

# Ben White

Ben White is a freelance journalist who glorifies terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians and defends Holocaust deniers. He spreads anti-peace and anti-coexistence propaganda filled with lies meant to demonize and delegitimize the only Jewish state.

**Ben White praises suicide bombers and defends the violent actions of Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization.**

- White showed support for the killing of civilians when he tweeted in 2012 that “[Palestine’s] liberation will emerge from the bloodshed and sweat of martyrs past and future.”<sup>1</sup>
  - “Martyrs” are those who kill themselves to murder civilians.
  - The al-Qaeda terrorists responsible for 9/11 referred to themselves as “martyrs.”

**White continuously expresses morbidly anti-Semitic views.**

- White “understands” the baseless hatred of Jews, writing that “I do not consider myself an anti-Semite, yet I can also understand why some are.”<sup>2</sup>
- He defended Jürgen Möllemann, a German politician, who equated policies of the Israeli government with those of the Nazi regime.<sup>3</sup> This claim is anti-Semitic according to the U.S. State Department’s definition of anti-Semitism,<sup>4</sup> as it compares Israel’s defense against U.S.-designated terrorist groups to the Nazi’s genocide of the Jewish people.
- White defended former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad when he denied the Holocaust and called for Israel to be “wiped off the map.”<sup>5</sup>
  - Ahmadinejad also chanted “Death to America” and ran a dictatorship that executed more people per capita than any other country.

**Ben White calls for a one-state solution in which Israel would not longer exist as a Jewish state.<sup>6</sup> Likewise, he is a fierce advocate for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against (BDS), an anti-Palestinian movement that is also dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.**

- The BDS movement harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel by boycotting companies that employ them. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ben White dreams that, by the “bloodshed and sweat of martyrs”, Palestine will be free! Adam Levick. UK Media Watch. October 27, 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Is It Possible to Understand the Rise in Anti-Semitism? Ben White. CounterPunch. June 18, 2002.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid

<sup>4</sup>Defining Anti-Semitism. U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.

<sup>5</sup>Profile: Ben White. Anti-Defamation League. November 13, 2013.

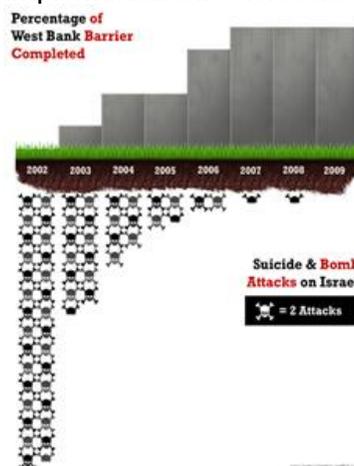
<sup>6</sup>Profile: Ben White. Anti-Defamation League. November 13, 2013.

<sup>7</sup>EU Survey: Palestinians working for Israelis are paid double those working for Palestinians in the West Bank and triple those in the Gaza Strip. Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik. Palestinian Media Watch. February 26, 2015.

- BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.
- Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel.<sup>8</sup> **Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?**
- The Tennessee State Assembly condemned BDS as “one of the main vehicles for spreading anti-Semitism and advocating the elimination of the Jewish state.”<sup>9</sup>

**White spreads lies about the Jewish state, which is considered anti-Semitic by the U.S. State Department’s definition of anti-Semitism.<sup>10</sup>**

- White defends the First Intifada, calling it civil disobedience.<sup>11</sup> The First Intifada was a wave of Palestinian-Arab terror attacks against Israelis that murdered countless Israeli Jews and Palestinian-Arabs.<sup>12</sup>
- Ben White makes the fabricated claim that Israel is an Apartheid state. **Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a lie constructed to demonize the only Jewish state and minimize the experiences of those who actually suffered from apartheid in South Africa.**
  - In reality, minorities in Israel, including Palestinian-Arabs, enjoy equal rights. This makes Israel the opposite of an apartheid state.
  - Israel does not rule over Palestinian-Arabs in Judea and Samaria (the ‘West Bank’); this is the job of the Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA denies Palestinian-Arabs basic freedoms, but this has nothing to do with Israel, as the PA runs a dictatorship over its citizens.<sup>13</sup>
    - After years of Palestinian-Arab terrorist attacks and hundreds of Israeli civilians massacred, Israel had to place certain restrictions on the movement of Palestinian-Arabs living in Judea and Samaria.<sup>14</sup>
      - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.<sup>15</sup> The following graph demonstrates this:



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<sup>8</sup> Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.

<sup>9</sup> *Tennessee General Assembly becomes first State Legislature to Condemn BDS.* The Algemeiner. 4/21/2015.

<sup>10</sup> *Defining Anti-Semitism* U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.

<sup>11</sup> Ben White. UK Media Watch.

<sup>12</sup> First Intifada. Jewish Virtual Library.

<sup>13</sup> Times of Israel: *Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I'll be Killed*, May 25, 2012

<sup>14</sup> IDF Blog, *What's the Truth Behind Checkpoints and Crossings in Judea and Samaria?*, May 6, 2013.

<sup>15</sup> Jewish Virtual Library, *Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities*.

<sup>16</sup> *Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities*, Jewish Virtual Library.