



Parot Kdoshot (Sacred Cows), Chapter 80

**"The Prime Minister of Israel was kidnapped and is held captive by a Hostile Entity",
Following the trail of the Qatari Money Suitcases.**

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Introduction:

Secret documents that were exposed abroad presented evidence, allegedly, of huge allocations of Qatari bribes to individuals and entities in the West.

The beginning of the affair was in the RAVEN project, in which hackers, recruited by the United Arab Emirates, broke into the palace of the Emir of Qatar and discovered a mother load of intrigues that demonstrated the Qatari patterns of action in the world. Among the people and organizations of which funds were allocated to were the French President Sarkozy, South African President Thabo Mbeki, Human Rights Watch (HRW), French intellectual Bernard-Henri Levy, football star Michel Platini, Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, FIFA officials and Benjamin Netanyahu.

Five documents present secret correspondence among the heads of the Qatari regime from 2012, from which it appears that there was an instruction to allocate 15 million dollars to Benjamin Netanyahu and another 5 million dollars to Avigdor Lieberman, for the election campaign of the Likud-Yisrael Beiteinu bloc. Two documents from 2018 reveal an alleged

grant of an additional 50 million dollars, which was allocated personally to Netanyahu for his election. All in cash.

What do we know about the authenticity of the documents?

The signs show that these are legit documents. In Belgium, they have already led to the opening of an investigation against members of the European Parliament who were suspected of receiving bribe that were intended to prevent them from criticizing Qatar for its treatment of migrant workers and journalists. The Vice President of the European Parliament was fired after being accused of receiving Qatari bribe. A considerable sum was found in her home during a search.

FIFA officials were also accused of taking bribe, relating to the hosting of the World Cup in Qatar. Dozens of them have pleaded guilty and were convicted. Over \$200 million were already returned to FIFA.

None of the people or organizations that appear in the discovered documents have filed a libel suit to date, except for Bernard-Henri Levy, who sued a website that published the documents for defamation. Levy's lawsuit was dismissed and he was ordered to pay legal fees of 3,000 euros.

Despite the seriousness of the matter from the Israeli perspective of the affair, Netanyahu has not sued anyone for the publications that involved him. Neither did his lawyer, Yossi Cohen, who is eager for court battles, make any sound. Neither did Lieberman.

Qatar, to our horror, has been the main supporter and financier of Hamas in the last decade and the one who enabled the building of Hamas' mighty military power that exploded on us on October 7. All this took place with the help of the suitcases of cash that passed every month through the office of Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Is the Prime Minister of Israel involved up to his neck with Qatar, the patron of Hamas, while fighting the terrorist group, in a manner we cannot even imagine?

This affair looks like something out of One Thousand and One Nights. The more we dug into it, the more horrified we felt by the implications of this investigation.

The Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (MEMRI), who translated and published the documents relating to Israel, recently called on Israel's Attorney General and the State Prosecutor to open an investigation.

We requested the response of the Israeli authorities, the response of Netanyahu and Lieberman and other players, including a former Prime Minister. We shall present them here.

Watch/listen/read/judge and share!

Yigal Carmon, 78, born in Romania, is a retired colonel and graduate of the intelligence system, who served in senior positions in the Civil Administration in the West Bank. He was the advisor on the fight against terrorism to Prime Ministers Shamir and Rabin and was involved, as deputy to the head of the Civil Administration, Menachem Milson, in the attempt to create the "Village Councils"(or Village Associations) in the 1970s as a counterweight to the PLO.

Carmon is the founder and president of MEMRI, which he established in 1988 in the United States. MEMRI has a branch in Israel. The institute monitors publication in Arabic, Persian, Russian, Chinese, and even Urdu and Pashto, and provides materials to governments and foreign intelligence agencies.

MEMERI employs 74 staff members who look for terrorists, anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic elements, mainly in the Islamic world. It is funded by donations and by the U.S. State Department and other U.S. government agencies. It does not receive funds from the Israeli government.

Carmon is identified politically as having a conservative tendency and a suspicious attitude toward the Arab world and the Palestinians. He opposed the Oslo Accords from the outset and expressed distrust in the intentions of the Palestinian Authority. The Lebanese channel "Al-Manar" called him "a dangerous terrorist."

I met Carmon when I ran “Keshev,” a media monitoring organization, that tried to critically examine the coverage patterns of the Israeli media on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Our approaches were different, although not contrary.

It was precisely against the backdrop of these differences that I found it interesting to hear Carmon’s views on the new situation taking shape in the Middle East after 30 years of monitoring developments in the Arab world, and on the issue of the Qatari funds and the serious implications arising from it.

We started talking about the reluctance of the Israeli mainstream media to deal with the Qatari money suitcases. "There will be no Watergate here," he predicted. "The Israeli press is trembling."

Interviewer (Yizhar Be’er): Shalom, Yigal Carmon.

Carmon: Shalom.

Interviewer: During the past week or two, you have contacted me several times to propose/request that we meet and talk about what we are going to talk about now. Why are you approaching me, the little guy, when you are quite accessible to the mainstream media?

Carmon: Don’t underestimate yourself. I approached you primarily because you are known as someone who fights for the truth. I have encountered great difficulty in getting my story out, and I am constantly trying to break through, because I say things that are difficult to hear, and even more difficult for the managers of important media outlets.

Interviewer: We are now going to get into the thick of the RAVEN affair, which is mainly about the transfer of Qatari funds to various entities around the world, but in our case, to Israeli entities.

Carmon: I wouldn’t say transfer, because we don’t know that for sure, but rather about allocation.

Interviewer: Okay. You say that you tried to bring the matter to the mainstream media and had difficulty telling this story?

Carmon: Channel 12 made up some excuses for not interviewing me about it, even though they had negotiated with me at a lower level. Then, a few days ago, Channel 11 agreed that we talk, but they told me that we would not talk about the documents.

Interviewer: Did they explain why?

Carmon: They said that they were afraid of being sued. I told them, look, they didn't sue me. We published similar letters about other people in the world, like Human Rights Watch, who also received money from Saudi Arabia, and there were scandals, and they didn't sue me. And even the well-known threat ener attorney Yossi Cohen (who usually represents the Netanyahu family in defamation lawsuits), did not come to me. It might be that they understand it is not worth it, because in the end, it will end in a disaster for them.

Interviewer: Do you want to be sued for defamation?

Carmon: I don't want anything. I want to keep investigating. But, if they come, it will end badly. Not for me. I think that's why they don't approach me.

Interviewer: I say this with all due caution, but if all the details known now are correct, and considering that there may be additional implications that we don't know about yet, this could be one of the most outrageous things that has ever happened in Israeli politics. Do you agree with me?

Carmon: Of course. I'll get to that.

Interviewer: Wait, let's just put things in order. it all started with a series of articles by Reuters, right?

Carmon: I'll tell you how we got there. We research the Arab and Muslim world, in Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, Russian, and Chinese. This is the work of the institute, researching the media, textbooks, and religious texts in places where religion plays a significant role, and we publish translations and research papers. We also sell Jihadist information to intelligence agencies around the world.

Interviewer: And that's part of your income?

Carmon: Yes. And we also had quite a few successes in thwarting terrorist attacks, both Jihadist attacks and anti-Semitic attacks.

Interviewer: Can you give examples, or is it classified?

Carmon: We stopped an Islamic girl on a train in Paris. She was sitting in the bathroom with a knife and broad casted on her Facebook that she is going to stab someone. We managed to pass it on and they've captured her in time. We didn't manage to save a priest in Normandy, whose killer said he was going to do it. We didn't have good communication means then and they got to him too late, and he was murdered.

Interviewer: How long before it happened did you see it?

Carmon: Ten minutes. I can't elaborate, but we've thwarted at least 10 Jihadist attacks. MEMRI is The Middle East Media Research, but you could say that we are also the MRI of the Middle East. In other words, we present both the findings and the doctor's analysis.

Interviewer: Okay, we'll talk about that later...

Carmon: One of our studies was on Qatar's activities in the world. Qatar is a state that supports international Islamist terrorism and it is dragging the entire Muslim world into the Islam of the seventh century.

Interviewer: Is the Qatari motivation ideological or religious?

Carmon: Qatar is a symbol of doublespeak. To the West they present themselves in a modern, progressive light. They present themselves as mediators. To whom? To terrorist organizations. To the Taliban, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas. And they pave the way into the Arab and Muslim world with money. Before 2019, the Emirates (United Arab Emirates) hacked into the websites of several countries; of the Qataris, the Turks, of Israel and in general...

Interviewer: And it is important to remember that there is a fierce competition between the Emirates and Qatar...

Carmon: First and foremost, it was retaliation. First the Qataris hacked into the Emirates and then the Emirates hacked them back. The Emirates collected thousands of documents. This operation, Project RAVEN, was done for them by retired NSA (U.S. National Security Agency) agents and former CIA personnel, who were hired by the Emirates. Later, the Emirates took ownership of the project and also changed its name. This vast collection of documents started to leak here and there, in all sorts of places. For example, in France, where people like Sarkozy and his wife, a Minister of Parliament Relations, Michel Platini, FIFA officials, Islamist militias in Mali, Walid Jumblatt, Human Right Watch, and the former President of South Africa – all were linked to the transfer of funds... and remarkable things were revealed.

Letter No. 1



Ministry of Economy and Finance, Office of the Minister

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Date: 21.11.2012

Confidential and Urgent

His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Jassim bin Jabr Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Office of the Emir

I would like to refer to Your Excellency's letter number: 2165/01/55/2012 dated 18/11/2012.

Based on the distinguished instructions of His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the dear Emir of the State of Qatar, in letter number Da-1127-2012, regarding the provision of financial assistance to the Likud-Beitenu bloc, of which \$15 million will be granted to Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Chairman of the Likud Party, and \$5 million to Mr. Avigdor Lieberman, Chairman of the Israel Beitenu Party, as participation in supporting the upcoming election campaign of the two and in accordance with Your Excellency's

instructions to withdraw the two sums of financial assistance and hand them over in cash to the State Security Apparatus [of Qatar].

I hereby inform Your Excellency that in accordance with your instructions, a sum of \$20 million USD was handed over in cash to the State Security Apparatus through its representative Sheikh Jassim bin Fahd bin Jassim Al Thani, in accordance with the power of attorney letter from the State Security Apparatus.

With profound respect,

Youssef Hussein Kamal, Minister of Economy and Finance

Clarifying question (Yizhar Be'er): When we talk about the transfer of money from Qatar to various entities, as it is claimed, where is the line between bribery and donation? After all, your organization receives donations as well?

Carmon: The Qataris are making their way towards all sorts of purposes. There is something called "Qatar Gate"—they bought European Parliament members. Millions of dollars were seized at the home of Eva Kaili, Vice President of the European Parliament, and now she is in prison.

Interviewer: Do you know the source of the money?

Carmon: Of course, it belongs to Qatar. In the FIFA case, for example, there are trials going on now.



The Central Bank of Qatar

The President Office

Date: 21/11/2012

Reference No: A.H. 4619/2012

To his Honor Mister Youssef Hussein Kamal, Minister of Economy and Finance

We are pleased to update your honor that as per your demand, a sum of 20 million US dollars in cash was delivered to the State Security apparatus (of Qatar), represented by Sheikh Jasem bin Fahed bin Jasem Al Thani in accordance with the Power of Attorney issued by the State Security apparatus.

We would also like to state that the foreign currency reserve levels are still stable and the State Treasury must keep the foreign currency deposits, to ensure the continuity of the stability.

Abdalla bin Saud Al Thani, President (of the Bank)

Interviewer: You say the money was transferred in suitcases, in cash. Not through bank transfers?

Carmon: Yes. To everyone in cash. Almost to everyone.

Interviewer: Human Rights Watch, for example, why is a donation to them not legitimate?

Carmon: Human Rights Watch should be a completely independent organization, with no state donors.

Interviewer: Did they hide this information?

Carmon: Of course, they hid it. They had a scandal once, about receiving a donation from Saudi Arabia, while they were supposed to be investigating the Saudis. It's ridiculous. It's not serious.

Interviewer: As someone who ran a human rights organization myself, I know firsthand and appreciate Human Rights Watch as one of the largest and most influential human rights organizations in the world. In 2012, the organization received a large donation from Saudi real estate mogul Mohammed bin Issa al-Jaber. In the past, HRW has published reports on labor rights abuses at al-Jaber's company. One of the conditions set by the donor for the donation, and to which the organization agreed, was, for example, not to use the money to support LGBT activities in the Middle East and North Africa. Following the publication and the scandal that burst out, the organization returned the donation to al-Jaber. Following the scandal, HRW published a statement saying that accepting the funding was a "very unfortunate decision... that stands in stark contrast to our core values and our long-standing commitment to LGBT rights as an integral part of human rights."

Carmon: The document I published states "an additional amount" from Qatar for three million euros. It is clear that they can't receive money from a political entity that they're supposed to be investigating. Thousands of workers from the Gulf were killed while building the stadiums. They're supposed to be investigating this atrocity. So, they receive money from Qatar. What is this thing? I want to be careful with the wording; the verb 'to receive' does not appear in our document, only what it contains. The Emir writes to the Minister of Finance, who writes to the Governor of the Bank of Qatar, who writes to the Head of Intelligence. That's what it is. They are corresponding with each other to allocate these sums. The receipt is not there. There is no evidence. Not for us. That's why I forwarded the document to the Attorney General and the State Prosecutor (of Israel).

Interviewer: Did you get an answer?

Carmon: I received an automatic response that it was delivered (to them).

Interviewer: During the preparation of this podcast, I contacted HRW for a response. The organization responded that it does not and will not receive money from any political entity. My request and the full response I received are included at the end of the podcast.



Yigal Carmon at the MEMRI offices. Photograph: Yizhar Be'er

Carmon: There are two aspects, which may be related. The first aspect, which I have been alerting about for months and years, in many articles, is the authorization of the transfer of money from Qatar to Hamas. At first, it appeared as if the funds were given to Gaza, but Gaza is controlled by Hamas. And over time, the funds went directly to Hamas. All this took place under the supervision of the Mossad. Planes that arrived from Qatar with money, under the supervision of the Mossad. Today, I see that Yossi Cohen is starting to say: "I opposed it!" What do you mean you opposed it? The Mossad did it! Our Chief-of-Staff, when he was the Commander of the Southern Command, was probably sent by Yossi Cohen to Qatar at the request of Bibi to ask for more money for the murderers of his soldiers. He didn't know, he didn't understand, he didn't I don't know what... They told me not to talk like that, but I really don't understand how this man walks around without shooting himself in the head.

Interviewer: Are you talking about Yossi Cohen now?

Carmon: I'm talking now about the Chief-of-Staff.

Interviewer: The current Chief-of-Staff?

Carmon: Yes. He went to ask for more money for the murderers of his soldiers. At that time, he didn't understand anything. How much don't you understand here? A country that supports international terrorism, there is no terrorist organization that it doesn't give money to. Don't they know that? In a country like that? If I said, Switzerland, Germany, France... But Qatar? The country that hid the mastermind of nine eleven in Qatar, and when the FBI came to arrest him, they smuggled him out? I am talking about Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. This is a terrorist state. It is impossible to have any relations with a terrorist state. This is Prime Minister Netanyahu's crime, which has been going on for a whole decade. The blood is on his hands.

Letter No. 3



Prime Minster Office

Hajra Date: 05/01/1434

Date: 18/11/2012

Confidential

To; The Minister of Economy and Finance – Doha

In accordance with the esteemed instructions of His Excellency Sheikh Hamed bin Halifa Al Thani, dear Emir of Qatar in letter No. D.A. 1127-2012 regarding provision of 2 financial supports to the Likud-Beiteinu bloc: 15 million dollars to Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, head of the Likud party, and 5 million dollars to Mr. Avigdor Lieberman. Head of Israel Beiteinu party, as a participation in the campaigns for the upcoming elections of these two.

There for, please withdraw these two financial support sums and deliver them in cash to the State Security apparatus (of Qatar). For your information an to be executed ASAP.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Jassim bin Jabr Al Thani, Prime Minister

Copy: Head of State Security apparatus

Interviewer: But they'll tell you that thanks to our ties with Qatar, we were able to get the hostages back?

Carmon: We did one round of a small deal that was convenient and good for Hamas, and we left most of the people there. I repeat, if we put massive pressure on Qatar, the hostages will come back on buses.

Interviewer: Who will put pressure on them?

Carmon: Israel!

Interviewer: Do we have the tools?

Carmon: Of course. Qatar is the one who turned Hamas from a tiny organization into a military powerhouse. There's a whole army there fighting us, every missile, every murderer, 30 to 40 thousands of armed men, all of underground Gaza, it's all Qatar. For Hamas, Qatar is the hope and the future, it's the existence and the continuation of the struggle against Israel. If there is no Qatar, there is no Hamas. So, they will do whatever Qatar tells them to do. And if we put pressure on Qatar, they will be forced to tell them to release everyone and they (the hostages) will all come back.

Interviewer: What are our pressure levers on Qatar?

Carmon: What we are doing against Iran –cyber-attacks and...

Interviewer: Declare an unofficial war on another country?

Carmon: They've already declared war on us, Yizhar. We're not declaring anything. We're just acting like everything is fine, business as usual. What is this? We need to hit them back for what they've done to us. And not just to get the hostages released. We can't win this war, because there is no victory, even if we step on Sinwar's corpse. What we've lost we've already lost. The blood of 1,200 people who died horrible deaths is on Benjamin Netanyahu's hands. And they are crying out of the ground. And for that, we need to take revenge on Qatar. I'm not ashamed to say it. Qatar is a country on the brink of collapse. 300,000 Bedouins and two million foreigners who came to make a fortune. Once they'll start to feel the earthshaking, they'll all runaway, they have other places to go to. And this country will collapse. We need to show them that their existence is at stake, and once they understand that, the hostages will come home.

Interviewer: Qatar has the largest gas reserves in the world, and they're also an ally of the United States.

Carmon: So what? This is a matter of existential importance for us.

Interviewer: So, are we declaring war on America too?

Carmon: No. First of all, America is a country that we can fight (to make our voice heard). I know the Washington arena, there's the congress, there's the senate, there's the press, you can influence them/You can fight to influence public opinion, you can explain. There are generals on the board of directors of MEMRI. Former heads of American intelligence sit on our board, and they speak out against Qatar.

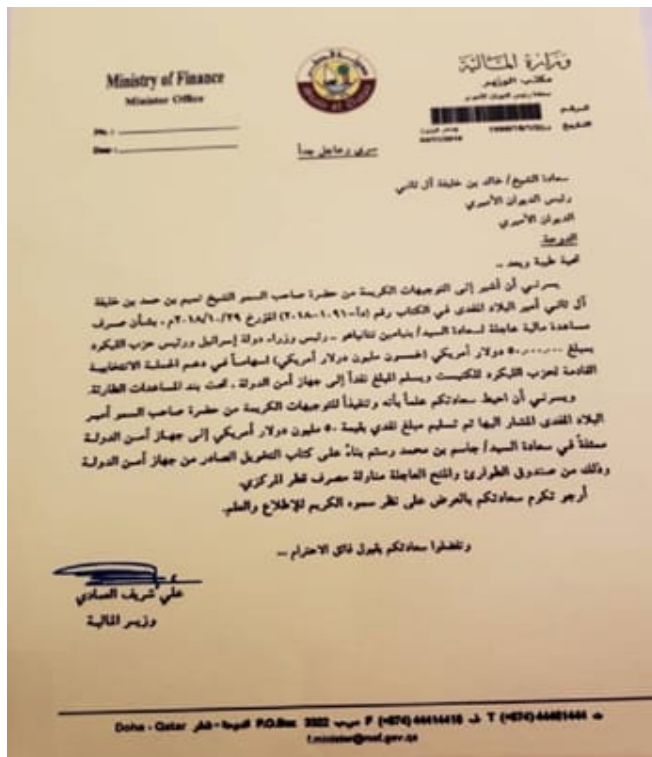
Interviewer: Do the Americans understand Qatar?

Carmon: Some do, some do not.

Interviewer: I understand that Trump, for example, has large private investments in Qatar.

Carmon: I don't know that, but I do know that Qatar has huge investments in the U.S., for example, in higher education. Billions. And in all sorts of other places. With both the Democrats and the Republicans.

Letter No. 4



Ministry of Finance, The Minister's Office

Confidential and Very Urgent

To his Honor Shaikh Haled bin Halifa Al Thani

Head of the Emir office, Doha

I am pleased to refer to the esteemed instructions of His Excellency Sheikh Tamim bin Hamed bin Halifa Al Thani, dear Emir of Qatar in letter No. D.A. 1091-2018 of 29/10/2018 regarding the provision of urgent financial support to Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel and head of the Likud party, for 50 million dollars as a participation in the campaign for the upcoming elections of the Likud in the Knesset. This sum is to be delivered in cash to the State Security apparatus under emergency support clause.

I am pleased to update his honor that as per the esteemed instructions of His Majesty, the dear Emir of State mentioned above, a sum of 50 million US Dollars was delivered in cash to

the State Security apparatus, represented by Mister Jasem bin Rastam, in accordance with the Power of Attorney issued by the State Security apparatus. It was carried out from the Emergency and urgent grants Fund and was withdrawn from the Central Bank of Qatar.

I request that his Excellency will present the above stated to the information and attention of His Majesty the Emir.

With profound Honor,

Ali Sharif Al Amadi, Minister of Finance

Interviewer: Let's go back to the issue of the documents and their implications – do the documents deal with the funds that were transferred to Hamas?

Carmon: On a personal level, we are talking about money for the election campaign. Who knows what that means – it's not like the Likud treasurer came and got the money. It's for the prime minister. That's what it says, you saw the document. The personal level shows side A. Side A claims that he allocated the money. And he says it's in cash. I saw Ronen Bergman's response (Israeli investigative journalist and author, writes for Yediot Aharonot and NYT), saying that it would be better not to refer to these documents, because we need evidence from the banks. But it says it's in cash. Ronen Bergman shouldn't get involved in this at all, because he has published a lot of stuff about the Mossad's activities and its involvement in this money from every angle. So, it's not his place to say whether it's true or not.

Interviewer: A naive question, why didn't they transfer the monthly payments to Hamas by bank transfer? Why in cash?

Carmon: Great question. I asked that question all the time – I don't like it; Yizhar Beer doesn't like it. So what?

Interviewer: These are mafia methods. What is the reason for this, is someone taking a cut? Or is that just an option and we don't have any evidence for it?

Carmon: That's a question I also asked, and you're right. There is a prime minister and he decided, but if that's the policy, why not the Bank of Israel? So, they say – it's illegal! So, we

are doing stuff illegally because it's illegal? (laughs). I suggest you, Yizhar, talk to the former prime minister, Bennett, and ask him about this strange process.

I contacted the former Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, who replied that he was not giving interviews at this time, but he agreed to my request to provide a short, written response on the matter, which was as follows:"The office of former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said that Prime Minister Naftali Bennett stopped the transfer of suitcases of money to Hamas."

Interviewer: I want to speculate here for a moment, and I say this with caution: If everything is true and money was transferred to public figures, in the allocations that the documents talk about, that is, to the Likud, to Avigdor Lieberman, and to Netanyahu personally, this is something with horrifying implications.

Carmon: This is indeed a suspicious groundthat needs to be investigated. It is up to Israel's law enforcement authorities to investigate it. There are enough leads and people to talk to. We don't know if it went through Israel, or outside of Israel, nothing is known about it. There is no evidence for anything, this is a suspicious groundthat needs and should be investigated because if it is true, it is so shocking... Why? because it fits the criminal policy and it allegedly gives personal justification for a criminal act.

Interviewer: Because if it's true it's so terrible that you cannot *not* investigate it.

Carmon: Listen Yizhar, I really don't think the personal aspectis relevant. If you've had met him (Netanyahu, Y.B.) you would end up without a coat, because that's who he is. But is it related to policy? In my opinion, absolutely not.

Interviewer: It could also be a combination of things.

Carmon: Could be...



The Central Bank of Qatar, the president's Office

Very Urgent

Date: 4/11/2018

Reference No. A.H.M 2187/2018

To Mister Ali Sharif Al Amadi, Minister of Finance

We would like to inform your honor that in accordance with your request, a sum of 50 million US dollars was delivered in cash to the State Security apparatus (of Qatar), represented by Mister Jasem bin Rastam, in accordance with the Power of Attorney issued by the State Security apparatus. We would also like to state that the foreign currency reserve level is still stable and the State Treasury must keep the foreign currency deposits, to ensure the continuity of the stability.

Note: when the request exceeds 5 million Qatari Riyal or the equivalent in foreign currency, we need at least 48 hours to coordinate the action with the relevant security services, in order to provide logistic support.

With profound honor,

Abdalla bin Saud Al Thani, President (of the Bank)

Interviewer: I'm not asking you as a jurist here, but would it be a crazy thought to say that if all the suspicions are true, the conclusion is that our top leadership today is a hostage to a foreign, hostile power?

Carmon: I keep shouting all the time that the prime minister is a prisoner, he is a hostage himself and he is a collaborator of Qatar. Not because of the personal aspect.

Interviewer: Even if he didn't take a personal bribe?

Carmon: It has nothing to do with it. I'm saying more than that, Yizhar, he would have used the same policy with or without the personal aspect. That was his official policy. He is a prisoner of his policy, because if he suddenly clashes with Qatar as a terrorist state, we will all ask him: "Pardon us, if this is a terrorist state, as you say, how did you allow billions of dollars in?" That, in itself, is shocking. That he is a prisoner, that he is a hostage, that he is a collaborator.

Interviewer: Do you think that was the reason that he opposed the closure of AlJazeera?

Carmon: I don't just think; it's been reported. All the officials sat in my office and I gave them material on AlJazeera. No one else in the State of Israel does that. The intelligence agencies don't deal with it. I gave them all the documents.

Interviewer: And they (Al Jazeera) reflect the Hamas' position?

Carmon: They don't reflect; they are the mouthpiece of Hamas (Al-Jazeera). They assist Hamas operationally in the field, reporting, analyzing, providing information. Their people are not journalists,

Interviewer: What was the reaction?

Carmon: Netanyahu stopped it, after the Attorney General, who was called by right-wing circles "a leftist," approved the closure.

Interviewer: So why not close it?

Carmon: The story is a well-known story – the hostages (or kidnapped, in Hebrew). Because of them, we must not clash with Qatar. But with Qatar, it is imperative to clash, for the sake of the hostages. I am trying to reach these unfortunate families, who are afraid of everything and do not understand that the prime minister is lying to them that Qatar must not be touched. We got a miserable deal; they had to release everyone. You know, Yizhar, only babies before their bar mitzvah negotiate with flattery and sweet talk. Mature statesmen negotiate with a smile on their face and a punch under the belt. Not to clash with them? (We should) clash with them and shake them terribly, to let them know that their existence is at stake. But the families are afraid, because the government is lying to them that (implying) Oh No, Just Don't Touch Qatar. Exactly the opposite (should be done).

Interviewer: If I summarize your points, you claim that the Israeli leadership is held captive by a hostile power, which is cooperating with our enemy Hamas?

Carmon: Correct. This is the situation.

Interviewer: So, we are in deep trouble.

Carmon: Certainly. Because he has been their prisoner and a collaborator. For over ten years, and over billions of dollars. Even if you leave out the personal aspect. His policy is a disaster, and he must pay for it. For the blood of the 1,200 dead that is crying out of the ground.

Interviewer: You told me on the phone that you don't sleep at night. Why?

Carmon: I see what the hostages go through every day, what the IDF soldiers go through. The war would have been over a long time ago, if the Qataris had said to Hamas: "Enough, we're done, you have no future anymore, not with us, look for someone else." Hamas lives on hope, they are fighting with the knowledge that they will win and everything will go back to the way it was. But if they know that nothing will go back to the way it was, because their lifeline is gone forever, it will affect them.

Interviewer: Regarding the solution for "the day after"(the war), they are now talking about creating a local leadership in Gaza. Some of us remember the experiment you made in the

1970s in the West Bank with the “Village Councils”, which failed miserably. Do you find any similarity in the renewed passion for trying this kind of solution?

Carmon: The “day after” does not exist. This war will last at least ten years. They tell me, you are pessimistic, and I say, I am optimistic. Only ten years! It could be much longer. Northern Gaza will be a war zone, until it becomes Normandy. Even if 500 Hamas fighters remain, they will rule the population, continue to fire at us, and we at them. Southern Gaza will be a giant refugee camp, perhaps millions. The same as in Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Jordan. Huge camps. This is their fate. This is the future. The Moroccan intellectual Tahar Ben Jelloun, an idol of the Left in the West, authored an article in which he argued that the Palestinian Problem was murdered on October 7, and no longer exists. It's just that people aren't aware of it yet. In any case, there is no comparison to the “Village Councils.” I was deeply involved in it, as an advisor on Arab affairs and then as the acting head of the Civil Administration, for Menachem Milson. The Councils were a political body, that wanted a political solution, not solutions for Israel. We had support, and among our supporters were the kibbutzim of Hashomer Hatzair (left wing). Unfortunately, the left, because it misunderstood what the PLO wanted, failed us. There was an alliance between the left wing and the right wing against us. In the end, (Arik) Sharon dismantled the Councils at the request of the settlers.

Interviewer: What is the difference between the ideas?

Carmon: It's not political. I don't know exactly what they wanted to do, but talking to the clans is nonsense. The people of the “Village Councils” wanted to manage Palestine, not Gaza. A Palestinian state, based on peace, reconciliation, and partition.

Interviewer: The similarity was in trying to use local leadership, or a kind of a local leadership?

Carmon: The Councils initiated it themselves; we only assisted them. Now it won't work, because it's ridiculous. No one will come. Mahmoud Abbas is a political walking corpse. They will kill him there. The Egyptians are building a wall. Who will come? the UN? What, they will commit suicide? Hamas will be there (waiting for them). The story that ideology

cannot be defeated is ridiculous. Ideology can be defeated. Nazism was defeated, fascism, communism. They were defeated and only miserable seeds remained. How do you do that? If Qatar no longer exists, or if its ability to support the causes of terrorism and evil in the world with billions is prevented, then it will be possible to reach solutions.

Interviewer: You claim that Qatar is the obstacle to victory?

Carmon: Qatar is a source of global evil. In the documents we uncovered, which do not concern Bibi, we see their manipulations, their bribery, their assistance to Islamic militias in Mali.

Interviewer: You are a rational person. We are unable to defeat a terrorist organization with several thousand fighters, such as Hamas, or Hezbollah. How will we overthrow a country far away in the Persian Gulf? Are we such "Samson the hero?"

Carmon: There is no problem doing it, because this country is hanging by a thread.

Interviewer: But woven into a multitude of international interests which protect it.

Carmon: What do you mean protecting? I openly called on all the cyber giants in Herzliya to harm Qatar's economy. Unfortunately, they did not respond. Qatar is 300,000 Bedouins and two million foreigners.

Interviewer: But first, the Israeli government has to adopt such a policy.

Carmon: Not necessarily. Cyber giants who understand the situation can do it. To shock Qatar. Qatar will immediately understand the message. Because a country that belongs to a crime family and terrorism has no right to exist. You must finish this country. You know, in Iran we killed nuclear scientists who were an existential threat to us. No one admits it, I don't admit that we have anything to do with this either, but let's go through the phase of the non-notification. Nuclear scientists don't die of old age in Iran. Qatar is the enemy; Qatar is Hamas and Hamas is Qatar. Without overcoming Qatar there will be no victory in the war. Even if we step on the corpses of Sinwar and his people, other Sinwars will rise, if Qatar

supports them. If we beat Qatar, we will win the war. For us, for the hostages, and for the entire world.

Interviewer: Let's talk a little about the organization you founded and for which you are the president. MEMRI was founded, I think, in 1998. What was your motivation to establish the center?

Carmon: When I left the civil service as an adviser on the fight against terrorism to (prime ministers) Shamir and Rabin, I met people who did not understand anything. Not because they do not have access to secrets, but because they do not understand what is openly written. And why don't they understand? Because it's in Arabic and it's in Persian or Urdu, and this material needs to be made available to them in English and Hebrew. In the U.S., I realized that there is more journalism, there is more access, more openness, and there are more possibilities to be heard. In Israel, it is difficult to publish, the (journalists') legs are shaking. They are afraid of lawsuits. Fact is, no one sued me. HRW didn't sue me. Attorney Yossi Cohen did not touch me, either. If there is suspicion, then it should be checked. I learned that there will be no Watergate in Israel. Because all the journalists' knees are shaking (in fear).

Interviewer: Is the Israeli press cowardly?

Carmon: Yes. For nothing. For no reason.

Interviewer: MEMRI has the reputation of a body with a right-wing orientation. You do media monitoring work. But your media monitoring does not rely on the entire body of research. For example, when you research the discussions on Palestinian or Qatari television, you don't take a framework of a week to check all the voices, you look more for the anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli voice. I also read your "raison d'etre", justification of existence, as it appears on your website. For example, you often use broadcasted clips of incitement.

Carmon: I will answer you.

Interviewer: Hold on, I'm playing the devil's advocate here, I'm not attacking you personally. Have you published, for example, studies on social-cultural issues such as art, theater,

cinema, philosophy in the Arab-Muslim society, that teach about the totality of activities and not only about the anti-Israeli or anti-Semitic discourse?

Carmon: Of course. We jump on every progressive, peace-supporting liberal voice. Everything is on the website. The accusation you represent is false and a lie. We publish any positive expressions available. We embrace it. Can you deny that these voices are weak in the Arab and Muslim world? I don't think you can. We publish any liberal, progressive and positive expression that we can find.

Interviewer: But doesn't the viewer or follower of your publications, at the end of the day, get the impression that there is no one to talk to, no one to make peace with, or that peace is impossible? Wouldn't that be their conclusion?

Carmon: You are talking to the man who tried to promote peace, personally.

Interviewer: Or maybe this is the reality and there really is no one to talk to?

Carmon: Look, textbooks are textbooks. I released a video about jihad education, out of video clips. What can I do if this is what we find? In the end, you can also hear the other voices. Unfortunately, the other voices who try to force progress are authoritarian voices: The King of Morocco, the King of Saudi Arabia, the heir to the throne. What can we do that the Muslim Brotherhood and the social organizations over there are clearly anti-Israeli? On August 31, I issued a warning about war in September-October. People said to me, "Stop this racism! Enough, what is this nonsense?" But this nonsense is not mine. Read the warning! I see myself as a leftist with open eyes. That's how all of Israel was in the 1950s. There was empathy without acceptance. This is how I see myself, with empathy though without acceptance.

Interviewer: Acceptance of what?

Carmon: Of their position. It doesn't mean that we have to be hostile towards them. Europe of a thousand years ago was worse than them; hundreds of years of religious wars. Thirty percent of the male population of Germany was decimated in religious wars, until the Renaissance came and they moved forward. Now the Arab world is in a rather backward

position. Atatürk, how did he move Turkey forward, until this scoundrel (Erdoğan) came and took it backwards? Bourguiba (the ruler of Tunisia) forced them to move forward, in an authoritarian manner. The blind left, with its empathy, leads immediately to acceptance of their position. My position is empathy without accepting their position.

Interviewer: Without accepting what?

Of their point of view. It doesn't mean that we need to be hostile towards them. Europe of thousand years ago was worse, centuries of religion wars. 30% of the male population in Germany was destroyed because of religion wars, until the medieval era came along and there was progress. The Arabic world condition is quite backwards now... Atatürk, the way he developed Turkey until this scoundrel (i.e. Erdogan) came along and pushed it backwards? Bourguiba (President of Tunisia) forced them to progress, in an authoritarian manner. The blind left with its empathy, that leads to immediate acceptance of their position. My position is empathy without accepting their position.

Interviewer: Suspicious empathy?

Carmon: The empathy is not suspicious, it is established, but does not accept their position. An atmosphere was created here (in Israel) that "our life here is all strawberries, everything is good." And when I said that there was a threat and a danger, they said, "Stop being a racist."

Interviewer: After 30 years of following what is going on in the Arab and Muslim world, can you explain the outline of what you see over there?

Carmon: I see great hope. Just like with Atatürk and Bourguiba, I see authoritarian regimes, who try to push the people forward, toward progressive, modern Islam. What did Mohammed bin Salman (heir to the Saudi throne) do? He put the religious police in jail for inciting for seventh-century Islam. Everyone is in jail. Do you, Yizhar Be'er, accept what he does or don't you? Tell me!

Interviewer: Yigal, with your permission...

Carmon: The interviewer refused to answer the question... (laughs)

Interviewer: It's strange, because instinctively, it seems that a person like you, who publishes so many studies that demonstrate the strengthening of religion and fundamentalism, about radicalization and anti-Israelism and anti-Jewishness, would be very pessimistic. Are you optimistic?

Carmon: Of course. Because I see enlightened regimes that are forced to be authoritarian. In Morocco, for example.

Interviewer: Is there an enlightened regime in Morocco?

Carmon: In its goals. But the way he (the king) influences the population is authoritarian. He does not allow expressions of anti-Israelism, he puts AlJazeera in jail. In Egypt, too, Al Jazeera reporters are also in prison.

Interviewer: What you are actually saying is that as liberal Israelis we should be interested in the strengthening of the authoritarian regimes, because they stop regression?

Carmon: Not the Iranians, but the Emirates, the Saudis, even this unfortunate man in Jordan (King Abdullah), who somehow tries to maintain peace with us. Egypt – as soon as the Muslim Brotherhood returns to power, we are at war with Egypt. You have to be realistic, understand the reality of the Arab world and of these regimes. By the way, they are all in total conflict with Qatar.

Interviewer: What is your position regarding the push toward democratization in the Arab world, by the U.S., for example?

Carmon: It's A disaster. Democracy is not a value. It is a political expression of other values, such as equality, liberalism, progress. These are values. Democracy is a mechanism that enables them. If these values don't exist, then democracy serves the extremists. These values need to be internalized and then democracy will give them political expression. But what the Americans did, they gave a platform and an opportunity for the extremists to take over, without there being a change in the basic values. With Erdogan – what kind of democracy is

this? Crazy democracy of extremists. In Tunisia, is it a democracy? It's a joke. This is a Hitlerian democracy. Hitler also managed to come to power by democratic means.

Interviewer: Is democracy possible in the Arab-Muslim world?

Carmon: Of course. But not right now. What's the rush? Was Europe always democratic?

Interviewer: The dominance of religion in the Muslim world is a little different.

Carmon: Exactly. There is dominance of the dark religion, which Qatar leads. The religion of the seventh century. The religion of the Islamic State. That is why the Muslim world needs to be saved.

Interviewer: The Wahhabi Qataris?

Carmon: Yes, the Wahhabis.

Interviewer: But the Saudis are also Wahhabis, so maybe it's not related to the national identity but to who is in charge?

Carmon: Yes, the leadership. You know that Bourguiba, who had the aura of a national leader, went during the Ramadan to a restaurant with open windows, drank juice and ate for everyone to see. Atatürk killed religious teachers, finished the religious people completely. He allowed it and made them Europeans.

Interviewer: You still feel optimistic because you see the processes?

Carmon: Because I see enlightened people and regimes.

Interviewer: That grow from within the authority?

Carmon: Enlightened leaders. What did the president of the United Arab Emirates do? He built an interfaith center. Israelis say he made peace with Israel, but peace is only one layer. He brought the Pope over there; he teaches Muslims that all religions are equal. Equality.

Individualism. Liberalism. Democracy can only be built on those. Only after instilling the values, this mechanism called democracy can be allowed to function. I see great hope with these leaders. What happened during the Renaissance in Italy? Weren't these authoritarian leaders, who had brought the Renaissance?

In conclusion:

Marc Eicheniger, a former French intelligence officer, published a book in 2022 in which he presented information about the millions of grants allocated, according to the "Qatari documents", to Netanyahu and Lieberman. He claimed that in February 2021, he transferred the documents to the Israeli ambassador in Switzerland, Yifat Reshef. He also said he was willing to testify about it in court.

On December 19, 2023, Yigal Carmon turned to the legal advisor of the government, Gali Baharav Miara, and the state attorney, Amit Isman, with all the material he had collected from MEMRI regarding the Qatari finances and demanded to open an investigation.

I contacted both of them last week through the spokeswoman of the Ministry of Justice. So far, we did not receive a response.

I also contacted the Office of the Prime Minister requesting a response. I did not receive a response.

On December 30, 2023, the Prime Minister was asked at a press conference about the Qatari money. Netanyahu's response was: "A complete lie. Never happened and never existed. I'm amazed at people who take this seriously. It's a joke."

I also addressed the former Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, with a request to talk about the transfer of funds to Hamas. Bennett stated that he was not being interviewed during this period, but he agreed to my request to give a short, written response. His response was as follows: "Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's office report: Prime Minister Naftali Bennett has stopped the transfer of the money suitcases to Hamas."

I also contacted former Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who is mentioned in the Qatari documents along with Netanyahu regarding the millions in donations, but he chose not to respond.

Among the foreign parties involved in the case, I requested a response from Human Rights Watch, and asked: "Can you comment on the Qatari document that says, among other things, that 'the prime minister of Qatar agreed to provide financial support of 3 million euros to the Human Rights Watch organization? Has HRW received direct or indirect funding from Qatar or negotiated to receive such funding?'"

This was the response of Stacey Sullivan, director of communications at HRW:

"Dear Mr. Be'er, I have no insight into the intentions of the Qatari government, but I can tell you unequivocally that HRW has never requested or received funds from any government, including Qatar. We don't take any government funding, ever."

We can summarize this affair and say that it is one of the most serious that the Israeli public has known. The law authorities must open an immediate investigation.

We would do well to pressure the authorities to open such an investigation. You are invited to attach your request by contacting the Office of the Legal Adviser to the Government: 0733925511 or by fax at 02-6467001 or via the website of the Legal Adviser to the Government. We will update later.

This was chapter 80 of Parot Kdoshot (Sacred Cows): "Prime Minister of Israel was kidnapped and held captive by a hostile entity" following the Qatari money bags.

As always, we would be happy to get any help for this project, which is done entirely on a voluntary basis; In English translation, video editing or financial donation. Details in "Help and Donation" on the Sacred Cows website.

See you in the next chapters.

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MEMERI – RAVEN Project, the source of the leaked documents of the Qatari regime