

Epstein funded organisations linked to Israeli military, FBI document says

Billionaire paedophile also funded settlement-building body in occupied Palestine



Photo provided by the US Justice Department on 19 December 2025 shows Jeffrey Epstein and his associate, Ghislaine Maxwell, aboard a jet.

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FBI documents published on the US Department of Justice website show that billionaire paedophile Jeffrey Epstein funded the group Friends of Israel Defence Forces (FIDF) and settlement-building organisation the Jewish National Fund (JNF).

Analysis of income and transfers to non-charitable exempt organisations, released by the FBI, shows that the convicted sex offender financed the FIDF, which "raises funds for active duty Israel Defence Forces soldiers and veterans".

On its website, FIDF says that it "funds programs for combat soldiers aimed at alleviating financial stress, economic insecurity, or distraction, allowing their minds to focus entirely on the complex military missions at hand".

The organisation also facilitates donors to 'Adopt a Brigade' and "personally connects a donor with a brigade of choice to provide critical support".

In 2008, the New York Post-owned celebrity and entertainment news Page Six reported that Epstein, while he was in Israel for passover, took a "tour of military bases with [Friends of Israel chairman] Benny Shabtai" and also met Israeli scientists.

As per the FBI documents, the 66-year-old financier, who "trained as a spy" under former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, also funded the largest settlement-building body in occupied Palestine, the Jewish National Fund (JNF).

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JNF's long-term vision includes "building new communities in the desert", "increasing population in northern Israel", and "bringing thousands of people to Israel every year on missions and trips".

The organisation claims to have provided the infrastructure for over 1,000 communities, and says it seeks to build a strong future for the land and people of Israel through bold initiatives and Zionist education.

The UK branch of JNF, which lists former British Prime Minister Tony Blair as an honorary patron, has in the past been heavily criticised for its activities, which have included donating £1m to "Israel's largest militia".

Epstein, who shared close connections with many Israeli figures, also hosted UAE billionaire Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, the CEO of Dubai's international port operator DP World, at his private Caribbean island, Little Saint James.

Little Saint James, as the island is known, was used as a base of operations for Epstein's sex-trafficking operation.

In a memo in July 2025, the FBI said its review of the files found that Epstein victimised more than 1,000 women and children, who said they were abused all over the world, including the United States and the United Kingdom.

Ehud Barak, who was Israel's prime minister between 1999 and 2001, partnered with Epstein in 2015 - long after he was first convicted as a sex offender - to fund Reporty Homeland Security, a startup chaired by Barak and now renamed Carbyne.

Despite downplaying his relationship with Epstein in a roundtable discussion with the New York Times last month, Barak's name brings up 4,078 results in the Epstein files.

Other recently released files reveal that Epstein and Barak, who also served as defence minister between 2007 and 2013, had a long-running relationship.

Documents have shown that Epstein advised Barak on tech firm Palantir, asked the former Israeli leader to give former British minister Lord Peter Mandelson a job at an energy company and discussed the "massive" consultancy fees to be paid to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

On Friday, Netanyahu posted on X: "Jeffrey Epstein's unusual close relationship with Ehud Barak doesn't suggest Epstein worked for Israel. It proves the opposite.

"Barak has for years obsessively attempted to undermine Israeli democracy by working with the anti-Zionist radical left in failed attempts to overthrow the elected Israeli government. Barak's personal fixation led him to engage in activities publicly and behind the scenes to undermine the government of Israel."

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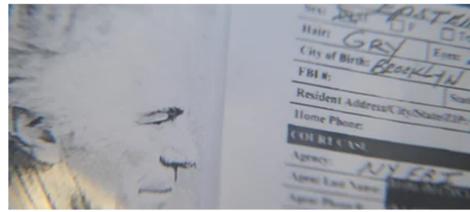
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