” In his October 4, 1943, speech to SS generals in Poznan, SS Chief Heinrich Himmler left no doubt as to the meaning of evacuation. “I am now referring to the evacuation of the Jews, the extermination of the Jewish people,” he declared.

“Evacuation” had been a Nazi codeword for murder even earlier. In the Spring of 1940, 1,558 mental patients had been transferred from sanatoriums in Eastern Prussia for “evacuation” near the Soldau concentration camp. They were never heard from again. The Nazis attempted to hide their intentions by the use of codewords. “Resettlement” was commonly used to describe the deportation of Jews to the gas chambers; hence SS Major,

Francke-Gricksch's 1943 report on Auschwitz in which he remarks that the camp's "resettlement furnaces" were capable of burning 10,000 bodies a day.

Despite the attempts at deception, Victor Brack, one of the chief architects of Hitler's "euthanasia" experiments testified to the War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg that it was no secret among the Nazi hierarchy that "the Jews were to be exterminated."

6. *Not a single document has been found with Hitler's signature ordering the extermination of the Jews.*

This is true but misleading. Hitler was not about to repeat the mistake he had made earlier when he initiated his "euthanasia order," condemning over 70,000 German mental patients to death at so-called "charitable care facilities" such as Hadamar and Grafineck. (Ironically, the first victims of Nazi gassings were actually non-Jewish Germans).

Spontaneous protests, which threatened his popularity, eventually forced Hitler to abandon his euthanasia experiment, or at least take it underground. Never again would Hitler initial any document connecting himself to mass killings.

Nevertheless, historians have been able to establish with convincing certainty that the order to exterminate millions of Jews came directly from Hitler. On November 10, 1941, higher SS and police leader, Friedrich Jeckeln, received orders to liquidate the Jewish population of Riga. He was informed by his superior, Hinrich Lohse, that it was "the Fuehrer's wish."

A few months earlier, Gestapo Chief, Heinrich Mueller, sent a message to the commanders of the four Einsatzgruppen (mobile killing squads active in Eastern Europe) advising them that "the Fuehrer was to be informed about the work of the Einsatzgruppen on a continual basis." Discussing the liquidation of Jews in Eastern Europe, SS Chief Heinrich Himmler told SS Gruppenfuehrer, Gottlob Berger, "the occupied East will be freed of Jews. The Fuehrer has placed the execution of this difficult order on my shoulders."

Hitler's involvement in the "Final Solution" extended to gassing operations. On October 25, 1941 a directive addressed to Hinrich Lohse regarding the use of special "gassing vans" came by way of German judge, Dr. Erhard Wetzel. Wetzel had been summoned to the Chancellory and informed that the directive he was to prepare was, in fact, a "Fuehrer order."

On February 4, 1943, Hitler equated the extermination of the Jews with having "exterminated a bacterium." In his January 30 speech to the Reichstag four years earlier, Hitler warned that in the event of war, "the result will be . . . the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!"

Those who argue that Hitler did not order, approve, or even know about the wanton murder of millions of Jews and others during the Holocaust do so in direct contradiction of all the evidence.

**7. Zyklon B was a fumigant. It wasn't a practical agent for mass murder.**

Before World War II, Zyklon B (a hydrogen cyanide preparation) was used as an insecticide. Hydrogen cyanide, however, is actually more dangerous to humans than insects. When the level of HCN reaches only 300 parts per million, it will kill a person within a few minutes. The amount of hydrogen cyanide required to kill a person of average weight is only 60 mg.

Because Zyklon was, in fact, so toxic, its manufacturers warned personnel not to reenter a room fumigated with the gas for 20 hours after airing. In addition, a compound was added to the preparation emitting a powerful, intolerable odor—a warning agent that the gas was present. When purchasing Zyklon B for the death camps, the SS ordered the manufacturer to remove the warning compound, a clear indication of its intended use.

**8. If Zyklon B is so highly toxic, how could bodies have been removed from gas chambers only minutes after execution?**

The death chambers were outfitted with special ventilation systems to remove any remaining gas. In addition, those prisoners charged with removing the bodies (the sonderkommando) wore gas masks.

*9. Zyklon B is so highly flammable that a single spark from the ventilation system or the immense heat created by the nearby furnaces would have resulted in an explosion.*

Zyklon B will explode—at 60,000 parts per million. It only takes a concentration of 300 parts per million to kill a person in just a few minutes. (Less than half that amount will kill in under an hour.) Clearly, the concentration of Zyklon B used in the gas chambers was enough to kill but far below flammability or explosion levels.

**10. There is no proof whatsoever that the Nazis ever murdered anyone in gas chambers.**

The use of gas chambers by the Nazis is proven by a wide array of evidence. Testimony by the perpetrators themselves as well as the first-hand accounts of prisoners, especially members of the Sonderkommando (groups of inmates forced to remove the dead from the gas chambers and dispose of their bodies) constitute only a part of the evidence. Documents including blueprints of the killing installations as well as orders for construction materials and Zyklon B—the deadly hydrogen cyanide preparation used for gassings at Auschwitz and Majdanek, carbon monoxide exhaust was used at other camps—survived the war as did some of the actual gassing facilities themselves. Photos clandestinely taken by prisoners of Auschwitz-Birkenau even show the disposal of



corpses removed from the gas chamber. The manufacture, distribution, and use of the deadly gas was clearly demonstrated at the “Zyklon B Trial” in March 1946, at Hamburg, Germany. Two of the defendants, Bruno Tesch and Karl Weinbacher, the owner and a major executive of a company that manufactured the gas were sentenced to death after notes of their trips to Auschwitz disproved their contention that they were unaware that the poison was used to kill inmates.

Jean-Claude Pressac, a one-time skeptic of the gas chambers, had undertaken a careful study of Auschwitz in which he analyzed a wide variety of camp documents, photos, reports and blueprints. Pressac, who had at one time been intrigued by the Holocaust-denying theories of Robert Faurisson, concluded that his original skepticism could no longer be supported in the face of the evidence. In 1989, the Klarsfeld Foundation published his study, *Auschwitz: Technique and Operation of the Gas Chambers*, in which Pressac demonstrates the use of the gas chambers of Auschwitz-Birkenau in the murders of hundreds of thousands of people.

Incidentally, Jews were not the first people gassed by the Nazis. The first victims of Nazi gassings were German mental patients condemned by Hitler’s “Euthanasia” order of 1939.

*11. American engineer and execution ‘expert’, Fred Leuchter, proved that the ‘so-called’ gas chambers at Auschwitz could not have been used for their ‘alleged’ purpose.*

In 1988, Fred Leuchter of Malden, Massachusetts, was contacted by Holocaust Denier Robert Faurisson and hired to prepare a report on the gas chambers of Auschwitz on behalf of Canadian neo-Nazi, Ernst Zundel. Zundel was on trial on charges stemming from the distribution of Holocaust revisionist literature. With his client footing the bill, Leuchter visited the sites of the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Majdanek death camps. Upon returning to the United States, he published a lengthy report which concluded that the facilities he examined “could not have then been . . . utilized or seriously considered to function as execution gas chambers.”

During the Zundel trial, however, it became increasingly clear that something was terribly wrong with the “Leuchter Report.” As it turned out, Mr. Leuchter had no credentials as an engineer, and in fact, held only a Bachelor’s Degree in history. Leuchter’s bizarre explanation that anyone who went to college knew enough Mathematics and Science to be an engineer raised even more eyebrows. Judge Ronald Thomas listened to excerpts from the “Leuchter Report,” then castigated the author for his methodology which the judge labeled “preposterous,” before ruling that “Leuchter has no expertise.”

Leuchter’s lack of credentials resulted in more than embarrassment at the Zundel trial. Leuchter, who had represented himself as an engineer and execution expert to various government agencies for years, was indicted by the state of Massachusetts for the imposture.

Faced with the possibility of jail time if convicted, Leuchter reached a pre-trial agreement with the Court in which he admitted that he “was not and had never been registered as a professional engineer,” although he had represented himself as “an engineer able to consult in areas of engineering concerning execution technology.” As part of the humbling agreement, Leuchter also agreed to cease and desist from the distribution of anymore engineering reports during his probationary period.

An analysis of the “Leuchter Report” by Professor George Wellers in Paris concluded Leuchter’s “calculations to be an absurdity. . . . One can see in many ways to what degree this expert chemist (Wellers was unaware that Leuchter had no degree in any science) is operating outside the realities of the problem.” Concluding the analysis, Wellers characterized Leuchter’s interpretation as “false and absurd from start to end.”

Despite his embarrassment from both academic and legal circles, Leuchter took his show to Germany. Arrested in October 1993 on charges of inciting racial hatred, he was released on bail and allowed to return to the U.S. pending trial. Leuchter, however, refused to return to Germany for the trial. A warrant for his arrest is still outstanding. Despite the exposure of the self-styled engineer and his report as fraudulent, both are still held in high esteem among Holocaust “revisionists.”

## **12. Simon Wiesenthal himself stated that there were no extermination camps in Germany.**

A distortion of what was said by Wiesenthal who pointed out that this argument was a travesty used by “Neo-Nazis try to diminish the blame of Germans towards Jews.” The Nazis classified their many hundreds of concentration camps on their basis of their primary function. In a very real sense, all were death camps because the death of the inmates—whether through overwork, starvation/disease, or outright murder—was ultimately expected.

Those sites, however, which functioned as extermination centers (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Majdanek, Sobibor, Belzec, and Chelmno), were specially equipped for the gassing of hundreds of thousands of victims each (millions altogether). All of these camps were located in Poland, and for good reason. Poland had far more Jews than Germany and the rest of Western Europe combined. The Nazis also felt that the relative remoteness of Poland’s rural areas would also minimize reports of mass murder taking place there.

## **13. For years, the death statistics at Auschwitz-Birkenau had been put at well over 3 million. Recently, however, a memorial plaque at the former death camp estimates Jewish losses closer to 1 million. Shouldn’t the new figures imply that Jewish losses for the Holocaust are much lower than previously thought?**

Another deception meant to mislead about well-known historical facts. Historians of the Holocaust have never claimed that “over 3 million” people were killed at Auschwitz-Birkenau. The figure of 3-4 million murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau was an invention of communist officials in Poland (and the former U.S.S.R.) who sought to blur the uniqueness of Jewish suffering at Auschwitz. To do this, they purposely overstated the number of non-Jewish casualties at Auschwitz-Birkenau by many times their true numbers. In a clever attempt to disguise the subterfuge, the figures for Jewish losses were inflated by nearly double, so that their losses would still be larger than those of non-Jewish victims, though now by a much smaller ratio. With the end of communism in Poland and the former Soviet Union, officials at the Auschwitz museum finally lowered the casualty figures in line with the estimates of historians who, for years, have insisted that between 1 million and 1.5 million people perished at Auschwitz-Birkenau—80 to 90 percent of them Jews.

The figure of 6 million Jewish losses during the Holocaust has always been in line with accurate estimates of deaths at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

## APPENDIX B: A WHO'S WHO OF DENIERS

### John Bennett

John Bennett is one of Australia's longest-standing Holocaust Deniers. The 62 year-old Bennett is a trained lawyer and is president of the group he personally founded, the Australian Civil Liberties Union. Bennett had once been a member of a legitimate civil liberties group, The Victorian Civil Liberties Council. He was drummed out, however, for using the group's name to spread his Holocaust Denial theories. Most of the new group's activities are in defense of the rights of antisemites and Holocaust Deniers.

Bennett has addressed several conferences of the Institute for Historical Review, starting with its very first in 1979. For years, he has also been a member of the editorial advisory board for its publication, *The Journal of Historical Review*. He is also the author of *Your Rights*, which rails against Zionism, the academic historical view of the Holocaust, immigration, and multiculturalism. He has even gone so far as to attack advertisements for products including Eskimo Pie for being "multiracial."

### Fritz Berg aka Friedrich Paul Berg

Fritz Berg is an American Holocaust Denier who, in remarks to Dr. Danny Keren of the Holocaust History Project said, "The Nazis and the S.S. were the good guys." Berg, who has been affiliated with the Institute for Historical Review, is the author of essays in which he tries to prove that diesel gassings at Belzec, Treblinka, and Sobibor could not have taken place. He also attributes the bulk of Jewish losses during World War II to disease, particularly typhus, and goes on to attribute the supposed predisposition of Jews to the disease to an imagined resistance to bathing. Works authored by Berg include:

*Typhus and the Jews.*

*Diesel Gas Chambers; Ideal for Torture—Absurd for Murder.*

*Self-Assisted Holocaust Hoax.*

*Poison Gas Ueber Alles.*

### Arthur Butz

Now in his early seventies, Arthur Butz is an associate professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern University in Chicago. In 1976, Butz authored *The Hoax of the 20th Century*. Although there was considerable pressure to have Butz fired for his views, he was allowed to remain because he did not discuss them in class. The central thesis of his book was that the Holocaust was mere propaganda and that data to the contrary was "ludicrous," "fishy," and "insane." Stories about the gas chambers were dismissed as "propaganda fantasies" and "garbage." Furthermore, the real victims were the Germans. Echoing other antisemitic works, Butz claims that this hoax is an invention of Jews and fellow conspirators to further Zionist aspirations. Butz cavalierly dismissed documents proving the Nazi attempt to wipe out Europe's Jews as forgeries. He further claimed that the Allied governments who forged these documents were even able to place them in the

“right” places. Butz also stated that pictures of Jewish corpses attesting to Germany’s mass-murder campaign were actually those of Germans and any quotes by major Nazis about wiping out Jews were mere exaggerations. He explained away confessions made by Nazi war criminals as a result of a misunderstanding of questions posed to them by their captors. In 1980, Butz was appointed to the editorial advisory committee of the Institute for Historical Review, which has published many of his articles.

### **Willis Carto**

For years, Willis Carto had been considered by some to be the most prominent professional racist and antisemite in the United States. In the 1950s, Carto founded the Joint Council for Repatriation, whose goal was the transport of all American blacks to Africa. Carto was also the founder of the now-defunct “Liberty Lobby,” whose ultra-right weekly, *The Spotlight*, was filled with diatribes against American Jewry and the State of Israel. *The Spotlight* also regularly printed ads by various Neo-Nazi organizations. In the 1980s, the Populist Party, also founded by Carto, ran former KKK Grand Wizard David Duke for president. Carto was also the founder of the Institute for Historical Review, a Southern California-based group dedicated to debunking the Holocaust. For years, the IHR was the nation’s most prominent Holocaust-denial organization. When Carto and the IHR went their separate ways, after lengthy court battles over money, Carto founded the Barnes Review, which carries on his conspiratorial views of history and denial of the Holocaust.

### **David Duke**

David Duke is the one-time Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1970, he founded a white supremacist student group, the White Youth Alliance. He signed up for the ROTC program at Louisiana State University, but was drummed out for his racist views. His antics on campus included wearing a Nazi uniform on Hitler’s birthday. Upon leaving school, he formed the Knights of the KKK.

David Duke was interested in politics. He was the candidate of Willis Carto’s Populist Party for the American presidency in the 1980s. Carto, a notorious racist and antisemite, was also the founder of the Institute for Historical Review, whose raison d’être was trying to prove the Holocaust a hoax. Duke served briefly in the Louisiana legislature, and unsuccessfully ran for higher office. Duke is the founder of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, a parody of the NAACP, and the European Unity and Rights Organization.

Duke has expressed strong support for the Holocaust denial movement and is a strong defender of German-Canadian Holocaust denier and antisemitic pamphleteer, Ernst Zündel. Duke has spent considerable time in Russia and Ukraine where he has pursued his antisemitic and revisionist agenda. In 2006, Duke attended the Holocaust Denial Conference in Tehran, organized by President Ahmadinejad. Duke said, “I think Ahmadinejad is a very courageous man,” and claimed that he came to the conference to promote free speech for Holocaust Deniers.

## Robert Faurisson

Robert Faurisson was born in France in 1929 and is considered by many to be the “Dean” of the Holocaust Denial movement. He has authored articles and books over the years claiming that the Holocaust was a hoax invented to further Zionist goals and to deprive Palestinians of their rights. Faurisson took part in the recent Holocaust Denial Conference in Tehran, organized by Iranian president Ahmadinejad, and was, in fact, one of the first scheduled speakers. Faurisson’s books and articles are rife with falsehoods and deceit. He dismisses all evidence that does not suit his ideological needs. Faurisson, who was a board member of the now nearly defunct Institute for Historical Review, has also argued that *The Diary of Anne Frank* is fraudulent. A scholar of French literature, Faurisson is a former professor at the University of Lyons. He holds no degrees or credentials in history.

Faurisson has been in trouble with the law on more than one occasion. His participation in the Holocaust Denial Conference in Iran resulted in a 7,500-euro fine and a three-month suspended sentence. Speaking on an Iranian satellite station, Faurisson declared, “all those millions of tourists who visit Auschwitz are seeing a lie.” He was found guilty of “complicity in contesting the existence of a crime against humanity.” It was the fifth time that he was convicted by the courts for similar offenses. Faurisson’s works argue three major points: there was never a German plan to exterminate Jews, there were no gas chambers in German concentration camps, and the six million figure of Jews killed during the period is absurd. Among works penned by Faurisson are:

*The Problem of the Gas Chambers*  
*Is the Diary of Anne Frank Genuine?*  
*Dissecting the Holocaust: The Growing Critique of Truth*  
*The Leuchter Report: The End of a Myth*  
*An Imaginary Holocaust May Lead to a Real Holocaust*  
*Elie Wiesel: A Prominent False Witness.*

## Ditlieb Felderer

Ditlieb Felderer is a Holocaust Denier who served on the editorial advisory board of the *Journal for Historical Review*. A native of Sweden, he left the country after being jailed by Swedish authorities for hatemongering in 1983, and forced to undergo psychiatric treatment for his bizarre view of Jews.

Felderer argues that Auschwitz was not the horrible place historians and eye-witnesses make it out to be. It had a cinema, swimming pool, and a brothel. Nor were there any gas chambers. He is also the author of a flyer, for which he had been convicted in Sweden entitled, “Please accept this hair of a gassed victim.” It in part read, “next time you cut your hair, do not discard it! No, mail it instead to Mr. Smolen at the Auschwitz Museum, to be exhibited there than the phony samples of commercial wigs and hair hitherto exhibited. Also, collect together the hair of all your friends, dogs and other

animals.” Another target of the Swedish Holocaust denier was *The Diary of Anne Frank*. In 1979, the Institute for Historical Review published his *Anne Frank’s Diary—A Hoax*, an exercise in attempting to prove that evidence at the postwar trial was ridiculous.

Felderer was also the publisher of an odious magazine, *Jewish Information Bulletin*, which had nothing to do with Jewish life, but was instead filled with pornographic caricatures of Jews.

### **Wolfgang Fröhlich**

Walter Fröhlich is an Austrian Holocaust Denier and a one-time member of Austria’s ultra-right Freedom Party. Froehlich is the author of a 368-page manuscript, entitled *The Gas Chamber Fraud*, which states that the Holocaust is an invention of the Jews meant to further their goals to establish “a new world order.” Fröhlich was arrested on June 21, 2003, after having been in hiding since 2001. He was charged and convicted of incitement to racial hatred. Fröhlich attended the recent Holocaust Denial Conference sponsored in Tehran.

### **Paul Fromm**

Paul Fromm is a member of Canada’s far right. In the late 1960s while at college, Fromm helped form the Edmund Burke Society that eventually became the white supremacist Western Guard Party. He later became an associate of another Neo-Nazi group, the Heritage Front. In 1980, he established the Canadian Association Human Rights Commission, which was involved in defending antisemites, race baiters, and Holocaust Deniers. Fromm has organized rallies to support recently jailed race baiter and Holocaust denier, Ernst Zündel and has shared the podium with David Irving. A teacher by profession, Fromm was fired by his local board of education after repeated warnings to cease his racist rhetoric went unheeded.

Fromm’s own newsletter, *Free Speech Monitor*, which he has sent to Canadian libraries, has made references to Jewish conspiracies involving world control. In a December, 2005, interview with the Iranian News Agency Mehr, Fromm declared, “The Holocaust is a selfish story serving the political and economic interests of the Zionists. The Holocaust religion serves the purpose of controlling people. . . .It allows Jews to have disproportionate control of the media and the economy in western countries, while all the while portraying themselves as a persecuted minority. . . . It has also made many people in Europe and N. America overlook Israeli atrocities. It’s a religion created by the Jews for non-Jews.”

### **Roger Garaudy**

In his late eighties, Roger Garaudy is one of the oldest members of the Holocaust Denial movement. Born Catholic in France, Roger Garaudy converted to Islam in 1982 and is

married to a Palestinian woman. In 1997, he wrote a series of articles for an Arabic weekly in the U.K. In 1998, a French court found him guilty of Holocaust Denial and racial defamation. The charges and conviction came after he published *Founding Myths of Modern Israel*, in which he claimed that the Nazi gas chambers were a myth and that the Holocaust was being used to justify Israel's existence and policies. The book was published in several languages, including Farsi and Arabic. The Iranian government, in fact, paid off his fine. Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khomeini, President Khatami and Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri met with Garaudy. Former President Rafsanjani called him "a Muslim hero."

During his trial, scores of Palestinian journalists and religious leaders demonstrated near a French cultural center. An Internet site in Qatar portrays Garaudy as an "international Muslim thinker who stands alone in the face of Zionist arrogance." Support for Garaudy in the Muslim world comes from the Beirut Bar Association, the Qatar Women's Youth Organization, and a host of other groups. More important is that Garaudy's acceptance in the Arab world has encouraged other Holocaust Deniers to make inroads into that part of the world. Garaudy now lives in Spain and goes under the name Ragaa. He is the author of at least 20 books including *God is Dead*, *Towards a War of Religion*, and *Western Terrorism*.

### **Hutton Gibson**

Hutton Gibson is perhaps most famous for being the father of motion picture star and director, Mel Gibson. Though born in the U.S., the elder Gibson moved his family to Sydney, Australia. Gibson used his home as a secret chapel to offer the Tridentine Mass and store altar relics discarded by local Catholic churches. He is a vocal opponent of the Vatican and has accused it of heresy. A conspiratorialist, Hutton Gibson has stated that the second Vatican Council was part of an anti-Catholic plot orchestrated by Jews and Masons. He has also stated that Jews are seeking to take over the world and establish a world government.

Gibson has been outspoken in his denial of the Holocaust, calling it "a fiction." He argues that "the thousands (sic) of Jews who disappeared from Poland during the time" simply left the country. "They were all over the Bronx, and Brooklyn, and Sydney and Los Angeles." Also absurd is his assertion that there were more Jews in Europe after World War II than before. Many of the elder Gibson's views are printed in a quarterly tabloid, *The War is Now*. Mel Gibson, who has himself been accused of antisemitism, has told reporters, "My father never lied to me."

### **Bruno Gollnisch**

Bruno Gollnisch holds degrees in Japanese and Malaysian-Indonesian from France's Institute of Oriental Languages and was graduated as a lawyer in 1978. In January 2007, he was sentenced to a three-month suspended sentence and fined 55,000 euros for denying the historical truth of Crimes against Humanity. Gollnisch is a member of France's extremist right wing party, the National Front. In 1986, he became the party's



vice president. In 2005 he was suspended from his teaching position at the University of Lyon for remarks to the effect that the use of gas chambers by the Nazis was debatable. Gollnisch currently faces charges of casting doubt on Crimes Against Humanity, though he has stated, "I do not deny the existence of deadly gas chamber, but I think we have to let the historians debate it." The European Parliament, of which Gollnisch is a member, is still debating whether to protect the ultra-right MP from prosecution by granting him immunity.

### **Juergen Graf**

Juergen Graf was born in Basel, Switzerland. Graf has been an active Holocaust Denier for the past 15 years and is the author of several books denying the mass murder of European Jews. His *Holocaust on the Test Stand* has appeared in several European languages as well as Arabic. He was fired from his post as a teacher shortly after the appearance of the book. In 1998, Graf was sentenced to more than a year behind bars and fined for denying the gas chambers and the Nazi genocide. Rather than go to jail, Graf fled his homeland and went to Iran. In 1997, Graf was appointed a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the *Journal of Historical Review*, the publication of the Institute for Historical Review in California. Perhaps Graf's best-known work, however, is *The Giant With Feet of Clay*, an attempted refutation of Raul Hilberg's magnum opus, *The Destruction of European Jews*. Loaded with distortions and misstatements of facts, the work is a prime example of the Deniers' chicanery.

### **Richard Harwood aka Richard Verall**

Harwood was a member of the far right, British National Front, and editor of its magazine, *Beachhead*. He is, however, probably best known for his booklet, *Did Six Million Really Die?*, published by Ernst Zündel in 1974. During one of Zündel's trials in Canada, the work was declared to have "misrepresented the work of historians, misquoted witnesses, fabricated evidence and cited non-existent authorities."

*Did Six Million Really Die?* claims that the Holocaust did not take place and that war crimes trials after the war were flawed by prejudice on the part of the judges. In fact, the Holocaust, according to the author, was a hoax concocted by the Allies to cover up their own misdeeds during the period an excuse to establish Israel.

### **Mohammed Hegazi**

Mohammed Hegazi lives in Australia and is an associate of Fredrick Töben's Holocaust-denying Adelaide Institute. Hegazi, in fact, accompanied Töben to Tehran, where both attended in 2006 the Holocaust Denial Conference sponsored by Iranian the government. Hegazi believes that Australia is controlled by foreign Jews and that "Jewish intrigue and control of governments have no barriers." Hegazi refers to the Holocaust as the Holohoax, and argues that the Nazis simply drove truckloads of Jews to the border where they dumped them. "Many years later," he continues, "myth had it that he used to kill them in gas chambers and roast their corpses in pizza ovens."

Hegazi's hatred for Jews and the State of Israel knows no bounds. He claims that the Jewish global conspiracy is not just a theory, but "an unfolding fact before our very eyes." Nor is it surprising that Hegazi is an avid supporter of suicide bombings of Israelis.

### **Michael Hoffman II**

*Michael Hoffman II* is a Holocaust Denier who fancies himself as a historian. Hoffman takes a conspiratorial view of history and current events. He believes that the British Empire may have achieved its power via a pact between 16th century mathematician and oculist John Dee and Satan, and that movies such as *The Matrix* reveal plans of a ruling cabal in orchestrating the country's history and direction. Hoffman, who ascribes to the bizarre theory that today's Jews are descendants of the Khazars, a medieval Russian tribe and not the ancient Israelites, denies the existence of Nazi gas chambers during World War II, claiming that the Holocaust is a hoax, invented to further Zionist goals. Rather than the accepted figure of six million murdered Jews during the Holocaust, Hoffman claims that the true number is in the thousands, and that they were the victims of disease, not any Nazi genocidal plan.

In a recent interview with the Mehr News Agency of Iran, Hoffman said that the Holocaust was "a religious cult masquerading as history and a means for Judaizing the West." He continued that "the governments of Europe follow a Masonic parading wherein Judaism is the supreme ideology." Among Hoffman's works are *Judaism's Strange Gods, Secret Societies and Psychological Warfare*, and *The Israelis Holocaust Against the Palestinians*.

### **David Irving**

Perhaps the best known of Holocaust Deniers, David Irving was born in 1938. Though touted by like-minded individuals as a historian, the British-born author has no degree of any kind and his books have largely been discredited by legitimate academicians as dishonest with little regard for historical truth. In his work, *The Destruction of Dresden* (1963), Irving relied on forged documents to estimate civilians killed by the Allies during the bombing of the city by seven times their number. In 1977, he published *Hitler's War*, in which he portrayed the Führer as a reasonable man who attacked the Soviet Union only because he felt the Russians were planning to attack the Reich. He also argued that Hitler had no knowledge of the Holocaust. In another book, *Churchill's War*, Irving claimed that Hitler sought peace, and that it was the British Prime Minister who was the real villain behind World War II. In 1989, Irving published a biography of Hermann Goering, depicting him as a happy-go-lucky man who opposed the persecution of Jews.

Although Irving's argument was at first limited to denying that Hitler knew anything about the mass murder of Jews, that position hardened. In the 1980s, Irving associated himself with the California-based Institute for Historical Review. Largely discredited

outside Holocaust Denial circles, Irving embraced revisionist beliefs to the point of denying the gassings of Auschwitz and the Nazi genocide against the Jews.

In 1996, Irving filed a libel suit against U.S. scholar, Prof. Deborah Lipstadt, and her publisher for unkind comments about him in her book, *Denying the Holocaust*. Lipstadt depicted Irving as a bigot who manipulated and distorted documents to deliberately arrive at false conclusions. Testifying on Lipstadt's behalf, historian Richard Evans, Professor of History at Cambridge, told the court, "not one of Irving's books, speeches, or articles can be taken on trust as an accurate representation of its historical subject. All of them are completely worthless as history, because Irving cannot be trusted to give a reliable account of what he is talking or writing about."

Irving argued that he was the victim of an international Jewish conspiracy to deprive him of his rights. In finding for Lipstadt, Judge Charles Gray ruled that Lipstadt's description of Irving was "substantially true," adding that the Hitler apologist "has persistently and deliberately manipulated historical evidence, and that he was "antisemitic and racist." Irving was also ordered to cover the costs of the trial and attorneys to the tune of 3,000,000 British pounds, which remains largely unpaid.

Irving is certainly no newcomer to legal difficulties. In 1992, he was convicted and fined \$6000 in Germany for calling the gassing of Jews of Auschwitz a hoax. Eight years earlier, he was arrested and unceremoniously removed from Austria after making similar comments there. In 1989, Irving visited Austria once more, delivered two speeches denying the Holocaust, claiming, that Hitler had actually helped Europe's Jews. Irving recently tried to sneak back into Austria. He was promptly arrested and put on trial. In February 2006, he was found guilty and sentenced to three years behind bars. Given credit for time already served by a sympathetic judge, the 68 year-old Irving was released early, in December, and ordered out of the country.

### **Richard Krege**

Like Mohammed Hegazi, Richard Krege is an associate of Fredrick Töben and accompanied him from Australia to Tehran for the Iranian government's Holocaust Denial Conference in 2006. In 1999, Krege traveled to the site of the Treblinka death camp in 1999 to carry out an examination of the soil. Krege supposedly found no disturbance in the soil that would indicate the burial of bodies and that there were never any mass graves at the site. Krege went further and disclosed, "personally, I don't think there was an extermination camp there at all." Curiously, however, he did admit that there is a grave visible in wartime aerial photos of Treblinka in an area he chose not to scan. Krege's research was funded by the Adelaide Institute.

### **Fred Leuchter**

Fred Leuchter came to prominence in the Holocaust Denial movement when he appeared as a witness for German-Canadian pamphleteer and professional antisemite, Ernst Zündel during a criminal trial in Canada. Leuchter represented himself as an expert in execution

hardware having a relationship with several US states in which he was involved with making executions more humane. Leuchter authored a report in which he claimed that no gassings could have taken place at Auschwitz. He visited the site of the death camp and concluded that the structures supposedly used as gas chambers could not possibly have been used for mass murder. It was soon revealed, however, that Leuchter had no professional or academic credentials to back his claim as an expert in any of these matters.

Many of the conclusions reached in his infamous report, *An Engineering Report on the Alleged Execution Chambers at Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Majdanek*, were riddled with errors and discrepancies. On the stand, Leuchter admitted that he had no degree in either engineering or chemistry, but argued that his B.A. in history gave him sufficient expertise in the area. As word got out of his imposture, state officials who had previously hired Leuchter on the assumption that he was an engineer or technician dissolved their relationship with him. The State of Massachusetts then filed charges against him for misrepresenting himself to state officials. Leuchter avoided jail in a settlement with prosecutors after signing an admission that he “was not and never had been registered as a professional engineer,” although he represented himself as “an engineer able to consult in areas of engineering concerning execution technology.” As part of the humbling agreement, Leuchter also agreed to cease and desist from the distribution of any further engineering reports during his probationary period. An analysis of the *Leuchter Report* by Professor Georges Wellers of Paris concluded that the would-be experts conclusions were “false and absurd from start to end.”

Despite his embarrassment in both academic and legal circles, Leuchter took his show to Germany. Arrested in 1993 on charges of inciting racial hatred, he was released on bail and allowed to return to the U.S. pending trial. Leuchter, however, refused to return to Germany and a warrant for his arrest awaits him should he return.

### **Walter Lueftl**

Walter Lueftl is an Austrian engineer who wrote the report, *Holocaust: Belief and Facts*, in which he claimed the mass extermination of Jews by gas to be technically impossible, because it was “incompatible with the observable laws of nature.” Lueftl, who is now in his seventies, was soon forced out of his position as president of the Austrian Engineer’s Chamber and had his home searched for Neo-Nazi material by the police. The report, issued in 1992, was an affirmation of the discredited conclusions of self-styled American Denier Fred Leuchter, and was printed in the Winter 1992-93 edition of the *Journal for Historical Review*. Lueftl was tried in Austria in 1994 for writing an essay with the purpose of promoting Nazism, but he was acquitted because it could not be proven that the report had been written for that purpose. An article on the report printed in the Austrian magazine, *Aula*, however, resulted in a jail term and heavy fine for the magazines director.

### **Mahmoud Abbas aka Abu Mazen**

Mahmoud Abbas is the President of the Palestinian Authority; he succeeded Yasser Arafat. His 1982 doctoral dissertation was *The Secret Connection Between the Nazis and the Leaders of the Zionist Movement*, for which he received his doctorate of the Peoples Friendship University in Moscow. The thesis was published two years later as a book, *The Other Side: the Secret Relationship Between Nazism and Zionism*. In the work, Abbas stated, “it seems that the interest of the Zionist movement is to inflate this figure (of Holocaust deaths) so that their gains will be greater. . . . Many scholars have debated the figure of six million and reached the stunning conclusions—fixing the number of Jewish victims at only a few hundred thousand.” He tried to change his tune, however, years later in a 2003 interview with the Israeli paper *Haaretz*: “I wrote in detail about the Holocaust and said I did not want to discuss the numbers. I quoted an argument between historians in which various numbers of casualties were mentioned. . . . The Holocaust was a terrible thing and nobody can claim I denied it.”

Earlier, Abbas had written, “A partnership was established between Hitler’s Nazis and the leadership of the Zionist movement. (The Zionists) gave permission to every racist in the world, led by Hitler and Nazis, to treat Jews as they wish, as long as it guarantees immigration to Palestine.

### **Carlo Mattogno**

Carlo Mattogno is an Italian Holocaust denier who was appointed to the Editorial Advisory Committee of the *Journal for Historical Review* in 1998. He is the author of several books attempting to deny Nazi gas chambers during the Holocaust, among which are *Treblinka: Extermination Camp or Transit Camp*, *Belzic in Propaganda*, *Testimonies, Archeological Research and History*, *Auschwitz the End of a Legend*, and *Auschwitz: The First Gassing, Rumor & Reality*.

Over the years, Mattogno has emerged as a major player in the Holocaust Denial movement. His research is viewed as somewhat more sophisticated than most other Holocaust Deniers, but he resorts to the characteristic chicanery including absurd conspiracies about forgery, devious manipulation of the evidence or ignoring evidence altogether.

### **Michael Collins Piper**

For years Michael Collins Piper wrote articles for *The Spotlight*, the weekly published by the defunct “Liberty Lobby,” at that time, the nation’s largest antisemitic organization. Along with Liberty Lobby founder, Willis Carto, Piper took a conspiratorial view of history, in which the State of Israel was assigned a pivotal role. In *The Final Judgment*, he points the finger for the assassination of JFK at the Israeli Secret Service in collusion with the C.I.A. Piper also believes that the Mossad and the FBI were behind the killing of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Piper has even suggested that Israel was working on an “ethnic bomb” that would only target Arabs. Among Piper’s works are *The Holocaust is Over—Enough is Enough* and *Zionism Moves Against the United Nations*.

Piper now writes for the *American Free Press*, founded by career antisemite and professional Holocaust denier, Willis Carto, as the successor to *The Spotlight*. It continues much in the same way, taking advertisements from various Neo-Nazi groups and printing spurious stories about Jewish communal organizations and Israel. Piper was on hand at the Holocaust Denial Conference of December 2006 in Tehran. He has also lectured in Japan, and visited Malaysia at the invitation of that country's notoriously antisemitic former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

### **Carlos Porter**

Carlos Porter is a professional translator who has translated the works of other Holocaust Deniers including Walter Lueftl, Germar Rudolf, Carlo Mattogno and Juergen Graf. Porter's chief gripe is that the Holocaust has resulted in "jillions of dollars paid out . . . to Hoaxacost (sic) survivor rip-offs, shake-downs, protection rackets, extortion rackets, blackmail schemes and related swindles to the racket state of Israel."

Porter's work, *Made in Russia*, is an attempt to debunk the Holocaust as a series of one lie after another. His 22-page pamphlet, "Not Guilty of Nuremberg," is a spurious attempt to discredit evidence introduced at the monumental post-war trial as ludicrous and to argue the case on behalf of the Third Reich and the Nazi leadership.

Carlos Porter renounced his American citizenship years ago and lives in Europe, where he has run afoul of authorities, including a conviction for inciting racial hatred handed down in Munich. Reacting to his conviction, Porter wrote, "The Jews think they can twist everything just to suit themselves; well we'll just have to twist them back again. Twisting words always ends with twisting necks."

### **Ahmed Rami**

Born in Morocco one year after the end of World War II, Ahmed Rami obtained political asylum in Sweden in 1973 after claiming to have participated in a failed coup against King Hassan. In the late 1980s, Rami used access to a Swedish radio station to broadcast Radio Islam which devoted much of its air time to antisemitic themes. Rami was subsequently put on trial for spreading antisemitism and sent to jail in 1989. Although Radio Islam was ordered off the air, it started broadcasting again in 1991 under different management. In 1996, Rami again took hold of the program. Rami's previous brush with the law apparently taught him little. In 2000 he was convicted again of the same offense. Most of Rami's works are distributed by Swedish Neo-Nazi groups. Among his published works are *Israel's Power in Sweden*, *Jewish Witch Hunts in Sweden*, and *Tabooed Thoughts*. Rami's association with the Institute for Historical Review includes their support of Juergen Graf's efforts to convene a Holocaust Denial Conference in the Hezbollah-controlled section of Beirut in 2001. The Conference was banned by the Lebanese government, however, after international uproar.

## **Henri Roques**

Henri Roques is a French Holocaust Denier who authored a doctoral dissertation, *Confessions of Kurt Gerstein: A Comparative Study of Different Versions*. Gerstein was an SS officer and eyewitness to Nazi gassings of Jewish concentration camp prisoners. The thesis, which attempted to disprove the gassing of Jews by the Nazis, was rejected by the University of Paris, but curiously accepted by the University of Nantes. In 1986, however, Roques' doctorate, awarded on the basis of the thesis, was recalled after irregularities related to it, including the forged signature of one of the members of the doctoral jury, were discovered. Furthermore, Roques was found not to have had qualifications to apply for a doctorate, nor had he ever been properly enrolled at Nantes. On the basis of these and other irregularities, the French Ministry of Education invalidated his thesis. Roques has ties to the Institute for Historical Review, and was appointed to their editorial board in 1990. The IHR has offered the discredited thesis for sale through its mail order operation.

## **Germar Rudolf**

Born in 1964, Germar Rudolf is no stranger to extremist causes. He is a member of the far-right Republikaner Party. In 1995, he was sentenced by a German court to 14 months in prison on several counts of inciting racial hatred. In March 2007, he was sentenced by a court in Mannheim to two and a half years behind bars for "incitement to racial hatred."

In 1990, Rudolf wrote a paper, "Report on the Formation and Veritability of Cyanide compounds in the Auschwitz Gas Chambers" on behalf of Nazi activist, Otto Ernst Remer. Remer was personally decorated by Adolf Hitler for his role in putting down the von Stauffenberg plot on the Führer's life in 1944. In 1996, Remer was found guilty for incitement to hatred by denying the Holocaust. Rudolf's paper, full of errors and apparently deliberate distortions, was designed to show that mass gassings at Auschwitz could not have taken place.

In 1994, Rudolf, who had been fired from the Max Planck Institute, was himself sentenced to 14 months behind bars for incitement to hatred. He fled Germany for Spain, then spent time in both the UK and the United States. He had been living in Chicago when he was arrested and deported back to Germany, where he is now in prison. Rudolf is considered by Neo-Nazis and Holocaust Deniers a living martyr to their cause.

## **Walter Sanning**

Born in the U.S. in 1936, Walter Sanning is the author of *The Dissolution of Eastern European Jewry*, which spuriously attempts to prove that the number of Jewish deaths during the Holocaust era could not have come remotely close to 6 million. Among Sanning's claims is that most Polish Jews were not murdered, but rather fled to the USSR with the Nazi invasion. He further claims, in contradiction to recognized history, that the Russians then moved these Jews further into the interior to protect them from the

Germans. He argues the same holds true for the Jews of the Baltic States, despite all Nazi records to the contrary. Sanning concludes the imposture with his belief that about 1.5 million Jews perished during World War II, most of them on the battlefield or in Soviet territories never conquered by the Nazis. Sanning's bizarre conclusions were ripped apart by University of British Columbia professor, John Conway, who described themes as "no more than a perverse attempt to concoct or contrive analysis of 'Jewish Populations changes' during the Second World War, which not only mendaciously exonerates the Nazis, but hypocritically seeks to create a distortion of the Jewish experience."

Sanning's work has been distributed by the Institute for Historical Review, on whose editorial board he has served.

### **Bradley R. Smith**

Not to be confused with legitimate historian and scholar, Bradley F. Smith, Bradley R. Smith operates CODOH., The Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust. Smith began his career with Willis Carto's organizations, specifically the Institute for Historical Review. CODOH, a spin-off of the IHR, has attempted and, on more than one occasion, succeeded in placing Holocaust Denial advertisements in college newspapers, under the guise of free expression and open inquiry. The co-director of CODOH was none other than Mark Weber, formerly of the Neo-Nazi National Alliance and more recently the Institute for Historical Review. CODOH's ads claimed that the Nazi gas chambers were mythical, that photographs were doctored, and that real responsibility of deaths at German concentration camps must be borne by those who fought the Nazis and disrupted supplies from being supplied to the camps. Among Smith's other forays into the world of Holocaust Denial are the now defunct tabloid, *Prima Facie*, the book *Confessions of a Holocaust Revisionist*, and *Revisionist Letter*, which he edited and cynically dedicated to long-time nemesis, Aaron Breitbart, senior researcher of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Smith was one of the attendees of the recent sham conference on the Holocaust sponsored in Tehran by the Iranian government.

### **Georges Thiel**

Georges Thiel is a French Holocaust Denier and Hitler apologist. Thiel was sentenced to six months in jail for disseminating a pamphlet denying the Holocaust. The sentence was upheld by an appeals court in Limoges in 2006. Soon after, he was again tried for trivializing the Holocaust, this time in front of the TV camera and ordered back to prison for six more months. In addition to serving jail time, Thiel has incurred fines amounting to approximately \$160,000.

Thiel was on hand for the 2006 Holocaust Denial Conference in Tehran where he called the Holocaust an "enormous lie." He has also gone on record accusing the Jews of bringing on their own sufferings during the period by having attempted to gain control of the German economy after World War I.



### **Serge Thion**

Serge Thion is a French sociologist who has gained infamy as a Holocaust Denier. Thion was fired from his position with the French National Center for Scientific Research in 2000 for remarks denying the Holocaust. Most of his research until then was dedicated to the study of Cambodia and Viet Nam. Among works he has produced are *The Cambodian Genocide Controversy File* and *Historical Truth or Political Truth? The Faurisson Affair File: The Question of the Gas Chambers*, in collaboration with Robert Faurisson.

Thion was recently on hand as a participant in the Holocaust Denial Conference in Tehran.

### **Fredrick Töben**

Fredrick Töben is known as one of Australia's most fervent antisemites. He is the director of the Adelaide Institute, which he founded in 1994. The institute specializes in Holocaust Denial and is widely acknowledged by Australian and international human rights groups as antisemitic. When the movie, *Schindler's List*, opened in Australia, members of the Adelaide Institute disseminated Holocaust Denial pamphlets at theatres.

Töben was arrested in Germany in 1999. He was convicted of Holocaust Denial and sentenced to 10 months behind bars. Additionally, Töben was ordered by Australian authorities to remove hateful material from the Institute's web site and to cease printing anything over the site expressing doubt about the Holocaust or gas chambers. In 2002, the Federal Court of Canada ruled that Toeben "vilified Jewish people." In a 2005 interview on Iranian state television, Töben said that "Israel is founded on the Holocaust lie." He was one of the attendees at the 2006 Holocaust Denial Conference sponsored by the Iranian government in Tehran.

### **Siegfried Verbeke**

Siegfried Verbeke is a Belgian xenophobe and Holocaust Denier. He was the founder of the Flemish magazine, *Haro*, which took a pro-Nazi view of the war, and made tapes of Adolf Hitler and Josef Goebbels available to the public. Verbeke was also a player in the Flemish Militants Order, whose xenophobia was often expressed in the beatings of foreigners. Verbeke was tried for Holocaust Denial in 1993 and received a suspended sentence. Five years later, he ran afoul of German authorities. In 2004, he was convicted in Belgium of Holocaust Denial and was ordered to prison and fined. A year later, he was taken into custody in the Netherlands on an international arrest warrant issued by Germany. Verbeke is the co-author of a brochure claiming that *The Diary of Anne Frank* is a hoax. He also runs a website that disseminates his views on the Holocaust and world politics. All written materials authored or co-authored by Verbeke are banned from Belgian libraries by law.

### **Udo Walendy**

Born in Berlin in 1927, Udo Walendy is a former Luftwaffe and Wehrmacht aide. Walendy has for years, sought to minimize German responsibility for World War II and trivialize the Holocaust. In 1964, his book, *Truth for Germany*, was ruled a “youth endangering work” by the German government’s internal security agency. Walendy has been in constant trouble with the German authorities, and was sentenced to prison on more than one occasion for publishing pro-Nazi views. Walendy has served on the advisory board of the Institute for Historical Review. During a covert operation into Germany’s Neo-Nazi movement in 1992, individuals posing as right wing extremists, but in actuality working with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, were able to meet Walendy. At that time he expressed interest in offering assistance for the establishment of a new Nazi center in Germany.

### **Mark Weber**

Mark Weber’s career in White Supremacism and the ultra-right can be traced back to the 1970s when he was news editor for the Neo-Nazi magazine “National Vanguard,” an organ of the National Alliance. Organized by William Pierce, the National Alliance was a spinoff of the National Youth Alliance founded by professional antisemite, Willis Carto, who also established the Holocaust-denying Institute for Historical Review in the late 1970s. Weber began his association with the IHR, in the 1980s, becoming a member of the group’s editorial board and hosting its annual revisionist conference. After Carto and the IHR separated, Weber became the director of the organization. When the Simon Wiesenthal Center carried out its covert operation into the Neo-Nazi leadership of Germany in 1992, Mark Weber was exposed as a major contact between various neo-nazis in Germany and the United States. Upon meeting researchers of the Center posing as ultra-rightists, several of the Neo-Nazis contacted, volunteered Weber’s name as their American connection. Upon returning to the U.S., one of the researchers arranged a meeting with Weber to discuss the state of the movement. The meeting took place on February 27, 1993 at a café in Westminister, California and was secretly filmed by a CBS camera crew stationed in a van outside. The undercover researcher showed Weber photos of himself and several German neo-nazis together to help establish his credibility. Weber correctly identified them all. Weber soon felt comfortable enough to discuss the alleged miserliness of Willis Carto, his employer at the time, and asked about the possibility of finding work with “The Right Way,” a non-existent magazine, conjured up by the research department of the Simon Wiesenthal Center as a front for its undercover work.

### **Ernst Zündel**

The German-born Zündel, moved to Canada in 1958, where he became the country’s leading antisemitic pamphleteer. In the 1970s, Zundel began Samisdat Publishers, which originally distributed books on UFO’s and extra-terrestrials. Soon thereafter, however, he began publishing pro-Nazi materials such as “The Hitler We Loved and Why” and Richard Verral’s “Did Six Million Really Die?” Within a decade, Zundel became a

major international distributor of pro-Nazi and other antisemitic materials. German officials, in fact, claimed that Zundel was one of the two major sources of hate literature in their country, in which its distribution is forbidden. In constant trouble with Canadian authorities, Zundel left for the United States in 2000, where he took up residence in Tennessee. Three years later, he was arrested for over-staying his visa and was deported to Canada. Judging him to be a threat to Canada's national security, in part due to his connections with other racists, Zundel was deported to Germany on March 1, 2005. Upon landing in Frankfurt, he was arrested for 14 counts of inciting racial hatred, much of it via his website. On February 16, 2007, Zundel was found guilty of all charges and handed a five-year prison term, the maximum under German law.

## **APPENDIX C: EXAMPLES OF DENIAL**

### **--From Europe and America:**

#### ***1. Resolution: Adopted by the Institute for Historical Review:***

We, the speakers, delegates and officers of the Institute for Historical Review 1979 Revisionist Convention meeting at Los Angeles this September 2, after reviewing the evidence that the Germans killed 6 million Jews during World War II in an unprecedented act of genocide and considering both sides of the question, as well as the evidence of genuine atrocities, resolve the following:

WHEREAS, the fact surrounding the allegations that gas chambers existed in occupied Europe during World War II are demonstrably false, and

WHEREAS, the whole theory of "the holocaust" has been created by and promulgated by political Zionism for the attainment of political and economic ends, specifically the continued and perpetual financial support of the military aggression of Israel by the people of Germany and the US, and

WHEREAS, the constantly escalating level of "holocaust" propaganda distributed by the mass media and government agencies is poisoning the minds of the American people, especially youth, and

WHEREAS, we are conscientiously concerned that this strident hate propaganda is seriously impeding the necessary peace, unity, brotherhood and understanding that we desire among all the peoples of the Western World; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge that the Congress of the US investigate the whole question of war guilt, military aggression in the 20th century, the relationship of private political and banking interests with military aggression, deceitful wartime propaganda masquerading as fact, the real responsibility for war twisted history, the Nuremberg War Crime trials, proven atrocities and genocide such as the murder of thousands of Ukrainians and Poles at Vinnitsa in 1937 and Katyn in 1940 and the truth of the alleged extermination of 6 million Jews in Europe during World War II.

#### **2. David Irving, "Battleship Auschwitz," Remarks presented to the Tenth International Revisionist Conference (1990), excerpted.**

This is how it was when I was in Toronto a couple of years ago. I was called as an expert witness as a historian to give evidence at the Ernst Zündel case, where Zündel's researchers showed me the Leuchter Report, the laboratory tests on the crematoria and the gas chambers. As a person who, at University in London, studied chemistry and physics and the exact sciences, I knew that this was an exact result. There was no way around it. And suddenly all that I'd read in the archives clicked into place. You have to accept that, if there is no evidence anywhere in the archives that there were any gassings going on; that if there's not one single German document that refers to the gassings of human beings—not one wartime German document; and if there is no reference anywhere in the German archives to anybody giving orders for the gassings of people, and if, on the other hand, the forensic tests of the laboratories, of the crematoria, and the gas chambers and Auschwitz and so on, show that there is no trace, no significant residue whatsoever of a cyanide compound, than this can all only mean one thing.

So how do we explain the fact that for forty-five years since the end of World War Two, we have all, internationally, globally, been beset by a common guilt: the idea that the human race was responsible for liquidating six million human beings in gas chambers? Well, the answer is: we have been subjected to the biggest propaganda offensive that the human race has ever known. It's been conducted with such finesse, with such refinement, with such financial clout, that we have not been able to recognize it as a propaganda offensive—from start to finish. And yet there are these weapons cruising past us on the horizon—in all their ugliness—and the biggest weapon, of course, of all in this propaganda campaign against the truth. Since 1945 there has been the great battleship Auschwitz! And we have now, at last, the historical profession—above all, the Revisionist historical profession—have found as our own task, the major task: “Sink the Auschwitz!”

I warned you I was going to show no respect for taste in the first part of this talk. Sink the Auschwitz! But we haven't had to sink the Auschwitz, because the crew of the Auschwitz, Beate Klarsfeld, the Wiesenthals, Eli (sic) Wiesel and the rest of them, have been struggling on the bridge and battling with each other—boxing and engaging in fisticuffs—and the Auschwitz has been steering amongst the icebergs, and finally it has begun to scuttle itself. They've begun to haul down the flag of the battleship Auschwitz. They've taken down the placard, they've taken down the memorial to the four million, and they've replaced it with a rather smaller memorial to one million.

Of course that's not the end of the story, I'm convinced that it's just the “interim memorial.” I think it's on cardboard, if you have a close look, because why waste money on an expensive memorial when you're only going to have to change it again in a few months time! They're going to have to change it because it's quite obvious. I'm not going to say only a million—I'm not going to say only any figure died in Auschwitz. We don't know the exact figures of how many people died in Auschwitz.

The Russians have helped us: the Russians released in September last year, September 21, the Auschwitz death books. That was an ugly blow for the battleship Auschwitz and

its crew. Because the Russians, by releasing the forty-six death books of Auschwitz, which cover the years 1942 completely, 1943 almost completely, and 1944 incompletely—the Russians have revealed that the set of Auschwitz death books, which they have released, now show a total of 74,000 deaths. 74,000 deaths by all causes. . . .

This is cutting things down to size. When the Germans use that dreaded word, *relativieren*, meaning you are trying to compare things, you are trying to belittle things, the answer is: “Yes, I’m trying to cut legends down to size because that is the job of the historian.” Winston Churchill himself said the job of the historian is to find out what happened and why. The German historians haven’t even begun to take the first step on the bottom rung of the ladder. They haven’t really found out what happened. There they were, all believing the four million figure, until somebody down in Israel said: ‘Oh no, not four million, there’s only one million’. Oh yes, one million! The Institut fur Zeitgeschichte in Munich: “One million! *Wir sind immer davon ausgegangen!* (We always assumed it was one million.)” That was what they told the press, they always assumed it was one million. They just forgot to tell their own government. And, of course, they didn’t tell the German people. And now, of course, the German people say yes, but what about the six million! Oh, the six million . . . and that figure stays.

Now if you go to a grocer’s shop and you buy six kilos of potatoes, and all you get is two kilos left in the bag and the grocer still charges you for the six . . . Which is what happened to the Germans: they’ve had to pay 150 billion deutschmarks, in compensation. So the grocer says: ‘You’re still going to have to pay for the six kilos’, then you’re entitled to call that a bit of a rap! You buy six liters of milk and you find that the jug’s only got 2 liters in it and the milkman says: ‘I’m sorry, madam, you’re still going to have to pay for the six, and that’s the way it is.’ That, too, is a swindle.

That’s what’s happening in Germany now. They’re still sticking to the six million figure. And they’re still being told that they are gassed. Although all the evidence runs the other way. To me, Auschwitz is unimportant—I’m happy that the ship is scuttling itself. It’s vanishing. It’s going to be left like the battleship Arizona at Pearl—if you ever go to Hawaii and have a look at it—with just its mast sticking out of the water to mark where once a great legend stood. And when people go there a hundred years from now and say: “Down there is the most incredible legend that people believed for fifty years: its the great battleship Auschwitz, it was scuttled by its crew! Why don’t we have to believe it? Well, you know about the Leuchter Report. . . .

The great big battleship Auschwitz, this lie that’s been cruising around for the last 45 years, has told us that that’s what Auschwitz was about! That Auschwitz was there purely as a kind of Endstation, or terminus. That the trains arrived in Auschwitz, and disgorged their masses of helpless, pitiful humanity, all of whom were Jews, of course, in the present perception. And they were then kind of channeled through the extermination procedure, where they were gassed. Not a single word of this is in the messages that the British government was decoding throughout the years 1942 and 1943. And have you seen any reference to this British government finding anywhere in the newspapers? No.

. . .

But what about the eye-witnesses? The eye-witness who saw it all happening? Well, we account for them—we've got equal amounts of eye-witnesses who saw gas chambers in Dachau, happening. Well, we know there weren't any gas chambers operating there. . . .

As I say the battleship is scuttling itself. We can leave it—it will quietly founder all by itself, like the Bismarck went down. We can continue firing our torpedoes at it. Hardly any need! Or to make another analogy, they realized they are way out of line with the Auschwitz story and they are frantically engaged in damage control at present. They're pulling their entire army of liars back from the main battlefield into the second line. Because all the artillery is coming down on the frontline now and it's making it too dangerous for them. . . .

**--The Arab and Muslim World:**

**1. THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**Special Dispatch Series - No. 1443**

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*Editor of Iranian Kayhan Daily Reacts to U.N. Resolution Against Holocaust Denial:  
“The Resolution Prepares the U.N.’s Corpse for Burial in the Graveyard of History”*

In reaction to the January 26, 2007 U.N. resolution condemning Holocaust denial, the editor of the Iranian daily *Kayhan*, Hossein Shariatmadari, who is close to Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, attacked the U.N. and accused it of acting against its own charter, and against human rights.

The following are excerpts from the article: [1]

“If the U.N. General Assembly’s resolution of Friday was not the last nail in the coffin of this organization, then it [at least] drove one in, and it is preparing the U.N.’s corpse for burial in the graveyard of history . . . The draft of this resolution, which is clearly opposed to the most basic recognized principles of human rights, was brought before the U.N. General Assembly by the U.S. on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, and that same day it received the agreement of the majority of the countries, including Russia and China.

“The Holocaust, or the slaughter of Jews during of WWII by German Nazis, is a myth and a contrived story. Up until now, many well-known European and American historians have denied that it occurred, by presenting irrefutable historical documents and records. Despite the fact that Holocaust denial is considered a crime in some European countries, including France, and despite the fact that a number of famous researchers and historians, like Robert Faurisson and Roger Garaudy, have been tried and convicted on this charge in the French courts, their condemnation has not become an obstacle to the denial of this great historical lie by other famous researchers and historians, who see

silence in the face of the myth of the Holocaust as a great crime. And despite the consequences of publishing their research, they do not refrain from expressing their scientific opinion on this topic.

“The myth of the Holocaust is an excuse [used by] West to establish the illegal Zionist regime, and denial of it is an irrefutable attestation—in addition to many other attestations—that clearly testify to the illegality of the existence of the Zionist regime.

“If America and its allies claim so fervently that the Holocaust should be considered a historical reality, they should provide proof and documents that prove their opinion, which [has become] the cause of the occupation of Palestine and the countless crimes of the Zionists. . . .However, despite this rational and scientific [demand], not only have they not provided and are not providing documents and records to prove the Holocaust—as they have none—but they also threaten those who deny this myth with condemnation. The UNGA resolution on Friday was the most ridiculous example of this . . . .

“There is no doubt that this resolution is an additional attempt to protect the regime that is occupying Jerusalem. In this situation, there is also no doubt as to the role that was placed on Israel, [namely to act] brutally against the Palestinian people and the rest of the Muslim nations. Not only can the U.N’ .s Friday resolution not protect the role of ‘the walking baton’ for the collapsing Zionist entity, but it is a sturdy nail in the coffin of the U.N. The organization has long been on its deathbed, and it is not impossible that [even] before the collapse of the Zionist regime it will become a corpse, fit only for burial in the graveyard. . . .”

[1] Kayhan (Iran), January 28, 2007.

## **2. THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

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*Iran Holocaust Denial Conference Announces Plan to Establish World Foundation for Holocaust Studies—To Be Eventually Based in Berlin and Headed by Iranian Presidential Advisor Mohammad Ali Ramin Who Has Said: “The Resolution of the Holocaust Issue Will End in the Destruction of Israel.”*

On December 14, 2006 the Iranian news agency IRNA reported, in English, that participants in the Iranian Holocaust Denial conference, dubbed “Holocaust: A Global Vision,” had announced the establishment of a “world foundation for Holocaust studies” and unanimously appointed Presidential Advisor Mohammad-Ali Ramin as its secretary-general.

According to IRNA, Ramin said that “one of the plans of the foundation is to assign a committee to find out the truth about the holocaust [sic], and noted that its main office

will be in Tehran, and that it “will eventually be transferred to Berlin, once proper grounds are prepared.”

Ali Ramin was the subject of a June 15, 2006 Special Dispatch by MEMRI based on a June 9, 2006 article in the reformist online daily *Rooz*. It reported that during a visit with students at Gilan University in Rasht, Iran, Mohammad-Ali Ramin had discussed historical accusations against the Jews and questioned the Holocaust.

The following are excerpts from the *Rooz* article: [1]

“Throughout History, This Religious Group [i.e. the Jews] has Inflicted the Most Damage on the Human Race”

“On a visit to Gilan University, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s advisor Mohammad Ali Ramin said to a group of students in the town of Rasht: ‘We Iranians are definitely not, and never have been, nationalistic, and we are not against any ethnic [group]. We certainly do not worship race, nor [are we] against any race, and we have never perpetrated genocide. This is why Islam, which appeared and advanced [the notion of] equality among nations and among peoples, greatly appealed to us Iranians. We have accepted the [principle] of equality among nations since the days of the Achaemenids. [2] Antisemitism, therefore, has no place in our Iranian [culture]. I myself honestly fight for just treatment of Judaism. Ten years ago, [when] I first brought up the issue of the Holocaust in this country, my intention was to defend the Jews . . . ‘.

‘But among the Jews there have always been those who killed God’s prophets and who opposed justice and righteousness. Throughout history, this religious group has inflicted the most damage on the human race, while some groups within it engaged in plotting against other nations and ethnic groups to cause cruelty, malice and wickedness.

‘Historically, there are many accusations against the Jews. For example, it was said that they were the source for such deadly diseases as the plague and typhus. This is because the Jews are very filthy people. For a time people also said that they poisoned water wells belonging to Christians and thus killed them.

‘When the Islamic Revolution of Iran succeeded and attracted many people around the world, including Christians, the AIDS epidemic came about, and fear again overtook the world. After the September 11 attacks, the deadly epidemic broke out, which was destroyed when the U.S. invaded Afghanistan. On the eve of the invasion of Iran, the SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) illness broke out, but disappeared after the invasion’.

“Nobody Asks How a Bird Infected with the Flu Could Fly From Australia to Siberia”

“Ramin also claimed that the spread of avian flu was a conspiracy plot cause[d] by the failure of America, Israel and Britain in the Middle East. Ramin pointed out that, to cover



up and hide their failures, these countries have spread the news about the bird flu and thus preoccupied and distracted public opinion for some 5 to 6 months. ‘Nobody asks how a bird infected with the flu could fly from Australia to Siberia’, he said, adding that even the Iranian minister of health had claimed to have stopped the disease at Iran’s borders. He claimed the holocaust story and bird flu rumors are interrelated. He stated that the killing of millions of chickens was intended to control the price and amount [of] chicken in the market.”

“In Order to Deny the Germans the Ability to Increase Their Power, the British and Americans Present Them as a Human-Burning Nation”

“While acknowledging not knowing the source of these events around the world, Ramin said, ‘I only know that Jews have been accused of such conspiracies and sabotage throughout history and have not performed well’. Repeating the president’s claims about the Holocaust, he presented four theories that can be brought in support of these claims:

“The first theory is that, in order to deny the Germans the ability to increase their power, ‘the British and Americans present them as a human-burning nation’.

“The second theory is that the Americans and the British have cooked up this story along with the Zionists, so as to create the state of Israel in the middle of the Islamic world and thus control the Islamic world using the pretext of the Holocaust, while also getting rid of the Jews from Europe . . . .

“The third hypothesis relates to the traditional animosity between Christians and Jews. ‘The U.S. and Britain, with the cooperation of France, Russia and Germany, and because of their Christian leanings and animosity towards the Jews, initiated the idea of the Holocaust after the Second World War in order to scare off the Jews and send them to what is now Israel in order to get rid of them in Europe and America’, he said. He further said that the movement that created Israel is in fact against the Jews.

“The fourth theory relates to covering up the crimes of the U.S. and Britain. Ramin claimed that Britain killed some 100 million Red Indians in the last 300 years, and the U.S. leveled Hiroshima—which, he said, were the real Holocausts . . . .

“Ramin added that the aim of the Holocaust conspiracy was to facilitate the establishment of the state of Israel, which would, in turn, provoke the Muslims to rise up, confront the Jews, and massacre them. ‘This [conspiracy]’, he said, ‘conducted by Europe and America, would lead to the total annihilation of global Jewry’. Ramin added that ‘as a religious Muslim, who believes in the equality of all nations, he must alert [people] to the fact that the state of Israel was established as the result of a conspiracy against the Jews’ . . . .”

“The Resolution of the Holocaust Issue Will End in the Destruction of Israel”

“Ramin claimed that the Holocaust was the main reason why Palestine was occupied, while Israel was the main cause of crises and catastrophe in the Middle East. ‘So long as Israel exists in the region’, he said, ‘there will never be peace and security in the Middle East. So the resolution of the Holocaust issue will end in the destruction of Israel’.

“Turning to President Ahmadinejad’s comments on the Holocaust, Ramin said that he criticized the president for making those comments. ‘We do not know whether the Holocaust happened or not and so must find out in order to defend the injured party. My suggestion to him’, he said, ‘was to set up an investigative committee on this to collect the supporting documents. . . .

“He added that ‘before [President] Ahmadinejad placed the issue of the Holocaust [on the global agenda], they [i.e. the West] were always the prosecutors, while we [Muslims] were always [in the position of] the accused. But now Ahmadinejad has enabled us to [take the position of] prosecutors, and challenge the West.

“Ramin also stated that ‘many still fail to realize that Iran [now] has an unprecedented and extraordinary opportunity. Raising the issue of the Holocaust will give us a opportunity of global [proportions] to defend the rights of an oppressed nation—[either] the Germans or the Jews—and I hope that lecturers, intellectuals, students and all the Iranian citizens will be aware of this opportunity for change’.”

[1] <http://www.roozonline.com/01newsstory/015882.shtml>, May 30, 2006.

<http://www.roozonline.com/english/015942.shtml>, June 9, 2006. Excerpts from the Rooz article in English have been lightly edited for style.

[2] The Achaemenid dynasty ruled Persia between 538 and 331 BCE.

### **3. SPIEGEL Interview with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**

“We are determined”  
May 30, 2006

Der Spiegel

In an interview with SPIEGEL, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad discusses the Holocaust, the future of the state of Israel, mistakes made by the United States in Iraq and Tehran’s nuclear conflict with the West. . . .

SPIEGEL: It concerned your remarks about the Holocaust. It was inevitable that the Iranian president’s denial of the systematic murder of the Jews by the Germans would trigger outrage.

Ahmadinejad: I don’t exactly understand the connection.

SPIEGEL: First you make your remarks about the Holocaust. Then comes the news that you may travel to Germany—this causes an uproar. So you were surprised after all?

Ahmadinejad: No, not at all, because the network of Zionism is very active around the world, in Europe too. So I wasn't surprised. We were addressing the German people. We have nothing to do with Zionists.

SPIEGEL: Denying the Holocaust is punishable in Germany. Are you indifferent when confronted with so much outrage?

Ahmadinejad: I know that DER SPIEGEL is a respected magazine. But I don't know whether it is possible for you to publish the truth about the Holocaust. Are you permitted to write everything about it?

SPIEGEL: Of course we are entitled to write about the findings of the past 60 years' historical research. In our view there is no doubt that the Germans—unfortunately—bear the guilt for the murder of 6 million Jews.

Ahmadinejad: Well, then we have stirred up a very concrete discussion. We are posing two very clear questions. The first is: Did the Holocaust actually take place? You answer this question in the affirmative. So, the second question is: Whose fault was it? The answer to that has to be found in Europe and not in Palestine. It is perfectly clear: If the Holocaust took place in Europe, one also has to find the answer to it in Europe.

On the other hand, if the Holocaust didn't take place, why then did this regime of occupation . . . .

SPIEGEL: . . . You mean the state of Israel. . . .

Ahmadinejad: . . . come about? Why do the European countries commit themselves to defending this regime? Permit me to make one more point. We are of the opinion that, if an historical occurrence conforms to the truth, this truth will be revealed all the more clearly if there is more research into it and more discussion about it.

SPIEGEL: That has long since happened in Germany.

Ahmadinejad: We don't want to confirm or deny the Holocaust. We oppose every type of crime against any people. But we want to know whether this crime actually took place or not. If it did, then those who bear the responsibility for it have to be punished, and not the Palestinians. Why isn't research into a deed that occurred 60 years ago permitted? After all, other historical occurrences, some of which lie several thousand years in the past, are open to research, and even the governments support this.

SPIEGEL: Mr. President, with all due respect, the Holocaust occurred, there were concentration camps, there are dossiers on the extermination of the Jews, there has been a

great deal of research, and there is neither the slightest doubt about the Holocaust nor about the fact - we greatly regret this - that the Germans are responsible for it. If we may now add one remark: the fate of the Palestinians is an entirely different issue, and this brings us into the present.

Ahmadinejad: No, no, the roots of the Palestinian conflict must be sought in history. The Holocaust and Palestine are directly connected with one another. And if the Holocaust actually occurred, then you should permit impartial groups from the whole world to research this. Why do you restrict the research to a certain group? Of course, I don't mean you, but rather the European governments.

SPIEGEL: Are you still saying that the Holocaust is just "a myth?"

Ahmadinejad: I will only accept something as truth if I am actually convinced of it.

SPIEGEL: Even though no Western scholars harbor any doubt about the Holocaust?

Ahmadinejad: But there are two opinions on this in Europe. One group of scholars or persons, most of them politically motivated, say the Holocaust occurred. Then there is the group of scholars who represent the opposite position and have therefore been imprisoned for the most part. Hence, an impartial group has to come together to investigate and to render an opinion on this very important subject, because the clarification of this issue will contribute to the solution of global problems. Under the pretext of the Holocaust, a very strong polarization has taken place in the world and fronts have been formed. It would therefore be very good if an international and impartial group looked into the matter in order to clarify it once and for all. Normally, governments promote and support the work of researchers on historical events and do not put them in prison.

SPIEGEL: Who is that supposed to be? Which researchers do you mean?

Ahmadinejad: You would know this better than I; you have the list. There are people from England, from Germany, France and from Australia.

SPIEGEL: You presumably mean, for example, the Englishman David Irving, the German-Canadian Ernst Zündel, who is on trial in Mannheim, and the Frenchman Georges Theil, all of whom deny the Holocaust.

Ahmadinejad: The mere fact that my comments have caused such strong protests, although I'm not a European, and also the fact that I have been compared with certain persons in German history indicates how charged with conflict the atmosphere for research is in your country. Here in Iran you needn't worry.

SPIEGEL: Well, we are conducting this historical debate with you for a very timely purpose. Are you questioning Israel's right to exist?

Ahmadinejad: Look here, my views are quite clear. We are saying that if the Holocaust occurred, then Europe must draw the consequences and that it is not Palestine that should pay the price for it. If it did not occur, then the Jews have to go back to where they came from. I believe that the German people today are also prisoners of the Holocaust. Sixty million people died in the Second World War. World War II was a gigantic crime. We condemn it all. We are against bloodshed, regardless of whether a crime was committed against a Muslim or against a Christian or a Jew. But the question is: Why among these 60 million victims are only the Jews the center of attention?

SPIEGEL: That's just not the case. All peoples mourn the victims claimed by the Second World War, Germans and Russians and Poles and others as well. Yet, we as Germans cannot absolve ourselves of a special guilt, namely for the systematic murder of the Jews. But perhaps we should now move on to the next subject.

Ahmadinejad: No, I have a question for you. What kind of a role did today's youth play in World War II?

SPIEGEL: None.

Ahmadinejad: Why should they have feelings of guilt toward Zionists? Why should the costs of the Zionists be paid out of their pockets? If people committed crimes in the past, then they would have to have been tried 60 years ago. End of story! Why must the German people be humiliated today because a group of people committed crimes in the name of the Germans during the course of history?

SPIEGEL: The German people today can't do anything about it. But there is a sort of collective shame for those deeds done in the German name by our fathers or grandfathers.

Ahmadinejad: How can a person who wasn't even alive at the time be held legally responsible?

SPIEGEL: Not legally but morally.

Ahmadinejad: Why is such a burden heaped on the German people? The German people of today bear no guilt. Why are the German people not permitted the right to defend themselves? Why are the crimes of one group emphasized so greatly, instead of highlighting the great German cultural heritage? Why should the Germans not have the right to express their opinion freely?

SPIEGEL: Mr. President, we are well aware that German history is not made up of only the 12 years of the Third Reich. Nevertheless, we have to accept that horrible crimes have been committed in the German name. We also own up to this, and it is a great achievement of the Germans in post-war history that they have grappled critically with their past.

Ahmadinejad: Are you also prepared to tell that to the German people?

SPIEGEL: Oh yes, we do that.

Ahmadinejad: Then would you also permit an impartial group to ask the German people whether it shares your opinion? No people accepts its own humiliation.

SPIEGEL: All questions are allowed in our country. But of course there are right-wing radicals in Germany who are not only anti-Semitic, but xenophobic as well, and we do indeed consider them a threat.

Ahmadinejad: Let me ask you one thing: How much longer can this go on? How much longer do you think the German people have to accept being taken hostage by the Zionists? When will that end - in 20, 50, 1,000 years?

SPIEGEL: We can only speak for ourselves. DER SPIEGEL is nobody's hostage; SPIEGEL does not deal only with Germany's past and the Germans' crimes. We're not Israel's uncritical ally in the Palestinian conflict. But we want to make one thing very clear: We are critical, we are independent, but we won't simply stand by without protest when the existential right of the state of Israel, where many Holocaust survivors live, is being questioned.

Ahmadinejad: Precisely that is our point. Why should you feel obliged to the Zionists? If there really had been a Holocaust, Israel ought to be located in Europe, not in Palestine.

SPIEGEL: Do you want to resettle a whole people 60 years after the end of the war?

Ahmadinejad: Five million Palestinians have not had a home for 60 years. It is amazing really: You have been paying reparations for the Holocaust for 60 years and will have to keep paying up for another 100 years. Why then is the fate of the Palestinians no issue here?

SPIEGEL: The Europeans support the Palestinians in many ways. After all, we also have an historic responsibility to help bring peace to this region finally. But don't you share that responsibility?

Ahmadinejad: Yes, but aggression, occupation and a repetition of the Holocaust won't bring peace. What we want is a sustainable peace. This means that we have to tackle the root of the problem. I am pleased to note that you are honest people and admit that you are obliged to support the Zionists.

SPIEGEL: That's not what we said, Mr. President.

Ahmadinejad: You said Israelis.

SPIEGEL: Mr. President, we're talking about the Holocaust because we want to talk about the possible nuclear armament of Iran -- which is why the West sees you as a threat.

Ahmadinejad: Some groups in the West enjoy calling things or people a threat. Of course you're free to make your own judgment.

SPIEGEL: The key question is: Do you want nuclear weapons for your country?

Ahmadinejad: Allow me to encourage a discussion on the following question: How long do you think the world can be governed by the rhetoric of a handful of Western powers? Whenever they hold something against someone, they start spreading propaganda and lies, defamation and blackmail. How much longer can that go on? . . .

SPIEGEL: Mr. President, we thank you for this interview.

Interview conducted by Stefan Aust, Gerhard Spörl and Dieter Bednarz in Tehran.

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**4. THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
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*Jordanian Professor/Terrorist on Saudi Al-Majd TV Says Kings David & Solomon Were Muslims Who Today Would Have Fought Israel, Supports Leading Holocaust Denier*

On November 13, 2005, Saudi Al-Majd TV aired an interview with Jordanian lecturer on religious law Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nawfal. In the interview, Nawfal discussed Armageddon and quoted Roger Garaudy. Sheikh Dr. Nawfal is a lecturer at the Sharia Faculty of the University of Jordan, and was associated with Sheikh 'Abdallah 'Azzam, the spiritual leader of the movement of Arab and Muslim volunteers for jihad in Afghanistan and the spiritual mentor of Osama bin Laden. . . . Nawfal has acknowledged collaborating with 'Azzam in launching jihad operations against Israel from Jordanian territory.

The following are excerpts from the interview:

Nawfal: "The Jews dug 40 meters into the ground, and found nothing. There is no indication that a temple existed there. Brothers, they are making fun of you. Unfortunately, we are unwittingly legitimizing this nonsense of theirs. This is nonsense. This is heresy and blasphemy against God, history, human beings, and common sense. We, unfortunately, are being swept along with the tide. And then we write books that give them legitimacy. This is strange.

“Sir, if David and Solomon were to return to life, these [Zionist] criminals would fight them and they would fight back. David and Solomon were among our ranks. If Solomon had a temple, we would be worshipping Allah in it. We would not be worshipping idols and polytheism in it, like they do.

[...]

“Armageddon is a word in English, and it has become a film of global proportions. They have inflated it to the point that it has become an actual belief. There are now dozens of millions of pro-Zionist Americans who believe that the temple should be founded on the ruins of Al-Aqsa, in order to hasten the coming of the Messiah—as if Allah accelerates his timetable on the basis of human deeds. Thus, they want to hasten the coming of the Messiah by accelerating the destruction of Al-Aqsa and the building of the temple on its ruins.”

Television host: “How many people in the West are motivated by this belief?”

Nawfal: “Hundreds of millions.”

Television host: “Hundreds of millions.”

Nawfal: “Worse still, [they include] decision-makers. Reagan is one of those who believe in this, and now Bush has passed Reagan by light years in his belief in this. His campaign against us is not a transient, political issue. This issue is stuck in his head. It is their faith. Many pro-Zionist Christians are more extreme than Sharon, much more extreme.

[...]

“They believe that the decisive global war will take place on the Megiddo Plain. The film gave it all different dimensions—different metaphors and symbols. . . . They are too sophisticated to say it straightforwardly. No, they hint at it. But ultimately, they have managed to plant in people’s minds the belief in Armageddon.”

[...]

Nawfal: “Roger Garaudy said: ‘If we take the number of gas chambers and the maximal daily capacity of an oven, and multiply them by the period you Zionists, claim the Holocaust lasted - even if we multiply the number of ovens by the maximal [capacity], the figure is grossly exaggerated. The number of those burned [sic] was 600,000. You added another zero, and turned it into six million.’”

**5. THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
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*U.S.-Educated Palestinian-Jordanian Author Ibrahim ‘Alloush on Al-Jazeera: The Holocaust is a Lie; Al-Qaeda in Iraq is Legitimate; The U.S. Brought 9/11 Upon Itself*

The following are excerpts of an interview with Palestinian-Jordanian author Dr. Ibrahim ‘Alloush, which aired on Al-Jazeera TV on August 23, 2005. The leading Holocaust denial publication Institute for Historical Review, which interviewed ‘Alloush, described him as a columnist for the Jordanian weekly newspaper *Assabeel*, as an active participant in the Association Against Zionism and Racism (AZAR), and as editor of the online publication *Free Arab Voice*. ‘Alloush studied and lived in the U.S. for 13 years, earning degrees from Ohio University and Oklahoma State University.

‘Alloush: “The Holocaust is exploited to justify the Zionist policies and to justify the enemy state’s right to exist. There is evidence, and scientific research, that prove the Holocaust is a lie. I support the legitimate resistance, and primarily martyrdom operations in Iraq, in Palestine, and wherever there is occupation.

[...]

“Those who associate themselves with Nazism these days are the American and other Western governments, not us.”

Host: “How come? These are serious accusations.”

‘Alloush: “Nazism crossed [Germany’s] borders and invaded the territories of others under various pretexts. Nazism oppressed others and exploited the media. Nazism is what the Zionist movement is doing—the same movement to which Steven Emerson belongs—and what the U.S. government is doing. I am not defending Nazism, but Nazism is a thing of the past. The new Nazism of today wears the robes of new liberalism. The new Nazism is imperialistic and Zionist policy, witnessed on a universal and globalized level today.

[...]

“You can only imagine the killings that the Americans carry out daily to ignite ethnic conflicts in Iraq. I do not doubt for a second that Americans and Zionists are stirring up domestic racial and ethnic tensions in Iraq.

[...]

**6. THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
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*Egypt’s Ruling Party Newspaper: The Holocaust is a Zionist Lie Aimed at Extorting the West*

Dr. Rif'at Sayyed Ahmad, director of the "Jaffa Research Center" in Cairo and columnist for Al-Liwaa Al-Islami, which is the Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party's paper, published a two-part article titled 'The Lie About The Burning of the Jews'. In his article, Ahmad stated, using the work of Western Holocaust deniers, that the burning of Jews in gas chambers during World War II was a tale made up by the Zionist movement in order to extort the West and make possible the establishment of the Zionist enterprise. The following are excerpts from the article: [1]

'Did this Holocaust Indeed Take Place, and what is the Truth about the Numbers?'

"The Zionist enterprise on the land of Palestine succeeded by means of lies and myths, from the myth of the 'Chosen People' and the 'Promised Land' to the lie about the burning of the Jews in the Nazi gas chambers during World War II. When these means were scientifically examined, it was proven that they were untrue, that their reasoning was weak, and that they cannot withstand the test of solid fact.

"What interests us here is that this lie [about] the burning of the Jews in the Nazi crematoria has been disseminated throughout the world until our time in order to extort the West and make it easier for the Jews of Europe to hunt [sic] Palestine and establish a state on it, in disregard of the most basic principles of international law and the right of peoples to independent life without occupation. [This lie] was raised [also] so that [the Jews] would receive financial, technological, and economic aid from the West.

"During the past 50 years, Germany alone gave a total of some \$100 billion. Many European countries began to amend their laws so that they would be compatible with the Holocaust myth ... and they toughened the regulations, resolutions, and laws convicting anyone who mocks this lie or tries to [state that] the number of victims was smaller—as happened to Muslim philosopher Roger Garaudy in France.

"This entire situation has turned the Holocaust—that is, Hitler's operation of burning the Jews in gas chambers—into a drawn sword at the necks of historians and serious researchers in the West, and even in the East. At the same time, [the Holocaust] became profitable goods for the Zionist entity...

"At a conference of 50 countries held in Germany in April 2004, the German foreign minister delivered a speech called 'Antisemitism'. He demanded that the conference participants demonstrate solidarity with Israel and fight those who deny or cast doubt on the matter of the burning of the Jews in the Nazi crematoria. Several months ago in the city of Stockholm, Sweden, some 26 European and non-European countries passed a resolution to teach 'the false Nazi holocaust' that Hitler had carried out against the Jews, at all stages of study in the schools of the participating countries. At the same time, there were words of appreciation for the Israeli prime minister, whose entity is today implementing the same purported Hitler Nazism.

"None of the senior officials who participated in the conference bothered to answer a number of questions: Did this holocaust indeed take place, and what is the truth about the

numbers that were disseminated regarding it? [They did not answer the question of] what their opinion was regarding the slaughter in cold blood of children, men, and defenseless elderly in Palestine today, since September 28, 2002 [sic]. Is this not ‘the new Nazism?’ And how does their false European integrity and their false defense of human rights accept this?

“To this day, none of these countries has answered these questions, and never will answer them, because they are hypocrites with regard to [the difference between] perception and analysis, and there is no chance of getting an answer from them. We can only present clear-cut evidence, and try to reread the story of this ‘holocaust’ with complete objectivity.”

“Objective Essays by Zionist Authors Prove the Lie about the Burning of the Jews in Gas Chambers”

“First, the facts about this lie and what surrounds it, as follows:

“[The number] of victims as a result of World War II, due both to the crimes of the Axis countries and the [crimes of] the Allies, are, according to a few versions, about 50 million, whether as a result of the war or of Hitler’s crimes. Of these, 18 million were Germans. Among the victims of this war were Jews, like other members of the human race, as war and cannon shells and planes are incapable of distinguishing between Jew and non-Jew.

“Similarly, Hitler was against all nationalities that were not pure German, whether Jewish or non-Jewish. He was a fanatical German nationalist whose nationalism, which was against everything except Germany, included, of course, both Jews and non-Jews.

“Objective essays by Zionist authors prove the lie about the burning of the Jews in gas chambers. Of these it is possible to mention, for example, Josef Ginzburg (aka J. C. Burg), a German [Jew] who lived under Nazi rule and fled with his family to America and from there went to Israel—about whose establishment he was enthusiastic. But after experiencing what he called its racist Nazi essence, he quickly left Israel and returned to Germany in the 1950s. There [in Germany] he wrote a number of important books about the ‘holocaust’, denying that there had been gas chambers designed for burning the Jews. He said: ‘This is nothing but a great lie, by means of which the extremist Jews wanted to extort Europe—particularly Germany—and to plunder the homelands of others’. And that is exactly what happened in occupied Palestine.

“Josef Ginzburg was murdered by the Jews when he went to visit his wife’s grave in Munich’s Jewish cemetery, in retaliation for his attempt to expose their falsification.”

“The Hoax of the 20th Century”

“The famous French historian and geographer Paul Rassinier [sic, reference to Paul Rassinier] tried to confront this falsification and lie from the outset. In 1948, he published

an extremely important history book about this falsification, called ‘Crossing the Line’. [2] In his book, he used exact numbers and statistics about the number of Jews in Europe—particularly in Germany—prior to and following World War II. He carefully compared these [with the number of victims], and concluded that the number of killed from among them as a result of the war or as a result of Hitler’s persecution of them and others who were not German subjects did not exceed a few hundred thousand. [Rassinier wrote in his book], ‘The number did not reach even one million killed, at most’.

“Paul Rassinier was persecuted and stood trial. He, the publisher, and the author of the book’s preface were all fined a large amount, just like what happened half a century later to the Muslim philosopher Roger Garaudy when he published his book ‘The Founding Myths of Zionism’, [3] in which he refuted this same lie—the lie of the burning of the Jews in the gas chambers. And in a democratic country, France, he [Garaudy] was sentenced to nine months’ imprisonment, fined, persecuted, and slandered. What kind of democracy is this, that does not tolerate the intellectual efforts of others on this world’s historical issues? . . .

“The American author and researcher Arthur Butz produced an important book titled ‘The Hoax of the Twentieth Century’ [4] . . . This book includes precise scientific data on the Auschwitz camp, where it was alleged that 1.2 million Jews were ‘burnt’. Arthur Butz proved that at this camp dead bodies—of Jews and non-Jews—were burnt as a result of the war, and that their bodies were burnt so contagious diseases would not be spread by leaving them in the streets for a long time. [Similarly,] it is almost certain that it was not Hitler who built the crematoria, but the Poles, after the war, and that the odors emitted by the crematoria in which the bodies were burnt were also those of horses who died as a result of the war. . . . He concluded from all this that the ‘crematoria’ . . . were a lie that must now be exposed. Of course, Arthur Butz was attacked by world Zionism, and nearly paid with his life.”

“No Matter what Proof We Present, [the Jews and] the European Politicians will Never Believe Us”

“The evidence and the objective essays published in the world about this ‘lie’, which the Jews have succeeded in exploiting with great wisdom, are continuing. The most recent important attempt, which also faced a Zionist counterattack, was that of British historian David Irving, who in 1990 stated before 800 people in Munich that there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz, and that the gas chamber in the detention camp there was erected by the Poles after the war—similar to the one erected by the Americans at Dachau—and that six million Jews were not burnt there as was alleged.

“In January 2002, he again stated that it was inconceivable that the number of Jews killed as a result of the war reached this number [six million] . . . .

“In the same way, articles by Gilbert Aire [sic] appeared in the British [newspaper The] Independent, in which he considered the talk about the Holocaust as nothing more than a cheap fashion. Similarly, the essays of British authors Sam Shulman, Tim Cole, and Nata

Shalter [sic], of the American author Peter Novick, and of dozens of other [authors] of conscience, who were very humiliated by the trade in the false Holocaust. . . .

“No matter what details and proof emphasizing the lie of the burning of the Jews in Nazi crematoria we present, they [the Jews] and the statesmen of Europe who trade in the Holocaust will never believe us. On the contrary—it is almost certain that they will accuse us of antisemitism. . . .

“Dozens of Western laws in the European countries have been changed to protect this false myth of the burning of the Jews. Dozens of curricula have also been changed. Today, it is possible to curse the monotheistic religions, but the ‘holocaust’ and its lie are above criticism and above opinion, and in Europe it is unapproachable.

“All this proves that we are standing before new Western idol-worship that requires a genuine cultural revolution within it in order to destroy it—a revolution that will use facts and science against tales ungrounded in true reality and credible history.”

[1] Al-Liwaa Al-Islami (Egypt), June 24, 2004; July 1, 2004.

[2] Rassinier, Paul. *Le Passage de la Ligne*. Paris: Editions Bressanes, 1950.

[3] Garaudy, Roger. *Les mythes fondateurs de la politique israelienne*. Samisdat, 1996.

[4] Butz, Arthur R. *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*. Torrence, California, 1976.

## **7. THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

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*Hamas Leader Rantisi: The False Holocaust—The Greatest of Lies Funded by the Zionists*

Dr. ‘Abd Al-’Aziz Al-Rantisi, a top Hamas activist in the Gaza Strip, wrote an article titled “Which is Worse—Zionism or Nazism?” [1] for the Hamas weekly *Al-Risala*. The following are excerpts from the article: “The False Holocaust: The Greatest of Lies.”

“The Zionists, who excel at false propaganda and misleading media, have had phenomenal success in changing the facts. To do this, they relied on the rule of ‘lie and lie until everyone believes you’. They have managed to present themselves to the world as the only victims of the Nazis, excelling at misleading until they turned the greatest of lies into historical truth. I do not mean that they have succeeded in misleading the West and making it believe in the false Holocaust, but that they succeeded in persuading the Western world of the need to market these lies. The West is convinced of this because its interests intersect with those of the Zionist enterprise.

“Many thinkers and historians have exposed the lies of the Zionists, thus becoming a target of Zionist persecution. Some have been assassinated, some arrested, and some are prevented from making a living. For example, Jewish associations and organizations have filed lawsuits against famous French philosopher Roger Garaudy, who in 1995 published his book ‘The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics’ in which he disproves the myth of the ‘gas chambers’, saying, ‘This idea is not technically possible. So far, no one has clarified how these false gas chambers worked, and what proof there is of their existence. Anyone with proof of their existence must show it’. British historian David Irving was also sued, while Austrian author Gerd Honsik was sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment because he wrote a number of articles denying the existence of the gas chambers in the Nazi detention camps.” [2]

“The Nazis Received Over \$100 Million from the Zionists”

“It is no longer a secret that the Zionists were behind the Nazis’ murder of many Jews, and agreed to it, with the aim of intimidating them [the Jews] and forcing them to immigrate to Palestine. Every time they failed to persuade a group of Jews to immigrate [to Palestine], they unhesitatingly sentenced [them] to death. Afterwards, they would organize great propaganda campaigns, to cash in on their blood.

“The Nazis received tremendous financial aid from the Zionist banks and monopolies, and this contributed to their rise to power. In 1929, the Nazis received \$10 million from Mendelssohn and Company, the Zionist bank in Amsterdam. In 1931, they received \$15 million, and after Hitler rose to power in 1933, they received \$126 million.

“There is no doubt that this great financial aid helped the Nazis build the military and economic force it needed to destroy Europe and annihilate millions. [Former World Jewish Congress president] Nahum Goldmann wrote these words in his autobiography.

“The German researcher Prof. Frederick Toben [3] believes there was no animosity between the Nazis and the Jews, whether politically, ideologically, or philosophically. He said, ‘There is no historical scientific evidence proving such [animosity]. On the contrary—there is proof of collaboration between the Jews and the Nazis...’“

“Comparing Zionism and Nazism Insults the Nazis”

“While the world has realized that the Zionists, with the support of the West, carried out the most abhorrent massacres against the helpless Palestinian people in order to expel them from their homeland; while the Palestinian people still lives out the tragedy and catastrophe of the Jews’ occupation of Palestine in 1948, of the expulsion of our helpless people, and of their being prevented from returning to their cities and towns; and while the Zionists still use against our Palestinian people various methods of terror unknown in history, even in its darkest eras—the Zionists present themselves as victims of the Palestinian ‘terror!’

“When we compare the Zionists to the Nazis, we insult the Nazis—despite the abhorrent terror they carried out, which we cannot but condemn. The crimes perpetrated by the Nazis against humanity, with all their atrocities, are no more than a tiny particle compared to the Zionists’ terror against the Palestinian people. While disagreement proliferates about the veracity of the Zionist charges regarding the Nazis’ deeds, no one denies the abhorrent Zionist crimes, some of which camera lenses have managed to document.

“The entire world witnessed the assassination of the Palestinian boy Muhammad Al-Dura . . . [but] the cameras that immortalized this sight failed to immortalize similar sights, of some 1,000 Palestinian children murdered in cold blood by the Jews. The world has seen the Zionists pulverizing the bones of Palestinian boys with a stone as they shrieked in pain, to carry out the orders of Rabin and Sharon . . .and there are thousands whose bones were pulverized, but the cameras ignored them. . . .

“One of the Zionist murderers expressed his feelings by saying, ‘I enjoy hearing the cries of the Palestinian children groaning from under the heaps [of rubble] of the houses destroyed over their heads’.

“The Zionists have specialized in torturing the relatives of Shahids and prisoners. How often have they killed a boy before the eyes of his parents. . . .

“It is impossible to conduct a [full] count of the crimes of Zionism in [a single] article. We have mentioned some of their crimes—which, had they been attributed to Nazism—would have greatly insulted the Nazis.”

[1] Al-Risala, August 21, 2003.

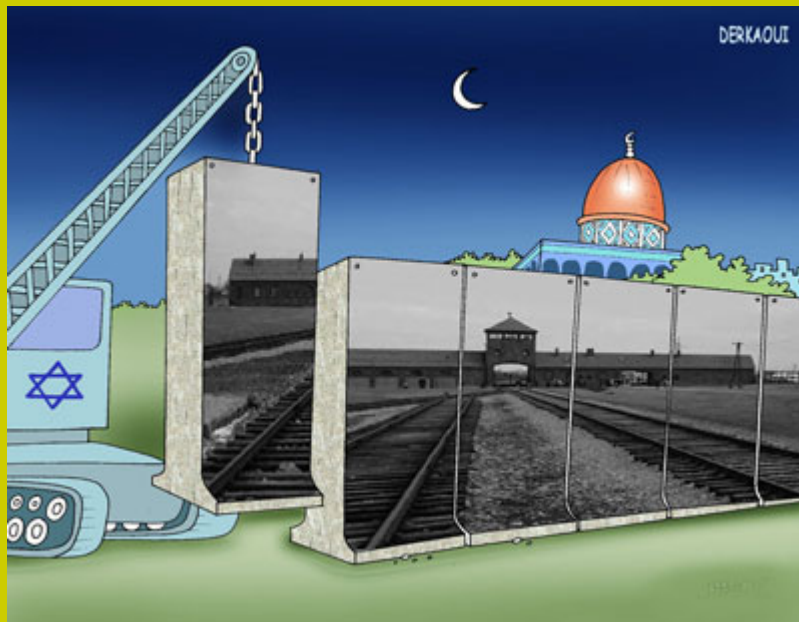
[2] Gerd Honsik has numerous convictions in Austria and Germany for his actions and publications, including his 1988 book ‘Freispruch far Hitler? 36 ungehoerte Zeugen wider die Gaskammer’ [Acquittal for Hitler? 36 Unheard Witnesses Versus the Gas Chamber] and Nationalist Socialist reactivation activity. In 1992 Honsik fled to Spain.

[3] German-born Frederick Toben has lived in Australia for most of his life and is an Australian citizen. In 1999, German courts sentenced him to 10 months in prison for distributing leaflets in Germany stating that the Holocaust never happened, and for maintaining a website claiming the same.

## **10. Winners of the 2006 Iranian Holocaust Cartoon Competition**

With the blessings of the Iranian government, the newspaper, *Hamshahri*, launched an international cartoon competition in 2006 to denounce what it called “Western hypocrisy on freedom of speech.” Ostensibly a response twelve cartoons published by the Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*, that used images of the Prophet Mohammed to criticize Islamic extremism, the Iranian competition utilized all the classic motifs and images of antisemitism to deny the Holocaust and vilify Israel and Jews everywhere.

## The Results of Holocaust Cartoon Contest-2006



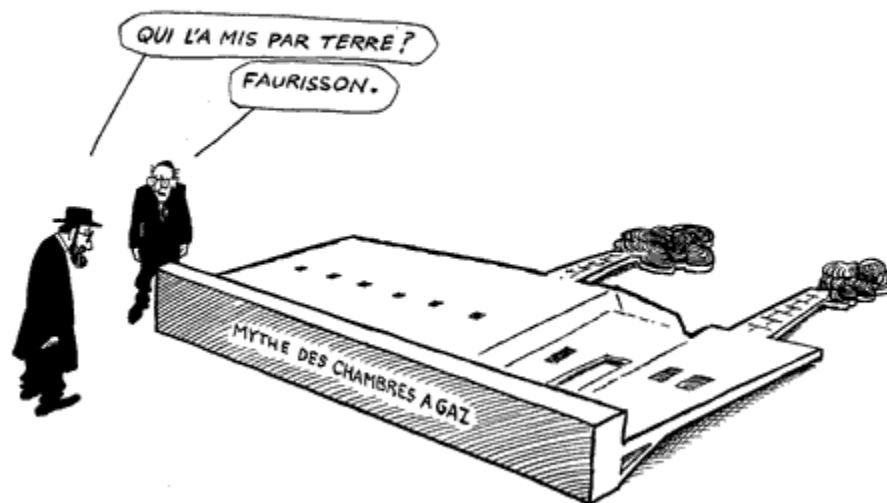
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**First Prize:** 12000 \$ + Trophy + Honorable Mention





Carlos Latuff/Brazil

Second Prize: 4000 \$ + Trophy + Honorable Mention



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**Shahram Rezai/Iran**  
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**Special Awards:**



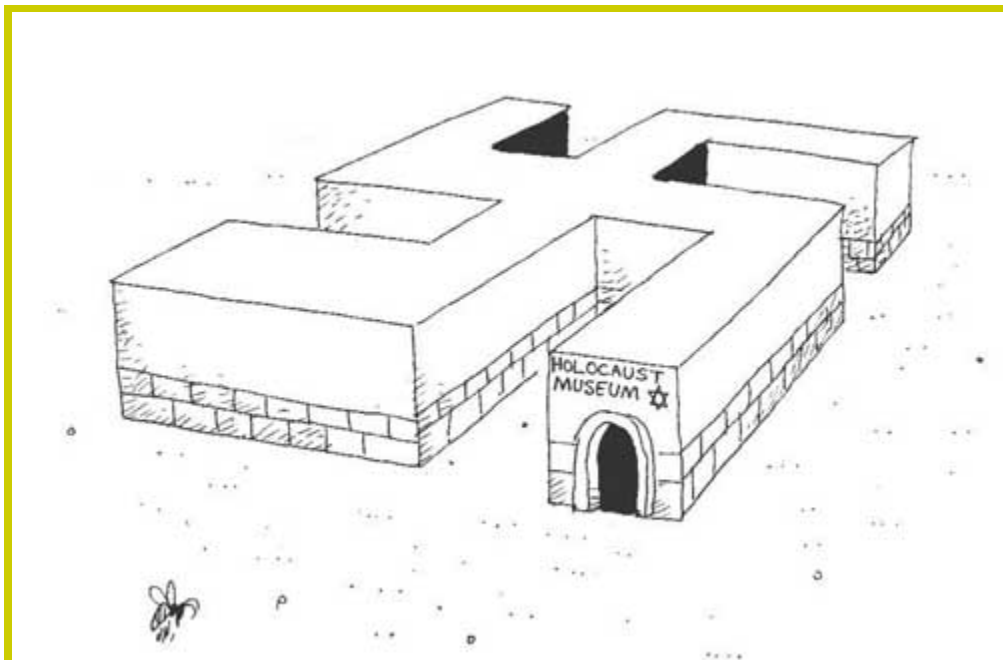
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**Mohammadreza Doustmohammadi/Iran**  
**Special Prize:3 Gold Coins + Trophy +Honorable Mention**



**Eloar Guazzelli/Brazil**  
**Special Prize: 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention**



Mazyar Bizhani/Iran

**Special Prize:** 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention

After burning chicken because of the flu



Omar-Adnan-Salem-Al-Abdallat/Jordan

**Special Prize:** 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention



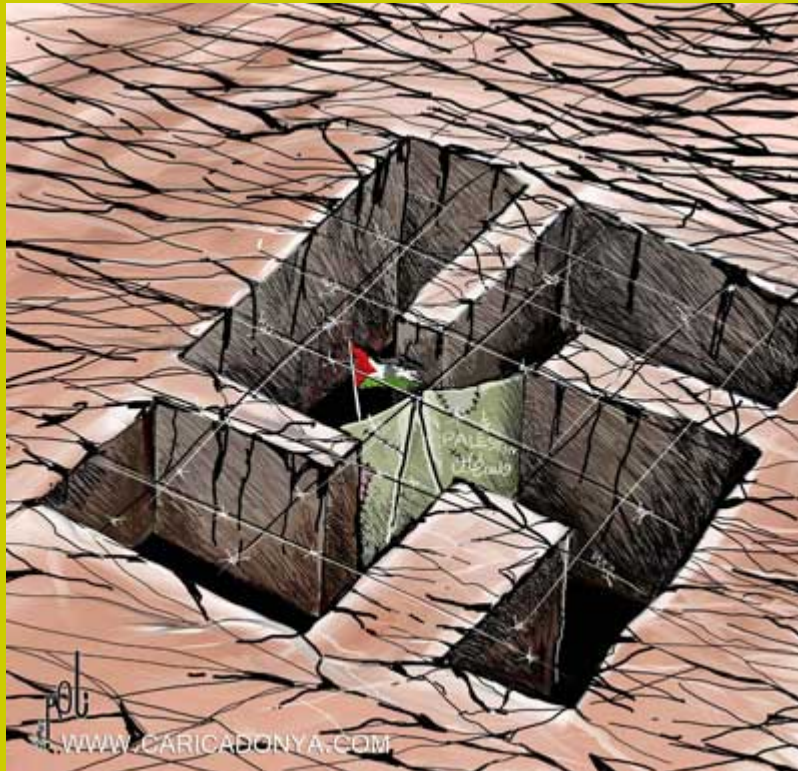
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**Special Prize: 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention**



Mahmoud Nazari/Iran  
**Special Prize:** 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention



Raed Khalil/Syria  
**Special Prize:** 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention



**Naser Al Jafar/Jordan**

**Special Prize: 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention**



**Jaber Asadi/Iran**

**Special Prize: 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention**





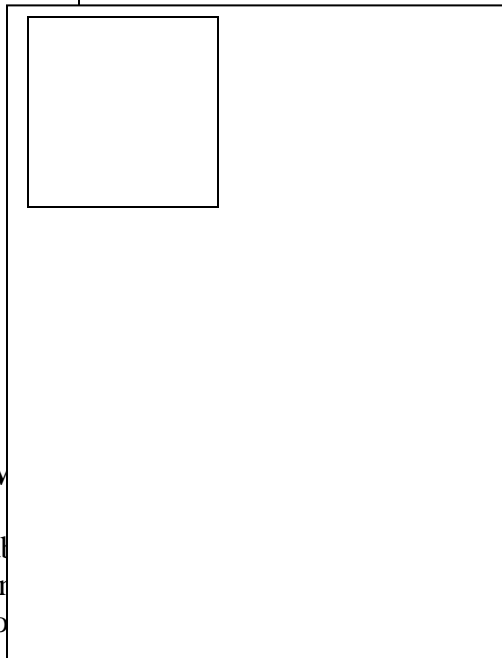
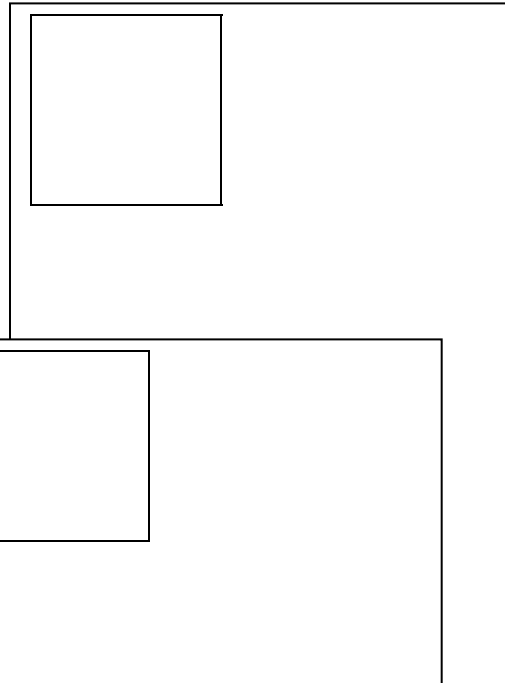
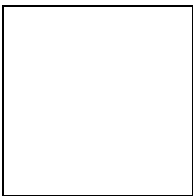
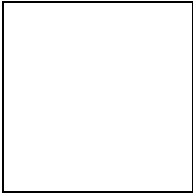
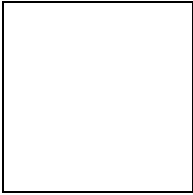
**Casso/Brazil**  
**Special Prize: 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention**



**Vahid Khodayar/Iran**  
**Special Prize: 3 Gold Coins + Trophy + Honorable Mention**



### Other Cartoons:



### APPENDIX D: DOCUMENTS

These documents establishing the truth about the Holocaust are available at Shamash: The Jewish Internet Consortium. The documents in these brackets were written by Daniel Keren for

Report entitled "Resettlement of Jews" written by SS-Sturmbannführer **Gricksch** for SS-Col. von Herff and Reichsführer-SS Himmler, after inspection of Auschwitz camp on 14-16 May 1943.

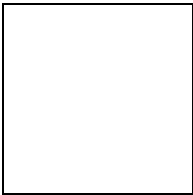
Hitler and the Final Solution - G. Fleming, University of California Press, 1984, p. 142-143:

The Auschwitz camp plays a special role in the resolution of the Jewish question. The most advanced methods permit the execution of the Führer-order in the shortest possible time and without arousing much attention. The so-called "resettlement action" runs the following course: The Jews arrive in special trains (freight cars) toward evening and are driven on special tracks to areas of the camp specifically set aside for this purpose. There the Jews are unloaded and examined for their fitness to work by a team of doctors, in the presence of the camp commandant and several SS officers. At this point anyone who can somehow be incorporated into the work program is put in a special camp. The curably ill are sent straight to a medical camp and are restored to health through a special diet. The

basic principle behind everything is: conserve all manpower for work. The previous type of “resettlement action” has been thoroughly rejected, since it is too costly to destroy precious work energy on a continual basis.

The unfit go to cellars in a large house which are entered from outside. They go down five or six steps into a fairly long, well-constructed and well-ventilated cellar area, which is lined with benches to the left and right. It is brightly lit, and the benches are numbered. The prisoners are told that they are to be cleansed and disinfected for their new assignments. They must therefore completely undress to be bathed. To avoid panic and to prevent disturbances of any kind, they are instructed to arrange their clothing neatly under their respective numbers, so that they will be able to find their things again after their bath. Everything proceeds in a perfectly orderly fashion. Then they pass through a small corridor and enter a large cellar room which resembles a shower bath. In this room are three large pillars, into which certain materials can be lowered from outside the cellar room. When three- to four-hundred people have been herded into this room, the doors are shut, and containers filled with the substances are dropped down into the pillars. As soon as the containers touch the base of the pillars, they release particular substances that put the people to sleep in one minute. A few minutes later, the door opens on the other side, where the elevator is located. The hair of the corpses is cut off, and their teeth are extracted (gold-filled teeth) by specialists (Jews). It has been discovered that Jews were hiding pieces of Jewelry, gold, platinum etc., in hollow teeth. Then the corpses are loaded into elevators and brought up to the first floor, where ten large crematoria are located. (Because fresh corpses burn particularly well, only 50-100 lbs. of coke are needed for the whole process.) The job itself is performed by Jewish prisoners, who never step outside this camp again.

The results of this “resettlement action” to date: 500,000 Jews. Current capacity of the “resettlement action” ovens: 10,000 in 24 hours.



Notes From Diary of SS-Doctor **Kremer**, while in Auschwitz.

‘The Good Old Days’ - E. Klee, W. Dressen, V. Riess, The Free Press, NY, 1988, p. 256-268:

2 September 1942

3.00 a.m. attended my first Sonderaktion. Dante’s Inferno seems to me almost a comedy compared to this. They don’t call Auschwitz the extermination camp for nothing!

[Sonderaktion = special action, meaning extermination; in this case, gassing. See, for instance, two following documents.]

5 September 1942

In the morning attended a Sonderaktion from the women's concentration camp (Muslims); the most dreadful of horrors. Hschf. Thilo—army doctor—was right when he said to me this is the 'anus mundi'. In the evening towards 8.00 attended another Sonderaktion from Holland.

['Muslims' does not mean "practicing Islam;" this is the way the SS referred to emaciated people.]

10 October 1942

Extracted and fixed fresh live material from liver, spleen and pancreas....

11 October 1942

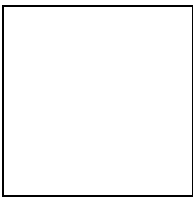
Today, Sunday, there was roast hare for lunch--a real fat leg--with dumplings and red cabbage for 1.25 RM.

12 October 1942

Second inoculation against typhus, later on in the evening severe generalized reaction (fever). Despite this in the night attended a further Sonderaktion from Holland (1,600 persons). Ghastly scenes in front of the last bunker! That was the 10th Sonderaktion.

13 November 1942

Extracted fresh live material (liver, spleen and pancreas) from a previously photographed, severely atrophied Jewish prisoner aged eighteen. Fixed as always, liver and spleen in Carnoy and pancreas in Zenker (Prisoner No. 68,030).

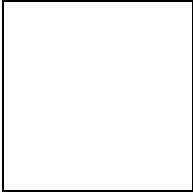


Letter from SS-Obersturmbannführer **Rodl** to the inspector of concentration camps, SS-Obersturmbannführer Liebehenschel, 14 November 1941.

Hitler and the Final Solution - G. Fleming, University of California Press, 1984, p. 99:

The Commandant's office has submitted to date two lists recommending the conferment of the Kriegverdienstkreuz [war service cross]. In both of these appear SS personnel who participated in executions. We herewith request confirmation as to whether these names should be listed once again in the roll currently under preparation. Further requested is information as to whether in the recommendation lists under "reasons and comments of

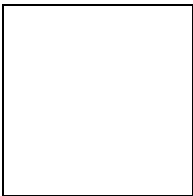
immediate superior” there should be specified “execution, i.e., special action” or whether a general, routine reason should be given.



Letter from **Bischoff**, head of construction management at Auschwitz, to the SS economic and administrative head office in Berlin, regarding construction at Auschwitz, 13 October 1942.

Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 198:

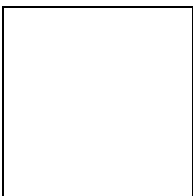
As regards the construction of the new crematorium building, it was necessary to start immediately in July 1942 because of the situation caused by the special actions.



Letter from SS-Sturmbannführer **Bischoff**, of the Auschwitz construction department, to SS General Kammler, January 29, 1943.

The Final Solution: The Attempt to Exterminate the Jews of Europe, 1939-1945 - G. Reitlinger, South Brunswick, T. Yoseloff, 1968, p. 158-159:

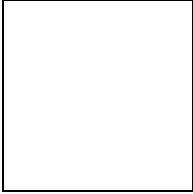
Crematorium No. 2. The completed furnaces have been started up in the presence of Engineer Pruffer from Messers. Topf (of Erfurt). The planks cannot yet be moved from the ceiling of the mortuary cellar on account of frost, but this is not important, as the gassing cellar can be used for that purpose. The ventilation plant has been held up by restrictions on rail transport, but the installation should be ready by February 20th.



Letter from SS-Sturmbannführer **Bischoff**, March 6 1943.

Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 434:

... order of 6/3/1943 concerning the delivery of a gas tight door 100 x 192 cm for cellar I of Krematorium III, to be produced to the identical pattern and dimensions as the cellar door of Krematorium II which is situated opposite, with peephole of double 8 mm glass, with rubber sealing strip and frame.



Letter from SS-Sturmbannführer **Jahrling** to SS-General Kammler estimating the number of corpses that can be disposed off in 24 hours in the Auschwitz crematoriums, June 25 1943.

Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 247:

1.) Crematorium I

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3 x 2 muffles            340 persons

2.) Crematorium II

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5 x 3 muffles            1440 persons

3.) Crematorium III

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5 x 3 muffles            1440 persons

4.) Crematorium IV

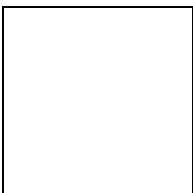
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8 muffles                768 persons

5.) Crematorium V

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8 muffles                768 persons



A letter asking for a truck to bring Zyklon-B to Auschwitz; uses the standard camouflage term “resettlement of Jews” to refer to extermination. Another such document asks for “material for special treatment” - another term used to disguise extermination.

Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 557:

Radio message 13 SS Garrison Radio Station Auschwitz Origin WVHA [SS economic administration head office]

Received 2nd October 1942 in the Kommandantur of Auschwitz Concentration camp

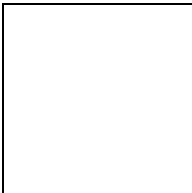
The movement authorization for one 5 Ton truck with trailer to Dessau and back in order to pick up material for the resettlement of the Jews, is hereby accorded.

The authorization is to be given to the driver.

Liebehenschel  
SS Lieutenant Colonel  
Permanent representative of the head  
of the service with the rank of Waffen SS  
Lieutenant General

For file

Head of the radio station



Letter from SS-Sturmbannführer **Jahrling** to Topf & Sons, March 6 1943.

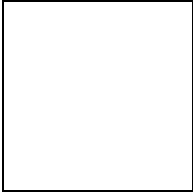
Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 221:

[This document is interesting for two reasons: first, it demonstrates that the underground cellars in the crematoriums could not have possibly been morgues, as morgues are never heated; heating, however, does facilitate the evaporation of Zyklon-B. Also, the document - like many others - makes reference to an “undressing room,” and there is no reason for a morgue to have one near by. Pressac contains numerous other documents attesting to the design and use of the Auschwitz gas chambers. Even the fake shower heads are mentioned.]

Subject: KL Auschwitz Krematorien II and III

In accordance with your suggestion, the service agrees that cellar 1 should be preheated with the air coming from the rooms of the 3 forced draught installations. The supply and installation of the ductwork and blowers necessary to this end are to be effected as soon as possible. As you point out in your above-mentioned letter, execution should commence this week. We would ask you to send in triplicate detailed quote for supply and installation.

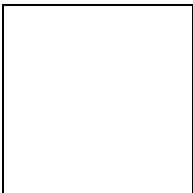
At the same time, we would ask you to send an additional quotation for the modification of the air-extraction installation in the undressing room.



From the statement of **Hans Stark**, registrar of new arrivals, Auschwitz.  
Quoted in ““The Good Old Days”” - E. Klee, W. Dressen, V. Riess, The Free Press, NY, 1988, p. 255:

At another, later gassing--also in autumn 1941--Grabner\* ordered me to pour Zyklon B into the opening because only one medical orderly had shown up. During a gassing Zyklon B had to be poured through both openings of the gas-chamber room at the same time. This gassing was also a transport of 200-250 Jews, once again men, women and children. As the Zyklon B--as already mentioned--was in granular form, it trickled down over the people as it was being poured in. They then started to cry out terribly for they now knew what was happening to them. I did not look through the opening because it had to be closed as soon as the Zyklon B had been poured in. After a few minutes there was silence. After some time had passed, it may have been ten to fifteen minutes, the gas chamber was opened. The dead lay higgledy-piggledy all over the place. It was a dreadful sight.

\* Maximillian Grabner, Head of Political Department, Auschwitz



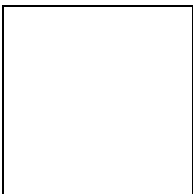
Testimony of SS private **Hoeblinger**.

Extracted from “Der Auschwitz Prozess,” by Hermann Langbein, Vol. I, quoted in “Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 174:



I was detailed to the transport service and I drove the Sanka [abbreviation for Sanitätskraftwagen/medical truck] which was to carry the prisoners....

Then we drove to the gas chambers. The medical orderlies climbed a ladder, they had gas masks up there, and emptied the cans. I was able to observe the prisoners while they were undressing. It always proceeded quietly and without them suspecting anything. It happened very quickly.

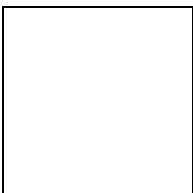


Testimony of SS private **Boeck**.

Extracted from “Der Auschwitz Prozess,” by Hermann Langbein, Vol. I, quoted in “Auschwitz: Technique and operation of the gas chambers - J.C Pressac, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, NY, 1989, p. 181:

Q: were you present at a gassing operation one day?

A: Yes, it was one evening. I accompanied the driver Hoeblinger. A transport had arrived from Holland and the prisoners had to jump from the wagons. They were well-off Jews. There were women with Persian furs. They arrived by express train. The trucks were already there, with wooden steps before them, and the people climbed aboard. Then they all started off. In the place Birkenau once stood, there was only a long farmhouse (Bunker 2) and beside it four or five big huts. Inside, the people were standing on clothes which were building up on the floor. The block leader and the sergeant, carrying a cane, were there. Hoeblinger said to me ‘lets go over there now’. There was a sign ‘to disinfection’. He said ‘you see, they are bringing children now’. They opened the door, threw the children in and closed the door. There was a terrible cry. A member of the SS climbed on the roof. The people went on crying for about ten minutes. Then the prisoners opened the doors. Everything was in disorder and contorted. Heat was given off. The bodies were loaded on a rough wagon and taken to a ditch. The next batch were already undressing in the huts. After that I didn’t look at my wife for four weeks.



Testimony of SS-Unterscharführer **Pery Broad**, describing gassing in Krema I in Auschwitz.

Quoted in “KL Auschwitz as Seen by the SS,” p. 176:

... The “disinfectors” were at work. One of them was SS-Unterscharführer Teuer, decorated with the Cross of War Merit. With a chisel and a hammer they opened a few innocuously looking tins which bore the inscription “Cyclon, to be used against vermin. Attention, poison! to be opened by trained personnel only!”. The tins were filled to the brim with blue granules the size of peas. Immediately after opening the tins, their contents was thrown into the holes which were then quickly covered. Meanwhile Grabner gave a sign to the driver of a lorry, which had stopped close to the crematorium. The driver started the motor and its deafening noise was louder than the death cries of the hundreds of people inside, being gassed to death.

## **APPENDIX E: OPEN LETTER ON IRANIAN HOLOCAUST DENIAL CONFERENCE**

An Open Letter by a Group of Iranian Academics, Writers, and Artists Regarding the 2006 Tehran Conference on Holocaust Denial

Over the past year or so a number of official and unofficial public statements have been made in Iran denying the genocide of Jews during the Second World War. The culmination of this trend was the widely publicized, so called "International Holocaust Conference," held in Tehran in December 2006. Given the serious moral and practical implications of this trend, we, a group of Iranian academics, intellectuals, writers and artists, find it imperative to take a public stance on this issue.

1. Today, several decades after the end of the Second World War, testimonies of the survivors and researches carried out by numerous historians have unequivocally confirmed the Jewish genocide during the World War. Besides the genocide of the Jewish people, historians have also spoken of the mass murders of the gypsies, the Slav people, potential and actual opponents of the Nazi regime, the disabled, prisoners of war, and even in the closing days of the war, the incapacitated German soldiers. These crimes were committed widely and in various ways, including through firing squads, starvation, long hours of forced labour in concentration camps, and massacres in the gas chambers of extermination camps. The extensive material evidence, the confessions made in the Nuremberg trials and other trials that took place after the war and the testimonies of the survivors establish the veracity of the accounts beyond any doubt. Moreover, the voluminous anti-Semitic and racist literature left from the Nazis shed light on the roots of this inhuman hysteria. The accuracy of the accounts has been acknowledged by many academic, political and religious authorities including the Catholic Church. They have all condemned these crimes. On the other hand, there have always been a few individuals who have denied the genocide of the Jewish people or questioned its significance, through casting doubt on the number of people murdered or the manner in which they were put to death. The majority of the speakers in the recent conference held in Tehran were from amongst those few. This conference did not meet the requirements of an academic forum. The speakers in such a forum should be chosen by specialists of the topic on which they are to speak (in this case, historians). In an academic forum both sides of an argument should be invited in order to engage in a discussion. Only in an open discussion involving all sides of a debate one can hope to see the presentation of substantiated claims. In the absence of such academic standards, in the conference held in Tehran, mere unsubstantiated claims were put forward, mainly for propaganda purposes. Moreover, the proponents of these claims were invited to the conference without paying any attention to their background which in some cases was outright racism. The presence and the appalling speech presented by a former Ku Klux Klan leader, a group infamous for its involvement in hate crimes against the African Americans, was a result of this recklessness.

2. In the history of mankind, there have been dark events that have treaded upon human values and broken basic moral principles in such a way that make them distinct from other comparable events. The scars left behind on the face of humanity by these events are irreversible and talking inconsiderately about them can only be described as rubbing salt into the wound and exacerbating the pain. This is in particular true of the crimes committed during the Second World War, some survivors of which are still among us. The sensitivity of the issue could be seen in the reaction shown by the people and the governments of the Eastern Asian countries against the stance of the current Japanese government in regard to senior military officers of the War. Those who perpetuate the discourse on Holocaust denial ignore the feelings of the people directly affected by this event. These people include, among others, a group of our Jewish fellow citizens in Iran.

3. One of the main claims put forward in this conference was that the Holocaust, as a historical event, has been used as a tool to justify the policies of the state of Israel. This claim was expressed in particular by a group of Jewish religious scholars who according to their reading of the Holy Scriptures opposed the existence of the state of Israel. Such claims are at best unhelpful to the cause of Palestine. The creation of the state of Israel on the lands of Palestine has its own history. No matter what political position we adopt regarding the creation of Israel and its further expansion, the historical evidence for the Holocaust remains intact. The fact that since the inception of the state of Israel many crimes have been committed against the Palestinian population does not provide moral ground for the denial or undermining of the genocide of the Jewish people. Acknowledging the Holocaust does not lead to the disavowal of the rights of the Palestinians, nor does its denial or undermining strengthens the case in their favour. The Palestinians, like all other nations, have a right to enjoy their livelihood in their own independent state. This right has nothing to do with the denial or acknowledgement of the Holocaust. Claims such as those that were uttered in the conference held in Tehran, can only work to the detriment of the rightful cause of the Palestinians and the efforts of the proponents of peace in Israel.

5. Forgotten amongst all the sensationalism in the Iranian media accompanying the conference, was the bitter reality that the undermining or denial of human suffering for the sake of making political points – whatever they might be – will inevitably lead to moral degeneration: a moral degeneration that makes any judgment on the wrongfulness of the murder of the innocent dependent upon its political reverberations; a moral degeneration where by questioning the number of the victims, it fails to realize that “whoever kills an innocent, it is as if he has killed all mankind.”

We, the signatories of this letter, are of the opinion that such “conferences,” more than anything, harm the academic image of the Iranian universities. We believe that conferences like this do not help the cause of the Palestinian people and only provide pretexts for the warmongers in the region. We are of the opinion that holding a conference in Tehran in support of the denial of the Holocaust has perpetuated an immoral stance that seriously endangers the culture of peace and the peaceful cohabitation of human beings.

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3. Kaveh Bayat, Historian (Iran)
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Yad Vashem Archives, Documents of the Holocaust, at  
[www1.yadvashem.org/about\\_holocaust/index\\_about\\_holocaust.html](http://www1.yadvashem.org/about_holocaust/index_about_holocaust.html).

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