

## Jimmy Carter's moral turpitude

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Jimmy Carter is climbing back into the moral sewer this week, where he loves spending most of his time.

He's back in the Middle East, continuing his love affair with Islamo-fascists.

This time around, having just monitored Lebanon's elections, he's on his way to visit his pals in Syria, the West Bank and Gaza. Don't expect him to be giving anyone in those places a hard time about stopping hate and terror against Israelis. But do expect his contempt for Israel to come full surface when he visits the Jewish state - which is also on his itinerary. It will be no surprise when Carter's reprimands for Israel will begin, seeing that this sole democracy in the Middle East is the country for which Carter holds particular disdain and, therefore, has called an "apartheid state" - an "apartheid state," mind you, where Arabs are treated better than in any other country in the Middle East.

Carter is, at present, just carrying the torch for the left in its long and ugly tradition of romancing tyrants and terrorists. The Obama administration, after all, is, at this

very moment, flirting with Hamas, the Palestinian version of the Nazi Party, and planning to hand over \$900 million of American taxpayers' money into its blood-soaked hands. So what else is Carter supposed to be doing to keep up the mood?

Make no mistake: There is no one better suited on the left but Carter to keep the left's romance with Islamo-fascists in high gear. The ex-president, after all, is just coming off his high of supporting Hamas during the Gaza war. Indeed, in a Washington Post piece entitled "An Unnecessary War," Carter engaged in an intellectual perversion that is difficult to match. He discussed the conflict as if Article XI in Hamas' Charter doesn't exist - and as if Israel was committing a crime by fighting for its right to life. With a pathological mind frame that includes enough material warranting an entire psychiatric conference, Carter referred to "a defensive tunnel" being dug by Hamas. This gives inspiration to a curious question: What "defensive" structures did Hitler's gas chamber engineers build during their construction of Auschwitz, Dachau, Buchenwald and Treblinka?

Carter didn't only pay homage to his despotic idols verbally, of course. He did what political pilgrims do best: travel to meet and worship the objects of their veneration in person. So, in April 2008, Carter journeyed to Cairo and Damascus to give his affection to the mass murderers of our time. Part of his itinerary included a face-to-face passionate encounter with Hamas leader Khaled Meshal, the mastermind of several high-profile terror attacks. The June 2006 abduction of Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit was reportedly carried out at Meshal's request. Meshal has habitually made clear that Israel's existence is intolerable and that the destruction of the Jewish state must be achieved through a relentless campaign of genocide. And the life force for that campaign is sealed in the Hamas charter - which states as its primary goal Israel's extinction. That is why, since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 and the end of the so-called "occupation" there, Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups launched over 6,000 rockets and mortars into Israel, finally forcing Israel's hand.

None of these realities could possibly have prevented Carter from undertaking his Hamas odyssey; instead they served as the inspiration for it. After his meetings with Meshal and other Hamas figures, the ex-president emerged with the announcement that the terrorist organization was now ready to live in peace alongside Israel and that it would recognize the Jewish state. It didn't take long for Hamas to issue a clarification. To be sure, a curious and intentional misunderstanding had evidently occurred. Shortly after Carter's bizarre pronouncement, Hamas announced that its *raison d'etre* remained intact: the commitment to liquidate the Jewish state. [Neil Rubin, "Carter's Hurrah?" JewishTimes.com, April 25, 2008]

In his eerie attempt to paint terrorists as peacekeepers and to blur their true genocidal campaign in the public eye, Carter, of course, was trapped in a self-imposed trance. He needed a smokescreen, some kind of temporary lie, to cloud the true and dark yearnings that had led him into the arms of America's,

Israel's and freedom's deadly, sworn enemies. And these yearnings of Carter's were always in his heart. Indeed, from the moment the terror organization scored its electoral victory in Gaza in January 2006, the ex-president became an avid supporter. He distinguished himself as one of the first figures to congratulate the terrorist group for its victory, meeting with its leaders in Ramallah, where his Carter Center has an office. [Jacob Laksin, "Carter's Terror Tour," FrontPageMag.com, April 14, 2008]

When Hamas began its expected and blood-soaked purge in Gaza and fuelled its rocket attacks against innocent civilians in Israel, Carter remained silent. And instead of denouncing Hamas, he embarked on a passionate one-man lobbying campaign on behalf of the terrorist group, urging the international community to launder money to Hamas through United Nations aid programs and then calling it "criminal" when the money for Hamas' genocidal program did not arrive. All throughout, Carter has repeatedly declared Hamas to be an organization ready for peace. And in the process of uttering such grotesque falsehoods, he has sprinkled numerous pleas for the release of thousands of Palestinian terrorists in Israeli prisons who have Israeli blood on their hands. [Associated Press, "Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter calls for restoring aid to Palestinians," July 10, 2006]

In all these activities, of course, Carter is building on a solid foundation that he worked hard to construct. He distinguished himself, while president, by paving the road for the success of Khomeini's 1979 Revolution in Iran. He pulled the rug from under the shah's feet and facilitated the Islamist bloodbath that followed. The Islamists who came to power, thanks to Carter, killed more human beings (approximately 20,000) in two weeks than the shah had killed during his entire reign of 38 years (1941-1979). Khomeini followed this immediate reign of terror by quickly putting into place a killing machine that sent hundreds of thousands of his own people to die in a pointless war with Iraq. And as we know, this Islamist revolution gave inspiration, power and meaning to the Islamo-fascist worldwide terrorism that emerged and is with us today. Thank you, Jimmy Carter.

Carter's contemporary Middle East voyage crystallizes well the intentions that lurk in his heart - and have always lurked there. It illuminates the yearnings that lurk in the heart of the left itself. And this pilgrimage of Carter's is just the next chapter of the left's long and horrid odyssey into the heart of totalitarian darkness, inhumanity and death.

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