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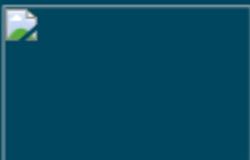
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Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

Is Jerusalem Israel's Capital?

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal by an American citizen to have his birthplace listed in his passport as [Jerusalem](#), Israel. In doing so the court did not make a judgement as to whether Jerusalem is indeed the capital, but more narrowly determined that the Executive Branch has the sole power to recognize foreign nations.

Although the court may have been correct in interpreting the law, it ignored the historical and practical reality that Jerusalem is Israel's capital. As the plaintiff's attorneys said after the decision was announced, the court perpetuated "the absurd position that no country is sovereign over Jerusalem, and that no part of the city, including the western portion of Jerusalem,...is in Israel."

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Mitchell Bard in the Jerusalem Post

Academic Freedom vs. Academic Malpractice

Anti-Israel student groups tend to get all the blame and publicity for problems on college campuses; however, the reality is they have little or no influence. Their peers ignore them (most don't even know they exist) and the few that attend their events often come away feeling more hostile toward the Palestinians. On the handful of campuses where these organizations are active, the atmosphere can be toxic; however, the situation can change from year to year as students graduate, since hostile groups are often held together by a single highly motivated Israel denier. Tenured faculty, by comparison, are like Supreme Court justices, with virtual lifetime appointments, and detractors among them have contributed to the legitimization of Israel denial on the campus and beyond.

To give an idea of the scope of the faculty problem, more than 4,000 professors worldwide, and no fewer than 1,600 in more than 500 universities in the U.S., have signed petitions or letters condemning Israel and/or advocating boycotts, divestment, and/or sanctions against Israel, Israeli companies, U.S. companies doing business in Israel or Israeli academic institutions.

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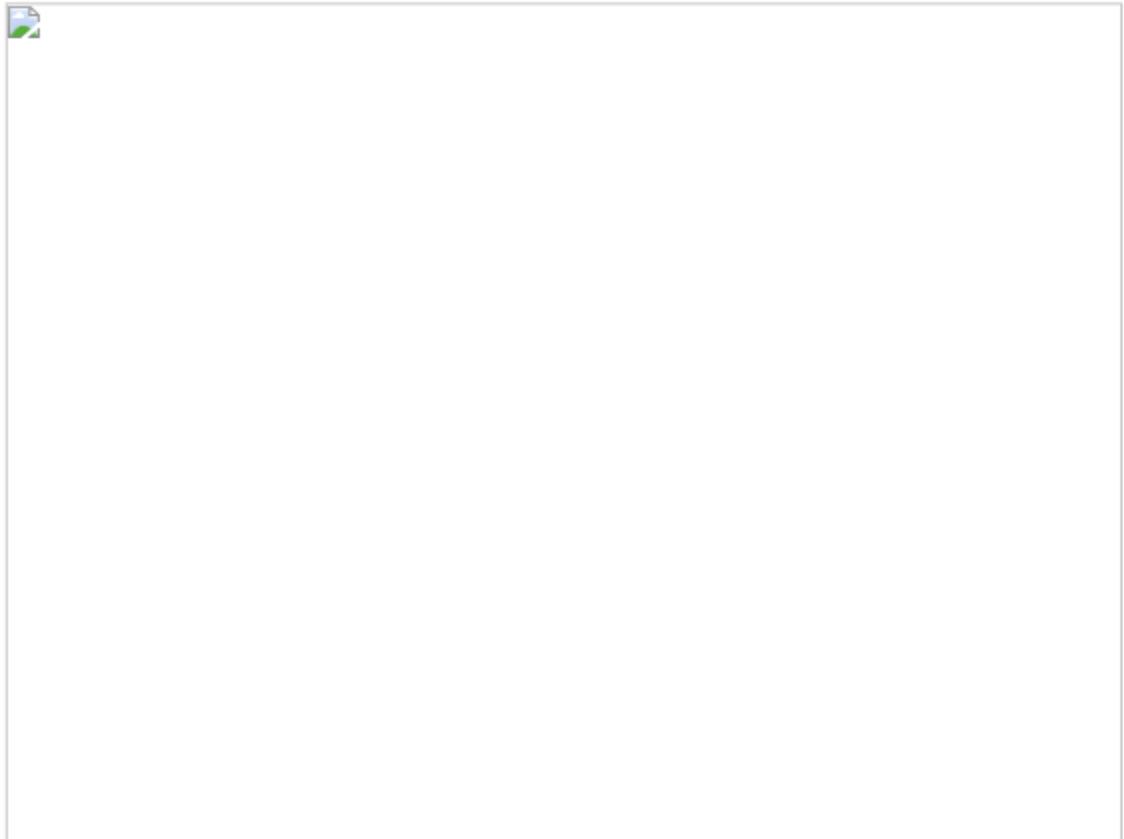
Fact of the Week

Pentagon Report Reveals Iran Continued to Engage in Nuclear Activities During Negotiations

During the negotiations Iran continued to work on technology that could be applied to nuclear weaponry, according to a secret report produced by the Pentagon in January 2015 but not released until June. The Pentagon report reached the conclusion that, "covert [Iranian nuclear] activities appear to be continuing unabated, particularly in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Bahrain, and Yemen."

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