

‘Never Again,’ Merkel Vows in Farewell Trip to Israel

Outgoing German Chancellor Angela Merkel is in Israel this week for her farewell visit to the Jewish state.

On Sunday, Merkel laid a wreath at Jerusalem’s Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and urged the world to fight against antisemitism.

“Every visit to Yad Vashem touches me at the core,” she said. “The crimes against the Jewish people that are documented here are a perpetuate reminder of the responsibility we Germans bear and a warning.”

Nazi Germany and its collaborators murdered 6 million Jews in the Holocaust.

The chancellor promised to “stand up with determination against antisemitism, hatred and violence every day anew,” adding that it is an obligation “for every federal government.”

Merkel said it is “moving” that Israel eventually came to trust Germany following the Holocaust and that her country remains committed to Israel’s security.

“I want to use this opportunity to emphasize that the topic of Israel’s security will always be of central importance and a central topic for every German government,” she vowed.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett described Merkel as “Europe’s moral compass” and credited her with forming an unwavering bond between Germany and the Jewish state.

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