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WELCOME JOURNALISTS

Welcome to Christians United for Israel's (CUFI) 20th annual Washington Summit. We are pleased that you are joining us for this significant event and are happy to facilitate your coverage. With more than 10 million members, CUFI is the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States.

We host events in churches and college campuses all over the U.S., and our vibrant campus and millennial outreach programs are growing daily.

Given the tragic events that have unfolded in the Middle East since the horrific 10/7 Massacre, this year's gathering's significance goes well beyond our having reached our 20th Summit.

This moment illuminates the need for an enduring U.S.-Israel alliance and demands that we stand resolutely with the Jewish state to ensure Jerusalem can defend her people against the omnipresent antisemitic terrorist menace.

Over the past year, antisemitic threats and attacks against Jewish people have erupted worldwide.

In the spring, CUFI founder and Chairman Pastor John Hagee led a CUFI Board Delegation to join the March of the Living from Auschwitz to Birkenau, bearing witness to the horrors of the Holocaust. They marched in solidarity with 10,000 attendees from around the world, united in their commitment that Never Again will the atrocities of the Holocaust be repeated.

The group then immediately traveled to Israel, where they once again bore witness to atrocities committed against the Jewish people and stood in solidarity with the Children of Israel during their dark hour.

This packet contains detailed information about CUFI and our initiatives, as well as select articles and opinion pieces authored by or featuring our organization.

Please note: Unscheduled interviews, including with attendees, are prohibited. If you seek to develop coverage beyond the events on the press schedule, including interviews with CUFI leadership, event speakers, or attendees, please inform a member of the CUFI Summit press team, and we will examine the possibility of accommodating your request.

Please enjoy the conference.

Shari Dollinger & Diana Hagee

Co-Executive Directors, Christians United for Israel



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FACT SHEET

As the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States, with over 10 million members, Christians United for Israel (CUFI) is the preeminent Christian organization devoted to transforming millions of pro-Israel Christians into an educated, empowered, and effective force for Israel. The breadth of CUFI's diversity across generational, ethnic, cultural, and denominational lines has enabled the organization to span all 50 states and reach millions with its message.

CUFI plays a leading role in efforts to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship, combat antisemitism, curb Iran's nuclear ambitions, hinder Hezbollah's and Hamas's war of terror against Israel, safeguard the Jewish state's qualitative military edge in the region, and defend Israel against the antisemitic BDS movement.

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— BENJAMIN NETANYAHU,
Prime Minister of Israel

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS

- Largest pro-Israel organization with over 10 million members.
- Hold hundreds of grassroots events each year.
- CUFI on Campus has a presence on over **215 college campuses** and has trained **4,557 students** since our inception.
- Educate millions of Americans through our 17 social media channels as well as our website, podcasts, and daily briefing emails.
- Bring groups of pastors, millennial influencers, and students to Israel each year.
- Have brought over **1,000 millennial influencers**, including leading pastors, celebrities, and professional athletes to Israel.



ABOUT

CUFI, CUFI On Campus, CUFI High School, & The Israel Collective



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UNITED FOR ISRAEL ON CAMPUS



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A CUFI INITIATIVE



CUFI

With more than **10 million members**, Christians United for Israel is the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States and one of the leading Christian grassroots movements in the world. CUFI spans **all 50 states** and **reaches millions** with its educational message.

CUFI On Campus

CUFI on Campus develops politically minded student leaders and equips them to become effective advocates for Israel on their college campuses. Since its 2009 inception, **CUFI on Campus has trained more than 4,000 students** and presently has trained activists on more than **215 campuses across the country**.

CUFI High School

CUFI High School was established in 2022 to provide in-depth pro-Israel training to young Christians before they attend college. CUFI High School equips Christian administrators, educators, youth pastors, and high school students via trips to Poland and Israel, a comprehensive Israel curriculum, conferences, and resources to support local CUFI High School clubs.

The Israel Collective

The Israel Collective (IC), a national initiative of Christians United for Israel, has taken more than 1,000 millennial influencers to Israel. The IC communicates the truth about Israel and the Middle East to the next generation through social media and films that highlight the heart and the people of Israel.

Action Fund

The CUFI Action Fund, a nonprofit 501(c)(4), nonpartisan organization, is related to the nation's largest pro-Israel organization, Christians United for Israel (CUFI). The Action Fund is dedicated to ensuring our elected officials hear the perspective of the millions of Christian Zionists across the country. The Action Fund's policy agenda includes support for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, standing up to antisemitism, defending Israel's right to self-defense and self-determination, and opposition to regional bad actors such as Iran and Turkey and the terrorist organizations they support.



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PASTOR JOHN HAGEE

Pastor John C. Hagee is the founder and Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, a non-denominational evangelical church with over 25,000 active members. Pastor Hagee has dedicated 67 years to serving the Lord in gospel ministry.

Pastor Hagee earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Nelson University in Waxahachie, Texas, previously known as Southwestern Assemblies of God University. He also holds a second Bachelor of Science from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He obtained his Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. Additionally, he has received honorary doctorates from Oral Roberts University, Canada Christian College, and Netanya Academic College of Israel.

He is also the founder of Hagee Ministries, which broadcasts his sermons and teachings worldwide. Since 1981, Hagee Ministries has donated over \$130 million to humanitarian causes in Israel.

In 1993, Pastor Hagee established Cornerstone Christian Schools, a Bible-based, state-of-the-art campus that educates more than 2,300 students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Additionally, Pastor Hagee founded the Sanctuary of Hope. This beautiful 85-acre complex provides courageous young mothers and their children with the invaluable choice of life and the tools needed to achieve a limitless and prosperous future.

Pastor Hagee serves as the National Chairman of Christians United for Israel (CUFI), an organization he founded in 2006. This grassroots movement has grown to become the largest Christian pro-Israel group in the United States, with over 10 million members who stand united as one voice on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

On its 70th anniversary, Israel recognized Pastor John Hagee as one of its 70 most influential allies since statehood. That same year, Ambassador David Friedman invited him to deliver the benediction at the dedication of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

Pastor Hagee has authored over 80 books, seven of which have appeared on the New York Times Best Sellers List.

Pastor Hagee and his wife, Diana, have five children and thirteen grandchildren.



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DIANA HAGEE

Diana Hagee is married to Pastor John Hagee, founder of Cornerstone Church, Hagee Ministries, and Christians United for Israel.

Among her ministry duties Diana coordinates special events for Cornerstone Church and its many outreaches. Diana also assists Kendal Hagee, her

daughter-in-law, and senior pastor's wife, in overseeing and teaching the Embraced Women's Ministries of Cornerstone Church.

Diana is the author of the best-selling book *The King's Daughter—Becoming a Woman of God*, which was awarded the Retailers Choice Award; *The King's Daughter Workbook*; *Ruth, the Romance of Redemption—A Love Story*; *Hannah's Song—What Love Looks Like*. She and Pastor Hagee co-authored *What Every Man Wants in a Woman—What Every Woman Wants in a Man*. Diana also wrote *Not by Bread Alone*, a cookbook encouraging inspired ministry through food.

Gifted with the spirit of hospitality, Diana and Pastor Hagee have opened their home and hearts to thousands over their 46-year marriage. Family, church members, ministry partners, and fellow ministers alike have all made great memories around the Hagee table. On these occasions, her kitchen becomes a bustling beehive of activity creating mouth-watering dishes inspired by three generations of great cooks and an abundance of unconditional love.

Diana holds a Bachelor of Science from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She was presented the prestigious Lion of Judah award by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston for the long-standing work she and Pastor Hagee do on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people. In 2021, *The Algemeiner Journal*, a newspaper that covers American and international Jewish and Israel-related news, named Diana and Shari Dollinger, Christians United for Israel's co-executive directors, among the top 100 individuals positively influencing Jewish life.

One of Diana's many desires is to make Cornerstone Church a place known for its hospitality and where the Gospel is preached in word and deed.

John and Diana Hagee live in San Antonio, Texas. They have five children, five in-loves, and thirteen beautiful grandchildren.



SHARI DOLLINGER

Shari Dollinger has served as the Co-Executive Director of CUFI since 2018, and prior to this position, she was CUFI's Associate Director for 11 years. Before CUFI, Shari served as the Assistant Director of The Donor Forum, the Officer for Inter-Religious Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, DC, and as a Foreign Policy Research Associate at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Shari is one of 150 Jewish leaders worldwide serving as a council member of the first Voice of the People Global Cohort led by Israel's President Herzog. In 2021, Shari was named by the Jerusalem Post as one of the 50 Most Influential Jews and was included in the Algemeiner newspaper's 'Jewish 100' list as one of 100 individuals with the greatest positive influence on Jewish life.



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SANDRA HAGEE PARKER

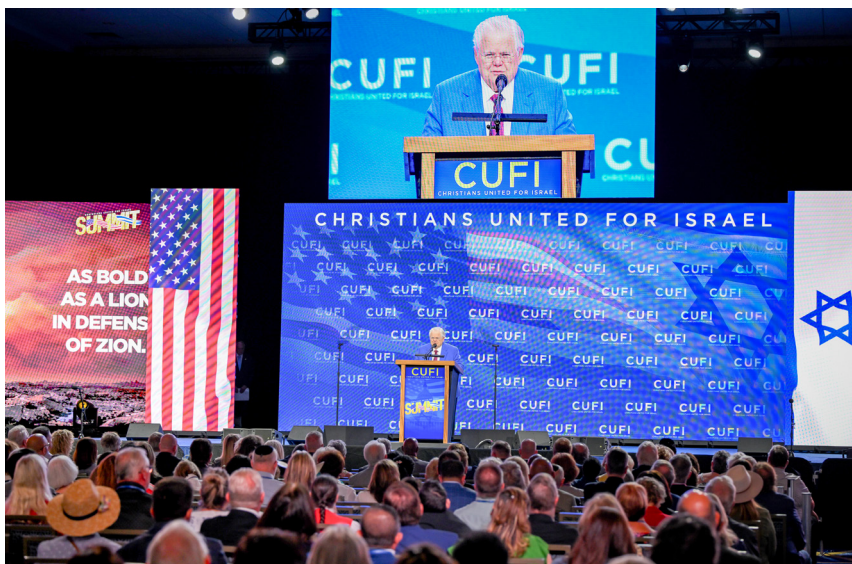
Sandra Hagee Parker is Chairwoman of the CUFI Action Fund, the policy arm of America's largest pro-Israel organization, Christians United for Israel. Based in Washington, D.C., the Action Fund is a 501(c)(4) non-partisan organization with a policy agenda that includes promoting a strong US-Israel relationship, defending Israel's right to self-determination and

defense, combating antisemitism, enhancing state-level Holocaust education, and opposing efforts by rogue regimes targeting Israel.

In her tenure as Chairwoman, Parker has appeared before legislative committees in multiple states and testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee on antisemitism. Prior to joining the Action Fund, Parker worked at RPSA, LLP, where she practiced corporate and non-profit law and was peer-voted a "Top Lawyer" in San Antonio, Texas.

She has been appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission, where she proudly serves as Vice-Chair.

Parker, a member of the State Bar of Texas, earned a bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Political Science, an Executive Master's Degree of Public Service & Administration from The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, and a Juris Doctor from St. Mary's School of Law.





POLICY AGENDA

CUFI is committed to supporting Israel's sovereignty and security. To this end, we stand with the decisions of the democratically elected Government of Israel. We work to support and safeguard the U.S. - Israel relationship and combat antisemitism in all its forms wherever it may be found.

Presently we are focused on addressing the following policy items:



Support for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship:

Founded upon the two nations' shared values, the alliance between the U.S. and Israel is in the vital national security interests of both countries. Israel is the West's sole outpost of freedom and democracy in the Middle East; therefore, CUFI supports American aid to Israel and the maintenance of the Jewish state's qualitative military edge in the region.



Opposition to international pressure on Israel:

Like any other sovereign democratic nation, Israel has the right to defend itself from terrorism and other violent threats. In addition, the Israeli military has time and again shown itself to take great risks to minimize civilian casualties, whereas Israel's enemies use civilians as human shields. CUFI opposes international condemnation of Israel's legitimate acts of self-defense and international pressure on Israel to make concessions to its adversaries that the Jewish state does not wish to make.



Countering Iran's malevolence:

Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terror, the preeminent force for evil in the Middle East, and has attacked Israel directly. Tehran remains committed to developing a nuclear weapons capability and supporting terrorists around the globe. CUFI is committed to countering Iran's malevolence. CUFI opposes any nuclear agreement with Iran that allows the Islamic Republic to continue uranium enrichment.

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Opposition to antisemitism:

In recent years, and especially since the barbaric 10/7 Hamas Massacre, there has been a dramatic increase in antisemitism in the United States. The fringes of American politics have become increasingly mainstreamed, and with them has come far-right and far-left antisemitism. Often, antisemites hide behind various fig leaves. They will claim they are simply expressing their hatred for Israel, not all Jews. One cannot defeat that which they are unwilling to define. As such, mainstream American leaders have sought a way to explicitly define antisemitism.

To achieve this goal, CUFI supports adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, including its associated examples, when leaders seek guidance on understanding the world's oldest hatred. The IHRA definition's application was made policy under President Donald Trump and was endorsed by President Biden. The bipartisan consensus is that the IHRA definition is an appropriate way to define antisemitism.

To learn more about these issues, please visit the Policy sections under the About section of CUFI's website.



Countering Palestinian terrorism and intransigence:

The movement to "free Palestine" is built on the cornerstones of antisemitism and terrorism. CUFI supports Israel's efforts to eradicate Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and all other entities involved in the 10/7 Massacre. In addition, CUFI does not believe that the Palestinian Authority has ever shown itself to be a credible partner for peace.

Opposition to the BDS movement:

According to their own leaders, the BDS movement's goal is to destroy Israel through economic warfare. The BDS movement is inherently antisemitic as it targets the world's only Jewish state with lies and demonization and aims to deny the Jewish people their God-given right to self-determination. CUFI supports legislation aimed at ensuring U.S. taxpayer dollars do not end up in the hands of antisemites who support this movement, and with CUFI support, 38 states have advanced such anti-BDS measures dealing a significant blow to the anti-Israel movement. If advanced, the Countering Hate Against Israel by Federal Contractors Act would do the same at the federal level. CUFI was also integrally involved in reversing AirBnB's decision to boycott Israeli homes in Judea and Samaria, as well as financial firm Morningstar's decision to rid its ratings system of BDS, impacting the retirement savings of millions.



POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

2024

- Following months of stalled legislative efforts, CUFI held an emergency meeting in Washington, hosting the Speaker of the House and 250 ministry and community leaders from across the country. As a result, the 21st Century Peace Through Strength Act advanced through the House and within days passed the Senate and was signed by the President. The bill included several top CUFI priorities, chief among them \$14.3 billion in emergency aid for Israel to support Jerusalem's efforts to bring the hostages home and defeat Hamas. The legislation also included:
 - The Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum (SHIP) Act, a 2023 CUFI Washington Summit legislative priority, which sanctions certain entities central to Iran's illicit oil industry.
 - Mahsa Amini Human Rights and Security Accountability Act, which requires the President to impose property-blocking and visa-blocking sanctions on certain persons (individuals and entities) affiliated with Iran.

2023

- FY 2023 State Foreign Operations and Defense Appropriations which included \$3.3B in military assistance to Israel and \$500M in support for U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs including Arrow, David's Sling, and Iron Dome.
- In the wake of the 10/7 attacks CUFI supported several pro-Israel provisions in the FY 2024 National

Defense Authorization Act, including but not limited to:

- Authorizing U.S. support of Israel's Iron Dome Missile Defense System (Sec. 1665)
- Extending U.S.-Israel anti-tunnel cooperation (Sec. 1252);
- Increasing authorizations for U.S.-Israel cooperation to counter drones (Sec. 1253);
- Modifying authorization of U.S.-Israel cooperation on directed energies (Sec. 1254);
- Ensuring the Israel-based war reserves stockpile is properly equipped to handle a variety of threats through 2027 (Sec. 1255);
- Requiring a report from the Department of Defense examining whether any products sold at commissaries were produced by companies engaged in a boycott of Israel (Sec. 1258);
- Establishing an integrated Middle East maritime capability with U.S. partners in the region, including Israel (Sec. 1261).

2022

- Deterring Enemy Forces and Enabling National Defenses (DEFEND) Act becomes law as part of the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act.
- Efforts by fringe members of Congress to deny Israel a resupply of its Iron Dome Missile Defense System are defeated and Israel received the resupply funding.

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- Nonprofit Security Grant Fund appropriation increased exponentially.

2021

- FY State Foreign Operations and Defense Appropriations which included \$3.3B in military assistance to Israel and \$500M in support for U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs including Arrow, David's Sling, and Iron Dome.
- FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act includes The U.S.-Israel Cybersecurity Cooperation Enhancement Act, an authorization of funds for Israel's missile defense programs (Sec. 1669) and the creation of an interparliamentary group (Sec. 1316) of four nations, Cyprus, Greece, Israel and the United States, committed to limiting Turkey's aggression.

2020

- *Never Again Education Act* signed into law.
- *U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act* becomes law as part of the FY 2021 NDAA.
- The U.S.-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group is established as part of the FY 2021 NDAA, which was the central aim of the U.S.-Israel Military Capability Act.
- U.S. sanctions Turkey under the Countering America Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA).
- FY 2021 State Foreign Operations and Defense Appropriations which included \$3.3B in military assistance to Israel and \$500M in support for U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs including Arrow, David's Sling, and Iron Dome.*

- FY 2021 Homeland Security Appropriations which included \$190M for the nonprofit security grant program to help protect religious sites, a two-fold increase over previous years budget.*

2019

- U.S. recognizes Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.
- Airbnb reverses policy of delisting Israeli properties in the West Bank.
- Turkey removed from F-35 joint strike fighter program.
- FY 2020 State Foreign Operations and Defense Appropriations which included \$3.3B in military assistance to Israel and \$500M in support for U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs including Arrow, David's Sling, and Iron Dome.^
- Executive Order 13899 on Combating Anti-Semitism signed by the President.

2018

- *Taylor Force Act* signed into law.
- U.S. formally opens Embassy in Jerusalem.
- U.S. cuts off all funding to UNRWA.
- U.S. exits JCPOA, engages maximum pressure campaign against Iran.
- *Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act* signed into law.
- *Stop Using Human Shields Act*, renamed the *Sanctioning of the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act*, signed into law.

*This was included as part of the FY2021 Omnibus and COVID Relief and Response Act (HR 133)

^ This was included as part of the FY2020 Consolidated Appropriations Acts (HR 1865 & HR 1158)



INFLUENCE

“I consider Christians United for Israel to be a vital part of Israel’s national security.”

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

- “Today, thanks to the leadership of CUFI, America’s alliance with Israel is stronger than ever.”

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)
U.S. Senator Texas

- “For decades, America has been the backbone of Israel’s support in the world. Well, the backbone of that backbone is the support of millions of devout Christians across this great country. More than any other Christian organization, CUFI works year after year to make that backbone stronger and straighter than ever.”

Minister Ron Dermer

- “I do not know of an organization in the world more important to Israel than CUFI.”

Dr. Charles Krauthammer,
syndicated columnist
(of blessed memory)

- The work that CUFI is doing now is more important than ever.

Marco Rubio,
U.S. Secretary of State

- “As we see the mounting threats to the State of Israel, we appreciate more than ever the vital role played by friends like Christians United for Israel. It is extremely important to have you by our side.”

President of Israel
Shimon Peres
(of blessed memory)

- “We don’t fight alone. We fight with our friends. Above all, our friends in CUFI.”

Ambassador Michael Oren

- “Life is not made of years but of moments, some are privileged moments and tonight I realized that I had to come here also to live a privileged moment, to be with you. Never in the history of my people have we witnessed an event such as this.”

Elie Wiesel (of blessed memory)

“I consider CUFI to be doing today what the Righteous [Among the Nations] did 70 years ago.”

Irving Roth (of blessed memory),
Holocaust survivor & educator

- “Whenever Israel stands up to threats and for the truth, we know we can count on Christians United for Israel.”

Ambassador Gilad Erdan

- “What Zionism truly stands for is that we Jews, we ain’t never going back to Babi Yar. We ain’t never going back to the camps. We ain’t never going back to Auschwitz and Dachau and Treblinka again, because we Jews and our allies around the world, including and especially in this room, we do object, and that is the true meaning of Zionism.”

Judge Roy Altman, U.S.
District Court Judge for the
Southern District of Florida



CUFI IN THE NEWS

BATTLE FOR BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY INTENSIFIES AS ISRAELI RESEARCHERS FACE ACADEMIC BOYCOTT

AMELIE BOTBOL

As published in Fox News (May 4, 2025)

‘The way to fight this is to build, to educate, and to assert our sovereignty,’ Israeli activist says

A leading archaeology journal has effectively barred submissions by Israelis on Judea and Samaria unless they “have cooperated with the relevant Palestinian authorities,” in what analysts say is a microcosm of the harm caused by a global campaign to whitewash the Jewish people’s history in the Land of Israel.

According to a report recently published by The Press Service of Israel (TPS-IL), the Palestine Exploration Quarterly (PEQ)—a peer-reviewed journal of the London-based Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF)—is refusing to accept submissions from researchers affiliated with institutions operating in what it refers to as “occupied territory,” citing concerns over alleged Israeli violations of international law.

“Publication in PEQ is guided by the PEF’s ethical policy. The main aspect of this is international law, by which

many academic institutions and publications, including PEQ, are bound,” Charlotte Whiting, the journal’s editor-in-chief, told TPS-IL.

The journal’s website states that it “does not collaborate with institutions founded by an occupying power based in any occupied territory, and will not support, encourage, fund, or publish research by any academic associated with such institutions.”

Israeli archaeologists told TPS-IL that any cooperation with Palestinian authorities or colleagues was practically impossible, because they “would be treated as traitors for this.” They also said that their work is in many instances shunned by the broader academic world and, as such, researchers are forgoing focus on the biblically significant areas of Judea and Samaria (West Bank) to protect their careers.

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“What we’re seeing is a deliberate attempt to undermine Jewish historical ties to the land,” Yishai Fleisher, international spokesman for Hebron, the cradle of Jewish civilization located in Judea, told Fox News Digital. “There are three strategies at play: the Palestinians either acknowledge Jews were once here but argue they no longer belong, deny any Jewish connection at all, or destroy the evidence outright.”

Fleisher noted ongoing efforts by Palestinian authorities and others to rename historical Jewish sites. “They call Hebron ‘Al-Khalil,’ and the Cave of the Patriarchs becomes the ‘Ibrahimi Mosque.’ The Temple Mount is now the ‘Al-Aqsa complex,’ and Rachel’s Tomb

has been rebranded as the ‘Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque,’” he said.

To counter this, he says Israeli advocates are working to mark and preserve ancient Jewish landmarks. “We added an Israeli flag and a menorah to a building originally constructed by King Herod 2,000 years ago—which itself stands atop a tomb dating back 3,500 years—to make it unmistakably clear it’s a Jewish site, despite the later addition of three minarets by Muslim conquerors.”

The Palestinian Authority, which gained non-member observer state status at the United Nations in 2012,



Ruines in Bethsaida. Credit: Robert Hoerink/Adobe Stock

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has been spearheading the campaign to rewrite history in global forums that contain automatic anti-Israel majorities.

Among them is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which in 2016 registered the Cave of the Patriarchs—the resting place of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah located in Hebron—in the name of the “State of Palestine” on its “List of World Heritage in Danger.” More recently, UNESCO, in September 2023, named the Tell es-Sultan site near Jericho, which contains ruins dating back to the ninth millennium BCE, including evidence of one of humanity’s first-known villages, as a “World Heritage Site in Palestine.”

In December 2021, the United Nations General Assembly passed a non-binding resolution referring to the Temple Mount, Judaism’s holiest site—located in Jerusalem but beyond the 1967 borders—only by its Muslim name, “Haram al-Sharif.” In September 2024, P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas called the Temple Mount the “exclusive property of Muslims.” Last week, Abbas said in a rare televised speech that the Koran describes the Jewish Temple as being in Yemen.

Naomi Kahn, director of the international division at Regavim, a think tank focused on Israeli sovereignty, said the P.A. is actively building over key archaeological sites as part of this initiative.

“In Solomon’s Pools, which is under P.A. jurisdiction in accordance with the Oslo Accords, they’re constructing condominiums directly on top of ancient Jewish infrastructure,” Kahn told Fox News Digital.

“These are internationally recognized heritage sites, but the agreements are being violated.”

She cited the Hasmonean fortresses near Jericho as a major example. “The burial grounds of Hasmonean kings—the largest necropolis in the Middle East from the Second Temple period—have been plowed and used for farming and construction. In one case, we found human bones scattered in the fields. The Israeli Civil Administration had to collect and rebury them.”

Khan also referenced Sebastia, the Greco-Roman name for the ancient city of Samaria. Originally founded by King Omri in the 9th century BC, Samaria became the capital of the northern Kingdom of Israel, as noted in the Hebrew Bible (1 Kings 16:24). It served as the kingdom’s capital until it fell to the Assyrians in 722 BCE. Centuries later, Herod the Great rebuilt the city and renamed it Sebaste—Sebastia in later usage—in honor of the Roman Emperor Augustus, whose name in Greek, “Sebastos,” carried the same imperial meaning.

In March of last year, Palestinian construction workers built an illegal road through Sebastia, which is located near the city of Nablus, also known by its biblical name, Shechem.

Khan said other sites facing encroachment include Joshua’s Altar, where a new Palestinian neighborhood is being developed nearby, and Joseph’s Tomb, which is largely inaccessible to Jewish Israelis

“I’m disgusted, but not concerned,” Sandra Hagee Parker, Chairwoman of the Christians United for Israel Action Fund, told Fox News Digital in a statement. “Where are the Romans, Ottomans, and Crusaders? The enemies of Israel are remembered only for their ultimate defeat by the God of Abraham and His children.

“Moreover, the grotesque effort to deny the Jewish connection to the Land is a rejection of God Himself,” she continued. “It is both antisemitic and anti-

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Christian—and it will never succeed. My only concern is that America continues to stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel and her people,” she added.

Ze’ev Orenstein, Director of International Affairs at the Jerusalem-based City of David Foundation, stressed that “from its inception in 1964, the Palestine Liberation Organization—the forerunner of today’s Palestinian Authority—was founded on the denial of thousands of years of Jewish history and heritage rooted in the Land of Israel in general, and in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria—the Biblical heartland—in particular.

“This denial,” Orenstein told Fox News Digital, “aimed to delegitimize and undermine the Jewish people’s legal, moral and historical right to sovereignty in the Land of Israel, portraying a people with some of the deepest archaeological ties to the land as occupiers and colonizers.

“For that reason, the Islamic Waqf carried out a campaign of systematic destruction of antiquities atop the Temple Mount in the late 1990s, and Palestinian leadership continues to deny, damage, and destroy Jewish heritage sites throughout Judea and Samaria,” he said.

In response, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in July 2023 announced a \$33 million program to safeguard and rehabilitate archaeological sites in the biblical heartland.

“In every corner of Judea and Samaria, one need only to put spade to ground in order to uncover archaeological finds that attest to our deep roots in the Land of Israel,” Netanyahu said at the time. “This plan will encourage tourism, education and [present] information for these important sites that tell the story of our people in Judea and Samaria.”

Rev. Dr. Petra Heldt, professor at the Jerusalem University College and director of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, cited biblical texts and ongoing excavations as proof of longstanding Jewish presence in the region.

“There are hundreds of biblical place names showing Jews lived in Judea and Samaria since the time of Abraham,” Heldt told Fox News Digital. **“The Palestinian Authority has tried to erase this evidence, but it’s nearly impossible to eliminate.”**

Heldt pointed to Shiloh as a thriving example, with an active kibbutz and archaeological site where new discoveries are regularly unearthed. “Jewish communities are not only living in their ancestral homeland—they’re documenting it. You can see the impact of various layers of occupation over the last hundred years.”

Amelie Botbol is a freelance journalist based in Tel Aviv. Her articles have appeared in the New York Post, Canada’s National Post, and the Washington Times.



CUFI IN THE NEWS

TOP EVANGELICAL LEADER: **IRAN HAS PLAYED U.S. ADMINS LIKE A FIDDLE**

ETGAR LEFKOVITS

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“Either the Islamic Republic will dismantle its nuclear program voluntarily, or the free world will do it for them,” said Pastor John Hagee, founder of Christians United for Israel.

The Iranian government has exploited weak U.S. policies to strengthen its influence and enable attacks like the Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas massacre, a prominent American evangelical leader said Monday.

Speaking at the JNS Policy Summit in Jerusalem, Pastor John Hagee, founder and chairman of Christians United for Israel, criticized multiple American administrations for what he described as years of appeasement toward Tehran.

“America’s capitulation to Iran a decade ago broke our promise to never again abandon the Jewish people,” Hagee said. “As a result, the Iranian government has played multiple American administrations like a fiddle.”

Hagee said U.S. policies had “at least in part” enabled the Oct. 7 attack, the deadliest assault on Jews since the Holocaust. “We must remember: in war, there is no substitute for victory,” he said.

The remarks come as the United States holds talks with Iran over its advancing nuclear program. Hagee praised Trump for withdrawing from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal brokered by President Barack Obama, but avoided directly criticizing current negotiations.

“Gone are the days when pallets of cash will resolve our problems with Iran,” Hagee said to loud applause. “Either the Islamic Republic will dismantle its nuclear program voluntarily, or the free world will do it for them.”

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Addressing divisions within the Republican Party, Hagee warned against isolationism.

“As enemies of Israel and America integrate, America must never isolate,” he said, repeating the line twice for emphasis.

Fresh off a visit to the Auschwitz death camp in Poland as part of the March of the Living, Hagee said his faith in prayer was matched by a call to action.

“I wept and prayed not only for the past, but also for our failures here and now,” said Hagee, 85. “But we do not just pray. We do not just speak. We take action.”

Hagee denounced antisemitism among “false Christians” and compared modern outbreaks of hatred to the violence of the Crusades. He also criticized

continued international support for a two-state solution following the Oct. 7 attack.

“ Hamas killed the two-state solution on Oct. 7,” he said. “The world can no more allow Palestinian terrorists to retake Gaza than it would have allowed the Nazis to retake Germany after the Holocaust.”

Hagee said his views were grounded in his faith.

“The Bible has a one-state solution: Israel today, Israel tomorrow and Israel forever,” he said.

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CUFI IN THE NEWS

PRO-ISRAEL U.S. CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED OVER ISOLATIONISM, AND ANTISEMITISM, ON FAR RIGHT

— RON KAMPEAS —

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At CUFI annual summit, Christian activists and their Jewish allies address right-wing Republicans who oppose laws defining Jew hatred and want to curb aid to the Jewish state

Sandra Parker was going over talking points with 3,000 Christians United for Israel (CUFI) activists before they headed to Capitol Hill to lobby their representatives. She delivered the usual cautions: Be punctual, be polite, be thankful.

But Parker, the chairwoman of the CUFI Action Fund, the political advocacy arm of the movement, allowed the activists one pass for rudeness when she wrapped up the annual CUFI summit on Tuesday at a Maryland resort just outside of Washington.

If they speak to right-wing Republicans who cite scripture to oppose legislation that defines antisemitism, she suggested a retort: “You’re a fundamentally unserious person, aren’t you?”

Parker, the daughter of CUFI founder Pastor John Hagee, knew what the response would be. “They probably won’t like that,” she said, as chuckles rippled through the ballroom.

It was a stark contrast to Parker’s advice on dealing with liberal Democrats — explain patiently — or even with the pro-Palestinian activists who the night before had paddled by on the Potomac bearing a banner saying “CUFI kills.” (Ignore and avoid them, was her counsel.)

The palpable disdain for isolationist Republicans stood out at CUFI, a stronghold for conservatives despite being nominally nonpartisan. Multiple speakers at this year’s conference openly stumped for Donald Trump’s return to the presidency, to thunderous applause.

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The rise of Republican far right-wingers who spurn decades of pro-Israel orthodoxies, favoring isolationism and resurrecting anti-Jewish tropes, is alarming pro-Israel evangelicals and their Jewish allies, who have in recent years made a mantra of saying the Republican Party is the natural home for Jews and their allies.

Parker referred to Republicans who oppose one of three items on this week's CUFI legislative agenda, the Antisemitism Awareness Act. It would add protections into civil rights law for Jewish students and cites the definition of antisemitism according to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). Because among its examples of antisemitism are "claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel," 21 Republicans in May voted against a version of the bill, with some saying that the idea that Jews killed Jesus is gospel.

"When they say 'it goes against scripture,' what they mean is 'we should be able to say that Jews killed Jesus,'" Parker said. "That's an actual thing that's gross, that's repugnant. It's not Christian, it is anti-Christian. Anybody who says that has a fundamental misunderstanding of the Christian faith."

The Republicans who rejected the legislation defining antisemitism also question unalloyed U.S. defense assistance for Israel, calling for offsets from other government spending, which would be unprecedented. More broadly, they reject the robust U.S. role abroad that once defined Republican foreign policy, as championed by president Ronald Reagan.

The break with decades of assertive foreign policy was evident last year when Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley

derided what he called a "liberal empire" that he said was bipartisan.

"Neoconservatives on the right and liberal globalists on the left," Hawley said at an event hosted by the Heritage Foundation, the think tank closest to Trump. "Together, they make up what you might call the uniparty, the DC establishment that transcends all changing administrations."

Republican isolationism — and the antisemitism that at times it accompanies — is alarming enough that a panel on Monday at the CUFI conference was dedicated to dismantling its arguments.

Parker introduced the panel, "The Myth of Isolationism: Why American Engagement Matters," by saying that it will "get you ready for the whole reason why we're in Washington, DC."

The panel moderator, Gabe Groisman, the Jewish former mayor of Bal Harbor, Florida, described isolationism as the belief "that the United States can really just bury its head in the sand and ignore what's happening around the world. Focus on the home front and everything will be okay."

Isolationism and its baggage were also a topic of concern earlier this month among Jewish and pro-Israel Republicans attending the party's convention in Milwaukee.

"It's a debate we're having within our party, there's no question about it," Matt Brooks, the Republican Jewish Coalition CEO, said at the Republican convention, when asked about isolationism in the party.

"Our perspective is very Reagan: We believe in a robust American foreign policy — peace through strength,"

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said Brooks, whose speech to the convention argued that his party was the better choice for Jews.

“America’s got a unique role in the world to help defend liberty and support democracy and fight back against totalitarianism,” he said. “We’re going to continue to wage that battle in the party and make sure that the Tucker Carlson wing of the party doesn’t get a foothold.”

It may be beyond a foothold: Carlson sat alongside Trump in his convention balcony, had a prime speaking spot the evening Trump accepted the nomination, and reportedly was critical in Trump’s selection of Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance as a running mate.

Carlson is a populist talk show host and a vocal isolationist who has platformed conservatives who trade in antisemitic tropes, and who himself has advanced white supremacist rhetoric and the antisemitic “Great Replacement” theory both on Fox News and, since last year, his show on X. The week of the convention, he posted a podcast in which he entertained a theory that the Rothschilds, the Jewish

banking family who figure prominently in antisemitic conspiracy theories, perverted the New Testament.

At the CUFI conference, the panel on isolationism talked up the virtues of Trump’s first term and contrasted it unfavorably with Joe Biden’s presidency. They argued that Trump’s projection of American strength, through his isolation of Iran and his orders of the assassination of top terrorists, helped bring about the normalization agreements between Israel and four Arab countries. What they said was Biden’s weakness — his reluctance, compared to some of his predecessors, to deploy the military — had diminished American power, in their view.

But the fear of increased isolation on the right remained an undercurrent. “You’re going to see adversaries that see the United States in retreat” if isolationists get the upper hand, said Rebecca Heinrich, a senior fellow at the conservative Hudson Institute.

Heinrich advised the activists to push back if lawmakers claim that NATO expansion is what triggered Russia’s



Pastor John Hagee addresses a conference of Christians United for Israel, National Harbor, Maryland, June 29, 2024. Credit: CUFI

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invasion of Ukraine, an argument that Carlson has advanced.

"If anybody begins to say, begins to make the argument that the reason the Russians have moved in on Ukraine is because of NATO enlargement, can I just say that this is the age-old 'blame America,'" she said.

And they rejected the isolationism-lite favored by Vance, who like Hawley carves out an exception for Israel — but for months sought to block an aid package that included \$14 billion in emergency assistance for Israel because they objected to \$60 billion in aid for Ukraine.

"They have the strain of isolationism that's, 'Let's just do China and forget about Iran, forget about Russia, let's just do one thing,' and it doesn't work that way," said Boris Zilberman, the director of policy and strategy for the CUFI Action Fund. Instead, he described an intricate fabric of bad actors working hand in hand.

"Iran is working with the Russians to use Ukraine as a proving ground for the [unmanned aerial vehicles] that those same UAVs [Iran is] sending to the Houthis, and the Houthis are attacking Israel," Zilberman said. "You really see a circle in this axis when the Chinese are buying Iranian oil, enriching them, since 2021."

Not mentioned from the stage at CUFI was the degree to which Trump is gravitating toward the isolationists like Carlson or Vance. Trump has threatened to pull out of the NATO alliance if he is returned to the presidency and recently proposed converting assistance to Ukraine and Israel into a loan.

Rich Goldberg, a senior adviser to the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said that at the end of the day, Republicans across the board would reliably mount an aggressive counter to any threat to U.S. interests.

"All these individuals have far more in common at their baseline, there may be a skepticism, there may be an avoidance of intervention at some points," Goldberg said at an American Jewish Committee event on the outskirts of the GOP convention, where he was part of a panel that fielded tough questions on isolationism from politically conservative Jews. "But in the end if there's a bad guy threatening the United States, threatening one of our closest allies, J.D. Vance will support president Trump."

That may not be enough for the politically conservative pro-Israel movement.

"We don't have the luxury of being isolationist," said Gary Morton, an Alaskan pastor attending the CUFI conference. Morton said he can hear from his church U.S. combat jets scrambling when Russian or Chinese aircraft enter U.S. airspace. "We can see Russia from our front door. Our geography means that we take a leadership role in the world."

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CUFI IN THE NEWS

CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL PLEDGE TO **STAND AGAINST ANTISEMITISM ACROSS 50 STATES**

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CUFI members prepared in collectives to ask Congress to push forward acts which would see a weakened Iran and a stronger response to anti-Israel antisemitism.

Thousands of members of Christians United for Israel (CUFI), the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States, traveled across the United States on Tuesday to spread the message that Americans must stand against antisemitism and continue its commitment to the safety and security of Israel.

Earlier this week, CUFI members gathered in large numbers and prepared for meetings with congressional leaders, elected diplomats, security officials, academics, and Christian leaders. They planned to push forward discussions on standing against antisemitism,

which has increased significantly across the U.S. and the wider world since Hamas's October 7 attacks.

As part of their push, CUFI members will ask Congress to pass the Iran Sanctions Enforcement Act, Countering Hate Against Israel by Federal Contractors Act, and the Antisemitism Awareness Act.

The members also plan to remind Congress that Israel is "a mature, free, and democratic state" which continues to receive wide support from millions of Christian Zionists - a support which extends to

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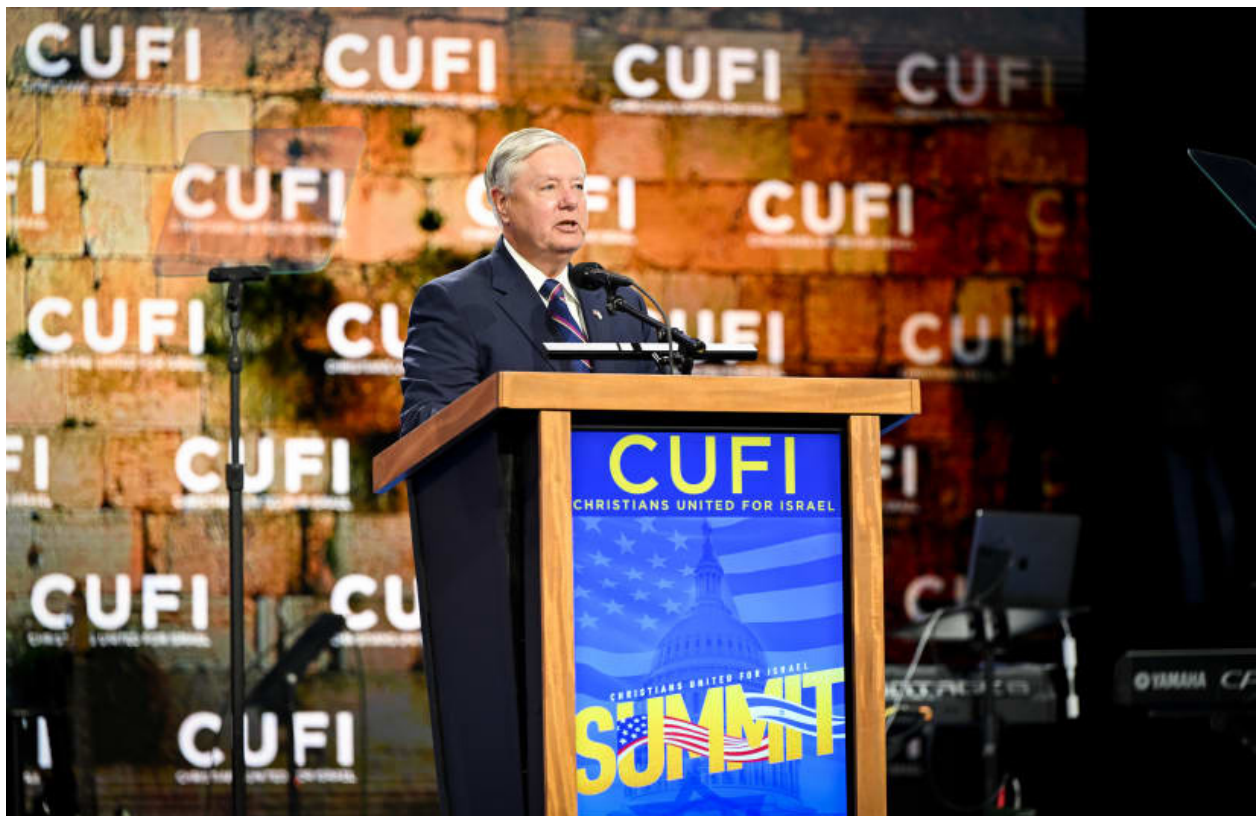
taking the actions necessary to return the hostages remaining in Hamas captivity, defend its borders and destroy Hamas.

‘Never again’ is now

Senators Joni Ernst and Lindsey Graham, Israeli Ambassador Gilad Erdan, Lt. Col. (IDF ret.) Jonathan Conricus, former U.S. Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone, survivors of the

Holocaust and the 10/7 Massacre, dozens of others shared the pledge ‘Never again’ is now.

“The Islamic Republic and its terrorist proxies are not simply planning; they’re attacking. Antisemitism isn’t around the corner; it’s here. Israel isn’t facing mere challenges; it’s in an existential fight for survival against evil,” said CUFI founder and Chairman Pastor John Hagee.



Senator Lindsey Graham. Credit: CUFI



CUFI IN THE NEWS

NATO'S ROGUE STATE

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Turkey continues to undermine U.S., Israeli, and Western interests. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan must stop supporting Russia, cease undermining the NATO alliance, and end backing for Hamas. This week's NATO summit in Washington, DC, provides an ideal opportunity for Turkey to show that it seeks to mend its ways. If Erdogan fails to act, the U.S. Congress must punish Ankara.

Turkey's destabilizing policies are manifold. First and foremost, Erdogan postponed Sweden's ascension to NATO in order to extract concessions from the alliance. These included a deal with Washington earlier this year to purchase F-16 fighter jets. Only five years earlier, America had kicked Turkey out of the F-35 advanced fighter jet program. Yet, Erdogan subsequently conditioned his approval of Sweden's NATO membership on Ankara's acquisition of new fighter jets from Washington. The F-16 sale thus constituted

a compromise: Turkey already operated F-16 fighters, so Washington was merely expanding Ankara's fleet. However, Turkey's malign conduct should preclude any further arms deal with the United States.

Turkey has expanded its military in other ways, too. Ankara purchased the Russian S-400 air defense system, which poses a threat to U.S. air superiority, including the F-35 planes that make up the bulk of the U.S. flying force. In a related development, Erdogan sold drone parts to Iran even as Turkey built a drone factory in Ukraine, effectively playing both sides of Moscow's war to secure additional cash for Turkish manufacturers and exporters.

Erdogan has also fueled the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: The events of October 7, 2023, have accentuated Ankara's longtime support of Hamas. Alarming, Erdogan did not condemn the terrorist group's atrocities. Instead, Turkey has continued to

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serve as a base of Hamas operations and fundraising. Israel's Shin Bet security service recently thwarted a Hamas terror attack organized and financed in Turkey that would have resulted in mass casualties of Israelis.

In this context, Congress has several tools at its disposal for addressing an increasingly radical Turkey. In particular, Erdogan's close relationship with Moscow has left Turkey vulnerable to U.S. sanctions that could limit the political insulation Turkey receives from its membership in NATO. To facilitate these sanctions, Congress should require the intelligence community to compile a list of Turkish economic sectors, including financial institutions and manufacturing companies, that support the Russian war effort.

Congress and the Biden administration can also undermine Turkey's support for Hamas. As part of a supplemental appropriations bill signed into law in April, Congress adopted the language of the Hamas

and Other Palestinian Terrorist Groups International Financing Prevention Act, which provides new authorities to target individuals, entities, and foreign states that provide material support for Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups. **The legislation thus enables Washington to sanction international financial networks and government officials—in Turkey and beyond—who enrich Hamas.**

Likewise, Congress can continue to pressure Turkey to combat terrorism financing within its territory, including that of Hamas. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which sets global standards for combatting money laundering and terror finance, added Turkey to its "grey list" in 2021, deeming that Turkey has significant problems controlling its financial sector from abuse by nefarious actors. However, just last month, the FATF removed Turkey from the list. Congress should make the case for the FATF to return



VILNIUS, LITHUANIA. 12th July 2023. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey, during NATO SUMMIT 2023 doorstep. Credit: Shutterstock.com



Turkey to the grey list until Ankara can provide evidence that Hamas is not using Turkey's financial sector to fund terrorism. Congress should also continue to push Ankara to reform its domestic terrorism finance laws and enforcement.

U.S. lawmakers also have leverage that could limit the impact of the F-16 sale. While Congress and the Biden administration have given the green light to the \$23 billion purchase, how Ankara will maintain the fleet and acquire replacement parts remains up in the air. Erdogan is seeking a path to U.S.-Turkey coproduction that would allow Ankara to control the supply chain for maintaining the aircraft, thereby freeing Turkey from the need to rely on the United States in the future for aircraft parts. Congress should oppose Erdogan's scheme by making clear that it will prevent U.S. funding of any coproduction agreement that Washington and Ankara may entertain in the future.

Congress can also push back on Turkey's sale of drone parts to Russia and Iran. The Biden administration has taken some steps to sanction Turkish drone manufacturers, but they are not enough. Congress

should mandate a report by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence on supply chain components used in Russian drones against Ukraine. Utilizing the data in this report, lawmakers should then ban companies that facilitate the chain from participating as subcontractors or suppliers for the U.S. Defense Department or for weapons and arms manufactured by U.S. companies to sell to other countries in NATO. Such steps would further exacerbate the reputational risk in the Turkish economy and dissuade foreign investment.

Collectively, these congressional efforts would send a signal to Erdogan and the Biden administration that Washington will not sweep Turkey's bad behavior under the rug. Policymakers should take Erdogan at his word when he openly supports terrorism against Israel, advocates for Hamas and Russia, and weakens NATO. The United States must act accordingly.

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