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### **OBAMA:THE BLAME BIBI BEARS**

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**If one knows a storm is brewing, but takes no measures to prepare for it, when the storm hits, who is to blame for the damage? The storm... or those who did not prepare for it?**



**It appears this week on the following sites (in alphabetical order):**

ALGEMEINER: <https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/10/14/obama-and-the-blame-that-bibi-bears/>  
ISRAELI FRONTLINE: <http://www.israelifrontline.com/2016/10/fray-obamathe-blame-bibi-bears.html>  
ISRAEL NATIONAL NEWS: <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Articles/Article.aspx/19614>  
ISRAEL NEWS ONLINE: <http://israelnewsonline.org/into-the-fray-obama-the-blame-bibi-bears/>  
ISRAEL'S VOICE: <http://www.israelsvoice.org/2016/10/13/fray-obamathe-blame-bibi-bears/>  
ISRAPUNDIT: <http://www.israpundit.org/archives/63618385>  
JEWISH PRESS <http://www.jewishpress.com/indepth/columns/into-the-fray-martin-sherman/into-the-fray-obamathe-blame-bibi-bears/2016/10/14/>  
JEWSDOWNUNDER: <http://jewsdownunder.com/2016/10/14/into-the-fray-17/>

#### **An excerpt:**

*"If the aim of the Israeli government is to prevent a peace deal with the Palestinians, now or in the future, it's close to realizing that goal. Last week, it approved the construction of a new Jewish settlement in the West Bank, another step in the steady march under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to build on land needed to create a Palestinian state...The Obama administration, with every justification, strongly condemned the action as a betrayal of the idea of a two-state solution in the Middle East. But Mr. Netanyahu obviously doesn't care what Washington thinks, so it will be up to President Obama to find another way to preserve that option before he leaves office."*

**At the Boiling Point with Israel, The New York Times Editorial Board, October 6, 2016**

Last week, the New York Times descended to a new low—with the publication of a particularly infuriating and offensive anti-Israel editorial—that was so distortive, deceptive and deceitful regarding the Jewish state and its democratically elected prime minister...But for all the recognition of the innate anti-Israeli predilections of the Obama administration, and sympathy for the Israeli governments that have had to contend with it, there is still significant blame Netanyahu must bear for the accumulating US pressure on Israel...Yet despite the fact that Netanyahu has been in power continuously for well over half a decade, he and his government have done virtually nothing to put in place effective mechanisms to contend with the pernicious effects of the White House's predilections..."

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Best wishes,

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