

Trump is a “rich adolescent,” an “ignoramus,” and “the crazy man,” say PA and Fatah leaders

Special Report

The PA and Fatah mock US President Trump, demonize US, and reject US aid, in official statements and cartoons

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- **“We are not bought with your aid. From the outset, you did not give us aid because of our beautiful eyes... [but] out of your interests and calculations. So stop this aid.”** (Abbas’ advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari’ah Judge, Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Official PA TV, Dec. 22, 2017)
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Introduction

They called him an “ignoramus,” a “rich adolescent,” and an “irrelevant clown”; they burned and trampled his picture across Palestinian cities; and with the ultimate arrogance, they trivialized their number one donor country, saying no good ever came from all the American aid.

These are just some of the expressions of mockery, ridicule, and disdain by Mahmoud Abbas’ Palestinian Authority and Fatah Movement toward the US and its president Donald Trump following Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

This report is not exhaustive but offers a representative selection of the hate speech and disdain expressed by Mahmoud Abbas’ PA and Fatah leadership and the media under their control. ***This report only includes official PA and Fatah sources.***

As part of the anti-American atmosphere the PA was trying to create, the PA-controlled media gave prominence to anti-American expression in op-eds as well as events in Palestinian cities. The burning of Trump in effigy and defacing of his picture at anti-American demonstrations were all given supportive exposure by official sources and were never condemned.

These statements and reports from Abbas’ advisors, spokespeople and media, could not have been expressed had Abbas not directed this messaging.

In his speech on Jan. 14, 2018 Abbas himself made some important statements about future PA relations with the US. He insulted Trump and the US repeatedly, once going so far as to say: “May your house be destroyed.” He stressed that the Palestinians already decided in 1980 they would not have relations with any country that recognizes Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, indicating that this is still policy. He also mocked American aid saying the US should not do the PA “any favors by paying us money.”

The following is the special report.

Part 1: The PA laughs at Trump and the US, and rejects his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital

PA Member of Parliament: Trump is “stupid... isn’t worth a woman’s shoe”



PA Parliament Member Jihad Abu Zneid:

“This man [Donald Trump] is stupid. This is the leader who wanted to present himself as a leader, the president of the US. As far as we’re concerned he isn’t worth a woman’s shoe or the shoe of a prisoner’s mother. This man was educated on bullying and barbarity, and therefore when he wanted to give the Israelis a gift.”

[Official PA TV, *Palestine This Morning*, Dec. 27, 2017]

Abbas’ advisor: Rubbish of Trump isn’t worth a Jerusalem child’s urine

Mahmoud Abbas’ advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari’ah Judge, Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

"The victory in Jerusalem is coming, it is coming. And Jerusalem is Palestine’s capital forever, forever. And **the rubbish of the American president isn’t worth – I say again – is not worth the urine of one Jerusalem child.**"

[Official PA TV, Dec. 22, 2017]



Op-ed in PA daily: Trump’s “ridiculous theatrical hand gestures... stupid pantomime”

“This is America, more Jewish than the ultra-Orthodox Jews... **Donald Trump – despite his promises, and despite his ridiculous theatrical hand gestures when he stands in front of cameras and his stupid pantomime movements – has brought nothing new.**”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, op-ed by Yahya Rabah, Dec. 20, 2017]

Senior Fatah official: Tell “America's crazy man... Jerusalem will never be Jewish”

Fatah Central Committee member, Jamal Muhaisen:

"From Al-Usoud Square in the heart of Ramallah and El-Bireh, **these masses have come to say to America's crazy man [Trump] that his decision is completely rejected**, has no legal or practical value, and **Jerusalem will never be Jewish** and will remain Arab Palestinian and Islamic-Christian."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 8, 2017]

Official PA daily op-ed: “Trump is an American Shylock, in the style of the Jewish Shylock”

“Trump premeditatedly – as the jurists say – decided to choose from among the models the model of Shylock - the American Shylock, in the style of the Jewish Shylock, whose character was precisely outlined by the great playwright Shakespeare in his famous play *The Merchant of Venice*. Is a man like this, like Donald Trump, fit to be the US president?”

Ed note: Shakespeare’s Jewish character Shylock is an evil moneylender who demands that a debtor repay him with a pound of flesh.

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, op-ed by Yahya Rabah, Dec. 23, 2017]

Official PA daily: Trump is a garbage can; his declaration is garbage

Text on official PA daily cartoon in English and Arabic: “Trump & his Deal”

- Trump’s head = Garbage can
- Trump’s tongue = Foot pedal
- Trump’s hair = Garbage Cover
- The garbage itself = Trump’s “Deal”



[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 13, 2017]

Fatah Central Committee member, Abbas Zaki: “Like he gave his daughter Ivanka to Kushner, he thinks he can give Jerusalem to Israel”

“We are standing before [Trump] this ignoramus... He came to place himself over something that does not belong to him, as if it were a business deal. Like he gave his daughter Ivanka to Kushner, he thinks he can give Jerusalem to Israel...”

I think that now he is not only our enemy, but also his own enemy, the enemy of the international community, the enemy of Europe, of Turkey, and of the Arabs who [just] yesterday were his pawns...

This Scoundrel will not be able to change anything...

Everyone needs to put a picture of Trump with a donkey on his head – let them burn him and hang him. We need to see [a picture of] Trump on every street and step on it...

An injustice is being done to the American people with **the rich adolescent [Trump] who has lost his morals and lost this balance.** The American People is pure, it has the revolution of George Washington and his laws, but **this crazy man [Trump] is a name dealer, is a business deal.**

[Official PA radio station The Voice of Palestine, *A New Day*, Dec. 7, 2017]

Trump and Netanyahu crushed by UN and Palestinian woman

Posted text in English:

“#JerusalemCapitalOfPalestine”

The cartoon shows Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu – who is wearing an Israeli flag tie – being crushed by the number “128,” which has “in favor” written on it, together with the UN logo. Trump and Netanyahu are making angry expressions as black smoke rises from their heads indicating their mood. A woman wearing a Palestinian flag and brandishing a cane is sitting on top of the number while saying, “Jerusalem is the capital of **Palestine!**” The cartoon refers to a UN General Assembly vote on a resolution on Dec. 21, 2017, condemning Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. 128 countries voted in favor of the condemnation.



[Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 22, 2017]

Fatah gives prominence on social media to Palestinians burning and defacing pictures of Trump

Fatah's social media reported supportively on the burning of Trump in effigy and defacing of his picture at anti-American demonstrations. These are further evidence that Abbas wanted the demeaning of the US and its president Trump. The following are six examples:



An effigy of Donald Trump being burned by a crowd of Palestinians in Nablus.
Posted text: "Nablus today"
[Official Fatah Facebook page, Dec. 7, 2017]

Palestinians burning and defacing a picture of Trump near the main entrance to Jerusalem.

Posted text in English: "Palestinians burn photos of Trump to protest embassy move to #Jerusalem. #HandsOffAlQuds"
[Official Twitter account of Fatah, Dec. 5, 2017]





The image shows a poster being held with a picture of Donald Trump on it, with a red x over his face, and the following English text written over his face and the x: "Jewish Shill" [Official Fatah Facebook page, Dec. 7, 2017]

The image shows a burning picture of Donald Trump with a red X over his face and the following text in English below his picture: "Jerusalem, Palestine's heart is not up for negotiations."

[Facebook page of Fatah's Information and Culture Commission, Dec. 7, 2017]



The video shows Arabs defacing pictures of President Trump.
 [Facebook page of the Fatah Movement's Bethlehem Branch, Dec. 7, 2017]



The image shows Palestinians from Bethlehem stepping on a large poster featuring the American flag, Donald Trump, and US Vice President Mike Pence.

Text on poster in English:
 "US = ISIS = Terror"

[Facebook page of the Fatah Movement's Bethlehem Branch, Dec. 20, 2017]



Fatah: Trump = Hitler

The Fatah Movement wrote that it sees no difference between Trump and Hitler, posting their images together:

Posted text in English (all errors in source):
 “I don’t see any different, do you?
 #HandsOffAlQuds”

[Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 14, 2017]



Fatah post: Veto “the irrelevant clown” - Donald Trump

Posted text:
 “#Jerusalem_the_eternal_capital_of_Palestine
 (The following is in English –Ed.)
 Trump is an irrelevantclown
 #HandsOffJerusalem”

Text on image:
 “Trump is an irrelevant clown
 #HandsOffJerusalem”

[Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 20, 2017]



Op-ed in PA daily: “How stupid is this man whose name is Trump!”

“How stupid is this man whose name is Trump! Several years ago I was visited by Dr. Jamal Al-Assadi... While we were eating lunch I said: ‘I think that [former US] President George Bush, the son, is the stupidest president that America has known.’ The author’s son stopped eating, looked at me in amazement, and said to his mother: ‘I play a game with my friends in the schoolyard [called] Stupid President Bush!’ What are the children in America playing today?’

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, op-ed by Muhammad Ali Taha, Dec. 25, 2017]

Abbas’ advisor: Trump is “an enemy of humanity”

Mahmoud Abbas’ advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari’ah Judge, Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

“The US is pleased with itself that it has elected a president that makes it an enemy of the Muslims and Christians throughout the world. **A president who wants to be an enemy of humanity.** A president who wants to be an enemy of all the people...”

[Official PA TV, Dec. 8, 2017]

UN Headquarters slaps Trump



Posted text:

“#Palestine #United4Quds (the following hashtag is in Arabic –Ed.)
#Jerusalem_capital_of_Palestine
#JerusalemEmbassy #HandsOffAlQuds”

The cartoon shows an image of the UN headquarters in New York, which is labeled “UN,” slapping Donald Trump while saying “Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine!” All of the flags in front of the UN building are Palestinian flags. The cartoon refers to a UN vote on Dec. 21, 2017 rejecting Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

[Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 21, 2017]

PA Security Forces spokesman: Trump is the enemy of the world

PA Security Forces Spokesman and General Political Commissioner of the PLO Political and National Guidance Authority Adnan Al-Damiri:

“Trump stole from the states their freedom and is blackmailing the UN

Trump is the enemy of justice, freedom, and peace

Trump is the enemy of the world”

[Facebook page of official PA Security Forces Spokesman Adnan Al-Damiri, Dec. 21, 2017]

Shoe on Trump's head – sign of disgrace in Arab world

Image posted on Fatah Twitter account shows Palestinian protester holding a shoe on top of Trump's head

Posted text: "Nablus protests today [Dec. 20, 2017] against Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital"
[Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 20, 2017]

Note: In Arab culture shoes are a sign of great disrespect.



Palestinian woman beats Trump with her shoe



Posted text: "Israeli occupation state Ambassador [Benny Dagan] calls the editor in chief of the Danish newspaper *Politiken* and demands that he remove this picture (sic, the Ambassador complained over a different, Antisemitic cartoon) from their website and apologize"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Dec. 19, 2017]

Senior Fatah official: US is “snake’s head”

Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki:

"This is a clear declaration that Trump has joined the terror, because the occupation is the highest form of terror... His declaration is worthless, and therefore we must boycott this administration, and have **no contact with the snake’s head**... One who pins his hopes on the Americans or on the illusion of peace is not a Palestinian."

[YouTube channel of Al-Mayadeen TV (Lebanon), Dec. 6, 2017]



PA Member of Parliament: “US is the snake’s head... the source of racism”

PA Parliament Member Jihad Abu Zneid:

"We have said in the past and we say today: As usual, the US is the snake's head. Therefore, this is not something new. The US is the one that plans. The US speaks about democracy, [but] it is the source of racism."

[Official PA radio station The Voice of Palestine, *A New Day*, Dec. 7, 2016]

Palestinians burn the American flag



An American flag is being burned, and an Israeli flag being hung next to it by masked men also to be burned.

Posted text: “#Picture

Fatah Movement activists a short while ago locking up a club in Jericho that was funded by American institutions and burning the flag of the US and of the Israeli occupation”

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Dec. 8, 2017]

**To Trump and Pence and their puppets,
Beware!**

Text on poster in English and Arabic:
**“Peace upon Jerusalem, the Mother of all
 Capitals.
 To Trump and Pence and their puppets,
 Beware! ...
 Jerusalem is not one of your Casinos
 Jerusalem is the most sacred city to
 Muslims and Christians
 Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Palestine
 Jerusalem is a Red Line!!”**
 [Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 20, 2017]



**Abbas’ advisor: “Jerusalem is only ours... We were in Jerusalem more than
 5,000 years ago... America... was born yesterday”**

Mahmoud Abbas’ advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari’ah Judge,
 Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

“Jerusalem is only ours, only ours. They [the Americans] know it. It is a strange thing that a state that is only a little older than 200 years takes a stand toward a city that is 5,000 years old. Where was America when Jerusalem was built, that it should decide whose capital it is? And where was Israel when Jerusalem was built? Jerusalem was here before America and before Israel and before Europe and before this entire world.
 We were in Jerusalem more than 5,000 years ago, and we have not left it... America, which - as they say - was born yesterday, wants to decide the fate of a city whose age is greater than history.”

[Official PA TV, Dec. 22, 2017]



Palestinian protesters: The US –snake’s head

Fatah posted a video of protesters in Bethlehem who chanted slogans against the US and trampled on pictures of Donald Trump

Protesters: “The US – as usual;
The US – the head of the snake;
The US – a terror state;
And we are not afraid of it;
(The next two lines are in English –Ed.)
No good morning, no good night;
O America, we will fight;
The US – as usual;
The US – the head of the snake;
The US – a terror state, and we are not afraid of it;
Millions of Martyrs (*Shahids*) are marching to Jerusalem”

[Facebook page of the Fatah Movement – Bethlehem Branch, Dec. 6, 2017]

The United States is a chameleon

The cartoon shows a chameleon representing the US, indicated by the Uncle Sam hat. The chameleon is stepping from an olive branch representing the peace process onto a sword dripping with blood, which is marked with a Star of David representing Israel. As it steps over, the chameleon is changing colors from the green of the olive branch to the silvery steel of the sword.

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 6, 2017]



US gives “green light” to terror and retroactively justifies the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks, by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital

“The US will find itself... as one who gives a green light to an additional wave of violence of unknown scope in Palestine and the neighboring Arab countries, and like one who justifies the crimes and barbarity of the terror organizations that harmed the US in September 16 years ago (i.e., the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks), the capitals of Europe, and many places in most of the world’s countries, if it indeed decides to recognize Jerusalem – including East [Jerusalem] – as the capital of Israel, or transfers its embassy to [Jerusalem].”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, op-ed by Muwaffaq Matar, Dec. 3, 2017]

Jesus chases Trump out of Jerusalem



Fatah’s cartoon shows Jesus chasing Trump out of Jerusalem with a whip in a scene reminiscent of the Christian Biblical narrative when Jesus cleanses the Temple, driving out the merchants and the money changers. In the background are three men wearing suits behind a desk with four name tags bearing the names of American banking companies: “Citi,” “Wells Fargo,” “JP Morgan Chase,” and “Goldman Sachs.” The text on the cartoon says “Jerusalem is not yours to give to anyone.” Fatah repeated this in its tweet, adding the hashtag #HandOffJerusalem.

[Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 18, 2017]

Trump signing embassy transfer with a lit fuse of dynamite in place of a pen



[Website of Fatah's Information and Culture Commission, Dec. 4, 2017]

UN defeats Trump

Posted text in English:

“#HandsOffAlQuds
#JerusalemCapitalOfPalestine”

The cartoon shows Donald Trump holding an Israeli flag and walking away dejected. A big club with the UN logo is over his head. A large bump on his head indicates that he was hit by the club.

The cartoon refers to a UN General Assembly vote on Dec. 21, 2017, condemning Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. 128 countries voted in favor of condemning Trump’s decision.



[Official Fatah Twitter Account, Dec. 22, 2017]

Trump is a Nazi with a swastika on his face; USA = ISIS = Terror

Images from a demonstration and text posted on the official Fatah Facebook page

Posted text:

“From the procession today [Dec. 29, 2017] in Bethlehem
Continuing for Jerusalem
Freedom for our heroic prisoners”

Fatah posts procession, which includes a large poster showing Donald Trump with a Nazi swastika over his face on the American flag.

Text on poster in English:

“Zionism = Nazism = fascism
USA = ISIS = Terror”

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Dec. 29, 2017]



من مسيرة بيت لحم هذا اليوم ..
مستمرون لأجل القدس ..
الحرية لأسرانا الأبطال ..
الحرية للأخ و الصديق المناضل منذر صبرة والأخ جميل البرغوثي ..
تصوير احمد مزهر / وفا



Trump is a shark attacking earth

The cartoon shows Donald Trump depicted as a shark with “veto” written in its mouth as it rams into a ship in the shape of the world. On the top of the world appears the Dome of the Rock and other buildings representing Jerusalem, and a Palestinian flag is flying from its masts. The cartoon refers to a US veto on a UN Security Council vote on Dec. 19, 2017, which rejected Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. The UN General Assembly later passed a similar resolution of rejection on Dec. 21, 2017.



[Website of the Fatah Information, Culture, and Ideology Commission, Dec. 19, 2017]

Trump is a caveman

Cartoon in official PA daily shows Trump as a caveman dragging an unconscious dove in one hand with a club in the other.



[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 11, 2017]

Fatah publicizes image of Palestinians burning picture of VP Pence

On Facebook, Fatah posted a photo of Palestinians in Bethlehem who are burning a poster of Pence with the text in English:

“Bethlehem Welcomes the Messengers of Peace
Not the Messengers of War
Pence go home”

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Dec. 18, 2017]



Nikki Haley is a vulture over the UN



The official PA daily depicted US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley as a vulture in the cartoon above, in response to Haley's warning to countries voting against US recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in the UN General Assembly today.

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*. Dec. 21, 2017]

Nikki Haley is “Zionist, extremist, and racist”

Headline: "Haley retroactively assassinates Rabin"

"Whoever listened to [Donald] Trump's representative in the UN, [US Ambassador] Nikki Haley, in the two meetings of the [UN] Security Council regarding Jerusalem will think that she is the one that ordered the assassination of [former Israeli Prime Minister] Yitzhak Rabin..."

Haley is not [only] biased in favor of Israel, because all of the US representatives were biased. **She does not [only] adopt the Zionist ideology and enterprise; she is by her existence Zionist, extremist, and racist."**

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, op-ed by Bassem Barhoum, Dec. 20, 2017]

Abbas: Nikki Haley and David Friedman “are an insult to an [American] administration that respects itself”

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas: “There are two names that I don’t want to mention, but my conscience is bothering me, so I have to mention them. American Ambassador [to Israel] David Friedman... he says: ‘There is no occupation, who said there’s an occupation? Israel is building on its lands.’ ... The second name, their [US] Ambassador to the UN Ms. [Nikki] Haley, who said: ‘I wear high heels not for fashion, [but] only to hit whoever attacks Israel.’ I say to her – and may she hear me – [our] response is going to be worse, but not by way of high heels. The response will be worse... I say that these two are an insult to an [American] administration that respects itself, if it wants to respect itself.”

[Abbas in speech to PLO Central Council, Official PA TV, Jan. 14, 2018]



PLO Chief Negotiator attacks US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley Secretary of the PLO Executive Committee, Fatah Central Committee member, and PLO Chief Negotiator Saeb Erekat:

“The truth is that **US Representative [Ambassador to the UN] Nikki Haley has decided to replace the principles of international law with the principles of billionaire extremist Zionist gambler Sheldon Adelson.**”

[Official PA TV, Dec. 21, 2017]

Part 2: PA statements belittling and rejecting US and its aid

In a surprising attack on US financial aid including trivializing the billions of dollars that the US has given the PA in the past, people close to Mahmoud Abbas are mocking and rejecting United States' financial aid.

In his speech to PLO leaders on Jan. 14, 2018, Abbas himself said that according to Palestinian policy they now have to cut off relations with the US, which would of course mean the end of US financial support. He also explicitly rejected American financial aid and said he would not accept the US as a mediator in negotiations.

Abbas: We must cut off relations with countries that recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas: “We made a decision at the [Arab] Summit in Amman in 1980 that every state that recognizes Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, or that transfers its embassy to it – we must cut our relations with it.”

[Abbas in speech to PLO Central Council, Official PA TV, Jan. 14, 2018]



Abbas: “Let them [the US] not do us a favor by paying us money”

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas: “Let them [the US] not do us a favor by paying us money... We do not want anyone to pay us. And may [Trump] not tweet at me on Twitter that: ‘We will not pay money to the Palestinians because they are refusing negotiations.’ May your house be destroyed (insult, meaning anything from “Damn you” to “Come on now!” –Ed.). When did we refuse?”

[Abbas in speech to PLO Central Council, Official PA TV, Jan. 14, 2018]



Abbas: US committed a crime against Jerusalem

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas: “We will not accept the deals the US wants to impose on us. We will not accept its mediation after the crime it committed against Jerusalem [by declaring it Israel’s capital] ... We will not agree to be an Authority without authority, and will not accept an occupation without [exacting] a price from the occupation forces.”

[Abbas in speech to PLO Central Council, Official PA TV, Jan. 14, 2018]



Senior Fatah official: Nothing good ever came from the US

Fatah Deputy Chairman and Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul:

“If someone has an illusion or belief that the US – up till now – that something good might come from it to the Palestinian people or to the Arab nation – let them come debate us. The matter has been clarified. Nothing has come from the US but troubles for the Arab nation and the Palestinian people... **Let whoever has something to say - that something good has come from the Americans over the years for us [Palestinians] and for the Arab nation - whoever has something [good], let them come and say, ‘Here we are!’ Let them tell me what has come from the Americans in the years that have passed. Nothing at all.**”

[Official PA TV, *State of Politics*, Dec. 24, 2017]

Abbas’ spokesman: Jerusalem more important than US aid

"Palestinian Presidential Office official Spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina said that Jerusalem and its holy sites are not for sale - not for gold and not for silver. He said this in response to the statements by the US [by UN Ambassador Nikki Haley] which stated that it will make a decision to stop the funding of UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency) if Palestine does not return to negotiations with Israel.

Abu Rudeina said that the true peace and negotiations are based on the Arab and international legitimacy on the way to establishing an independent Palestinian state whose capital is East Jerusalem.

The official spokesman of the presidential office emphasized that if the US cares about its interests in the Middle East it must adhere to the principles and sources of authority of the UN Security Council and General Assembly; otherwise it will push the region to the brink of an abyss."

[Wafa, official PA news agency, Jan. 3, 2018]

US aid was never intended to help Palestinians

"In order to serve its colonialist project in its old and new forms, the colonialist West created the colonialist State of Israel in the heart of the Arab homeland... This was in order to tear apart the states and peoples of the Arab nation, plunder their resources, ensure that they would continue to serve as a market for its merchandise and products..."

What is more, the aid states and the loans that are provided by the capitalist states in general, and the US in particular, never came out of piety or because of the beautiful eyes of the poor peoples. **This was systematic and calculated aid that was meant to serve their strategic goals and interests.** Therefore, the financial and economic aid to the Palestinian Arab people by the US is not for free, and is not meant to protect the interests of the Palestinian people. This is conditional aid, and its price is defending the essential interests of the US in the region."

[Omar Hilmi Al-Ghoul, regular columnist Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 6, 2018]

Abbas' advisor: The world "stuck its tongue out at Trump - We are not bought with your dollars"

Mahmoud Abbas' personal advisor on religious affairs, and the person Abbas appointed to head the Sharia courts ripped into American aid saying that the Palestinians and no one in **the world can be "bought with your dollars... So stop this aid... the rubbish of the American president isn't worth the urine of one Jerusalem child."**

Mahmoud Abbas' advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari'ah Judge,
Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

"Yesterday you saw, brothers, how the world [the UN] **returned a slap to American President [Trump]**, how the entire world that the American president had threatened, **stuck its tongue out at him** and said: **'We are not bought with your dollars, and we are not bought with your aid.** From the outset, you did not give us aid because of our beautiful eyes. You aid us for your interest, and out of your interests and calculations. **So stop this aid.'** ... The one who determines the fate of Jerusalem is not the American president, and not America... The balance [of power] will change, trust in Allah, the balance will change. America will not remain America, and the present world will not remain as it is... The most important, permanent, and influential factor in the battle for Jerusalem – and I say this to the entire nation – is the factor of religion and faith... The victory in Jerusalem is coming, it is coming. And Jerusalem is Palestine's capital forever, forever. **And the rubbish of the**

American president isn't worth – I say again – isn't worth the urine of one Jerusalem child."

[Official PA TV, Dec. 22, 2017]



PLO official Hanan Ashrawi accused Trump and US UN rep. Nikki Haley of using “extortion” and “mafia”-like tactics, “befitting of a state whose nation has declined”

PLO Executive Committee member Hanan Ashrawi: “This is cheap and very shameful extortion. Undoubtedly this Nikki Haley - I don't know who appointed her as the world's police officer... **this very cheap and shameful extortion, the threat,** and the warning are befitting of a state whose nation has declined, whose international level - whose rhetorical, ethical, political, and legal level [has declined] to this level. It acts as if it is a mafia.”

[Official PA TV, Dec. 20, 2017]

Abbas' advisor to Americans: “What idiocy has taken control of your minds to delude you that Jerusalem is for sale?”

Mahmoud Abbas' advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari'ah Judge, Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

“Do what you want, do what you want. This money that you are threatening to cancel and stop - do you imagine that we might bargain over Jerusalem? What idiocy has taken control of your minds to delude you that Jerusalem is for sale, or that one grain of sand from Palestine, all of Palestine, is for sale, or purchase, or bargaining?”

[Official PA TV, Jan. 5, 2018]



Abbas’ advisor mocks the US allies: “[Countries] who have sold themselves cheaply [voting with the US] – there is still room on the trash heap of history”

Mahmoud Abbas’ advisor on Religious and Islamic Affairs and Supreme Shari’ah Judge, Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

“The entire world has recently had its say in the face of the oppression and arrogance that the American administration is attempting to impose on us and on the world. The world is not for sale or purchase. The world's honor is not for sale... The world said: 'No.' We send our greetings to the peoples of the world that stood with the Palestinian right. We send our greetings to the states, governments, figures, and organizations that stood with the Palestinian right... As for those [countries] who have sold themselves cheaply [supporting the US] – there is still room on the trash heap of history.”

[Official PA TV, Jan. 5, 2018]



Senior Fatah official: US threats to cut aid to the PA are “extortionist”

Headline: "Azzam Al-Ahmad: The PA will not be dismantled and the battle is open against the Trump administration"

"Fatah Movement Central Committee member Azzam Al-Ahmad said that the American administration is planning to take a series of steps in order to pressure the PA, among them stopping the aid and cutting off ties and relations between the sides..."

He said: '**Trump's extortionist mentality regarding stopping the aid does not scare the Palestinians, who cannot be bought for money by anyone.**' ...

Al-Ahmad noted that '**Our battle against the American administration is open until it reexamines its latest decision regarding Jerusalem [recognizing it as Israel's capital] and rescinds this decision.**' He added: '**We are not at all sorry about the situation that our relations with the US have reached.**'"

[Wattan, independent Palestinian news agency, Dec. 25, 2017]

**Op-ed in official PA daily: PA leadership will not fold to Trump’s “extortion,”
“They want Jerusalem in return for aid”**

“The courageous Palestinian leadership is rejecting the American extortion now... The American administration is now twisting the PA's arm, and the battle of 'who will give way first' has begun. The PA says unanimously: 'No to the sale of Jerusalem, not for gold and not for billions,' and it says this while standing on the brink of the abyss... [the US] the one committing the extortion and who wants Jerusalem in return for the \$370 million that he pays to the PA, '[US President Donald] Trump'? Have you not read Shakespeare's play The Merchant of Venice with the Jewish hero Shylock, and how he wanted to punish a man by removing a pound of flesh from his body because he could not pay him? They want Jerusalem in return for aid...

If [Jerusalem's] people will not defend it, others will defend it, as the other non-Muslim religions and peoples will not allow that it [Jerusalem] fall into the hands of the murderers of the prophets, and the murderers of Jesus in particular...

There is no reason for Mahmoud Abbas' slogan to be 'millions of Martyrs [are marching to Jerusalem],' and that he will give them as fuel for the new Nazi oven, which Israel inherited from Hitler so that his fire would not go out.”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, op-ed by Sultan Al-Hattab, Jan. 6. 2018]