

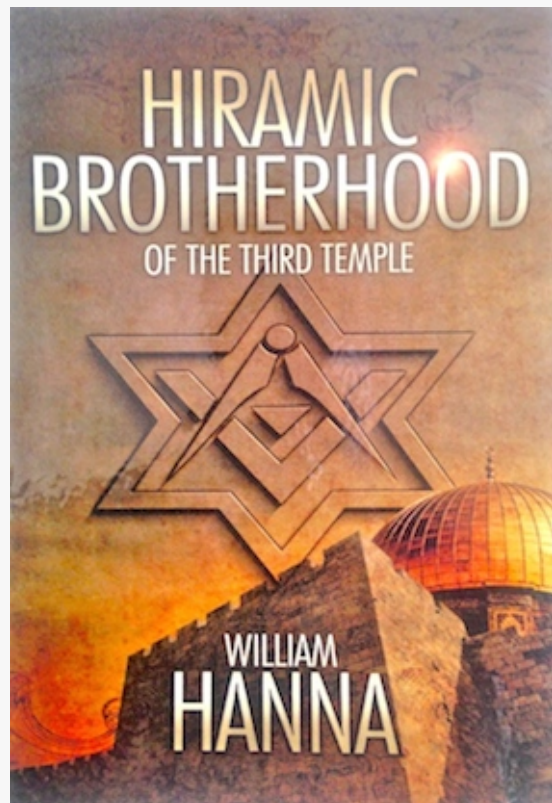
# Criminalisation of Free Speech and Double Standards

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LONDON, , UNITED KINGDOM, October 12, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- e another attempt to suppress criticism of Israel, the Canadian government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Israel which makes the claim that “the selective targeting of Israel is the new face of anti-Semitism” and declares that Canada will oppose those who support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. Shortly after the MOU was signed, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney announced to the UN General Assembly that the Canadian government would exercise “zero tolerance” toward “all forms of discrimination including rhetoric towards Israel, and attempts to delegitimise Israel such as the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.”<sup>1</sup>

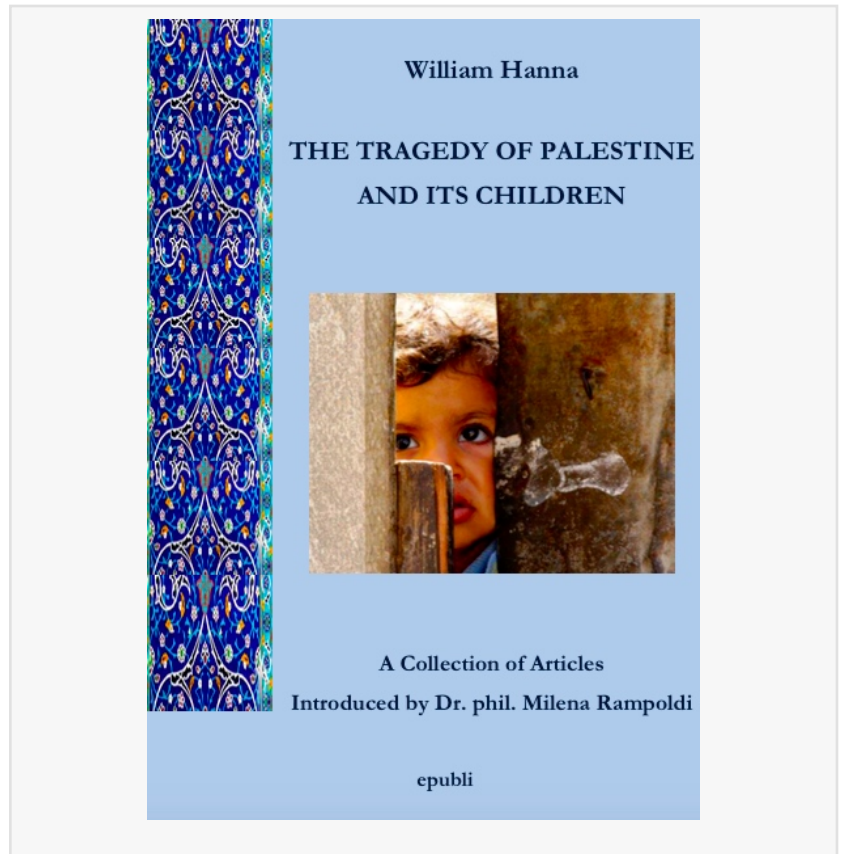
Despite the embarrassing and shameful sight of their political leaders continually rushing to fawn and genuflect at the feet of the moneyed Jewish lobby, there has been a growing international coalition of principled individuals — such as the BDS movement — who are opposed not only to Israel’s belligerent disregard for international law and human rights,

but also to the chutzpah of its undisguised subversion of the democratic process in countries that are supposedly allies. In response to this audacious threat of people’s opposition to political corruption that precludes respect for human rights and justice, Israel and its political allies have chosen to respond with legislation — Bill C- 51 for example — designed to intimidate and suppress such opposition by either threatening to use or by actually using legal punishments. Nowhere is this iniquitous ploy more evident than in Canada where slippery Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s right-



wing government is widely regarded as Israel's strongest bought and paid for ally. Fortunately for Canada and its democracy, not all Canadians are prepared to quietly acquiesce to the surrender of their right to free speech and the IJV's positive initiative has resulted in over 80 organisations — including major trade unions, and labour councils along with civil liberty, anti-war, religious and student groups — endorsing the statement: “We, the undersigned organisations, oppose attempts by the Canadian government to criminalise criticism of or opposition to the actions of any country.”

Jewish lobby influence is by no means restricted to North America and in France recently French President Francois Hollande promised that his government would soon announce a raft of tough criminal laws that crack down on anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia, and



Holocaust denial. His announcement was made in a speech to CRIF, France's main Jewish communal body and Israel lobby group. Hollande added that the Internet needed to be “regulated” to suppress videos and even search results deemed to be “anti-Semitic” with an appropriate model being the laws used to prevent the dissemination of child pornography. Criminalising criticism of Israel would

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*Memorandum of Understanding*

conflate Zionism with Judaism and restrict the right to the freedom of speech that was much vaunted following the attack on the Charlie Hebdo French satirical weekly magazine. Hollande has just reaffirmed his undying support for Apartheid Israel by urging vigilance against anti-Semitism and racism — but not the racist Israeli persecution of the Palestinian people — during a ceremony at the Natzweiler-Struthof camp in Alsace marking 70 years since the last Nazi

camps were liberated by Allied troops.

One of the finest examples of a double standard was this week's main feature of the U.S. Congress where the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) with an iron Zionist fist and deep Jewish coffers implements Congressional allegiance to Israel rather than to the American people. Jewish Senator Ben Cardin has throughout most of his life been active in supporting boycotts —including anti-Apartheid boycotts of Afrikaner South Africa— as a means of achieving racial, social and economic justice. Cardin's unstinting humanitarian efforts, however, do not apparently apply to the Palestinian people whose legal and human rights were once again jettisoned to favour Apartheid Israel. Cardin introduced an AIPAC-sponsored amendment to a trade bill that seeks to derail the growing boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement.

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