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# **Fighting Anti-Palestinian Racism: A guide for Advancing Equity and Transforming institutions of Education and Government**

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# Land Acknowledgement

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# Presentation Objectives

**Describe the phenomenon of anti-Palestinian racism**

**Discuss the manifestations of anti-Palestinian racism in various institutions**

**Discuss movement solidarity, and strategize ways to combat this hate**

**Actively identify “the hate” in examples and discuss**

# Levels of Racism

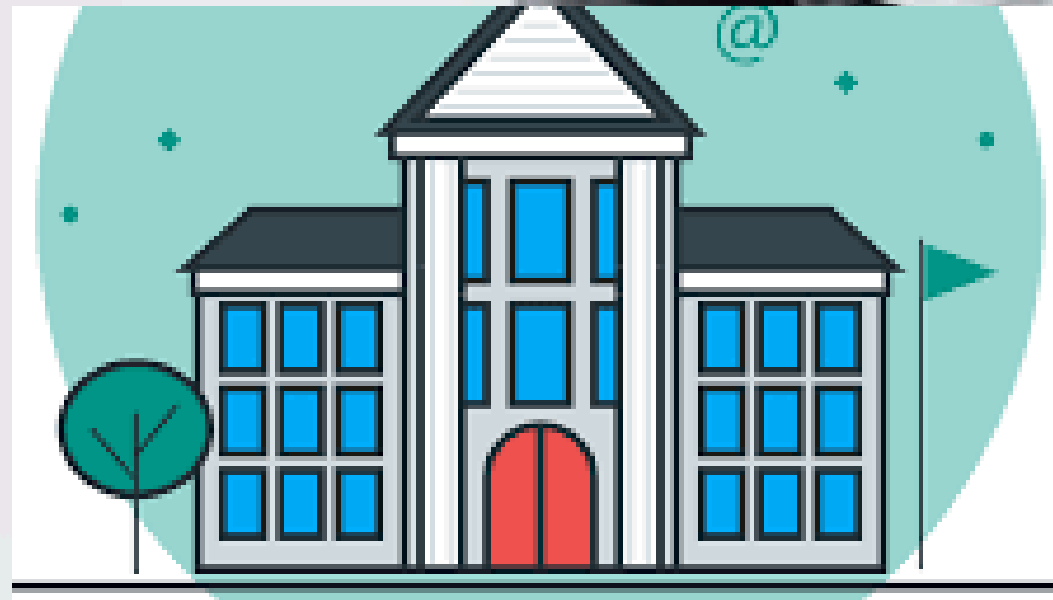
## Individual Racism



Internalized



Interpersonal



Institutional



Structural

## Systemic Racism

**Finance**

**Courts**

**Media**

**Healthcare**

**Education**

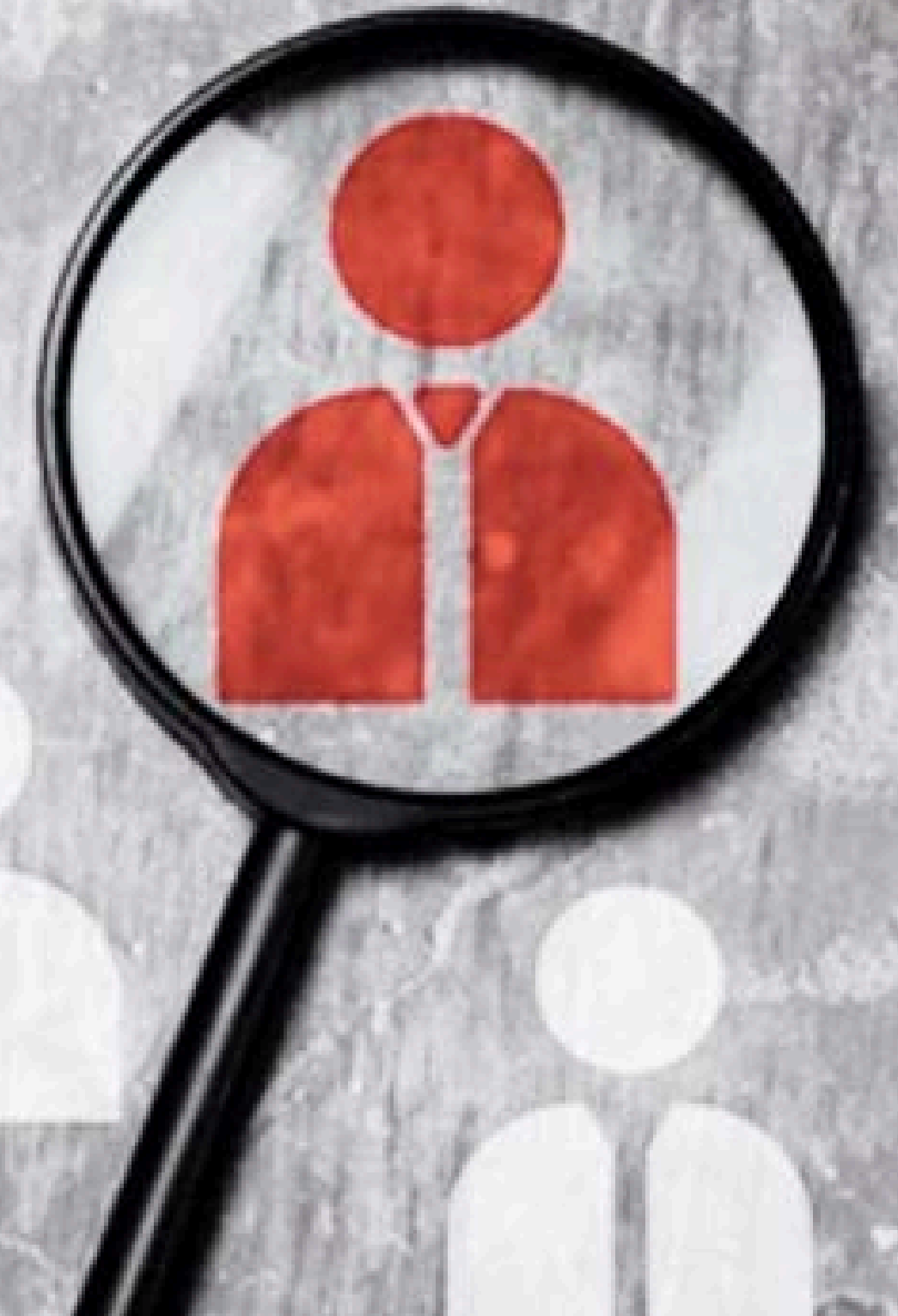
**Workplace**

**Immigration**

**Housing**

**Military**

**Environment**



**Structural Racism involves multiple institutions  
The ways our public and private institutions interact  
to produce barriers to opportunity and racial disparities.**

# Systemically Aware

Highlight policies and practices that  
lead to racial disparities

# ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM

**Anti-Palestinian Racism is adjacent to Islamophobia and anti-Arab racism**

**Specifically aims to erase, dehumanize, silence and defame Palestinians and allies who advocate for Palestinian Liberation**

[antipalestinianracism.com](http://antipalestinianracism.com)





## ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM

# Erasure

Zionism

Denial of Palestinian  
existence entirely

Enabling of Zionist  
ethnic cleansing of  
Palestinians

**A Land without a people,  
for a people without a Land**

**“Palestine never existed”**

**“Palestine isn’t on this  
map.”**

## **ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM**

# **“Uncivilized, Terroristic, Anti-semitic”**

**Intentionally distorted “history”**

**Blaming Palestinians for the horror  
inflicted by Zionist Settler  
Colonialism**

**Palestinians are not humanized in  
any stage of life - birth, childhood,  
adolescence adulthood or death**

**Palestinians have always  
rejected peace**

**Palestinians can only  
hate, can't feel anger or  
sorrow**

**Tolerance of and, in many  
instances, advocacy for  
Palestinian destruction**

## **ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM**

# **Silencing and Repression**

**Stigmatizing speaking out for  
Palestinian Liberation**

**Repressing actions/speech for  
Palestinian liberation by pulling  
the levers of power in  
government, higher, education,  
and more**

**Deeming all action and speech in  
support of Palestine as  
“extremist”**

**Established policies  
targeting methods and  
strategies of the  
Palestinnian movement**

# INSTITUTIONALIZED ISLAMOPHOBIA

- Is a phenomenon whereby officially constructed hate and fear of Muslims are built into structures of the state and society for the pursuit of power and for the justification of war and repression.
- Islamophobia is based on the social construction of Islam as violent, barbaric, uncivilized, and opposed to normative democratic values.
- Islamophobia positions Muslims as existing outside of the moral boundaries extended to other communities such that their dehumanization results in consequences ranging from prejudice and discrimination to detention and even death.
- Islamophobia represents a particular type of oppression that is rooted in anti-religious animus and, based on a Muslim's particular background, intersects with anti-Blackness, racism, cultural racism, nationalism, and xenophobia.



# THE ROLE DOMINANT NATIONAL SECURITY NARRATIVES

- Determine "common-sense givens"
- Govern the boundaries of what can be considered legitimate discourse
- Establish the parameters of inside and outside actors can publicly justify

Ronald R. Krebs, 2015

**“ A wide spectrum of public figures, in and out of office, who are strongly opposed to the policies being pursued abroad by this Administration apparently feel free to say nothing more than that they stand united behind President Bush. A lot of thinking needs to be done, and perhaps is being done in Washington and elsewhere, about the ineptitude of American intelligence and counter-intelligence, about options available to American foreign policy, particularly in the Middle East, and about what constitutes a smart program of military defense...Let's by all means grieve together. But let's not be stupid together. A few shreds of historical awareness might help us understand what has just happened, and what may continue to happen. ”**

**~Susan Sontag, September 16, 2001**



**“The Terror narrative imparted meaning to the shocking images by supplying a distinctive portrait of the drama’s chief protagonists, their motives, and the historical setting. According to that narrative, the meaning of “9/11” – as the day came to be known in the United States – was, and is, clear: on that day, evil terrorists attacked a blameless America because they hate the values Americans hold dear and which America epitomizes; on that day, transnational terrorism showed itself to be the pre-eminent threat to the nation’s security; that day marked a turning point in both America’s history and global politics.”**



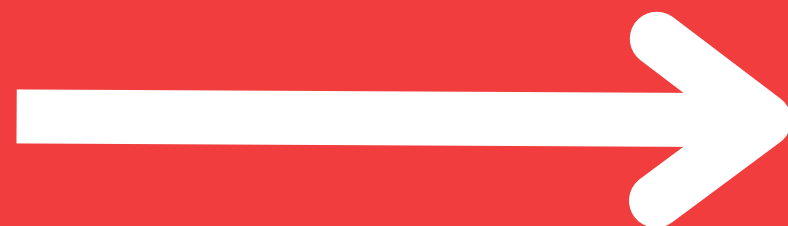
**“The Terror narrative is often seen in the United States as the “natural” interpretation. But that is a sign of the narrative project’s relative success, not the day’s and events’ inherent meaning. The Terror narrative’s dominance hid from view that there were other conceivable and plausible narratives, revolving around different portraits of agent, purpose, and scene, and that these alternative narratives were swiftly marginalized after 9/11.”**

**Ronald R. Krebs, Narrative and the Making of US National Security, 2015**

# Exporting the War on Terror Narrative: State Violence from the United States to Israel



9 / 11 / 2001



10 / 7 / 2023

**“On October 7th, Hamas murdered 1,400 Israelis, maybe more. This is in a country of fewer than 10 million people. This would be equivalent to over 50,000 Americans murdered in a single day. That’s 20 9/11s. That is why October 7th is another day that will live in infamy.” ~Prime Minister Netanyahu, October 18, 2023**



# Israel: ‘This is our 9/11’

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**“Since this terrorist attack... took place, we have seen it described as Israel’s 9/11. But for a nation the size of Israel, it was like 15 9/11s. The scale may be different, but I’m sure those horrors have tapped into... some kind of primal feeling in Israel, just like it did and felt in the United States.” ~President Biden, October 18, 2023**





**“We are not deceived by their pretenses to piety. We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions -- by abandoning every value except the will to power -- they follow in the path of fascism, and Nazism, and totalitarianism..”**

**September 20, 2001**



**“And just as the civilized world united in fighting the Nazis united in fighting dash ISIS, then the civilized world should unite behind Israel in fighting and eradicating Hamas.”**

**October 17, 2023**



**“They are driven by a radical and perverted vision of Islam that rejects tolerance, crushes all dissent, and justifies the murder of innocent men, women, and children in the pursuit of political power.”**

**September 5, 2006**



**“This is an enemy that murders children and mothers in their homes, in their beds. An enemy that kidnaps the elderly, kids, youths. Murderers who massacre and slaughter our citizens, our kids, who just wanted to have fun on the holiday,” Netanyahu said. “What happened today has never before seen in Israel, and I will make sure it does not happen again.”**

**October 8, 2023**



**“States like these, and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world. By seeking weapons of mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger. They could provide these arms to terrorists, giving them the means to match their hatred. They could attack our allies or attempt to blackmail the United States. In any of these cases, the price of indifference would be catastrophic.”**

**January 29, 2002**



**“This is a part of an axis of evil of Iran and Hezbollah and Hamas. Their goal, open goal is to eradicate the State of Israel. The open goal of Hamas is to kill as many Jews as they could and the only difference is, they would have killed every last one of us, murdered every last one of us if they could. They just don’t have the capacity but they murdered an extraordinary 1300 civilians which in American terms is like many, many, many 9/11s.”**

**October 19, 2023**



**“The United States did not seek this war against terror. It came to us, we answered with the same principles and resolve that have shaped us for generation upon generation to protect the innocent, defend liberty, and we keep the light of freedom burning - a beacon for the rest of the entire world.”**

**August 1, 2022**



**“We are embarking on a long and difficult war. The war was forced upon us by a murderous attack by Hamas. The first phase ends in these hours by destroying most of the enemy forces that have penetrated our territory,”**

**October 8, 2023**



**“Each of those precious lives stolen too soon when evil attacked ground zero in New York.”**

**September 11, 2023**

**“These guys — they make al-Qaeda look pure. They’re pure — they’re pure evil.”**

**October 14, 2023**



**“Once you eliminate Hamas — and we have to eliminate Hamas — otherwise, this evil will spread...But once we defeat Hamas, we have to make sure that there’s no new Hamas, no resurgence of terrorism.”**

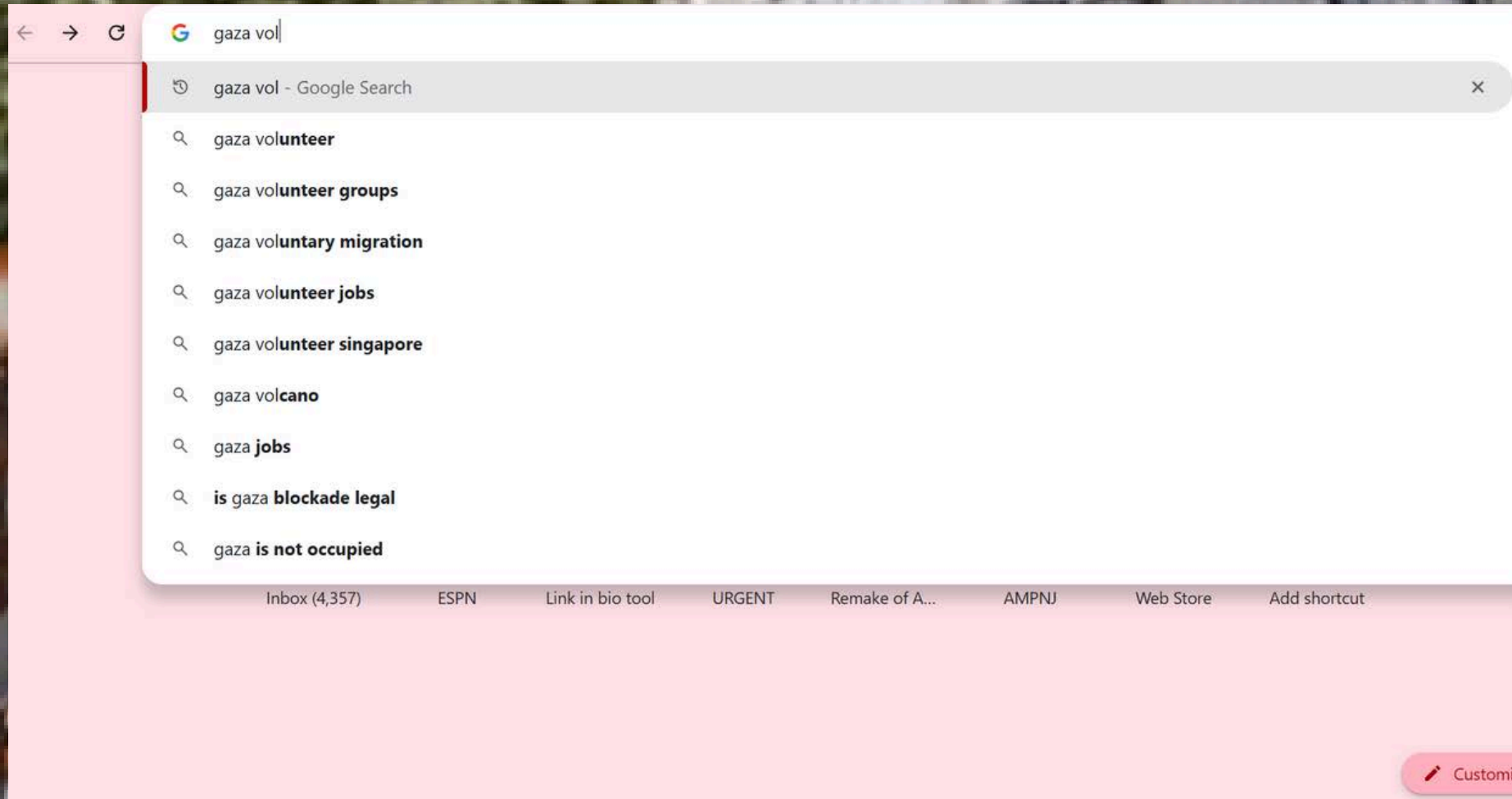
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# **Anti-Palestinian Racism in Policy**

**Government**

**Defenceless villages are bombarded from the air, the inhabitants driven out into the countryside, the cattle machine-gunned, the huts set on fire with incendiary bullets: this is called pacification. Millions of peasants are robbed of their farms and sent trudging along the roads with no more than they can carry: this is called transfer of population or rectification of frontiers. People are imprisoned for years without trial, or shot in the back of the neck or sent to die of scurvy in Arctic lumber camps: this is called elimination of unreliable elements. Such phraseology is needed if one wants to name things without calling up mental pictures of them.**

**George Orwell, "Politics and the English Language," 1946**



## Israeli ministers attend conference calling for 'voluntary migration' of Palestinians

Attendance of 11 cabinet ministers and 15 coalition members of Knesset appears to violate ICJ ruling on Gaza war

● [Middle East crisis - live updates](#)



## The brutal calculus of war: Is the killing of civilians ever justified?

UPDATED NOVEMBER 11, 2023 · 7:53 AM ET ⓘ

Israel is coming under mounting criticism for its actions in Gaza where more than 11,000 people have been killed, according to Palestinian officials, the vast majority of them civilians. This follows Hamas' attack on Israel last month that killed [around 1,200 people](#).



## **Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act - H.R. 9495**

- “Checks and Balances”
- H.R. 9495 hands the Executive office power over revoking 501(c)(3) status on arbitrary “terror support”
- Brings immediate and tangible harm to advocates for Palestine

## **Joint Resolutions of Disapproval to block the sales of offensive arms to the Israeli government**

- “Rule of Law”
- JRDs were an effort act in accordance with U.S. law

**the Palestinian exception \*in this moment\***

# Palestinian liberation advocacy framed as Hate against Jewish identity



INTERNATIONAL  
HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE  
ALLIANCE

## Working definition of antisemitism



- Seven of the 11 examples deal with Israel and Zionism, not with Jews
- The vagueness of the definition allows for weaponization
- No mention of white nationalist Jewish hate
- Perpetuates the link between anti-Semitism and Israel, starting with including “Jerusalem”
- **“Denying the right of Jews in the State of Israel to exist and flourish, collectively and individually, as Jews, in accordance with the principle of equality.”**

# **CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**September 21, 2023**

**520 Market Street**

**6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Camden, New Jersey**

Commissioner Nash said I would like to make a statement regarding Resolution No. 22. Resolution No. 22 is introduced by my colleague Melinda Kane and I and is entitled Resolution recognizing the definition of Antisemitism advanced by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. I wanted to speak on this Resolution because of its importance. In both 2005 and 2018 I had the opportunity to travel to Poland. When I was there, I had the opportunity to visit the concentration camp known as Auschwitz. I have seen first-hand the consequences of allowing hate to go unchecked in a community and in a country. It is both unfortunate and

community institutions and religious facilities." The IHRA working definition is now used by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education and I urge my colleagues to support this Resolution.

# Gaza protest at N.J. high school postponed after blistering letter from officials

Updated: Apr. 25, 2024, 3:59 p.m. | Published: Apr. 24, 2024, 3:39 p.m.

A student-organized walkout in support of a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel at Eastern Regional High School was postponed after a blistering letter from two Camden County Commissioners was sent to the superintendent of the South Jersey district.

“My biggest issue is that it’s happening over the Jewish holiday of Passover,” Ravitz said on a phone call Tuesday night. “If Jewish students were planning a walkout on any other religious holiday, I would stop it.”

# ABOUT DEADLY EXCHANGE



One of the most dangerous places where state violence in the U.S. and Israel converge is in exchange programs that bring together police, ICE, border patrol, and FBI from the US with soldiers, police, border agents, etc. from Israel. In these programs, “worst practices” are shared to promote and extend discriminatory and repressive policing in both countries. These include racial profiling, massive spying and surveillance, deportation and detention, and attacks on human rights defenders.

# **Anti-Palestinian Racism in Policy**

## **Education**

# Doxing



# Anti-Masking Laws

# Militarized Police





# Anti-Protest Rules



# Tenured Jewish Professor Fired for Pro-Palestine Posts



## Muhlenberg College professor at center of protests over Israel-Hamas views has been fired

A tenured Muhlenberg College professor was fired over a social media post about the Israel-Hamas conflict, sparking debate on academic freedom and campus politics.

By CHRISTOPHER DORNBLASER, GRAYSEN GOLTER/THE MORNING CALL/TNS

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# Banning Students from Campus

 NBC News

[Brown University suspends its chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine](#)



# Shutting Student Organizations Down



Zionists enact violence  
on Palestinian  
protesters with no  
consequences

“Banning Keffeyas because  
“they are intimidating and  
Frightening to Jews”



# **Anti-Palestinian Racism in Policy**

**Intersection of Government and  
Education**

LOCAL NEWS

# Columbia University president testifies about antisemitism on college campuses

## Protests on campus and the response

In her testimony, Dr. Shafik said the school is committed to allowing free speech on campus, even designating certain areas for protests, so other students can avoid demonstrations and teaching isn't disrupted. She also said the university has taken drastic steps to ensure safety for all students.

"Our actions included support for students, enhanced reporting channels for incidents, hiring additional staff to investigate complaints, developing new policies on demonstrations, holding listening forums to model respectful behaviors, launching educational programs, and forming a task force of our senior leaders to propose solutions to antisemitism," she said.

### University Presidents Appear to Evade Questions About Antisemitism on Campus

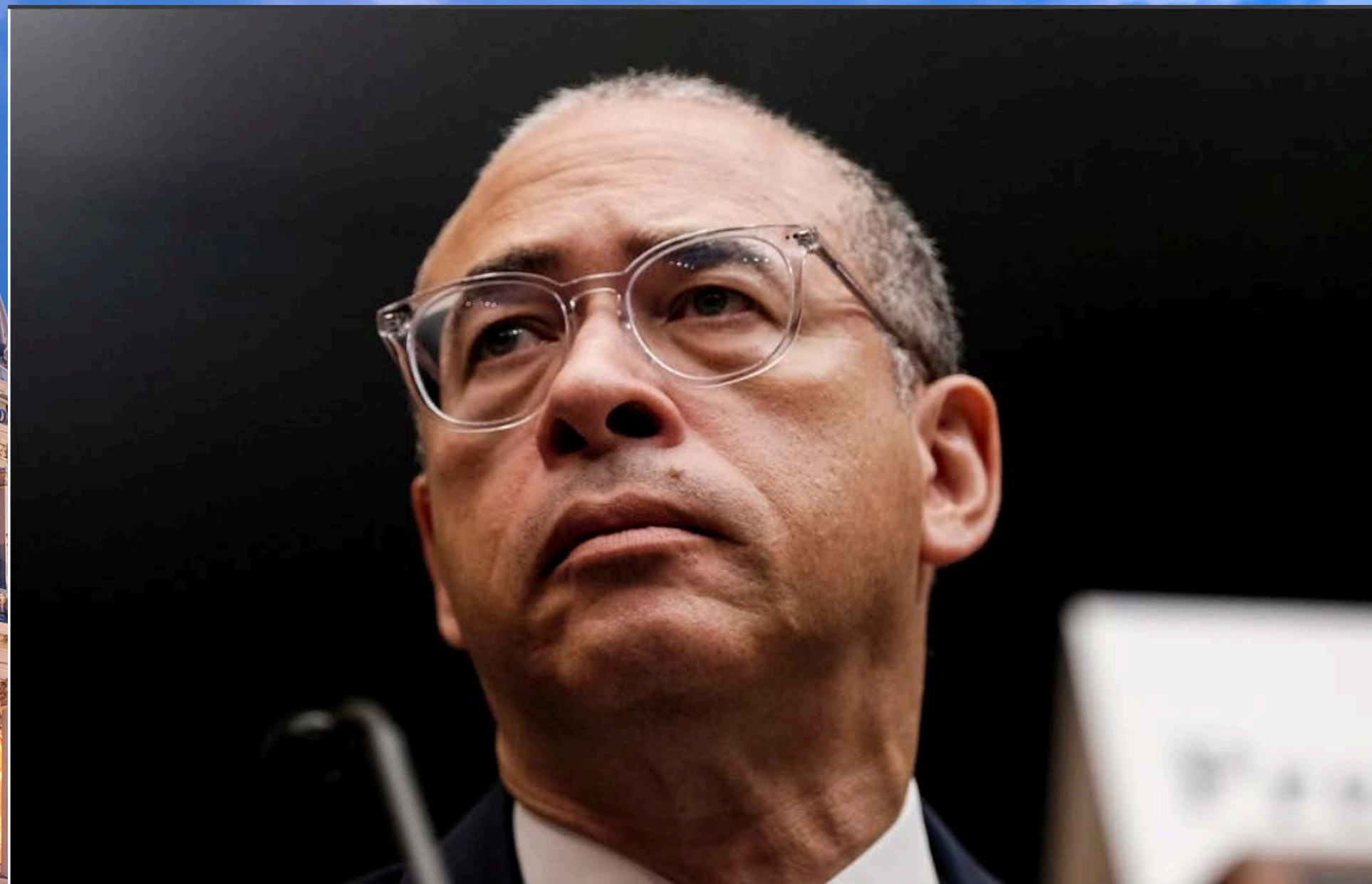


Representative Elise Stefanik, Republican of New York, repeatedly asked the presidents of M.I.T., Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania if calling for the genocide of Jews violated the code of conduct at their schools.

Tom Brenner for The New York Times



From left: Michael Schill, president of Northwestern University, Jonathan Holloway, president of Rutgers University, Frederick M. Lawrence, secretary and CEO, The Phi Beta Kappa Society, and Gene Block, chancellor of the UCLA, during a House Education and the Workforce Committee hearing on pro-Palestinian protests on college campuses, on Capitol Hill in



Dr. Jonathan Holloway, the President of Rutgers University, testifies at today's hearing called "Calling for Accountability: Stopping Antisemitic College Chaos" before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on Capitol Hill. University leaders are being asked to testify by House Republicans about how colleges have responded to pro-Palestinian protests and allegations of antisemitism on their campuses. Michael A. McCoy/Getty Images

# Funding in Nonprofit Spaces



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# Strategies and Techniques to Counter Anti-Palestinian Racism

- An engaged bystander
- A vocal bystander
- A co-conspirator: Joins organizing efforts to dismantle anti-Palestinian racism

# Engaged Bystander

The background features a dark, textured illustration of a diverse crowd of people. Many individuals have their fists raised in a gesture of solidarity or protest. In the center, there is a prominent, detailed portrait of a man with a beard and curly hair, looking slightly to the right. The overall color palette is muted, with shades of brown, olive green, and dark red.

**See something wrong and will quietly intervene:**

- Write letters to biased newspapers articles
- Calling your representative about concern
- Talking to school about a policy
- Reaching out to your connections to see if they can make something good happen
- Talking to someone in private about their behaviors
- Being a support system for an organizer or person who is working to dismantle anti-Palestinian racism including being a buddy and calling them before they go places, or walking them to their car or dorm, etc.

# Vocal Bystander

See something wrong and will intervene publically:

- Speaking up in class, meetings, work places,
- Writing a public letter in a paper about how you feel about the need for Palestinian liberation and human rights
- Speaking at schoolboard, city council or legislature meetings
- Demanding publicly for policy for Palestinian liberation and right to organize
- Hold politicians and leaders accountable for their actions or inactions

# Co-Conspirator: Organizing

Joining organizing efforts (powerful show of power) :

- Pass resolutions
- Pass bills or policies
- Fight against bad policies
- **Hold electeds accountable through running candidates, supporting them, and cogoverning with them**
- Educational events: canvassing, tabling, going to events and sharing whats happening
- Arts
- theatre
- protests/rallies
- voting
- dont accept unethical funding



# Narrative-Power Exercise



<b>Dominant Narrative</b> Ways of framing the marginalized	<b>Policies</b>	<b>Real World Consequences: Impact on the marginalized</b>
<b>Palestinians are Terrorists</b>	<b>Eliminating UNRWA funding</b>	<b>Starvation of Palestinians</b>

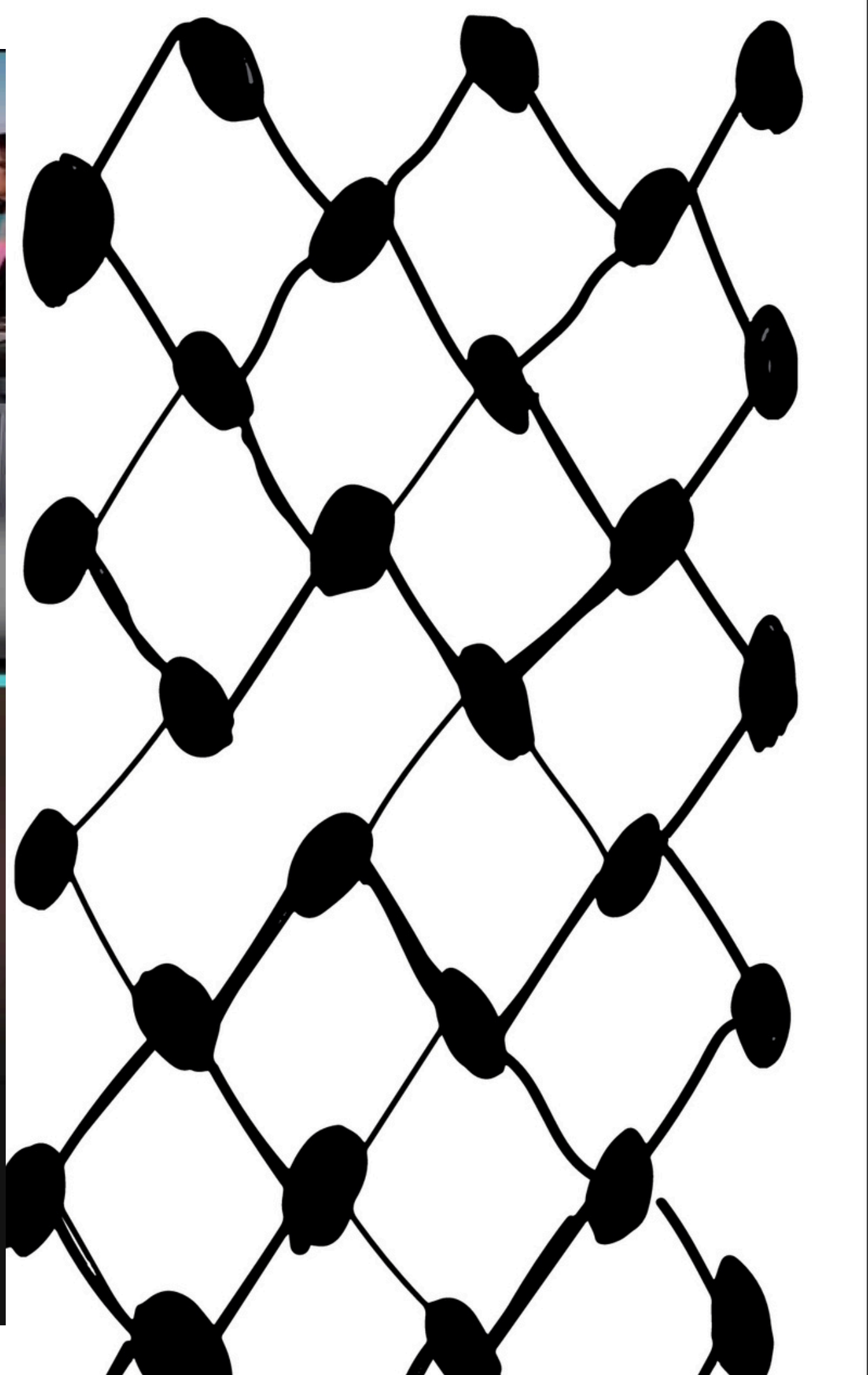
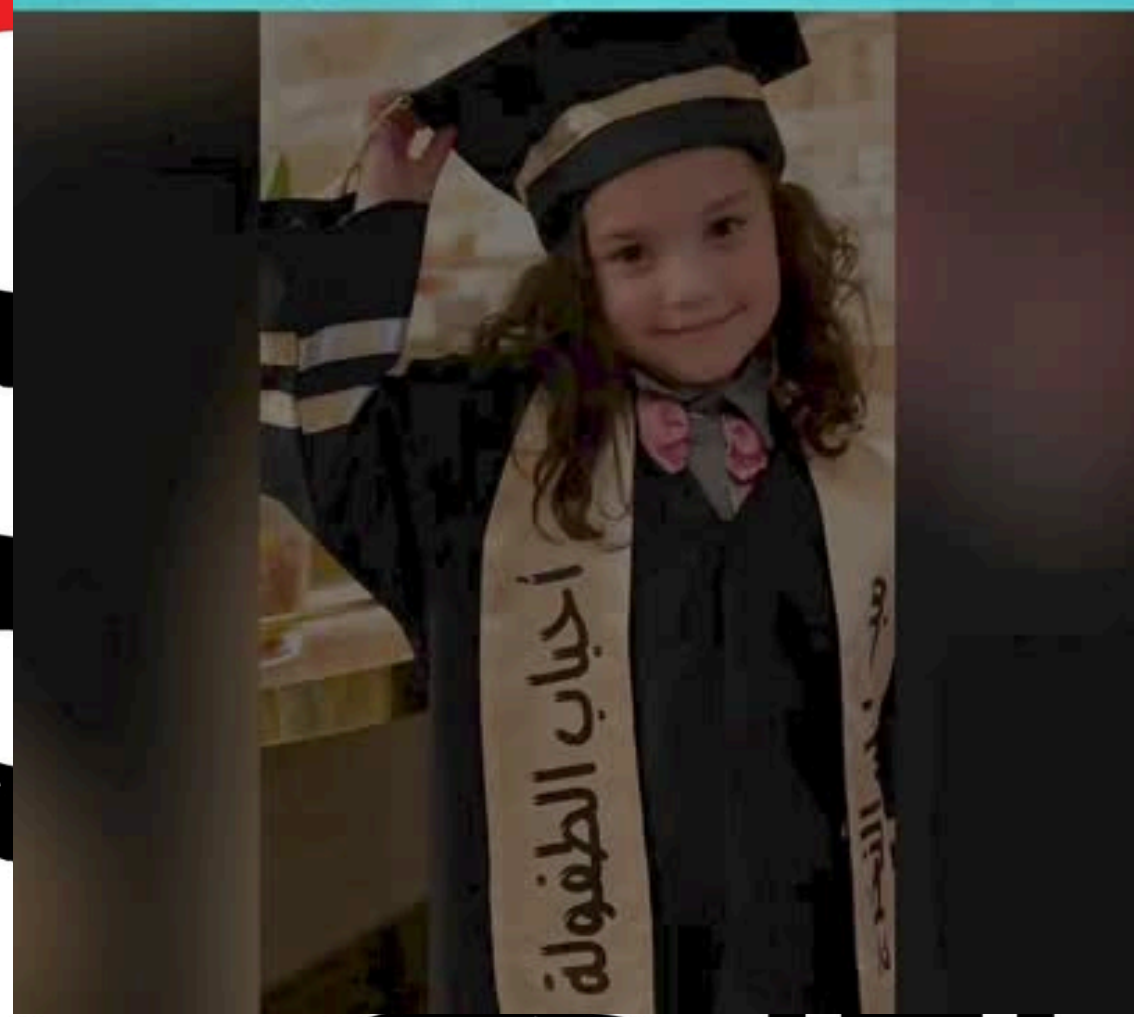




Israel to impose 'total' blockade of Gaza in battle against 'human animals'

 TRT World







# Middle East approach needs to be 'rethought': Former NATO Ambassador

  
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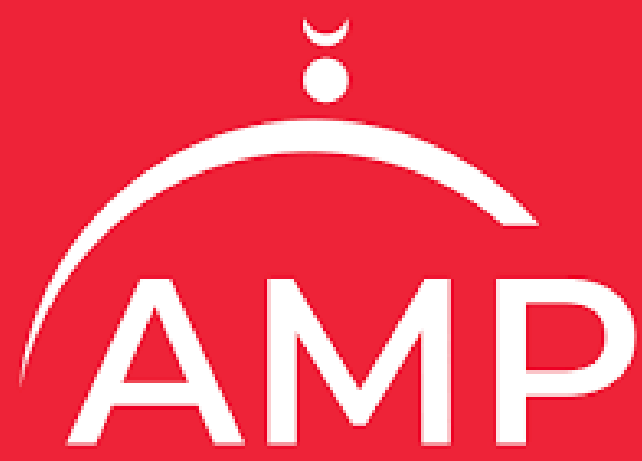


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# Resources

[AMPalestine.org/Educate](http://AMPalestine.org/Educate)

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IG handles:

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