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As if on cue, Russia's useful idiots in the West immediately use Amnesty's distorted report—which concluded “Ukrainian forces put civilians in harm’s way” (



)—to enable Putin's war.

Amnesty international lost its moral compass and judgment long ago: 🧵 /1



Amnesty International was founded to defend prisoners of conscience jailed by oppressive regimes. But today what truly motivates its leadership is attacking the West. And to do so, Amnesty has routinely enabled misogynists, homophobes, tyrants & terrorists. Let's take a look: /2

In 2010, Gita Sahgal, then head of Amnesty International's women's rights unit, was fired for exposing Amnesty's shameful ties and support for Britain's most famous Taliban advocate: former Guantanamo Bay detainee Moazzam Begg.



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Enabling terrorists has been a recurring theme with Amnesty. In 2015, a senior employee of Amnesty International was found to have undeclared private links to men alleged to be key players in a secretive network of global Islamists, revealed The Times.



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Christopher Hitchens wrote that Amnesty’s actions backing the Taliban—and targeting whistleblower & women's rights chief Gita Sahgal—exemplified the organization’s “degeneration & politicization,” reflecting “a moral crisis that has global implications.”



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It's an old story, but it bears retelling. One day at the dawn of the 1960s, a lawyer named Peter Benenson was reading the newspaper on the London...

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2010/02/amnesty-international-loses-sight-of-its-ori...>

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In 2015, @amnesty's speaker said the 9/11 attacks were “sweet revenge” & Europe made “the cult of the Holocaust & Jew-worshipping its religion.” He called gays “AIDS-spreading faggots.” Part of Hezbollah, he questions the existence of Nazi gas chambers. /6

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/amnesty-international-sponsors-speaker-who-celebrated-911-denied-holocaust-bashed-gays-and-jews>

Amnesty backed the pro-Taliban group "Cage," which promotes an ideology that mocks the values of tolerance, especially towards women. Amnesty used Cage propaganda, shared logos with them, co-produced briefing papers & co-signed letters to the government.



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Rights activist Sigrid Rausing slammed Amnesty for “blurring” its original mission.

@TheEconomist : “A group which devotes more focus to rights abuses in Britain & America than those in Belarus & Saudi Arabia cannot expect to escape doubters' scrutiny.”



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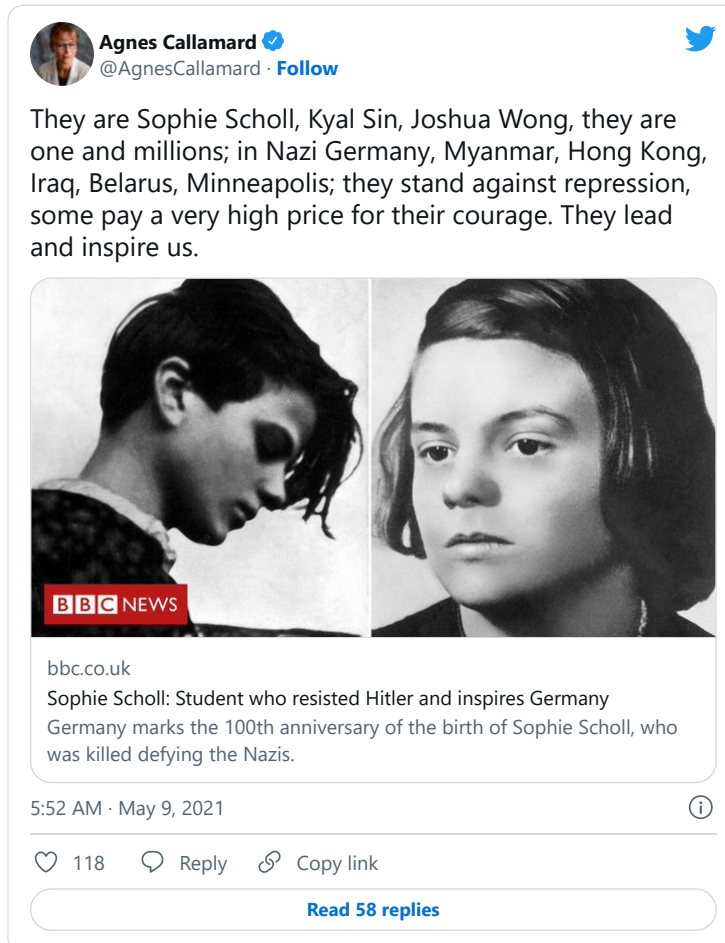
In 2015 Amnesty justified hosting an anti-gay Holocaust denier to protest Islamophobia—due to “the significance of this issue” & as it “was not an endorsement of any of the views of the individual speaker.” Yet in 2018 they saw fit to ban London's Jews. /9



Amnesty chief Agnes Callamard calls critics of the report “Ukrainian & Russian social media mobs & trolls.” In fact they include her own Amnesty Ukraine director [@OPokalchuk](#), ex-Amnesty Ukraine expert [@MaxRTucker](#) & human rights dissident [@Kasparov63](#). /10



That Amnesty's Agnes Callamard falsely denigrates legitimate critics isn't new, nor her organization's lack of a moral compass. She who made a moral equivalence between Nazi Germany and the city of Minneapolis will also conflate Putin with his victims. /11



Many Amnesty staffers and activists worldwide do terrific work, exposing atrocities by the regimes of Iran & Venezuela, supporting Saudi dissident Raif Badawi. I work with these people. But Amnesty's leadership has a terribly broken moral compass. They need to be replaced. /12

Amnesty's leaders are unable to morally distinguish between democracies that have blots on the system and totalitarian regimes where the blot IS the system; nor between democracies that may err in defending themselves & terrorist attackers that deliberately target civilians. /13

The ideology of Amnesty's leaders is clear. Not only do they recoil from prioritizing the world's most horrific and systematic abuses, but, on the contrary, their priority is to attack the West — for “sexism, racism, colonialism and Islamophobia.” /14



A screenshot of a tweet from Agnes Callamard (@AgnesCallamard) on March 14, 2021. The tweet text reads: "France is undermining Academic freedom through its attacks against an imagined 'enemy of the interior,' meaning: those of us who dare study sexism, racism, colonialism and decolonialism, islamophobia, etc. It is real and it is very grave." Below the tweet is a quote from Open Society Foundations (@OpenSociety) stating: "The French government is using austerity measures and culture wars to erode universities' integrity and independence, says our Sonia Languille. osf.to/3rK3KY1". The tweet has 483 likes and 73 replies. The interface includes a heart icon for likes, a speech bubble for replies, and a link icon for copying the link.

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