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New episodes of FMEP's Occupied Thoughts podcast:

- 8/6/26: **Israel, a Personal History**, ft. FMEP fellow **Ahmed Moor** in conversation with Swedish author **Göran Rosenberg**. They discuss messianism in Jewish history, the continuity from 1950s Tel Aviv to the settler movement Gush Emunim to the manifestation of the settlement movement today. They also look at questions of collective rights, framed in terms of 'peoplehood,' versus individual rights. Rosenberg is the author most recently of **Israel, a Personal History** (Penguin Random House 2025). His other books include **A Brief Stop on the Road From Auschwitz** (2017) and **Another Zionism, Another Judaism** (2025).
- 8/4/26: **Meeting Gaza's Needs for Food, Justice, & Accountability**, ft. FMEP fellow **Ahmed Moor** in conversation with Gaza Soup Kitchen's **Hani Almadhoun**.

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1. Bills & Resolutions

(PLACES OF WORSHIP BUFFER ZONES) HR 10052 // S. 5289 [bill text]: Introduced 8/7/26 in the House by Knott (R-NC) and 3 bipartisan cosponsors, and in the Senate by Cruz (R-TX) and Slotkin (D-MI), "*To protect the right to the free exercise of religion*," aka the "*Right to Worship Act*." Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on the Judiciary.

- **NOTE**: This legislation is ostensibly intended to prevent the disruption of and/or attendance at religious services at houses of worship [hence the name: Right to Worship Act]. HOWEVER, it should be kept in mind that there have been protests/disruptions targeting houses of worship for many years [in particular anti-LGBTQ+ protests], without Congress taking action. What's driving action today is something totally different, and that has nothing to do with the right to worship. **A key driver (arguably THEY key driver) of this legislation is the goal of preventing protest of events held at houses of worship that have nothing to do with religious services — i.e., protesting real estate fairs held at U.S. synagogues, at which real estate in Israeli settlements is being marketed.** The **press release from the ADL – a key proponent of this legislation – touting the bills** makes this crystal clear: it cites as evidence for why the legislation is needed, protests of two Israel real estate events held at synagogues; **one on a Tuesday night**, the **other on a Monday night** — neither on Shabbat nor in any way in conjunction with religious worship — unless one had decided to officially pervert the definition of Jewish religious worship to include the marketing/purchase of real estate in Israel and/or settlements. With this in mind, the bill's definition of what qualifies as a "*religious service*" is key. That definition reads: "*The term 'religious service' includes any collective worship or prayer service, class, **or other event*** [emphasis added], *at which individuals congregate to worship, study, or **otherwise exercise, their religion** [emphasis added].*" Should this bill pass into law, the question will be: **will U.S. law enforcement adopt the conflation of support for Israel/Zionism with Jewish religious practice, and therefore treat Israeli real estate fairs – at which land in West Bank settlements is being marketed/sold – as "religious services" at which protest will be criminalized?**

- Learn more about these real estate fairs: **Trafficking in Israel's War Crimes in a Midtown Manhattan Synagogue** (Lawfare 8/6/26) – excerpt: "*Inevitably, pro-Palestinian activists have protested outside the synagogues hosting these events. In response, pro-Israel advocates and lobbying organizations—such as the **Anti-Defamation League**—have branded these demonstrations as inherently antisemitic attempts to intimidate Jewish worshippers and stifle the First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion. In public statements and demands for law enforcement intervention, these groups routinely conflate the physical venue (a house of worship) with the commercial activity occurring inside it, arguing that any protest on synagogue grounds is a prima facie violation of religious freedom and civil rights. These criticisms fail on multiple legal fronts. To begin with, the First Amendment applies to state action, not to the conduct of private, non-state demonstrators exercising their own First Amendment rights. Furthermore, not all activities occurring inside a house of worship constitute a protected exercise of religious freedom. A "church" that promotes a distinct criminal enterprise receives no constitutional shield because the underlying act is a crime—just as the commercial appropriation of occupied territory is a crime. The criticism that demonstrators exhibit their inherent antisemitism by holding their demonstrations at synagogues, thus blaming all Jews for Israeli policy, also falls flat. Quite obviously, the demonstrations are at synagogues because that's where the illegal land promotions are being held. If anyone is equating Israeli policies with Judaism, it is the organizers of these events. Finally, while the broader pro-Palestinian movement is certainly not immune to antisemitism, one need not be antisemitic to oppose these events. The prominent presence of Jewish activists among the demonstrators, alongside formal opposition from organizations such as **Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)** and **IfNotNow** attests to a simpler truth: These protests are explicitly framed around international and domestic law, not religious identity. When a coalition of local residents and Jewish activists gathers to protest, their public mandates, signs, and legal briefs focus squarely on violations of the Geneva Conventions and domestic anti-discrimination laws. One need not even be pro-Palestinian to object to these fairs; one need only be anti-war crime.*"

Also see:

- **press releases** (8/6/26): **Suozzi (D-NY), Knott (R-NC), Cruz (R-TX), and Slotkin (D-MI) Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Right to Worship Act to Protect Worshippers**; Sens. Cruz, Slotkin Introduce Bill to Protect Americans' Right to Worship
- **media**: **Lawmakers preparing to introduce federal buffer zone legislation** ["*The Right to Worship Act aims to address demonstrations around synagogues and other houses of worship that have become a growing concern for the Jewish community following anti-Israel and antisemitic protests outside synagogues that have turned violent.* "] (Jewish Insider 8/3/26); **Suozzi bill would create buffer zones for protests at places of worship** (Newsday 8/6/26); **Slotkin joins Cruz, Knott, Suozzi in leading federal buffer zone bill** (Jewish Insider 8/6/26); **US Congress introduces buffer zone bill meant to protect houses of worship** (Times of Israel 8/6/26)

(SANCTIONS ON LEBANON) S.5356: Introduced 8/6/26 by Shaheen (D-NG) and Lankford (R-OK), "*A bill to support Lebanon's rule of law and democratic institutions through sanctions and support, and for other purposes.*" Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. NOTE: As of this writing (8/7/26, 11am EDT) no text is available, nor are there any press releases from the sponsor/cosponsor.

(IRAN WAR POWERS) S. J. Res. 211: Introduced 8/6/26 by Hickenlooper (D-CO) and 10 cosponsors (all Democrats), "*A joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.*" Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Also see: press release – **Hickenlooper Introduces War Powers Resolution to End Iran War**

(TELL THE TRUTH ABOOUT IRAN WAR CASUALTIES) S. 5300 [bill text]: Introduced 8/6/26 by Duckworth (D-IL) and 17 cosponsors (all Democrats), "*A bill to ensure the transparency and integrity of casualty accounting and benefits and awards for military and civilian personnel during military operations, and for other purposes*." Referred to the Committee on Armed Services. Also see Duckworth press release – **Duckworth Leads Colleagues in Push to Stop Trump from Hiding the True Cost of the Iran War and Dishonoring the Sacrifices of Our Heroes**

(LEGALLY REQUIRE & ENFORCE MASSIVE EXPANSION OF US INTELL SHARING & COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL) S. 4615: Introduced 5/20/26 by Cotton (R-AR, the "*Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027.*" On 8/5/26, Cotton filed a written report on the bill (Report Number 119-133), and additional and Minority views were also filed. NOTE: the written report has not yet been published online – it should eventually show up **here**. **As a reminder:** The bill includes an expansive new provision — Section 622 — entitled "***United States-Israel intelligence sharing enhancement***." **Maybe you think this is the best idea ever! Maybe you think it is a terrible idea. Regardless, it is a HUGE deal and arguably should be understood/discussed/debated rather than just quietly slipping into law unnoticed.** For details see the **June 5, 2026 edition of the Round-Up**.

Reporting/posts on key Israel-related provisions in House & Senate FY27 NDAA (and also Senate FY27 Intelligence Authorization bill):

- First Post 8/7/26: **Despite shifting public opinion, Congress pushes for closer US-Israel defence partnership**
- Military.com 8/6/26: **CIA Flags Risks of Permanent US-Israel Defense Ties as Security Impact Looms Large**
- Military.com 8/6/26: **New NDAA Provision on UTS Targets Surveillance Concerns, Says Former Green Beret and CEO**
- Time 8/6/26: **Congress May Phase Out Billions in Military Funding to Israel—but Deepen Ties Another Way**
- The Portal 8/6/26: **Congress Weighs Closer U.S.-Israel Defense Partnership as Military Aid Debate Evolves**
- New York Times 8/5/26: **Why Congress Wants a Closer U.S.-Israel Defense Partnership – A proposal making its way through Congress would integrate the U.S. and Israeli defense and intelligence apparatuses more tightly. Some worry that it is a bad idea.**
- **Stutzman (R-IN)** 8/5/26: X-post – "*The American-Israeli alliance is the strongest in the world. The future of our partnership looks even stronger in the future. My aid to trade resolution will transition the status quo of giving military aid to Israel to a new trade relationship where our nations can help each other militarily and economically*." [commenting on NYT article, above]
- Institute for Policy Studies 8/3/26: **Israeli Forces Have Killed US Citizens. Congress Wants to Deepen Military Ties.**
- Washington Post 7/31/26: **House push to integrate defense industries of Israel, U.S. draws scrutiny** ["*Critics of the legislation fear that, if adopted, it would give Israel veto power over U.S. weapons systems.*"]
- Press Herald 7/31/26: **Israeli military integration measure has no place in annual defense bill**
- Uprise RI 7/31/26: **The Israel Defense Clause – Does it Merge the US Military with the IDF?** ["*Section 1217 of the Senate's FY27 defense bill would permanently fuse U.S. and Israeli defense research and production pipelines — and Rhode Island's Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse has said nothing publicly about it, even as six Senate colleagues line up against the provision.*"]

2. Letters & Reports

- **(STOP SETTLER VIOLENCE/EXPANSION; NEED SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY)** 8/6/26: **Warren, Van Hollen, Colleagues Urge Trump Admin To End Settler Violence and Expansion in West Bank; Call For Restoring Sanctions and an Investigation Into Americans' Deaths** [**letter text**]
- **(CHINA RE-ARMING IRAN?)** 8/6/26: **Krishnamoorthi Seeks Answers on Reports China Is Rearming Iran with Air Defense Missiles, Warns U.S. Servicemembers Face Greater Risk** [**letter text**]
- **(GIVE US INFO ON U.S. IRAN WAR CASUALTIES!)** 8/5/2: **Baldwin Demands Military Release Its Investigation into Iranian Attack that Killed 6 Servicemembers** [**letter text**]. Also see: **Sen. Tammy Baldwin pushes Pentagon to release probe of Iranian attack that killed 6 U.S. troops in Kuwait** (CBS News 8/5/26)
- **(UPDATE ON GAZA CEASEFIRE AND "PEACE PLAN")** 8/4/26: **Rep. Salinas [joined by 63 House Colleagues] Presses Trump Administration for Updates on Gaza Ceasefire and Peace Plan** [**letter text**]
- **(GIVE US INFO ON U.S. IRAN WAR CASUALTIES!)** 8/4/26: **Ranking Member Robert Garcia and Congressman Suhas Subramanyam Demand Pentagon Explain Why It Lied About American Casualties** [**letter text**]
- **(GIVE US INFO ON U.S. IRAN WAR CASUALTIES!)** 8/3/26: **New Dems Demand Answers After Pentagon Removes Fallen Service Members from Official Iran War Casualty List** [**letter text**]
- **(ADDRESS RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE IMPEDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA)** 8/3/26: **Representatives Tran, Bera and Carbajal Lead 65 Members Urging Secretary Rubio to Address Dual-Use Restrictions Impeding Humanitarian Aid to Gaza** [**letter text**]
- **(TARGETING US MILITARY EXPORTS TO UAE)** 8/3/26: **Van Hollen Leads 20 Colleagues in Urging Trump Administration to Use Leverage to Prevent Further Atrocities in Sudan** [**letter text**] Excerpt – "*We urge this administration to take concrete actions to prevent such mass atrocities in El Obeid, including by ceasing certain U.S. arms sales to the UAE and other external actors that are fueling this war.*" Also see: **Van Hollen (D-MD)** 8/5/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*Today, the Senate received a briefing on the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Sudan. Here's the bottom line: We can & must do more to stop this. This war has already killed over 150,000 people & displaced over 14 MILLION. We must act NOW.*"
- **(REMOVE WEST BANK FENCE)** 7/31/26: **Raskin, DeLauro, Casten, Jacobs and 111 Colleagues Demand Netanyahu Remove Barbed-Wire Fence Blocking Students' Path from West Bank Village Umm Al-Kheir to School** [**letter text**]. Also see: **Raskin (D-MD)** 7/31/26 X-post – "*In the West Bank village of Umm Al-Kheir, children trying to go to school are met with barbed-wire fencing set up by settlers to block their path. A majority of the House Democratic Caucus is asking Prime Minister Netanyahu to remove the fence now, stop settler harassment and end this violation of the right of Palestinian children to go to school* " – linked to article: **What A Day: Dems Take on the West Bank** (Crooked Media 7/31/26); **Majority of**

House Democrats urge Netanyahu to remove fence around Israeli community of Carmel (Jewish News Syndicate 7/31/26)

3. Hearings & Markups

August 5, 2026: The Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights held a kangaroo court-style hearing targeting US Muslim groups (especially CAIR, and including — no joke — **Emgage**), the DSA, and Michigan Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed) entitled, **Hidden in Plain Sight: Confronting the Muslim Brotherhood Network in America** [**VIDEO**]**.** Witnesses for the prosecution were: Lara Burns, Retired FBI Special Agent/GWU Program on Extremism (**statement** -including on pages 41-42 detailed recommendations for law/policy changes in support of criminal prosecution of targeted orgs); Arielle F. Klepach, National Jewish Advocacy Center (**statement**); and Kyle Shideler, Center for Security Policy (**statement** & **appendices**) [note that CSP is designated by the SPLC as an **extremist organization**]. Democrats on the Subcommittee boycotted the hearing. Democrats boycotted the farce-of-a-hearing, so there was not witness who was not 100% aligned with the views of committee Republicans. Also see:

- **Cruz (R-TX)** press release 8/5/26: Sen. Cruz Delivers Opening Remarks on Muslim Brotherhood Threat (w/ video clip)
- **Cruz (R-TX)** 8/5/26: X-post w/ video clip- "*I held a hearing today in which experts established that the Muslim Brotherhood and DSA communists are united by a shared hatred of America, Israel, Western civilization, capitalism, and democracy, and a revolutionary objective to overthrow the U.S. Constitution. That is why this issue is so critical. The Brotherhood's American network has spent decades building influence inside our nonprofits, political organizations, universities, courts, and taxpayer-funded programs. Here are my full remarks:*"
- **Cruz (R-TX)** 8/5/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*I asked counterterrorism expert Kyle Shideler whether the Muslim Brotherhood partners with the Democratic Socialists of America. His answer: Yes. I asked whether this "Red-Green Alliance" is united by hostility toward America. His answer: Yes, and by a revolutionary objective of overthrowing the U.S. Constitution.*"
- **Cruz (R-TX)** 8/5/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*A counterterrorism expert testified today that Abdul El-Sayed's candidacy for Senate concerns him. He cited El-Sayed's ties to Emgage, its close ties to CAIR, and his father-in-law's leadership roles in Muslim Brotherhood-linked organizations. Then he confirmed the Muslim Brotherhood partners with the Democratic Socialists of America. Michigan voters deserve answers about who is behind Abdul El-Sayed.*"
- **Media:** **Democrats plan to boycott Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on Muslim Brotherhood** ["*Democrats dismissed the hearing a 'political creepshow' designed to attack Muslims broadly*"] (Jewish Insider 8/4/26); **Dems in the hot seat for skipping crucial hearing on radical group hiding in US: 'Embarrassment'** (Fox News 8/5/26); **Sen. Cruz Ties Michigan Senate Candidate El-Sayed to Islamist Group** (C-SPAN 8/5/26); **Cruz links El-Sayed's victory to Muslim Brotherhood network in United States** (Jewish Insider 8/6/26); **Cruz accuses El-Sayed of links to Muslim Brotherhood** (Jewish News Syndicate 8/6/26); '**Turning a Blind Eye to Muslim Brotherhood Emboldens Extremists and Undermines US National Security'** (Combat Antisemitism Movement 8/5/26)

4. Selected Members on the Record

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- **Tenney (R-NY)** 8/7/26: X-post – "*The Iranian regime is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism. My 2026 Israel and Iran Plan outlines a commonsense strategy to confront Iran, support Israel, and prevent a nuclear-armed Iran from threatening America and our allies.*" **Her plan** – excerpt: "*I am also committed to standing with our ally Israel and ensuring the United States supports Israel as it advances American national security interests by dismantling Iran's terrorist proxies and partners. This means providing Israel with the resources necessary to prevail, defending it against international campaigns intended to delegitimize it, and preserving its fundamental right to defend itself. I have also been a leading voice in Congress in support of Israel's rightful historical claims to Judea and Samaria and in promoting religious freedom for all upon the Temple Mount…*"
- **Moulton (D-MA)** 8/6/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*Israel has committed war crimes. Don't lecture me on what a war crime is, @EdMarkey, when you voted to send me to Iraq to see the horrors of war for myself.*"
- **Mace (R-SC)** 8/5/26: X-post – "*Can we stop electing terrorists into office in America?*"
- **Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY)** 8/5/26: X-post – "*I appreciate AIPAC proving it doesn't belong in the Dem Party and especially our primaries. From endorsing Jan 6th members to ensuring Congress remains in the hands of a 34-count felon, AIPAC is an org committed to undermining democracy at home and abroad. See you in November.*" **AIPAC responded with an X-essay**: "*Congresswoman: Trying to score political points by demonizing pro-Israel Americans – including millions of Democrats who are AIPAC members – is outrageous, transparent, and pathetic. Your obsession with singling out our members and their rights to participate in the political process undermines democracy. Yes, AIPAC members have serious policy and political disagreements with you. Our members fight to help elect leaders who share their values – including scores of Democrats and members of the Progressive Caucus; while you fight for the Democratic Party tent to be big enough to include those who say America deserved 9/11, but small enough to exclude those who want America to stand with our democratic ally. AIPAC members advocate for strengthening a U.S.-Israel relationship that makes Americans safer, stronger, and more prosperous; while you advocate to weaken America and an alliance that advances our interests. AIPAC members back elected leaders who support a partnership that helps protect our troops and homeland, creates American jobs, and provides us with innovations that improve Americans' healthcare and access to cleaner water and safer food; while you want to break off the bilateral programs that benefit America and individual citizens in every state and district – including your own. AIPAC members support elected leaders who promote an alliance built on shared values of democracy, women's rights, free speech, equality, and opportunity for all its citizens no matter their faith, race, or background; while you want America to distance itself from the only stable and diverse democracy in a region where most will never have the chance to cast a vote. AIPAC members support elected leaders who stand with a partner who is painfully confronting terrorists who pride themselves on killing as many Israelis – and Americans – as possible; while you want to prevent our military from working together with an ally that can help keep us safe in an increasingly dangerous and ever-changing world. AIPAC members support elected leaders who work together with Israel to bring peace and coexistence to a region that has known far too much war and death; while you want to spread dangerous lies about Israel and isolate it from the world. AIPAC members are proud Americans who will continue to fully participate in our democracy, whether you like it or not.* "
- **Bacon (R-NE)** 8/4/26: X-post – "*AIPAC consists of Americans who want a strong U.S. and Israel partnership. I support that. No apologies.*"
- **Moulton (D-MA)** 8/3/26: X-post – "*I've consistently demanded strategy and accountability instead of handing out blank checks with taxpayer dollars because we've seen Israel commit war crimes in Gaza. I voted YES on the Massie Amendment (H.R. 8595) to cut $3.3 billion in unconditioned Foreign Military Financing. And I voted NO on Standalone Israel Aid (H.R. 7217), opposing blank-check aid packages that lacked strategy or Gaza humanitarian support.*"
- **Fetterman (D-PA)** 8/3/26: X-post – "*This Michigan Imam and big El-Sayed backer: Pro- [check] Hamas [check] Hezbollah [check] Iran This explains why they were both 'sad' after we incinerated Khamenei.*" With screenshot of Washington Free Beacon headline: **Extremist Michigan Imam Who Hosted El-Sayed Urges Followers To Turn Out To Vote and 'Deal the Zionist a Blow,' Frames Primary as Epic Fight Against 'Puppet' of Israel**
- **Scott (R-FL)** 8/3/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*Tonight, @CNN let Hasan piker and others spew bile under the guise of "journalism." Piker actually said he would vote for Hamas over Israel. I'm not surprised that a man who says I should be killed would say that. BUT I am surprised CNN would give this garbage a platform.*"
- **Goldman (D-NY)** 7/31/26: X-post – "*Comments about a candidate's accent, gender, appearance or intelligence are personal. Comments about a candidate's political statements or views are not personal. Enough with the whataboutism and false equivalencies.*" Goldman was responding to **Mehdi Hassan**'s 7/31/26 post: "*So to be clear: Abdul El-Sayed put out a tweet asking his followers not to be personally abusive or insulting about Haley Stevens. Stevens put out a tweet personally attacking El-Sayed for being a person who blames his defeats on Jewish Americans. Just a disgusting slander.*" Hassan was responding to **Stevens (D-MI)** 7/30/26 post: "*Abdul, we were both on the ballot in 2018. I was capable of winning my competitive primary and general election. You lost.. You lost by over twenty points to Gretchen Whitmer and you will lose to Mike Rogers by talking like this. Everyone in America understands you want to blame all of your problems on Jewish Americans. But buddy, let me be very clear, I will lower the costs of groceries, ban stock trading for elected officials, stop Trump's abuses of power, and protect Michigan manufacturing. And you'll just be a celebrity whining and writing books to get even richer. You're part of the complainer class, looking for their next book or podcast deal. Bro, I just want to work for Michigan.*" Stevens was responding to **a 7/30/26 post** (w/ video clip: *"Abdul El-Sayed to AIPAC: 'Come for me! You picked [Haley Stevens] the least capable candidate in America. If you think you can beat money out of politics, money in your pocket, medicare for all, come. I'll tell you what people dont want: money in a foreign govt'"*.

Concern for Palestinians

- **Ramirez (D-IL)** 8/6/26: X-post – "*From Texas to Israel, imprisoning children is morally bankrupt. Our children do NOT belong in cages. Adam Wajeh Abdelfattah Karakrah, a 16-year-old with family in Chicago, remains detained in an Israeli prison notorious for abuse. The Trump administration must demand that both Adam and Sama Safi are safety returned to their families.*"
- **Van Hollen (D-MD)** 8/6/26: X-post – "*Enough is enough. This time an 82-year-old American man has been left bloodied & injured by the IDF. And another attempt to hide evidence. This has to end. If @USAmbIsrael can't protect American citizens from this kind of violence, he needs to resign.*" Responding to post with video clip from Zeteo **journalist Prem Thakker**: "*NEW: An 82-year-old American has been left bleeding from his head after Israeli soldiers flashbanged him in the village of Turmusayya, in the West Bank. Soldiers then confiscated bystander phones & deleted footage of the incident. Trump just welcomed Netanyahu for the 8th time.*" Note: If you try to view Thakker's post – which includes a video of an elderly Palestinian-American man lying on the ground with his head bleeding (not especially graphic) as Israeli soldiers mill around him with nobody offering treatment, without being logged in as an adult on X, it is blocked, and you get the following message: "*Age-restricted adult content. This content might not be appropriate for people under 18 years old. To view this media, you'll need to log in to X.*" This is an example of selective censorship of posts on X that show Israel in an unfavorable light.
- **Foushee (D-NC)** 8/5/26: X-post – "*I am deeply concerned about the rising violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinians in the West Bank. These actions are claiming the lives of innocent civilians and undermine prospects for a Palestinian state. As a cosponsor of the Defending the Human Rights of Palestinian Children and Families Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act, I continue to call on the United States to cease arms sales to Israel and take steps to properly defend the human rights of Palestinians.*"
- **Khanna (D-CA)** 8/4/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*In the occupied West Bank, 14 year-old Aws al-Nasaan was killed in a school shooting. Then, the Israeli army fired tear gas at students. His principal told me the police never even talked to anyone at the school. They have no reason to believe the killer was brought to justice.*"
- **Jayapal (D-WA)** 8/4/26: X-post w/ video clip – "*Dr. Tanya Shah worked at Nasser Hospital in Gaza, and now she's telling the stories of the horrors she witnessed. We must continue to raise the alarm about the horrors happening to the people of Gaza and put an end to this destruction.*"
- **Doggett (D-TX)** 8/3/26: X-post – "*Another misleading claim to distract from his failures in the foolish Iranian war— just the latest broken promise of relief for Palestinians. Trump's phony Board of Peace deal was rejected by Israel's National Security Minister as "not acceptable" while insisting that "targeted killings in Gaza must continue.*"
- **Green (D-TX)** 8/1/26: ICYMI: The Jerusalem Post article below, titled "**Israeli lawyer advocates killing Palestinians to BBC week after Gilad Farm deadly shooting**." [Also see: **X-post**]
- **Jayapal (D-WA)** 7/31/26: X-post – "*NEW POD: I was joined by Dr. Tanya Shah, one of my constituents who chose to work in a hospital in Gaza and bore witness to the genocide. She is the truest example of using the power you have to make change. This is an important conversation – watch or listen wherever you get your podcasts!*" With link to **YouTube video**
- **DeLauro (D-CT)** 7/31/26: X-thread – "*The Trump administration's announcement that Hamas would disarm in exchange for an eventual Israeli withdrawal from Gaza is an encouraging step in the peace process. However, more needs to be done for the 20-point plan to move forward – let this be the end of excuses. Hamas and the Israeli government must allow humanitarian aid to enter all parts of the territory it controls. The people of Gaza are still in desperate need of food, medicine, and shelter supplies. Israel must also cease its attacks in Gaza that are in violation of the ceasefire. As I have said, addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza must be the first priority of all parties before any meaningful progress can be made toward peace.*" With link to Washington Post article: **Trump claims breakthrough on Hamas disarmament, Gaza transition"**

Targeting Palestinians // UN // ICC

- **Cruz (R-TX)** 8/3/26: X-post – "*American taxpayer dollars should never pay for the salaries of Hamas terrorists, but the United Nations systematically blocks American oversight meant to prevent that. In April, I raised the U.N.'s failure to cooperate with the USAID inspector general with Ambassador Waltz. He agreed with these deep concerns. It's long past time to hold the U.N. accountable and limit their funding.*"

Celebrating Trump Admin's Gaza Policy, Etc.

- **Scott (R-SC)** 7/31/26: X-post – "*The agreement by Hamas to disarm in Gaza is a meaningful step forward for establishing stability in the region. Grateful for President Trump's leadership, the hard work of his team, and the Board of Peace in securing this breakthrough to make sure the tragedy of October 7th never happens again.*"

Morocco/Spain/Ceuta

[SOME CONTEXT: **How the Ceuta migration crisis became fodder for anti-Israel conspiracy theorists** (The Forward 8/3/26) v. **Israel's Ceuta mistake could cost it a pro-Israel Spanish government in 2027** (Jewish News Syndicate 8/3/26)]

- **Massie (R-KY)** 8/2/26: X-post – "*2 weeks before migrants from Morocco invaded Ceuta, the GOP passed a bill with $40 million for Morocco and a committee report advising: Spanish-administered cities of Ceuta and Melilla are located in Moroccan territory and remain the subject of Morocco's longstanding claim.*"
- **Massie (R-KY)** 8/1/26: X-post – "*Don't fall for the fake Fox/GOP outrage. Two weeks ago the House passed a bill that greenlighted the transfer of Spanish territory to Morocco. Every Republican except me voted for it, but now THEY are acting shocked at the invasion.*" Linked to text of **HR 8595** (FY27 NSPR Approps bill) and text of **HR 9495** (text of FY 27 Defense Approps bill), and with screenshot **from report accompanying HR 8595** (pertaining directly to Ceuta) and of the **7/15/26 vote on HR 8595**.
- **Mace (R-SC)** 7/31/26: X-post – "*In the past 24 hours, around 60,000 Muslim 'migrants' from Morocco have INVADED Spain. Do not let the media fool you. These are criminals and their culture is incompatible with Western civilization. These are all military-age men breaking into homes, looting businesses, setting vehicles on fire, and clashing with police. This is only the start. If we do not drop the mindset of being too afraid of being called Islamophobic or racist, this will happen everywhere.*"
- **Luna (R-FL)** 7/31/26: X-post – "*.@SecRubio needs to immediately put pauses on all visas from*

Morocco if their country cannot STOP the invasion of Spain. Why reward the bad behavior?"

Other

- **Markey (D-MA)** 8/6/26: Ranking Member Markey Releases New Data Underscoring the Rising Cost of Trump's Iran War for Americans at the Pump as Big Oil and Gas Profit

5. Selected Media

Israel/AIPAC (and Iran) in US elex & politics – GENERAL

- FactCheck.org 8/7/26: **United Democracy Project**
- Palestine Chronicle 8/7/26: **From New York to Michigan, Gaza Is Reshaping American Politics**
- Fox News 8/6/26: **How one group helped shape Congress' support for Israel — and Iron Dome** ["*U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, former Ambassador David Friedman and U.S. Israel Education Association Founder and President Heather Johnston reflect on the role USIEA has played in sustaining the crucial alliance.*"]
- The Nation 8/6/26: **Abdul El-Sayed's Win Is a Landmark. But the Fight Is Far From Over.**
- The Lever 8/6/26: **Big Money Lost To Abdul El-Sayed. Where Will It Go Next?**
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