

# UN General Assembly's Anti-Israel Bias

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The UN General Assembly (UNGA) is the main policy organ of the UN; It makes policy recommendations to states that are not binding under international law.<sup>i</sup> **The UNGA disproportionately targets Israel and delegitimizes the only democracy in the Middle East.**

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**The UNGA disproportionately condemns the world's only Jewish state.**

- The Palestinian Authority and Syria compelled the Assembly to adopt **six resolutions against Israel in one session** on November 24, 2015.<sup>ii</sup>
  - In that same session, not a single other country was condemned.
  - The session was held during a heightened wave of Arab-Palestinian terror. No resolutions or condemnations were issued towards the Palestinian Authority and the **174 recent acts of terror** it incited its citizens to commit in the weeks preceding the session.<sup>iii</sup>
- The next day, the GA adopted 20 resolutions condemning Israel, and only 3 against the rest of the world combined: One on Iran, one on Syria, and one on North Korea.<sup>iv</sup>
  - North Korea places its citizens in concentration camps for speaking out against the government,<sup>v</sup> while Iran hangs individuals for the “crime” of being gay.<sup>vi</sup>
  - **On the other hand, all Israeli citizens (Arab, Druze, Jewish, etc) enjoy full freedoms under the law.<sup>vii</sup> No other country in the Middle East offers any citizens basic rights.**
- In 2015, the GA issued more than a dozen resolutions related to Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs, while issuing zero on Saudi Arabia.<sup>viii</sup>
  - Saudi Arabia executes women who drive or disobey their husbands; imprisons citizens for drinking alcohol; and tortures and murders members of the LGBTQ community.<sup>ix x xi</sup>
    - It also forbids human-rights activists and others from speaking out against the government under penalty of torture.<sup>xii</sup>
  - The U.S. State Department listed Saudi Arabia as being the **worst human-rights offender** in 2013.<sup>xiii</sup>

**The UNGA declared Zionism, the movement that calls for Jewish self-determination, a form of racism in 1975. In 1991, under the influence of the United States, the resolution was repealed.<sup>xiv</sup>**

- In reality, Zionism entitles Jews to a **national homeland**, just as all other nations should be entitled to have a nation-state.<sup>xv</sup> Supporting Zionism means supporting the right of the Jewish people to a safe-haven in their historic homeland.
- The UNGA declared “Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination” in Resolution 3379 in 1975.<sup>xvi</sup>

- The resolution was entitled “Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination.” However, it **focused solely on the Jewish State of Israel** (the one place in the Middle East that promises equality to all its citizens).
- Zionism is the nationalist movement on which Israel was founded. Therefore, by rendering the movement invalid, the Assembly thereby rendered the Jewish State invalid.

**Arab states in the UN have used their large representative bloc in the GA as a forum to condemn Israel.<sup>xvii</sup>**

- The bloc of Arab member states use their communal voting power to create **several anti-Israel UN committees** to promote an anti-Israel sentiment.<sup>xviii</sup>
  - Most of these Arab countries do not recognize Israel’s right to exist, or the right of the Jewish people to have their own homeland.
- Arab states continue to **prevent Israel’s membership** into many of the regional geographic groups in the UN today by using their large voting bloc against Israeli membership.
- Both Qatar and the UAE, Arab states in this bloc, treat migrant workers as **slave laborers**. They enter the country with the hopes of making money, and are then **forbidden to leave**. Workers are put-up in slave-like conditions and often go **unfed for 24 hours** or more.<sup>xix</sup>
  - Slave labor is being used to build stadiums for the World Cup in 2022 and hotels and museums on Saadiyat Island.<sup>xx</sup>

<sup>i</sup> “Functions and powers of the General Assembly,” *General Assembly of the United Nations*.

<sup>ii</sup> “UN adopts 6 resolutions on Israel, 0 on rest of world,” *UN Watch*, November 25, 2015.

<sup>iii</sup> “Anti-Israel UN resolutions expected to pass,” *Ynet*, November 23, 2015.

<sup>iv</sup> “UN adopts 20 resolutions against Israel, 3 on rest of the world,” *UN Watch*, November 25, 2015.

<sup>v</sup> “North Korea,” *Human Right Watch*.

<sup>vi</sup> “Iran’s New Gay Executions,” *The Daily Beast*, August 12, 2014.

<sup>vii</sup> “Israel,” *Freedom House*.

<sup>viii</sup> “Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its 70th session,” *United Nations*.

<sup>ix</sup> “LGBT Rights in Saudi Arabia,” *Equal*.

<sup>x</sup> “World Report 2015: Saudi Arabia: Events of 2014,” *Human Rights Watch*.

<sup>xi</sup> “Saudi Arabia drinking: The risks expats take for a tipple,” *BBC*, October 13, 2015.

<sup>xii</sup> “Saudi Arabia 2015/2016,” *Amnesty International*.

<sup>xiii</sup> “The facts — and a few myths — about Saudi Arabia and human rights,” *The Washington Post*, February 9, 2015.

<sup>xiv</sup> “U.N. Repeals Its '75 Resolution Equating Zionism With Racism,” *The New York Times*, December 17, 1991.

<sup>xv</sup> “Zionism: Is Zionism Racism?,” *Jewish Virtual Library*.

<sup>xvi</sup> “Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination,” *UN General Assembly*, November 10, 1975.

<sup>xvii</sup> “Israel at the UN,” *Anti-Defamation League*, September 16, 2015.

<sup>xviii</sup> “Israel at the UN,” *Anti-Defamation League*, September 16, 2015.

<sup>xix</sup> “Revealed: Qatar’s World Cup ‘slaves,’” *The Guardian*, September 25, 2013.

<sup>xx</sup> “Conditions for Abu Dhabi’s migrant workers ‘shame the west,’” *The Guardian*, December 21, 2013.