

To: Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Minister for Cyber Security
Assistant Minister for Immigration
Assistant Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

CLIENT BRIEF

Client name:	Ms Ayelet SHAKED
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Media interest:	Extensive Israeli and International media, and social media
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Ms SHAKED was a

representative in the Knesset as a member of The Jewish Home party from 2013-2018, and then as a founding member of the New Right party from 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. Ms SHAKED served as the Minister of the Interior from 2021-2022, and as Minister of Justice from 2015-2019. Ms SHAKED also founded the Israeli right wing extra-parliamentary movement My Israel (Yisrael Sheli) and served as the member of the defunct right wing electoral alliance Yamina.

Ms SHAKED served in the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) from 1994 to 1996, as an infantry instructor with the Golani Brigade, the 12th Barak (Lightning) Battalion, as well as in Sayaret Golani. Ms SHAKED's husband is a former pilot s. 47F(1).

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Anti-Palestinian / Pro-Zionist / Ultranationalist

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In a 2012 interview, when asked 'when your husband the pilot, when he's up in the air, do you hope he'll be pounding the Arabs hard with bombs?' Ms SHAKED responded with a laugh and 'yes'.

In 2014, SHAKED posted on her Facebook page:

Behind every terrorist stand dozens of men and women, without whom he could not engage in terrorism. They are all enemy combatants, and their blood shall be on all their heads. Now this also includes the mothers of the martyrs, who send them to hell with flowers and kisses. They should follow their sons, nothing would be more just. They should go, as should the physical homes in which they raised the snakes. Otherwise, more little snakes will be raised there... They have to die and their houses should be demolished so that they cannot bear any more terrorists.

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Ms SHAKED has followed up and said that 'it is not a call for indiscriminate murder'.

Ms SHAKED has called for annexing parts of the West Bank in 2014. In 2019, Ms SHAKED proposed a draft law that would see Israeli sovereignty applied over the Jordan Valley (which accounts for one third of the West Bank) and other settlements. In 2016, Ms SHAKED raised the idea of reviving the 'Peres plan', which involves a deal with Jordan to push Palestinians under its jurisdiction as Israel maintains control over the occupied West Bank.

In 2021, Ms SHAKED called for Israel to prevent Palestinians in the Gaza Strip from receiving the Russian COVID19 vaccine, whilst Hamas was holding Israeli soldiers captive.

In 2022, Ms SHAKED called Palestinian Knesset members (from the Arab Front for Change parliamentary coalition) *'terrorists in suits'*.

In 2023, Ms SHAKED spoke of transforming Khan Younis (a Palestinian settlement in Gaza) into a soccer field with the *'assistance of God and the IDF'* and said that Israel should *'take advantage of the destruction that we will wreck upon them'*.

Deportation of Salah Hamouri

In October 2021, as then-Interior Minister, Ms SHAKED decided to revoke the East Jerusalem residence status of a Palestinian-French citizen, Salah Hamouri, and deport him to France after nine months of administrative detention without charge or trial. Mr Hamouri had been held on suspicion of participation in terror activities due to his alleged affiliation with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) group, but was not charged or convicted.

In a statement, Ms SHAKED said *'Justice has been done to the terrorist and he has been deported from Israel... This was a long and protracted process and it is a tremendous achievement that I was able to bring about his deportation just before the end of my duties, using the tools at my disposal to advance the fight against terrorism.'*

This deportation has been decried as a serious human rights violation. UN human rights spokesperson, Jeremy Laurence, said *'deporting a protected person from occupied territory is a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention, constituting a war crime'*. Amnesty International's Deputy Director of the Middle East and North Africa said *'unlawful deportation from the occupied Palestinian territories constitutes a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and a war crime'* and that *'deportation carried to maintain a system of apartheid constitutes a crime against humanity'*. The head of Amnesty International France, Jean-Claude Samouiller, also called the expulsion a *'crime of apartheid'*.

The deportation was widely condemned, including by the French government, Human Rights Watch, HaMoked (Israeli human rights group), League for Human Rights and the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.

Other actions as politician

As a legislator Ms SHAKED initiated and drafted several laws **s. 47C(1)** - the comprehensive 'National anti-terrorism law', a version of the proposal for 'Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People', as well as a law limiting the powers of the Israeli Supreme Court.

In 2022, Ms SHAKED sponsored a bill proposing to prevent Palestinian family unification (residency for Palestinian citizens married to Israeli citizens).

In September 2022, as then-Interior Minister, Ms SHAKED supported an appeals court ruling that upheld East Jerusalem residency revocations for 17 members of the Qunbar family. The revocations were part of punitive action taken in response to Fadi Qunbar's alleged car attack on Israeli soldiers in 2017. As then-Interior Minister, Ms SHAKED said that Palestinians will *'pay the price for their family member's actions'* and that she would work on deporting the family members to the West Bank. The practice of collective punishment is illegal under the Fourth Article of the Geneva Convention, which states that *'No protected person may be punished for an offence he or she has not personally committed. Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited'*.

Visa history

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MP Representations

N/A

VIP Representations

N/A

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Character test

(6) For the purposes of this section, a person does not pass the character test if:

(d) in the event the person were allowed to enter or to remain in Australia, there is a risk that the person would:

(iii) vilify a segment of the Australian community; or

(iv) incite discord in the Australian community or in a segment of that community; or

(v) represent a danger to the Australian community or to a segment of that community, whether by way of being liable to become involved in activities that are disruptive to, or in violence threatening harm to, that community or segment, or in any other way; or

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Ms SHAKED is

regularly reported on in both Israeli and international media.

Ms SHAKED has occupied high-profile political appointments in her political career and s. 47E(d)

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