Accusations Against Trump Advisor by Islamists Proven False

Ryan Mauro gives a spirited defense of Dr. Phares in the [“Walid Phares: A Hero to Muslim Liberals.”](#)

False Claims that Phares' Hands are Covered with the Blood of the Innocent

The first [regurgitation](#) of a *Mother Jones* [known for his advocacy of democratic pluralism](#), writing his first book about it age 22 in 1979. He also led a small political party in East Beirut named the Social Democratic Party. The Christians of Lebanon—the good, the bad and the ugly—united in the face of the brutal civil war. The political parties formed a coalition under the name of the Lebanese Front that included his small party and he served as its foreign affairs chief for two years in 1986.

Phares' colleague in the coalition was Dr. Charles Malik, a former president of the U.N. General Assembly and co-author of the International Charter of Human Rights.

The military component—the militias—were collectively known as the Lebanese Forces. Phares did not issue even one order to them. He did not join one battle. He did not provide one gun. And there's no record that he ever justified the massacres or urged human rights abuses by anyone.

Just the opposite, he called for a federal secular system and launched a workers' union, a student group and a minorities federation. His push for democracy within the community where he was born and raised resulted in him being kidnapped by militiamen upset with his articles. He says he was often threatened by these militias until the

day he left the country.

Unable to connect him to the massacres by *actually* connecting him to the massacres, the author of the piece says he provoked the bloodshed by supporting the creation of a Lebanese Christian state, as most Lebanese Christians wanted. By that standard, any supporter of an independent Israeli, Palestinian or Kurdish state is responsible for massacres committed in the name of the cause.

And now here's the kicker: The article partially relies on the words of Toni Nissi, who has just