

hostage by Hamas from the Nir Oz Kibbutz close to the Gaza Strip.

During that brutal attack, 29 of Kibbutz Nir Oz's 400 residents were murdered, and 80 were taken captive. These are not just numbers. Those residents who were murdered were individuals with hopes now extinguished, with lives now cut short.

Those taken hostage are living in unimaginable terror, and their families are waiting, hoping for good news and fearing the worst.

Ofer is a father of four, a carpenter. He loves to build and to rebuild engines, to travel, to take family camping trips, to race and ride dirt bikes, to help cook Shabbat dinner for his family.

When asked about Ofer, his family describes his easygoing energy and a huge smile.

We cannot lose sight of the fact that there is a family and a story like this one behind each one of these names of those murdered and of those taken hostage. Ofer is one of them.

Ofer's children have thankfully been returned, but their family will not be made whole again until Ofer is released, as well. His relatives are my constituents, and my office is providing any support that we can, but the ultimate responsibility is on Hamas to release Ofer and all hostages immediately and unconditionally.

I urge those terrorists to salvage a shred of humanity by releasing him and by releasing all the others held hostage, but I understand also that the hopes of finding a shred of humanity within Hamas are close to nil, which is why I remind my colleagues here today that we cannot handcuff Israel with calls for a unilateral cease-fire as they work to achieve their primary shared goal we all have: bringing all of the hostages home.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for his remarks, and I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Florida for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of my Hudson Valley community to honor the memories of the community members we lost on October 7 and to plead and to demand the safe return of all of the Hudson Valley families and friends still held hostage by Hamas.

Judith and Gadi Haggai, who you can see behind me, are both dual American and Israeli citizens, Judith was born in the Hudson Valley in Goshen, New York, in Orange County.

On October 7, Judith and Gadi were on their usual morning walk around Kibbutz Nir Oz when they were ambushed by Hamas, shot, and the last location of their phone was traced to Gaza.

Judith and Gadi are not combatants or soldiers. They are a schoolteacher and a musician. They are peace-loving people whose only crime was being Jewish.

Their niece, Ofri, took a one-way flight to the United States, came to my office, and made two powerful requests: Never allow our country to forget her aunt and her uncle and to fight with everything that we have to bring them back. I promised her I would do that, and I stand here today to honor that commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I served 27 months in combat. Our rule was that we never leave a fallen sister or brother behind.

I ask all to not forget Judith and Gadi, and I refuse, and I know my fellow Americans refuse to leave behind our Hudson Valley brothers and sisters.

Tragically, the Haggais are not the only Hudson Valley family grieving. Maurice Shnaider of Kingston, New York, my hometown, lost his sister, Margit, and his brother-in-law, Yosi, in these barbaric attacks.

While we honor their loss, it is impossible to mourn properly while the fate of their daughter, Shiri, and their grandsons, Ariel and Kfir, hang in the balance—Ariel, 4, Kfir, 10 months old.

My children, my two boys, Theo and Cameron, are 4 and 1. I cannot think every night as I put my boys to bed of anything other than the faces of the Bibas family.

These are not prisoners of war. These are children, babies ripped away from their home and taken hostage by Hamas terrorists. This is pure, unadulterated evil.

To the Haggai family, the Bibas family, to their friends, to my whole community, to every Jewish person worried about their safety amidst the historic rise in anti-Semitism, know this: We are here for you, we see you, and we will not give up until every single hostage comes home safely.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks, and I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA), who I also had the privilege of traveling with to Israel in the days after the attacks.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and I were in the Middle East on October 7 of this year. We were part of a congressional delegation trip led by Senator JONI ERNST, and we went there to talk about peace. Unfortunately, due to the bloodthirsty attack by Hamas, we left the region talking about war.

Despite the change in the tone of our trip, we became the first congressional delegation to visit Israel in the aftermath of the October 7 attack.

While we were in country, though, we met with family members of victims of that attack, including David and Noam Peri, a brother and sister whose 79-year-old father, Haim Peri, was kidnapped by Hamas from his home in the Kibbutz Nir Oz, a peaceful agricultural town whose name means meadow of strength in Hebrew, a town whose 400 citizens probably could be seen prior to the attack taking to the streets to peacefully protest the prime minister's rightwing government.

On the morning of October 7, that town was anything but peaceful as the

Hamas attack left it smashed up and smoldering with one in four of its residents either murdered or kidnapped.

That day, Hamas lived up to its definition as a genocidal terrorist organization as it attacked Israel to kill Jews, to kill the Jewish society, and to kill peace.

As part of that goal, Hamas attacked Nir Oz and murdered 27 of its inhabitants and took 73 hostages to Gaza.

At the time of the attack, Haim was not only the leader in that community, he was also a long-time peace activist for the Israeli-Palestinian issues.

He is the type that would drive sick Palestinians from Gaza into Israel to be cared for at Israeli hospitals.

A father of five and grandfather of 13, Haim is now most likely isolated in the dungeons of the Gazan tunnels.

Although Noam Peri describes her father as strong and brave, she also admits that he is not young. A metalworker by trade, Haim has had two heart surgeries and now has been without his heart medication for 7 weeks.

I will never forget when we met them. All that Noam was concerned about was that he didn't have his medication to survive.

Mr. Speaker, it is going to be tough going forward. We hope that the hostages are released and that there are more pauses in the conflict.

We hope to pass and provide meaningful support and humanitarian assistance so that Israel can continue to defend itself from the existential and constant threat of Hamas.

Mr. Speaker, although things may never be the same for Nir Oz, for Haim, and for the family, we do know that because of its determination to survive and succeed, the same determination it has shown for over 75 years in its existence, Israel will continue to be that meadow of strength in the Middle East for peace, for prosperity, and for democracy.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his poignant words.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

THE STATE OF QATAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for organizing this hour. I thank the Speaker for his indulgence and attention as we have gone through a long list typical of conversations talking about the hostages. I thank my friend from Michigan, General BERGMAN, for the time.

We should not have to be here tonight. We should not be forced to talk

about some of the 250 people brutally kidnapped and taken hostage on October 7.

It should not be necessary to call for the immediate, unconditional release of these hostages. We should not be here because Hamas should not be holding hostages.

I am grateful that more than 100 hostages have been released and returned to Israel, but 143 hostages remain in captivity, held by Hamas, by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and by others in Gaza.

The families don't know the status of their loved ones. They don't know where their loved ones are. They don't know when they will be coming home.

I will talk tonight about one hostage, Hersh Goldberg-Polin. Hersh's parents, Rachel and Jon, are from Chicago. I have been friends with his aunt, Abby, for more than 30 years. I know his grandmother Leah. Hersh's family is now my family.

Hersh was born in northern California. His family moved to Virginia when Hersh was 4 and to Israel when he was 7. That was in 2008. Hersh grew up in Jerusalem, reached adulthood, and was known widely as a kind, gentle mensch.

On Friday, October 6, of this year, Hersh was with his family in Jerusalem. It was the evening of the Sabbath, Shabbat, and the holiday of Simchat Torah.

The family went to synagogue and then went to dinner at a friend's house with two other families. After dinner, Hersh grabbed his backpack and left to meet his friend Aner. They later learned that Hersh and his friend were going to a concert in the south, a music festival.

That was on Saturday, October 7. I will read at length some of the words of Hersh's father, Jonathan Polin, published in Time magazine.

He says, describing his circumstance on Sunday, having learned that Hersh was taken hostage on Saturday, at some time—I think it was Sunday morning—a picture started to circulate online that was from an outdoor bomb shelter. They are not uncommon in the south of Israel.

Our son was in the picture, as was Aner. Through social media, we started to search for other families of people who were in the shelter and to try to piece together a story.

What we have subsequently pieced together, based on conversations with the three witnesses who were in the shelter with him, is the following: Sometime around 7:30 Saturday morning, those in the bomb shelter came under heavy gunfire. Grenades were being tossed into the shelter.

Hersh's friend Aner, who was by the entrance of the bomb shelter, is responsible for the lives of anybody who is still alive—he was picking up grenades and tossing them back out and taking control of the situation. But it was total chaos. At least 11 grenades were thrown into the shelter. Aner picked

up eight and threw them back out. Three exploded inside.

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People were critically wounded. What we next know from witnesses is that at roughly 9 a.m., gunmen came into the shelter calmly, not shooting, and they said anybody who can get on their feet and walk out, walk out of here. And our son was one of the small number to walk out.

That was 55 days ago: Seven Shabbat dinners with an empty seat in the Hersh Goldberg family; seven weeks of uncertainty not knowing where Hersh is; seven weeks of not knowing how Hersh is doing; seven weeks of not knowing when Hersh is coming home.

Tonight, we have heard about so many of these hostages, 143 of the 250-plus hostages taken still are in captivity. The IRC must be able to see Hersh in every one of the other hostages.

Hersh and all the other hostages must come home. Not someday, not soon, but now. We owe it to these hostages to bring them home. We owe it to our families, and we must make sure that Hamas can never take hostages, can never attack Israel ever again.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, my friend from Michigan, General Bergman, for his indulgence and his generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I close by reminding the American public the names and faces you saw tonight are only a fraction of those who remain held hostage in Gaza by cowardly terrorists, by Hamas.

I hope every American understands that Israel is fighting to protect her citizens from this diabolic terrorist organization and to rescue her hostages.

There is only one culprit to blame for this war, and that is Hamas. Their singular goal is to destroy Israel and kill Jews.

Mr. Speaker, this Chamber has always and will always continue to stand strong with Israel and work to release these victims from terrorist tyranny and support, preventing an attack like this from being perpetrated against Israel by Hamas ever again.

"Am Yisrael Chai," "The people of Israel live."

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LANDSMAN) as he provides his statement.

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and to my colleague, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for bringing us all together today.

I would just say a word or two about Doris Liber, who I met a few weeks ago. She came to the Capitol with other families who have loved ones who were taken hostage. Her son, Guy, was taken hostage by Hamas on October 7; 26 years old.

He was at a festival with his friends, and terror took over. He was shot in the arm and called his mother. That was the last time she heard his voice. We hope and pray that he is alive and that he will be released.

Every single one of these hostages must be released. Hamas must release every single hostage, and they must surrender.

They can end this nightmare, and they can end this war.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Michigan has 22 minutes remaining.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous materials for the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the State of Qatar poses the gravest and most profound threat to the national security interest of the United States in the Middle East.

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The State of Qatar not only killed the Hamas Sanctions Bill in the 115th Congress, but after it was reintroduced in 2019, the emirate once again killed the legislation in the 116th Congress.

While it is impossible to know for sure, it is distinctly possible that if Qatar had not gone to such extraordinary lengths to protect Hamas from sanctions, that the atrocities of October 7 might never have happened.

Almost the entire Beltway foreign policy establishment, not just Democrats but also Republicans, have gotten Qatar wrong for the past 25-plus years. The establishment's conventional wisdom is that although almost all outward indicators show that Qatar is firmly aligned with Iran, Islamists, and jihadists, the supposed truth is that they are secretly moderate and pro-America.

Unfortunately, our foreign policy elites have chosen to cling to the illusion of who the Qataris privately claim to be, while ignoring the harsh reality of who they actually are.

It is simply not true that Qataris are reluctantly close with Iran, Islamists, and jihadists, engaging with these malign actors out of necessity or to help the United States and the West.

The overwhelming evidence shows that, in fact, the Qataris are true believers.

Qatar's apologists claim that the emirate only has dealings with Iran because they jointly own the North Field, the world's largest natural gas reserve.

Yet time and again, Qatar acts in sync with Iran across the Middle East, where both regimes just so happen to try and destabilize the same governments, especially those that are strong allies of the United States. And Qatar and Iran both sponsor some of the same terrorist groups, including Hamas and Hezbollah.

There is no support for Ambassador Al Thani's allegation. The most generous interpretation for the emirate is that Qatar wanted to serve as the home for Hamas headquarters and its leaders, and that it convinced the Obama administration to allow them to become joined at the hip with this bloodthirsty terrorist group.

Similarly, Qatar is also no reluctant supporter of Hamas. Qatar's Ambassador to America, Meshal Al Thani, implied in a Wall Street Journal op-ed earlier this month that the United States essentially requested Doha to host Hamas' world headquarters and to provide sanctuary to the terrorist group's leaders.

The best evidence that Qatar genuinely supports Hamas and generally shares the same world view and goals as the terrorist organization is what you see when Hamas leaders, such as Ismail Haniyeh or Khaled Mashaal, meet with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

As you can see in photos of their meetings, the Emir warmly embraces Mashaal, terrorists with blood on their hands, and the Emir clearly demonstrates with his smile and body language that he considers these Hamas thugs to be his close, personal friends.

There are two other powerful indicators that Qatar agrees with the radicals who hate America.

The first is the ruling Al Thani family's close relationship with the long-time spiritual leader of the International Muslim Brotherhood, Yusuf Al-Qaradawi. The other is something available for anyone to see for themselves, the stomach-turning content of Al Jazeera, the Qatari state-owned propaganda outlet.

Until Yusuf Al-Qaradawi died last year at the age of 96, he was not only the top religious cleric for the Muslim Brotherhood, but also for the ruling Al Thani family.

The Qatar Foundation, which is actually a private company owned by the Emir of Qatar and his parents, worked closely with Qaradawi for decades, spending hundreds of millions of dollars to export and promote Qaradawi's deranged brand of Islam.

To understand just how much of an extremist Qaradawi was, all you would have to do is watch the old broadcasts of his show on Al Jazeera. Over the years, Qaradawi used his platform to

endorse violent jihad against the West, and he specifically advocated for terrorist attacks on Israel, as well as attacks on U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

Qaradawi also praised the Holocaust and repeatedly used his show to promote the mass murder of Jews.

On his Al Jazeera show in 2011, Qaradawi proclaimed that Allah used Adolf Hitler to wreak the Holocaust upon the Jews as divine punishment, and he praised Hitler for putting Jews in their place.

Qaradawi was also well known for praising Hamas during the Al Jazeera broadcasts. Unfortunately, the entirety of Al Jazeera is now well known for praising Hamas.

Al Jazeera has served as an unabashed cheerleader for Hamas for years, and especially since October 7. The broadcasts of state-owned Al Jazeera have been rife with explicit cheerleading for Hamas and spreading blood libels about the Jewish State.

Not only does Al Jazeera reveal its repugnant biases in hailing Hamas as the resistance and casting Israel as the occupiers, but among its earliest reporting on Hamas' October 7 terrorist attack was a story praising the brutal kidnapping as "humanitarian," under the headline, "Activists praise the resistance's humanitarian treatment of an Israeli woman and her children."

In the time since, Qatar's propaganda outlet has continued to interview top Hamas leaders, often in-studio in Doha, allowing them to promote dangerous falsehoods designed to incite viewers against not just Israel, but also America and the West.

For years, Hamas has tried to sell the West a fiction, the idea that there is an armed wing and a political wing of the terrorist organization. Well, it is safe to say that since October 7, Al Jazeera has become the media wing of Hamas.

If someone wants to know about Qatar's true foreign policy positions, all they need to do is check out Al Jazeera's Arabic language coverage.

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That way, it wouldn't be a surprise to anyone that Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on October 7 that holds Israel solely responsible for the mass murder of 1,200 innocents and the kidnapping of another 200-plus.

Earlier this month, at a Gulf Cooperation Council gathering, Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani doubled down on this position when he had the audacity to condemn the world for allowing Israel supposedly to be above the law, as if a nation should not be allowed to defend itself from mass murders at its border, even as the Emir himself very much treats the Hamas leaders as above the law by refusing to arrest them.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES).

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, if Americans knew that the Biden administration was treating a state sponsor of

terrorism like a major ally, they would be infuriated, but that is exactly what is going on with Qatar, a tiny but very wealthy country in the Persian Gulf.

Qatar is a friend to anti-Semites. As the general stated, clearly, they must hate Israel and the Jewish people. They are one of the largest sponsors of state terrorism in the world. They regularly play host to leaders of Hamas and the Taliban. In fact, Qatar provided Hamas leadership with a venue to celebrate the horrific atrocities of October 7.

Only in a world where Joe Biden is President would we be supporting a terrorist country as part of our foreign policy. Last year, President Biden designated Qatar as a Major Non-NATO Ally, a special designation given to about 20 countries, like Taiwan and Israel, and an honor meant to highlight an extremely close bilateral relationship. In a sense, we do have a close relationship with Qatar, far too close.

Qatar has given over \$5 billion—that is b as in bravo—to U.S. colleges, which makes them the number one foreign donor to our very own educational institutions. Researchers at the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy have presented a strong link between the funding of U.S. universities by Doha and the active presence of anti-Semitic groups on those campuses.

Needless to say, we should be extremely wary about the impact of these donations on our young people. For decades, Congress has allowed these donations to flow into our universities without any supervision or meaningful disclosure requirements.

Meanwhile, American Jews are harassed on campuses or compelled not to reveal their Jewish heritage. Since the start of the October 7 war, 73 percent of Jewish students in the U.S. have been victims or witnesses to on-campus anti-Semitism.

Qatar has the honor of hosting a major airbase outside of Doha. The presence of that airbase all but ensures their safety and that they will never be attacked. You would hope, at the very least, Qatar would try hard to ensure that it is not spreading anti-Semitism or supporting anti-American sentiments, but we have seen this anti-Semitism. We have seen it alive and well on Qatar's state-owned media outlet, Al Jazeera, or, as I like to say, AJTN, Al Jazeera terrorist network.

Unfortunately, criticisms of Qatar come in muted in this town. Doha has certainly poisoned the well, purchasing the loyalties of university elites, influential think tanks, some of the best lobbyists that money can buy, and even politicians, which is why so many D.C. institutions whitewash Qatar's support for terrorism.

On top of this, as I mentioned earlier, Qatar lets the leaders of Hamas and the Taliban stay at the most expensive hotels in Doha and provides up to \$480 million, half a billion dollars, to Hamas to keep their military afloat.

Qatar will tell you that this is going to nonmilitary uses, but we have heard

throughout testimony today that money flowing to Qatar, flowing to Iran, is fungible.

As the former chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen, once put it, in Qatar, there are three buckets: terror financed by the government, terror financed through Qataris, and terror financing that Qatar doesn't stop.

That is the former chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee commenting on something that has been known for decades, known in this town, that Qatar openly and actively supports terrorism.

Let's look at a few more examples. In 2003, Congress was informed of Qatar's funding to charities that support al-Qaida, including the bin Laden-endorsed charity, the Qatar Charity. The same year, The New York Times also reported that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of 9/11 and one of the terrorists responsible for murdering 3,000 Americans, fled to Qatar from Kuwait in order to avoid apprehension.

We also know that Qatar has provided support for al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, al-Nusra Front. Qatar has provided support to numerous terrorist groups, including the Taliban, the Muslim Brotherhood, and, of course, its most visible beneficiary, Hamas.

What would you call a group that supports terrorists or a country that supports terrorist groups like al-Qaida, al-Nusra, the Taliban, the Muslim Brotherhood, and Hamas? You would call them a state sponsor of terrorism.

That is what this administration needs to do. It needs to remove Qatar's Major Non-NATO Ally status until such time that Qatar denounces terrorism and any support for terrorism or terrorist groups. If they don't, maybe it is time to label them as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Earlier today, this House passed, in a unanimous fashion, my amendment to call on Qataris to condemn Hamas, turn over Hamas leadership to the U.S. or Israeli custody, and prevent Iran from receiving any funds.

If the Emir of Qatar were here on the House floor, I would tell him to pick a side. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists. Enough equivocating.

Let me be clear. I do not wish ill on Qatar. In fact, I am open to dialogue.

To the people of Qatar, I wish them well, but I want to ensure that my country has partners it can trust. Qatar has demonstrated time and again its unwillingness to abandon its two-faced approach toward relations with the United States and with terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, regarding the atrocities, what does Qatar have to say when a mom and her 10- to 12-year-old daughter were brutally raped, left naked, and murdered in their home?

What does Qatar have to say when a baby was put into an oven, the father murdered, and the wife brutally raped? What does Qatar have to say?

When women were being gang-raped, their breasts cut off, and the terrorists were playing with them, tossing them around like toys, what does Qatar have to say?

When they were sexually abusing men and cutting off their genitals, what does Qatar have to say?

When the pregnant mom, her mouth gagged, was being held while they cut the baby out of her womb, what does Qatar have to say?

They blame Israel.

They need to pick a side. For too long, they have been on the wrong side.

Let me make one final note on Qatar, and it is in reference to a comment made earlier by my colleague from Texas. He mentioned Qatar's role in helping to release hostages from the clutches of the Hamas dogs, the terrorists of Hamas. Most Americans taken by Hamas on October 7 are still in custody. What has Qatar done?

Many people, Israeli and otherwise, are still in Hamas custody. What has Qatar done?

I would say they are stalling for time to allow Hamas to regroup, to flee, and to rebuild. It is time that families and children be reunited. We want every hostage released now.

We pose a question to you: Do you think Qatar is the best intermediary for releasing hostages? I don't think they are.

I am grateful for every hostage that has been released, but while Qatar is helping to release some hostages, they are also ensuring Hamas' preservation.

I said earlier today that someone who robs your home and then offers to cut your grass 2 days later is still a thief. It does not change who they are.

Given the level of financing Qatar provides Hamas on an annual basis, they could have at least compelled the release of all Americans.

Let me mention briefly, Mr. Speaker, my Trust But Verify Act, which would delist Qatar's MNNA status, Major Non-NATO Ally status, until the President certifies that they are no longer providing support for international terrorism, and the President must recertify this every 90 days.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, time is finite because once a minute is gone, it is lost forever.

I have countless examples here of how Qatar's influence is so deep in Washington, D.C. That includes hacking. That includes targeting committee chairmen. Most importantly, the biggest example that is read, The Gray Lady, The New York Times, is a business partner, to an extent, with Hamas.

It is time that we stop treating Hamas' benefactors and the government as an ally. The time is now for the U.S. to force Qatar to choose between the U.S. and Hamas. They cannot embrace both. If they choose to continue embracing Hamas, we must treat them as we treat any other state sponsor of terrorist groups that murder Americans.

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As I will soon explain in more detail, the State of Qatar was single-handedly respon-

sible for killing the Hamas Sanctions Bill, which was first introduced in 2017, by my friend and colleague, Congressman BRIAN MAST.

The State of Qatar not only killed the Hamas Sanctions Bill in the 115th Congress, but after it was reintroduced in 2019, the emirate once again killed the legislation in the 116th Congress.

And while it is impossible to know for sure, it is distinctly possible that if Qatar had not gone to such extraordinary lengths to protect Hamas from sanctions, that the atrocities of October 7th might never have happened.

Almost the entire Beltway foreign policy establishment—not just Democrats, but also Republicans—have gotten Qatar wrong for the past 25-plus years. The establishment's conventional wisdom is that although almost all outward indicators show that Qatar is firmly aligned with Iran, Islamists and jihadists, the supposed “truth” is that they are secretly moderate and pro-America.

Unfortunately, our foreign policy elites have chosen to cling to the illusion of who the Qataris privately claim to be, while ignoring the harsh reality of who they actually are.

It is simply not true that the Qataris are “reluctantly” close with Iran, Islamists and jihadists, engaging with these malign actors out of necessity or to “help” the United States and the West. The overwhelming evidence shows that, in fact, the Qataris are true believers.

Qatar's apologists claim that the emirate only has dealings with Iran because they jointly own the North Field, the world's largest natural gas reserve.

Yet time and again, Qatar acts in sync with Iran across the Middle East, where both regimes just so happen to try and destabilize the same governments—especially those that are strong allies of the United States. And Qatar and Iran both sponsor some of the same terrorist groups, including Hamas and Hezbollah.

But there is no support for Ambassador Al Thani's allegation.

The most generous interpretation for the emirate is that Qatar wanted to serve as the home for Hamas headquarters and its leaders, and that it convinced the Obama Administration to allow them to become joined at the hip with the bloodthirsty terrorist group.

Similarly, Qatar is also no “reluctant” supporter of Hamas. Qatar's Ambassador to America, Meshal Al Thani, implied in a Wall Street Journal op-ed earlier this month that that the United States essentially requested Doha to host Hamas' world headquarters and to provide sanctuary to the terrorist group's leaders.

The best evidence that Qatar genuinely supports Hamas and shares the same worldview and goals as the terrorist organization is what you see when Hamas leaders, such as Ismail Haniyeh or Khaled Mashaal, meet with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamnad Al Thani.

As you can see in photos of their meetings, the Emir warmly embraces Haniyeh and Mashaal—terrorists with blood on their hands—and the Emir clearly demonstrates with his smile and body language that he considers these Hamas thugs to be his close, personal friends.

There are two other powerful indicators that Qatar agrees with the radicals who hate America.

The first is the ruling Al Thani family's close relationship with the longtime “spiritual leader” of the International Muslim Brotherhood, Yusuf Al-Qaradawi.

The other is something available for anyone to see for themselves—the stomach-turning content of Al Jazeera, the Qatari state-owned propaganda outlet.

Until Yusuf Al-Qaradawi died last year at age 96, he was not only the top religious cleric for the Muslim Brotherhood, but also for the ruling Al Thani family.

The Qatar Foundation, which is actually a private company owned by the Emir of Qatar and his parents, worked closely with Qaradawi for decades, spending hundreds of millions of dollars to export and promote Qaradawi's de-ranked brand of Islam.

To understand just how much of an extremist that Qaradawi was, all you would have to do is watch the old broadcasts of his show on Al Jazeera. Over the years, Qaradawi used his Al Jazeera platform to endorse violent jihad against the West, and he specifically advocated for terrorist attacks on Israel, as well as attacks on U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

Qaradawi also praised the Holocaust, and repeatedly used his show to promote the mass murder of Jews.

On his Al Jazeera show in 2011, Qaradawi proclaimed that “Allah” used Adolf Hitler to wreak the Holocaust upon the Jews as “divine punishment,” and he praised Hitler for “putting (Jews) in their place.”

Qaradawi was well-known for praising Hamas during his Al Jazeera broadcasts. Unfortunately, the entirety of Al Jazeera is now also well-known for praising Hamas.

Al Jazeera has served as an unabashed cheerleader for Hamas for years, and especially since October 7th. The broadcasts of state-owned Al Jazeera have been rife with explicit cheerleading for Hamas and spreading blood libels about the Jewish state.

Not only does Al Jazeera reveal its repugnant biases in hailing Hamas as the “resistance” and casting Israel as the “occupiers,” but among its earliest reporting on Hamas' October 7th terrorist attack was a story praising the brutal kidnappings as “humanitarian,” under the headline, “Activists praise the resistance's humanitarian treatment of an Israeli woman and her children.”

In the time since, Qatar's propaganda outlet has continued to interview top Hamas leaders, often in-studio in Doha—allowing them to promote dangerous falsehoods designed to incite viewers against not just Israel, but also America and the West.

For years, Hamas has tried to sell to the West a fiction, the idea that there is an “armed wing” and a “political wing” of the terrorist organization. Well, it is safe to say that since October 7th, Al Jazeera has become the media wing of Hamas.

If someone wants to know about Qatar's true foreign policy positions, all they need to do is check out Al Jazeera's Arabic language coverage.

That way, it wouldn't be a surprise to anyone that Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on October 7th that it holds “Israel solely responsible” for the mass murder of 1,200 innocents and the kidnapping of another 200-plus.

Earlier this month at a Gulf Cooperation Council gathering, Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani doubled down on this position, when he had the audacity to condemn

the world for allowing Israel supposedly to be “above the law”—as if a nation should not be allowed to defend itself from mass murderers at its border—even as the Emir himself very much treats the Hamas leaders as “above the law” by refusing to arrest them.

Qatar has been able to hoodwink the State Department and the foreign policy “elites” for years through a two-tiered, carrot-and-stick approach.

They lavish money in all directions to purchase “friends” and supporters. And when they encounter the principled few who can’t be bought off, Qatar has used its considerable espionage capabilities to target those critics it views as harmful to their interests.

In short, Qatar’s influence strategy can be summed up in three words—buy or destroy.

The “visible” portion of Qatar’s strategy has been to spread billions and billions of dollars across the U.S. Here’s a small sampling of Qatar’s largesse inside the U.S.:

A total of \$6 billion given to our universities, which doesn’t include the millions it gives to radical, anti-American campus groups, such as Students for Justice in Palestine.

An unknown dollar amount, but probably hundreds of millions of dollars in total, to think tanks.

Millions and millions of dollars to The New York Times—yes, the “Gray Lady”—in the form of co-hosting dubious “Art for Tomorrow” conferences in Doha, as well as sponsoring other New York Times junkets, such as its “Oil and Money” conferences.

Since 2017, Qatar has engaged at least 75 lobbying and PR firms, according to the FARA website, and it has paid these firms approximately \$225 million, for an average of \$3 million paid to each registered FARA agent.

And most recently, Qatar’s sovereign wealth fund, the Qatar Investment Authority, or QIA, “invested” \$200 million dollars to purchase 5 percent of Monumental Sports Entertainment, founded and run by Ted Leonsis, and which is the parent company of the NBA and NHL franchises right here in Washington, D.C., the Wizards and the Capitals.

Qatar’s lavish spending habits on lobbyists and now for sportswashing have garnered at least some media attention. But the dirty secret is that it is the darker side of Qatar’s “buy-or-destroy” approach that has probably been even more effective.

Qatar has engaged in hacking operations to intercept the communications of Americans whom the wealthy emirate believes to be harmful to its interests, reportedly by hiring firms such as Global Risk Advisors, founded and owned by former CIA agent Kevin Chalker, to plan and orchestrate these so called “hack-and leak” operations.

In recent years, Qatari espionage activities have used hacked materials to smear a long list of powerful and influential figures, including both former and current U.S. government officials.

Here are a few examples of the American critics of Qatar that the emirate went after through targeted dissemination of hacked materials to friendly media outlets:

the former Homeland Security Advisor to the President, Fran Townsend;

a former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Mark Wallace;

the former Deputy National Security Advisor, Elliott Abrams;

the former acting head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Michael Morell; and

the then-sitting Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Ed Royce.

The decision to target Chairman Royce is as stunning as it was brazen. But here is the cold, hard reality: a foreign government that sponsors numerous terrorist organizations used American citizens and others to intimidate and neutralize one of the most powerful U.S. government officials in matters of foreign policy, who at that time was the Chairman of this body’s Foreign Affairs Committee.

Although Qatar has never publicly stated why they unleashed their espionage forces on Chairman Royce, the reason seems obvious.

It was to protect Hamas.

In late 2017, Chairman Royce’s committee unanimously passed the Hamas Sanctions Bill, whose findings mentioned two state sponsors of Hamas—Iran and Qatar. It was no secret at that time that Qatar’s top priority was killing the legislation, and Qatari lobbyists were swarming Capitol Hill, desperately attempting to halt the bill.

Just a few months later, in early 2018, Qatar’s high-priced PR agents worked in cahoots with media outlets, including The New York Times, to smear Chairman Royce—a good man, known and loved by many in this body—with splashy “news” stories that created false narratives through the use of hacked materials.

What makes the whole operation to smear Chairman Royce even more outrageous is the very significant ethical conflict of the primary media outlet that relied on hacked materials to do Qatar’s bidding—The New York Times.

What the “Gray Lady” did not mention in any of the many stories it published based on emails hacked by Qatar is that The New York Times was in business with Qatar.

In fact, Qatar and Brookfield had reached an agreement to purchase 42 percent of the New York Times Building in Times Square by January 2018.

The New York Times also neglected to mention in these stories placed by Qatar’s Intelligence services that Qatar had been lining the pockets of The New York Times for at least several years by this time, with untold millions of dollars for “sponsoring” junkets hosted by The New York Times.

So when the tiny but wealthy emirate needed to “teach a lesson” to any other Congressman or Senator thinking of criticizing Qatar—or even Hamas—the State of Qatar turned for help to its own business partner, The New York Times, which dutifully published a hit piece smearing the then-current Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The hit pieces that Qatar generated had the desired effect.

Even though the Hamas Sanctions Bill, H.R. 2712, had been unanimously passed by the Foreign Affairs Committee in November 2017 and was expected to easily pass a Floor vote in this body.

But after the Qataris successfully weaponized hacked materials to smear Chairman Royce, the Hamas Sanctions bill died a quiet death, never even making it to a Floor vote.

Could anyone imagine the Chairman Royce scenario playing out the same way, but with different countries or a different target?

For example, if Russia had targeted a Democratic Congressman or Senator that same way, does anyone doubt that the media and foreign policy “elites” would have been up in arms?

Or if it had been Iran smearing a Democratic Congressman or Senator with hacked materials? This is yet another example of the unique threat posed by Qatar.

There’s no other nation that would be so daring as to intercept the communications of prominent Americans—let alone high-ranking U.S. government officials—that also has a cozy relationship with top media outlets or that has financial ties to a wide array of prominent and influential Americans.

Who in academia would dare step up to criticize Qatar for openly targeting American critics, including U.S. government officials?

Not likely someone affiliated with Harvard, which has received at least \$17 million from Qatar.

Probably not anyone affiliated with Northwestern University, which has raked in over \$600 million from Qatar.

The same goes for anyone affiliated with Georgetown University—which has received over \$800 million in Qatari cash—or Cornell University, which Qatar has paid a staggering \$2 billion.

The top ranks of the think tank world are also surprisingly reluctant to criticize Qatar—which is no surprise given the millions upon millions of dollars that Qatar spreads to think tanks.

And in case you might think that major law firms would be outraged at a foreign government hacking the communications of its American critics and then weaponizing those hacked materials, that has certainly not happened with Qatar.

Among the law firms retained by Qatar is Covington, a law firm that acts as personal counsel to President Biden.

Three Covington partners serve as the trustees of Biden’s Vice Presidential Archives.

Covington partner Dana Remus was the first White House Counsel in this Administration, and before that, she was the general counsel for the Biden 2020 Presidential campaign.

Another Covington partner, Robert Lenhard, served as the lead outside counsel for the Biden 2020 Presidential campaign.

And Lenhard’s wife, Viveca Novak, was an editor at McClatchy News when that outlet was publishing stories based on materials hacked by Qatar in 2017–2018.

Even with its tentacles everywhere in American society, the State of Qatar is looking to extend its influence operations into one of the last areas in the U.S. that has been immune from foreign influence—American professional sports.

The Qatar Investment Authority has purchased 5 percent of Monumental Sports Entertainment, the parent company of the NBA and NHL franchises right here in Washington, D.C.—the Wizards and the Capitals.

Over the past month, I have sent multiple letters about QIA’s proposed investment to the NBA, the NHL, and Monumental Sports.

All three of them responded to my initial letters with dismissive replies, and then the NBA and Monumental ignored my following-up letters sent two weeks ago, which included straightforward questions that would shed light on some of the basic details regarding this business deal that is obviously of significant importance to the American public.

There should be no doubt that Qatar’s sole motivation for its investment into the Washington Wizards and the Washington Capitals is to give it a uniquely powerful tool for further

cementing its death grip on our Nation's capital.

Congress must investigate this business arrangement. And because Monumental's President, Ted Leonsis, is seeking \$600 million in taxpayer money to pair with Qatar's \$200 million "investment" in order to renovate the Verizon Center, Congress has a duty to investigate.

As my time comes to a close, let me conclude by saying that it is of paramount importance that the United States immediately begin to reassess its relationship with the State of Qatar.

The only path forward is to pressure Qatar. It is unconscionable that Hamas is holding as hostages nine Americans and almost 200 others, while Hamas leaders live freely—and luxuriously—in Doha, just miles from the United States Air Base at Al Udeid.

We owe it to the memory of the 32 Americans murdered on October 7. And we owe it to the American people, whose government should not be treating Hamas' benefactors as an "ally."

The time is now for the U.S. to force Qatar to choose between the U.S. and Hamas. They cannot embrace both. And if they choose to continue embracing Hamas, we must treat them as we treat any other state sponsor of terrorist groups that murder Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, December 1, 2023, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2439. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Explosives Safety Board 2022 Report to Congress, pursuant to Public Law 116-283, Sec. 354(a); (134 Stat. 3545); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2440. A letter from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing [Docket No.: ETA-2022-0003] (RIN: 1205-AC02) received November 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-2441. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's summary presentation of final rules — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2024-01; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR-2023-0051, Sequence No. 6] received November 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2442. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-

wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Small Entity Compliance Guide — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2024-01 [Docket No.: FAR-2023-0051, Sequence No. 6] received November 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2443. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2024-01; Item II; Docket No.: FAR-2023-0052; Sequence No. 5] received November 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2444. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation: New Designated Country — North Macedonia [FAC 2024-01, FAR Case 2023-019, Item I; Docket No.: 2023-0019; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-A067) received November 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2445. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel/Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Federal Tort Claims Act—Technical Changes [BOP-1180-I] (RIN: 1120-AB80) received November 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2446. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Development Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — General Technical, Organizational, Conforming, and Correcting Amendments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations [Docket No.: FMCSA-2023-0174] (RIN: 2126-AC60) received November 22, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2447. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Development Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Agency, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Broker and Freight Forwarder Financial Responsibility [Docket No.: FMCSA-2016-0102] (RIN: 2126-AC10) received November 22, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CAREY (for himself, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. STEIL):

H.R. 6513. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. FINSTAD):

H.R. 6514. A bill to require agencies to notify the Archivist of the date on which a

final rule is submitted to Congress and the Government Accountability Office; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6515. A bill to combat illegal deforestation by prohibiting the importation of products made wholly or in part of certain commodities produced on land undergoing illegal deforestation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, Oversight and Accountability, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Ms. MANNING, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 6516. A bill to reauthorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CROW (for himself and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 6517. A bill to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress annual reports on civilian casualties caused by certain operations of foreign governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 6518. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to take initiatives to measure the impact of automation on the workforce in order to inform workforce development strategies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 6519. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ban the use of intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in cosmetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. PALMER, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. ROSE):

H.R. 6520. A bill to exclude individuals who are not citizens of the United States from the number of persons used to determine the apportionment of Representatives and the number of electoral votes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. FISCHBACH (for herself, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 6521. A bill to authorize a Law Enforcement Education Grant program to encourage students to pursue a career in law enforcement; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. HINSON (for herself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LATURNER, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr.