

Anti-Israel Propaganda Campaign Launched During Glenn Beck Event

The U.S. State Department is promoting an anti-Israel propaganda campaign, Liberty Counsel reports. The most recent misinformation surfaced last week when the U.S. issued a “warning” to all U.S. citizens the day of Glenn Beck’s “Restoring Courage” event on Aug. 24 in Jerusalem.

On the same day, the Consulate General of the United States released an “Emergency Message” stating that “Jerusalem is under a heightened Security Alert.” U.S. citizens in Jerusalem were told to “exercise extra vigilance and avoid large crowds during upcoming rallies and religious holidays, particularly in and around Jerusalem’s Old City.”

The “warning” continued: “On Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, there will be a rally held near the southeast [sic] corner of the Old City.” The areas where the “Restoring Courage” event was being held “are off limits to official U.S. Government personnel from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on that day due to recent clashes in the area.” Beck’s event began at 5 p.m. in the exact area.

“As one who spoke at Glenn Beck’s event outside the Southern Wall of the Old City on Aug. 24, I can say that the U.S. State Department’s ‘warning’ was false political propaganda designed to advance an anti-Israel agenda,” says Mat Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel and dean of Liberty University School of Law. “There had been no ‘clashes’ in the area prior to the ‘Restoring Courage’ event, and there were none during or after the event.

“When U.S. citizens who attended Glenn Beck’s event learned of the State Department’s ‘warning,’ they were outraged because

they knew it to be untrue,” Staver adds. “At the event I spoke with Israelis who work in the highest level of government. If anyone would have had intelligence suggesting danger, these people would have, and yet they appeared at the event.

The District of Columbia is far more dangerous than Jerusalem or the entire nation of Israel. As of Friday, there were 71 murders in the District, down from a high of 479 in 1991. In all of Israel last year there were 139 homicides, but in the District there were 132. Considering only Jerusalem, the number of homicides or violent crimes pales compared to the District.

The U.S. Consulate General for Jerusalem issued a press release promoting a folk rock concert, funded by U.S. tax dollars, to “promote dialogue and mutual understanding between Palestinians and Americans” held in Jerusalem and the “West Bank” only one month prior to Beck’s event. The same website lists seven pro-Palestinian programs and no pro-Israeli programs.