

UN Condemns Hate by Marginal Individuals, But Ignores Hate by Government Leaders
UN Watch urges Ban Ki-moon to condemn Iran's incitement to destroy Israel
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GENEVA, August 5 - UN Watch is urging UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and human rights chief Navi Pillay to condemn the latest call to eliminate Israel by the leaders of Iran and Hezbollah, who invoked God and religion in their sermons of hate.

Friday's "Al Quds Day," an anti-Israel festival bequeathed to the world by Ayatollah Khomeini, saw Iran's outgoing and incoming presidents incite frenzied masses with descriptions of the Jewish state as "a sore" that has "afflicted the body of the Islamic world for many years," saying a storm would "uproot" Israel, which "has no place in this region." Iranian proxy Hassan Nasrallah, head of Hezbollah, called Israel a "cancerous gland" to be "excised." The West, especially the U.S. and Britain, were also targets of demonization.



While UN Watch's appeal for United Nations action became the [focus of discussion](#) at a media briefing by Ban Ki-moon's spokesman, the world body has yet to speak out.

By contrast, one cannot help but notice how when a marginal and unheard-of pastor in America incited to hatred of Islam, Ban Ki-moon swiftly [condemned](#) him, as did [various](#) and [sundry](#) other

UN officials. American generals and ambassadors issued repeated [denunciations](#). The world was in an uproar.

Similarly, when an even more marginal figure -- an anonymous individual -- published a YouTube video mocking Islam, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay [sprung into action](#).



She issued a stand-alone press statement calling the film "malicious," "deliberately provocative," and a "disgracefully distorted" image of Muslims.

"I fully understand why people wish to protest strongly against it," said Pillay, who also cautioned against violent reactions.

She recalled "another deeply provocative act by a pastor in Florida," condemning "obnoxious acts of this type."

Yet when religiously-tinged incitement to hatred on a mass scale is committed by the leaders of Iran and Hezbollah -- a coalition member of the Lebanese government, whose "political wing" is an approved EU interlocutor -- why is Ms. Pillay suddenly unwilling to offer so much as a press quote?

When "moderate" Iranian President Hassan Rouhani declares that Israel is "a sore" afflicting the Muslim body, why is Pillay unable to find this, at the every least, malicious, provocative, disgraceful, distorted, or obnoxious? Why is the world's top anti-racist indifferent? And what of the UN's top official, Ban Ki-moon?