Iyad Burnat

Iyad Burnat is the head of the “Bil’in Popular Committee against the Wall,” a group that glorifies terrorism and organizes violent protests against Israelis and Jews. Burnat spreads anti-Semitic lies in attempt to demonize and delegitimize the only Jewish state.

Burnat and his organization incite and support Palestinian-Arab terrorist attacks against Israelis and discourage any peaceful dialogue.

- **Burnat calls for a third intifada, a wave of terrorist attacks murdering Israeli and Palestinian-Arab civilians.**
  - After organizing a violent anti-Israel protest with the Bil’in Popular Committee-- his organization that claims to be “non-violent”-- Burnat declared that “The third Intifada is knocking on the door.”
  - Terrorist attacks during the first and second intifadas resulted in thousands of civilians murdered on both sides.
    - Here are just a few examples of attacks:
      - A Hamas suicide bomber *murdered 21 civilians (mostly youths)* and injured 120 more outside a nightclub in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001.
      - A Hamas suicide bomber *murdered 15 civilians* on the evening of August 9, 2001 at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.
      - A Palestinian-Arab bus attacker *killed eight young adults* on February 14, 2001 outside Tel Aviv.
    - Burnat runs a Facebook page entitled “Third Global Intifada” with the description “Global Intifada for freedom. And not by negotiations.”
      - This mission statement is harmful to both Israelis and Palestinians, as it encourages terrorism and discourages peaceful coexistence and dialogue.

- **Burnat praised a Palestinian-Arab terrorist for stabbing an Israeli policeman.**
  - He posted pictures of the dead terrorist with the caption “Palestinian Martyr today mourning In #al-Quds...” - Burnat via Twitter, June 21, 2015.

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- Burnat equates Israel with the Nazi regime, stating “this is not a conflict. It is a colonization. This is not War it’s a Massacre. this is not Jews it’s a Nazi occupation #WakeUpWorld” - Burnat via Twitter, November 27, 2014.

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Ignoring the robust free society in Israel and comparing its democracy to Nazism are classic examples of anti-Semitic propaganda. In fact, equating the Jewish state with the Nazi Regime is deemed anti-Semitic by the U.S. State Department.\(^6\)

Burnat falsely claims that Israel is an Apartheid state. Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a deliberate 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.\(^7\)
- 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.\(^8\)
  - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.\(^9\) The following graph demonstrates this:

![Graph showing percentage of West Bank barrier completed]

Burnat supports BDS,\(^12\) 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.**\(^13\)
- BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.

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\(^7\) Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I’ll be Killed. Times of Israel. May 25, 2012.
\(^9\) Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities. Jewish Virtual Library.
\(^10\) Ibid.
\(^13\) 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.
Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel. Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?

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