

## Arabs on Israelis, Israel

“Happy Independence Day. God bless you and God bless Israel. My name is. I’m from Saudi Arabia. I would like to tell you in this video how much I love this(sic) country who inspired all the world. I love this country because it is an icon of freedom. It is an icon of democracy. In Israel you c\’n find an icon of religion. Everyone can practice their religion and that’s a good part. It shows a good example that we can live in the Middle East with love and with respecting each other. I wish you all the best. God bless you and God bless Israel. Thank you”.

([http:// israelunwired.com](http://israelunwired.com) 9/5/2019)

“I am a Muslim Palestinian, and I am here [in Israel]. It is a good thing that there is an Israeli state....We [the Palestinians] are creating fanaticism on the West bank and Gaza. It has become a greenhouse for terrorism and radicalisation”.

[Ayman Odeh, member of Ahmadiyya sect, February 2018](#)

“If you want to boycott Israel, be my guest...But also give me your USB flash drives, your phones, your safe driving cars, your Viber, your Waze and your anti-virus. This is also Israel”.

[Nuseir Yassin, Israeli Arab, Harvard graduate, \(Daily Alert, 4/10/2017\)](#)

“Muslims are living in peace and harmony under Israeli law, and there are about 400 Mosques in Israel, which are protected by the Israeli state”.

[Noor Dahri, Pakistani Muslim, editor of Pakistan Israel News, 15/9/2017](#)

”I don’t think [normalisation with Israel] is such a bad deal”. The Palestinians have normalised their relations with Israel”.

[Mubarak Al-Fadil Al-Mahdi, Sudania TV 21/8/2017](#)

“Many Palestinians still have not come to terms with Israel’s right to exist, and this is what this battle is really about”.

[Bassam Tawil, Arab Muslim based in the Middle East, \(Gatestone Institute, 2/8/2017\)](#)

“My fellow Palestinians, the Jews are here to stay, and murdering them in the streets is not going to change anything”.

Bassam Tawil, (Gatestone Institute, 9/1/2016)

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Odeh Bishirat, Arab-Israeli author, in Ha'aretz, an Israeli newspaper (Commentary 11/11/16)

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Father Gabriel Naddaf of Nazareth, Keynote speech at PJTN event, Orlanda, FI USA (PJTN press release, 3/6/2017)

"As a Syrian, I am morally obligated to ensure that the goodwill that Israelis and Jews have displayed towards my people will not be overlooked nor forgotten. The day will come when the conflict in Syria will come to an end, as all things come to an end. On that day, it is imperative that Syrians reciprocate the enormous goodwill shown towards us by Israelis and the Jewish people. Whatever supposed reasons we may have had to be adversaries is dwarfed by the compassion shown to us during our darkest days, a time when we have nothing to give back except our gratitude.... "I grew up with statements like 'These people are your enemies. The Jews are evil.' And then I saw that the Jews are the most humane and generous people of this era".

Aboud Dandachi, Sunni Muslim from the city of Homs now living in Istanbul. Own website, "Thank You Am Israel", January 2016 (MEMRI 26/2/2016)

"We should form normal relations with Israel. Israel exists and will continue to exist. I have own perspective about this issue. The Jews were present in Palestine and Jerusalem for thousands of years. Their links to Jerusalem and their presence there is a historical fact....The Arabs' historic mistake with regard to the Palestinian cause was to reject the 1947 Partition resolution....It should be noted that the resolution was passed by the UN. Israel came into being with the approval of the international community....What we are trying to get now is exactly the same as the Partition resolution but without all the benefits of the past....The Jewish state has its roots in this country".

Osama Ghazali Harb, Egyptian researcher and politician, in internet TV interview (memri 30/1/16)

"In Israel, which has separation of powers, a president, a prime minister, ministers, MKs, and officers are prosecuted for sex or corruption scandals – even scandals involving just a few thousand dollars – while

we have not even the most basic rights and liberties, and accept regimes that export [our] resources, squander our income, kill [their own citizens] en masse, and even bring in foreign armies and militias to kill, expel, and besiege their own peoples”.

Majed Kayali, Palestinian-Syrian writer,  
London daily Al-Hayat, February 2016 (MEMRI 26/2/2016)

“Is it possible for love, brotherhood, dialogue and tolerance to prevail in our societies? We say honestly and clearly: This can be achieved easily if the Arab homelands implement democracy and distance religion from politics”.

Dr. Shamlan Yousef Al-'Issa, political science lecturer, Kuwait University, 15/11/2015, in the UAE paper Al-Ittihad

“The UN must save the world’s security and stability. The Security Council must resolve to launch a world war against terror. The superpowers must be responsible for carrying out this decision. *The Arab world has ... no choice but to conduct thorough self-criticism that requires recapturing the universities, the schools, the mosques, the television screens and the websites from the control of those who spread takfir and deny the other*”.

Ghassan Charbel Editor, Al-Hayat (London), 15/11/ 2015.

“The real aim of the BDS movement is to bring down the state of Israel”.

Professor As'ad Abukhalil, California State University, 2/12/2015

“I agree that the Palestinians suffer, but they suffer because of their corrupt leaders, not because of Israel”.

Tawfik Hamid, Egyptian scholar, 8/12/2015

“I side with the Jewish nation and its democratic aspirations in case of a breakout of a Palestinian intifada, and I shall exert all my influence to break an ominous Arab initiative to condemn Tel Aviv”.

Al-Waleed bin Talal, Saudi Prince, Al Quds (www.awdnews.com)

“*Israel is not an enemy state*”.

Ali Salem, Egyptian playwright, Egyptian TV, 20/9/2015

“While Israel made 10 new breakthroughs in cancer and cardiac treatments in the last two years alone, we Arabs developed new execution methods.

The latest is death by drowning in a cage, as shown in an Islamic State group video two weeks ago. We Arabs have wasted seven decades of

our existence awaiting Israel's demise. It is time to think of the future, and whether Israel's 'disappearance' should be our ultimate wish".

[Mudar Zahran, Jordanian-Palestinian who resides in the U.K.](#)

[https://twitter.com/mudar\\_zahran/status/619260705380937728](https://twitter.com/mudar_zahran/status/619260705380937728) ,  
10/7/2015

"The Israel that the Arabs Call 'A False Entity' Is the region's most stable, advanced country...When the state of Israel was established, the number of Arab states could be counted on the fingers of two hands, but that now the region has hatched a substantial number of fledgling Arab countries that are also artificial, and counting them requires the digits of both hands and feet, perhaps even more. Does it not stand to reason that all the countries of this region, and, in fact, all countries of the modern world, are artificial?"

[Salman Masalha, Israeli Druze Intellectual, Al-Hayat, 7/8/2015, MEMRI](#)

"Today, Iran has attained such status that the superpowers have surrendered to it, because of its majesty, its steadfastness, its resistance, and its unity. Despite their great pride, the regime of the arrogance [the West, led by the U.S.] sat humbly behind the negotiating table and obeyed the rights of the Iranian nation."

[Hossein Dehghan , Iranian Defence Minister, at an armed forces general command ceremony, 30/9/2015](#)

"Those who levelled sanctions against us yesterday are dying today, because Iran has become the region's foremost military power. The Islamic Republic of Iran has proven that it works diligently to defend itself. The entire nation unites as a solid fist, standing fast against the aggressors who lack all reason".

[Website of Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, 24/2/8/2015 \(memri 4/9/2015\)](#)

"Israel should be annihilated and this is our ultimate slogan....we reject the existence of any Israeli on this earth."

[Hussein Sheikholeslam, a foreign affairs adviser to Iranian parliament speaker Ali Larijani, 25/9/ 2015](#)

"The state of Israel and its various governments have waged more than five wars with the Arabs, yet never in the course of these wars did Israel think to use its nuclear weapons against its Arab enemies. Conversely, if the Persian state, with its stupid, rash and fascist regime that hides behind a religious guise, ever develops nuclear weapons, it will not

hesitate to use nuclear bombs against the Arab Gulf states in the first conflict that arises.... the scales have dropped from the eyes of the Arab and Muslims peoples, and they have realized... that their only bitter enemies are the Persian Iranians, not the friendly state of Israel".

[Kuwaiti government daily Al-Watan, columnist 'Abdallah Al-Hadlaq](#)  
13/8/2015

"The Arabs living in Israel and the Palestinian Authority territories know, although it is a bitter pill to swallow, that we have been favoured by fortune, because under the State of Israel we live in security".

[Bassam Tawil 28/9/2015, GatestoneInstitute.org](#)

"Large numbers of [Israeli] settlers have been bringing huge cages full of rats and releasing them on the streets and alleys of the Old City [Jerusalem]...in order to turn the [Arab] residents' life into a living hell, forcing them to leave". [The rats do not attack their Jewish neighbours].

[Al-Ayyam, 17/7/2008 \(pmw\)](#)

" Hamas suspects that Israeli intelligence services are supplying its Gaza stronghold with chewing gum that boosts the sex drive in order to 'corrupt the young'.

[14/7/2009, AFP](#)

"We are asking [for money] especially [from] Iran, which is a known long-time supporter of the resistance and the Palestinian cause".

[Al-Alam TV \(Iran\) news report, posted on Wattan TV \(independent Palestinian channel\), 29/6/2015](#)

"They built a separation fence in the West Bank. We do not deny that limits the ability of the resistance to arrive deep within [Israeli territory] to carry out suicide bombing attacks".

[Ramadan Abdallah Shalah, interviewed in Damascus by Al-Sharq, \(23/3/2008\)](#)

"Despite a Palestinian campaign that calls for the boycott of Israeli products, Palestinian consumers "love and buy Israeli products", says one Bethlehem minimarket owner. "Lots of people prefer to buy Tnuva products simply because there is tighter supervision and they want to feel safe in what they buy. It has nothing to do with politics. When we buy a product from you [Israelis], we know it is under supervision and only made with fresh ingredients".

[Daily Alert, 25/5/2012 \(ynet news\)](#)

“The Muslim Brotherhood’s hatred for the Jews is a matter of religious principle, which lies at the heart of its creed and cannot be changed, revoked, or disregarded. This hatred did not emerge in the 20th century or [after] Israel’s establishment or the occupation of Arab and Palestinian lands by Israel. This hatred is historic, with roots going back to the inception of Islam.”

[Joseph Bishara, Lebanese liberal](http://www.elaph.com) , ([www.elaph.com](http://www.elaph.com), 13/9/2012)

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## **Arabs on Israel (Including Israel's non-Arab Neighbours)**

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[Hamad Amar, Druze MK, Deputy Speaker of Knesset, Deputy Speaker of Knesset, Israel National News, 24/12/2013](#)

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"Whether we like it or not, the land on which the Palestinians live belongs to the Jews, and there is historic and religious evidence of this, both Islamic and non-Islamic".

Mehdi Majid Abdallah, Kurdish-Iraqi writer, ([www. Elaph.com](http://www.Elaph.com), 23/4/2015)

“Last Thursday I joined the holocaust memorial in Haifa at ‘Yad Ezer l’Chaver’ a non-profit organization, that takes care of 100 needy, holocaust survivors. You must remember that your country is still feeding 1,800,000 Palestinians in the Gaza strip. The State of Israel is supplying food, medicines and fuel, while 22 Arab leaders who do nothing are standing on the rooves of their houses watching the Israeli trucks bring supplies to Gaza. You are still feeding us the Palestinians and thanks to you, we are surviving”.

Bassam Eid, Gazan Human rights activist, 18/4/2015

“We say all these bad things about Israel, but at least the people there have the right to vote and enjoy democracy....We really envy the Israelis. Our leaders don’t want elections. They want to remain in office forever.”

Veteran Palestinian journalist from Ramallah, to Khaled Abu Toameh, JP reporter

“Over a million Arabs take part in Middle East’s most democratic elections today”;

“The Arabs in Israel are the only Middle East Arab group that practices true democracy”; “Israel is secure not because it will elect Bibi or Buji, but because of what it is doing today” ;

“Israel is the world’s most vibrant democracy.... If an Arab country had the same wide spectrum of political parties as Israel does, it would be fighting a civil war unseen in human history.”

Ghanem Nuseibeh, an East Jerusalem Palestinian now living in Britain. Tweets. Reported in Commentary 15/3/2015

“The Jewish homes in Israel are not an obstacle to peace. The only obstacle to peace is the hatred of Israel’s neighbours.... You would defend yourself against incoming rockets; why shouldn’t they?”

Uzay Bulut, Journalist, 7/2/2015,  
(<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/5175/jews-turkey-discrimination>)

“As Palestinians discuss among themselves — far from the diplomats in their five-star hotels — rather than accept this “gift” that Europe seems determined to push down our throats, many people increasingly see no choice but to launch a “Palestinian Spring” revolution. It would not be, as you might think, to rid them of Israel but finally to rid us of our wretched leadership and corrupt system of government — and to stop the

European countries that are imposing this brutal system on us by financing it....

If we are forced by Europe to have this corrupt dictatorship called Palestine, terrorist groups such as Hamas, Al-Qaeda, Islamic Jihad, and ISIS will flood the West Bank in less than week, and our lives will be even worse than what we have now. We simply do not know what else to do to defend ourselves from these "Goodists" of Europe".

[Bassam Tawil, Gatestone Institute 29/12/2014](#)

"I'm sad that I'm back in the Gaza Strip. I went through happy times [in Israeli detention], where I had food, calm and good work, although I did not receive a salary. Those were unforgettable days where I had delicious food that we don't have in the Gaza Strip."

[Rabi, 16, who crossed the border from Gaza, \( Khaled Abu Toameh, <http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4948/palestinians-israeli-jails>, 12/12/2014\)](#)

"It is time the world woke up to the fact that those who want to destroy the Jewish state are signing the death warrant on the last free Christians in the Holy Land".

[Father Gabriel Naddaf, to UN Human Rights Committee, \(\[www.israeltoday.org.il\]\(http://www.israeltoday.org.il\), 7/10/2014\)](#)

"This conflict is not about a settlement or a checkpoint or a fence -- but about Israel's very existence. To make peace with Israel, the Arab world needs to prepare its people for such a move, and not incite violence against Israel and demand that it be removed from maps".

[Khaled Abu Toameh, <http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4765/remove-israel-map>, 9/10/2014](#)

"You cannot be running TV, social media and newspapers encouraging terror and murdering Jews and then claim you are innocent when acts of terror happen....Can we Palestinians blame Israel when the wall never existed *before* Hamas and the PLO started launching terror attacks on Israel on a daily basis?".

[Mudar Zahran, a Palestinian, 25/6/2014, <http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4376/palestinians-kidnapped-israelis>](#)

"The Palestinian-Israeli conflict could have been resolved on May 15, 1948 by either accepting the United Nations mandate or by absorbing the thousands of Palestinian refugees into the Arab world".

Abdulateef al-Mulhim, Saudi columnist, "May 15<sup>th</sup>: Nakba or Defeat?", 13/5/2014

"Jewish revolutions are scientific and Arab ones are tragic".

Ali Khamis, Egyptian writer, Al-Waqf newspaper, 30/4/2014  
(Jerusalem Post 2/5/2014)

"I identify myself as an Israeli, Zionist, Arab secular Muslim.... I really believe that I'm a lucky Arab and a lucky human being and a lucky Middle Eastern[er] that I was born in this tiny piece of land....I'm lucky I was born in a democratic country....They are treating everyone equally....We are living in freedom".

Mohammed Zoabi, Nazareth,  
([www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vv4Qq81Yew](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vv4Qq81Yew))

**(7/4/2014)**

"It is an unfortunate fact, that Israeli medical teams have done more for Syrians in the south of the country than all the opposition groups put together, to say nothing of the murderous regime that caused them to seek help in the first place".

Aboud Dandachi, a Syrian blogger and refugee,  
([www.algemeiner.com](http://www.algemeiner.com), 22/2/2014)

"The harm we do to ourselves is worse than [the harm] done to us by our enemies – for many Muslims are killed by other Muslims, possibly even more than are killed by non-Muslims – most of us incessantly speak of phantoms and non-existent conspiracies".

Dr. Jibrin 'Ali Al-Jibrin, Saudi columnist  
(<http://www.oximity.com/article/Saudi-columnist>, 18/2/2014)

"(The Jews) are peaceful people who love peace, who are not hostile and are not aggressors, but if they are attacked, they defend themselves while causing as little damage to the attackers as possible. It is an honour for them that Allah has chosen them over the worlds – meaning over the people and the Jinns until the Day of Judgment. I made the reasons for Allah's choice clear in my books and pamphlets. When Allah chose them, He didn't do so out of politeness, and He wasn't unjust to other peoples, it is just that they (the Jews) deserved this."

Sheikh Ahmad Adwan, Muslim scholar living in Jordan, on his personal Facebook page (<http://www.alquds.co.uk/?p=129302>, February 2014)

"Palestinian Arabs have more rights in Israeli jails than Palestinian Arabs who are Jordanian citizens....Israel is paradise for the Palestinian Arabs. Jordan is the true apartheid state....The Kerry peace plan is suicide for Israel....Palestinian Arabs are 80% of the Jordanian population, the USA shouldn't be giving Jordan \$55 Billion to Jordan for Palestinian Arab refugees, they are already citizens of Jordan....Israel – the only country in the world which treats us [Palestinians] as human beings".

Mudar Zahran, interview on the-glazov-gang, February 2014  
([jamieglazov.com/category/the-glazov-gang](http://jamieglazov.com/category/the-glazov-gang), 12/2/2014)

"Evidently, most Western governments, journalists and human rights organizations have chosen to endorse the Palestinian Authority's stance that the only evil-doers are the Israelis. And that is precisely why the ICHR report on the anarchy, lawlessness and human rights violations by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas will be completely ignored in the West".

Khaled Abu Toameh,  
(<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4169/palestinian-authority-human-rights-violations> 11/2/2014)

"Why doesn't Syria learn from the Israeli army? Why don't they learn from the Israeli army which tries, through great efforts, to avoid shelling areas populated by civilians in Lebanon and Palestine? Didn't Hezbollah take shelter in areas populated by civilians because it knows that Israeli air force doesn't bomb those areas?"

Faisal Al-Qassem, Al-Jazeera TV host, 19/1/2014  
([www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display\\_art.html?ID=13220](http://www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display_art.html?ID=13220))

"Our politicians curse Israel to gain popularity".

Youssef Zeidan, Egyptian novelist (MEMRI, 12/1/2014)

"I say to those who distort their Lord's book, the Koran: From where did you bring the name Palestine, you liars, you accursed, when Allah has already named it "The Holy Land" and bequeathed it to the Children of Israel until the Day of Judgment. There is no such thing as 'Palestine' in the Koran. Your demand for the Land of Israel is a falsehood and it constitutes an attack on the Koran, on the Jews and their land".

Jordanian Sheikh Ahmad Adwan, facebook,  
([arabsforisrael.blogspot.com/2014](http://arabsforisrael.blogspot.com/2014))

“The Palestinians are the killers of children, the elderly and women. They attack the Jews and then they use those (children, the elderly and women) as human shields and hide behind them, without mercy for their children as if they weren’t their own children, in order to tell the public opinion that the Jews intended to kill them”.

[Jordanian Sheikh Ahmad Adwan, facebook, \(arabsforisrael.blogspot.com/2014\)](#)

"There are many regimes (in the region) that do not care about equal rights, they only care about catering to an elite that terrorizes the rest of the population, while brushing off the issue of human rights and dehumanizing others....In Israel, we [non-Jewish minorities] do not experience this....Israel is a shining example of human rights in the Middle East".

[Father Nadaf, Greek Orthodox priest \(www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/24329/Default.aspx, 25/12/2013\)](#)

“When you watch sessions of the Israeli Knesset, you can see the freedom that Arab MKs enjoy [despite] their harsh criticism of the Israeli government”.

[Mahdi Majid, Iraqi writer, Elaph website, 2013 \(memri\)](#)

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[Druze MK, Deputy Speaker of Knesset Hamad Amar \(Yisrael Beytenu\), \(www.israelnationalnews.com, 24/12/2013\)](#)

“ Hamas was born to destroy the State of Israel.... Hamas was born to destroy, and Hamas does not know how to build.... Palestinians, for more than sixty years, tried to destroy the State of Israel, not to build a Palestinian state.... Israel is not the problem in the Middle East. Israel is the solution”.

[Mosab Hassan Yousef, son of Hamas founder and leader Sheikh Hassan Yousef, at 2 Deutscher Israel Kongress, 23/10/2011, \(defence.pk > Forums > World Affairs > Middle East & Africa \(29/11/2012\)](#)

“The Koran specifies that the Land of Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people, that God Himself gave the Land to them as a heritage

and ordered them to live therein. It also announces that – before the end of time – the Jewish people will come from many different countries to retake possession of that heritage of theirs. Whoever denies this actually denies the Koran itself”.

Sheikh Abdul Hadi Palazzi, Secretary General of the Italian Muslim Assembly, and the Khalifa for Europe of the Qadiri Sufi Order.  
(Weekly Blitz. Volume 5, Issue 42,  
13/11/ 2010)

“I agree that the Palestinians suffer, but they suffer because of their corrupt leaders and not because of Israel.... I have to admit that our current Islamic teaching creates violence and hatred toward non-Muslims. We Muslims are the ones who need to change.... We ask others to respect our religion while all the time we curse non-Muslims loudly (in Arabic) in our Friday prayers in the mosques.... We Muslims need to stop blaming our problems on others or on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. As a matter of honesty, Israel is the only light of democracy, civilization, and human rights in the whole Middle East.... We kicked out the Jews with no compensation or mercy from most of the Arab countries to make them "Jews-free countries" while Israel accepted more than a million Arabs to live there, have their own nationality, and enjoy their rights as human beings....We Muslims have to change!”

Dr Tawfik Hamid  
([www.islamreview.com/articles/From\\_the\\_heart\\_of\\_a\\_Muslim](http://www.islamreview.com/articles/From_the_heart_of_a_Muslim).  
20/10/2010)

“This will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades.”

Rahman Azzam Pasha, May 1948

“If the Zionists dare establish a state, the massacres we would unleash would dwarf anything which Genghis Khan and Hitler perpetrated.”

Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of newly-formed Arab league, 30/6/1946

"It is absolutely necessary that an entente be made between the Zionists and Arabs, because the war of words can only do evil. The Zionists are necessary for the country: The money which they will bring, their knowledge and intelligence, and the industriousness which characterizes them will contribute without doubt to the regeneration of the country."

Dawood Barakat, editor of the Egyptian paper Al-Ahram, 1919  
(Neville Mandel 'Attempts at an Arab-Zionist entente 1913-14'  
M E Studies, April 1965 p243)

Who can challenge the rights of the Jews in Palestine? Good Lord, historically it is really your country”.

Yusef Diya al Khalidi, Mayor of Jerusalem, 1899