

Senator Mark Warner
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Washington DC 20510

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If the Arab countries maintained a similar blockade of Israel and it was Arab soldiers descending from helicopters to take over a boat bringing relief to Jewish refugees, I'm sure the US would have labeled the incident state-sponsored terrorism. Instead we continue to give diplomatic support to Israel by blocking condemnation in the United Nations and we send them \$3 billion in aid each year, much of it in the form of military hardware which is then used to further oppress the Palestinians.

Israel continues to build housing exclusively for Jews on occupied territory, it has an undeclared nuclear program, it forges the passports of other nations so its agents can assassinate its political enemies and the death and destruction wrought on Lebanon in 2006 and in Gaza in 2009 were totally out of proportion to any provocation. Operation Cast Lead killed 1400 Palestinians compared to 13 Israelis and 4 of those were friendly-fire. Israel is not a victim but a bully. I am sick and tired of my tax dollars going to support state repression, all the more so because our blind support for Israel promotes the view that the US is anti-Muslim and therefore makes us more vulnerable to terrorist revenge and makes the job of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan that much harder.

When Israel treats its Palestinian neighbors with respect and dignity, when they help to build up the Palestinian economy rather than tear it down, when they equitably share the limited water resources, when they help resettle refugees in lieu of allowing them the right of return as demanded by UN Resolution 194, when they show they are serious about peace by halting all "settlement" construction and removing roadblocks and settlers from the West Bank, then I believe they will find the Palestinians are less interested in wiping Israel off the map. Until then, there is no hope for peace and the "peace process" will continue to be sham.

We must demand that Israel lift the siege of Gaza immediately, permanently stop settlement construction and sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Failing that *as a start*, we should treat them as the rogue state they are and terminate all aid. They don't deserve it.

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