

Chief Justice of South Africa Pressured to Recant His 'Love For Israel'

by Hugh Fitzgerald



The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Africa, the splendidly tautonymic Mogoeng Mogoeng, is being whipped from pillar to post by pro-Palestinian groups in South Africa for declaring, last June, in a webinar sponsored by the *Jerusalem Post*, his “love for Israel,” which came, he said, out of his deep Christian beliefs. All hell broke loose at this outrageous declaration, and the pro-Palestinian groups – there are so very many – howled with rage, while the political hyenas circled, and demanded, in the manner of the late and unlamented Andrey Vyshinsky during the Stalinist “purge trials” of the 1930s, a complete and public recantation of all that Mogoeng Mogoeng had said, and does in truth believe, about Israel. The script has been prepared; Mogoeng Mogoeng now need only sign it. Exactly like those prepared confessions

that so many of the Old Bolsheviks had to sign, before being taken to the basement of Lubyanka to be shot in the back of the head by an NKVD operative. But at least Mogoeng Mogoeng will not be shot; he will have to live with the anguish of having had to testify, before the world, to a lie – the lie being that he is sorry for, and recants, that which he is not sorry for, and cannot possibly sincerely recant. He has been given ten days to sign both an apology and a recantation. And if he doesn't? Will he lose his position? Will those who support Israel in South Africa now be more afraid to express their views? We already know that on many American college campuses those who support Israel are often shouted down, or denied the right to speak in the first place.

The report on this disturbing episode is here: "Chief justice Mogoeng told to retract and apologise for pro-Israel comments," by Andisiwe Makinana, [Jihad Watch](#).