

“This Game of Legitimizing Mr. Arafat”

The Israeli Ambassador's speech yesterday to the UN Security Council in the debate on Arafat was a superb, towering indictment of that organisation and of the international community in general. It should have been a historic event, like the **speech of Haile Selassie to the League of Nations** in 1936. But it won't be, because it went virtually unreported and undiscussed.

You can read it [here](#), though.

The Palestinian representative walked out and told journalists that the speech was “trash”.

By the way, note also the continuing disgraceful adherence of M. Dominique de Villepin to his eponymous **doctrine**, as pointed out in [this comment by Gil](#).

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How Reuters reported it

Reuters reported it like this:

Israeli Ambassador Dan Gillerman, dismissing Arafat as a liar and a "professional terrorist," predicted his removal would swiftly lead to an end to the conflict.

Arafat "is at the helm of those who have been supporting mega-terror attacks in the style of the bombing of the twin towers, to bring the region to the brink of catastrophe," Gillerman said, prompting al-Kidwa to walk out of the chamber.

The phrase "predicted his removal would swiftly lead to an end to the conflict" does not refer to anything in the speech. Perhaps the hack who writes Reuters' UN reports tends to **go out for a smoke** during Israeli speeches, since he knows there's no market for reporting them.

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Palestinian

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journalists that the speech was "trash".

What was the Palestinian representative representing? The PLO?
The Palestinian Authority? Arafat? Hamas?

What were they doing there?

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