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Rutgers under fire for numerous incidents of anti-Semitic activity

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meeting with Jewish leaders to address anti-Semitic activity at the New Jersey school, *New Jersey Jewish News* reported.

Adi issued defenses in the classroom of terrorism as a legitimate form of "resistance" against Israeli "occupation."

During his time as the Syrian government's United Nations representative between 2007 and 2014, Adi **accused** "some Israeli officials" of "trafficking children's organs," in what Israel slammed as a **modern-day blood libel**.

Following reports last fall of Adi's employment at the state university, Barchi justified the hire for Adi's "expertise in international law and diplomacy, and other fields."

The president also claimed Adi's rhetoric was **protected** under academic freedom at a student town hall.

Hillel Neuer, head of UN Watch, which monitors the UN for anti-Israel activity, **told** the *Algemeiner*, "If true, the apparent removal of Mazen Adi, who defended the genocidal policies of the Assad regime as its spokesman at the United Nations, is a small but important victory for moral clarity on our university campuses. UN Watch calls on Rutgers University to stop playing word games and confirm that this advocate of war crimes will never again teach their students about human rights and the laws of war."

Barchi also addressed in last month's meeting the issue of two other Rutgers professors condemned for anti-Semitic rhetoric and scholarship, including Michael Chikindas, a microbiology professor who was **demoted** in December for posting anti-Semitic, racist, and sexist comments on Facebook, and **Jasbir Puar**, a gender studies professor whose most recent book accused Israel of **purposely maiming** Palestinians.

The president announced that a university symposium on diversity, inclusion, and tolerance will be held March 27, to address remaining concerns about the campus climate for Jewish students.

Keith Krivitzky, CEO of the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey, told the *NJ Jewish News* that he was disappointed in Barchi's response to these controversies.

"My perception coming out of this meeting is that the university administration feels it needs to manage and balance the sensitivities of many groups on campus such as the large Muslim population," Krivitzky added.

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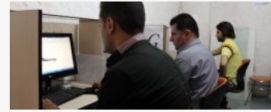
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