

Ignorance is a Battlefield

In a comment on an op-ed on the Command Post, Simon Barnett **writes:**

Mohammed Al Faisal, recently convicted in the UK for preaching the use of chemical weapons against... well everyone that didn't agree with him in fact – in his poisonous sermons. He gave a brief interview on the BBC during his trial in which he explained how he had gone to university, was an educated man, (the establishment in question was in fact the University of Riddayh) and how he KNEW from his studies there that the Jewish Holocaust was a fabrication used to bring about a state of Israel.

I was eating whilst I was watching the interview and nearly choked to death. At the end of the interview I waited patiently for either the reporter or anchor to point out that the Jewish homeland was created after the fall of the Ottoman empire in WWI and the Holocaust was in WWII. It never came. Either they didn't know or didn't care. I stopped watching the BBC and switched to CNN – permanently.

Ignorance, even in the 'educated', is as much a battlefield in the [War on Terrorism] as Afghanistan or Iraq.

Quite right. Everyone should read our series, **A Short History of Israel** and, as **our readers** would say, tell everyone they know to read it too.

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Actually, he was correct, technically speaking. European Jews began settling in Palestine even before WWI, as a matter of fact still in the 19th century. The Zionist movement did pick up steam following the defeat of the Ottoman empire, and the take over of the ME by the Eropean, especially GB. The Balfur declaration came about in 1917, and it was the basis for the future Jewish state. But the official and formal recognition of the state of Israel came only in 1948, and the

Holocaust played a huge role in making it happen.

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Which is, of course, *not* correct, technically or otherwise.

~Woty

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