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Human rights NGO **Breaking the Silence (BtS)** are standing firm in the face of an ongoing smear campaign, which escalated dramatically when **outrageous allegations** that BtS collects “state secrets” were made on prime-time TV, using footage secretly recorded by right-wing group **Ad Kan**.



[Click here for an excellent Q&A series released by Breaking the Silence following the latest smear campaign](#)

13 –15 December

Defence Minister Ya'alon & Education Minister Bennett ban BtS from speaking at army events & schools

16 December

Avner Gvaryahu of BtS is 1 of 4 individuals targeted in Im Tirtzu's video campaign

Former **Shin Bet Chief, Yuval Diskin**, defends BtS stating that “even if they can make us angry ... **their contribution is very important**”

13 January

News site Walla investigation shows that right-wing extremist group **Ad Kan** is partly funded by the **Samaria Settlers' Committee**, which receives money from public funds

17 March

Channel 2 News airs report with footage from **Ad Kan**, claiming that BtS collects “**state secrets**”

19 March

Major General (res) Amiram Levin releases video in support of BtS; says the report **aims to detract** Israeli public from the real issues

20 March

PM Netanyahu draws connection between BtS & the **terror attack in Istanbul**

21 March

Defense Minister Ya'alon says that if BtS are collecting confidential information, they are **'committing treason'**

23 March

Right-wing activists circulate phone numbers of BtS staff & activists; Director of BtS, Yuli Novak's grandparents receive threatening phone calls



Credit: Louise Garin

“Campaigns are being run by extreme right-wing groups to delegitimise NGOs that oppose the Occupation. The fact that Channel 2 News bought into the distorted narrative of one of these right-wing groups—Ad Kan—is saddening.”

Avner Gvaryahu, BtS



“I am very concerned that organisations, well-oiled with power & money, chose to attack the messenger instead of dealing with the problem of terror & a solution to ... the Occupation.”

Major Gen. (res) Amiram Levin



“According to Israel's Defence Minister, I'm a traitor ... I have a message for Ya'alon & members of his right-wing government: Your words and actions have far-reaching personal consequences.”

Yuli Novak, BtS