

1. Are settlements the major obstacle to peace?

Khaled Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute, 12 April 2012

Other major obstacles to peace include the rise of Islamists to power in the Arab world, the ongoing power struggle between Fatah and Hamas and the reality that the Gaza Strip has been turned into a center for global jihad and a front for Iran's extremist rulers.

<http://nmen.org/are-settlements-the-major-obstacle-to-peace/>

2. The 'Desert Rose' who's standing by her murderous husband

Matthew Brodsky, The Times of Israel, 3 April 2012

Asma Assad was heralded as the great white hope for reform in Syria. But that narrative was always false, and a lot of starry-eyed politicians, experts and reporters should have known better.

<http://www.jewishpolicycenter.org/2923/the-desert-rose-who-standing-by-her-murderous-husband>

3. 'Targeted assassination' by the US security establishment?

Shoshana Bryen, Gatestone Institute, 2 April 2012

How good is the Obama administration on security for Israel? And how does that impact upon American security interests in the Middle East and Southwest Asia?

<http://www.jewishpolicycenter.org/2916/targeted-assassination-by-the-us-security-establishment>

4. Doublethink at the UN

Vic Alhadeff, Australian Jewish News, 4 April 2012

It is tragic that the world's putative parliament of nations is unable to mount even a semblance of protecting, let alone advancing, human rights. Membership of the Human Rights Council is determined by distributing seats among five regional groups, the Africans and Asians comprising the majority.

<http://www.jewishnews.net.au/doublethink-at-the-un/25619>

5. Are Jihadists crazy?

Teri Blumenfeld, Middle East Quarterly, Spring 2012

Muslims who kill in the name of their religion frequently evade punishment in Western courts by pleading insanity or mental incompetence.

<http://www.meforum.org/3190/are-jihadists-crazy>

6. Tom Friedman's skewed vision of non-violence

Ed Koch, Huff Post New York Blog, 10 April 2012

The supporters of the Palestinian Authority and its two components, Hamas and Fatah, hold Israel to blame for the lack of progress in peace talks. They are furious that Israel refuses to cede more territory under these conditions and thereby commit suicide in pursuit of an illusory peace.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ed-koch/tom-friedmans-skewed-
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