

# Anti-IDF Israeli Leftist NGO Met White House and State Department Senior Officials in Washington



IDF Reservists Training on the Golan

Source: Israel Defense Force

Why did Obama National Security and State Department officials meet with Israeli leftist NGO [Breaking the Silence](#) to provide maligned 'testimonies' of IDF reservists about allegations of "revenge firing" on Palestinians during last summer's Operation Protective Edge? Especially, since testimonies of fellow serving IDF reservists who appeared on Israel Channel 2 in early May 2015 said the 'testimonies' were a pack of lies. Earlier this week Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely called out the Swiss Foreign Ministry for funding a photographic exhibit mounted by Breaking the Silence. This is not the first time for an Israeli objection to foreign programs funding programs of the leftist group. A prior episode occurred following the 2009 Operation Cast Lead when groups in The Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK launching similar disinformation efforts maligning IDF self-defense operations against the rocket wars in Gaza perpetrated by Hamas.

Breaking the Silence was formed in 2004 during the Second Intifada. *NGO Monitor* [reported](#) the following sources of the group's funds:

2013/4 donors include the [Misereor](#) ([Broederlijk Delen](#) ([AECID](#) ([Dan Church Aid](#) ([ICCO](#) ([France](#)), [UK](#)), SIVMO

([Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#), [New Israel Fund](#), and others

Based on financial information submitted to the [Israeli NGO transparency law](#), BtS received 992,901 NIS from foreign governmental bodies in 2014 and 1,271,368 NIS in 2013 (accessed March 15, 2014).

In 2008-2013, the New Israel Fund (NIF) authorized grants worth \$560,428 to Breaking the Silence ([2009](#), [2011](#), [2013](#)).

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