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Deaf to reason

RABBI Marvin Hier and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre can be relied upon to cry "anti-Semitism" ad nauseum and urge sanctions when anyone says anything critical about Zionism or when Israel is presented in a bad light. Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was the rabbi's target for his remarks about Jews at the OIC Summit in Putrajaya. The Centre urged a boycott on tourism and investment in Malaysia. Now it is the turn of the Europeans to be accused of "a racist flight of fantasy" because 60 per cent feel Israel is a greater threat to world peace than North Korea, Iran or Afghanistan in a poll by the European Union. The rabbi now urges the removal of the EU from the Middle East peace process. The Zionists only want to hear what they like and shoot all other messengers.

Not too long ago, disliking Jews was a legitimate political and cultural attitude in the West. Nowadays, anti-Semitism is politically incorrect, and people like Hier and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre are adept at exploiting this taboo to support Israel's racist and genocidal policy towards the Palestinians. They try to stifle discussion and criticism of Israel, and use threats when they can. But Dr Mahathir's example shows not everyone is afraid of being labelled anti-Semitic when they speak the truth, and not every voice can be silenced. The Palestinians continue their struggle and everywhere, as the EU poll shows, people are speaking up for justice and peace for the Palestinians, and against the Zionist threat to world peace and Israel's continuing illegal occupation of Palestinian lands.