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## **U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley Vows to Fight Anti-Israel Bias**

On Feb. 16, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (U.N.) Nikki Haley criticized the international organization's anti-Israel bias and pledged to defend Israel against one-sided measures at the Security Council and other U.N. bodies. Following the U.N. Security Council's monthly consultations on Middle East issues, Haley stated: "The Security Council is supposed to discuss how to maintain international peace and security. But at our meeting on the Middle East, the discussion was not about Hezbollah's illegal build-up of rockets in Lebanon. It was not about the money and weapons Iran provides to terrorists. It was not about how we defeat ISIS. It was not about how we hold Bashar al-Assad accountable for the slaughter of hundreds and thousands of civilians. No, instead, the meeting focused on criticizing Israel, the one true democracy in the Middle East." Haley also underscored that direct talks, rather than imposed solutions, are the only way to achieve peace between Israelis and the Palestinians.