

18/5/2005.

BBC CHARTER REVIEW,
Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to stress in the strongest possible terms that the BBC exhibits - in all areas - an anti-Palestinian bias.

I have twice written in 2004 to state my objection to this:

31/3/2004. - LETTER REGARDING AN EARLIER 'QUESTION TIME' WHICH INCLUDED ON THE PANEL NED TEMKO (EDITOR OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE) AND NO SPOKESPERSON/REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

UNSATISFACTORY REPLY FROM NEIL BEST (BBC INFORMATION)

20/12/2004. - LETTER FROM PETER BARRON (EDITOR NEWSNIGHT) RESPONDING TO MY LETTER PROTESTING ABOUT THE BIAS AGAINST PALESTINIANS ILLUSTRATED IN A RECENT PROGRAMME.

THE REPLY WAS, IN PART AT LEAST,

● SATISFACTORY. IT ACCEPTED THAT THE USE OF THE TERM -

"DISPUTED GAZA STRIP"
WAS UNWISE.

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE NEWSNIGHT TEAM WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE HISTORY OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES - SHOULD BE SACKED. THE TREATMENT OF M^R SAFIEN WAS NOT 'REGRETTABLE' (PETER BARRON) IT WAS OUTRAGEOUS AND I BELIEVE "YOU RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS AND E-MAILS ABOUT THE ITEM." (PETER BARRON.)

These 2 examples are not exclusive - There is (and always has been in my lifetime) an inbuilt bias in favour of Zionism, Israeli aggression and the occupation by the Israelis of the Palestinian lands.

These are always explained away as 'genuine misunderstandings', 'unintentional' etc. Of course the damage is done then and I suspect this is the purpose.

If you need confirmation of my view, watch the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games (Athens) and notice how, when the small contingent from the Occupied Territories entered

The arena, the applause rose to a crescendo. The cameras did not focus on the Palestinian athletes (as had previously been the norm with every nation) but immediately panned away to cover some obscure happening elsewhere in the arena. Now who was responsible for this - cameraman, director - whoever it was I could guarantee he was not a Palestinian!

Yours faithfully,

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AGED 65 YEARS.