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campuses, in labor unions and in other groups. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff unquestioningly echo the views of these particular Jewish organizations.

They strongly state that they are against all expressions of racism. While firmly committed to resisting any form of prejudice against Jewish people, their statement explicitly states that these spurious allegations of anti-Semitism bring the anti-Communist terror of the 1950s vividly to mind.

The statement underlines the immeasurable suffering and injustice to the Palestinian people due to the severe poverty, daily humiliations, and military invasions inflicted by the State of Israel.

Statement: Jewish Canadians Concerned about Suppression of Criticism of Israel

We are Jewish Canadians concerned about all expressions of racism, anti-Semitism, and social injustice. We believe that the Holocaust legacy "Never again" means never again for all peoples. It is a tragic turn of history that the State of Israel, with its ideals of democracy and its dream of being a safe haven for Jewish people, causes immeasurable suffering and injustice to the Palestinian people.

We are appalled by recent attempts of prominent Jewish organizations and leading Canadian politicians to silence protest against the State of Israel. We are alarmed by the escalation of fear tactics. Charges that those organizing Israel Apartheid Week or supporting an academic boycott of Israel are anti-Semites promoting hatred bring the anti-Communist terror of the 1950s vividly to mind. We believe this serves to deflect attention from Israel's flagrant violations of international humanitarian law.

B'nai Brith and the Canadian Jewish Congress have pressured university presidents and administrations to silence debate and discussion specifically regarding Palestine/Israel. In a full-page ad in a national newspaper, B'nai Brith urged donors to withhold funds from universities because "anti-Semitic hate fests" were being allowed on campuses. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff have echoed these arguments. While university administrators have resisted demands to shut down Israel Apartheid week, some Ontario university presidents have bowed to this disinformation campaign by suspending and fining students, confiscating

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posters, and infringing on free speech.

We do not believe that Israel acts in self-defense. Israel is the largest recipient of US foreign aid, receiving \$3 million/day. It has the fourth strongest army in the world. Before the invasion of Gaza on 27 December 2008, Israel's siege had already created a humanitarian catastrophe there, with severe impoverishment, malnutrition, and destroyed infrastructure. It is crucial that forums for discussion of Israel's accountability to the international community for what many have called war crimes be allowed to proceed unrestricted by specious claims of anti-Semitism.

We recognize that anti-Semitism is a reality in Canada as elsewhere, and we are fully committed to resisting any act of hatred against Jews. At the same time, we condemn false charges of anti-Semitism against student organizations, unions, and other groups and people exercising their democratic right to freedom of speech and association regarding legitimate criticism of the State of Israel.

Signatories:

- Abigail Bakan
- Adam Balsam
- Sharon Baltman
- Julia Barnett
- Lainie Basman
- Jody Berland
- Sam Blatt
- Geri Blinik
- Anita Block
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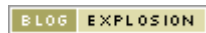
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Brian said...

What a powerful statement. I commend all those who put their names to it. It takes courage.

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reenie said...

Thank you for you show of support.you would think the people of Israel would have some compassion.I feel Israel has crossed the line and people all over the world are taking notice-more every day.

[March 16, 2009 9:54 PM](#)

Anonymous said...

Shame on the Toronto Star and Globe & Mail for continued bias and lack of objectivity!

...thank you signatories for your courage! We know

you were out there somewhere.

This lack of fairness by the mainstream media is another reason to knock down any attempt by these two newspapers to get a bailout from the government (and same goes for The National Post). Bailouts include direct injection of capital, and indirect funding through increased print media advertising by government. Hey you hawks...start monitoring print and TV media advertising...watch for spikes!

Their biased reporting has been exposed by the Internet. They are dying financially...they must not be rescued. They had their chance to be fair and they blew it. Their lack of fairness has allowed war and suffering to continue longer than it would have had the media stepped up.

God resurrect the free press!


[March 16, 2009 10:55 PM](#)

Anonymous said...

This voice is really needed!
Canada is becoming big jail with loss of freedom of speech.
Thank you Jewish Canadians!

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