

Dear Dean Elmendorf and Professor Tarek Masoud,

We, affiliates of Harvard University, demand that Harvard Kennedy School immediately suspend the weekly study group led by Israeli Major General Amos Yadlin, titled “Israeli National Security in a Shifting Middle East: Historical and Strategic Perspectives for an Uncertain Future.”

As a retired Major General of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and Chief of the Military Intelligence Directorate, Yadlin has played a key role in actively enforcing and legitimating Israel’s colonial occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which [Palestinian](#) and [international](#) human rights [organizations](#) have denounced as apartheid. Yadlin presided over the committee that approved the IDF’s ethical code and is a leading architect of Israel’s illegal policy of “targeted killing.” He has [dismissed](#) as “immoral” the international legal principle of civilian immunity whereby the safety of non-combatants must be prioritized over that of combatants, glossing Israeli soldiers as “citizen[s] in uniform” whose safety may justify “collateral damage” to “persons in the vicinity of a terrorist.” Defending Israel’s assassination policy that has extrajudicially killed [hundreds](#) of Palestinians since 2000, he [wrote](#) that the “the laws and ethics of conventional war did not apply” vis-à-vis Palestinians under occupation: “This is not a war between the U.S. and Russia or Germany and France, where the international rule of law is accepted by both sides... we are fighting with a people that have totally different values and rules of engagement.”

Harvard’s hosting of Yadlin as a senior fellow not only normalizes Israeli war crimes, but represents an act of violence against Palestinian students who face six decades of Israeli ethnic cleansing, settler colonialism, and apartheid. HKS has unfortunately played a crucial role in laundering the reputation of [notorious](#) political and military figures from the US, Israel, and around the world. By attaching the Harvard name to their lapels, war criminals can [claim legitimacy and write books](#), give lectures, and hold perches which make senseless imperial violence appear respectable. We call on HKS to sever all association with Amos Yadlin and immediately suspend his study group.

Signed,

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Harvard Athletics Black Varsity Association

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Harvard College Pakistani Student Association

Harvard College South Asian Women's Collective
Harvard Islamic Society
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