

Ayanna Pressley Attacks Israel, About Which She Knows Little, Boston Globe Rushes to Her Aid

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I happened to read an article the other day, “Representative Ayanna Pressley questions US aid to Israel ‘that is used to demolish Palestinian homes,’” by Emma Platoff, [Boston Globe](#), May 14, 2021. It was, obviously, written before the ceasefire went into effect on May 21, about Representative Ayanna Pressley, the least-discussed member of the Squad, whose other members are the notoriously anti-Israel Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Pressley is no slouch herself when it comes to railing against Israel, demanding that the American government cut aid to the Jewish state “that

is used to demolish Palestinian homes, imprison Palestinian children, and displace Palestinian families.” Her charges are absurd. Israel does not “demolish Palestinian homes” for no reason; it demolishes the homes of suicide terrorists in order to discourage terrorism. While the Palestinians’ “Pay-For-Slay” program provides generous stipends to terrorists and, in case they die during their attacks, to their families – thereby rewarding past and incentivizing future terrorism – the Israelis naturally try to discourage would-be terrorists. They have found that demolition of the houses belonging to the families of terrorists works; it dampens the ardor of would-be copycat terrorists.

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