Comparisons made in the Arab Media between Israel and Nazi Germany

Portrayal of Israeli PM Ariel Sharon as equal to Hitler, with bloody hands walking over skeletons. (Al-Gumhuriya, Egypt, December 2001)

Not just Sharon, nearly every Israeli PM has been compared to Nazi Germany. (Clockwise: Then PM Shamir ‘92 in the Egyptian press, Rabin ’93 in the Jordanian press, Peres ’96 in the Egyptian press and Sharon ‘02 in the Saudi press)

Jews portrayed as oppressors hiding behind the Holocaust

An orthodox Jew looking like a stabbed victim uses a sword to stab an innocent looking Arab. (Al-Watan, Oman 2002)

An orthodox Jew is killing Arabs, while he cries for the Holocaust victims in front of cameras. (Keyhan, December 2001)

On the other hand, Arab cartoons often leave no doubt about their hope for a new Holocaust directed against Jews. (Interestingly, the very same media usually accuses Jews of perpetrating a “new Holocaust” against the Palestinians.) These cartoons are far more blatant than the Stümer-caricatures from Nazi times.

“The theme of the ‘grave’ is a graphic reflection of the claim made by Dr. Yihye al-Rahawi in Al-Ahrar (July 19, 1982), a daily published by the Egyptian Liberal Party: ‘When the State of Israel was established and granted recognition by many, in both East and West, one of the reasons for such recognition was the latent desire of many in both the East and the West to rid themselves of as many representatives as possible of that mistake of humanity called ‘the Jews’. Behind that motive was another, secret one: to concentrate them in one place, so that they could be extirpated when the moment was right.

In this conflict, we cannot help but see before us the image of that great man, Hitler, may Allah have mercy upon him, the wisest of men, who confronted this problem... and he, out of compassion for the plight of man, tried to annihilate every Jew, but gave up trying to cure this cancerous growth that spread throughout human-kind.’”

...and, unfortunately, this is the way how Arab propaganda finds its way into the Western Media and the thoughts of the average citizen.

“... Respect for the victims of the Holocaust prohibited us to use the same criteria on the Israeli governments as we did with other Western governments. Therefore, political or economic sanctions against Israel were taboo. But the Holocaust, which legitimized the Jewish state’s existence for all times, was a German and European crime; and the Palestinians, who are suffering its consequences today, are not responsible for it. We tolerated the Israeli settlement and occupation policy and let the Palestinians pay the price. That caused the hatred to grow in the Arab and Muslim world and hit us back on September 11th, 2001 and March 11th, 2004...” (Financial Times Deutschland, March 26th, 2004: „Kampf um die Sympathisanten“)

Israel accused of a “New Holocaust” against the Palestinians in the Western Media

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising is shown as exactly the same as the Israeli military operations in Jenin. Text: “History has a strange way of repeating itself!” (Le Monde, France, May 2002)

A caricature of a Nazi soldier labeled with the Star of David threatens an Arab dressed up like a Jewish prisoner out of a concentration camp. Headline: “Holocaust II”, Caption: “War machine of Sharon is attempting to carry out a new Holocaust, a new genocide.” (Eleftherotypia, a reportedly pro-Government Center Left Greek publication, April 2002)

The entrance to a “Palestinian Auschwitz”. Text: “Welcome to Palestine” (Latuff, a Brazilian caricaturist, 2002)

Israeli security fence portrayed as equal to Nazi repression against Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. Text: “The road to peace” (Australia, August 2003)

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