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Subject: **URGENT: Honest Reporting Required about Mamdani & the NYC mayoral race that NY's largely anti-Israel press is concealing, in toto, to rig his election & dispirit & deter Jewish, pro-Israel opposition**

Attachments: [3-14-25-email-to-mamdani.pdf](#)

TO: TIMES OF ISRAEL POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT & SENIOR ANALYST HAVIV RETTIG GUR

While re-reading The Times of Israel's July 4th article "[New York rep's endorsement of Zohran Mamdani roils Orthodox rabbis on Upper West Side](#)" by Grace Gilson, a pop-up appeared of a video with you. From a google search, I found a [wikipedia entry](#) stating that you "serve[]" as the political correspondent and senior analyst for [The Times of Israel](#)". From there I was able to find [your Times of Israel webpage](#), posting your e-mail address.

Below, with the above-attached, is the e-mail I sent on Friday morning to The Times of Israel's generic e-mail address and to the e-mail address of NY Correspondent Luke Tress. Please read it so that you will know the TRUTH behind what is unfolding here in NYC – and ensure that the e-mail is forwarded to those to whose attention it was indicated: U.S. Bureau Chief Magid, Blog Columnist Epstein, and Reporters Bartov and Gilson, as I have not heard from them, as yet – or from Mr. Tress.

THERE MUST BE NEWS REPORTING OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NEW YORK: New York's press is inhibiting and preventing the mobilization of Jewish, pro-Israel opposition to Mamdani by its "fake news"/fraudulent journalism about him and the NYC mayoral race, concealing, *in toto*, the EVIDENCE it long ago had and has that Mamdani cannot be elected NYC's next mayor because he must be indicted – and will be convicted – of corruption as a NYS assemblyman involving the NYS budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities – a story that also brings down Cuomo and Adams, if not additionally Sliwa and Walden, *for starters*. NYS Assemblyman Micah Lasher, endorsing Mamdani, is presumed knowledgeable of that EVIDENCE and criminally liable – and my above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani summarizes why. The same is true of other Mamdani-endorsing NYC state legislators and public officials, many of whose participation and knowledge is direct.

[Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue Rabbi Shaul Robinson](#), quoted by the July 4th article as saying he would "leave no stone unturned. We aren't going to let New York City become a year-round Glastonbury-style Hate-fest against the Jewish community", is being cc'd, along with the two rabbis assisting him, with a request that this e-mail be forwarded far and wide – including to [Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, in Efrat](#) – **so that the NY Jewish and pro-Israel community can be mobilized to WIN against Mamdani – and WIN they will, by the EVIDENCE here furnished, reported by an HONEST press.**

Shocking and dispiriting poll numbers, such as reported by The Times of Israel, back to back, by Ms. Bartov's July 30th article "[Mamdani's pro-Palestinian views drive 83% of his voters, progressive group's poll](#)"

shows" and July 31st article "[*Mamdani holds wide edge among Jewish voters in new NYC mayoral race poll*](#)", are the direct result of the long-standing and pervasive anti-Israel slanting and slandering by The New York Times and other supposed "credible", "objective" NY press, giving legitimacy and resonance to Mamdani's anti-Israel, pro-Hamas falsehoods. Jewish and pro-Israel financial heavy-weights, such as Bill Ackman, Ricky Sandler, and Marty Burger, cited by the July 31st article, and linking to The Times' July 30th article "[*'Anybody but Mamdani': 5 Groups Emerge to Raise Millions in Attack Funds*](#)", need to be informed, IMMEDIATELY, of what has been going on – and that defeating Mamdani is easy and can be accomplished with negligible expense. All that is required is a press doing its job of reporting on the EVIDENCE of his corruption, as an assemblyman, causing vast, irreparable injury to the People of New York, destroying safeguarding checks and balances and constitutional, lawful governance, including justice in our courts. Indeed, it is NY's largely left-wing, corruption-abetting, election-rigging press that has achieved the ascendancy and dominance of radically-left politicians, such as Mamdani.

By the way, here's my [August 9th e-mail to The Times](#), not only summarizing the deceit and fraud of its July 30th article, but cc'ing The Times' author of its August 4th article "[*Many Jewish Voters Back Mamdani. And Many Agree With Him on Gaza*](#)" – the subject of Blogger Epstein's August 13th blog "[*It's not Mamdani's criticism of Israel that we find so troubling*](#)".

Finally, I take the opportunity to bring to your attention Irit Tratt's August 13th column "[*Mainstream Jewish groups shy away from scrutinizing Mamdani*](#)", published by the [Jewish News Syndicate](#), and the two August 15th editorials of [The Jewish Voice](#), "[*Mamdani Holds an 82% Chance of Winning Mayoralty: NYC's Jewish & Pro-Israel Communities Express Alarm*](#)" and "[*Why Eric Adams Must Step Aside — Before He Hands NYC to Zohran Mamdani*](#)", each summarizing the catastrophe before us. They are also cc'd.

I am available to answer questions, *no matter how early or late* – and to be interviewed. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

Thank you.

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Subject: The NYT is dovetailing its anti-Israel animus with election-rigging for Zohran Mamdani to be NYC mayor. So, too, other press. Will you report it, or forward to reporters who will, & can you relay a message to Netanyahu?

TO: [The Times of Israel](#)

ATT: U.S. Bureau Chief Jacob Magid
New York Correspondent Luke Tress
Blog Columnist Barak Epstein
Reporter Shira Li Bartov
Reporter Grace Gilson

I am director and co-founder of the nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) – and, [for decades](#), have been chronicling the *knowingly false* journalism of [The New York Times](#) and other press, flagrantly rigging elections. The candidacy of Zohran Mamdani for NYC mayor directly results from their fraudulent, election-rigging journalism, legitimizing his anti-Israel, pro-Hamas falsehoods by their pervasive anti-Israel slanting and slandering and concealing, *in toto*, his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, for which he must be indicted and will be convicted. This corruption is particularized, with EVIDENCE, by my above-attached March 14th e-mail to Mamdani entitled “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...”, e-mailed to a substantial portion of NY’s press, both before and since his June 24th Democratic primary win. Those e-mails are accessible from CJA’s website, [here](#).

Are you able to report on this – and, if not, will you forward this e-mail to reporters who will?

As relates to [The Times](#)’ election-rigging for Mamdani, the EVIDENCE is recited by my three most recent e-mails to it, on [July 11th](#), [July 13th](#), and [August 9th](#) – to which there has been no response. The chain of original e-mails – the most recent, first – are below.

I would appreciate being able to speak with you, directly, as I have much valuable information to provide, including for transmittal to Prime Minister Netanyahu, for whom I worked for ten months, in 1985-86, when he was ambassador to the U.N., and who I greatly admire. As you doubtless know, in response to [The Times](#)’ photos and reporting about starving babies in Gaza, the prime minister [publicly expressed interest in suing The Times](#), stating: “[The] New York Times should be sued...I’m actually looking at whether a country can sue The New York Times, and I’m looking into it right now, because I think it’s such a... it’s such clear defamation.” I’d like to alert him that, irrespective of whether a country can sue, he can sue, as Israel’s leader and on his own behalf – and such should be not only for defamation, but on causes of action for “journalistic fraud” and “institutional reckless disregard for truth” – whose viability, proposed by law review articles, I proved by [two landmark lawsuits against The Times and against Gannett](#), never reported by the press or embodied in scholarship. Can you get this information to him, with my regards?

I am available, *no matter how early or late*, to answer questions and be interviewed. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

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Subject: Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman -- & the corruption of other top NYC Democratic primary winners, Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Jumaane Williams, Alvin Bragg, & of the not primaried Eric Gonzalez

TO: [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

When will you be responding to my below July 13th and July 11th e-mails pertaining to Mamdani and the NYC mayoral and other elections?

Are you unaware that notwithstanding my July 13th e-mail highlighted the fraud of The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)", The Times linked to it in its August 6th article "[Cuomo Tells Business Leaders That His Campaign Is on a New Path](#)", stating:

"Mr. Mamdani, who has a [strong lead in the polls](#), has defended [his record as a state lawmaker](#)..."

Is it your view that the May 28th article accurately depicts Mamdani's "[record as a state lawmaker](#)" and that there is no corruption and larceny in that "record" that The Times was obligated to report and have Mamdani "defend[]" prior to his June 24th primary win? What about now? Isn't it obvious that Mamdani's "[strong lead in the polls](#)" would tumble were The Times to report on his knowing participation in the obliteration of constitutional, lawful state governance, involving the state budget, his own legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities – the EVIDENCE of which I furnished The Times repeatedly before June 24th – and thereafter twice, by my July 11th and July 13th e-mails. Do you deny that such EVIDENCE establishes that **Mamdani cannot be elected NYC mayor, because he must be indicted and will be convicted** – and, so too, Cuomo and Adams, if not, additionally, Sliwa and Walden.

Absent your denying same, The Times' duty is to report on the EVIDENCE, *pronto* – not, as it has been doing, further rigging the NYC mayoral race by misleading the public and business leaders about the situation, including the deceit that “tak[ing] down” Mamdani is difficult, costly, or requires strategic sacrifice by candidates, as by The Times' July 30th article “[‘Anybody but Mamdani’: 5 Groups Emerge to Raise Millions in Attack Funds](#)”, stating:

“with fewer than 100 days to go, [leaders of New York’s business elite] are still very much searching for a unified plan that could work”;

“It remains far from clear if the anti-Mamdani forces can find a successful path, especially when the opposition is divided among several more moderate candidates...”;

“A recent poll paid for by the [Real Estate Board of New York] showed only long-shot paths to victory for Mr. Cuomo and for Mr. Adams... In a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans six to one, those numbers bode poorly for anyone challenging Mr. Mamdani”;

“Three political consultants who have either started independent expenditure groups or have advised donors looking to fund one said they warned donors that the likelihood of defeating Mr. Mamdani is slim unless either the mayor or former governor drops out.” (underlining added)

Then, too, is the article’s misimpression by its unchallenged quote from a Mamdani campaign spokeswoman:

“New Yorkers are ready to turn the page on endless corruption and backroom deals” --

when Mamdani has been part of the “endless corruption and backroom deals” – and this has brought him to where he is today, aided, of course, by The Times' pervasively biased, fraudulent journalism on Israel, making Mamdani’s anti-Israel falsehoods seem legitimate and acceptable.

So that the panoply of Times reporters who have been reporting on Mamdani and the NYC mayoral race can be on notice of the situation and guided accordingly, I am cc’ing them on this e-mail, along with those cc’d by my July 11th and July 13th e-mails.

By the way, when will these, or other Times reporters, be reporting on the record of corruption, *in office*, of top NYC Democratic primary winners [NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running to be Manhattan borough president](#), [NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams](#), [Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg](#), and of the non-primaried [Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez](#) – the EVIDENCE of which is identical to, and reinforcing of, the EVIDENCE against Mamdani – and which I furnished The Times, repeatedly, *prior* to the June 24th primaries, by the webpage “[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)”.

Please let me hear from you with respect to the foregoing, as is your duty as The Times' Standards & Trust Editor, or furnish it to Publisher Sulzberger and Times legal counsel for response. I am available to answer questions and to be interviewed, *no matter how early or late*. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

Thank you.

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Subject: AGAIN -- The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- MAMDANI, etc.

TO: New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust

Eight hours after sending you my below July 11th e-mail – whose several typos in Mamdani's name I have now corrected – the New York Post published "[Zohran Mamdani's campaign persona called into question by vote to give himself raise: critics](#)", identifying that "Mamdani did not respond to The Post's request for comment."

Apparently, The Post saw "news value" in its July 11th story. Do you? Will The Times be following up by requesting Mamdani's comment to The Post article – the tiniest sliver of Mamdani's hypocrisy and corruption that my below linked March 14th, March 17th, March 18th, and March 20th e-mails to him establish. Have you not yet determined their "news value"?

By the way, is The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)" the only article The Times published about his record as an assemblyman – so puny that it had to be bolstered by comments from other legislators, ALL Democrats, as to his "forceful voice" "to move the ideological center of the Assembly to the left", intersplined with The Times' usual anti-Israel slanting and slandering, consistent with Mamdani's lies as, for instance, in stating: "Mr. Mamdani stands firm in his defense of Palestinians in Gaza, where over [53,000 people have been killed](#) by Israeli forces" – when revealed by the hyperlink is that this figure is "according to Palestinian health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and combatants" – in other words, it is according to Hamas.

Suffice to say, this May 28th article, by two of your three Albany reporters – recipients of my March 18th and March 20th e-mails and of my May 18th letter to Publisher Sulzberger – concealed the ENTIRETY of what the e-mails particularized, with evidence, and falsely made it appear as if there is nothing irregular in how the Legislature operates, including pertaining to the budget and this fiscal year, and the inclusion of policy – indeed, concluding, as follows:

“Perhaps the most telling evidence of Mr. Mamdani’s evolution came earlier this month, when the budget bills came up for a vote. As in years past, they contained scores of policy changes, not all to Mr. Mamdani’s liking. Mr. Mamdani voted yes.”

For that “yes” vote alone, Mamdani cannot be elected NYC’s next mayor, because – based on my e-mails to him – he must be indicted and will be convicted of corruption. If you have any doubt of this, you should “confirm it through direct sources”, such as [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for NYC mayor as an independent, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#).

Tellingly, [Mamdani’s campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#) – and none is reflected in *The Times’* July 9th guest essay “*If Zohran Mamdani Wins, Then What?*” by Ross Barkan, with its required disclosure: “In 2018, when I ran for state senator in New York City, Mr. Mamdani was my campaign manager”. Barkan, a left-wing, agenda-driven journalist, is an accomplice to the corruption of lawful, constitutional state governance involving the Legislature, the budget, and pay raises. [As far back as May 2013](#), I furnished him with the evidence of what was going on, including my [April 15, 2013 complaint to then U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara](#) – sending him e-mail, after e-mail, to which he never responded. This includes when he was campaigning for the Senate, such as my [October 4, 2017](#) and [January 17, 2018](#) e-mails to him reflecting my entreaties that he could easily win election and, simultaneously, propel non-partisan, good-government reform if he would “blow the whistle” on the corruption of the Senate incumbent – entreaties I would repeat in my e-mails in 2020 to Mamdani, running against an Assembly incumbent. In any event, nothing could be more obscene than Barkan’s sentence, in his essay, “There cannot be any whiff of self-dealing or graft in the Mamdani administration”, considering that “self-dealing” and “graft” are precisely how Mamdani became and conducted himself as an assemblyman, in collusion with his fellow self-dealing, grafting legislators, who would then endorse and support his mayoral candidacy.

Please advise by no later than noon tomorrow, July 14th, whether you will be confirming from Mamdani the obvious truth of my e-mails to him, etc.

Thank you.

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Subject: The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- The "On-The-Job Performance" of Mamdani & Hoylman-Sigal as State Legislators, Corrupting Lawful, Constitutional State Governance & Irreparably Injuring the People of New York

TO: [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

The Times' July 4th article "[Mamdani Once Claimed to Be Asian and African American. Should It Matter?](#)" quotes [your statement](#):

"When we hear anything of news value, we try to confirm it through direct sources. Mr. Mamdani confirmed this information in an interview with The Times."

Are you aware of my [March 14th e-mail](#) to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", whose supplement I sent him on [March 17th](#) – thereafter sending both to him again when I cc'd him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of Legislative Correspondents Association reporters – The Times' three Albany reporters among them – and then, again, when I cc'd him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to The Times, New York Post, Daily News, New York Law Journal, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press, with the five Times e-mail addresses being Metro and Editorial in addition to the three Albany reporters.

The March 20th e-mail I would then feature as "Example #1", at page 1, of my mailed [May 18th letter to Publisher A.G. Sulzberger](#), e-mailed to eight Times e-mail addresses, including Editorial, Metro, and the three Albany reporters, on [May 18th](#) and [May 19th](#).

As the "news value" of my e-mails to Mamdani is obvious, did The Times not ask him to confirm their equally obvious truth? And if not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won the Democratic primary to be New York City mayor?

Also, and plainly reinforcing, was the obvious "news value" of my [March 16th e-mail](#) to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, also entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", and additionally sent to him, twice, when I cc'd him on the March 18th and March 20th e-mails of which it was part. Did The Times not ask Hoylman-Sigal to confirm the equally obvious truth of these e-mails to him? If not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won [the Democratic primary to be Manhattan borough president](#)?

Please advise – including as to when you would like to interview me with respect to the foregoing election-upending EVIDENCE of the "on-the-job performance" of Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal as state legislators, corrupting lawful, constitutional state governance and irreparably injuring the People of New York.

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