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Sweden flatly rejects Israeli request for media quiet

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Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Carl Bildt

Sweden has turned down a demand that it condemn the recent publication of an article that links Israeli soldiers to the death of Palestinian civilians with the motive of obtaining their organs.

In an article published earlier in the week, Sweden's best-selling daily *Aftonbladet* recounted grotesque incidents dating as far back as 1992 in which Israeli soldiers allegedly abducted Palestinian youths and returned their bodies mutilated a few days later.

The publication infuriated Israeli officials who labeled the news piece as 'blatantly racist' and full of 'vile anti-Semitic themes'.

In response to the publication, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman called on his Swedish counterpart, Carl Bildt, to officially rebut the 'shocking and appalling' piece.

Tel Aviv's envoy to Sweden, Benny Dagan, was to make a similar request during a Friday meeting with the kingdom's deputy foreign minister.

Bildt, however, responded that he would not condemn the article, asserting that such a measure would be in violation of freedom of expression and counter to the Swedish constitution.

Condemnation of anti-Semitism is "the only issue on which there has ever been complete unity in the Swedish parliament", the Swedish minister wrote in a blog post on Thursday, apparently rejecting the idea that disapproving criminal conduct amounts to anti-Semitism.

The Swedish refusal to denounce the allegations against the Israeli army by the high-circulation daily may shake diplomatic ties between Tel Aviv and Stockholm.

There is media speculation that Israel might respond by canceling the Swedish foreign minister's visit to the occupied West Bank scheduled for the next 10 days.

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Organ donor

Mon, 24 Aug 2009 09:13:58 GMT

We want your land and your organ. we want it all . PS. thx USA for tax money donation to israEal. Shalom

Mike

Sun, 23 Aug 2009 19:19:02 GMT

Thanks Sweden for standing your ground against these evil monsters of Israel.

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It was about time that someone tells about the reality of Israelis supressing and killing humanity for centuries. I agree with the swedish about the fact of the Israelis killing Palestinians for their organs, as barbaric as they are i couldnt even doubt that this has been happening forever with the help of the U.S. and the British. Time for humanity to get rid of these elements which are not people, they are monsters.

Raoul

Sat, 22 Aug 2009 14:50:41 GMT

kill the Zionists. I hate them jews.

UMER UZMAN

Sat, 22 Aug 2009 14:05:25 GMT

SWEDAN....IRAN....PAKISTAN GREAT FRENDS TOGETHER....VICTORY

@swede

Sat, 22 Aug 2009 12:29:29 GMT

Sorry but you are wrong. Israeli soldiers killing for organs isn't a rumour it's reality. Saying that this is happening isn't anti-semitic, is not against judaism but against criminal acts of the IDF(israeli death force). I supose you're a jew or a zionist neo-con rather than a real swede.

Swede

Sat, 22 Aug 2009 11:20:01 GMT

I am deeply ashamed of being a Swede these days. Of course the Swedish constitution allows the government to express another point of view than its daily newspapers. Aftonbladet apparently based its accusations on sayings and rumours rather than facts. The Swedish government should have made it very clear that Sweden officially does not support any form of anti-Semitic propoganda. In fact, the Swedish embassy in Tel-Aviv did so, but was forced to withdraw its initial statement.

tsaoyen

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The critical problem for the Jews is not question of the truth in this report. Israeli doctors were of late arrested in Romania for buying body organs from poor Romanians to sell in Israel. Their critical objection is this SUBORDINATION the Jew's SUBJUGATED Christian West. The Jews JUSTIFIABLY never worry very much about what non Jews think or say about them. Ben Gurion: 'It doesn't matter what the goyim (unclean, cattle) say: 'It matters (only) what the JEWS do.'

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It's the same problem a Commanding Officer faces. Can the Jews allow a SUBORDINATE to SUCCESSFULLY oppose their authority & expect to continue to control the West? To maintain their control VIA FEAR of their VENGEANCE he Jews will have to 'make an example' of Sweden. What will they do to Sweden? Nothing face-to-face. One of their faithful dependable Puppets - Brown, Merkel, Sarkozy - will suggest & implement the Swede's punishment for the Psychotic Jews.

akasi mendel

Sat, 22 Aug 2009 10:05:38 GMT

I am glad that Sweden cannot be swayed to violate its constitutional mandate to uphold and protect freedom of the press inspite of hysterical political pressure from the most corrupt nation on earth, Zionist Israel .

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