

Dear Gov Haley -

Congratulations on your appointment!  
I have long admired your kindness,  
your character, + your honorable way  
of taking care of your fellow South  
Carolinians - your fellow Americans.

I am pleased you will be  
representing us at the UN. I am  
sorry to say they have left you a  
real mess! I am outraged at  
our abandonment of Israel, our only  
honest friend, the only democracy in  
the Middle East. Leaving them alone  
in enemy territory with missiles  
raining down, paid terrorists who  
don't want peace - they want Jewish  
annihilation!

I believe the UN is not a good force in the world & has to be blocked from encouraging tyrants.

And Putin is a KGB thug who said "the worst thing that ever happened is the fall of USSR" & started reclaiming it by invading Ukraine & occupying Crimea. He flatters Trump & we all know that works. Yes, getting along is better than fighting. Pray his advisors enlighten the Pres Elect who is a very smart man. I'm thankful there are Christians surrounding him.

Walk with God, may He bless you & your family & guide you.

All the best!

Juan Jackson  
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# UNESCO'S PROPAGANDA WAR ON ISRAEL

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has approved a resolution that denies a Jewish connection to Jerusalem. Advanced by the Palestinian Authority (PA), with the help of Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, and Sudan, the resolution passed by a vote of 24 to 6, with 26 abstentions.

Although it concedes that Jerusalem is holy to three monotheistic faiths, the section dealing with the Temple Mount specifically asserts the site is sacred exclusively to Muslims. It refers to it only by its Muslim names (Haram al-Sharif and al-Aqsa Mosque) and does not use the Hebrew term *Har HaBayit* or its English equivalent, the *Temple Mount*.

The UNESCO resolution is part of an ongoing propaganda war to delegitimize the State of Israel by rewriting history in order to downplay Jewish links to Jerusalem. In a concerted effort to promote the narrative that the Temple Mount and adjoining Western Wall are Muslim, the PA has worked relentlessly to change the language UNESCO uses to refer to the sites.

The UN organization is now firmly planted in the Arab camp. In April 2016, UNESCO approved a resolution that refers to the Temple Mount by its Muslim names and to the Western Wall as *al-Buraq Plaza*, a term created by the Arabs in the 1920s. In October 2015, UNESCO designated the Tomb of the Patriarchs in

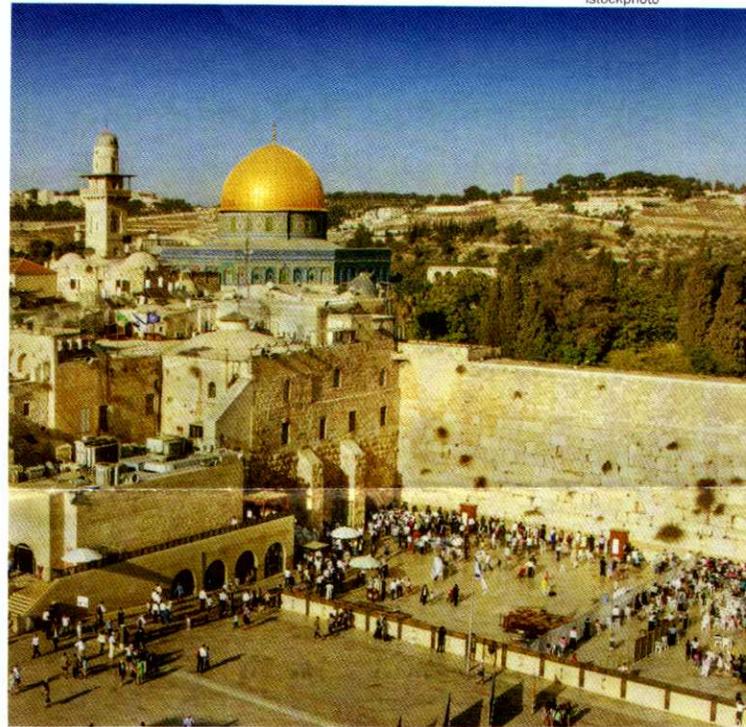
Hebron and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem (the second and third holiest sites in Judaism, respectively) as Muslim holy sites.

That same month, Mahmoud al-Habbash, a senior PA official, said on PA television, "The al-Aqsa Mosque, which includes its plaza, all the gates, all the walls, all the facilities with and without a roof, and all the walls, including the al-Buraq Wall (i.e., the Western Wall) which is an Islamic wall, an Islamic Waqf—a property of the Muslims—no one can deprive them of this ownership. . . . No one except the Palestinians and Muslims is entitled to even a millimeter of it, not even a single grain of sand. . . . This property belongs to me and all Muslims."

In September 2015, PA President Mahmoud Abbas declared, "Al-Aqsa is ours and so is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. They [the Jews] have no right to desecrate them with their filthy feet."

The Temple Mount—identified in 2 Chronicles 3:1 as Mount Moriah, the site where King Solomon built the first Temple—is the holiest site in Judaism. The first Jewish Temple was dedicated around 950 BC, more than 1,500 years before the emergence of Islam.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has condemned the UNESCO resolution: "Today UNESCO adopted its second decision this year denying the Jewish people's connection to the Temple



Mount, our holiest site for more than 3,000 years. To say that Israel has no connection to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall is like saying that China has no connection to the Great Wall of China or that Egypt has no connection to the pyramids."

Netanyahu encouraged UNESCO members to visit the Arch of Titus in Rome. "On it one can see what the Romans brought back to Rome after they destroyed and looted the second Temple on the Temple Mount 2,000 years ago." He said, "There, engraved on the Arch of Titus, is the seven-branched menorah that is the symbol of the Jewish people, and I remind you, is also the symbol of the Jewish state today. Soon, UNESCO will say that the Emperor Titus engaged in Zionist propaganda."



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**RUSSIA**—Christians in Russia now must choose between obeying the law and obeying God because of a new set of Stalinesque “anti-terrorism” laws passed recently that severely restrict evangelism and set the stage for a mass persecution of Russian believers in Christ.

The amendments—considered the country’s most repressive since the collapse of the Soviet Union—prohibit all missionary activity, even in private homes and online. Sergei Ryakhovsky, leader of Protestant Churches of Russia, called the law “the most draconian anti-religion bill to be proposed in Russia since Nikita Khrushchev promised to eliminate Christianity in the Soviet Union.”

ChristianityToday.com reported that a group of lawyers has begun preparing an appeal to Russia’s Constitutional Court, claiming the new law contradicts religious rights guaranteed in the guidelines of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, of which Russia is a participating country.

The Slavic Center for Law and Justice (SCLJ), a nonprofit organization that seeks to protect religious rights in Russia, also has begun reviewing the law in hopes of ensuring the religious liberties of Christians and foreign missionaries there, the *Christian Post* reported.

The set of amendments, called the “Yarovaya package,” forbids parents to teach their children about the Lord in their homes, allows government surveillance of all online activity, prohibits believers from inviting friends to church, and outlaws all house churches. Individual violators may be fined up to \$780, organizations up to \$15,000, and foreign violators deported.

The law appears to target Russian Protestant minorities, defining missionary activity as “religious practices to spread a faith beyond its members,” according to ChristianityToday.com. Such a definition excludes the Russian Orthodox Church since it remains an integral aspect of Russian nationalism.

“The Russian Orthodox Church is part of a bulwark of Russian nationalism stirred up by Vladimir Putin. Everything that undermines that action is a real threat, whether that’s



Statue of Lenin on Moscow Square in front of the Russian House of Soviets.

evangelical Protestant missionaries or anything else,” foreign affairs expert David Aikman told *Christianity Today*.

The new amendments set the stage for a mass persecution of Russian evangelical believers. In a letter to Putin, Ryakhovsky wrote, “[The law] creates the basis for mass persecution of believers for violating these provisions. Soviet history shows us how many people of different faiths have been persecuted for spreading the Word of God. This law brings us back to a shameful past.”

Since the legislation went into effect on July 20, many have been arrested for sharing their faith. Russian officials charged seven Christians within the first month alone, *The Washington Post* reported. One of the seven included a Baptist preacher from the United States who was accused of holding church services in his home and promoting the meetings on public bulletin boards, the *Post* said.

Mission Eurasia President Sergey Rakhuba encouraged Russian believers to continue sharing their faith despite the threat of government persecution: “Believers . . . need to make a very important choice: whether to obey God or these new Russian ‘laws.’” He told *Christianity Today*, “The Great Commission isn’t just for a time of freedom.”

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