

The Muslim ‘Holocaust remembrance’ farce

What ordinary, sensible Jews should “Never Forget” is that what passes for Jewish leadership proudly orchestrated the hideous spectacle of the Muslim World League’s Auschwitz pilgrimage.

January 26, 2020 / JNS) Whether one considers the masses of Muslims who have been flowing into Europe as (primarily) economic refugees, proud *hijra* colonists “quietly” Islamizing the continent, or both, these newly arrived votaries of Islam express an unabashed Islamic Jew-hatred.

Their virulently anti-Jewish attitudes are consistent with the disproportionate, approximately three-fold increased rate of extreme anti-Semitism among Western European Muslims, in general, relative to non-Muslims, just reported Nov. 21, 2019 in the latest comprehensive Anti-Defamation League survey findings. Germany’s failed attempt to mollify this new Muslim immigrant animus toward Jews by “sensitivity” visits to Nazi-era concentration camp memorials demonstrates its deep-seated intractability.

The depressing failure to lessen Muslim immigrant Jew-hatred has garnered little attention. Contrast that with the much-ballyhooed pilgrimage to Auschwitz by what was characterized as “the most senior Islamic leadership delegation” to visit the location of a Nazi German death camp. This interfaith junket, spearheaded by Saudi “reformist” secretary-general of the Muslim World League (MWL), Mohammad bin Abdulkarim al-Issa, and the CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), David Harris, took place four days before the 75th anniversary of the camp’s Jan. 27, 1945 liberation.

Far less widely reported was that al-Issa’s Muslim delegation was on a broader tour to “several sites of injustice,” including Srebrenica, Bosnia. There, during 1995, a tit for tat massacre of Bosnian Muslims—bearing no relationship in either scale or single-target, monomaniacal hatred to the Nazi Holocaust destruction of European Jewry—took place during a bloody civil war between the region’s Serbs and Muslims.

Here is the al-Issa/MWL tour’s stated purpose, as described in London-based

Arabic daily *Asharq al-Awsat*:

“The visit of the Islamic delegation confirms the Islamic values and asserts that Muslims condemn every criminal act. The Islamic leaders will visit the sites and affirm that Islam is a religion of mercy and fairness and that it is against all malicious practices, adding that this is not limited to Muslims, but involves everyone. A large number of senior scholars of the MWL participated in various efforts to explain Islamic justice in its related positions, during several visits, meetings, initiatives, and declarations. This was reflected in the positive image of Islam and Muslims against all forms of extremism and radicalization.”

Moreover, in Saudi Arabia, al-Issa, despite being dubbed the so-called “new face of Saudi Wahhabism,” is viewed with understandable skepticism by genuine Saudi reformers. Political scientist Stephane Lacroix, who studies Islamic authoritarianism within Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States, has noted, “As one Saudi intellectual said: ‘How can one take Mohammed al-Issa’s statements seriously when religious bookstores in Riyadh are full of books advocating the exact opposite?’”

To which Lacroix added: “Interview with a now-jailed Saudi intellectual, January 2018.”

Other imprisonments of dissident reformers by al-Issa’s powerful patron Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman (MBS), Lacroix concludes, “...makes MBS’s [and al-Issa’s] religious reforms look more like a public relations stunt than a genuine transformation. No such transformation can happen without an open and frank debate about the Wahhabi tradition—and this is precisely what MBS is not willing to have.”

Returning to al-Issa’s Auschwitz junket, and unpacking his statements about the Holocaust since 2018, demonstrates his rather odious expropriation of the Holocaust’s legacy for Muslim propaganda purposes.

Al-Issa’s putatively “landmark” Jan. 25, 2018, letter to the director of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, Sara Bloomfield, although decrying the Holocaust as “among the worst crimes ever,” was devoid of any reference to Jews as the victims, yet managed to emphasize, “True Islam is against these crimes.” Al-Issa added, mendaciously and contrary to Islam’s Sharia mandates for all non-Muslims and their historical application across 14 centuries, that “Islam has, through long

centuries, coexisted with all religions, and respected the dignity of its followers.”

On April 30, in a “memorandum of understanding” with the AJC unveiling the planned visit to Auschwitz, al-Issa denounced the “heinous attacks in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in Christchurch, New Zealand, and most recently in Sri Lanka.” Al-Issa’s comments, however, ignored the endless paroxysms of violence by Muslims directed at the Jews of Israel, and the excessive, if more sporadic, ongoing Muslim attacks on European and American Jews. He also refused to acknowledge, let alone condemn, mainstream, institutional Islam’s continuous espousal of canonical Islamic Jew-hatred, and the resulting grossly disproportionate rates of extreme Muslim anti-Semitism, and Muslim anti-Jewish violence, worldwide.

There has been a longstanding refusal of Muslim leaders such as al-Issa to recognize the World War II-era Nazi collaboration—punctuated with overt calls for Jew-annihilation, by jihad—of arguably the most influential Muslim of that era: the jihadist, Caliphate-championing “godfather” of the Palestinian Muslim movement, Hajj Amin el-Husseini.

Contemporary Muslim leaders of al-Issa’s ilk have proven equally incapable of acknowledging how Muslim leaders such former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat admired Hitler even after World War II, or how after the war escaped Nazis—many of whom converted to Islam (most notably Johannes “Omar Amin” von Leers, whose conversion Husseini himself oversaw!)—were granted asylum, particularly in Egypt, and contributed to the incessant Muslim jihad campaigns to destroy Israel, and annihilate its Jews, from 1948 through (at least) 1973.

That reprehensible legacy of Muslim denial continues and now has been extended to ignoring the current global pandemic of Muslim Jew-hatred and anti-Jewish violence. This Muslim caricature of “Holocaust remembrance” further cynically equates the systematic Nazi annihilation of six million Jews during the Shoah with the Srebrenica murders of perhaps 7,000 Muslims during the 1990s Muslim-Serb civil war in Bosnia, a conflict rife with reprisal killings.

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