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Dear Reader,

We offer you the first issue of the newsletter on Anti-Semitic acts in Bulgaria.

The newsletter's format was chosen to stay clear of emotionally coloured evaluations and analyses which are not helpful for following, recording and reacting to Anti-Semitic phenomena. The newsletter presents concrete and easily available information on the "banal" evil – Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria during the last two years. It was conceived and accomplished as chronology of events. The choice of the last two years was determined by the period of existence of an organized Anti-Semitic acts monitoring system. Why was it necessary to build up such a system now, is another subject but what you have here is the result of its operation.

We would not rush to a hasty assessment of what is happening as it might be wrong but we should strike an alarm bell. Because, in the conditions of an economic and spiritual crisis when some circles in "old" Europe are beginning to export xenophobia and Anti-Semitism, and the world is becoming increasingly intolerant to those who are different in terms of religion, ethnicity and even way of life, there is a danger for our country to mar and even lose its reputation of an ethnically and religiously tolerant country.

A lot has been written about the traditional friendship between Bulgarians and Jews and that is true. A lot has been said about the remarkable rescue of Bulgarian Jews from death during the Holocaust. The stories of those events reveal the deep gratitude of Jews for those Bulgarians who stretched a helping hand, often at the risk of their own wellbeing, to save their Jewish compatriots. We thank G-d that those Bulgarians were the majority of the Bulgarian people.

Very little was written about Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria during the last 130 years. Anti-Semitism in Bulgarian lands in more recent times had, blessedly, a modest history. It recorded the pogroms against Jewish shops in Karlovo at the close of the 19th century; the attempts of individual lumpen elements to instigate persecution of Jews on accusations that they used Christian blood for preparation of matsot for PESACH; the active publishing activities of the "patriotic" organizations of "Ratnik", "Bulgarian National Legions", "Father Paisiy" etc. in disseminating Anti-Semitic literature in Bulgaria. Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria reached its apogee with the anti-Jewish legislation, passed and enacted in the country in 1940-1944 which resulted in looting and humiliating 50 000 Bulgarian Jews and dispatching 11 343 Jews from Thrace, Macedonia and Pirot to Nazi death-camps in 1943. With the political changes after 9th September, 1944, Anti-Semitism decreased temporarily but reappeared in new forms during the "struggle against cosmopolitanism" and the "doctors' plot" in the Soviet Union in 1949-1953. Later on, some sporadic Anti-Semitic acts and activities took place under the guise of "struggle against Zionism" which disturbed the normal life of those 5000 Jews who remained in Bulgaria.

Nowadays, Anti-Semitism is not a state policy in Bulgaria and is not supported by the majority of public forces. It spreads out under the influence of outside factors; as a result of some lapses in the legislation and as part of the political activity of extreme nationalistic, anti-NATO circles. The best thing in this sad review of Anti-Semitic acts in Bulgaria is that most Bulgarians have never shared Anti-Semitism as a political belief and have had and still have a negative attitude to this shameful phenomenon. But doesn't hate of those who are different have a future in our country?

This newsletter mirrors the Bulgarian Jewish community's concern not only and not that much for its own fate but mostly for "the health" of the Bulgarian society which has never encouraged fanatics and extremists. We are hopeful that the society has a vigilant civil conscience as it had at the time of the rescue of Bulgarian Jews back in 1940-1944. The millions of people conscience and ethics are the key to the survival of our world.

Our thanks go to those who accomplished this newsletter and are the driving force of the Anti-Semitic acts in Bulgaria monitoring system – Victor Melamed, Annie Avtova and Pepa Ilieva. I would also like to express appreciation of the help provided by our partner, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), the Anti-Defamation League (ADL, New York), American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Coordination Forum for Countering Anti-Semitism, Israel which we consulted in establishing the Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria monitoring system and preparing this publication.

Maxim Benvenisti
President of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria
SHALOM

ANTI-SEMITISM IN BULGARIA

2009-2010

FROM THE EDITORS

Hi,

We did not hesitate to accept the invitation to participate in the Anti-Semitic acts in Bulgaria monitoring project. And it could not be otherwise. Each member of our community is perfectly aware of the gravity of the problem and its boundless bounds. Each one of us has been faced with it in one form or another. Needless to mention the live memories of the elderly. We, who are younger, can only project in our imagination the scale of that devastating force which mutilated mankind for a long time to come about 70 years ago. Truly enough, the present Anti-Semitism is not what it was at the time of the Second World War. But it is exactly at such times of crisis, when alternative interpretations of past events are attempted to serve different interests, that its destructive potential fully unfolds. History says that, not we ! Leaning on its bitter experience, we have to develop a clear, comprehensive and objective method of keeping track of tendencies in manifestations of Anti-Semitism in our country. Because accurate analyses, evaluations, conclusions and actions today mean tranquility, justice and security tomorrow. Guided by this perception, we, the team behind this newsletter, accepted the challenge with the clear awareness of how important and responsible our task is – to compile objective and topical information on the manifestations of Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria, as a base to underlie future well-grounded analyses, viewpoints and follow-up reactions.

Structurally, the newsletter is divided into five basic sections:

- I. Chronology of the manifestations of Anti-Semitism found out in the territory of the country during the period under review.
- II. Swastikas, Anti-Semitic messages and words of hate on monuments and streets of Sofia.
- III. List of Anti-Semitic literature, freely distributed on the Bulgarian book market.
- IV. The Web Space and its anonymous forum.
- V. Bulgaria in pictures – photographs of swastikas and other xenophobic symbols and messages, drawn on walls of buildings, monuments and other public places, from the records of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM.

In the information reports, we refer to confirmed facts, pictures, written documents, viewpoints and opinions – an approach maximally guaranteeing objective presentation of the reported events.

The newsletter's content reveals two distinct groups of more important manifestations of Anti-Semitism. The first group is concerned with acts of vandalism and violation of buildings, monuments, religious sites etc; the second one – with events organized by and for groups of people, object or subject of different Anti-Semitic and xenophobic propaganda. The other manifestations and cases have their own strictly individual characteristics and should be treated separately. In our view, special attention deserves the second group – organized mass events unequivocally demonstrating that the followers of such an "ideology" possess a well-built system of communication and coordination. Obviously, such acts are supported with funds earmarked for financial back-up and lobbying which raises another, even more important question – what and which organizations and structures are behind the curtain.

When examining the nature of various events and trying to categorize them in groups, to establish certain objective regularities and trends, we think we ought to ask ourselves the following questions: What are the manifestations of Anti-Semitism that have not happened? What kind of events won't we see on the pages of this newsletter as they have not occurred? Because the group of the unknown may portend a far greater danger due to it's being impossible to be researched, analyzed and foreseen.

There are Anti-Semites in Bulgaria. And having Anti-Semites means having Anti-Semitism. To answer the question – what is Anti-Semitism ?

"Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities" – a working definition of the European Forum on Anti-Semitism.

If we make a comparison with a number of other countries around the world, we can, somewhat reassured, conclude that the level of Anti-Semitism in our country is relatively low and the followers of such views are less active and aggressive. However, qualifications like "low" and "less" cannot reassure us because, unlike most statistical indices, these numbers are indicative of issues related to protection of basic human rights and personal security.

Annie Avtova
Victor Melamed

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

MANIFESTATION

A FASCIST FLAG AND THREAT OF VIOLENCE ROUSE PAZARDZHIK 20 АПРИЛ 2009

On 20 April, 2009, Pazardzhik woke up to the sight of a huge ten-meter swastika flag hanging from the 60-meter chimney of a former factory, Sila. 20 April is Adolf Hitler's date of birth.

On that date in 2009, the Jewish community marked Yom HaShoah, a day of mourning to commemorate the 6 million Jews who perished in death-camps during the Second World War. On that very day, all Jews around the world paid tribute to the Holocaust victims. It was also Easter Eve when the act of Anti-Semitism took place and a memorial plaque was uncovered to honour the Bulgarian Jews' rescuers, Exarch Stefan and Metropolitan Kiril of the Bachkovo Monastery, in tribute to the 50 thousand Jews, rescued from death-camps during the Second World War and in gratitude for the unprecedented actions, moral strength and determination of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

Fully equipped servicemen of the Ministry of Emergencies and Civil Defence Forces arrived on the scene. Three mountain hikers climbed the greased staircase in an attempt to take the Nazi flag down. Hundreds of people crowded to watch the Nazi flag being dragged down on the Fuhrer's 120th anniversary. The attempt failed because of a warning that a bomb would go off if the flag was taken down. Instantaneously, the area was cut off and the servicemen asked for

urgent back-up from the Operative and Technical Information Directorate in Sofia.

The removal of the flag was undertaken in a joint effort of the Ministry of the Interior District Directorate in Pazardzhik, the Prosecutor's Office and the State Agency of National Security servicemen together with the Fire Brigade, Police and Civil Defence teams. Two days after the fascist flag was hoisted, a sniper managed to deactivate the sham bomb and mountain hikers took the flag down.



Photo – Focus News Agency

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

The Pazardzhik Public Prosecutor's Office instituted a judicial inquiry against an unidentified perpetrator for propagating a fascist ideology. The Criminal Code, Article 108, provides for a penalty of up-to-three year imprisonment or a fine of up to BGN 5000.

On 23 April, 2009, at a meeting held in the village of Patalenitsa, the municipal councilors in Pazardzhik adopted a Declaration against Pro-Fascist Propaganda. The councilors declared themselves against aggression, characteristic of the fascist ideology and urged that those, who raised a fascist flag in Pazardzhik, be found and prosecuted. The Declaration's wording was proposed by Peter Gorchev of the Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP).

REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Bulgarian Anti-Fascist Union (BAU) adopted a Declaration against Revanchism.

BAU expressed its deep indignation over the repudiation of Bulgarian anti-fascism.

"It is a sad and shameful fact that in the cities of democratic Bulgaria one can see swastikas scribbled on walls and swastika flags flying in the air while young people who, more than sixty years ago, dared to stand up to fascist violence and obscurantism, are today branded as terrorists".

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:

News Agencies: Focus News Agency, BTA, BGNES, Mediapool-Bulgaria;

Radio stations: Focus Radio and Darik Radio;

Print media: Troud, Douma, Standart, Zemya, Express, Maritsa;

Internet publications: Darik News, Standartnews.com, Aktualno, 24chasa.bg, KAFENE, Delta News, pa-media.net, PlovdivMedia.com, Plovdiv24, blitz.bg.

RESULTS

The swastika flag was removed.

The Pazardzhik Prosecutor's Office instituted a judicial inquiry against an unidentified perpetrator for propagating the fascist ideology.

So far, no information has been made public on the results of the inquiry.

MANIFESTATIONS

SWASTIKAS AND SCRIBBLINGS ON HITLER'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY IN BOURGAS, PAZARDZHIC AND BYALA SLATINA

20 APRIL, 2009

Swastikas were drawn all over the Bourgas synagogue. The building had not housed any religious rituals for more than 60 years. The exceptionally beautiful edifice, declared as an architectural cult masterpiece in the Balkans, was turned into a city art gallery accommodating art as a way of communicating with God. The swastikas appeared right next to the entrance of the Jewish Centre where, at that particular moment, Leonardo da Vinci's famous machine models were exhibited.

"It is not for the first time that the synagogue has become a target for anti-Semitic slogans. They serve only one purpose – to remind us that evil is alive, that hatred has irrational memory and exists not because of any reasons but in itself. But I will always erase such scribbles from the walls and from my soul", said Alberta Alkalay, representative of the Jewish community in Bourgas who informed the local media of the incident.

The swastikas were deleted on that very day by workers who were engaged in repair works in the building.

20 April, 2009, Pazardzhik met the morning daylight with swastikas too.

City Park was marked with freshly drawn swastikas, the "most impressive" being the drawings on the lavatory walls. Swastikas were also drawn all over the green area in front of the High School of Mathematics in Pazardzhik.

information is available whether the swastikas have been removed from the buildings.

A swastika and a sign "120 years today since Hitler was born" stained a building in Byala Slatina.

On 20 April, the Ministry of the Interior District Office in Byala Slatina received a message that the building of a Regional Consumer Cooperative in the town carried a sign "120 years since Hitler was born" with a nazi swastika.

Cleaning and Greenery Upkeep municipal company immediately removed the sign.

MEDIA REACTIONS

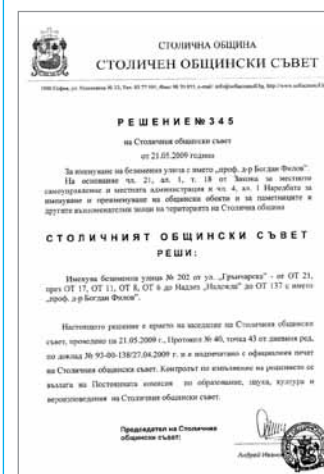
The acts were covered by **Troud, 24 Chassa, Actualno, DeltaNews.**

MANIFESTATION

A DECISION TO NAME A STREET IN SOFIA AFTER BOGDAN FILOV

21 MAY, 2009

On 21 May, 2009, the Sofia City Municipal Council, pursuant to the Ordinance Regulating the Naming and Re-naming of Streets and other Municipal Property, acting on the motion put forward by Borislav Borislavov, municipal councillor from the Union of Democratic Forces (UDF), adopted a decision to rename Street 22 in Sofia after Bogdan Filov, former Prime Minister and Regent of the Kingdom of Bulgaria in 1940-1944, responsible for Bulgaria's alliance with the Third Reich, adoption of Anti-Jewish legislation in Bulgaria, deportation and extermination of 11 343 Jews from Aegean Thrace, Macedonia and Pirot at the Auschwitz and Treblinka death-camps. The GERB, DSB, Ataka and NDSV councillors voted in favour of the motion. The BSP councilors voted against it.



Decision of the Sofia City Municipal Council

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DECISION No.345

**of the Sofia City Municipal Council
of 21.05.2009**

To name a nameless street after Professor Dr. Bogdan Filov

On the grounds of Article 21, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph 18 of the Act on Local Self-Government and Local Administration, and Article 4, paragraph 1 of the Ordinance Regulating the

Naming and Renaming of Municipal Property, and on Monuments and Other Commemorative Signs in the Territory of the Sofia City Municipality,

THE SOFIA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL DECIDED:

To name a nameless street No.202, stretching from Grancharska Street – from OT 21, through OT17, OT 11, OT 8, OT 68 – to Nadezhda Overhead Crossing, OT 137, after Professor Dr. Bogdan Filov.

This Decision was adopted at a meeting of the Sofia City Municipal Council held on 21.05.2009, Minutes No.40, agenda item 43, on the basis of report No.93-00-138/27.04.2009, and the official seal of the Municipal Council was affixed to the Decision. The control over its implementation is entrusted to the Standing Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Religious Denominations of the Sofia City Municipal Council.

Chairman of the Sofia City Municipal Council:
s/ illegible (Andrey Ivanov) STAMP

REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM issued a protest declaration and addressed it to: Georgi Parvanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria; Georgi Pirinski, Speaker of the 40th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria; Sergey Stanishev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria; Boyko Borissov, Mayor of the City of Sofia; Andrey Ivanov, Chairman of the Sofia City Municipal Council; Ginyo Ganey, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria; the Embassies of all EU Member States, USA, Russia, Israel and other European countries; the Organization of Bulgarian Jews in Israel; world and European Jewish organizations: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), American Jewish Committee (AJC), World Jewish Congress, European Jewish Congress, Holocaust Museum in Washington, Bulgarian and foreign media etc.

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OPEN LETTER DO NOT FORGET THE HISTORICAL TRUTH

To:

Georgi Pirinski, Speaker of the National Assembly
Georgi Parvanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
Sergey Stanishev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
Ginyo Ganey, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
Boyko Borissov, Mayor of the City of Sofia
Andrey Ivanov, Chairman of the Sofia City Municipal Council

Embassies of the European Union Member States, USA, Russia and Israel
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World Jewish Congress
European Jewish Congress
Holocaust Museum in Washington
Bulgarian and foreign media

We learned, from the mass information media, of a decision of the Sofia City Municipal Council to name a street in Sofia and other memorial signs after Bogdan Filov, Prime Minister and Regent of the Kingdom of Bulgaria at the time of the country's alliance with the Third Reich.

The Jewish community in Bulgaria, represented by the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM and the Central Israelite Spiritual Council, express their indignation over that decision of the Sofia City Municipal Council and insist that it be reversed.

For Bulgarian Jews, Bogdan Filov's name is associated with the pursuit of consistent anti-democratic and Anti-Semitic policies during 1940-1944.

The government, led by Bogdan Filov, drafted and submitted for endorsement by the National Assembly the Anti-Semitic Law for Protection of the Nation as well as all the subsequent anti-Jewish legislation.

Under Bogdan Filov's rule, the authorities prepared the extradition of Bulgarian Jews to Nazi death-camps, 11 343 Jews from Aegean Thrace,

Macedonia and Pirot were deported.

The government headed by Bogdan Filov bore the whole responsibility for the plunder and displacement of Bulgarian Jews from Sofia and deportation of men to labour camps.

Believing in your commitment to democratic values, we expect you to take an attitude with a view to reversing this decision.

Maxim Benvenisti,
President of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

Robert Jerasi
Chairman of the Central Israelite Spiritual Council

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

The President of the Republic of Bulgaria Georgi Parvanov issued a statement voicing his sharp disagreement with the decision to name a street in Sofia after Bogdan Filov.

The BSP Parliamentary Group and the BSP Municipal Councillors Group issued a declaration.

DECLARATION

OF THE BSP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND THE BSP MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS GROUP IN THE SOFIA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

ON 21 MAY, 2009, WITH THE VOTES OF THE UDF, DSB AND GERB MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS, THE SOFIA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPTED A DECISION UNDER No. 345 and 346, THEREBY ALLOWING A STREET IN SOFIA TO BE NAMED AFTER PROFESSOR BOGDAN FILOV AND A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING HIM TO BE PLACED IN THE YARD IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM. PROFESSOR BOGDAN FILOV IS FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND REGENT OF BULGARIA DURING THE 1938-1944 PERIOD. THE ARGUMENTS FOR THAT DECISION HIGHLIGHTED B.FILOV'S UNDISPUTED CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BULGARIAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND MEDIEVAL ART HISTORY

TRAGIC FOR PROFESSOR FILOV HIMSELF AND EVEN MORE TRAGIC FOR BULGARIA PROVED TO BE THAT SHORT BUT FATEFUL PERIOD BETWEEN 1939 AND 1944 WHEN HE HEADED BULGARIA'S GOVERNMENT AND BECAME ONE OF THE THREE REGENTS AFTER TSAR BORIS THE THIRD DIED. ABSURD ARE THE PRESENT ATTEMPTS OF THE BULGARIAN RIGHT TO EXCULPATE, JUSTIFY AND VINDICATE, BY SUCH ACTIONS, BULGARIA'S ACCESSION TO THE TRIPARTITE PACT. ABSURD IS ALSO THE ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION, ADOPTED AND ENACTED IN FULL BY VIRTUE OF THE LAW FOR PROTECTION OF THE NATION AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT POLICY OF REPRISALS AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC AND ANTI-FASCIST FORCES.

ANY SIMILAR ATTEMPT WOULD BE SCORNE AS UNDERMINING THE PRESTIGE OF OUR COUNTRY AMONG ITS FRIENDS OF THE ANTI-HITLERITE COALITION COUNTRIES. EVEN MORE UNJUSTIFIABLE ARE THE ATTEMPTS OF SOME GERB COUNCILLORS TO RETRACT THEIR OWN VOTE ALLEGING THAT IT WAS INFLUENCED BY OUTSIDE PRESSURE. IN THE LONG RUN, THE BULGARIAN RIGHT HAVE TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT HISTORICAL HERITAGE THEY ACCEPT – THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT HEADED BY PROFESSOR BOGDAN FILOV OR THAT OF THOSE MPs IN THE 26TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LED BY DIMITAR PESHEV WHOSE CONDUCT IS WORTHY OF HIGH RECOGNITION.

THE COALITION FOR BULGARIA PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND THE BSP MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS GROUP IN THE SOFIA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL STATE, CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY, THAT THEY REJECT AND DENOUNCE ANY TENDENCY TO EXONERATE PERSONS AND EVENTS IN BULGARIA'S PAST HISTORY CONNECTED TO FASCISM. THE BSP MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS GROUP UNDERTAKES TO SUBMIT A DRAFT-DECISION FOR REVERSAL OF THE SAID ACT OF THE SOFIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

REACTION OF THE BSP MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS GROUP IN THE SOFIA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

"After 1940, Bulgaria went through a tragic period when the country, under Bogdan Filov's rule, joined the Tripartite Pact and an attempt was made at deportation of Bulgarian Jews. A decision must be made now as to which historical legacy is to be accepted – that of Filov's or that of the then MPs led by Dimitar Peshev"

Zhelyo Boychev, Chairman of the BSP Municipal Councillors Group

"There is no way to differentiate between the archaeologist Bogdan Filov and the politician Bogdan Filov who submitted the Law for Protection of the Nation!"

Georgi Kadiev, BSP Municipal Councillor

THE FORTIETH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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THE TWELFTH SESSION

MEETING FOUR HUNDRED NINETY NINE

Sofia, Wednesday, 27 May, 2009

Opened at 9,07 h.

POSITION OF THE COALITION FOR BULGARIA (CB) PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

ANGEL NAYDENOV (CB): The reason for my statement on behalf of the Coalition for Bulgaria Parliamentary Group is a decision of the Sofia City Municipal Council of 21 May of this year which is about to become one of the most shameful pages of our modern history. The decision concerns a street in the capital city that is to be named after Bogdan Filov, a man who went down in history as the prime-minister under whom Bulgaria joined the Tripartite Pact, the prime-minister who left his strongest mark as the architect of an anti-democratic and Anti-Semitic policy followed by Bulgaria in the 1940-1944 period and, last, the prime-minister under whose rule the deportation of more than 11 thousand Jews from Aegean Thrace and Macedonia to concentration camps in fascist Germany was prepared and executed.

Ladies and Gentlemen, that is an act in line with a tendency which should be denounced in the Bulgarian Parliament – in this hall where voices were raised in support of fascist Germany and deportation of people to be murdered in concentration camps in fascist Germany. This is a tendency showing its earlier symptoms in the rejection of proposals for granting a war veteran status to participants in the Bulgarian anti-fascist resistance.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Esteemed Members of Parliament, the Coalition for Bulgaria Parliamentary Group urges the Sofia City Municipal Council to reconsider and reverse its decision to name a street in the capital city after Bogdan Filov.

Second, our Parliamentary Group proposes and expects all parliamentary groups and political formations in Bulgarian Parliament to not just reject but denounce such conduct as well as any attempts to exonerate persons who went down in history as being responsible for steering the country toward a national catastrophe

And third, our Parliamentary Group, insists, explicitly and unequivocally, that all Bulgarian political formations, represented in the Bulgarian Parliament, state categorically that they condemn the dangerous tendency of restoring symbols and events, associated with fascism – fascism as an ideology, and exonerating persons convicted as war and political criminals. Thank you for your attention. (Applause from CB and MRF).

POSITION OF THE DEMOCRATS FOR STRONG BULGARIA (DSB) PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

IVAN KOSTOV (DSB) Esteemed Mr. Chairman, Fellow Members of Parliament! On behalf of the Democrats for Strong Bulgaria, I take the floor to remind you that we did not reach national consensus when we had to condemn all totalitarian regimes, all forms of terror against any society, be they fascist, national-socialist, communist, be they ethnically-motivated or Anti-Semitic etc. – which was a weakness of the position taken by the Bulgarian National Assembly. Undoubtedly, we cannot tolerate anything springing from the nature of totalitarianism, nature of anti-Semitism, obscurantism and so on.

In this vein, on behalf of the Democrats for Strong Bulgaria Parliamentary Group, we call on the Mayor of Sofia to stop, if he has not yet, the implementation of the decision to re-name Street 202 and to put forward a motion for its reversal. In the meantime, I can assure you that our councillors will support such a motion. Thank you.

ROUMEN OVCHAROV (CB) (from his seat) But they voted for the first decision, didn't they ?

ANGEL NAYDENOV (CB) Mr. Chairman, allow me, as a point of procedure having a bearing on the manner of chairing this meeting, to say the following. It is not just a proposal that we expect from the parliamentary groups leaders, Mr. Ivan Kostov in this particular case, we expect an apology for the conduct of their representatives in the Sofia City Municipal Council with whose votes that decision was adopted (rejoinders from DSB), the votes of GERB, UDF and DSB – an archetype of a ruling rightist coalition. It is a disgrace that you are politicians represented in the European Parliament (rejoinders from DSB) and such shameful decisions are adopted with your votes in local self-government bodies in Bulgaria, contemporary democratic Bulgaria (rejoinders from MPs Atanas Atanasov, Ekaterina Mihaylova).

POSITION OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FORCES (UDF) PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

IVAN SOTIROV (UDF) Esteemed Mr. Chairman, Dear Colleagues! Dear Mr. Naydenov, we have repeatedly had this debate on your double-play. At your rally on Buzludzha – I personally referred the matter to the Chief Prosecutor (rejoinder from MP Angel Naydenov) – you were sitting along with representatives of your youth organization wearing T-shirts with the images of Stalin, Lenin (world criminals) on them. Stalin was the man at whose time the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact (1939) was signed.

What you are doing today is disreputable and ridiculous – you with your Georgi Dimitrov and all your idols who supported Hitler's Germany. You extol people who signed the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact and were allies of fascist Germany – and you are now trying just because a proposal was made with respect to Bogdan Filov - not as the man who signed the pact with Germany but the man who was a prominent scientist – in that capacity (rejoinders from CB)

ROUMEN OVCHAROV (CB, from his seat) Dr. Mengele was also a scientist.

IVAN SOTIROV: By this logic, you should condemn Wagner too, he was an Anti-Semite. What you are doing here is absurd.

I, personally, agree and would give my vote in favour of any declaration provided it treats equally all persons who are blameworthy for the alliance with fascist Germany and the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact. But you may not honour Stalin, Georgi Dimitrov and Lenin, persons who committed monstrous crimes. You may not erect monuments to criminals like Georgi Dimitrov and Todor Zhivkov and, at the same time, try to make a mountain out of a molehill. In this Parliament, there will either be a consensus and a balanced evaluation of history or – do not exercise in cheap demagoguery here.

POSITION OF THE MOVEMENT FOR RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS (MRF) PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

LYUTFI MESTAN (MRF): Esteemed Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen! The Movement for Rights and Freedoms Parliamentary Group' definite position is that names of places, streets etc. should be associated with names of historical personalities of indisputable reputation assessed as such not only by consensus of the political forces in and outside the National Assembly but recognized by each Bulgarian citizen. They should be historical personalities who are an emanation of the national ideal. We may argue about a number of historical events here, we may agree or disagree. But if we have not reached agreement, the act of re-naming a certain street after a disputed historical person, a disputed historical person, to say the least, with all our doubts weighing heavy on him, including doubts about crimes committed, I think that it would be a mockery and insult to the memory of a great part of the Bulgarian citizens. Indeed, such an act is inadmissible. It shows only that the debate on values in the Bulgarian society has not yet been completed and no wonder such a thing is being done by a council where the majority is dominated by a figure who recently

raised the question of the need for a new, although softer revival process as well.

The Movement for Rights and Freedoms Parliamentary Group will oppose any attempt at a false, politically convenient interpretation of historical facts, we will also oppose any attempts to reinstate the language of hate and turn it into something little short of a new political standard.

Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Movement for Rights and Freedoms Parliamentary Group, we call on the body which adopted that decision, to immediately recall it in the name of our idea of values that ought to unify the Bulgarian people. Thank you (Applause from MRF and CB)

REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Bulgarian Writers' Union disseminated an open letter urging the Sofia City Municipal Council to reverse its decision. The letter stated that "a decision like this at the outset of the 21st century exonerates an anti-human ideology such as fascism. Immortalizing the name of a Hitler's collaborator, a politician professing a man-hating ideology, mainly responsible for a national catastrophe, is a barbarian act".

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), World Jewish Congress, European Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee reacted sharply against that act.

Rabbi Andrew Baker, Director of International Jewish Affairs for the American Jewish Committee, answered the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM's open letter regarding the Sofia City Municipal Council's decision to name a street and other memorial signs in Sofia after Bogdan Filov. "Naming a street after Bogdan Filov is really inadmissible and the Jewish community's protest is justified and deserves to be shared with international Jewish organizations and the Holocaust Education and Memorial Committee – it has 20 Member States. I believe that Bulgaria should join this Committee too. Bulgaria is now actively lobbying for its candidate, Irina Bokova, to become the next UNESCO Director General. One of Bulgaria's arguments is that she is not like the Egyptian Minister of Culture, Farouk Hosni (the leading candidate) who makes negative comments addressed to Israel. You have to explain to the government as I will have to explain to Ambassador Bokova that this kind of public attitude will greatly impede her candidacy."

The Bulgarian Jews Living in Israel Association, representing 50 thousand Jews who emigrated to Israel, their children and grandchildren, refused to accept that such initiatives could be tolerated in modern democratic Bulgaria. As reported by BTA, the letter was addressed to: Georgi Parvanov, President of the Republic

of Bulgaria, Sergey Stanishev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Boyko Borissov, Mayor of the City of Sofia and Dimitar Tsanchev, Bulgaria's Ambassador to Israel.

„Bulgaria rescued its Jews from extermination and thus earned the international community's respect and the Jewish people's eternal gratitude. At the same time, Israel, to this very day, mourns the Jews from Aegean Thrace, Macedonia and Pirot, deported to death-camps under the Bogdan Filov's rule, and denounces the anti-Jewish Law for Protection of the Nation drafted by him”.

The EUROROMA Party expressed its dissatisfaction with the decision to name a street after Bogdan Filov.

“Bogdan Filov was Bulgaria's prime-minister who put his signature under the pact of cooperation with Hitler's Germany and thus not only acted contrary to Bulgaria's interests and independence but approved the deportation of our compatriots, Jews and Romas, to death-camps. “ To our regret , we can see the GERB cooperation with Ivan Kostov's Party already beginning to bear bitter fruits tarnishing not only their own party image but impairing our country's prestige in the eyes of the world. We urge the GERB, DSB, UDF, Ataka and NDSV municipal councillors to show common sense and political responsibility and reverse their decision insulting the memory of innocent victims of all nationalities who found their death in fascist concentration camps during the Second World War”.

REACTIONS OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN BULGARIA

The Embassy of the State of Israel was shocked by the decision of the Sofia municipal councillors of 21 May, 2009 to rename a street in the capital city after Bogdan Filov.

A letter of the State of Israel Embassy, sent to the media, read as follows: “Bogdan Filov was Bulgaria's prime-minister who put his signature under the pact of cooperation with Hitler's Germany, prepared anti-Semitic legislation to be put to the vote and sent Bulgarian administration to the New Lands to deport the local Jewish population”. According to the Israeli Embassy, the Sofia Municipal Council's decision left an indelible stain on the image of Bulgaria's capital city and its leading officials.

The Embassies of the Russian Federation, Republic of Germany, the French Republic, Republic of Croatia voiced gtheir disagreement, indignation and concern over that act in letters addressed to the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM.

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:

News Agencies – Focus News Agency, BTA, BGNES, Mediapool-Bulgaria;

Televisions – bTV;

Radio stations – BNR, Horizont, Focus Radio;

Print-media – Douma, Standart, Novinar, Sega, Troud, 24 Chassa, Monitor, Zemya, Telegraph, Express, Polutika, Narodno Delo, Maritsa, Glassove, Strouma, Jewish News;

Internet publications - DarikNews, Actualno, Vseki Den, Dnes+, News.bg, Vesti.bg, 19min.bg, Novinite dnes, Bgfactor.org, KAFENE, DeltaNews, Frognews.bg.

RESULTS

As a result of the active reaction against the decision to name a street after Bogdan Filov, at a meeting of the Sofia City Municipal Council held **on 1 October, 2009, the decision was recalled** with the votes of GERB and BSP. The municipal councilors of Ataka, NDSV, UDF and DSB voted negative.

MANIFESTATION

AN ATTEMPT AT PROVOCATION

6 NOVEMBER, 2009

On November 6, 2009, the Standart newspaper carried a report in which Assen Sirakov, representative of the newly-formed ROD Association presented the organization's first project – erection of a monument to Bogdan Filov. "We explained our idea to the Jewish community which, a few months ago, sharply objected to a decision for a street to be named after Bogdan Filov. They did not only fully agree to our project but even expressed a desire to take part in it. The bronze bust is to be in two colours: half-white and half-black symbolizing Bogdan Filov's contradictory personality", said Assen Sirakov.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

DECLARATION

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM, representing the Jewish community in Bulgaria, expresses its sharp indignation and disagreement with the lie circulated in the Standart newspaper of 6 November, 2009, page 8.

The Bulgarian Jewish community **has not discussed, supported and intended to be involved in the realization** of any project whatsoever to immortalize Bogdan Filov – the man responsible for the suffering and humiliation of 50 thousand Bulgarian Jews and guilty for the death of 11 343 Jews from Aegean Thrace, Macedonia and Pirot at the time of the Holocaust.

We take the said publication as a **disgraceful provocation** and an attempt to substitute historical facts and events.

RESULTS

On 7 November, 2009, the Standart published, on page 7, a denial of the publication under the title: "SHALOM opposed to Filov's memorial".

On 7 November, the Douma newspaper carried an article on page 2 representing the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM's position.

Douma
7 November, 2009, page 2
"SHALOM's protest against a manipulation"

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM vehemently protested yesterday against a manipulative piece of information to the effect that the organization was allegedly consulted about naming a street in Sofia after Bogdan Filov.

The Bulgarian Jewish community has not discussed, supported and intended to be involved in the realization of any project whatsoever to immortalize Bogdan Filov. He was the man responsible for the suffering and humiliation of 50 thousand Bulgarian Jews and guilty for the death of 11 343 Jews from Aegean Thrace, Macedonia and Pirot at the time of the Holocaust', stated SHALOM in a declaration disseminated yesterday.

MANIFESTATION

A SMASHED MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN BLAGOEVGRAD

24 JUNE, 2009

On 24 June, 2009, in Blagoevgrad, vandals smashed, hours before the official uncovering ceremony, a memorial plaque for Holocaust victims erected by the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM at the place where Jews from Aegean Thrace spent the night before they were crammed in freight wagons on the Demir-Hissar-Simitli narrow-gauge track, transported to the town of Lom and delivered to Hitlerite troops to embark on the road to Auschwitz where they turned from persons into numbers at one of the death camps.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

The Blagoevgrad Regional organization SHALOM tipped off the local police and sent its protest to the Mayor, Konstantin Paskalev.

RESULTS

The plaque was restored by the Mayor's Office and is now guarded by the police.

MANIFESTATION

MOLOTOV COCKTAILS HURLED AT THE BOURGAS SYNAGOGUE

13 JULY, 2009

On 13 July, 2009, after midnight, Molotov cocktails set on fire the entrance doors of the Bourgas Jewish Centre and Synagogue, one of the most beautiful edifices in the city housing, for 60 years now, the Petko Zадgorski City Art Gallery. Constructed in 1909, it is the work of Toskanini, Italian architect, and is now a monument of culture. The vandals could not get inside the building and the unique cultural exhibits were preserved. It was only the metal doors of the art gallery that were damaged by the fire. Thanks to the alarm system and fire-fighters' quick reaction, the fire was promptly extinguished.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM AND THE CENTRAL ISRAELITE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

The Organization of the Bulgarian Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM and the Central Israelite Spiritual Council issued a protest declaration and dispatched it to: world and European Jewish organizations, the Embassies of all European Union Member

States, USA, Russia, Israel and other European countries in Sofia, Bulgarian and international media. The declaration was not sent to representatives of the Parliament and Government because the act of vandalism was committed shortly after the parliamentary elections and the new government and parliament were not functional yet. The Police and National Security State Agency (DANS) were tipped off



DECLARATION

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM and the Central Israelite Spiritual Council express their concern over the escalating anti-Semitic acts of vandalism against buildings and memorial signs related to the Jews in Bulgaria life and history.

In late June 2009, in Blagoevgrad, vandals smashed a memorial plaque at the place where 993 Jews from Aegean Thrace embarked on their last journey to Auschwitz gas chambers; on 13 July an attempt was made to set fire to the building of the Jewish House in Bourgas and the adjoining synagogue, 100-years old this year.

We believe that vandals and arsonists are not representative of the Bulgarian people but smear their good name in the eyes of the world. Regrettably, the Bulgarian public has remained indifferent to manifestations of Anti-Semitism and xenophobia. Such indifference was also demonstrated with regard to naming a street after Bogdan Filov who was responsible for the suffering and humiliation of 50 thousand Bulgarian Jews and guilty for the death of 11 343 Jews from Aegean Thrace, Macedonia and Pirot. We are worried by that indifference and so are all Bulgaria's friends around the world knowing the Bulgarian people as a humane and tolerant nation.

Maxim Benvenisti,
President of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

Robert Jerasi,
Chairman of the Central Israelite Spiritual Council

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

Statement of the Mayor of Bourgas, Dimitar Nikolov on the act of vandalism against the Petko Zadgorski City Art Gallery: "I have never thought that one of the cultural and spiritual life symbols of our city and architectural monument can become a target of criminal assault. Violation of that building means violation of culture in Bourgas ... I am deeply perturbed that despite our repeated calls, the acts of vandalism and unjustified aggression in Burgas continue. Only our joint efforts and vigilant civil conscience can counter these manifestations of irrational hooliganism".

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:

News Agencies – Focus News Agency, BTA, BGNES;

Radio Stations – Darik Radio, Focus Radio;

Print Media – Troud, Bourgas, 24 Chassa-Bourgas, Douma, Standart, Novinar, Zemya, Express, Narodno Delo, Strouma, Compass, Chernomorski Far, Jewish News;

Internet Publications - DarikNews, Actualno, Vseki Den, Dnes+, News.bg, KAFENE, BIG BG.

RESULTS

The gallery façade was repaired with donations and the Bourgas Municipality takes care of the maintenance of building and its premises.

MANIFESTATION

INTERNATIONAL NEO-NAZI RALLY IN ASSENOVGRAD

12 SEPTEMBER, 2009

On 12 September, 2009, the Town Library in the centre of Assenovgrad housed an international neo-nazi meeting disguised as a rock-concert for young talents. Information about that meeting was provided on the website of the organizers who, after the authorities' first reactions, hurriedly deleted everything from the website including the photos. At the organized concert, the participants made racist calls for "squaring accounts" with all races except whites. Pictures in the Swiss neo-nazi website are evidence that the rally took place in the town-library hall in Assenovgrad. The photographs show youths with shaved heads and swastikas making the Heil Hitler salute, and a preaching man dressed in a Ku-Klux-Klan costume on the stage. According to the information, the meeting was attended by youths, including foreigners from Canada and Switzerland, aged 18-30, who sang, on the stage decorated with a swastika, "Zhid's grave", "Kill the Jew" and "General Christo Loukov", songs openly propagating fascism and anti-Semitism.

According to the organizers'website, the Canadian musician Rene called on everyone, no matter which organization, city or state they were from, to fight their enemies jointly and be true to neo-Nazi David Lane's 14 words. "We should secure our people's existence and white children's future". For that propaganda Lane was sentenced to 190 years in prison where he died in 2007. The rally in Assenovgrad was not just a concert. After his performance, the Canadian, Rene, spoke at length on "our struggle", reported the organizers'website. Those present were summoned to collect money to assist "a comrade of all nationalists" from Bourgas who was threatened with imprisonment.

In their website, the organizers thanked everyone, who came from Bulgaria, Switzerland and Canada, and promised to carry on.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

In connection with the recurring manifestations of anti-Semitism – a smashed memorial plaque in Blagoevgrad, arson in Bourgas and events in Assenovgrad, the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM disseminated an address to the Bulgarian authorities, world Jewish institutions (the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), American Jewish Committee (AJC) Anti-Desecration League (ADL, New York), American Jewish Committee (AJC), World Jewish Congress (WJC), European Jewish Congress (EJC) etc.), the Sofia Embassies of all EU Member States, USA, Russia, Israel and other European countries, and the media.

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ADDRESS

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM is concerned over the escalation of manifestations of xenophobia and Anti-Semitism in the course of this year.

We protested against the indifference and lack of adequate and timely reaction on the part of the authorities when, on 24 June, Blagoevgrad witnessed the destruction of a memorial plaque erected at the place where Aegean Jews embarked on their last journey to the Auschwitz gas chambers.

There was no political reaction either when, on 13 June of this year, Molotov cocktails set on fire the entrance doors of the Jewish Centre and Synagogue in Bourgas.

Now we witnessed a neo-Nazi rally in Assenovgrad where youths with shaved heads sang "Kill the Jew", "Zhidi's Grave" and "General Christo Loukov", raised their hands in a Heil Hitler salute and waved swastika flags. Strangely enough, we learned about that from an Internet publication outside Bulgaria. It is impossible for such a noisy event to remain unnoticed in a Bulgarian town.

We were encouraged by the Sofia City Municipal Council's decision to not go ahead with the naming of a street in Sofia after Bogdan Filov. Emotions are a bad advisor when reasonable decisions are to be made.

We expect prompt and lawful investigation of the said manifestations of xenophobia and Anti-Semitism in the hope that the Bulgarian authorities will make a political assessment of those events. We are prepared to assist the elaboration of a lasting and sensible decision in conformity with the country's Constitution and legislation which will bar manifestations of xenophobia, racism and Anti-Semitism.

We cannot forget the events that started in the same way 76 years ago as well as their consequences – a toll of 20 million human lives, 6 million of them Jews, during the Second World War.

Then the Bulgarian people proved to be tolerant. Let us prove it again today!

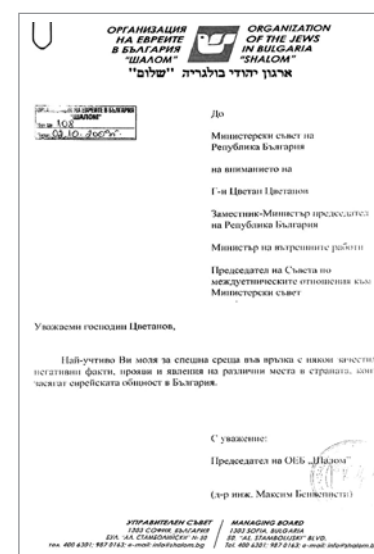
No – to indifference for escalation of hatred!

Yes – to tolerance of the people around you regardless of their ethnicity, religion and race!

Democratic values attained with such efforts should be protected and upheld with uncompromising determination!

Maxim Benvenisti
President of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

A meeting was requested with Deputy Prime Minister Tsvetan Tsvetanov who is both Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Bulgaria and Chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnical and Demographic Issues under the Council of Ministers.



Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

Outg.No.108
Date:02.10.2009

To
The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria
Attn. Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov
Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
Minister of the Interior
Chairman of the Council for Inter-Ethnic Relations under the Council of Ministers

Dear Mr. Tsvetanov,

I would appreciate a possibility to call on you at your earliest convenience with reference to some recurring negative facts, manifestations and phenomena affecting the Jewish community in Bulgaria.

Yours sincerely,
President of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM
Dr.Eng. Maxim Benvenisti
Signed:
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REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

The District Prosecutor's Office in Plovdiv took up the issue on its own initiative and instructed the National Security State Agency (DANS) to check into the matter.

THE Assenovgrad Mayor, Dr. Christo Groudev, heard of the clandestine rally after the check-up conducted by the special service. The top-police officers found out that the premises were rented out without any lease contract and the electricity bills had not been paid for 4 years.

A letter was received from the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior and Chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Demographic Issues under the Council of Ministers, outlining the results of the police investigation of manifestations of Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria.

In November, 2009, a meeting was held with the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammemberg, during his visit to Bulgaria, at which meeting he was informed of the position of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM and its expectations of a reaction from Bulgarian politicians to the manifestations of Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria. Mr. Hammemberg backed up the Organization's position also in a letter sent to the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM in November, 2009.

In February, 2010, there was a meeting with representatives of the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe (OSCE), Department for Combating Discrimination and Intolerance, at which meeting they were briefed on the problem of manifestations of Anti-Semitism in Bulgaria.

REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Public support was conveyed by the Union of Writers in Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Anti-Fascist Union, the Order, Law and Justice Party, the Embassies of USA, Israel, Russia, Greece, Croatia, France. Meetings were held with representatives of those Embassies at the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM Central Office in the Jewish Cultural Centre.

"Protest against Neo-Nazism" was announced on the Internet by the Che Guevara Club members and the Bulgarian Communist Party (BCP) Municipal Committee.

Protest against Neo-Nazism

"Deplorable is the fact that the territory of a Bulgarian municipality is becoming a forum for such frenzied outrage disguised as concern for the young generation".

All that is happening at a moment when ordinary Bulgarians are on their knees struggling for their daily bread. Instead of thinking how to secure our children's future, the municipal functionaries in the scenic town of Assenovgrad have allowed that place to become a meeting venue for ideas poisoning human minds.

We, the Che Guevara Club members and the Bulgarian Communist Party Municipal Committee remind the authorities that, under the Bulgarian Constitution and Criminal Code of the Republic of Bulgaria, propagation of Nazi ideas is a criminal offence and perpetrators are subject to criminal prosecution.

We call on the state institutions to stop tolerating propagators of anti-human ideas.

We want our protest to be taken also as an appeal to the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria to take action on its own initiative

"We do not want to reap the storm tomorrow!"

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:

News-Agencies: Focus Agency, BTA, BGNES;

Print media: Troud, 24 Chassa, Douma, Standart, Novinar, Segal, Monitor, Zemya, Telegraph, Express, Compass, Narodno Delo, Maritsa, Vyara, Pozvanete, Jewish News;

Internet publications: News.bg, Vesti.bg, 19min.bg.

RESULTS

No public information is available on the results of the check-up conducted by the National Security State Agency (DANS) and the District Prosecutor's Office in Plovdiv.

MANIFESTATION

SWASTIKAS AND DEATH-CALLS ON THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BUILDING IN PLOVDIV

30 SEPTEMBER, 2009

On the night of 30 September, vandals scribbled swastikas and death threats to the Prime Minister “Boyko, you should die” all over the Technical University Branch building in Plovdiv

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

The Technical University management and the Branch Director, Associate Professor Kostadin Iliev, alerted the competent authorities and the Chistota Cleaning Company in Plovdiv.

The Plovdiv Prosecutor's Office instituted pre-trial proceedings for hooliganism, a search for the perpetrators is under way.

The Plovdiv Mayor, Slavcho Atanasov, undertook to see to the cleaning of the University façade within a week.

MEDIA REACTIONS

Print media: Troud, 24 Chassa, Tvoyat Den, Maritsa;

Internet publications: Bgfactor.org, News.bg, Strana.bg, News.ibox.bg etc.

RESULTS

The swastikas, symbols and scribbles were removed.



Photos - Plovdiv24.bg

MANIFESTATION

SWASTIKAS ON THE JEWISH SCHOOL WALLS

21 MARCH, 2010

On 21 March, 2010, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a week before the Jewish holiday of Pesach and Christian Easter, vandals defaced the building of the 134th Secondary School in Sofia, named after Dimcho Debelyanov, offering Hebrew and English language studies. Swastikas and aggressive slogans denouncing the State of Israel policies were scribbled all over the building. The school management firmly believed that it was a psychological aggression not only against the State of Israel but against children of Jewish descent because swastika scribbles on the school walls were not a precedent. It is intolerable for a school, as an institution, to become an arena of political and ethnic conflicts.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

The police was tipped off about the vandals' act at the 134th Dimcho Debelyanov Secondary School. The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM issued a protest declaration and sent it out to: The President, Prime Minister, Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria, the world Jewish organizations (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), American Jewish Committee (AJC), World Jewish Congress (WJC), European Jewish Congress (EJC etc.), the Embassies of all EU Member States, USA, Russia, Israel and other European countries, the media, non-governmental-organizations and social networks.

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DECLARATION

On 21 March, 2010, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, vandals defaced the building of the 134th 'Dimcho Debelyanov' Secondary School in Sofia. In that school, children of Jewish descent in the capital are taught in their mother tongue, Hebrew.

The vandal act has been committed at a time when Bulgaria is in the grip of a grave economic plight and the society is particularly vulnerable to such acts. It's not only the Jewish community that suffers from the vandalism against the school building. This act affects also hundreds of children attending the school who are not of Jewish descent, and their parents. It affects also the Bulgarian citizens who, at this moment, would not like such acts to undermine the fragile social and economic stability in the country. It taints Bulgaria's image in the eyes of the world and damages the good name of the tolerant Bulgarian people and society in the eyes of the world Jewish community which is sensitive to manifestations of xenophobia and Anti-Semitism. The act of vandalism was committed a week before the Jewish holiday Pesach and Christian Easter. In the days when all people, regardless of their ethnic and religious affiliation, should open up their hearts to goodness, vandals sow hate – hate verging on terrorism.

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM believes that the police and other law-enforcement bodies will do their job, professionally and expeditiously. But, one more time, we call on Bulgarian politicians, to take a clear-cut attitude to the recurring manifestations of anti-Semitism and

xenophobia. We should realize that hate, especially when it is associated with vandalism, is directed against the entire Bulgarian people and society and is a dangerous de-stabilizing factor in the country.

We call on the civil society citizens and structures to react vigorously against any such acts and to remember that "who sows the wind today will reap the whirlwind tomorrow".

REACTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The European Jewish Congress firmly condemns the acts of antisemitic vandalism that have defaced the walls of the "Dimcho Debelianov" Jewish School in the city of Sofia

The European Jewish Congress, in solidarity with the Organization of Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM, firmly condemns the acts of antisemitic vandalism that have defaced the walls of the "Dimcho Debelianov" Jewish School in the city of Sofia.

Anti-Semitism has no place in democracies such as Bulgaria that, like other member countries of the European Union, has strong legislation against racism, xenophobia, Anti-Semitism and related intolerances.

In times of political and economic uncertainty, governments and law-enforcement agencies must do their utmost to prevent and fight against the spread of hatred and racism.

Declaration of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

On 21.03.2010, the International Day for Elimination of Race Discrimination, vandals violated the building of 134 school "Dimcho Debelianov" in Sofia. In this school the children with Jewish origin in the capital study their mother tongue – Hebrew. The vandal act is made in a moment, in which Bulgaria is in hard economical situation and the society is specially vulnerable to such deeds. The vandalism to the building of the Jewish school does not affect only the Jewish community in Bulgaria. This act affects hundreds of children and their parents, who are not with Jewish origin, but study in this school. Bulgarian citizens, who do not want such deeds to destroy the fragile social and economic stability in the state, are also affected. This has influence on the image of Bulgaria in front of outside world and damages the good name of the tolerant Bulgarian people and society in front of world Jewish community, which is sensitive to the acts of xenophobia and Anti-Semitism. This vandal act is made a week before Jewish holiday Pesach and the Christian Easter. In the days, when all people, without difference in ethnos or religion, have to open their hearts for the good, the vandals sow hate. Hate, which verges on terrorism.

Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM believes that the police and other bodies will do their job professionally and actively. But we,

once again, appeal to Bulgarian politicians to express definite political position about the acts of Anti-Semitism and xenophobia, which became more frequent. We have to realize that hate, especially with vandalism, is directed to all Bulgarian people and society and is dangerous factor for destabilization of the situation in the state.

We appeal to the citizens and the citizen society to react definitely against such acts and not forget, that who sows hate today, reaps storms tomorrow.



Dear Mr. Benvenisti

I have seen the images and read with great concern, about the vandalistic acts that were committed against the Jewish school in Sofia.

לשכת ראש אזור אירופה
Office of CEO Europe

As you stated, under no circumstances should we allow for such acts to occur unnoticed, and nor should we stand by without raising our voices about the seriousness of this horrible act of intolerance and violence.

On behalf of the Jewish Agency, I wish to express our support, and to encourage the continuation of our ongoing activities and collaboration in every aspect of Jewish life.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me with any need or matter.

Warmest regards,

Arieh Abir,
CEO Europe, JAFI



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**The European Jewish Congress
firmly condemns the acts of
antisemitic vandalism that have
defaced the walls of the "Dimcho
Debelianov" Jewish School in the
city of Sofia**

Monday, March 22, 2010

The European Jewish Congress, in solidarity with SHALOM, the Organization of Jews in Bulgaria, firmly condemns the acts of antisemitic vandalism that have defaced the walls of the "Dimcho Debelianov" Jewish School in the city of Sofia.

Antisemitism has no place in democracies such as Bulgaria that, like other member countries of the European Union, has strong legislation against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and related intolerances.

In times of political and economic uncertainty, governments and law-enforcement agencies must do their utmost to prevent and fight against the spread of hatred and racism.

Declaration of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria "Shalom"

On 21.03.2010, the International Day for Elimination of Race Discrimination, vandals violated the building of 134 school "Dimcho Debelianov" in Sofia. In this school the children with Jewish origin in the capital study their mother tongue – Hebrew. The vandal act is made in a moment, in which Bulgaria is in hard economical situation and the society is specially vulnerable to such deeds. The vandalism to the building of the Jewish school does not affect only the Jewish community in Bulgaria. This act affects hundreds of children and their parents, who are not with Jewish origin, but study in this school. Bulgarian citizens, who do not want such deeds to destroy the fragile social and economic stability in the state, are also affected. This has influence on the image of Bulgaria in front of outside world and damages the good name of the tolerant Bulgarian people and society in front of world Jewish community, which is sensitive to the acts of xenophobia and anti-Semitism. This vandal act is made a week before Jewish holiday Pesach and the Christian Easter. In the days, when all people, without difference in ethnos or religion, have to open their hearts for the good, the vandals sow hate. Hate, which verges on terrorism.

Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria "Shalom" believes that the police and other bodies will do their job professionally and actively. But we, once again, appeal to Bulgarian politicians to express definite political position about the acts of anti-Semitism and xenophobia, which became more frequent. We have to realize that hate, especially with vandalism, is directed to all Bulgarian people and society and is dangerous factor for destabilization of the situation in the state.

We appeal to the citizens and the citizen society to react definitely against such acts and not forget, that who sows hate today, reaps storms tomorrow.

REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Bulgarian Anti-Fascist Union (BAU) expressed its concern and indignation over the escalation of malicious and dishonourable acts fostering xenophobia and hatred in a special declaration:

BULGARIAN ANTI-FASCIST UNION

Yes – to humaneness and tolerance in the Republic of Bulgaria!

TO
THE MAYOR OF SOFIA
THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM
THE PRINCIPAL OF THE 134th DIMCHO DEBELYANOV SECONDARY SCHOOL
THE SOFIA CITY PROSECUTOR
THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOFIA CITY DIRECTORATE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY (BTA) DIRECTOR GENERAL
EDITORS-IN-CHIEF OF
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ZHARAVA

DECLARATION of the Central, City and District Council of the Bulgarian anti-Fascist Union

The Bulgarian Anti-Fascist Union voices its anxiety and concern over the escalation of malicious and disreputable acts fostering xenophobia, Anti-Semitism and hatred.

The Hitlerite symbols drawn on the building of the 134th Dimcho Debelyanov School in Sofia are not only offensive to the human dignity and sensitivity of the Bulgarian Jewish community but they undermine Bulgaria's prestige in the eyes of the European Union and the Bulgarian people's tolerance of all ethnic groups. This act of vandalism is, in fact, terrorism. Demonstrating hate, intolerance, abuse leads nowhere. Today's society is very sensitive to such acts and needs consolidation.

We call on the state administration, the Sofia City Municipality, the City Prosecutor's Office to show more intolerance and take measures to counter such acts with all the severity of the law.

Isn't it plainly visible to everyone that there is no building, street, fence, kiosk, door all over Sofia left untarnished by ill-intentioned people scribbling swastikas reminiscent of an evil ideology which took a heavy toll of 60 million human lives in the Second World War ?

No - to political vandalism and hatred!

Yes – to humaneness and tolerance in the Republic of Bulgaria!

BAU Central Council
BAU City Council
BAU District Council
24 March, 2010
Sofia

The Bulgarian Helsinki Committee also supported the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM in a declaration.

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:

News-agencies: Focus News Agency, Kros Agency, BTA, BGNES;

Televisions: BNT, bTV and bTV internet news;

Radio Stations: BNR, Horizont, Focus Radio, Darik Radio;

Print media: 24 Chassa, Douma, Novinar, Jewish News.

RESULTS

The 134th Dimcho Debelyanov School students cleaned the swastikas and scribbles themselves.

A meeting was held with the Mayor of Sofia, Yordanka Fandakova who undertook to arrange for the school's security system to be connected to the Municipality's surveillance and protection system.

In April, 2010, the issue of escalating manifestations of anti-Semitism was put on the agenda of a meeting of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Demographic Questions under the Council of Ministers.

MANIFESTATION

SCANDALOUS CELEBRATION OF HITLER'S ANNIVERSARY IN STARA ZAGORA

20 APRIL, 2010

On 20 April, in Stara Zagora, a former Deputy Mayor and former local leader of Ataka, present leader of the Nova Sila (New Power) political party, Tihomir Tomov, and a municipal councilor, Spas Pashov, his party comrade, **celebrated Hitler's birthday**. An internet video shows a group of men including the two politicians, facing a portrait of the Fuhrer and cutting a cake decorated with a swastika. According to Tomov, there was nothing wrong with the celebrating party.

Tihomir Tomov's name attracted attention in May, 2008 when he was seen wearing a Nazi badge of the Wehrmacht on the Bulgarian Army's Day, 6 May. For that, 2 years ago, Tomov was expelled from the Ataka Party and forced to resign from the Deputy Mayor's position. His name was involved in another scandal too – an act of hooliganism against a public prosecutor of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in the city. In the meantime, as a sign of solidarity with him, five members of the Stara Zagora Municipal Council representing Ataka, broke away from the party. One of them was Spas Pashov, who attended the celebration.



REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

In connection with the scandalous celebration of Hitler's anniversary in Stara Zagora, **the Ethnic Communities' Club in the city issued a declaration** addressed to the Stara Zagora Municipal Council's Chairman and the Mayor of the Municipality, and sent out to various media expressing indignation over that manifestation of neo-fascism in the city.



ETHNIC COMMUNITIES' CLUB STARA ZAGORA

Outg.Ref.No.9/01.06.2010

To
Tencho Stefanov Roukanov
Chairman of the Municipal Council
Stara Zagora

Copy:
Professor Svetlin Tanchev
Mayor of the Stara Zagora Municipality

Media

DECLARATION

Dear Sirs,

We, the members of the Ethnic Communities' Club in Stara Zagora, express our indignation over the recently displayed internet video showing a group of people celebrating Hitler's birthday. Our indignation is even greater in view of the fact that a present municipal councillor and a former Deputy Mayor of Stara Zagora Municipality are among the partygoers.

Being Stara Zagora citizens, we feel offended by this manifestation of neo-fascism which is contrary to the spirit of democracy, tolerance, understanding and good communication among different nations and ethnic communities – values which are fostered and upheld on a European and world level.

It would be unthinkable for us, at the outset of the 21st century, to close our eyes to acts taking us back in time when a man was treated as guilty and punished only because a man was born different. That insanity caused enough affliction and misery to mankind.

So, we are asking you now – what acts is the Municipal Council going to undertake in this context and against the said municipal councillor, in particular?

The said video can be viewed on <http://www.bnews.bg/article – 10276>

Yours sincerely:

s/..... B.Ahmed

s/..... M. Kozarova

s/..... I. Mineva

1.06.2010

Stara Zagora

The EUROROMA Party spread a declaration.

DECLARATION

With reference to a report, broadcast on 3 June, 2010 in the Nova Television late news, a scandalous video showing the municipal councillor Spas Pashov and the former Deputy Mayor Tihomir Tomov (members of the Nova Sila (New Power) party celebrating at a table with a swastika-cake and Hitler's portrait, we, the EUROROMA leadership, state that **this is intolerable and contrary to the world democratic community's well-established attitude towards fascism and its symbols.**

We urge the competent authorities to bring the persons in question to account and take the most severe legal measures against them.

Sofia
4 June, 2010

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

At a regular session, held on 24 June, 2010, the Stara Zagora Municipal Council discussed the declaration submitted by the Ethnic Communities' Club. **The Stara Zagora Municipal Council denounced the neo-nazi acts and issued a declaration of its own.**



The Stara Zagora Municipal Council condemns the neo-Nazi acts

With reference to the Ethnic Communities' Club Declaration and the act of neo-Nazism with the participation of a municipal councillor, referred to therein, the Stara Zagora Municipal Council, at its meeting held on 24.06.2010, unanimously adopted the following declaration:

"With regard to the Declaration of the Ethnic Communities' Club in Stara Zagora and the neo-Nazi act, referred to in the declaration, with the participation of a municipal councillor from our ranks, the Stara Zagora Municipal Council

expresses its firm disapproval of such acts.

It is a fact that in Europe, racist dispositions like anti-Semitism, anti-Islamism and xenophobia have recently been on the increase. These dispositions reflect public apprehensions and fears in the hard times of economic crisis and

enlargement of the European Union to the East. In Bulgaria, however, there has existed, for centuries, historically embedded, ethnic and racial tolerance recognized by the entire world. Our people's feat of humaneness in rescuing the Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust has been widely discussed and acknowledged.

The Bulgarian criminal legislation contains sufficient provisions criminalizing propagation of and instigation to racial animosity, hate or discrimination as well as propagation of a fascist or another anti-democratic ideology. These provisions just have to be observed and the law should penalize those who violate them. Nazism is not an attitude but a crime against humanity.

In this vein, the Stara Zagora Municipal Council, being the supreme representative of the civil society, expresses its sharp disapproval of the act in question and calls on the relevant institutions responsible for maintaining order, security and legality, to do their job.

The Stara Zagora Municipal Council strongly denounces the manifestations of neo-Nazism and urges that they should be disallowed and sanctioned by the relevant competent authorities.

The Stara Zagora Municipal Council voices its concern over the escalating acts of neo-fascism and open violence.

We urge the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria to use all legal possibilities available to counter such manifestations of neo-fascism prohibited by the law in Europe.

We demand immediate action in defence of the freedom and democracy in the Republic of Bulgaria.

The decision was published on the Stara Zagora Municipal Council website.

MEDIA REACTIONS

Nova Television, Vbox7.com, bnews.bg, news.bg, skandalno.net and etc.

RESULTS

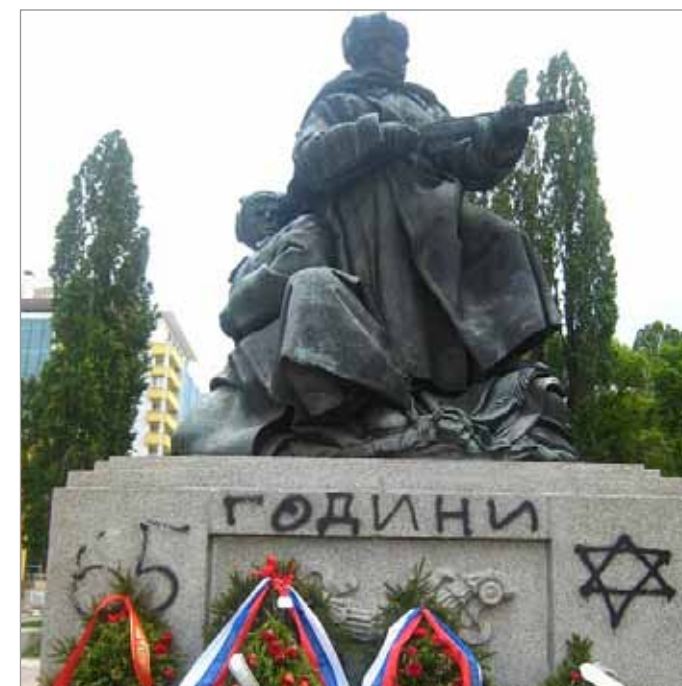
The persons who took part in the celebration, were removed from leading positions in the Stara Zagora Municipal Council commissions.

MANIFESTATION

VIOLATION OF THE SOVIET WARRIORS' OSSUARY IN LOZENETS, SOFIA

MAY, 2010 Г.

In May, during the days when the world commemorated the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the end of the Holocaust, **one more act of vandalism defaced the Soviet Warriors' Ossuary in the Lozenets district of the capital city.**



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM disseminated a declaration on the monument defacement stating its expectations for prompt and adequate legal action by the law-enforcement bodies aimed at finding and prosecuting the perpetrators.

The indifference shown by the institutions, politicians and civil society to the growing xenophobic and Anti-Semitic acts causes concern and is reminiscent of the events which started in the face of such indifference 77 years ago.



DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

During the days when the world marked the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the end of the Holocaust, we witnessed, again, fascist and Anti-Semitic acts – the Soviet Warriors'Ossuary was defaced in Lozenets, Sofia. Regrettably, that was one more act of vandalism evidencing the escalating xenophobic and Anti-Semitic acts in Bulgaria since 2009. The events and the indifference displayed by institutions, politicians and civil society cause concern and remind us of the events which started in the same way 77 years ago, and their atrocious consequences – the death toll of more than 60 million, including 6 million Jews.

We believe that the political forces and public opinion in a democratic country like Bulgaria should denounce, clearly and categorically, any manifestations of fascism, xenophobia and Anti-Semitism, and we call on them, again, to do so because hatred is a dangerous factor jeopardizing stability and peace in our society.

We expect the police and law-enforcement bodies to take energetic, prompt and lawful action to find and prosecute the perpetrators as well as preventive measures to forestall such acts in the future.

The Bulgarian people have proven themselves to be tolerant, let us prove that again now!

Democratic values attained with such great efforts should be protected and safeguarded every day with uncompromising determination!

REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Bulgarian Socialist Party, Sofia, condemned the defacement of the Soviet Warriors' Ossuary in Sofia

The BSP Sofia City Council issued a declaration denouncing the violation of the Soviet Warriors'Ossuary in Lozenets, Sofia. "As a political group of the Bulgarian Socialist Party in the Sofia City Municipal Council, we strongly condemn the manifestations of fascism, xenophobia and Anti-Semitism. We are concerned over the indifference shown by the relevant authorities. We expect the police and law-enforcement bodies to take quick action to find and punish the perpetrators", reads the declaration.

The EUROROMA Party leadership strongly objected to the defamation of the Soviet Warriors'Ossuary in Lozenets, Sofia.

"It is not for the first time that the European appearance of Bulgaria's capital city has been marred by signs of hatred and fascism and that sends a very bad signal to the world as to the maturity and civilized ways of our society in general".

No one has any right to violate the memory of soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and died in a foreign land.

"No one has any right to draw swastikas and scribble death-calls in streets and squares, near schools and kindergartens, where our children are supposed to learn how to respect those different from them and live together with them".

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:

News Agencies: Focus News Agency, Cross Agency, BTA;

Televisions: BNT, bTV and bTV internet news;

Radio Stations: BNR, Horizont, Focus Radio, Darik Radio;

Print media: 24 Chassa, Douma, Novinar, Jewish News;

Internet publications media: Actualno.com.

RESULTS

So far, there have been no results and reactions of institutions, the monument has not been cleaned and the culprits have not been found and penalized.

MANIFESTATION

AN EXHIBITION BY THE ARIANA POND STIRS UP INTER-ETHNIC HATE

JUNE, 2010

Within a few days, **for the second year in a row**, near the Borissova Gradina Park entrance, by the Ariana Pond, **an exhibition** displayed about 50 photos covering different stages in the history of relations between Israel and Palestine and carrying **unobjective and Anti-Semitic comments. The exhibition stirred up inter-ethnic hate.**



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM, REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN SOFIA SHALOM, THE ISRAELITE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM, Regional Organization of the Jews in Sofia SHALOM and the Central Israelite Spiritual Council addressed a letter-declaration to the Sofia Mayor, the Chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Demographic Issues, the Ambassador of Israel, stating their indignation over the organized, for the second year in a row, exhibition by the Ariana Pond in violation of the 2004 Declaration of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) under which it is intolerable to use the Middle East conflict for stirring up inter-ethnic hate.

Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

Outg.No.65
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Sofia, 09.06.2010

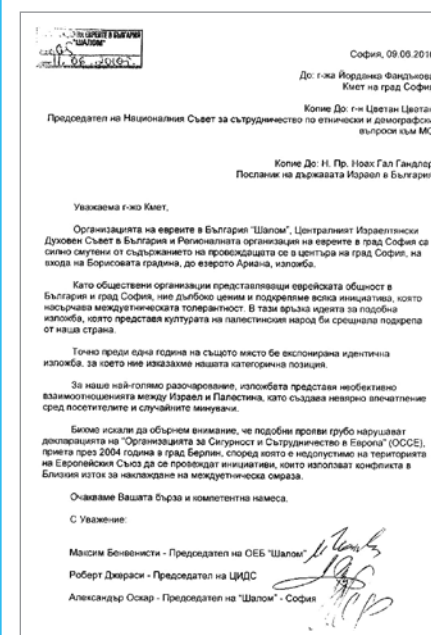
To Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova
Mayor of the City of Sofia

Copy:
Mr. Tsvetan Tsvetanov
Chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Demographic Issues under the Council of Ministers

Copy:
H.E.Mr. Noah Gal Gandler
Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of Bulgaria

Dear Madam Mayor,

The Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM, the Central



Israelite Spiritual Council in Bulgaria and the Regional Organization of the Jews in Sofia SHALOM are strongly disturbed by the contents of the exhibition taking place in the centre of Sofia, near the entrance to the Borissova Gradina Park, by the Ariana Pond.

Being public organizations, representing the Jewish community in Bulgaria and Sofia, we highly appreciate and back up any initiative encouraging inter-Ethnic tolerance. In this context, the idea of an exhibition presenting the culture of the Palestinian people would have had our support.

Just a year ago, at the same place, an identical exhibition was on display with regard to which we stated our categorical position.

Much to our disappointment, the exhibition presents, unobjectively, the relations between Israel and Palestina thus giving a false impression to visitors and passers-by.

We would like to draw attention to the fact that such acts are in flagrant violation of the Declaration of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), adopted in 2004 in Berlin under which it is intolerable to hold, in the European Union territory, initiatives using the Middle East conflict to stir up inter-ethnic hate.

In anticipation of your prompt and competent interference,

We remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Maxim Benvenisti, President of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM

Robert Jerasi, Chairman of the Central Israelite Spiritual Council

Alexander Oskar, Chairman of the Regional Organization of the Jews in Sofia SHALOM

MANIFESTATION

VANDALIST ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS ... MORE AND MORE FREQUENT

**PRAGA Blvd. in Sofia
13 JUNE, 2010**

On 13 June, 2010, on Praga Blvd. in Sofia, the police apprehended **six youths**, with minors among them, **who had sprayed a 4-meter graffiti and two swastikas on the walls of a residential building as well as swastikas on the window of an adjoining bookshop, Knigomania, and two cars.** About 4.00 a.m., acting on a tip-off for this act of hooliganism from citizens, the police reacted immediately and arrested the offenders on the spot. Three of them tried to escape. In their knapsacks, the police found 12 spray-bottles of different colours. The detainees had criminal records for drug offences.



REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

The Prosecutor's Office announced that charges for petty hooliganism would be brought up against the youths.

The Commission for Protection against Discrimination made it known that some forms of discrimination such as xenophobia, racism and Anti-Semitism would be criminalized by the autumn. Under the EU Directive, The European Union Member States have had a two-year deadline to comply with that requirement and that period expires in October. The penalty for such acts will be determined by the national legislations but the Council of Europe recommendation is that "organizations propagating views based on xenophobia and racism should not be subsidized by the budget". According to the information spread in the media, the Ministry of Justice is working on amendments to our legislation to be submitted and put to the vote at the National Assembly.

The BSP Youth Movement sent a declaration to the media expressing indignation over that act as well as the brutal act of hooliganism of neo-Nazis in Sofia on 6 June, 2010. On that day, youths disguised with hoods and masks beat up other young people, adherents of leftist movements, travelling, on tram 20, to their destination, the Bousmantsi hostel, to protest against restrictions on the illegal immigrants' rights. As a result of the beatings, several demonstrators ended up at the Pirogov Emergency Hospital.

The BSP young supporters reacted against the Ministry of the Interior attitude because the latter defined the incident as an internecine clash between anarchist movements. According to those young people, the violence exercised by the storm-troopers, armed with iron clubs and knuckle-dusters, over defenceless youths standing up for the rights of people of different nationalities and ethnic groups, was not an internecine clash but a sign that something was very sick in the society. They blamed the Ministry of the Interior that, in spite of its eagerness to impose total surveillance in the Internet space with a view to preventing and detecting offences, the Ministry did not do its job because the perpetrators of that crime had not been preparing themselves covertly but had stated their intentions quite openly distributing pictures and names of the victims on Internet as well as life threats against them.

MANIFESTATION

DESECRATION OF THE JEWISH CEMETERY IN SHOUMEN

AUGUST, 2010

In August, 2010, the Jewish Cemetery in Shoumen was, one more time, the target of vandalism and anti-Semitism. The cemetery has been there since 1873. Through the years, friends and relatives of the deceased from all parts of the world have been coming to pay tribute to their memory and leave a small stone on the graves. Although the cemetery park is not effective any more, the Jewish community in Shoumen keeps it up. "A concrete fence was built on the southern side and wire fencing surrounds the entire area on the other sides. The cemetery is kept clean of grass. Unfortunately however, two years ago 30 tombstones were destroyed by youngsters. After the police interfered, they were apprehended but, being minors, remained unpunished and we restored all the tombstones", siad Beta Haralanova, Chairperson of the Regional Organization of the Jews SHALOM in Shoumen. "In August, 2010, the cemetery became, again, object of vandalism." But this time it was a manifestation of Anti-Semitism. Some of the grave-stones were smashed, swastikas and obscenities were scribbled on others. The entire inside of the fence-wall was covered with offensive words. Shoumen has been known for its tolerance. For ages, Bulgarians, Turks, Jews, Armenians and other communities have lived in peace and understanding. Unfortunately, this time it was not just hooliganism, those acts were purposefully directed against us – the Jews."

REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS SHALOM

The Shoumen Regional Organization of the Jews SHALOM immediately tipped off the police

RESULTS

Until now, there have not been any results – the culprits have not been found and penalized.



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MANIFESTATION

YOUTHS WILLINGLY DEMONSTRATE PARTIALITY TO THE NAZI IDEOLOGY IN PERNIK

16 SEPTEMBER, 2010

Red-and-black swastika flags flying in the wind in front of the House of Culture in Pernik on 16 September, 2010. The building, emblematic for the town, is inaccessible, surrounded by wooden barriers, laced with barbed wire. Military guards are standing in front of the building flanked by sand-bag fortifications. A unique old dark-blue vehicle with SS signs is parked next to the stairs. **These are the film-sets for "General Dela Rovere". But the youngsters, enthusiastically taking pictures of each other with raised hands in a Heil Hitler salute, are not part of the film. The way they behave and act shows evident partiality towards the Nazi ideology.**



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MANIFESTATION

VANDALIST MESSAGES COVER THE RED ARMY SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL IN STARA ZAGORA

28 SEPTEMBER, 2010

For one more time, vandals' messages and swastikas covered the Soviet Warriors' Memorial in Stara Zagora. The monument erected in tribute to the Red Army soldiers who died of their wounds in the town back in 1944-45, is a frequent target for skinheads and fascist-minded groups and was last cleaned on the eve of 9 May, 2010 by BSP and BAU (Bulgarian Anti-Fascist Union) representatives.



Photo: Christo Dimitrov, source: Douma

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

The Stara Zagora Municipality refused to clean the memorial due to lack of funds.

REACTIONS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

In early October, as a sign of protest, young socialist from Stara Zagora wrapped up the Soviet Warriors' Memorial in the town. They were displeased with the refusal of the municipal administration to find money for cleaning the monument desecrated by vandals. The wrapping-up initiative was carried out jointly with BAU activists.

On 2 October, 2010, the BSP municipal conference adopted unanimously a protest declaration addressed to Boyko Borissov and Tsvetan Tsvetanov. It urged the state to find funds and possibilities to protect monuments.



Photo: Christo Christov, source: Douma

Open letter from the Non-Profit Association (NPA) Russian Club and Friends – Stara Zagora addressed to: The Stara Zagora Mayor, Municipal Council, District Governor, H.E.Mr. Yuriy Issakov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Bulgaria, and sent out to the media.

OPEN LETTER

from NPA Russian Club and Friends, Stara Zagora

On the eve of Stara Zagora' Day, 5 October, drawing many visitors to our town, we witnessed a vandals' act against the Soviet Warriors' Memorial in the Metropolitan Metodiy Koussev Park – Ayazmoto. We hoped that the consequences from that vandalism would be promptly removed as they should be in a European country. Alas, that did not happen.

The consequences of that violation will not be eliminated soon as the lack of funds is used as an excuse. Regrettably so, because the memorial is an ossuary of soldiers, representatives of a state which contributed to peace in present-day Europe, whose memory does not deserve such an attitude.

For us, Russian citizens, living in Stara Zagora, the memorial is part of our past, a sacred place connecting us to our fatherland. We sincerely hope that it is sacred for our fellow-citizens too.

MEDIA REACTIONS

The act was covered by:
Douma, DarkNews, Stzagora.net

RESULTS

At the end of October, 2010, the memorial was cleaned up by Stara Zagora Municipality. The operation's cost was about BGN 350.

MANIFESTATION

PROFANATION OF THE JEWS MURDERED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS' MEMORIAL IN KAYLAKA, PLEVEN

1-10 NOVEMBER, 2010 Г.

On 1-10 November, 2010, vandals desecrated the monument in Kaylaka, Plevan, built in tribute to Jews, murdered in concentration camps. The memorial's three plaques were marked with swastikas and splashed with paint.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATIUN OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

The Ministry of the Interior District Office in Plevan was tipped off by the Regional Organization of the Jews SHALOM in Plevan and asked to investigate the incident in depth as it was not the first anti-Semitic act of hooliganism in Plevan. A few years ago, a similar act was committed in front of the Regional Organization's office at 2, Katya Popova Street.

MEDIA REACTIONS

There were no publications to that effect.

RESULTS

A preliminary investigation was started but, so far, the perpetrators have not been found and no information is available on the investigation carried out by the Ministry of the Interior.

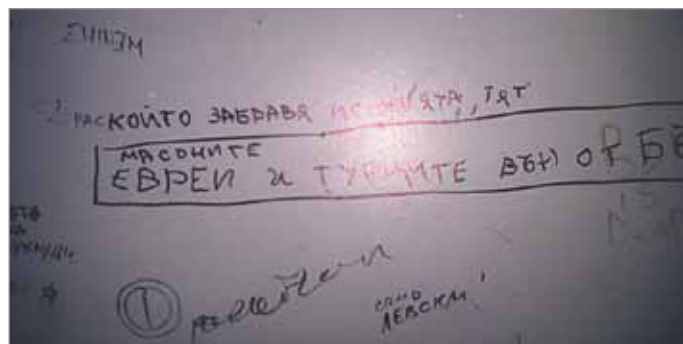
SWASTIKAS, ANTI-SEMITIC MESSAGES AND WORDS OF HATE ON MONUMENTS AND STREETS IN SOFIA

Nazi symbols and messages, swastikas, words of hate, obscene phrases and signs "decorate" streets, public buildings and monuments, subways and children's playgrounds throughout the capital city. No one is spared. Black swastikas, "Combat 18" or "C 18", "HH", "88", calls for death of certain social and ethnic groups, for making soap out of them and for domination of the God's Elect. The year is not 1939, but 2010. And that is not a film-set reproducing the time of the Holocaust but the streets and monuments we pass by every day.

Almost everyone is aware that the swastika is associated with Hitler and the time of the Holocaust but fewer are those who know that "C 18" stands for the Hitler's party's wing combatting ideological enemies and is a worldwide nazi sign, "HH" stands for the Heil Hitler greeting while "88" means "Long Live Hitler". And all these are signs used by neo-nazis.

Such symbols can be seen everywhere – both in a small neighbourhood and in central Sofia. Different rival groups and organizations "compete" with each other and leave their marks all over the city. Symbols are interlaced with political calls, football passions, emblems of various organizations, xenophobic and Anti-Semitic messages. The perpetrators are probably not many, they are just very active.

Cleaning operations are few and insufficient – usually organized by non-governmental organizations and citizens' structure. While everybody is busy arguing as to who should clean up: the state, the municipality or the owners - the drawings remain intact.



REACTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWS IN BULGARIA SHALOM

On the Organisation of the Jews in Bulgaria SHALOM's initiative, young Jewish volunteers erased xenophobic signs and swastikas from monuments and buildings in Sofia.

On 17 November, 2009, on the occasion of the International Day for Tolerance, OJB SHALOM youths and youth structures as well as 50 young people of Jewish descent from the United States, visiting the Bulgarian Jewish community, organized

a clean-up of xenophobic signs and swastikas drawn on the Soviet Army Memorial, Common Soldiers' Grave in the Borissova Gradina Park and buildings in Sofia.



"A Clean Start in History"- a BSP Youth Association campaign

On 13 October, 2010, the BSP Youth Association held the 'Clean Start in History' Campaign finale in Kameno, Bourgas District. The young people wiped out swastikas and slogans from monuments and historical sites in Bulgaria. They called for "severe sanctions and fines for all those profaning the historical heritage". Within the 'Clean Start in History' Campaign, held from 3 March to 13 October, 2010, more than 70 monuments were cleaned up all over the country. In the framework of the initiative aimed at safeguarding historical truth and keeping up its monuments, the young people cleaned up memorials in Karlovo, Pernik, Dimitrovgrad, Haskovo, Plovdiv, Silistra, Samokov, Radomir, Doupnitsa, Bourgas, Peshtera, Sliven and Sofia. The youth association extended the scope of the campaign by organizing discussions dedicated to important historical dates and figures.

REACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS

In 2010, BSP municipal councilors Kaloyan Pargov, Boyko Marinkov and Tanya Naydenova submitted an inquiry to the Sofia City Municipal Council concerning the protection, maintenance and cleaning of monuments in Sofia.

The inquiry was not followed by any subsequent actions on the part of the Sofia City Municipality administration.

RESULTS

The monuments have been violated and daubed with swastikas and slogans again.

LIST OF BOOKS WITH ANTI-SEMITIC CONTENT FREELY AVAILABLE IN BULGARIAN BOOKSHOPS

**THE FOLLOWING BOOK TITLES CAN BE EASILY FOUND
ON THE BULGARIAN BOOK-MARKET:**

1. My Struggle(Mein Kampf), by Adolf Hitler
2. The Fight for New Europe – Selected Speeches
and Proclamations, by Adolf Hitler
3. The Fascist Revolution, by Benito Mussolini
4. Political Speeches, by Goebbels
5. The Six Million Lie, by Richard Harwood
6. The Holocaust – the Hoax of the Twentieth Century,
by Jörgen Graf
7. The Judeo-Masonic Main Goals, by M. Essiv
8. The International Jew, by Henry Ford Sr.
9. The World Conspiracy I, by Nikola M. Nikolov
10. The World Conspiracy II, by Nikola M. Nikolov
and Bozhidar Palyushev
11. The Secret Protocols, by Nikola M. Nikolov
12. The World Under a Microscope, by Nikola M. Nikolov
13. The Zion Shadow, by Georgi Ifandiev
14. Jihad – the Holy War, by Alexander Agronomov
15. The Bulgarian People and the Jews, by Angel Radev
16. The Secret Protocols of the Wise Men (Elders) of Zion
17. Masons, Jews, Revolutions, by Nikola Ivanov
18. The Power of Mammon, by Volen Siderov
19. The Evil Boomerang, Volen Siderov

THE INTERNET SPACE AND ITS ANONYMOUS FORUM

**Anonymity in the Internet space allows for many
manifestations of Anti-Semitism. Those below are just
a small part of virtual anti-Semitic acts:**

Internationalist, 22 March, 2010

Bulgarians don't like Turks, Turks hate Greeks, Greeks don't like Germans, Germans dislike French people, French people dislike Americans, Americans dislike Arabs and all of them hate Jews. Before they start complaining, the Jews'd better do some thinking – why does it always happen to them ?

4Petar Slavov Monday, 7 June, 2010 at 9:26

Ha-ha

What a crime that those Jews have not yet exposed themselves. They should be ashamed of themselves! I think that, in order to separate them from our healthy society, we ought to sew the Jewish Star and a big "J" for Juden Ratten to the clothes of each of them.

Just kidding.. 1(Just kidding(

Veli, 22 March, 2010

Those people, when you tell them that they are Jews, they raise such a mighty outcry that you are an Anti-Semite. That they are fascists, said many prominent JEWS, and wrote it - and MOSSAD murdered them for that!!! Well, when you kill a writer or a journalist to shut them up, it looks like they have written the truth !!! In addition to being fascists, the Jews have made MURDER a state policy – remember the film "MUNICH"!!! Christians say: " If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn the other", Jews say: "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" And why were they expelled everywhere ??? All other nations are bad – only Jews are good ?????

Category: Organizations – General

I am sick and tired of minorities, communists, Jews, prostitutes, darkies, circumcised jerks, Turkish film series, queers, society chroniclers, anarchists, commies, State Security Service, rights for ethnic groups, perverts gaining the upper hand over normal people. Bulgarian women whoring around with foreigners and we, having to watch their Jewish televisions showing Turkish film series.

BULGARIA IS FOR BULGARIANS AND NOT FOR MINORITIES! NOW MINORITIES HAVE MORE RIGHTS THAN BULGARIANS !

AMIGO 13 Oct., 2010

Neutral

In any country allowing Jews to settle down, no matter how many they are, they degrade the morals and business integrity, isolate themselves and resist assimilation.

They mock the Christian religion trying to undermine it. They build a state within the state and, if in opposition, strive to strangle that country in a deadly financial grip”.

Author www.astromidel.eu (novice)

Published 15.12.10 14:13

Jews (obscenity) are responsible for the present economic situation of Bulgaria and the Bulgarian people.

When is the Bulgarian, finally, going to take power and drive out all Jews from the country.

The government, banks and all high positions are held by Jews but - according to the Bulgarian - are the Jews with Bulgarian names Bulgarians ?!

DEATH TO JEWS AND MERCENARY GIAOURS (JEWS AND THEIR ANTI-GYPSY CLUB FOSTER RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN BG)

Author www.astromidel.eu (novice)

Published 15.12.10 14:18

I have a list of 3000 Jews and all those in high positions and I am going to post it here to let you see what Bulgarians and what patriots these wretches are, that is if they have not come to get me by that time

Author [astromidel](http://www.astromidel.eu) (novice)

Published 15.12.10 14:40

Let's set up an Exiles' Lodge - in our case that would be all Bulgarians, Macedonians, Turks, Vlachs, Karakachans etc. - and turn Jews out of the Bulgarian territory but under one condition

1- to make each and every Jew cut his hair and shave – and then off into the lard cauldron (because they like pork so much)

2- to prohibit circumcision (Jews get circumcised, including women)

3- to seize by force all their property, money, gold and diamonds

4- to burn the Jewish Star on their foreheads

5- to pull down all synagogues just as many Bulgarians' houses were pulled down

5- to incarcerate all Jews in stone quarries to toil for 24 hours a day until they drop dead and pop off

6- to let them eat only oat bread, pig's trotters – jelly, onions and garlic

7- to make them wear sack clothes and Russian quilted jackets (the Jewish top fashion is the Russian quilted jacket)

if someone has something to add, please go ahead – propose ideas how to destroy Jews

(little I care (obscenity) if someone is going to sue me
DEATH TO JEWS AND MERCENARY GIAOURS

Anonymous

28.01.2009 18:13:41

To the thieving and hypocritical deformed incestual freaks - JEWS ! THE HOLOCAUST WAS INVENTED BY YOU SO THAT YOU COULD PLUNDER THE REST OF THE WORLD AND CREATE A GYPSY STATE. AND FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, JEWS ARE CURSED FROM BIRTH AND WILL, BY ALL MEANS, BURN IN HELL, THEY ARE PERFECTLY AWARE OF THAT AND THAT IS WHY THEY ONLY DO MISCHIEF, INJURE OTHERS AND RECRUIT FOLLOWERS! THOSE CREATURES WILL HAVE THE SAME MERCY AS THEY APPLY TO NON-JEWS, I.E. GENOCIDE.

Anonymous

27.01.2009 22:27:11

THIS TIME TOO, AHMADINEJAD SHOULD START WITH THE JEWISH CLANS: ROTHSCHILD, ROCKEFELLER, MORGAN, DUPONT, SOROS, MADOFF, GAY SERGEY & Co. – AND NOT WITH THE SMALL JEW WHO DEFECTED FROM THE USSR TO ISRAEL TO ESCAPE STARVATION.

27.01.2009 22:20:50

To the anonymous wretch of 22:00 – it seems that you have not been robbed by Jews or maybe you are employed by a Jewish bank. Jews are good for nothing else but soap – to lather white bottoms !

Anonymous

27.01.2009 21:07:36

EVEN YOUNG NON-JEWISH CHILDREN KNOW THAT THIS IS A HOAX! BUT IT IS NOT A HOAX THAT THE THIEVING JEWS PLUNDERED THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE PLANET AND, FOR THIS REASON, UNFORTUNATELY, ALL THIEVING JEWS - THERE ARE NONE WHO ARE NOT THIEFS – WILL BURN IN HELL ALONG WITH THEIR LONG-TAILED, WINGED AND HORNED FOUL-SMELLING AND UGLY MASTER !

Anonymous

JEWS ARE MOST AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR CAPITAL – WHICH IS STOLEN ANYWAY. SO, LET'S BEAT UP ALL THIEVING JEWS AND CONFISCATE THE MONEY THEY HAVE STOLEN. уаJJEWS .JEWS

Dr. William Pierce, “The Significance of the Holocaust

Today, I will begin on a more general note and then we will go over to more specific evidence in support of the main arguments. Let's start with the Jews'role in the European, white, Aryan or non-Jewish society whichever term you may prefer. My point is that Jews, as a whole, are always subversive: morally and socially destructive, intellectually destructive but, first and foremost, they act as racial destroyers. Each society, nation, people, which give Jews freedom to do whatever they like, will be wiped out by them. That is so because it is in the Jews' nature to annihilate everything which is not Jewish and because Jews have the unique ability to undermine other nations' societies.

Reply: Bulgarian Jews living in Israel are still waiting for compensation for the Holocaust

Anonymous on

Is it all about money again ? And who will have it – the Jews who survived. Why, for goodness sake – you survived, didn't you, and Bulgaria rescued you. And why you ? Enough of the Holocaust. It was not only you, there were many other people of different nationalities who were killed too but nobody moans all the time as you do

Anonymous on

You cannot be both Bulgarian and Jewish. As you cannot be an honest liar.

[Without subject] om Anonymous

Anonymous on 07/07/2009 Bulgarian Jews living in Israel are still waiting for compensation for the Holocaust

What the hell to spare a vulgarity as they might delete me. It seems to be true what people say about them, that they are the scum of the world. Have they ever helped us with anything ? They are alive thanks to us and how do they repay us ? After 1990 it was we who needed help. Were they poor ? Without any political influence ? (Obscenity)

Anonymous on 20/08/2010

I am coming to the conclusion that Hitler may have been right about them.

**Zionism – the world calamity
10:54:57**

Jews-Zionists are the worst parasites, murderers and a calamity for the world (see G. Voynov's list). With the money they got from the Holocaust industry and the work of the indigenous population – the Palestinians - whose lands they seized with killings and money – their main instruments - they really turned that place into paradise. But one has to pay a price for killings and now they live in constant fear of attacks caused by themselves. And look at them now – how they shoot at a humanitarian convoy and their former friends-Turks. Why isn't the USA bombing them as it would have done in such a case ? Well, because, as Ariel Sharon said a long time ago (is he still in a coma): the United States is under our control and they know it" As long as this artificial state of Israel exists, the world will not be at ease, wars will be fought for ever to benefit them.

SDFDF Wednesday, 2 June, 2010, 10:30:15

YOU SHOULD ALL DIE, YOU JEWS!! WIPE OUT THAT FOUL-SMELLING STATE OF ISRAEL FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH !! THOSE PARASITES WHO THINK THAT THEY ARE MASTERS OF THE WORLD SHOULD BE SLAUGHTERED TO THAT LAST PERSON AND NOBODY SHOULD EVER HEAR THEIR NAME AGAIN. JEWISH WOMEN ARE ALL WHORES AND MEN ARE TRASVESTITES AND FAGGOTS!!!!!!

red slayer | 08.12.2009 13:25

No normal person likes Jews.

izotzadze | 08.12.2009 15:33

The Holocaust 9/11 and moon-landing are rather lexible notions.

Jugldermedediyn Gurragcha | 07.12.2009 17:20

One more time, the Jews screwed up the world economy! They need a new Hitler! They have always been arrogant but arrogance has its limits!

H Nikola February 3

All that is demagogy and manipulation If you don't hate Bulgaria, don't at least say that you LOVE it – we saw the "love" shown by Passy, A. Bozhkov and Serge Dim. Jacob Stanishev's very special love.....

Enough of the Jewish demagogy Don't forget that 40% of the Bulgarians are Aryans and, as such, have been magnanimous for CENTURIES!!!

Gavril Hlutev April11

Zionism is, in its nature, is a chauvinistic, racist and man-hating ideology which is not different from Hitler's Nazism. Unfortunately, many ordinary Jews have been exposed to Zionist propaganda and that makes them accomplices to their rulers'crimes. Palestinians are subjected to a quiet and slow genocide under a system that is even more obscurantist than apartheid (as acknowledged even by a former US President, Carter); their land has been seized piece by piece since the First World War and their homes – demolished by bulldozers. I have seen film stills showing Israeli soldiers breaking the bones, one by one, of young boys and children. But these truths are not revealed in the "great"democracy, the United States where the media are corporate property or are mostly owned by Zionists or their sympathizers. This is not a "conspiracy theory, this is the reality. Unfortunately, we have long been in the Orwell's world where oppressors pose as victims and occupants – as liberators. The hatred for a repressive imperialist regime is not anti-Semitism.

Hatred for the rest of the world underlies, originally, the Talmud, and the man-hating climax of that religion is the learning that non-Jews are not human beings. Zionism has appropriated the most objectionable postulates of the Jewish religion. Hence, we can explain Israel's strange ingratitude for the rescue of the Bulgarian Jews.

Rudolf Hess July 19, 2010 at 4:56 am

DEATH TO ZIONIST JEWS! WHOEVER DEFENDS THEM – OFF ON A TRIP TO Auschwitz

ALL TO GO FOR SOAP! DARKIES, TURKS, JEWS – ALL TO THE LAST PERSON – OFF YOU GO INTO A HUGE CAULDRON! YOU SHOULD DIE, YOU DOGS! THAT IS WHAT YOU DESERVE! LONG LIVE BULARIA! LONG LIVE BULGARIANS! ALL THE REST, WITH THE COLOUR OF COAL AND SMELL OF A SWEATY CIRCUMCISED JEW – FOR SOAP INTO THE CAULDRON!

BULGARIA IN PICTURES

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Sofia, Serdica Street



Sofia, Serdica Street



Sofia, Zone B 5, bl. 14



Sofia, Borissova Gradina Park



Sofia, Slivnitsa Underground Station



Sofia, National Arts Academy



Sofia, Underground Station



Sofia, Slivnitsa Underground Station



Sofia, The Common Soldiers' Grave in Borissova Gradina Park



Sofia, the Ring-Road



Plovdiv, Monument of Gratitude



Sofia, 134th Dimcho Debelyanov Secondary School



Sofia, the Common Soldiers' Grave, Borissova Gradina Park



Plovdiv



Plovdiv



Pleven, Kaylaka, Monument to the Jews Murdered in Concentration Camps



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Shoumen, The Jewish Cemetery



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Sofia, Kiril i Metodij St.



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