

Latin America and Spain / Lidia Lerner

Argentina

As in the past, antisemitism in Argentina in 2014 consisted of both the classic traditional form, which originates mainly from the right, conservative wing, and new antisemitism, often disguised as anti-Zionism, originating from the left and pro-Islamic circles.

Developments in the Middle East have a strong impact on antisemitism in Argentina. Therefore, although no significant increase of violence was recorded, there was a significant increase in antisemitic complaints linked to events in Gaza, or the so-called "new antisemitism", during 2014, especially following Operation Protective Edge in June.

On 29 July, the DAIA issued a press release expressing the deep concern of the Argentinean Jewish community and denouncing the serious episodes of incitement to hatred against Jews, antisemitic attacks and manifestations taking place in Buenos Aires and other localities of the country following events in Gaza. According to DAIA: graffiti, threats to Jewish entities, Judeophobic expression in the media and the web, aggressions against members of the Jewish community and proliferation of confused and tendentious information generated a wave of antisemitism in the country.

2014 also saw a continuation of the rise in antisemitism in the web, which represents the medium through which the largest percentage of anti-Jewish events are recorded, particularly through the use of forums in mass media for the expression of discriminatory slogans. One example: the webpage "I was told by a Jew", accumulating over 1500 "likes" and containing insulting stereotypes of Jews and the Jewish community was closed by Facebook after complaints by the Web Observatory of the Latin-American Jewish Congress. After its closure, a new page, by the name "I was told by a Hebrew", took its place.

The second most common form of antisemitism in Argentina is graffiti. Antisemitic signs were found on the walls of the Tefila L'Moisés Central Synagogue and the Jewish Association Center in the city of Basavilbaso (27 June); on the walls of the Mendoza Jewish Cultural Center (16 July); in the central square of Rio Cuarto, Cordoba (23 July); swastikas and graffiti accusing Israel of genocide were painted on various locations in the city of Córdoba (in the beginning of September); swastikas over the Star of David and antisemitic phrases were painted in the area known as El Palomar, in Urquiza Park in the city of Paraná (October); antisemitic and anti-Israeli graffiti were also found in different locations in Buenos Aires, including a Star of David with the number 666 (which symbolizes the anti-Christ), which was painted on a synagogue in the neighborhood of Villa Crespo; "support Gaza and destruction of Israel" on a wall near a public school; signs asking for the destruction of Israel because of the "Zionist massacre" in Gaza, near a university. On 18 December, swastikas and Nazi symbols were engraved in the offices of the Argentinean Zionist Labor Party Avoda.

The Jewish community's opposition to the Argentinean-Iranian agreement to set up an international truth commission into the 1994 bombing of the Jewish community center led to friction with President Cristina Kirchner's government. In her address to the United Nations General Assembly on 24 September, the Argentinean president criticized her country's Jewish leaders for not supporting the pact with Iran. According to Kirchner, "When we signed the agreement it seemed that the internal and external demons were unleashed. Jewish institutions that had accompanied us turned against us. When we decided to cooperate they accused us of complicity with the State of Iran". Her statements were strongly condemned by the DAIA and Jewish community. Opposition members of Congress also denounced the statements "for their antisemitic character and their falseness and ignorance".

On 14 January 2014, the DAIA (political representation of the Argentinean Jewish community) condemned posters signed by FECOBA, (Federation of Business and Industry of Buenos Aires) stigmatizing businessman Eduardo Elsztain and accusing him of usury. According to secretary general Jorge Knoblovits, the mention of Elsztain by name, making him personally responsible for "usury" and the inflationary process has an "antisemitic whiff".

On 11 June 2014, Bandera Vecinal (Local Flag), an ultranationalist organization led by Alejandro Biondini, an accused neo-Nazi, was granted juridical status as a registered political party by Buenos Aires Judge Ariel Lijo. According to the DAIA, Biondini "has publicly and repeatedly supported the figure of Adolf Hitler and Nazism. DAIA reiterates its position to not legitimize as a political party those who justify hatred and encouraging violence against the Jewish community and others in our country." The DAIA also announced it would challenge the decision in court. On 29 June, the Buenos Aires Senate approved a declaration denouncing the decision.

In a video called "Alert! World Zionist Danger!" posted on You Tube on August 7, and in his program "Second Republic" transmitted by TLV1 on 6 August, political analyst Adrian Salbuchi warns of "the problematics of Zionism and Judaism". He states that "Jewish communities have been persecuted throughout the centuries (...) either most of humanity is suffering from a psychological pathology called antisemitism, or there is a social behavior among Zionist leadership and some representatives of Judaism that makes them subject to expulsion from the societies that had once hosted them". Salbuchi then revives the allegations of "a second Zionist State to be established in Argentine Patagonia". He urges Argentine Jews to "disassociate" themselves from a list of so-called Zionist agent Jewish communal organizations, warning otherwise, that they should "not complain if there are reactions".

The allegation of a Jewish plan to conquer Patagonia (so called "Andinia Plan") was repeated in other opportunities and on 22 December, posters appeared in the town of El Bolsón (Rio Negro) and in Bariloche (major tourist spot in Patagonia), calling for a "Boycott Against Israeli Military Tourism". They were signed by the Palestine Solidarity Committee in Argentine Patagonia. Peso bills were also found defaced with scrawls

reading "Jews out of Patagonia". On 17 November, there was a bomb threat in a Jewish owned Patagonian hostel in Lago Puelo, Chubut, where Israeli tourists lodge.

Other significant incidents:

- On 2 October, Yom Kippur eve, the Headquarters of the Hebraica Society in Buenos Aires was evacuated, following a bomb threat posted on Facebook and an alert received from Interpol of a possible attack.
- On 7 December, about a dozen graves were desecrated in the Jewish cemetery of Santiago del Estero.
- The Secretariat of Culture of the Municipality of Vicente López included Eva Braun, Adolf Hitler's lover, in a list of women honored during the month of March as the most important women in history. Following an outcry by leaders of the Jewish Community and the Peronist party, the Mayor of Vicente López, declared that her inclusion was a "disagreeable error", apologized to the community in general and women in particular, and promised the list would be altered.
- On 27 November, 2014, Guillermo Zysman, a well-known Jewish journalist from the city of Rosario, received antisemitic text messages while conducting his radio program.
- The president of the Educational Department of the Argentinean sports club River Plate, Carlos Jara, made a series of antisemitic comments on his personal Twitter account. "Their soldiers are the ones to die, but they kill civilians ... is it fair? They were MURDERERS ... the Jewish people were never victims." "From murderer King David, they always made themselves into victims, Always".

In addition there were cases of classic, traditional anti-Semitism such as an article, posted on 23 December in Radio Cristiandad, a traditionalist Catholic anti-modernist right-wing site opposing the reforms of the Vatican II council, which attacked the bishop of San Luis for meeting with the Jewish community and participating in their rituals in a sign of ecumenism. According to the article: "We know that the Jews killed Christ, which was not only a historical event perpetrated by some people centuries ago, but in all those who participate in the Judaic doctrines those prophetic words of the wicked Pharisee are fulfilled: 'his blood be on us and on our children'"; "Catholics and Jews do not worship the same Supreme Being, because while some worship the one true trinitarian God, the others have, as he reproached Jesus, the devil as father". Photos of the bishop serving food in a Passover dinner and lighting Hannukah candles were posted.

Brazil (based on a report by Luiz Nazario)

During the Gaza War, antisemitism in Brazil intensified as never before, under the thinly disguised form of anti-Zionism, particularly among left-wing activists and the far-left. In various manifestations of the Partido Socialista dos Trabalhadores Unificado - PSTU [Unified Socialist Workers Party], Partido Comunista do Brasil -PC do B - [Communist

Party of Brazil] and Partido Socialismo e Liberdade - PSOL [Socialism and Freedom Party] some of its leaders called openly for “the end of the State of Israel”.

The situation was aggravated by a diplomatic incident between Brazil and Israel. At the height of the war in Gaza on 24 July, 2014, the Minister of external relations of Brazil summoned the Brazilian Ambassador in Tel Aviv for consultations in protest against the Israeli attacks, considered “out of proportion” by President Dilma Rousseff. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor retaliated by calling Brazil a "diplomatic dwarf" and sneering at Brazil's World Cup loss: "This is not football. In football, when a game ends in a draw, you think it is proportional, but when it finishes 7-1 it's disproportionate. Sorry to say, but it is not so in real life and under international law".

There were public anti-Zionist manifestations and acts of solidarity in different cities. In Sao Paulo, the main public library, the Mario de Andrade Library, in "solidarity with the numerous civilian casualties during the latest clash between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian people living in the Gaza Strip", lit up its façade during the month of August with the colors of the Palestinian flag. 55 of 86 artists participating in the 31st International Biennial of Sao Paulo, demanded the removal of the logo of the Consulate of Israel from the Biennale and the return of Israeli sponsorship.

The Jewish Federation of the State of Rio de Janeiro (FIERJ) filed a complaint against Cyro Garcia, PSTU federal candidate for Congress who, in his electoral propaganda on 19 August, called for the end of Israel. A criminal complaint was also filed against Ana Amelia Mello Franco, for numerous offensive manifestations, discriminatory and incitement of hatred against the Jews in Facebook.

There were several incidents of Holocaust banalization:

- In September 2014, after protests by parents and pupils, Andrews College in Rio de Janeiro cancelled a question in a geography test comparing Jews to Nazis. The text included a cartoon showing a Nazi officer standing above a Jew with a yellow star next to an Israeli soldier standing above an Arab, with the words “Who are worse? Nazis or Jews? “. The school fired the teacher and apologized to parents and pupils stressing that this isolated incident does not reflect Andrews College and its values.
- 'Adolf Hitler' was acquitted of all charges in a “trial” that took place as part of a history lesson held every year in a school in the town of Mogi da Cruzes (Sao Paulo). The jury of seven decided by five votes to two, that the dictator was innocent.
- New neo-Nazi pages were opened daily on Facebook and YouTube. One example: The Nova Direita Cultural (Cultural New Right) translated a homophobic and antisemitic caricature of French caricaturist Joe Lecorbeau parodying the visit of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to the memorial of Holocaust victims in Toulouse: “Holocaust by sodomy.”

Chile

The most notable incident which took place in Chile in 2014 was the opening of the Augusto Pinochet Nazi Art School on 28 March, which promotes Nazi ideology, in the Archipelago of Chiloé, in southern Chile. Its objective is "the organizational strengthening of the political right". Posters promoting the school included a swastika. The event was condemned by members of the Jewish community, residents of the area and members of Parliament, including right wing parties, who declared they would act to prevent the school from functioning.

The war in Gaza led to articles and posters condemning Israel and comparing it to Nazi Germany. On 11 July, the Chilean monthly *El Ciudadano* published a caricature titled "Mediatic Manipulation" depicting a group of foreign TV cameramen filming a crying Israeli baby while ignoring a group of Palestinian children lying dead and dismembered on the other side. In Santiago, posters were hung depicting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and an Israeli flag with a swastika inside the Star of David. The poster read: "There is a criminal of Palestinian children on the loose. Wanted for genocide and crimes against the Palestinian people".

Mexico / Renee Dayan Shabott

The Jewish community numbers about 43,000 out of a total population of more than 118 million. Most Jews live in the capital Mexico City and its suburbs, while the rest are located in the cities of Guadalajara, Monterrey, Tijuana and Cancun.

Jewish immigrants to Mexico formed communities according to their place of origin, a way of life that has persisted until today. All the communities, together with the Jewish Sports Center, are represented in the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico (JCCM). *Tribuna Israelita*, a public opinion and analysis agency, promotes an ongoing dialogue with opinion leaders and implements joint projects with various national organizations.

High enrollment in Jewish day schools (more than 90 percent) and a very low rate of intermarriage (6 percent) characterize the community, which has a wide range of welfare, religious and educational services. A variety of periodicals published monthly reflect the various political, cultural and ideological tendencies in the community.

Although Antisemitism it is not a constant trend in Mexico, as a result of national and international dynamics, and influences, it has always been present in Mexican society. There are no overtly Antisemitic radio stations, newspapers or television broadcasters; however, the dynamic of the Israeli-Arab conflict, has had a major impact on the mass media. Anti-Israel positions in the media are frequently mixed with common Antisemitic stereotypes. Moreover, left-wing demonization of Israel is often linked to traditional anti-Americanism.

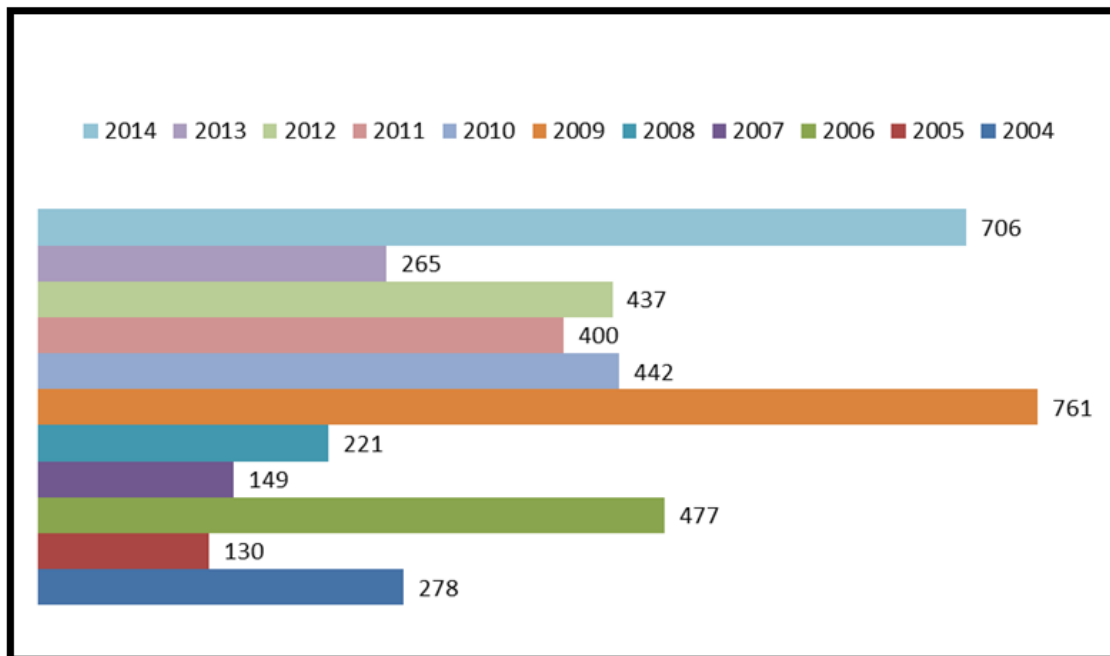
Written Media

Reports about Israel occupied a disproportionate amount of international news space in the Mexican media. Most coverage of the conflict is superficial and sensationalist, with

Israel, and by extension, the Jews, being discredited. Such expressions come especially from left wing intellectual and academic circles and they include caricatures, accusations, identification of Jews with Israelis and the comparison of Israelis to Nazis.

Even though most of the informative articles were unbiased/impartial, many of the headlines and photographs were sensationalistic. During this period, many journalists who have no experience on the subject and usually do not approach Middle Eastern topics wrote about the IDF operation, with lack of information and prejudice attitude.

During 2014 a total of 708 negative articles were published in the Mexican written media. Of those, 418 were published during the Operation Protective Edge.



Negative Arguments about Israel During Operation Protective Edge

1. Israel is an expansionist, terrorist and militaristic country that commits a Holocaust and genocide of the Palestinian people and should be judge for war criminals.
2. Palestinian fight to defend their country and to achieve their human rights. The Israeli occupation and the Palestinian suffering is the origin of all the conflicts in the Middle East. The only solution is the establishment of a Palestinian state.
3. Jews don't learn from history: the victims turned into murderers. Israelis are the new Nazis
4. Israel has immunity because United States, Europe and the United Nations have a special relation and double standards regarding Israel.
5. Lack of proportion in strength between Israel and Palestinians.
6. Unacceptable explanation of Israel when it says that its actions are to defend its citizens. The truth is the Israeli objective is occupation, isolation and "punishment" to the Palestinian unity government.

Do not kill my children! Don't pay attention, is the new Antisemitic discourse.
They became executioners. (Milenio) La Jordana



Social Media

As it was the case of the written media, during 2014 the Antisemitic and anti-Zionists incidents increased in a great extent during Operation Protective Edge. During this period, two Antisemitic Facebook pages under the name “Jews out of Mexico” and “Jews Assassins” were opened, and closed thanks to the intervention of Tribuna Israelita.

The comments on the Internet (tweets and offensive messages in Jewish sites) increased: For example, On August 2 "Jorge Negrete" (najazapimametilan3@hotmail.com) sent through the "contact us" section of the website of Tribuna Israelita, the following offensive message: Congratulations, disgusting cowards, genocides, children killers. Now I see that Hitler was not so bad, he was a necessary evil and if he had succeeded he would have avoided an evil worse than the toilet paper called Israel. Dirty people, and you ask why the world hates you.

As an answer of a tweet by Tribuna Israelita explaining that Israel destroyed 32 tunnels, an Antisemitic tweet was posted by Antonio de la Serna saying: *@Tribuna_ISR Jews son of a bitch; @Tribuna_ISR Hitler was right. He wasn't Antisemitic, AntiJews, Israel terrorist and genocides.*

In response to a photo gallery entitled: “Crowds around the world demand to stop the attacks against Gaza”, published on August 9th on the newspaper “La Jornada”, the following Antisemitic and anti-Zionist posts were published: Daide Caffaratti: If God exists he will not bless Israel, people of murderers. Eduardo Karnstedt Hernandez: You lie, the Holocaust didn't exist. Hitler was right. MalHer Damian: Jews are the cancer of the world.

Incidents

As in previous times of crisis in Israel, the Operation Protective Edge that took place in the summer of 2014 triggered a wave of Antisemitic and anti-Zionist demonstrations. Most expressions appeared in the written and electronic media, as well as in social networks.

| | Before and after Protective Edge | Protective Edge | Total |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Incidents | | | |
| Graffiti | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Verbal aggression | 3 | | 3 |
| Messages on Jewish webpages | 4 | | 4 |
| Offensive e-mails | | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| Incidents in mass media | | | |
| Internet | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Responses to articles in electronic media | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Radio | | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| Antisemitic Propaganda | | | |
| Events, demonstrations, conferences | 3 | | 3 |
| Books, flyers | 4 | | 4 |
| Total | 7 | | 7 |
| Support for the Palestinians /vs Israel | | | |
| Events | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Demonstrations | | 22 | 22 |
| Statements by intellectuals and politicians | | 8 | 8 |
| Total | 6 | 41 | 47 |
| TOTAL | 33 | 48 | 81 |

On January 21 an abandoned car with graffiti and swastikas was found near the Jewish Sport Center.

On October 10, after an evicting order by the Government against the illegal occupation of a lawn situated in a highly Jewish populated area, some neighbors put two banners which said: Jews out of our country.

From January 25 to 4 February, regarding the addition of the word “Antisemitism” to the anti-discrimination law, Alfredo Jalife tweeted and retweeted the following posts: Nobody discriminates more in Mexico than the extreme right “Jewish” sector (whatever that means). The Jews are the most racists in the world. I don’t understand why they want to protect them.

On March 14, Guillermo Maxwell shared in the Facebook page of the Jewish radio program “El Aleph”, pictures of people with banners that said: “Jewish terrorists go to

Israel, Peña Nieto (President) and Mancera (Mexico City's major) Jews"; Palestine and Mexico are victims of the Jewish terrorism and Jews go Home, among others.

During this period Pro-Palestinian 48 incidents (demonstrations, lectures, etc.) took place in Mexico City as well as in other states:

On July 11, a yellow Magen David with a swastica in the middle as well as flyers explaining the philosophy of the Raelian Movement.

Strategies of the Jewish Community

In order to combat Antisemitism, promote a positive image of Judaism, the Jewish Community in Mexico and Israel, the Jewish Community in Mexico, through Tribuna Israelita, implemented a series of programs:

1. Monitored both written and electronic media.
2. Made special analysis regarding the media coverage of relevant events and incidents.
3. Maintained a state of the art public relations strategy, which included periodic reunions with directors, editors, information chiefs and journalists of the most important mass communication media as well as with national opinion leaders and representatives of other religious groups, academics and different NGOs.
4. Together with the Central Committee of the Jewish Community in Mexico, implemented media strategies and meetings with national officials.
5. Maintained a registry of anti-Semitic incidents at a national level. The Mexican Government had an objective position regarding the conflict.
6. Organized informative sessions for various community groups, including, students, leaders, and people in general, regarding topics of interest and provided information services for people, both within and outside the Jewish community.
7. Edited and emailed to approximately 12,000 persons (including community members as well as journalists and non-Jews who requested it) a weekly newsletter as well as special communications in specific occasions.
8. Had presence in social network, through Facebook, Twitter and the web.
9. Participated in the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, one of the most important editorial events in Latin America.
10. Sponsored a visit to Israel of deputies members of the Mexico-Israel Friendship Group.

Uruguay

Operation Protective Edge led to an unprecedented wave of antisemitic events in Uruguay during 2014.

Following a series of statements he made referring to the conflict between Israel and Hamas during Operation Protective Edge, Uruguayan president José Mujica was accused of antisemitism. On 5 August, Mujica accused Israel of committing genocide. He said he "admires the vicissitudes of the Jewish people" and that "nobody can accuse me of antisemitism, or anything like that", but there is a "fanaticism" in Israel. During a meeting

with local mayors on 8 August, he declared that he has "the strongest sympathy" with Judaism and as proof he has "three Jewish ministers in the government." However, he warned, the Israeli military action may bring forth "things like the Amia".

It should be noted that the wave of antisemitism was publicly denounced by public figures and the media. On 7 August, the Uruguayan Senate voted unanimously to denounce "the expressions of intolerance, racism, xenophobia, incitement to hatred, scorn and all other forms of discrimination against Jews that have appeared in the form of graffiti in the streets, on building fronts and on roads in our country." The senate also called for the complete cessation of violence and the creation of permanent peaceful mechanisms for solving the present conflict in the Middle East. In September 2014, the rectors of several Uruguayan universities (UTEC, the Business University, the University of Montevideo, ORT University of Uruguay and the Catholic University of Uruguay) issued a declaration against all forms of discrimination and racism, following the recent acts of racism which took place in the country. Although the document denounces racism in general, the rectors told the media that the motive for the declaration were the antisemitic manifestations which took place in Uruguay during the last month, following the last Israel-Palestinian conflict.

According to an article published in the newspaper El Observador on 9 August, sociologists fear the Israeli attacks on Gaza might lead to "expressions of repudiation in the Uruguayan society towards a community integrated in the country". According to sociologist Federico Irazabal, there is in Uruguay a "high component of antisemitism which is socially accepted, but is not explicit. In general, Uruguayans refer to Jews in a respectful way". The Israeli attacks cause the hidden antisemitism to come out and equate Israel with all Jews. In a commentary published in the Uruguayan newspaper El Pais on 12 September, "Ariel from Montevideo" stated that not one of the presidential candidates of the four parties represented in the Uruguayan parliament believes Israel to be a genocidal country or Gaza a concentration camp. However, the antisemitic acts which took place in the country during the last two months have not disappeared following the ceasefire between Israel and Gaza. For instance: the publication of a meeting between presidential candidate Tabaré Vázquez and the president of the Central Jewish Committee Sergio Gorzy was followed by dozens of antisemitic comments. To ignore it would be an error and would open the door to such manifestations.

Another significant incident which took place during the year was the statement by a future candidate for the House of Representatives from the Nationalist Party of Uruguay, Claudia Conde, who claimed on 24 October that Jews and Armenians should be imposed with a special tax, since these minorities, in contrast to all others, are the richest.

The most serious event took place on 9 December, when the Uruguayan Foreign Ministry protested to the Iranian embassy because one of its diplomats, Sanat Gol Ahmad, was photographed in November near the former embassy of Israel at the same time as an empty briefcase was found in the area. Sanat Gol left Uruguay two days before the protest was issued. The president of the Central Jewish Committee of Uruguay, Sergio Gorzy, stated that the Uruguayan Jewish community is in a "state of alert" and they are

taking appropriate measures with in coordination with the government. On 8 January, an explosive device was discovered near the new Israeli embassy. Even though the device was far from the building, officials believe it was an attempt to harm the embassy or explore its security preparedness. Following these events, the Uruguayan government ordered special protection for the Jewish community.

Venezuela

Although there was a decrease in antisemitic events in Venezuela during the first half of 2014, the media (including articles, radio and television) continued to disseminate negative propaganda against Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people, aimed at the delegitimization of the State of Israel, which was depicted as the center of all misfortunes that occur in the world and the creator of atrocities and evil against humanity. It should be noted that certain arguments and analyses appeared simultaneously and in the same way, even using similar language, as if following the same script.

There were articles denying Israel's right to exist, accusing it of robbing and colonizing ancient Palestinian lands. Others equated Zionism with Nazism, claiming that Jews, who suffered the horrors of the Holocaust, now do the same to the Palestinians. Jews were accused of intending to Judaize Jerusalem and destroy the Dome of the Rock.

According to some articles, Jews and/or Zionism control the world economy through a few families, such as the Rothschilds and the Bilderberg group. Venezuela itself is being attacked by international Zionism.

Israel and the Mossad are accused of conspiring together with former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe to invade Venezuela through paramilitary forces, or to appropriate Venezuela's wealth, and even initiating the protests which began in February. Leader of the opposition Henrique Capriles was again accused of being a pawn of universal Zionism.

In July, August and the first half of September, following Operation Protective Edge that pitted Israel against Hamas, antisemitic events in Venezuela exponentially increased, especially those promoted by the Government, through ministries, and the National Assembly. President Maduro himself uttered virulently antisemitic expressions. For example: on 11 July he noted that the concept of the "corrupt business military leadership of Israel is one of extermination ... that is why they do not mind killing children, women, innocent men. Their war is to exterminate the Palestinian people so they will disappear from the face of the earth ... This is a war of financial power, military, media of world capitalism to seize the land of Palestine and exterminate the Palestinian people ". Even more serious, for the first time, Maduro called on the Jewish community; in a televised government event in western Venezuela, to "Let the voice of the Jewish people to rise to repudiate this slaughter against the Palestinian people in Gaza ... ". On 21 July Maduro told reporters: "World leaders are right to compare it to the massacre of the Jewish people at the hands of the intolerant right whose top leader was Hitler. The European intolerant right pursued Jews for a century or more and applauded crimes against the Jewish people in Poland, Hungary, when they conquered parts of Russia (...)

and said it was in legitimate defense of Hitler. They say the same today, (about) the murder of children ".

On 23 July Maduro said: "The government of Israel has turned the Gaza Strip into a large Auschwitz, a big concentration camp." In a PSUV Congress which took place on 31 July Maduro called on all Venezuelans to participate in a march in solidarity with the Palestinian people, noted that it was a war based on the supposed religious superiority of the Israeli elite, and called "on the Jewish people in the name of God to raise their voices... to stop this slaughter, stop this war of extermination". During an act which took place on 22 August 2014, in honor of a mission carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, Maduro called Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a "modern Herod" and accused him of wanting to kill Palestinian children in order to "exterminate" the Palestinian people.

One of the most outspoken and "imaginative" spokesmen during this period was Adel El Zabayar (congressman for the ruling PSUV party), who disseminated an elaborated theory according to which "the Zionists financed Hitler" and allied with the Nazis to massacre the Jews who rejected the Zionist ideology, and that's why during the Holocaust no Zionist leader was killed. In an interview aired on 14 November on the Hezbollah channel Al Manar, El Zabayar claimed that the crisis engulfing the Middle East is due to a "Zionist conspiracy." Through his Twitter account, Adel El Zabayar promoted a series of photos of bombed villages, dead children, women crying, etc., accusing Israel of crimes against the people of Gaza. In reality, most of the pictures were images of the suffering of the Syrian people following the civil war in that country.

During all this period, the State and government linked media regularly published and broadcast messages of hatred against the State of Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people. Antisemitic and anti-Zionist graffiti was painted in different locations of Caracas, culminating in an extremely antisemitic painting on the AIV del Este Synagogue in the neighborhood of Los Palos Grandes on 30 December.

Spain

In June 2014 the Spanish government approved a draft bill proposing to grant citizenship to descendants of Spanish (Sephardic) Jews who were exiled 500 years ago. This law demonstrates the ambivalent attitude of the country to Jews. On the one hand, there is a great interest among Spaniards about Jews and Spain's Jewish roots. On the other hand, the rate of antisemitism in Spain is one of the highest in Europe, comprising not only of new antisemitism or anti-Zionism, but also classic and traditional antisemitism. According to an article by Jonathan S. Tobin, the willingness to invoke traditional stereotypes of Jew-hatred as well as echoes of the Holocaust illustrates not only how deeply entrenched such attitudes are in European culture, but the way Israel has become a stand-in for traditional antisemitism. Most Spaniards have had little or no contact with Jews, yet many of them seem to have retained the remnants of the vicious antisemitic attitudes that led to the expulsion even all these centuries late (Commentary on 20 May, 2014).

An example of the remnants of traditional antisemitism: 18 on April, the Spanish daily ABC published in its Easter online edition an article called "Death on the Cross – Beyond Jesus", on the lives of Christian martyrs. In the article it recounted the legend of Domingo de Val, a blood libel telling the story of a little boy ritually murdered in the XIII century by the Jews.

During the war in Gaza, some of the anti-Israel rhetoric in Spain was so virulent that it crossed the line into antisemitism. For example: on 24 July, 2014, the newspaper El Mundo published an article titled "The Chosen?" by author Antonio Gala claiming "the Jewish People could have done much good for humanity", but "disgust those who they live with". According to Gala, it is as though they were not made to coexist. Now it is Gaza's turn to suffer their abuses in Gaza. It is not strange that they have been so frequently expelled, what is surprising, is that they persist. He claims not to be a racist, but "either they are not good, or someone is poisoning them".

On 24 July, 2014, hundreds demonstrated in front of the Israeli Embassy in Madrid protesting against what they called "the genocide" in Gaza and yelling slogans such as: "Israel murderer", "Zionist state, terrorist state" and "How many more will you kill". Manifestations also took place in Barcelona and other cities.

In August 2014, the Iman of the locality of Azuqueca De Henares, near Madrid, gave an antisemitic sermon calling Jews "traitors, murderers and aggressive" and praying to Allah to destroy every last one of them. He accused Jews of corruption and of murdering God's prophets.

There were several incidents comparing Israel to the Nazis: On 21 July, El Mundo published an essay entitled, "From the Nazi to the Zionist Holocaust," in which Najib Abu-Warda, a Palestinian professor of international relations at the Complutense University of Madrid, accuses Israel, "70 years after the Nazi genocide against the Jews", of "committing crimes of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, aggression and state-sponsored terrorism." On 7 August, El Periodico published a caricature by Ferreres showing Gaza in ruins with the caption: "Gaza. Open air museum of the Palestinian Holocaust" and a stereotypic orthodox Jew saying: "You have no right to use the word Holocaust. That's our registered trademark." In an open letter called "Genocide" and published in several newspapers, actor Javier Bardem called the war in Gaza a war of occupation and extermination and stated that he could not understand such barbarism which "the horrible antecedents of the Jewish people make even more cruelly incomprehensible". According to Bardem, being Jewish is not the same as being Zionist, which is as absurd as saying being German makes one close to Nazism. The letter was cosigned by Bardem's wife Penelope Cruz, film director Pedro Almodovar and other members of the Spanish film industry.

Other serious incidents:

- The defeat of the Real Madrid basketball team at the hands of the Maccabi Tel Aviv team in the Euroleague championship game on 18 May led to a rash of antisemitic messages posted on social web sites; nearly 18,000 offensive messages appeared on Twitter, such as ‘Jews to the oven’ or ‘Jews to the showers’.
- In a TV report broadcast on 12 June concerning the proposal to grant Spanish nationality to Sephardic Jews, the municipal archivist of Toledo, Manuel García, “explained” the reasons for the persecution of Jews throughout history, comparing it to the treatment of Palestinians in Israel.
- Spanish fashion giant Zara pulled a children’s shirt from its stores after customers complained that the striped pajama top with a yellow star resembled Holocaust prison garb. It should be noted that in 2007 the company was forced to withdraw a handbag after complaints that it was embroidered with symbols that resemble swastikas. In October, Spanish retailer Mango was also forced to apologize for selling a shirt decorated in lightning bolts that resemble the insignia worn by the SS and Hitler youths in Nazi Germany.