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The Editor,

The Chronicle Herald.

Dear Editor,

In the Herald, today Nov. 20, you report : "Israel's defence minister [Ehud Barak] took aim on Saturday at Iran's purported nuclear ambitions." Is it not the height of audacity for a country that refuses to sign the UN Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and holds hundreds of nuclear weapons, to attack another for purported unconfirmed nuclear ambitions? Ehud Barak goes on to say that a nuclear-armed Iran is 'unacceptable.' But, evidently, we are required to believe that Israel is perfectly entitled to hold massive nuclear weapons and threatens others with its weaponry. Is this not a clear manifestation of the saying that " The pot calling the kettle black"?

He also takes aim at "the bloody crackdown on protesters in Syria." Here again he forgets Israel's killing of hundreds of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank who are protesting the oppressive illegal occupation that they have been subjected to for decades.

It is to the shame of the others attending this Forum who allow this audacity and double standards to go unchallenged.

Yours sincerely,

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