

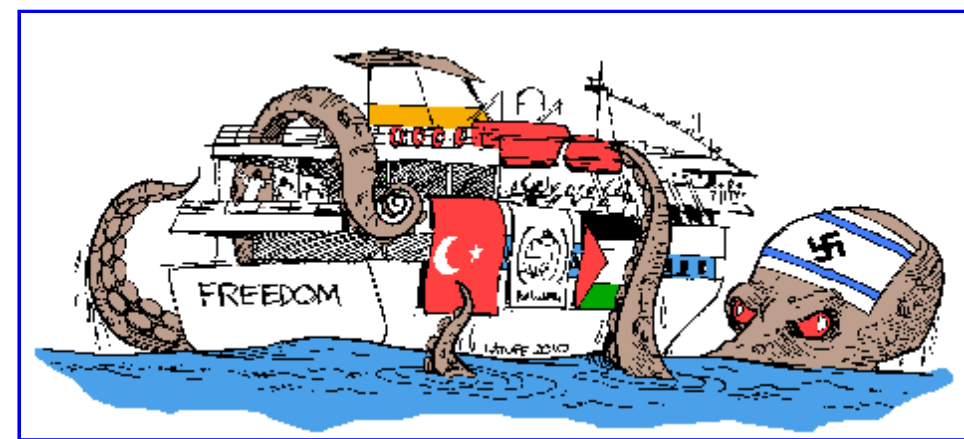
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## ISRAEL UPSET AT ITS NEW NAZI IMAGE

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Yesterday I posted a piece which made reference to Israel's Foreign Minister [being a nazi...](#) Today Israel sent a protest to an Egyptian newspaper for publishing a cartoon linking Israel to nazis.... Instead of protesting, perhaps they should stop acting as such.



*The Toon in question (BTW, By Carlos Latuff)  
See his statement in the article that follows....*

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Reuters

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**The cartoonist, Carlos Latuff, a Brazilian, said in an email to Reuters: “The Israeli ambassador could show the same interest, that he shows for my cartoons, for the lives of the activists lost in the Freedom flotilla.”**

**“Allegations of anti-Semitism are a well-known strategy of the Israeli government and its supporters in order to neutralise any criticism against the Israeli apartheid. These malicious allegations will not prevent me keeping on making my cartoons on behalf of the brave Palestinian people,” he added.**

Egypt in 1979 became the first Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, but ties have often been chilly. The storming of a Gaza aid flotilla in May by Israeli forces in which nine activists died drew Egyptian and world criticism.

The flotilla had sought to break an Israeli blockade of Gaza. Egypt, the only Arab state to border Gaza, had been criticised by the Arab public for also imposing restrictions on border crossings. Those restrictions have now been partially lifted.

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Egypt’s president and other officials hold frequent meetings with top Israelis, but the government is often critical of Israeli policies.

Egyptian media and the public are more vocal critics, particularly over Israel’s dealings with Palestinians. The flotilla raid drew critical articles in Egypt’s press.

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I'm a member of Humanity, and I don't feel the least bit insulted! As to the cartoon being anti-semetic, well of course it is! Everything is anti-semetic! Criticism of Israel is anti-semetism, humor at the expense of Israel is anti-semetism, semetism is anti-semetism, grilled-cheese sandwiches are anti-semetism! It's all anti-semetism! The words simply have lost any meaning they may have had through over-use, with the result that my grilled-cheese sandwich now tastes like intolerance. (Apologies for paraphrasing)

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**B. Benhamid** said,

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The image of the Freedom Flotilla and the giant octopus speaks louder than words and is exactly what this rogue nation is all about.

Good work Brother Carlos Latuff, you are as always spot on.