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The Editor,

The Chronicle Herald.

Dear Editor,

Mr. Joel Lion, Israeli consul, draws a picture of Israel that is widely removed from the facts on the ground, both on the local scene as well as to the international community and world order.

He speaks of the conflict with Palestinians but makes no mention of the Israeli well-confirmed campaign to expel the Palestinians and ethnically cleanse them from their homeland. He speaks of peace while Israel continues to wage war against its neighbours and illegally-occupy Palestinian and Syrian territory, in defiance of international law and repeated Security Council resolutions. It continues to dismiss the offer made by the Arab League in 2002, to have normal diplomatic relations with Israel, if Israel was willing to withdraw from the territory it occupied in the war of aggression it waged in June 1967.

He ascribes terrorism to Hizbullah and Hamas and forgets that Israel was built on terrorism and continues to practice state terrorism locally and on an international scale. The late professor Israel Shahak, a Holocaust survivor, and then chairman of the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights, wrote: "There is nothing new in the fact that Israel is a terrorist state, which, almost from its inception, has used its intelligence service (the Mossad) to assassinate people on foreign soil with any violence or terror it considers necessary for its ends." Mr Lion speaks of the lives of more than 1000 Israelis but makes no mention of the many thousands of Palestinians killed by Israel, not to mention the 1400 Palestinians killed in the infamous Israeli attack waged on Gaza in 3 weeks in Dec. 2008-Jan. 2009, using illegal weapons like white phosphorus and cluster bombs, banned internationally. This is not to mention the devastation, brutality and humiliation that millions of Palestinians face daily under Israeli illegal and brutal occupation.

The actions of the state of Israel since its creation, and those of the terrorist gangs (the Stern, Irgun Zwei Leumi and the Haganah) that brought it about, testify to Israel's long-established record in terrorism, not only in the Middle East but on the international scene.

Mr. Lion states that "Iran continues to enrich uranium in its quest for nuclear weapons" but he fails to note that Israel has massed hundreds of nuclear weapons for decades.

The justified dream of Palestinians and Israelis for peace is perfectly justified and must be supported by all. But peace, to be cherished, must be based on justice and international law.

Yours sincerely,

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