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Czarist-Nazi Integration into Palestinian Islamic Jihad

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Overview

To understand how Czarist/Nazi attitudes toward the Jews developed within the Palestinian Muslim domain we must begin with a synopsis of Haj Amin el-Husseini's pro-Nazi policies as the Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem, his Nazi activism in WWII, and conclude with the 1948 War. Next, we will review Jewish community loyalties to their nations of origin during both world wars, thereby debunking the slanders concerning traitorous Jewish behavior. Often Jewish communities were "rewarded" for their loyalty with persecution, as was the case in Europe preceding and during WWII. Finally there will be an in depth review of *The Hamas Covenant* Article 22 with textual comparisons between the Czarist *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* and Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, as concerns the Jews. Context will be provided for other accusations, particularly as pertains to Middle Eastern history.

The Grand Mufti Haj Amin el-Husseini and the Nazis

The Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, visited the German General Consul in Jerusalem at the end of March 1933, claiming to represent Muslims everywhere. Consul Wolff sent a telegram to the Nazi leadership relating the Mufti's greetings, congratulations on the Nazi rise to power, and a wish for an alliance to spread fascism while destroying Jewish influence and democracy. That summer the Arab Nazi movement came to light. Those who would later become secular Baathists insisted they were racists and great admirers of Nazism.

Throughout the 1930s, Arab and Islamic parties not only sent congratulations to the Nazis on the passage of the viciously antisemitic Nuremberg Laws, but used the Nazi fascist model for building political parties, youth movements and paramilitary organizations. These political factions influenced people at the time such as the Baathists Michel Aflaq and

Salah a-din al-Bitar, and future Egyptian Presidents Gamal Abdul Nasser and Anwar Sadat.¹

As for the Mufti, he acquired funds from the Nazis both for al-Banna's Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood and for his own 1936-39 revolt against the British. Simultaneously, he worked with the Brotherhood to liquidate the internal pro-British Palestinian Nashashibi family opposition.² In the words of David Patterson, the Mufti Haj Amin el-Husseini was the cultivator and the "fertilizer" necessary to ensure the growth of the new hybrid Nazi/Jihadi evil unified into one species.³

Fleeing the British in 1937 after the onset of the revolt, Haj Amin el-Husseini hid out on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, escaped to Lebanon and then made his way to Iraq. Nazi propaganda and influences were very heavy in Iraq in the late 1930s and increased in the early 1940s. The Mufti's influence expanded significantly after the pro-Nazi Rashid Ali al-Kilani and his Golden Square conspirators overthrew the pro-British Iraqi government in early April 1941.

The Mufti Haj Amin el-Husseini worked with Rashid Ali to solidify an alliance with the Nazis and organize battle plans for joint efforts to defeat Britain. Much to his dismay, the Nazis were preoccupied in the Balkans and unable to offer immediate assistance. Haj Amin had already written a letter to Hitler in January urging support and coordination for the Arab cause against the British and the Jews.⁴ When the British began their counter-offensive to retake Iraq a month later on May 2, Haj Amin and the Muslim clergy declared Jihad against the British in a special communique to the Iraqi people. Rashid Ali demanded immediate aid, especially for aircraft and Axis military advisors. Haj Amin, for his part, explained that with German-Italian commitment assured, insurgency actions would commence in both Transjordan and Palestine. All this was expected to dovetail nicely with the solidification of Nazi power in the Balkans, an Axis reinforcement of the fascist Vichy government in Syria, the sidelining of any possibility of Turkish opposition and the overall German desire to control the eastern Mediterranean.⁵

¹ Lewis, *Semites and Anti-Semites*, W.W. Norton and Co., New York and London, 1999, pp. 147-150.

² Patterson, David, *A Genealogy of Evil, Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad*, Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 111-112.

³ *Ibid*, p. 108.

⁴ Hirszowicz, Lukasz, *The Third Reich and the Arab East*, Rutledge and K. Paul, London, 1966, pp.108-109.

⁵ *Ibid*, pp. 134-166.

But the Germans could not fully commit, as they were already involved in Eastern Europe preparing for Operation Barbarossa and the invasion of the Soviet Union that June. Still, they were able to provide some arms, ammunition, aircraft and financial aid, whereby the Mufti is said to have received \$25,000. He also procured Italian help, especially with funding, but most assistance arrived too late. The British and Transjordanian Arab Legion defeated the Iraqi Nazis by late May. Rashid Ali's government and the Mufti fled while the British recaptured the country in early June.⁶

British success led to an outburst of fury directed against the Jewish population of Baghdad who were celebrating the Shavuot, or Pentecost holiday, on June 1-2. The attack resulted in the pillage, plunder and slaughter of 180 Jews in the pogrom known as the "Farhud." The Islamists saw the Jews as beneficiaries of the British presence due to their now legally equal status in Iraq, and resented the British mandate in Palestine calling for a Jewish National Home. More importantly, the Iraqi nationalist and Islamist groups, which Haj Amin helped, fully identified with the virulently antisemitic Axis message and took action against the Jews despite Rashid Ali's defeat.⁷ This fit in well with the Mufti's adherence to Hitler's racial theories and his demand that Arab countries maintain the equivalent right to deal with their Jewish minorities "by the same method applied to solve this problem on the territories of the Axis power."⁸

A few months later the Mufti sought a letter of commitment for full German involvement in the Middle East when he met the Nazi foreign minister von Ribbentrop and Hitler on November 28, 1941. He stressed the importance of the Arab-German friendship in the face of the British, Jewish and Bolshevik enemy. Hitler hesitated in making any sort of pledge, first wanting to secure the southern Caucasus Mountains as a springboard into western Asia. Although Hitler was adverse to a public declaration of unity between the Nazis and the Islamists, Haj Amin was assured of a top Arab leadership position in the emerging alliance with the Nazis once Hitler achieved his goals. Hitler, as "Führer" or guide, did not want to make empty declarations and feared another Iraqi failure. Kilani received a promise of German support as the future premier of Iraq and the Italians recognized the Mufti as the leader of the northern tier of Arab countries. Despite offering

⁶ Ibid, pp. 166-172.

⁷ Rejwan, Nissim, *The Jews of Iraq*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London, 1985, pp. 217-224.

⁸ Lebel, Jennie, *The Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, and National Socialism*, Cigoja Stampa Publishers, English translation, Paul Munch, Belgrade, 2007, pp. 81 and 84.

to build a joint fighting force, the Mufti failed to convince the Germans to recognize his pan-Arab efforts to build a unified Greater Syrian entity.⁹

The record of Hitler's commitment from the above November meeting with Haj Amin el-Husseini is quoted in the following memorandum:

1. He (the Fuhrer) would carry on the battle to the total destruction of the Judeo-Communist empire in Europe.

2. At some moment which was impossible to set exactly today but which in any event was not distant, the German armies would in the course of this struggle reach the southern exit from Caucasia.

3. As soon as this had happened, the Fuhrer would on his own give the Arab world the assurance that its hour of liberation had arrived. Germany's objective would then be solely the destruction of the Jewish element residing in the Arab sphere under the protection of British power. In that hour the Mufti would be the most authoritative spokesman for the Arab world. It would then be his task to set off the Arab operations which he had secretly prepared. When that time had come, Germany could also be indifferent to [Vichy] French reaction to such a declaration.¹⁰

Regarding the above Articles 2 and 3, once German forces moved south out of the Caucasus mountain region, the Mufti was destined to become the leading Nazi in the Arab world, responsible not only for Arab liberation, but for Jewish extermination. In the spring of 1942 the Grand Mufti Haj Amin el-Husseini and Rashid Ali al-Kilani secretly exchanged letters with the Nazis. Arab leaders pledged to help the Germans fight their common enemies. The letter assured assistance to Arabs living under British rule and recognized their right to independence while speaking of Arab political unity, should that be the desire of the Arabs themselves. The Jewish National Home in Palestine was slated for destruction as General Erwin Rommel's German Afrika Korps moved across North Africa into western Egypt. In early May

⁹ Hirszowicz, pp. 218-225.

¹⁰ Laqueur, Walter and Rubin, Barry, eds., *The Israel-Arab Reader, A Documentary History of the Middle East Conflict*, Penguin Books, New York and London, 1995, p. 71.

Hitler, the Mufti, Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop and Minister Grobba attended the meeting. Protocol of the meeting taken from *Documents of German Foreign Policy 1918-45*, in Laqueur and Rubin, pp. 68-72.

1942, Haj Amin and Rashid Ali publicized the contents of the letter exchange and agreement on Axis radio.¹¹ The threat ended when Rommel was defeated at the Battle of El Alamein a half a year later.

The Mufti advocated for an Arab legion to serve as a semi-independent force in the German army, in particular focusing on Egypt and North Africa. The following March he pushed for an overtly pro-Arab German declaration.¹² Haj Amin worked to build an independent pan-Muslim fighting brigade made up of men from Crimea, the North Caucasus region, Azerbaijan, central Soviet Asia and India. In the end, the Balkan Muslims—mostly Bosnians—were close at hand. The Mufti prevented the immigration of 4,500 Balkan Jews to Palestine, which included 4,000 children. He intervened with the Bulgarian, Italian, Romanian and Hungarian governments and convinced them to prohibit their Jews from immigrating. Instead, they arranged to have these Jews shipped to Poland to ensure they would be “supervised properly,” a euphemism for their destruction. The Mufti was building a pan-Islamic international policy for a Jihadist/Nazi victory on all fronts.

Haj Amin collaborated closely with the Nazis in the implementation of Hitler’s “Final Solution” of Jewish extermination as evidenced by his diary entry after his November 1941 meeting with Hitler.¹³ Envious of the Einsatzgruppen success in exterminating one and a half to two million Jews in Eastern Europe, the Mufti offered his services. Being on intimate terms with mass murderers Adolf Eichmann and Heinrich Himmler, he too demanded a part in the Final Solution. He visited the concentration-extermination camps at Auschwitz, Majdanek, Mauthausen, Theresienstadt and Bergen Belsen, while befriending their commandants. He organized pro-Nazi military units consisting of tens of thousands of Bosnians in the Handschar Division, and Albanians in the Skanderberg Division. He prepared Muslim volunteers and made radio broadcasts urging German-Arab victory and Jewish destruction. His speeches constantly condemned the Jews as enemies of Islam and accused them of dominating Britain, the US and international communism. As Patterson clearly states, “in keeping with the thinking shared by Nazis and Islamic Jihadists, al-Husseini espoused the view that the Jews fall outside the circle of redemption or rehabilitation. The *only* way to handle the Jewish Question is through extermination.”¹⁴

¹¹ Hirszowicz, pp. 225-228.

¹² Ibid, pp. 257 and 309.

¹³ Ibid, p. 312.

¹⁴ Patterson, pp. 115-119.

The Mufti was known for his vicious annihilationist diatribes against the Jews on various occasions. His most well-known declaration was on March 1, 1944 when he called for the universal Islamic massacre of Jews as he addressed Bosnian Muslim Nazi troops. "Kill the Jews wherever you find them. This pleases God, history and religion. This saves your honor. God is with you."¹⁵ In preparation, he issued his infamous pamphlet *Islam and Judaism* to his Muslim Balkan Nazi troops in 1943. He began by declaring, "It is unworthy for us Moslems to pronounce the words Islam and Judaism in one breath, when Islam stands so high above its deceitful opponent." Giving a short theological and historic survey, he explained the roots of the conflict as the "treachery of Jewry and its enmity to the founder of Islam, the Prophet Mohammad." He reminded them of the history that some Jews converted to Islam only to return to Judaism and condemn Islam as a "lie." Others tried to kill the Prophet Mohammad by flinging rocks at his head. In the end, the Jews of Medina were expelled, fled to Kaybar and would be punished again for not accepting defeat. The pamphlet goes on to describe the attempt to poison Mohammed by a Kaybar Jewess "Zaynab, Salam Ibn Mishkam's wife." It continues to say, "We Moslems must incessantly think about the Khaybar feast. If the Jews at that time betrayed Muhammad in this way, they would surely persecute us with their deceit, to destroy us." Mohammed suffered health problems ever since the Khaybar feast, the inference being that in the end he may have succumbed to the poisoning. He accused the Jews of "immorality" and of plotting to kill Moses after being "expelled" by the Egyptians. The Jews were and are locusts he declared, and accused them of intentionally spreading diseases in Syria and Palestine during the Roman period. This explains why the Jews are still referred to as "microbes" in Arabia. The Mufti continued to say Jews sowed strife among the different Arabian tribes.

Returning to the present moment, the Mufti said the Jews were "excrement" because they "succeeded in buying land from the poorest people and from unscrupulous landowners" a deed inferred to have begun with evil Jewish business practices since the time of Mohammed. The Jews were further denounced for having aligned themselves with the pagans and for telling them that paganism is superior to Islam, even though the Jews professed to believe in God. El-Husseini quoted Koran 5:82, "You shall surely establish that the greatest enmity toward those who believe is

¹⁵ "WHAT IF THE JEWS LOST ANY WAR," 4th quote, *Peace for Our Time*, retrieved July 22, 2011, www.peaceforourtime.org.uk/page146.html.

entertained by Jews and pagans.”¹⁶ He next quoted Mohammed, “It shall never be possible to see a Moslem and Jew together, without the Jew having the secret intention of destroying the Moslem.”¹⁷

The final quote in the pamphlet *Islam and Judaism* is the constantly repeated notorious Hadith quote, but in a slightly different form, as found in *The Hamas Covenant* Article 7. “The Day of Judgment will come only when the Moslems completely destroy the Jews, when every tree behind which a Jew is hiding, will say to the Moslem: ‘A Jew is standing behind me, kill him!’ Only the Gharqad tree [thorn bush], which is a small shrub with many thorns and grows around Jerusalem, will not participate in this, for it is a Jewish tree!”¹⁸

Following WWII, Haj Amin fled prosecution by the Yugoslav authorities for war crimes, and was welcomed as a hero in Cairo. He provided the fertile ground for Jewish extermination as an acceptable doctrine among the Jihadists when he arrived in Egypt in 1946 and met up with Muslim Brotherhood leaders Hasan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb.¹⁹ The Mufti saw himself as a firm Muslim Axis ally. The Reich Ministry for Foreign Affairs quoted Haj Amin as declaring, “The victory of the Axis powers will also be the victory of the Islamic nations.”²⁰ As further noted by Patterson, “the Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] becomes a hybrid of Nazism and Islam to form Islamic Jihadism, making the ultimate extermination of the Jews not just a political or territorial aim, but a fundamental and defining element of their worldview: one cannot be part of the Brotherhood, just as one cannot be a Nazi, without espousing the extermination of the Jews.”²¹ Haj Amin el-Husseini was planning for Jewish annihilation and Nazi victory in Palestine.²²

Haj Amin continued his efforts organizing along with the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood to send volunteers to attack the Jewish community in mandated Palestine beginning in early 1948, even before the declaration of independence by the newborn Israeli State. The Brotherhood took part in the 1948 War but lacked recruits and was unsuccessful; the newborn state

¹⁶ Lebel, *The Mufti of Jerusalem*, Appendix “Islam and Judaism” pamphlet by The Great Mufti of Jerusalem” (Zagreb 1943), pp. 311-319. Quotes and explanations are taken from the pamphlet.

¹⁷ Ibid, p. 318.

¹⁸ Ibid, pp. 318-319.

¹⁹ Patterson, p. 121.

²⁰ Lebel, p. 175.

²¹ Ibid, p. 126.

²² For a full review see *Nazi Palestine: The Plans for the Extermination of the Jews of Palestine*, by Klaus-Michael Mallman and Martin Cuppers, translated by Krista Smith, 2010.

survived the conflict. Despite the dark shadow of all these revelations, Haj Amin el-Husseini remains a highly respected leader in the Arab world today. More significantly, the Mufti's Islamo-Nazi hatreds toward the Jews were passed on to Hamas and, in part, to the secular PLO/Fatah. By the 1980s the Mufti's legacy of hatred for the Jewish People and its nation state became fully integrated into much of the Palestinian national mindset, especially as seen in Hamas and its *Covenant*. For decades the secular PLO/Fatah was considered anti-Zionist, but not antisemitic; however, in recent years the Mufti's antisemitic imprint is becoming more manifest as evidenced in numerous statements and articles originating with Palestinian Authority officials²³ (see Chapters III, VI, and VII – “Jewish National Liberation,” “*The Hamas Covenant*” and “Comparative Analysis,” respectively).

Jewish Involvement in WWI, WWII, and the Bolshevik Revolution

Antisemites, especially of the Czarist, Nazi and Jihadi types, constantly accuse the Jews of betraying their home countries, especially in times of war. The historic record defeats these accusations and shows that Jewish communities demonstrated unswerving loyalties to the European powers involved in WWI. These powers included the German, Russian, French, British, Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empire militaries. Jews suffered the same casualties, if not more per capita, than non-Jews. Prior to WWII, most Jews lived in Eastern and Central Europe. Below are some statistics as relates to this period of time.

After the start of WWI, in 1915 Czarist forces expelled about 600,000 Jews from much of Eastern Europe, mainly Poland. Jews living under the German occupation suffered the usual hardships of war, including 70,000 of their people forcibly transferred to Germany proper for exploitation in labor battalions. About 650,000 Jews served in the Russian army during WWI (with an estimated 100,000 killed), 320,000 Jews served in the Austro-Hungarian army (40,000 killed) while 100,000 Jews fought in the German army (12,000 killed).

Throughout the Bolshevik Revolution (1917-1921), Czarist forces massacred Jews. In particular, the Czar's Ukrainian allies were responsible for between 50,000 to 200,000 deaths with countless others wounded. The exact numbers are not known.²⁴ In general, Jews favored the Soviet

²³ For more information, see *Palestine Media Watch*, www.palwatch.org.

²⁴ Barnavi, Eli, “World War I and the Jews,” *Jewish History, 1914 to 1948*, <http://www.myjewishlearning.com>.
 “World War I,” *The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe*, www.yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/World_War_I.

revolution due to the promise of equality, but were deeply disappointed when such promises remained declarative more than anything else. Antisemitism was in full bloom under Stalin and the Bolsheviks by the late 1920s and reached its height in the purges of 1936-38, just prior to WWII, where many Jews were imprisoned and executed as enemies of the revolution. This of course would not stop them from taking up arms in June 1941 to defend the Soviet Union against Hitler's invasion.

While the Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem Haj Amin el-Husseini actively worked with the Nazis, one and a half million Jews fought on the Allied side to defeat Germany and its Axis allies. Some 200,000 Soviet Jewish soldiers were killed, 50,000 died in the Polish army and over 12,000 died serving in the American military.²⁵ These numbers represent the highest casualty rates, though Jews died serving in other armies as well. As is well known, six million Jews died in the Holocaust. Any claims concerning Jewish gain in WWI, the Bolshevik Revolution or WWII as stated in *The Hamas Covenant*, Article 22, (see below) are outright lies.

After the Holocaust, Stalin continued active persecution of the Soviet and Eastern European Jews who survived. In 1952 he orchestrated the antisemitic Slansky Trial in Czechoslovakia where Jews were accused of betraying the nation and the Communist Party. Simultaneously, he planned the destruction of Soviet Jewry under the guise of what became known as the "Doctors' Plot" where mostly Jewish doctors were arrested and accused of plotting and assassinating the Soviet leadership. Stalin accused the entire Jewish community of betrayal, in order to gain support for total Jewish annihilation. Stalin's death in early 1953 ended persecution of this type, as his successors did not follow through with his plans.²⁶ However, for over

"Epilogue: Relevant Commentaries on the Lists," *DIE JUDISCHEN GEFALLENEN (German Jewish Soldiers)*,

www.germanjewishsoldiers.com/epilogue.php.

Budnitskii, Oleg, "Russian Jews Between the Reds and Whites 1917-1920," *University of Pennsylvania Press*, translated by Timothy J. Portice,

www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/toc/14908.html,

all sources retrieved May 27, 2015.

²⁵ Exhibit "Jewish Soldiers in World War II," *Latrun Armor Museum*, Israel.

²⁶ For an overall review of Russian and Soviet Jewry, see Salo W. Baron's *The Russian Jew Under Tsars and Soviets* (1987).

Also for persecutions specifically under Stalin's regime, see Louis Rapoport's work *Stalin's War Against the Jews* (1990).

For an in depth study done as these major post WWII persecutions were unfolding, see *The Jews in the Soviet Satellites*, by Peter Meyer, Bernard Weinryb,

Eugene Duschinsky and Nicolas Sylvain, 1953

thirty years continuing into the 1980s Jews suffered from economic, educational and cultural discrimination under Stalin's successors.

Czarist/Nazi Antisemitism in *The Hamas Covenant*

As previously discussed in Chapter VI, "*The Hamas Covenant Analysis*," there are several Articles accusing the Jews of Nazism, while many others use Czarist/Nazi accusations in their condemnation of the Jews. Articles 20 and 31 accuse Israel of Nazism through "accusation reversal." Hamas knew and knows full well of the Muslim Brotherhood alliance and support for Nazism in the past and its continuous support through spokesmen such as the Egyptian cleric Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, at present. Article 28 links back to the Czarist/Nazi conspiracy theories accusing the Jews of achieving world conquest through proxy civic organizations such as the Freemasons and Rotary Clubs. Article 30 condemns Zionism for its dominance of the world media and finance, echoing the Czarist/Nazi libel against the Jews. Most importantly our focus will be on Article 22, the heart of the Hamas vilification of the Jews.

Virtually everything written in *The Hamas Covenant* Article 22 was influenced by the notorious antisemitic Czarist forgery, *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*,^{27 28} published in 1903. By demonizing the Jews and blaming them for all Czarist Russia's troubles, the attitudes expressed in *Protocols* helped set the stage for violent attacks against the Jews in 1903, especially the Kishinev Pogrom. The document is said to be the twenty-four "Protocols" of a secret universal Jewish leadership conspiracy plotting world conquest. The Russian secret police invented these "Protocols" to prove "Jewish evil" and in the

²⁷ All quotes in this section are taken from "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," with revised 1923 Introduction, *Solar General*, retrieved January 25, 2016, <http://solargeneral.org/wp-content/uploads/library/protocols-of-zion.pdf>.

Note: this site is antisemitic.

Protocols of the Elders of Zion originally accessed under "The Winds," July 20, 2001.

For a dissection of the plagiarisms, half truths, outright lies and antisemitic slanders, see "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," *Wikipedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Protocols_of_the_Elders_of_Zion, and "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," *Britannica Encyclopaedia*, www.britannica.com/topic/Protocols-of-the-Learned-Elders-of-Zion.

For official Palestinian Arab usage of the *Protocols*, see "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," *Palestine Media Watch*, http://www.palwatch.org/STORAGE/OpEd/Protocols_of_the_Elders.pdf.

All sites accessed August 30, 2015.

²⁸ Often the word "Learned" is removed from the title and the forgery is referred to as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Both terms are correct.

1920s these diatribes served as the foundation for Chapter XI of Volume I, in Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, entitled "Nation and Race."²⁹

In the Introduction to *Protocols*, under the heading "Elders" and preceding the main body of the forgery, the "Jewish plot" for world conquest is said to be "exposed." Supposedly, the Jewish scheme began in 929 BCE with King Solomon and continues to this day. Jewish leaders, in particular the Zionist leaders Theodor Herzl and Chaim Weizmann, are accused of seeking world domination, not just a national home in Palestine. To quote part of the Introduction to the *Protocols*: "The desire for a National Home in Palestine is explained as only camouflage and an infinitesimal part of the Jew's real objective. It proves that the Jews of the world have no intention of settling in Palestine or any separate country and that their annual prayer that they may all meet 'Next Year in Jerusalem' is merely a piece of their characteristic make-believe. It also perpetuates the idea that the Jews are now a world menace, and that the Aryan races will have to domicile them permanently out of Europe." With the publication of *The Protocols*, Czarist antisemites demanded Jewish expulsion from Europe. Later, Hitler picked up the terms "Aryan races" and "race and nation" from *Protocols*, and the Nazis sought Jewish extermination.

The outline below shows the undeniable similarities between the deadly antisemitism of *The Hamas Covenant* Article 22, the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and Hitler's *Mein Kampf* Chapter XI. Quotes are as found in the original translations.³⁰ Each section's sub-header identifies the area of accusation the three documents have against the Jews. Bullet points are verbatim examples and/or represent a summary of what *The Hamas Covenant*, the *Protocols*, and *Mein Kampf* respectively say about the issues. Quotes from *The Hamas Covenant* Article 22 are in bold while quotes using capital letters are in the original.

Accumulation of Financial Resources

- *The Hamas Covenant* claims that Jews must "**accumulate huge financial resources**" for their plots to succeed.
- In Protocol 1, Clause 7, the Czarists accused the Jews of plotting to acquire the world's gold resources to facilitate global conquest

²⁹ Hitler, Adolf, *Mein Kampf*, originally published 1925/1926, accessed online at *Hitler Historical Museum*, retrieved January 25, 2001, http://www.hitler.org/writings/Mein_Kampf.

³⁰ All quotes concerning Hitler are from Chapter XI in *Mein Kampf* unless otherwise noted.

Protocols quotes in all capital letters were written in capitals in the original document.

through the “despotism of capital.” Protocol 22, entitled “Power of Gold,” once again reminded everyone of Jewish greed and their quest to control world finance.

- Hitler concurred and went a step further: “Finance and commerce have become his [the Jew’s] complete monopoly,” and continues, “the Jewish influence on economic affairs grows with terrifying speed through the stock exchange. He becomes the owner, or at least the controller, of the national labor force.” The Jewish objective is to dominate the world economy.

Take-Over of the Media

- *The Hamas Covenant* states: **“With money they [the Jews] have taken control of the world media - news agencies, the press, publishing houses, broadcasting services, etc.”**
- In Protocol 2, under “Destructive Education” in Clause 5, Jews are accused of planning and gaining domination over the press. This plot is further discussed in Protocol 7 under “Universal War,” Clause 5, where the conclusion is: “THE PRESS, WHICH, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS THAT MAY BE DISREGARDED, IS ALREADY ENTIRELY IN OUR [Jewish] HANDS.” Protocol 12 in its entirety is dedicated to Jewish domination of the media as a means of controlling the world.
- Likewise, Hitler exclaimed: the powerful “weapon in the service of the Jews—the press. With all his perseverance and dexterity he seizes possession of it. With it he slowly begins to grip and ensnare, to guide and to push all public life, since he is in a position to create and direct that power which, under the name of ‘public opinion,’ is better known today than a few decades ago.”

Responsibility for Revolutions Worldwide

- *The Hamas Covenant*: **“With money they sparked revolutions in various countries around the world in order to serve their interests and to reap profits. They were behind the French Revolution and the Communist Revolution and [they are behind] most of the revolutions about which we hear from time to time here and there.”**
- Phantom “Jewish” authors described the Jewish responsibility for the French Revolution in Protocol 3, Clause 14. “The secrets of

its preparations are well known to us for it was wholly the work of our hands.” This statement comes after the Jewish conspiracy entitled “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity,” found in Protocol 1, Clause 26, under the heading “WE SHALL END LIBERTY.” This section is said to lay bare the supposedly Jewish rabble-rousing slogan to overthrow the aristocracy. Protocol 3, Clause 7, under the heading “WE SUPPORT COMMUNISM,” states, “We [the Jews] appear on the scene as alleged saviors of the worker from this oppression when we propose to him to enter the ranks of our fighting forces – Socialists, Anarchists, Communists – to whom we always give support in accordance with an alleged brotherly rule (of solidarity of all humanity) of our SOCIAL MASONRY.”

- *Mein Kampf* views universal social process and revolution as a Jewish plot for world domination. After discussing the Zionist “swindle,” the use of democracy and labor unions to ensure Jewish power and the Jewish Marxist plot, Hitler stated that now “begins the great last revolution. In gaining political power the Jew casts off the few cloaks that he still wears. The democratic people’s Jew becomes the blood-Jew and tyrant over peoples.”

Formation of Secret Organizations

- *The Hamas Covenant* continues: **“With money they have formed secret organizations, all over the world, in order to destroy [those countries’] societies and to serve the Zionists’ interests, such as the Freemasons, the Rotary Clubs, the Lions, the Sons of the Covenant [i.e. B’nei B’rith], etc.”**
- The *Protocols* attack Freemasons for functioning in the name of the Jews as “a screen for us and our objects” (Protocol 4, Clause 2) and once again when stating that the, “SECRET MASONRY WHICH IS NOT KNOWN TO, AND AIMS WHICH ARE NOT EVEN SO MUCH AS SUSPECTED BY, THESE ‘GOY’ CATTLE, ATTRACTED BY US INTO THE ‘SHOW’ ARMY OF MASONIC LODGES IN ORDER TO THROW DUST IN THE EYES OF THEIR FELLOWS” (Protocol 11, Clause 7). The *Protocols* accuse Freemasons of being an arm of the Jews serving as, “THE AGENTS OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL POLICE” (Protocol 15, Clause 4), that will

eventually meet their end when liquidated by the Jews (Protocol 15, Clause 9).

- *Mein Kampf* attacks the supposed Jewish conspiracies of communism, the Freemasons and the press at once, declaring, “Thus there arises a pure movement entirely of manual workers under Jewish leadership, apparently aiming to improve the situation of the worker, but in truth planning the enslavement and with it the destruction of all non-Jewish Peoples. The general pacifistic paralysis of the national instinct of self-preservation begun by Freemasonry in the circles of the so-called intelligentsia is transmitted to the broad masses and above all to the bourgeoisie by the activity of the big papers which today are always Jewish. Added to these two weapons of disintegration comes a third and by far the most terrible, the organization of brute force. As a shock and storm troop, Marxism is intended to finish off what the preparatory softening up with the first two weapons has made ripe for collapse.”

Against Democracy

- Hamas speaks of the “**capitalist West**” as a euphemism for liberal democratic societies. Although democratically elected to power, just like the Nazis were, Hamas used its armed forces to overthrow the state building framework of the Palestinian Authority in the Gaza Strip in June 2007 and instituted an Islamist dictatorship. Following in Hitler’s footsteps, Hamas condemns both the “**imperialist forces of the capitalist West and the communist East**” as Jewish puppets begging their own destruction by their Jewish overlords. For Hamas, democracy is used as a means to an end, the achievement of Islamic power. Secular rule is forbidden as is the people’s will or democracy. What is not in line with Sharia Law is prohibited.
- The *Protocols* discuss how the Jews will exploit a “SOCALLED LIBERALISM” in the name of “political freedom” in order to weaken and conquer the non-Jewish nations of the world (Protocol 2, Clause 6). The Jews will use constitutions to undermine the monarchies and eventually bring about the overthrow of all state institutions to ensure universal conflict, chaos and poverty (Protocol 3, Clauses 2-4). Such democracy and “freedom” will be used to deceive the foolish masses and will

become a “brute force which turns mobs into bloodthirsty beasts” (Protocol 3, Clause 20). The “chaotic license of liberalism” will allow for Jewish control of all institutions of society including elections, the press, the law and in particular education (Protocol 9, Clause 9) which in turn will lead to mob support for Jewish dominance (Protocol 10, Clause 4). The “Poison of Liberalism” and “Constitutionalism” will be used to ensure Jewish “DESPOTISM” and world sovereignty (Protocol 10, Clauses 8-20).

- *Mein Kampf*, states it this way, “His [the Jew’s] ultimate goal at this stage is the victory of ‘democracy’ or, as he understands it: the rule of parliamentarianism. It is most compatible with his requirements; for it excludes the personality – and puts in its place the majority characterized by stupidity, incompetence, and last but not least, cowardice.” Hitler passed the Enabling Act of March 23, 1933,³¹ giving the Reich cabinet and Fuhrer full powers of decision-making and taking the first major step in ending German democracy.

Supporting International Conflict

- Below is the continuing Hamas message of Jewish world domination through massive financial resources and the Jewish plot to spark global conflict. The similarities to Hitler’s speech are obvious (see below). The consequences for the Jews are meant to be identical as well. Once again the Jews are accused of instigating universal turmoil. *The Hamas Covenant*, Article 22: **“There is no end to what can be said about [their involvement in] local wars and world wars. They were behind World War I, through which they achieved the destruction of the Islamic Caliphate, reaped material profits, took control of numerous resources, obtained the Balfour Declaration, and established the League of the United Nations [sic] so as to rule the world through this organization. They were [also] behind World War II, through which they reaped enormous profits from commerce in war materials and paved the way for the establishment of their state.”** Most of these accusations

³¹ Shirer, William, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1960, p. 198.

originate in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and are repeated in Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

- *Protocols* accuse the Jews of fostering economic wars (Protocol 2, Clause 1), working for universal conflict of all against all (Protocol 3, Clause 3), and advocating “universal war” (Protocol 7, Clause 3). As noted above the Jews are said to conspire to conquer the world through communist agitation and the control of world finance.
- In *Mein Kampf* Hitler explains that the Jew seeks wars where all fight each other. The Jew implements such a policy through his control of the media, economy, state apparatus, the press and a false concern for the workers. To succeed in world conquest the Jew “weaves a net of enemies, thanks to his international influence, incites them to war and finally, if necessary, plants the flag of revolution on the very battlefields.” Such thinking culminated in his infamous speech to the Reichstag on January 30, 1939 when Hitler showed the same irrational antisemitic conspiracy theories found woven throughout *The Hamas Covenant*. He condemned Jews to death for the imagined crimes of international finance (capitalism) and Bolshevism (communism), two entirely opposite political/economic systems. To quote Hitler, “Today I will once more be a prophet: if the international Jewish financiers in and outside Europe should succeed in plunging the nations once more into a world war, then the result will not be the Bolshevizing of the earth, and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!”

The Downfall of the Islamic Caliphate & Worldwide Autocracy

- Hamas explains that **“They [the Jews] were behind World War I, through which they achieved the destruction of the Islamic Caliphate,”** thereby placing blame on the Jews for both events. Such supposed Jewish behavior can be traced back to Koran 5:82, accusing the Jews and pagans of having “enmity to the faithful.” The final downfall of the Caliphate occurred under Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the secular leader who created the modern Turkish state in the 1920s. Islamists, particularly Sayyid Qutb and his followers, charged Ataturk with working for the Jews, leading to questions posed by Islamists as to whether Ataturk may have been a Jew himself. Many Islamic

fundamentalists see the collapse of the Caliphate as part of an overall Jewish conspiracy to destroy Islam. This parallels the Czarist antisemitism expressed in *Protocols* accusing the Jews of plotting to destroy the Russian aristocracy and Christian clergy and Hitler's determination that the Jews are destroying all peoples and religions (see below). Hamas falsely accuses the Jews of obliterating the Muslim institution of autocratic rule, the Islamic Caliphate.

- In *Protocols*, the Czarist forgers accuse the Jews of destroying aristocracy in general, and more specifically working to destroy the "RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY" (Protocol 15, Clause 3), the clergy and even the Papacy through "FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE" to ensure the "COMPLETE WRECKING OF THAT CHRISTIAN RELIGION" (Protocol 17, Clauses 2-3).
- In *Mein Kampf* Hitler states, "Hence today I believe that I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator: *by defending myself against the Jew, I am fighting for the work of the Lord.*"³² Hitler sees himself as a Christian whose mission it is to destroy the evil Jewish race who he accuses of attempting to conquer the world. He does not believe the Jews adhere to a religion as they have no ideals and only seek practical gain. For Hitler the Jews were a racial "menace" working to destroy all peoples and religions. Hitler like the Czarists condemns the Jews for having "conscience" as noted in the following quote, "With our movement the intervening age, the middle age, has come to its end. We terminate a wrong course of mankind. The tablets of Mount Sinai have lost their validity. Conscience is a Jewish invention." Here we note Hitler's barbarism to which he fully admits. Jewish conscience when adopted by Germans undermined their rights as the stronger to conquer and commit genocide against the weaker peoples. Such thinking impeded the German will to conquer the world. Here is

³² Walker, Jim, "Hitler's religious beliefs and fanaticism," *NoBeliefs.com for freethinkers*, retrieved October 6, 2015, www.nobeliefs.com/hitler.htm.

another reason the Jews would need to be exterminated - to eliminate conscience.³³

The Issue of Conscience

“Conscience” is not discussed directly in *The Hamas Covenant*. In Koran 5:82 it states plainly that “the most implacable of men in their enmity to the faithful are the Jews and pagans,” who nowadays are accused of spreading the ideals of democracy, liberalism, socialism and secularism (see Chapter II “Ideologues”). Nor are Christians absolved as the verse continues “and that the nearest in affection to them are those who say: ‘We are Christians.’” These socio-economic and political frameworks are very much the result of “conscience” as expressed by the Enlightenment thinkers of the early modern period in Europe. Matters of “conscience” led to the overthrow of the aristocratic and religious autocracy in Europe. The Hamas Jihadists see themselves facing the same enemies and in particular the Jews, whom they likewise accuse of destroying the Islamic Caliphate. The above secular Enlightenment concepts deny Sharia law and infer equality for all members of humanity, both infractions being an affront to the Hamas faithful.

“Conscience” leads to compassion, a trait considered a weakness by dictatorial and totalitarian regimes, most notably the Czarist, Nazi and Jihadi Islamist types. All chapters in the Koran begin with the verse, “In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful” except for Chapter 9 entitled “Repentance.” Here the believers are urged to “slay the idolaters wherever you find them,” while the *jizya* tax and hellfire branding are invoked against Jews and Christians. Unrelenting Jihad is the answer to non-compliance with Islamic dictates, no matter how peaceful one may be (Koran 9:1-14). Allah may be referred to as “compassionate” in parts of the Koran but in the Jihadi world view compassion and mercy are only granted to the believers, such attitudes toward all others were and are abrogated.

³³ “Hitler quotes from Adolf Hitler,” *SimpleToRemember.com Judaism Online*, retrieved October 7, 2015, <http://www.simpletoremember.com/articles/a/hitler-quotes>.

Heinsohn, Gunnar, “Shofar FTP Archive File:

people/h/heinsohn.gunnar/whyauschwitz,”

The Nizkor Project, September 26, 1996, retrieved January 5, 2016,

www.nizkor.org/ftp.cgi?people/h/heinsohn.gunnar/why-auschwitz.

The quote from Hitler is found within the text written by Gunnar Heinsohn.

Jews Accused of Global Manipulation

To repeat, according to Hamas, the Jews **“reaped material profits, took control of numerous resources, obtained the Balfour Declaration, and established the League of the United Nations [sic] so as to rule the world through this organization. They were [also] behind World War II, through which they reaped enormous profits from commerce in war materials and paved the way for the establishment of their state.”**

In addition to exposing the blatant antisemitism expressed in the Hamas quote above, the historical record must be set straight. In 1917, the British issued the Balfour Declaration supporting a Jewish National Home in Palestine. London was already engaged in the McMahon Correspondence with Sharif Hussein of Mecca in 1915 to establish an Arab kingdom with the halt of hostilities at the end of WWI. The fact that the British only followed through in part had little to do with Jews or Zionism and had everything to do with the Sykes-Picot Agreement and the French. These two European powers divided the Middle East into mandates, thereby preventing the establishment of a unified Arab Kingdom. The Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann met with Sharif Hussein’s son Faisal to discuss Arab-Jewish national issues, joint interests and cooperation in January 1919. The idea was to work together for Jewish immigration and Arab development in Palestine. Faisal’s condition for implementation was that the British fulfilled all of their promises to the Arabs, which they did not.³⁴ As a result the Weizmann-Feisal Agreement was never carried out.

The world organization between the two world wars was the League of Nations. Jewish groups were not involved in assembling the League, which consisted of state entities. This fact alone illustrates Hamas’ ignorance when addressing international issues and accusations of the Jews’ involvement with the League of Nations. The Hamas accusation only makes sense if one believes in the conspiracy theories of Jewish world dominance. The League fell apart by the late 1930s when international efforts were most needed to save Jews from Hitler’s Nazi persecutions, highlighted best by the massive German state-sponsored Kristallnacht (November 1938) pogroms. This Nazi state-driven terror came a few months after the failed Evian Conference, which sought to find German Jewry safe havens in other nations. The League of Nations proved itself a complete failure in saving Jews.

In 1948, Israel was born in destitution despite the Holocaust—not as a result of it. Much of the world, including the United States and especially

³⁴ “Agreement Between Emir Feisal and Dr. Weizmann,” *MidEast Web Historical Documents*, retrieved January 15, 2010, www.mideastweb.org/feisweiz.htm.

Britain, considered a form of trusteeship designed around the Morrison-Grady Plan (1946)³⁵ as a remedy for the Palestine Mandate. Should it have succeeded, Britain would have retained its strategic interests, eliminating all possibilities for a Jewish State. Both Jews and Arabs rejected the proposal. It was not until November 29, 1947 that the United Nations presented Resolution 181, commonly known as the “Partition Plan,” and the world considered the twostate solution whereby Jewish and Arab States were to live side by side as two political entities sharing a common economy. The Arab world, including the Palestinians, rejected the Partition Plan, but the Jews accepted it.

Palestinian Arabs initiated attacks against Palestinian Jews on November 30. Later, five Arab countries invaded Israel: Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. Haj Amin el-Husseini directed his irregular “Jihad Army” from the outside, but without any success, while another Nazi collaborator, Fawzi Qawuqji, joined the invasion from Syria, hoping to finish Hitler’s work. Both failed (see Chapter III “Jewish National Liberation”). Article 22 of *The Hamas Covenant* is the logical continuation of Haj Amin el-Husseini and Fawzi Qawuqji’s legacies.

Certain Hamas apologists admit the *Protocols* to be false and concede incorrect selective usages of Koranic quotes. They expect Article 32 and others to be stricken from the *Covenant* at a later date or at least changed as not to be antisemitic. Article 22 completely demonizes the Jewish People, going beyond the traditional Islamic anti-Jewish attitudes and more fully adopts the Czarist Russian and Nazi approach. The logical conclusion when dealing with demons is to destroy them. As for any expected change in the *Covenant*, this is most improbable since Hamas followers commonly refer to it as the “Charter of Allah,” a binding Islamic document Divinely inspired by Allah Himself.

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³⁵ “Morrison-Grady Plan (1946),” *Encyclopedia.com*, retrieved Nov. 11, 2015, www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1G2-3424601875.html.

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