

# **Arsonists torched car of Salford Rabbi who spoke out over Israeli military action in Gaza**

By Manchester Evening News

*[FF Editorial by Matthias Chang: I had the privilege and honour to know Rabbi Ahron Cohen, Manchester, UK some years ago. We attended a conference in Tehran and spoke on the same panel on the Holocaust. Rabbi Cohen is man of immense courage for bringing truth to the world putting his life and that of his family at risk. Rabbi has exploded the myth and the propaganda that if you oppose Israeli's war crimes or its policies, you are an anti-Semitic. Can a Rabbi who criticises Israel over its military action in Gaza be stigmatised as an anti-Semitic? Go figure it out!*

*While in Tehran, I also met with Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss, who was also on the same panel. Another courageous defender of truth and a teacher that is willing to surmount difficulties to promote genuine inter-faith understanding.]*

## End of Editorial

**Firebugs poured petrol over Ahron Cohen's Volvo estate before setting fire to the vehicle outside his home in Broughton, Salford!**



**Explaining his views on Israel, he said: "Imagine if a group of foreigners set up a state in Lancashire. I don't think it would be a lot different to the reaction of the Palestinians to the formation of the state of Israel."**

The grandfather says he has angered some amongst the local Jewish community by his outspoken views over Israeli government policy and its actions against Palestinians.

**To watch the video of Rabbi Ahron Cohen explaining his stand on Israel, please CLICK on the link below:**

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/watch-aronists-torched-car-salford-7808421>

## **Another Courageous Rabbi - Yisroel Dovid Weiss**

By Fernanda Santos - NYT



It was a bizarre sight: a cadre of Orthodox Jews, with their distinctive hats, beards and sidelocks, standing alongside President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran last month at a conference in Tehran on the Holocaust.



“We went to Iran because we had to let the world know, especially the Arab world and the Muslim world, that we are not their enemies,” he said in an interview, a Palestinian flag with

the phrase “A Jew Not a Zionist,” written in Hebrew, English and Arabic pinned to the lapel of his coat. . Below the Palestinian flag was an Israeli flag with a red line across it.

Rabbi Weiss and four other members of his group, Neturei Karta, received a warm reception in Iran, he said, dining with state officials and posing for photographs with Mr. Ahmadinejad, whom Rabbi Weiss had met at least twice before.

Back home, Rabbi Weiss and the others were met with anger and scorn. Since their return, they have been ostracized by synagogues, denied service at kosher stores and vilified in Jewish discussion boards on the Web. Posters have surfaced in the Satmar Hasidic enclaves of Brooklyn, calling the members of Neturei Karta “rebels” and “outcasts” and asking Orthodox Jews to “totally cut off ties with this gang.”