

Useful Idiots: Anti-Israel Influencers Run Cover for a CCP Biolab

THE LIE

An Israeli citizen who operated an illegal biolab in Las Vegas was cleared of all charges because Israel controls the United States.

THE TRUTH

The Israeli national is still facing charges. The biolab belonged to a Chinese national with strong ties to the Chinese Communist Party.

BACKGROUND

- On May 26, 2026, news broke that federal prosecutors had dropped charges against Ori Solomon, a 55-year-old Israeli citizen arrested in February in connection with an illegal biolab operating out of a Las Vegas home. ([KTNV](#))
- Anti-Israel voices immediately amplified the story as proof that Israel somehow controls the United States.
- Podcaster Mario Nawfal declared on X: "He is now free to return to Israel... an unlicensed lab in a U.S. city handling serious biological agents. The quiet dismissal of all charges raises a lot of eyebrows, but are we really surprised?" ([Mario Nawfal](#))
- Retired Army Col. Douglas MacGregor, a prolific poster of anti-Israel content, amplified the story. So did many others. ([X](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- Only one charge against Solomon was dropped: illegal possession of a firearm. Solomon still faces a state charge for improperly disposing of and discharging hazardous waste. ([KTNV](#))
- Solomon is not free to return to Israel. He surrendered his passport upon arrest and is due back in Las Vegas Justice Court on June 4. ([KTNV](#))
- The biolab doesn't belong to Solomon. The Las Vegas home is one of several properties he manages. The owner of the home is Jia Bei Zhu, a Chinese national already convicted for running a separate illegal biolab on U.S. soil, with documented ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). ([KTNV](#))
- Zhu was convicted in 2023 for operating an unauthorized biolab in Reedley, California, where officials found at least 20 infectious pathogenic agents — including HIV and tuberculosis — a freezer labeled "Ebola," and vials of unknown liquid marked in code. He was found guilty of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, distributing adulterated and misbranded medical devices, and making false statements to the FDA. ([Lawfare](#)), ([ABC 30](#))
- A House Select Committee investigation found that Zhu served as chairman of multiple CCP-controlled enterprises connected to People's Republic of China (PRC), several already banned by the U.S. Entity List. He established his first U.S. biolab in California with the direct help of a Chinese national who previously worked for CCP-linked entities. While operating the Reedley lab, he received over \$1.3 million in unexplained wire transfers from Chinese banks. ([House Select Committee on the CCP](#))
- Zhu has stated in his own words that he wanted to "defeat the American aggressor." ([CBC](#))

QUOTES

"Illegal Chinese biolabs have been discovered in California and Nevada. Don't brush this off because it's not at your doorstep. If there are no consequences, China won't stop. This is a national security threat that puts all of us at risk." — Nikki Haley

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TAKEAWAY

Beijing does not need to pay influencers to misdirect the conversation. It just needs people who are reflexively anti-Israel, like Nawfal, MacGregor, and their ilk. The owner of the house where the Las Vegas biolab was discovered is a Chinese national with documented CCP ties, a criminal conviction related to biolab operations, millions in unexplained Chinese bank transfers, and his own stated desire to defeat America. The anti-Israel crowd saw that set of facts and concluded Israel is the problem. Beijing could not have written a better script.