



BANKRUPTING TERRORISM

ONE LAWSUIT AT A TIME



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ISRAEL LAW CENTER



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

The past year has been one filled with many challenges for the State of Israel and the world Jewish community. Indeed, it could be said that 2015 has been one of the most difficult periods in recent memory. Chief amongst the perilous developments that we are facing is the relentless wave of Palestinian terror attacks against innocent Israeli civilians. These murderous crimes, which involve stabbings, shootings and vehicular assaults, are the direct result of Palestinian incitement on social media, and have claimed the lives of 26 Israelis since September.

In addition to the domestic threats within Israel's borders, the Jewish State also faces dangerous challenges abroad. Iran was given the green light by the international community to pursue its nuclear ambitions, there are increasing threats from radical Jihadists along Israel's borders, and the worldwide campaign to delegitimize Israel has escalated to new alarming heights.

The global BDS movement, which seeks to isolate Israel and turn her into a pariah nation has effectively been recognized with the European Commission's adoption of guidelines to label Israeli settlement products. The EU's acceptance of this new legislation represents a disturbing escalation in the battle to delegitimize the Jewish State.

In spite of these tremendous challenges and the incessant attempts by Israel's enemies to cast darkness and perpetrate violence against the world Jewish community, we continue to remain hopeful and optimistic. This year, Shurat HaDin achieved several major victories that have illuminated new rays of hope in the war for Israel's continued survival.

One of the greatest successes in 2015 came after an 11-year legal battle against the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority for terror attacks carried out during the Intifada. The more than decade-long struggle culminated with a unanimous jury verdict against the PA & PLO on every count and with damages being awarded in the amount of \$218.5 million. This award was subsequently trebled under the US Anti-Terrorism Act to \$655.5 million and made headlines around the world. Needless to say, the message to our enemies is now louder and clearer than ever; there is a very heavy price to be paid for Jewish blood.

We at Shurat HaDin feel incredibly privileged to act on behalf of the world Jewish community in the battle against the enemies of the Jewish State. As a privately operated NGO, we are in the special position of being able to take action without any political or diplomatic constraints. Of course, none of this vital work would be at all possible without your generous support.

The team at Shurat HaDin is sincerely grateful for all of your continued assistance and we look forward to a new year of progress, success and many new victories on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nitsana Darshan-Leitner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner



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Shurat HaDin is at the forefront of fighting terrorism and safeguarding Jewish rights worldwide. We are dedicated to the protection of the State of Israel. From defending against lawfare suits, fighting academic and economic boycotts and challenging those who seek to delegitimize the Jewish State, Shurat HaDin is utilizing court systems around the world to go on the legal offensive against Israel's enemies.

Based in Tel Aviv, and directed by Attorney Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, Shurat HaDin works with Western intelligence agencies, law enforcement branches and a network of volunteer lawyers across the globe to file legal actions on behalf of world Jewry.

BANKRUPTING TERRORISM – ONE LAWSUIT AT A TIME

Our Mission

Shurat HaDin is a world leader in the fight to stop terrorist financing. By using legal action and civil lawsuits, Shurat HaDin assists in bankrupting terror groups and grinding their activity to a halt. Through its innovative lawsuits on behalf of terror victims, Shurat HaDin has succeeded in obstructing terror groups from operating within global financial and commercial systems. Unlike the terrorists who resort to deadly weapons and violence to spread their message of destruction, our goal is to cripple the terrorist infrastructure and secure compensation for the terror victims. We have modeled ourselves on the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit organization that for decades has effectively confronted and shut down racist groups across the United States.

Today, Shurat HaDin represents hundreds of terror victims in tens of different legal actions against Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, North Korea, the Palestinian Authority, Iran, Syria, the Lebanese-Canadian Bank, Central Bank of Iran and the Bank of China. It has successfully disrupted the terrorist groups and helped their victims to strike back at those responsible for devastating their lives.

Record of Achievements

- Obtained over \$200 million in actual recoveries that went to the victims and their families.
- Obtained over \$2 billion in court judgments against terror organizations and state sponsors of terrorism.



- Obtained over \$600 million in terror assets frozen (compared to the roughly \$140 million frozen through U.S. governmental action) — money which would otherwise have made its way to Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, Fatah, and other terror groups.
- Assisted in achieving a 60% reduction in terror activity in the Gaza Strip by putting a stop to international wire transfers to Palestinian terrorists, driving Hamas and other extremist groups to resort to underground smuggling.
- Forced banks to sever business ties with terror-financing entities and to thoroughly investigate current account holders by filing unprecedented lawsuits against them.
- Assisted in obstructing Iran's access to hard currency used to support Palestinian terrorist groups.
- Achieved historic verdict against PLO and PA for attacks carried out during the Intifada and won an award of \$655.5 million in damages for victims of terror.
- Demanded that Spanish football team, FC Barcelona, end its sponsorship deal with Qatar Airways – and refuse the \$90 million endorsement it receives from it annually. Qatar is internationally notorious for financing terror.



FIGHTING BDS AND LAWFARE

Our Mission

Israel, and the Jewish community at large, is beset by a dangerous international campaign utilizing new strategies to delegitimize the Jewish state. Unable to defeat the IDF militarily or weaken the population through persistent terrorism, extremist groups and rogue regimes have embarked upon a global campaign to demonize and isolate Israel, casting it as a pariah state in the United Nations, as well as academic institutions. The widespread Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, and its utilization of lawfare, enables Israel's opponents to advance an anti-Israel and anti-Semitic agenda while hiding behind the claim of assisting the Palestinian cause. Shurat HaDin is leading the fight against those calling for boycotts and economic sanctions against Israel, and those engaged in the perilous international campaign to delegitimize the Jewish State and challenge its right to exist.

Record of Achievements

- Successfully blocked a hostile flotilla intent on breaching the Israeli coastal blockade of Gaza by warning maritime insurance carriers and a satellite communication company that providing services to the ships could subject them to legal liability for aiding terrorists.
- Using the legal system to counter boycotts against Israeli companies and academics by seeking to remove the tax exempt status of organizations that promote boycotts.
- Monitoring the anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism rampant in academic institutions by informing these institutions of their potential civil and criminal liability for tolerating an environment of intimidation and hostility towards Jewish and Israeli students.
- Called on FIFA to expel Palestinian Authority sports chief Jibril Rajoub for incitement to murder. Rajoub had lobbied FIFA to ban Israel's football team from the world body. But, as we noted, Rajoub himself is deeply involved



in Palestinian terrorism and inciting violence against the Jewish State. Shurat HaDin argued that it was Rajoub, not Israel, who needed to be expelled from international sports.

- Warned the Park Slope, Brooklyn, Food Co-Op not to adopt anti-Israel boycott-divestment-sanctions (BDS) policies. The PSFC, located in Brooklyn, New York, debated a resolution to discontinue the sale of Israeli products including those manufactured by the SodaStream Company. The meeting of the food coop turned violent as pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian factions clashed over the boycott resolution. The resolution has not yet been brought to a final vote.
- Asked Coca-Cola Co. to end its affiliation with its Palestinian Authority franchisee, the Palestine National Beverage Company, and its head, Zahi Khouri, because he has supported the BDS movement against Israel and made other incendiary comments against the Jewish state.
- Demanded that Swedish bank SEB cancel its mortgage on a ship trying to run Israel's legitimate blockade of Gaza. SEB holds a maritime lien on the Marianne of Gothenburg, the lead ship in the 2015 Gaza flotilla. The bank issued a mortgage to the owner of the boat, Charles Bertel Andreasson, a veteran anti-Israel provocateur who has engaged in illegal efforts against the Jewish State in the past.
- Sent a letter to General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt, urging the company to void its labor accords with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America in light of the union's declared support for BDS.
- Filed a complaint against the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Worker's union with the National Labor Relations Board alleging that it's announced boycott of Israel was illegal.
- Monitored on-campus anti-Israel activities and warned academic institutions that they face liability if they tolerate intimidation of and hostility toward Jewish students.



DEFENDING ISRAEL FROM WAR CRIMES

Our Mission

In their effort to pressure Israel to make concessions in the American brokered “peace negotiations,” the Palestinians incessantly pursued “state” membership in the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Palestinians, now formally accepted as members, have the ability to file war crimes complaints in The Hague against IDF officers and Israeli elected officials. This is a devastating change to the status quo that Israel simply cannot ignore. Prior to the Palestinians attaining ICC membership, Shurat HaDin launched a preemptive strategy in order to combat the effect of this development should it have been realized. Since the Palestinians became ICC members, Shurat HaDin has initiated additional aggressive legal actions.

Our Actions

- Shurat HaDin launched a public campaign focusing on an innovative strategy to deter the Palestinians from joining the ICC, by letting them know that the ICC’s jurisdiction reaches in all directions and would similarly be wielded against the Palestinians themselves. Shurat HaDin is now in the process of pursuing multiple war crimes complaints against Palestinian officials at the ICC.
- Shurat HaDin filed a war crimes complaint in The Hague against Hamas Chief Khaled Mashaal over the issue of the Islamic terror group executing 38 Palestinians in Gaza during the summer war of 2014, and against PA leader Mahmoud Abbas, over the thousands of missile attacks on Israeli civilians fired from Gaza.



- We are filing war crimes complaints with the prosecutors in the ICC concerning the actions of other nations who are accused of “settling” in disputed regions of the world. By forcing the ICC judges to formally decline to investigate these international disputes and officially declare its inability to delve into conflicts concerning settlements, we will create footholds and legal precedents that Israel will be enabled to rely upon when and if the Palestinians seek to follow a similar path and file criminal complaints.
- Shurat HaDin filed amicus curiae petitions in Israel’s High Court of Justice on behalf of the IDF and intelligence branches on matters of national security.
- We protected IDF soldiers from war crime indictments

by compelling a Spanish court to close a war crimes probe by preparing similar indictment against a senior Spanish official.



THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

1



Filing ICC War Crimes Complaint against Top PA Officials

In January 2015, Shurat HaDin filed war crimes complaints in the International Criminal Court ("ICC") against top Palestinian leaders — Jibril Rajoub, Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee, Majid Faraj, head of PA General Intelligence, and Rami Hamdallah, current PA Prime Minister. The complaints allege the leaders are guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Shurat HaDin accuses Rajoub of war crimes based on Fatah rocket attacks aimed at the Israeli civilian populace during the 2014 Gaza War. Faraj and Hamdallah are accused by us of torturing and killing ordinary PA residents and other widespread civil rights abuses against Palestinians. Shurat HaDin is challenging the ICC to employ an even hand when addressing war crimes accusations and to apply the same standards to complaints against PA officials as it does to complaints against Israeli officials.

2



Winning Landmark \$655 Million Jury Verdict Against the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization

On February 23, 2015, an 11 year legal struggle was successfully concluded when a New York federal court jury awarded millions of dollars in damages to Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center's clients; ten families injured in six different terror attacks in Israel during the Second Intifada between 2002 and 2004. After a seven week trial, the jury returned a verdict of \$218.5 million (trebled under the Anti-Terrorism Act to \$655 million) against the Palestinian Authority and Palestine Liberation Organization, finding them liable on every count. This was the largest personal injury verdict ever in the Southern District of New York. Shurat HaDin, working with a trial team lead by Arnold & Porter LLP's Kent Yalowitz, successfully argued that the PA and PLO supported each of the attacks, which were carried out by paid members of the PA security forces. The evidence presented at trial showed that the PA and PLO paid out rewards to the perpetrators and their families in the form of "martyr payments" or prisoner stipends and that those who went to prison continued to be on the PA payroll and receive promotions for years even while incarcerated. While this historic verdict does not bring back the families' loved ones or heal their wounds, it is an important measure of justice and closure for them after years of tragic suffering and pain.

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Filing War Crimes Complaint with the United States Department of Justice against Hamas Commanders for Indiscriminate Rocket Fire at Ben-Gurion Airport

In March 2015, Shurat HaDin filed an unprecedented war crimes complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice against a range of Hamas commanders alleging that they violated U.S. law by aiming rockets indiscriminately at Israel's Ben-Gurion airport during the 2014 Gaza War. The complaint seeks to have the Hamas officials responsible criminally prosecuted in U.S. courts, and was filed on behalf of 26 Americans on flights that were redirected or cancelled as a result of the rocket fire, or who were present at the airport on July 22, 2014 when most American and international airlines cancelled their flights. The legal basis for the action is 18 U.S.C. § 37(a) which provides for up to 20 years in prison for someone who unlawfully or intentionally "uses any substance or weapon to perform an act of violence at an international airport when the victim is a national of the United States." During the 2014 Gaza conflict, 225 rockets struck Israeli civilian centers and six Israeli civilians were killed. The targeting of Ben-Gurion airport led the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to issue a ban on American flagged airlines from flying to or from Tel Aviv. Hamas boasted about its "victory" in getting Israeli air space closed off. This is the first time Shurat HaDin has brought a war crimes complaint against Palestinian terrorists in the U.S. In light of the strong U.S. stance against terrorism, Shurat HaDin is hopeful that the DOJ will take this issue very seriously.

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Assisting Prosecutors to Obtain Conviction Against Palestinian Immigrant, Rasmieh Yousef Odeh, for Concealing her Terrorist Activities when she Applied for U.S. Citizenship

In March 2015, Palestinian Activist Rasmieh Yousef Odeh, was sentenced by a Detroit Federal Court to 18 months of jail time and deportation for immigration fraud. She had failed to disclose to immigration authorities her connection to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist group and her participation in a 1969 terrorist attack on an Israeli supermarket that killed two people, as a result of which Odeh was convicted and imprisoned in Israel for almost a decade. Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center helped obtain crucial evidence for the prosecution about Odeh's anti-Israel terrorist activities and her Israeli conviction, which left no doubt about Odeh's deception of U.S. immigration authorities. The United States should not become a haven for convicted terrorists and murderers.

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Winning \$330 Million Judgment Against North Korea

In April 2015, the District Court for the District of Columbia entered judgment against the government of North Korea for \$330 million on behalf of the family of Reverend Kim Dong-Shik, a Christian missionary and social activist who was abducted from China by North Korean agents in January 2000. Shurat HaDin organized the families' civil action against the outlaw regime. Reverend Kim was tortured to death in a prison camp in North Korea by agents of the government's intelligence service. The court case, which we filed in 2009, faced legal hurdles when the District Court refused to find North Korea liable, insisting that plaintiffs provide actual proof of Rev. Kim's death. Plaintiffs had provided evidence from one of the North Korean intelligence agents who participated in the kidnapping. Plaintiffs also provided testimony from two experts concerning conditions in North Korea's infamous labor camps and the high likelihood that Rev. Kim was subjected to extreme and prolonged torture which caused his death, but the Court insisted it was not adequate proof. On appeal to the D.C. Circuit, the judges held that because virtually no one had ever returned from these camps to testify about conditions there, proof of the kidnapping together with the expert reports constituted sufficient evidence of death. On remand, the District Court awarded \$15 million in compensatory damages and \$300 million in punitive damages. This important human rights decision, which Shurat HaDin obtained, sets a precedent for political abduction cases going forward.

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Filing Lawsuit Against Social Media Giant Facebook on Behalf of 20,000 Israelis For Allowing Palestinian Incitement on Its Platform

Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center launched a public media campaign against Facebook in response to the wave of violent terror attacks that has plagued Israel since October 2015. Palestinians, motivated by the incitement to murder that is continuously being posted on Facebook and other social media, have attacked innocent Jewish civilians with knives, axes, screwdrivers, vehicles and molotov cocktails. Within less than one week of launching the media campaign to recruit plaintiffs for a lawsuit against Facebook, 20,000 Israelis had signed up. The unprecedented lawsuit, filed in the New York State court on October 26, 2015, seeks an injunction that will require Facebook to stop allowing Palestinian terrorists to incite violent attacks against Israeli citizens and Jews on its internet platform. We allege that by actively assisting the Palestinian inciters to find people who are interested in acting on their hateful messages through friends, groups and event suggestions and targeted advertising, Facebook has become much more than a neutral internet platform or a mere “publisher” of speech. Shurat HaDin and the plaintiffs are hopeful Facebook can be compelled to change its policies in the wake of the lawsuit. The lawsuit's impact on Facebook is already apparent, as the social media giant has become more responsive to complaints against Palestinian incitement appearing on its platform.

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Filing Injunction against Iran Nuclear Agreement

Shurat HaDin continues to fight for the rights of American victims of terrorism holding millions of dollars in judgments against unrepentant terrorist supporters Iran. In August 2005, Shurat HaDin filed an action in U.S. District Court in New York against the State Department and the Treasury Department seeking to block the lifting of American sanctions against Iran pursuant to the recently approved nuclear deal with Tehran. Under the deal, an estimated \$100-\$150 billion in frozen Iranian assets belonging to the Central Bank of Iran, held primarily in overseas bank accounts, will be released to the Iranian government. Iran has already vowed that the released funds will be utilized by its proxy terrorist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah. Since Iran has no other assets in the United States, these overseas bank accounts are the last leverage for the terror victims to enforce their judgments. We intend to continue to pressure the U.S. to ensure, that these families, who were grievously harmed by terrorism and encouraged to file suit against Iran, are compensated before any the funds are released to this terror sponsoring regime.

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Serving Restraining Notices on Overseas Bank Accounts of the Central Bank of Iran

As part of its campaign to prevent the release of overseas Iranian monies to Iran and to seize those funds to satisfy its clients' judgments, Shurat HaDin identified some of the banks maintaining the Iranian accounts and served them with restraining notices. We asked the banks to provide information about the accounts so that we can determine whether they are subject to judgment execution under American or any other law. While the banks have vigorously objected to conducting any search for records outside the United States, we maintain that its clients are entitled to the information under both federal and state judgment enforcement discovery laws. This case could set a favorable precedent in the Seventh Circuit (Chicago) for terror victims seeking to attach financial assets held in out of state bank accounts maintained by a bank that operates a branch in Illinois.

9



Demanding that FIFA Expel Palestinian Football League President, Jibril Rajoub, over Support for Anti-Israel Terrorism

In May 2015, Shurat HaDin demanded that the International Football Association (FIFA) expel Jibril Rajoub, President of the Palestinian Football League, over his support for terrorism. Rajoub also serves as Deputy Secretary of Fatah, the PLO terrorist faction that operates the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which has been responsible for attacks causing countless deaths and injuries among Israelis. The Palestinian Football League had initiated a campaign to expel Israel from FIFA over false claims that it violates Palestinian soccer players' freedom of movement. But, as Shurat HaDin pointed out in its letter to the President of the football association, Rajoub himself was in breach of FIFA policies against non-discrimination by making public statements calling Israel "our enemy" and supporting "resistance" against Israel by all means. Rajoub was even quoted as saying "if we had nuclear weapons, we'd be using them." Such incitement to hatred and violence is punishable by severe fines under FIFA's standards.

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Warning Park Slope Food Coop against Implementing Israeli Products Boycott

In June 2015, Shurat HaDin sent a warning letter to Park Slope Food Coop against their consideration of a proposal to implement an Israeli products boycott, presented to the Coop by BDS supporters. The debate on the resolution turned violent as pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian factions clashed. Shurat HaDin warned that "the BDS movement's efforts are unlawful racial discrimination on the basis of national origin and/or race, creed and religion under numerous laws, and in particular, New York State and City laws prohibiting discriminatory boycotts." To date the resolution has not been voted upon.

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Calling on The Coca Cola Company to Sever Ties with its Franchisee — The Palestinian National Beverage Company — over its Support For BDS

In June 2015, Shurat HaDin called on the Coca Cola Company to sever ties with its franchise holder in the Palestinian Authority — The Palestine National Beverage Company ("PNBC") — after learning that PNBC head Zahi Khouri supports BDS and has spoken out publicly against a peacefully negotiated two state solution. Ironically, Khouri received the Oslo Business for Peace Award which Coca Cola celebrated with a big blog post. In the letter, Shurat HaDin pointed out that Coca-Cola's Code of Business Conduct requires the company to comply with applicable U.S. trade laws and that the Code acknowledges that the company's non-U.S. franchisees are also bound by U.S. law.

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Cautioning the General Electric Company to Cease its Relationship with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America ("UE") after UE Adopted Anti-Israel BDS Resolution

In September 2015, Shurat HaDin cautioned the General Electric Company ("GE") to end its relationship with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America ("UE"), one of GE's largest labor unions, over UE's adoption of an anti-Israel resolution encouraging its members to engage in BDS. Shurat HaDin explained that the BDS movement is inherently racist and anti-Semitic and that supporting it, by maintaining ties with a labor union that promotes BDS, not only violates U.S. law, but also GE's own internal anti-discrimination policies. GE's counsel responded to us that it did not support an Israeli boycott and it had made our concerns known to the UE's leadership.

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Filing a National Labor Relations Board Charge against the "UE" Union For Adopting An Anti-Israel Boycott

Shurat HaDin does not stop at sending warning letters to confront BDS. In October 2015, we filed a National Labor Relations Board ("NLRB") Charge against the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America ("UE"), after the UE adopted the BDS Resolution calling for its members to "become engaged in BDS" at all levels. The Charge accuses the UE of violating Section 8(b)(4)(i)(B) of the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA") which prohibits labor unions from encouraging workers to take part in boycotts during the course of their work duties, commonly known as "secondary boycotts." By encouraging BDS, the UE is encouraging workers to boycott Israeli enterprises and institutions during the course of their work, e.g., encouraging dock workers not to unload goods from Israeli ships. The NLRB has taken the Charge very seriously, passing it on to its "Division of Advice" in Washington, DC, which, according to NLRB's website, only reviews "novel or significant cases." This novel legal tactic to combat BDS could lead to published opinion declaring BDS illegal under U.S. labor law.

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Stopping the Next Gaza Flotilla

Israel's haters are constantly looking for ways to draw Israel into a violent confrontation that will cause a public outcry with accusations of excessive use of force and violations of international law. Shurat HaDin Center continues to monitor this anti-Israel activity to make sure it is always one step ahead in defending Israel. On June 21, 2015, amidst news reports of another Gaza Flotilla about to set sail, Shurat HaDin geared into action, sending a warning letter to Swedish Bank, Skandinavia Enskild Banken (SEB) demanding that it cease providing financial services to Free Gaza and Ships to Gaza. Shurat HaDin learned that SEB held a maritime lien on the lead ship in the Gaza Flotilla and warned the bank that attempting to break Israel's legal blockade of Gaza and provide support to the Hamas terror organization is a crime that could subject the bank to legal sanctions and cause it to lose its collateral.

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Seeking Disqualification of ICC Chief Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, over Anti-Israel Bias

Shurat HaDin has embarked with efforts to disqualify ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda from dealing with issues related to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict over her alleged anti-Israel bias. Most blatantly, Bensouda chose to issue a warning to Israel only (and not the Palestinian Authority nor Hamas) that if it fails to cooperate in the ICC's initial examination of war crimes complaints arising from the 2014 Gaza War, it will face a full investigation based on the one sided materials submitted by Israel's critics. Bensouda also improperly published her view that Palestine was a state in an August 2014 op-ed, months before the legal issue was officially brought to her in January 2015. Once the issue was presented, Bensouda made her decision within days without any debate on the issue and without soliciting the views of all key parties, including Israel. Shurat HaDin will continue to fight attempts to single out and demonize Israel for alleged war crimes in the international arena, without acknowledging Israel's right to self-defense and the war crimes and terrorist acts that are perpetrated against its civilians on a daily basis. Bensouda needs to recuse herself from acting on this issue.

TOWARDS A NEW LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

On May 4th and 5th, 2015 Shurat HaDin, launched its first ever “Towards a New Law of War Conference.” This was the first perennial event to bring together leading academics, policy makers, and military leaders to exchange ideas regarding the development of an armed conflict legal doctrine favorable to Western democracies engaged in conflict against nontraditional, non-democratic, non-state actors.

The goal of the Conference was to influence the direction of legal discourse concerning issues critical to Israel and its ability to defend itself. The law of war is mainly unwritten and develops on the basis of state practice. The Conference was timed to take place as Palestinian Authority leaders were pursuing their efforts to join the International Criminal Court in the Hague for the purpose of having Israeli leaders and IDF soldiers indicted for war crimes, and while the United Nations Human Rights Commission was finalizing its report on Israel’s 2014 conflict with Hamas in Gaza which would find IDF officers and troops guilty of war crimes.

The Conference was born of Shurat HaDin’s concern that democratic states, like Israel, can no longer effectively act to defend their civilian populations from terrorists without being accused of war crimes and that Western militaries are being unnecessarily restrained in their fight against radical Islamic terrorist groups. Recent conflicts demonstrate that terrorists are intent on exploiting the restrictions, constraints and inequalities placed upon law abiding armed forces when they are required to go to war against those who target their civilian populations while the terrorists operate and seek sanctuary amongst civilian centers on the other side.

Thus, Shurat HaDin gathered preeminent experts — military commanders, military attorneys, human rights lawyers and terrorism experts — to discuss whether the existing laws of warfare, including the Geneva Convention, accurately address the new challenges of asymmetrical warfare, changing

battlefields, new technologies, exploitation of civilians and the like. The speakers included such renowned personalities as Defense Minister Moshe Ya’alon, Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz, Lt. Gen. David P. Fridovich, Col. Richard Kemp, Palestinian human rights activist Bassam Eid, Adv. Penina Sharvit Baruch and many others. The Conference was attended by more than 500 people each day. This successful event was just the start of a discussion that Shurat HaDin will continue to host every year, until the legal dilemmas of modern warfare facing democratic nations are thoroughly reassessed and new norms are established.



The Ultimate Mission to Israel

“A Military, Humanitarian, Historical, Judicial, Religious, and Political Reality Check.”

For the past several years, Shurat HaDin has been hosting professionals from all backgrounds on its highly acclaimed Ultimate Mission to Israel. The Ultimate Mission allows participants to experience a dynamic and intensive week of exploration of Israel's struggle for survival and security in the Middle East today. In addition to delving into the challenges to Israel's survival, attendees receive insider access to some of the Jewish State's most influential policy makers.

During the exploration, participants receive briefings by the senior commanders of the Shin Bet security service, Mossad officials, and by present and past officers in the IDF Intelligence and Operations branches. Attendees also get to observe a trial of Hamas terrorists in an IDF military court and receive first hand tours of the Lebanese and Syrian front-line military positions and the Gaza border check-points. Additional activities include ATV rides in the Golan Heights, a moonlight boat cruise on the Sea of Galilee, a traditional Shabbat dinner in the Old City and meetings with senior Cabinet Ministers and other key policymakers.

Participants receive 5-star accommodations at the Leonardo Plaza Hotel Jerusalem and at the Galei Kinneret Hotel in Tiberias, three lavish meals a day, luxury bus transportation and access to knowledgeable tour guides.



Testimonial from past participants:

"I have visited Israel about 15 times (since 1968). I have joined Shurat HaDin on three missions. Before my first mission, I checked references. One of the references happened to be a friend who has traveled to Israel 25 times. She told me it was the best trip she ever had, and she was repeating it also. The trip promises many interesting experiences, and delivers in spades. I would recommend this to anyone, especially someone who has visited Israel before. Outstanding program, I guarantee you won't be disappointed!"

— Howard Feldman, San Diego CA

"I now understand why the Mission is called 'The Ultimate Mission'. It is indeed the ultimate mission, the name is not just marketing. The Mission has exceeded ALL my expectations in every possible area. The speakers were amazing and, even though they are very busy people, they actually showed that they found it important to be with us. The sites we saw were impressive, what an excellent choice!"

— Geraldo Lima Filho, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Shurat HaDin's ACTIVIST LAWYERS SEMINAR

The Activist Lawyer's Training Seminar

On June 29, 2015, Shurat HaDin launched its first ever "Activist Lawyer's Training Seminar," with 70 lawyers from around the globe in attendance (including 10 attorneys and law professors from Singapore). The Seminar was initiated in response to the increasing need to involve motivated lawyers from around the world in Shurat HaDin's decade long legal battle to defend Israel against frightening and dangerous lawfare trends. These include, the escalating campaign for "Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions," and the demonization and deligitimization of Israel in many international forums, including at the UN, ICC and in academia. Recognizing that many lawyers who would like to join the fight are lacking the basic legal tools and Israel advocacy experience that Shurat HaDin has developed over many years, the law center created this training seminar for them.

The week-long course, which took place at the Dan Hotel in Jerusalem from in late June, 2015, was a resounding success! The participants were provided with intensive training on how to be effective activists, Israel advocates and confront anti-Semitic issues in their local communities. They received cutting-edge lectures and took part in hands-on workshops taught by accomplished jurists, legal scholars and activists.

The program included practical training in confronting and advocating on hot button issues ranging from terror victim litigation to the anti-Israel BDS movement and campus speech dilemmas. In addition, seminar participants joined in field trips to Israeli agencies and installations that are inaccessible to the general public. The lecturers included such prominent attorneys as Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, Canadian MP Irwin Cotler, Northwestern University Law Professor Eugene Kontronvitch and Arnold & Porter partner Kent Yalowitz, among others. Participating attorneys were also entitled to earn continuing legal education (CLE) credits for the course. It is anticipate that the Seminar will be held annually.

Testimonial from past participants:

"Amazing and emotional" is a good description of the seminar. Until that week I didn't know so many lawyers shared my desire to participate in Shurat HaDin legal initiatives. I felt like I had discovered a group of close relatives.

— Joel M., Herndon, VA

Overall, it was a very successful conference for the following reasons:

- 1. You arranged top notch speakers to deliver to attendees scholarly and expert information concerning the State of Israel and the role of the rule of law as it applies to acts of terrorism.*
- 2. You convened 75 lawyers from various countries of the world to collectively discuss and debate these topics.*
- 3. You used field excursions to illustrate the 'life on the ground' for both Israeli professionals and citizens.*

— Steven B., Toronto, Canada



Internship Program



Shurat HaDin's Arnold Silverman Summer Law Student Internship and Winter Internship programs provide outstanding law students from top law schools with an intensive and hands-on learning experience at the Law Center's offices in Tel Aviv. Closely supervised by Shurat HaDin's staff, they do legal research and writing and other litigation work on Shurat HaDin anti-terror, human rights and anti-discrimination cases. The students also hear lectures by internationally renowned attorneys, participate in workshops and take field trips to Israeli military and legal installations not generally open to the public. Through the internship program, Shurat HaDin deeply develops the law students' understanding of the legal and political challenges

that Israel faces, while steeping them in our proven advocacy strategies. The students can then apply what they've learned in their home countries and communities and become full-fledged advocates for Israel and the global Jewish community, in the courtroom and in everyday life.

Testimonial from past interns:

"The attorneys who work there are truly inspirational with their passion and innovation to create new legal precedent to slowly end funding to terrorists. The actual work that we were assigned as interns was incredibly interesting and exciting... While I feel that I am well versed in the conflict, the trips to the courts and to the borders of Lebanon and Syria really brought all of the cases to life..."

— Maya, UCLA Law School

"This internship has been a very rewarding experience because the program goes to many lengths to organize exciting trips and provide us with meaningful work. The projects I have worked on are very novel and at the forefront of legal research."

— Roshan, London School of Economics, School of Law

"What I appreciated most about the internship was that it was both incredibly educational and hands on. We learned about litigating against terror from leaders in the industry while at the same time being immersed in substantive legal work at the heart of the issues. Shurat HaDin is the only organization I know of that successfully equips law students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect Israel's interests in the legal arena."

— Dave, Cardozo School of Law



LOOKING AHEAD: 2016

- **Continuing our litigation of more than 40 cases** against the Palestinian Authority, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Lebanese banks, the Bank of China, the Central Bank of Iran, AMEX, Hamas, PLO, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah.
- **Working to enforce the victims' judgments against terror assets** around the world, and obstructing terror financing, including in Germany, Italy and Canada.
- **Enhancing our successful Student Internship Programs** where the students conduct hands-on research and writing involving the litigation activities of Shurat HaDin. In addition, our interns will visit IDF military courts and border crossings, attend lectures on relevant legal issues, participate in discussions with governmental legal advisors and judges and participate in meetings with members of parliament (Knesset), military and police officials, as well as other senior officials.
- **Promoting education and spreading the message through Missions and Public Speaking events** in communities and campuses worldwide. Participants of these now famous Ultimate Missions travel around the Jewish State, have the privilege of hearing lectures by high ranking Israeli government officials, intelligence agents and IDF officers, observe IDF military court proceedings and tour along Israel's strategic borders on dynamic field trips. The Missions are life-changing experiences for the participants. Moreover, we regularly travel and speak around the world in a highly successful effort to inform the public.
- **Increasing media exposure:** Shurat HaDin has received greatly increased media exposure over the past year, with many news stories making headlines on numerous local and international networks and wire agencies. Our Hebrew language and English language Facebook pages are rapidly growing. In addition, those on our mailing lists continue to be updated via our electronic newsletters. Our enhanced media presence has resulted in more and more people worldwide, as well as government officials and organizational leaders learning of the Law Center's work, seeking our assistance and asking to be involved with our activities.
- **Developing a new social media platform:** Shurat HaDin is in the process of developing a cutting-edge social media platform called Mayvin. Mayvin will be the first social platform of its kind and will unite Jewish and pro-Israel activists from all over the world into one vibrant online community. It will allow Israel's advocates globally to brainstorm solutions to the dangerous challenges confronting the Jewish State. The platform will serve as a tool for anyone who wants join the struggle for Israel's continued prosperity and defend the rights of Jews worldwide. It is anticipated that Mayvin will launch in Spring 2016 and will be available in both mobile and desktop formats.

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