



In 1953, Israel 'enraged' America. . . How the times have changed!

The Israeli lobby in Washington has successfully influenced the U.S. Congress to give ever-growing billions of non-repayable dollars each year to Israel on the premise that Israel's loyalty and strategic importance to the United States make it an ally worthy of such unprecedented consideration.

But is it?

In his Farewell Address, George Washington warned Americans to avoid a passionate attachment to any one nation because it promotes "the illusion of an imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists."

Israeli actions over the past thirty-five years involving U.S. interests in the Middle East seriously challenge the "strategic asset" premise of the Israeli lobby.

Some of these actions are compiled in the list that follows:

1. **September 1953:** Israel illegally begins to divert the waters of the Jordan River. President Eisenhower, enraged, suspends all economic aid to Israel and prepares to remove the tax-deductible status of the United Jewish Appeal and of other Zionist organizations in the United States.
2. **October 1953:** Israel raids the West Bank village of Kibya, killing 53 Palestinian civilians. The Eisenhower administration calls the raid "shocking," and confirms the suspension of aid to Israel.
3. **July 1954:** Israeli agents firebomb American and British cultural centers in Egypt, making it look like the work of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood in order to sabotage U.S.-Egyptian relations.
4. **October 1956:** Israel secretly joins with England and France in a colonial-style attack on Egypt at the Suez Canal. President Eisenhower, calling the invasion a dangerous threat to international order, forces Israel to relinquish most of the land it had illegally seized.

Fast forward to 2015. Can you imagine the US being "enraged" by an illegal diversion of waters from the Jordan River? (The above is the first page of a pamphlet put out by Americans for Middle East Understanding in July 1988. The address of AMEU is given as Room 771, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10115.) Return to [islamnz.com](http://islamnz.com).