

CEJI Calls for Sales Stop on Protocols of Zion

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CEJI – a Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe has asked the Belgian government to investigate the recent launch of a book containing the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. CEJI also demanded a stop on the book’s sales.



Belgian bookshops have recently begun carrying a new novel named “Les Protocoles de Sion”, which includes the integral text of the “Protocols of the Elders of Zion”. The book describes a complot theory that puts part of the blame for the Holocaust on the American government, and implicates many Western states in a conspiracy that lead up to the September 11th attacks. The authors, two Belgians named Patrick Henderickx and Patrice De Bruyne, claim in the book that they added the full document “so that everyone can reach their own judgement”.

The “Protocols of the Elders of Zion”, a late-19th-century work that has been decisively dismissed as a forgery, describes a Jewish plot to take over the world. The work has been used by antisemites across the globe to incite hatred against Jews, and the publication of the Protocols has been prohibited by many countries under incitement laws.

Following the publication of this book, CEJI calls on the Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism to investigate the matter and to press charges against the authors on the grounds of incitement to hatred. While under Belgian law the prohibition of books is seemingly impossible, the authors of hateful literature can be prosecuted.

CEJI also calls on the Relay-Press Shop chain, which sells the novel, to cease doing so immediately.

Robin Sclafani, Director of CEJI, said: “The Protocols have been linked to many Antisemitic incidents, and as such have been the cause of much harm. The fact that they resurface disguised as a novel is frightening. We hope the Belgian state will make clear that this work, which is banned in neighbouring countries, is not welcome here either.”

CEJI – a Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe stands with individuals and organisations of all religions, cultures and backgrounds to promote a diverse and inclusive Europe. Our activities include delivering diversity education, facilitating and contributing to networks, advocacy at a European level, enhancing inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and facilitating Jewish participation.

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