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The Honorable Dr. Ahmed Shaheed
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief
Via Email: submissionsreligion@ohchr.org

Dear Dr. Shaheed:

ADL is a leading global anti-hate organization. Founded in 1913 in Chicago in response to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry, its timeless mission is to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. Today, ADL continues to fight anti-Semitism and all forms of hate with the same vigor and passion. We are a global leader in exposing extremism, delivering anti-bias education and fighting hate online. We help victims of bigotry and discrimination find their voice and work to draft, enact and implement hate crime laws, working in partnership with other civil rights and religious organizations, civic agencies, governments, leaders and law enforcement agencies. ADL’s ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination or hate.

Today our work is needed more than ever, as we see a rise in hate and anti-Semitism in the United States and across the globe. For the American Jewish community, 2018 was a year when we experienced near-historic levels of anti-Semitism, including a doubling of anti-Semitic assaults and the single deadliest attack against the Jewish community in American history. Globally, we see the increase in anti-Semitic incidents in data from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and beyond.

We are honored to share with you some of ADL’s resources from September 2018 through June 1, 2019, that provide insights and analysis to current manifestations of the age-old scourge of anti-Semitism.

United States

- Data:

  Anti-Semitic Incidents Remained at Near-Historic Levels in 2018; Assaults Against Jews More Than Doubled  (Direct link to report: Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents 2018)

  Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents 2017

  Quantifying Hate: A Year of Anti-Semitism on Twitter
Incidents, Action, Reports and Analysis:

- Multiple Threats to Synagogues in Wake of Tree of Life Shooting
- With Attacks and Propaganda, White Supremacists Target Jewish Institutions
- White Supremacists' Anti-Semitic and Anti-Immigrant Sentiments Often Intersect
- Poway Attack Illustrates Danger Right-Wing Extremists Pose to Jews, Muslims
- Anti-Semite Louis Farrakhan Teams Up With Notorious Holocaust Denier at Saviours' Day 2019 Conference
- The Anti-Semitism Lurking Behind George Soros Conspiracy Theories
- ADL Reacts to Offensive Anti-Semitic New York Times Cartoon
- Washington White Supremacist Arrested for Threatening Mass Killings of Jews and other Minorities

Responding to Anti-Semitism

- How to Turn the Tide of Hate: After Pittsburgh, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram Must Combat Anti-Semitism
- Discussing Anti-Semitism: A Guide for Reflection and Conversation
- Standing Together After Poway Shooting: A Community Responds

Government Action

- ADL Letter to Congressional Leaders Regarding the Politicization of Anti-Semitism
- ADL Welcomes Appointment of Elan Carr as Anti-Semitism Envoy

Global Analysis

- International Community Can and Must Do More to Confront Hate Crimes
  - Europe
    - Anti-Semitic Stereotypes Still Hold Sway Across Europe
British Jews Say ‘Enough is Enough’

France’s Anti-Semitism Problem is Escalating and Can’t Be Ignored

Anti-Semitism in Polish Protests Against Restitution

- Latin America

Anti-Semitism in Venezuela: Maduro Regime Traffics in Hateful Conspiracies

- Middle East

ADL Calls on Oman to Remove "Protocols" and Other Blatantly Anti-Semitic Titles from State-Run Book Fair

Qatari Government Promotes Textbook Teaching that Jews Seek World Domination

Anti-Semitic Cartoons: A Hallmark of Qatari Newspapers

ADL Urges U.S. Embassy in Qatar to Press for Removal of Anti-Semitic Titles from Government-Sponsored Book Fair

ADL Analysis Finds Saudi School Textbooks Still Teach Anti-Semitic Incitement and Hatred

Saudi Textbooks Still Foment Hate: The Kingdom’s Education Materials Are Rise with Anti-Semitism and Calls to Hurt Shiites, Gays, Women and More

Dr. Shaheed, please be assured that ADL is ready to work with you and your staff to help document and combat anti-Semitism around the globe. Please let us know when you will next be in New York so that we might meet in person.

We look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,

Sharon Nazarian
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