

OPINION and ANALYSIS

week ending 26 April 2013

A selection of some of the more challenging and thought-provoking
local and international writings on the Middle East

(1) Unmasking anti-semitism

Rabbi Dr Nathan L Cardozo, David Cardozo Academy. 25 April 2013

Part of the Western world has always tried to effect a divorce between Judaism and Christianity, since it cannot accept that Christianity is greatly indebted to Judaism. It therefore calls for the destruction of Judaism so that the uncertainty of its conscience and the reality of its guilt can be obliterated

http://cardozoacademy.org/current-thought-to-ponder-by-rabbi-lobes-cardozo/unmasking-anti-semitism-ttp-341/?awt_l=7Tn0 &awt_m=3k3GMA0Ek6FNHNQ

(2) UN Human Rights official says Boston got what it deserved

Anne Bayefsky, Breitbart, 22 April 2013

UN Human Rights Council “expert” Richard Falk has published a statement saying Bostonians got what they deserved in last week’s terror attack. He quotes W.H. Auden to make his point: “to whom evil is done/do evil in return.” Falk is the UN’s “Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.”

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Peace/2013/04/22/UN-Human-Rights-Official-Says-Boston-Got-What-It-Deserved>

(3) The ever-vanishing Two-State timeline

Jonathan Tobin, Commentary Magazine, 22 April 2013

Is the two-state solution to the Middle East conflict still alive? According to Secretary of State John Kerry, it’s on life support, but there are still two years for it to become reality.

<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2013/04/22/the-ever-vanishing-two-state-timeline-john-kerry-middle-east-peace/>

(4) Shut that window of opportunity

Shoshana Bryen, American Thinker, 22 April 2013

Almost lost in the terrible events in Boston is the Obama administration's dire warning last week that the window for diplomatic success in the Middle East is

closing -- not on Iran's quest for nuclear capability; not on the Syrian war; not on sectarian violence in Iraq; not on the spread of al-Qaeda in North Africa; not on the devolution of the Pakistani government or rising discontent in Jordan or the rapid downward spiral of Egyptian finances and civil liberties. No, the diplomatic problem that engages the administration -- as it has prior administrations -- is the Israeli-Palestinian "two state solution."

<http://www.jewishpolicycenter.org/4174/shut-that-window-of-opportunity>

(5) The Boston Marathon bombing, Israel and the Jews

Ely Karmon, Ha'aretz, 21 April 2013

At the beginning of the second intifada, the Chechen radicals offered Hamas to send 150 volunteers to fight in Gaza. This shows that they wanted to express some kind of solidarity with the Palestinians and was also intended to achieve more financial support from the [Persian] Gulf countries.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/the-boston-marathon-bombing-israel-and-the-jews-1.516745>

(6) World of terror has one common denominator

Marshall Frank, Marshall Frank Frankly Speaking, 18 April 2013

There is one common denominator for all the terrorism in the world, acts which are linked by an invincible bond. That common denominator is "Islam".

<http://www.marshallfrank.com/articles/2013/04/world-of-terror-has-one-common-denominator/>

(7) How UNRWA is stealing money from those who need it most

Evelyn Gordon, Commentary Magazine, 18 April 2013

It has long been clear that UNRWA – which deals solely with Palestinian refugees – is a major obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace. The number of Palestinian refugees has ballooned from about 700 000 in 1949 to more than 5 million today, while the world's non-Palestinian refugee population has shrunk from 100 million to less than 30 million.

<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2013/04/18/how-unrwa-steals-money-from-those-who-need-it-most/>

(8) Palestine after Fayyad: The choice between cooperation and conflict

Nathan Thrall, Foreign Affairs, 18 April 2013

When Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad resigned last Saturday, fed up with political attacks from President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party, a number of observers worried that it marked "the beginning of the end of the PA". Western governments viewed Fayyad as indispensable, the only uncorrupted figure both aligned

with Western interests and sufficiently independent of Fatah to check its unelected rule in the West Bank. Although Fayyad was unpopular -- his party received just 2.4 percent of the vote in the 2006 legislative election -- he was a capable technocrat, successfully administering the scattered municipalities of the West Bank.

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139298/nathan-thrall/palestine-after-fayyad>

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