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Israeli Knesset Member Yehuda Glick meets with Austria's Far-Right



Birds of a feather flock together!

We protest the invitation and reception of Yehuda Glick, Likud politician and Israeli settler, by Austrian Vice-Chancellor Strache and Foreign Minister Kneissl.

The far-right Austrian “Freedom Party” (FPÖ) with its “Nazi roots” (1) and the right-wing fringe of the Israeli establishment, as represented by Yehuda Glick, constantly find themselves on a new level of contempt and incitement against Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and other people of color. The US-born Glick, who lives in the illegal Israeli settlement of Otniel, has adopted the liberal “newspeak” of the media world, just like H.C. Strache, to enlarge his far-right base and to promote a policy of expelling Palestinians.

Under the protection of Israel’s brutal border police, Glick has focused his activism on the Haram al-Sharif, one of the Moslem world’s holiest sites. When he speaks of the „right to prayer“ or about an end of Apartheid against Jews (2) - Strache may believe him – but we, as BDS activists, do not.

When Glick calls the restrictions on Jewish Israelis on the Haram al-Sharif a “selection” - referencing to Nazi practices at the gates of death at Auschwitz - it is a mockery of the victims of the Holocaust. Perhaps it will please the base of the FPÖ and their sword-wielding student fraternities (3) – but it does not please us.

As Glick’s visit clearly shows, the recent election and formation of a new government have hardly changed the direction of certain policies.

No dialogue with the Israeli apartheid state - we used to tell Kern and Doskozil. (4)

No dialogue with the Israeli apartheid state - we now tell Kurz, Kneissl and Strache. (5)

Boycott Israel – economically, politically, academically and culturally.

(1) Haaretz, February 2, 2018

(2) <http://mondoweiss.net/2016/05/meteo...>

(3) Traditionally right-wing „Burschenschaften“ practice sword fighting and proudly display the facial scars that may result.

(4) Chancellor and Interior Minister in the preceding Austrian government.

(5) Chancellor, Foreign Minister, and Vice-Chancellor of the current Austrian government.