

# Ayanna Pressley Attacks Israel, About Which She Knows Little, Boston Globe Rushes to Her Aid

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I happened to read an article the other day, "Representative Ayanna Pressley questions US aid to Israel 'that is used to demolish Palestinian homes,'" by Emma Platoff, [Boston Globe](#), May 14, 2021. It was, obviously, written before the ceasefire went into effect on May 21, about Representative Ayanna Pressley, the least-discussed member of the Squad, whose other members are the notoriously anti-Israel Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Pressley is no slouch herself when it comes to railing against Israel, demanding that the American government cut aid to the Jewish state "that

**is used to demolish Palestinian homes, imprison Palestinian children, and displace Palestinian families.”** Her charges are absurd. Israel does not “demolish Palestinian homes” for no reason; it demolishes the homes of suicide terrorists in order to discourage terrorism. While the Palestinians’ “Pay-For-Slay” program provides generous stipends to terrorists and, in case they die during their attacks, to their families – thereby rewarding past and incentivizing future terrorism – the Israelis naturally try to discourage would-be terrorists. They have found that demolition of the houses belonging to the families of terrorists works; it dampens the ardor of would-be copycat terrorists.

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