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Executive Summary

At the Annapolis Conference, the US initiated a peace process with the goal of creating a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria (West Bank), headed by Mahmoud Abbas of the Fatah movement. This initiative is based on the assumption that the creation of a Fatah-based Palestinian state is in America's interest and will encourage long-term peace in the Middle East. This report examines the assumptions upon which the new peace initiative is based.

Methodology

This report examines the current ideology and political allies of the Fatah government as expressed by Fatah leaders and in the Arabic-language Palestinian Authority (PA) media.

Documents examined include contacts and statements by the Fatah political, academic and religious leadership, reporting, editorials and education in the Fatah-controlled PA daily newspapers, PA television and PA schoolbooks. The goal is to determine the likelihood that a potential Palestinian state would be an ally or adversary of the United States, and would support the US goal and policy of promoting world security and peace.

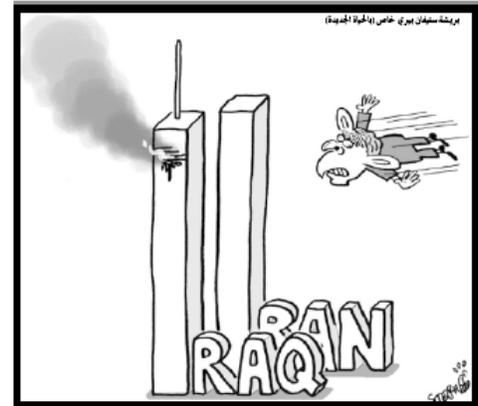
Findings

This report reveals that the Palestinian Authority-Fatah government of Mahmoud Abbas is allied with many states who see themselves as enemies of the US and whom the US sees as threatening US security and world peace. Significantly, the affinity that is felt for such geographically distant non-Muslim countries, such as North Korea, Cuba, and Chavez's Venezuela is precisely because these states publicly challenge and express loathing for the US. The PA admires such organizations as Hezbollah. PA- Fatah heroes are master terrorists such as Imad Mughniyeh, killer of 241 American soldiers in Lebanon, and the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 are celebrated almost every annual anniversary with a political cartoon in the official PA daily (see Part 1).

The US, on the other hand, is depicted by Fatah leaders, their controlled media and PA education with disdain and loathing. Language such as, "the greatest Satan in the world, America" [PA TV (Fatah), March 3, 2008], by a Fatah legislator is routine.

Conclusion - Palestinian State will continue alignment with enemies of the US

There is overwhelming evidence that the contacts between the Palestinian Authority and the enemies of the United States are relations between allies who share a common ideological bond. Strikingly, hatred of the United States and disdain for the US role of world leadership are what unite them. Unless the Palestinian Authority demonstrates a major shift in ideology, a future Palestinian state will be firmly allied with North Korea, Syria, Cuba, Iran, Chavez's Venezuela, and Hezbollah, the forces that are seen as threats to the US and which are linked to world terror.



Iraq and Iran, the victims of Sept. 11
Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Sept. 11,
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A Muslim is shown kneeling in prayer for death of Americans symbolized by the US Stealth Bomber. The words of his prayer are portrayed as missiles aimed at the US symbol:

- "Allah, scatter them!"
- "Turn their wives into widows!"
- "Turn their children into orphans!"
- "Give us victory over them!"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), official daily, Oct. 9, 2007*]

The report:

Part 1: 9-11 in PA cartoons mock and condemn the US

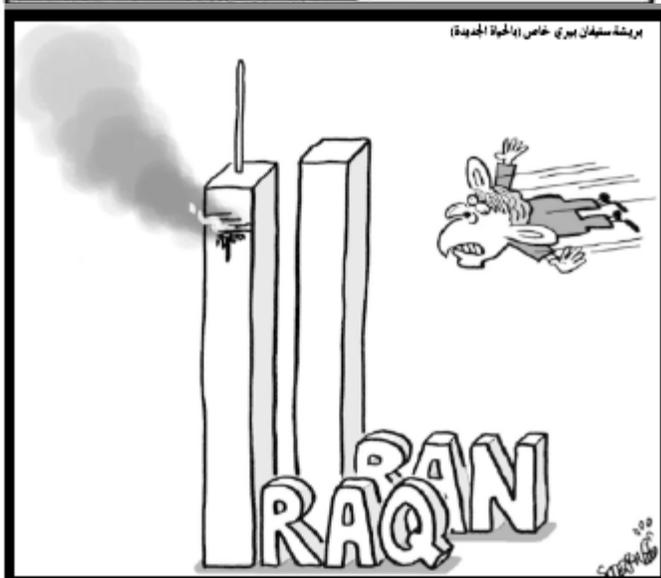
The PA through its controlled media has repeatedly used the visual image of the smoldering Twin Towers to ridicule or condemn America, mostly around the anniversary of September 11. Some were apparently so well-received that they appeared in more than one daily. For example, the cartoon of two smoldering towers of Iraq and “Palestine” – called “the true victims” – appeared in the independent *Al-Quds*, and two days later it was reprinted in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, the official PA daily. Other cartoons were copied from other Arab dailies.

The following are the cartoons and their translations:



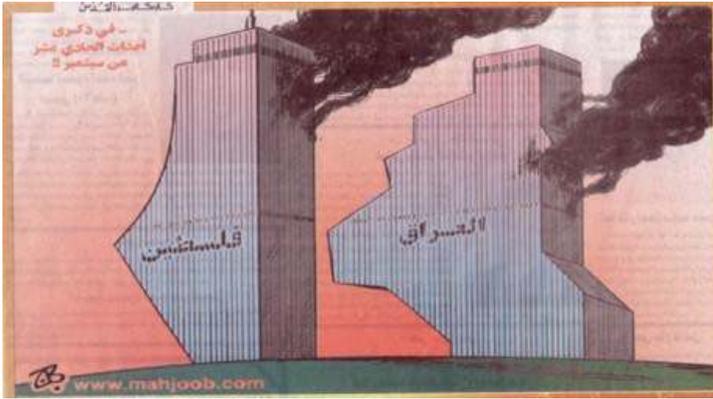
Bin Laden celebrates 9-11

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 12, 2007]



Iran and Iraq are the 2 victims of 9-11

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 11, 2006]



The true Twin Tower victims are Iraq and the Palestinians.

Text on one tower: **"Palestine"**
Text on other tower: **"Iraq"**

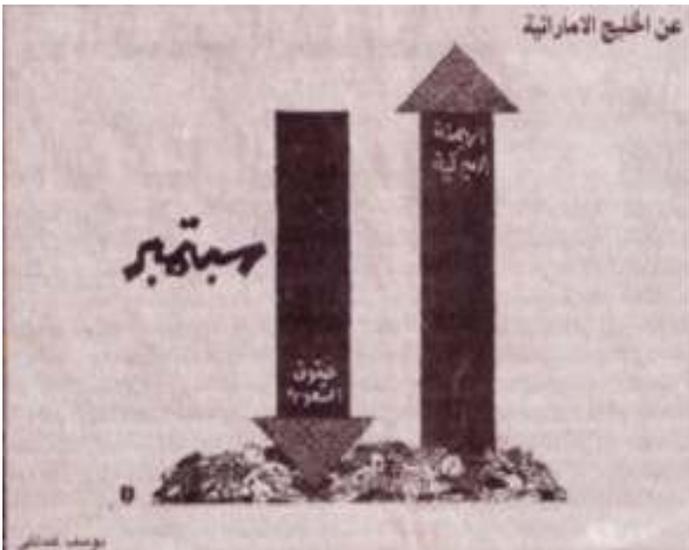
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) and independent *Al-Quds*, Sept. 12, 2003]



A fearful Uncle Sam running away in terror, being chased by the date "September 11."

Text: **"September" followed by legs that form "11"**

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 11, 2002, reprinted from *Al-Wattan* of Kuwait]



The US response to 9-11 is said to be immoral and imperialistic. Twin Towers over a mass of dead bodies, victims of American "imperialism."

Text on wall: **"September," Twin Towers form "11" over dead bodies**
Text on down tower: **"Rights of Nations"**
Text on up tower: **"American Hegemony"**

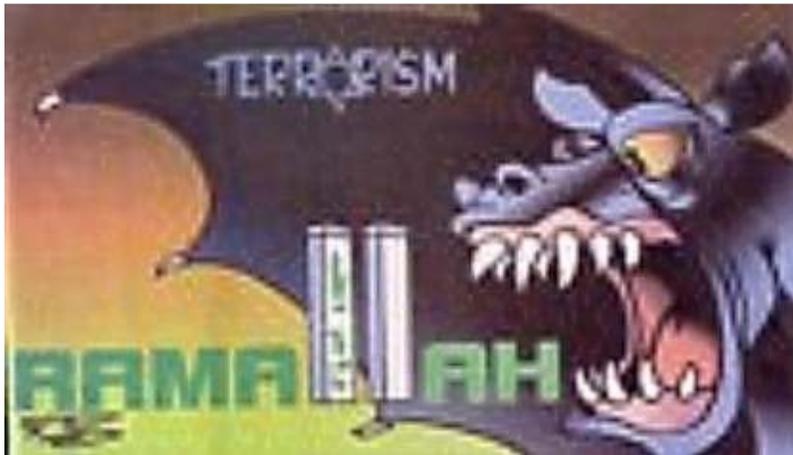
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 11, 2002, reprinted from *Al-Khalij*, UAE]



September 11 is presented as a conspiracy against Arabs and Muslims

Text: "**September 11 - the day of the greatest conspiracy against the Arabs and Muslims.**"

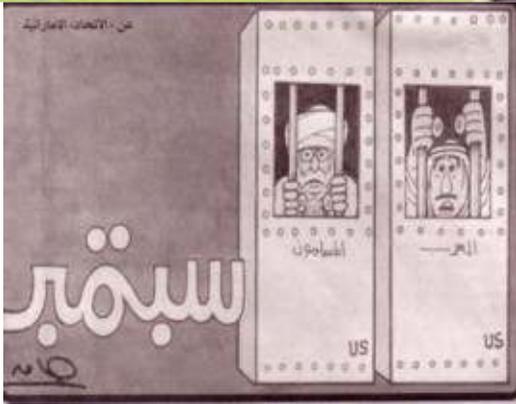
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 13, 2002]



A bat attacks the twin towers of Ramallah, the Palestinian city with Palestinian Authority offices.

Text: **The two letters L form the towers.**

[PA daily *Al-Ayyam*, Oct. 19, 2001]



Two "US" jail cells, one with Arabs and the other with Muslims representing the "11" of:

Text: "**September 11**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 11, 2002]



Two smoldering towers, Arabs and Muslims.

Text on left tower: "**Arabs**"
Text on right tower: "**Muslims**"

[*Al-Quds*, Sept. 11, 2002; *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 13, 2002]

Part 2: PA-Fatah allied with America's enemies

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A: Iraq: Adoration of Saddam; Support for terrorist insurgency

Saddam Hussein was one of the Palestinian Authority's closest allies. Since Saddam's execution, his name has become even more prominent in PA society, with social and educational infrastructures named for him to keep his memory alive in the PA. These include schools, streets, sporting events and memorials. The PA continues to support terrorist attacks on American soldiers in Iraq.

Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah Movement blames the US for Saddam's execution:

"The Fatah movement... placed upon the enemies of the Arab nation... the Americans and Zionists full responsibility for the execution of President Saddam Hussein..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 4, 2007]

Memorializing Saddam Hussein

"The national association of the families of *Shahids* (Martyrs) of Palestine ... organized a soccer tournament in [honor] of the general *Shahid* leader, Saddam Hussein... The Loyalty Cup to the *Shahid* leader Saddam Hussein."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 4, 2007]

"The Tul Karem Youth Center was crowned champions of the *Shahid* and leader Saddam Hussein Football Tournament after its victory in the finals."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 28, 2007]

"The residents of Jenin named the central square in the camp in memorial of the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein... Similarly, residents of [the neighborhood] Vadi Barkin, western to the camp named their neighborhood in the name of the Martyr Saddam Hussein..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Jan. 12, 2007]

The Fatah Movement names a district "Cell" for Saddam:

"The Fatah movement organized a conference of cell 3 - "the **Martyr Saddam Hussein cell**" - in the presence of the Jenin district governor, Qadura Musa, and the Secretary of the Fatah movement in the district."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 28, 2007]

2005: Yaabid municipality received \$400,000 from USAID to pave “main street.”
2007: Yaabid municipality names “most important street” and a school after Saddam.

2005: “The Yaabid Municipality in the Jenin area held a ceremony yesterday for the inauguration of a project of **the paving of the main street of the municipality, funded by USAID** ... paving and renovating the main entrance to the municipality and some of the inner streets cost \$402,000.”
[Al-Ayyam, July 14, 2005]

2007: “Public figures and the [Armed] Factions in **Yaabid** decided to name one of the schools in the municipality **and its most important street after Saddam** to immortalize his memory and to emphasize the values of Arabness and *Jihad*, which he represented...”
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan. 4, 2007]

“In the town of **Yaabid**, forces from the National and Islamic forces held a requiem ... The citizens prayed for the ascent of Saddam’s soul. Following that, a march began in the streets of the town, and ended at the offices of the **Yaabid Municipality**, where a mourners’ tent was opened in his memory...”
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan. 4, 2007]

Condemning the US for execution

“Head of the Islamic Supreme Committee, Jerusalem [former PA Mufti] Sheikh Ikrama Sabri: ‘The court that judged the deceased president was assembled under the American oppression’s umbrella. Therefore it is not legitimate or legal. The timing of the execution is provocative and against the law. The implementation was a conspiracy and ethnic and it [shows] disrespect to the Islamic and Arab nation, to their leaders and their people.’”
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan. 10, 2007]

Fatah Party: Saddam Hussein a symbol for all leaders and fighters

“Eiman Zmidi spoke on the behalf of the Fatah party... Saddam Hussein became a symbol for all leaders and fighters, that in the face of the tyranny of the nation’s enemies, there is no place for surrender...”
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan. 4, 2007]

The official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida anticipates the defeat of America in Iraq while mourning Saddam’s death

“A large Palestinian audience gathered in the hall “Salim Afandi” in Al Bira (North of Jerusalem) yesterday, for a memorial in honor of the murdered president, Saddam Hussein... many more 40 day [periods] will pass before the murdered, the one and only, this *Shahid* (Martyr) returns, unquestionably to his Iraq, as he wished: liberated and Arab... I am referring obviously to the victory of the Iraqi resistance and the defeat of the [American] occupiers and their militias.
...I saw their grief and sorrow [of the mourners], but not grief that brings frustration and desperation, but grief that encourages strength, and a cry to rebel and to resistance ... All the theories and propaganda of those who should be called ‘modernists,’ about a new democratic world which has risen on the destruction of ‘the dictatorship Iraq’ ... they have no credibility.”
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Feb. 12, 2007]

“Memorials and mourning tents are continually being organized to commemorate president Saddam. Memorials continue to take place in the Hebron regime, and last Sunday and Monday, forces from the National and Islamic authority built mourning tents in the hall of the Hebron municipality...”
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan. 10, 2007]

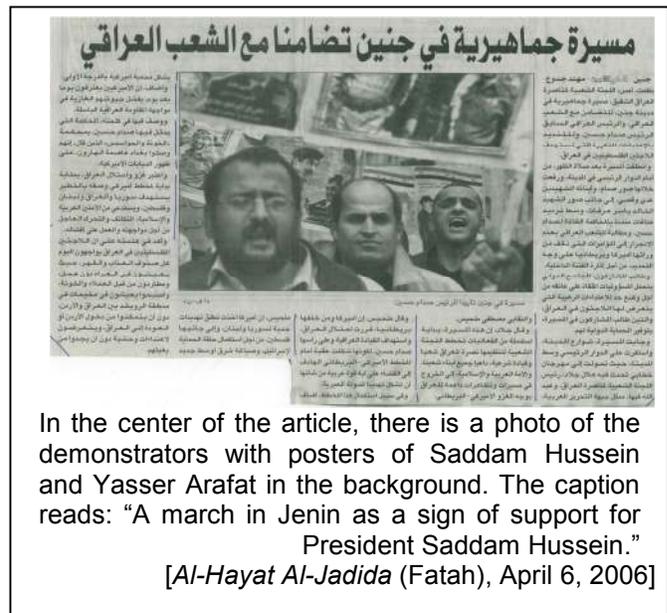
Calls to defeat US in Iraq

“The ‘popular committee for the sister Iraq’ organized a mass march in Jenin as a sign of solidarity with the Iraqi people and with Iraq’s former president, President Saddam Hussein... At the march, photos of Saddam and his two *Shahid* sons, Uday and Qusay, were displayed alongside photos of the eternal *Shahid*, Yasser Arafat, to repeated calls condemning the oppressive trial of Saddam Hussein, and demanding the Iraqi people not to be enticed by the schemes of America and Britain, to spark a civil war...

The march... ended in the main square in the center of the city, where it developed into a rally, during which the chair of the popular committee for Iraq, Hillal Jallad, the representative of the Arab liberation front, Abdullah Kabha, and the head of the professional unions, Mustafa Malhis spoke. Jallad said that this march opens a series of activities that the popular committee will organize for Iraq, its people and its legal leadership. He called on all his people and the Arab and Islamic nation to go out on marches and protests supporting Iraq against the American-British occupation.

Malhis said that the US, backed by Britain, decided to occupy Iraq and set as a goal to harm the leadership of Iraq headed by Saddam Hussein, since it was an impediment to the American-British plan... ‘He added that the Americans admit every day that their invading armies have failed against the brave Iraqi resistance. Kabha described in his speech the court that Saddam Hussein came before, as a courthouse of ‘traitors and spies.’ He said that they came to Baghdad... on American tanks.

He described the invasion of Iraq and its occupation as the beginning of an American plan which he defined as dangerous, as it targets Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Palestine and forces the Arab nation and the Islamic nation to unite, and urgently act in order to deal with it (the plan) and work towards its defeat.”



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), April 6, 2006]

PA- Fatah support and admiration has never stopped

"Since the American occupation of Iraq, a colonist invasion has been taking place, as if all Arabs have been defeated... In this regard the invasion of Iraq was not a conventional war with conventional results, but a serious American attempt to defeat the whole region."

[Ahmad Dahbur, former Deputy Minister, Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture, in his regular column, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), back page, Oct. 11, 2007]

“The commissioner of the Palestinian Political Guidance (an official PA educational body), Lu'ai Abdu, believes that in the speech of Hassan Nassrallah, head of Hezbollah, there are many messages to Israel, to the Arab world and America. He said: ‘These nations must understand that the era of violence and riots has passed, and that now, revolutionary movements have been created in Palestine,

Afghanistan, Somalia, and Iraq. These movements have proven their ability to deal with the big, colonialist nations (USA) and to deal with Israel.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 15, 2006]

B. Venezuela: PA Lauds Chavez attacks on “American imperialism”

The Palestinian leadership and its official daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, place the Palestinian Authority firmly in the same ideological camp as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. He is lauded as an ally against the “exploitation of the oppressed nations,” and portrayed as a heroic freedom fighter against “the wild American animal” who is exploiting the weaker countries. American policy towards Chavez is described as “the barbaric imperialist American attack on Venezuela and its leader.”

The following are some representative examples:

“When the wild American animal began to execute its threats, that the Arabs would drink their oil, the Venezuelan policy on oil excelled in its independence, which was necessary for guaranteeing the right of the people to their natural national resources...”

The American administration, in its current and future versions, must take into account that the world ceased to be a cheese roll or a plate of sweets for the parasitical imperialist. A victory for Castro, Chavez and Ortega – means the victory of the resistance in Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon...

The American administration will not be able to play the role of democracy supervisor this time, since this empire, drenched in the blood of the nations, has no right to accuse the democratic choice of the people, of dictatorship or violating international law.”

[Ahmad Dahbur, former Deputy Minister, Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture, in his regular column, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 4, 2006]

The “liberation forces in the world, struggling against the evil American empire”

“The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine organized a mass rally yesterday ... as a sign of support for the people of Venezuela and its revolution headed by the leader Hugo Rafael Chavez, and to support the struggle against the capitalist and imperialist American alliance... Member of the national bureau, Dr. Rabah Muhanna, spoke on behalf of the Popular Front... He cited the connection between the attack of the occupation... – in the form of invasions, clashes and destruction of buildings, installations and farms, including oppressive economic, financial and political blockade, in an attempt to subjugate the Palestinian people – and the barbaric imperialist American attack on Venezuela and its leader...”

Bakr Al-Jamal spoke on behalf of the workers of Palestine... he reviewed Chavez’s international positions when he aspired to be shoulder-to-shoulder with the struggling nations and their just causes. This is how he had the honor to visit the sister, Iraq, during its blockade and Syria and to sign financial agreements with Iran. In addition he had the brave stance, that we take pride in, when he returned the ambassador of Venezuela from the Zionist entity during its invasion of South Lebanon...

Speaking on behalf of the academics, Dr. Hassam Adwan, a lecturer in the Al-Aqsa University, believes that the liberation forces in the world, struggling against the evil American empire, are not limited to religion, race or territory...

Speaking on behalf of the Palestinian intellectuals, the Palestinian thinkers, Jamal Al-Surani praised the Venezuelan people and the Venezuelan President Chavez... In his speech he condemned the false Western democracy and viewed it as a deception to implement its imperialist policy on the world... He said that the policy that Chavez leads against the American imperialism encouraged all the forces that oppose globalization and imperialism in the world to carry out their program against poverty, subjugation, oppression, and hostility.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Nov. 26, 2006]

“A delegation from Fatah and the council for community activity met yesterday with the ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Venezuela, Freddy Ivan Morillo, in his office in Ramallah. The head of the delegation, Farraj Zuyud, and the delegation... emphasized the good relations that exist between the two comrade nations Venezuela and Palestine, which is based on shared understanding by the democratic Venezuelan government led by the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, and of the Palestinian leadership and the Palestinian people.... The delegation emphasized the necessity to work to establish and develop it [the connection], in a way that will serve their interest and will help remove exploitation, of the oppressed nations ...“

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 29, 2007]

“The [Palestinian] public works and housing minister, the engineer Abd Al-Rahman Zaydan... and a member of the legislative committee, Dr. Ayman Daraghmeh... visited the embassy of Venezuela in the [Palestinian] Authority and the ambassador Freddy Morillo... they expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the President of Venezuela, to its people and its government on their honorable positions on Palestine and Lebanon.”

[*Al Hayat Al Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 13, 2006]

“The director of the Palestinian democratic union [party] ‘Fada’ [sic], Saleh Ra’fat, sent a greeting telegram to the President Hugo Chavez in honor of his re-election as president of the Republic of Venezuela. He emphasized: ‘This victory is not only the victory of the comrade people of Venezuela, but it is also the victory of our party and of all the people of freedom and honorable people in the world.’ Ra’fat expressed his appreciation... for the position of the friend Chavez which supports the struggle of our people and the brother Iraqi people for the liberation and all the just causes of our Arab nation.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 6, 2006]

“Member of the Executive Committee of the [Palestine] Liberation Organization and director of the front of the popular struggle, Dr. Sámi Gosh, praised the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, in honor of his third re-election. He believes that the victory and the success that President Chavez achieved are not only a victory for strengthening democracy in Venezuela, but it is also a victory for the forces of liberation and development in the world and Latin America in particular, especially in this period, in which global imperialism, led by the United States of America, attempts to impose its hegemony of the resources of the world and the people.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 7, 2006]

“A delegation of a few NGOs in Tul Karem and in its [refugee] camp paid a visit to the Venezuelan ambassador... in his office in Ramallah. The delegation handed letters of greeting to the President of Venezuela, Chavez, for his overwhelming victory in the presidential elections... The letters praised the stance of the people of Venezuela, and expressed appreciation for its leadership that supports the Palestinian people and for describing imperialism and Zionism as Satan and as the forces of evil... The

delegation included the Palestinian association for culture and development 'Kufiyeh,' the beekeeper association and the department of youth and volunteers of Kufiyeh."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 9, 2006]

C. Iran: PA ally and victim of "America's arrogance"

The PA describes the West's relations with Iran, spearheaded by the US, as "arrogant" and "a great danger." America is repeatedly condemned for interfering with what the PA refers to as the peaceful Iranian nuclear program, while Iran is applauded for "open challenge against America's arrogance." Iran is called "the brother people" and "the sister country" of "Palestine," and the PA considers Iran an ally fighting similar causes: "[Palestinians] should maintain positive and open [approach] to contact with Iran, since it is an important nation in the area and it is necessary to be open to all nations and movements that support the just causes... Iraq and Afghanistan." Within this context, the US is called "the head of the snake... [with] a rich history of slaughter and killing."

The following are excerpts from the PA-Fatah-controlled papers relating to PA-Iran relations:

"We have no option other than to express our solidarity with the Islamic Republic [Iran] in their open challenge against America's arrogance..."

As to the head of the snake – the American Zionist government indeed has a rich history of slaughter and killing. It can be said.... that since the end of the Second World War until today, America has killed the equivalent of a whole nation, a whole country. All you have to do is add up the casualties from the two atom bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the casualties in the Korean War, to the casualties from the aggression against Vietnam, to the casualties in the banana republic in Latin America... to the Afghani and Iraqi's casualties... Nonetheless, this America, it is the one who is crying over 'the peace' that is being threatened from the non military nuclear [plan] in Iran."

[Ahmad Dahbur, former Deputy Minister, Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture,
Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), in his regular column, Sept. 2, 2006]

"President Mahmoud Abbas sent a telegram of greetings yesterday to the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in honor of the anniversary of the national day of his country. The President [Abbas] said in the greeting: 'I am happy to express to your Excellency and, through you, to your honorable government and to your brother people, on behalf of the Palestinian people and their leadership and on my behalf personally, the warmest, most heartfelt wishes, in a prayer to Allah, that He shall bestow on you on this holiday further progress and prosperity. We wish you and your people happy holidays.' President Abbas expressed the greatest wishes of wealth, health and joy to the President of Iran, and to his people and his sister country, continuous respect, glory and well-being."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 12, 2007]

"Dr. Jabar Khadir Al-Bitawi from the Arab language faculty [in the Al-Najah University]... pointed out the increasing opposition to American hegemony in Arab and Islamic countries, and on America's unrestrained position siding with Israel through its continued occupation of Palestine. Therefore, in order to be freed of the American era, the Iranian position is today in line benefiting the power of the Islamic nation. He added that the Iranian revolution led by Khomeini changed many equations as Iran broke free from the burden of obedience to America. He emphasized that they should maintain positive and open [approach] to contact with Iran since it is an important nation in the area and it is necessary to be open to

all nations and movements that support the just causes in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Europe, Latin America and all the nations that seek peace and justice.

Dr. Abd Al-Sattar Qasem from the political sciences faculty [in the Al-Najah University] ... believes it in their interest of Arab nations to improve their relations with Iran because it will continue to exist in the area, while Israel's fate is to disappear from the world...

Dr. Muhammad Al-Salibi from the Islamic Law faculty [in the Al-Najah University]... called on Iran... to stand against the great danger, apparent in the Israeli plans against the entire Islamic nation, and act in order to help the resistance movements in Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan...

The participants ... emphasized the right of Iran to acquire atomic energy to use for peaceful means, just like other nations, rejecting America's hint of carrying out a new attack on Syria and Iran, and [emphasized] the need for the withdrawal of the US forces and the allies from Afghanistan and Iraq."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 8, 2006]

Headline: "What is our view of Iran?"

"2. [Iran] was the strategic patron of Hezbollah in Lebanon...

3. Is allied with the Syrian leadership...

4. Iran's hostility to the United States of America and its refusal to abide by the dictates of the American-European alliance, which strives to damage Iran's capability in the matter of nuclear power for peaceful purposes... Including Iran as part of the axis of evil from the point of view of the US and Israel.

This [above] is the positive side... of Iran's relation with the Arab masses."

[Amar Hilmi Al-Ghul, in his regular column, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 25, 2006]

"The director of the general assembly of Palestine's workers, Hidar Ibrahim... demanded that the international community... put pressure on America to pull out his forces from Iraq and to cease its extortion against Syria, Sudan and Iran."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 21, 2006]

"The [Palestinian] presidential advisor for national security issues, Jibril Rajoub, met yesterday with the vice president of Iran, Ahmad Al-Mussawi...Rajoub, who represents the president Mahmoud Abbas at the [anniversary] festivities in Ghana, updated Al-Mussawi on the intensive efforts the president has made to put into practice the Mecca Agreement ... The ambassador of Palestine in Ghana, Sa'adi Al-Tamizi and the Iranian ambassador in Ghana were also present in the meeting."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 8, 2007]

D. Cuba: PA allies itself with Cuba

The relationship between the PA and Cuba is described as a "firm friendship" expressed by the greeting letters between PA official and Cuban officials. While Cuba's acting president "emphasized the identification of his country with the Palestinian people," a PA official sends "his wishes for the recovery of the leader of Cuba, Fidel Castro."

Headline: "Message from President Abbas to the Cuban leadership

"The President Mahmoud Abbas sent a message to the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, who is recuperating, and to his brother Raul, who is filling in for him, according to Cuban authorities who did not reveal the content of the message. The message was sent on Friday to the Cuban Foreign

Minister Philippe Perez Rocky by Saleh Rafat, member of the PLO executive committee, the special emissary of the Palestinian president [Abbas] ... according to the message, these meetings have re-verified the 'commitment of Cuba to continue its actions at the head of the unaligned countries (Cuba is head since 2006), for the benefit of the Palestinian issue.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 30, 2007]

"The Palestinian embassy in Cuba opened a condolence book for the late George Habash [veteran terrorist, founder and former head of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine]. The Cuban diplomatic corps and official representatives of the party signed the book... The Cuban media reported the story, and described the phases of the Palestinian struggle, the role of comrade George Habash in the stages of the struggle and his warm relationship with Cuba the friend."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 4, 2008]

"President Mahmoud Abbas received yesterday a letter of greeting from the Acting President of Cuba and First Vice President of the Cuban Council of State, Raul Castro Ruz (Fidel Castro's brother), in honor of the declaration day of the state of Palestine. Ruz, on this occasion expressed the depth of the firm friendship between the two countries and emphasized the identification of his country with the Palestinian people."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Nov. 19, 2006]

"The head of the national department of the liberation organization [PLO] and foreign minister, Faruk Al-Kaddumi...received [yesterday] from the Cuban ambassador an invitation for the state of Palestine to participate in the summit of the unaligned nations that Cuba will host... from [September] 11 to the 16. He gave the Cuban ambassador his wishes for the recovery of the leader of Cuba, Fidel Castro."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 13, 2006]

"The embassy of Palestine in Cuba commemorated the 25th anniversary of the massacre in Sabra and Shatila in which close to 1,500 Palestinians died as *Shahids* (Martyrs)... in the presence of representatives from the central committee of the Cuban Communist Party, from Cuba's foreign affairs ministry and from the Cuban institute for friendship with nations. The Palestinian and Cuban national anthems were played."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Sept. 23, 2007]

E. North Korea: Praise for North Korea and its close ties with PA

The PA expresses pride in the "historic and strong relations that exist between Palestine and [North] Korea," and offers support to the leader Kim Jong-il.

"Yesterday President Mahmoud Abbas praised the General Secretary of the Workers' Party of [North] Korea, Chairman of the National Defense Commission of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea and the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, Marshall Kim Jong-il, in honor of the day of the establishment of the republic.

The president expressed in his letter his deep pride for the historic and strong relations that exist between Palestine and Democratic Korea."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 10, 2007]

"President Mahmoud Abbas... received signed tickets [among other things] from the chair of the National Defense Commission of the People's Democratic Republic of [North] Korea, Kim Jong-il."

[Al-Quds, Jan. 5, 2006]

F. Syria: PA relations and support for Syria

PA papers describe the Bush administration's relations to Syria as being "known for its disgrace." The PA praises both Iraq and Syria for their struggle against the West – Iraq for "[yielding] a resistance that rolled the American aggression in the mud" and Syria "which inherits the history... of Iz Al-Din Al-Qassam (terrorist who fought the British)." PA officials further expressed their support of Syria "against all American conspiracies" and called for the withdrawal of American and British forces from Iraq.

"Recently, a Turkish newspaper testified and wrote that Israeli planes dropped two fuel containers across the border of Turkey and Syria. This neutral testimony serves to confirm the Arab Syrian version and corroborates that enemy planes in fact did enter Syria's air space. This is a matter that the Olmert administration denied and that 'W' [Bush] leadership, known for its disgrace, ignored...

America announced a new Middle East [that would come] through the ruins of Lebanon – that did not crumble but won through its firm stand against the hostility [i.e. the Second Lebanon War] – through the Iraqi blood – that yielded a resistance that rolled the American aggression in the mud – and through the the assumption that it is possible to scare Syria, which inherits the history... of Iz Al-Din Al-Qassam [terrorist who fought the British.]

"Damascus's influence, that no one can deny, is able to play a role that serves its firm stand and its resistance against the Zionist-American plan."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Sept. 10, 2007]



Uncle Sam: "American report on human rights violations in Syria and Iran."

Text on hat under bars:
"Guantanamo" and "Abu Ghraib."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), March 10, 2006]

“The general assembly of the workers of Palestine and the general assembly of the workers’ unions in Syria... expressed their support of Syria against all American conspiracies, intended to harm its pan-Arab position. Both organizations harshly condemned the attempt to put a siege on Syria and to punish it in order to distance it from its Arab essence.

Similarly, they expressed their firm support of the workers and of the people in Iraq, against the international coalition forces led by the US and Britain and demanded the withdrawal of these forces.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), April 4, 2006]

G. Hezbollah : PA support and admiration for Hezbollah

Hezbollah military leader Imad Mughniyeh, wanted by 42 countries and on the FBI's most wanted list, was killed by a car bomb in Damascus on Feb.12, 2008. Mughniyeh was responsible for the killing of 241 American soldiers of the peacekeeping force in Lebanon in 1983. The Palestinian Authority–Fatah mourned his death.

The following are the articles from the PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida mourning and lauding Imad Mughniyeh that are indicative of the support and camaraderie the PA-Fatah feels with Hezbollah. [Note: Hajj Radwan was Mughniyeh's "nom de guerre"]

1- Hajj Radwan [Imad Mughniyeh] by Ahmad Dahbur, former Deputy Minister, Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture, senior journalist for Fatah-controlled Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), in his daily column.

"What is the fall of the Knight of Lebanese Resistance, Hajj Imad Mughniyeh, if not one of the signs of the nation's *Jihad* - persistent and definitely unstoppable till the Zionist Project (Israel) will be defeated. ..the history of *Hajj Radwan* - Imad Mughniyeh ... he joined *Fatah* as a youth, and till he later became a unequalled Hezbollah commander, when his name became a beacon of light shining from The Lebanese July Victory (Second Lebanon War, 2006)... Such an extraordinary hero can cause the enemy to loose its wits... It makes no difference whether the Zionist bat camouflages himself by hiding in the dark, or whether the crazy hyenas take pride in the crime, because the enemy announces his criminal presence with such language that it is as if he is caught with a smoking gun. The criminal's hands are still covered in blood, when he gives us more reasons to intensify our hate towards him, though we do not lack reasons for this [hate] in the first place...

Today the body of the *Shahid* Hajj Imad Mughniyeh will exit the ‘Sayyid al-Shuhada’ mosque in a procession in which the brave Lebanese resistance (Hezbollah) will escort the body down the [wedding] aisle, and the sister [organizations of the] Palestinian resistance will congratulate...Along with [Hezbollah Leader] Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, we will ask ourselves who is the one consoling and who is the one being consoled as this is a tragedy that has hurt every Lebanese, every Palestinian, every Arab, and every free man on the face of this earth. This is because every free man partakes in Hajj Radwan's [Mugniyeh's] glory...”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 14, 2008]

2 - Heading: A delegation of the Lawyers Association arrived at the house of mourning for the *Shahid* Imad Mughniyeh.

"A delegation of close to 30 lawyers, the Islamic Association of Lawyers, paid a visit to the mourning house of the outstanding military commander of the Lebanese resistance, Imad Mughniyeh, which is being overseen by *the National and Islamic Forces in Gaza City*. In its speech, the delegation emphasized that the murder of Mughniyeh was a crime of organized state terror, which violates all international and human conventions and rules. The delegation added that Mughniyeh's *Shahada* (Islamic Martyrdom) will not break the strength of the resistance but will add to its spirit of resistance against the state (Israel) which oppresses everywhere.

The spokesperson for the Islamic Association of Lawyers, Professor Ayman Abu-Aysha, said that the visit to the house of mourning for the *Shahid* (Islamic Martyr) Mughniyeh was done in the framework of the association in order to support all forms of resistance of struggle against the Zionist occupation in all the Arab and Islamic lands."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 17, 2008, Page 2]

3- "The Fatah's military wing - the *Ahmud Abu Al Rish Martyrs Brigades* - accepted responsibility yesterday for the attack on the Israeli military post... shooting two missiles... They announced that the action is in dedicated to the memory of the Martyr Imad Mughniyeh.

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 14, 2008]

Part 3:

PA-Fatah demonizes the US as enemy of Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims

Najat Abu-Bakr, Fatah, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council:

“America... the greatest Satan in the world.”

"This world, which is ruled by the Zionist lobby everywhere and in all the media, this is the lobby that rules us now... the greatest power or the greatest Satan in the world, America, is the one that supports this policy, it is the one that reinforces Israel and gives it [Israel] strength. The moment we noticed that the American destroyer ‘Cole’ arrived in the area, we knew that America gave a green light [to Israel] to commit a new Holocaust in Gaza."

[official PA TV (Fatah), March 3, 2008]



A Muslim is shown kneeling in prayer for death of Americans symbolized by the US Stealth Bomber. The words of his prayer are portrayed as missiles aimed at the US symbol:

"Allah, scatter them!"
 "Turn their wives into widows!"
 "Turn their children into orphans!"
 "Give us victory over them!"
 [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Oct. 9, 2007]

Official PA daily published an article by Dr. Khair Al-Din Al-A'yib, Algerian author and commentator:

"Iraq is bleeding and dying ... because leaving Iraq in its degraded state and complicated situation, serves the American interests and gives it the excuse to remain and to squeeze more oil ... The capitalist America is willing to destroy the world for the bread and future of the American people. Did not the philosopher [Thomas] Hobbes say that men act as wolves to each other? That is the ruling principle of American policy. Oh, Arabs learn a lesson!"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), March 29 2008]

The PA daily **Al-Ayyam** chose to place the following ‘American is worse than Satan’ column in its **Al-Ayyam Notebook**, the slot on the back page reserved for the day’s most prominent column. Interestingly, Al-Ayyam chose to recycle a two-year-old story about a weapons project that had been already rejected by US developers in 2005:

Headline: “Is it not enough that Satan is supporting America?”

“[Regarding] the early American methods of using biological warfare and infectious diseases against the native America known as "Indians"... the white American colonialists, upon releasing prisoners who were among the rightful owners of the land, would make sure to spray them with infectious bacterial substances; this was done so that the released prisoners would return to their tribes supplied with a sufficient amount of lethal germs to transfer the plague to the tribe members. Meanwhile, the tribe would

be celebrating the return of its son from captivity, unaware of the fact that he has returned to them with the seeds of certain death that will circulate in the camp in order to take the souls of its children...

I dare to ask if even the imagination of Satan himself (who has stood beside America with all his might ever since the early days of extermination and up until the time of George Bush Jr.) could have conjured up such a cunning and grand scheme as was used by the early Americans against the natives.

The demonic inventions which continuously flood the American government and its institutions have nonetheless proven their continued ability to surpass their former levels of destructiveness. One of these was an idea submitted to the Pentagon several years ago by one of the American military labs; the idea was to create an ingenious bomb, which will act to transform the enemy troops into weak men lacking all power but an erupting, unbridled and unchecked sexual energy. The cursed American laboratory... requests no more than seven and a half million dollars in order to produce this bomb, which contains a highly effective chemical substance and Satanic shrewdness...

Nazi experimentation on humans has been brought to trial in different courts though the cultural and moral judgment still continues in European art and literature, and expresses the moment when Nazism had disgraced European history. Yet who will judge the demonic inventors of American weaponry, starting with the early 'war crimes' which were used to decimate the Indians with biological weapons, through the new ideas by which George Bush Jr. continues to disgrace history; a time when Satan, with all his wickedness, thoughts and deeds, is inadequate to be the ally of Bush and America..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 6, 2007, prominent daily column on back page called *Al-Ayyam Notes*]

Ahmad Dahbur, former Deputy Minister, daily columnist in the official PA daily, after congratulating Jordan on Petra being chosen as one of the new "seven wonders of the world", and with no news context, went on to describe George Bush as the "eighth wonder," as follows:

"However, let me tell you about the eighth wonder, greater than the earlier and the later [wonders]. It is a 61-year-old man, who in the past was treated for alcohol addiction, and the most famous thing about him is that he is mentally challenged. He was chosen by the American voters as a president for the first term of office, and they [Americans] did not learn their lesson, but voted for him a second time, so that the number he directly killed reached a million people in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and America, and there's more to come. Is this [Bush] Jr. not worthy of being called the eighth wonder?"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), back page, July 10, 2007]

The Fatah leader, Abu Ali Shahin, former minister under Arafat:

"Oh [Al-Qaeda] brother, leave us and focus on your business. You have Bush! Do to Bush what you want, and we wish you success with Bush, even more. I, Abu Ali Shahin, wish you success with Bush... We are fighting the Americans and hate the Americans more than you!"

[PA TV (Fatah), Jan. 1, 2007]



America intentionally tripping up disabled Arab World, on the way to the Arab Summit, held in Damascus March 30, 2008

Text on sign: "The [Arab] Summit."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 29, 2008]

"Since the American occupation of Iraq, a colonist invasion has been taking place, as if all Arabs have been defeated... In this regard the invasion of Iraq was not a conventional war with conventional results, but a serious American attempt to defeat the whole region."

[Ahmad Dahbur, former Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture, daily columnist, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Oct. 11 2007]

Imperialist USA, planned the Lebanese civil war

Omar al-Ghul, Prime Minister's advisor for national affairs:

"The father of this idea [New Middle East] was Henry Kissinger, the former [American] Secretary of State, who suggested dividing the Arab region into a mosaic of ethnic and religious groups... The Americans were those who played the central role in the outbreak the civil war in Lebanon. His representative was the American engineer Brown, who succeeded in causing the outbreak of the civil war."

[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 27, 2007]

Mahmoud Ismail, member of the PLO Executive Committee and Fatah party leader, defines the US -Britain alliance fighting in Iraq as "enemies, the imperialists," and justifies the "right to struggle and to resistance (euphemism for terror) in all possible ways in all the occupied lands," including "Palestine" and Iraq.

"It's not surprising that [to] certain journalists of the current despicable American era, our [Arab nationalist] language of the 50s and 60s is outdated, when we talk about the nature of the struggle between the Arab Nation and its enemies, the Imperialists and Zionists, who attack and occupy our territories inside Palestine and outside, in Iraq, in the remains of South Lebanon and the Golan.

"We [however] take pride in this [Arab nationalist] language because we are the authentic Arabs who believe in our



PA TV (Fatah) shows Ismail in front row during Friday prayers

Arabism, our faith, our cause, our Nation, in our right to struggle and to resistance [euphemism for terror] in all possible ways in all the occupied lands, in Palestine, Lebanon the Golan and Iraq..."

[PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 26, 2008]

Deputy of foreign relations co-ordinator, Ambassador Nabil Al-Ramlawi:

USA's "vulgarity, ugliness and brutality have reached the definition of crime against humanity."

"The unusual [international] relations are characterized by the dependency [of others] on the superpower (USA) and its interests, with no consideration for the interests of the other nations... People think that the United Nations has changed, but it is not true, because what has changed are the international relations, which have become abnormal... where a tyrannical superpower has taken over these relations, and it (USA) will, no doubt, disappear eventually ...

The main characteristic of this stage of human history, on the international level, is the tyranny of force over the law and over rights ... in accordance with the interests of the ruling nation [US], at the expense of the interests of the other peoples and nations... which moves her navy around in order to spark wars against the people of the world to kill and destroy, to achieve its interests, which are based on destruction of the nation, murder of its people, and the theft of its resources and its heritage, and the sparking of wars of "constructive chaos"... Terror is a crime we all oppose it, especially state terror, where the nation (US), in this period of history relies on force and acts above the law... If terror kills individuals, state terror kills peoples and destroys nations, as is happening now in Iraq... This type of terror crossed the lines of crime and the lines of war crimes... and with its vulgarity, ugliness and brutality has reached the definition of crime against humanity."

[Ambassador Nabil Al-Ramlawi, Deputy of foreign relations coordinator,
Al-Ayyam, page 15, Aug. 26, 2007]

Editor, PA official daily, Hafez Barghout

"No Arab land is safe from the grand American conspiracy"

"The Arabian Peninsula is still, in the eyes of the new American conservatives, a target to be split up into small nations only to produce oil. No Arab land is safe from the grand American conspiracy, and there is no Arab nation that is not threatened either internally or externally with slaughter... The slicing up, the oppression and the geographical dispersion, is a replica of what the United States is doing in the whole Arab world. No one is safe from the massacre, and no inch is secure."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Nov. 20, 2006]

"[When] the world is directed by a uni-polar policy and at the head of this pole stands an ignorant racist like George Bush..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Nov. 3, 2006]

"Israel is a terrorist state. And its logic is approved by another terrorist state, led by George Bush, a dangerous and sadistic man, with a violent temper, surrounded by a gang of terror preachers and propagandists, a state of cold Machiavellians."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 4, 2006]

Dr. Ahmad Bahar (acting Speaker, Palestinian Legislative Council, Hamas, on PA TV):

"Be certain that America is on its way to disappear, America is wallowing [in blood] today in Iraq and Afghanistan, America is defeated... Make us victorious over the infidel people... Allah, take hold of the Americans and their allies... Allah, count them and kill them to the last one and don't leave even one."

[PA TV (Fatah), April 20, 2007]

Headline: "What is the meaning of American assistance?..."

It has become clear that the developing countries who do not receive American assistance, develop, while the countries who receive the assistance are not developing, enter the American economic circle and American government direction.

America scarcely imports anything from these countries... which leads the assisted countries to a market deficit, and puts them in debt to America... In addition, America exports [to them] its lowest quality products. In addition, it controls the prices and turns the assistance into a heavy economic burden for the supported countries. It multiplies their debt, lowers their products' quality and directs their economy and production according to the American government's dictates. This way, through the assistance, it controls policy decisions, and places them under the colonialist American economy and politics.

The developing countries who receive American assistance should say 'no' to the assistance, because what America offers with one hand, it takes double with the other. This is in addition to America being an economic, political and military colonist, since it pressures these countries during policy and military decisions. ..

To sum up: The United States is the last one who has a right to speak of human rights, since it is the major violator of these rights. There is plenty of evidence to confirm that, like Guantanamo camp... the 'anti-terror' law ... the occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq, the killing of more than a million Iraqis, the use of illegal weapons, the destruction of the Iraqi infrastructures and the Iraqi people, the creation of internal civil wars in Iraq, whose purpose is to tear apart the national unity and divide it into small countries that torment each other.

All of this and more turn the American government into the first country on the list of violators of human rights. It has no right to judge other countries about violation of human rights, it should be the one judged for all of these violations."

[*Al-Quds*, July 2, 2007]

Announcer during funeral of terrorist leader Jamal Abu Samhadaneh, Abu Atayah, killed by Israel: "To Bush, the Pharaoh, the despot, the terrorist of this period... [we say] that victory is for Islam."

[PA TV (Fatah), June 9, 2006]

Ahmed Al-Batsh [Islamic Jihad movement]:

"Do as they may, we will not accept the American solution. The Islamic Jihad movement will remain a thorn in the throat of America, and the resistance in the Islamic and Arab world, in Palestine, Lebanon and Iraq will remain a thorn in the throat of Bush, who must be arrested and tried for his crimes in Iraq and in Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 13, 2007]

The movie director Yusuf Shahin, who won a prize in the Cannes Festival: "I hate Bush because he is stupid and speaks English in a barbaric and poor manner, and he hates Islam terribly."

[*Al-Quds*, Page 2, July 31, 2006]



The Statue of Liberty as an evil Condoleezza Rice, representing Israel
[Al Quds]

“Where did Great Britain disappear? Where did the Czar’s Russia disappear? Where did Nazi Germany? Where did all those forces disappear? With Allah’s will, He will get rid of the USA like he got rid of them. We [Muslims] have ruled the world [in the past] and a day will come, by Allah, and we shall rule the world [again]. The day will come and we shall rule America, the day will come and we shall rule Britain. We shall rule the entire world.”

[Ibrahim Mudayris, Friday sermon, PA TV (Fatah), May 13, 2005]

Bush’s success is the number of Iraqi deaths

Text on top: “Counting his successes...”

[Al-Ayyam, Jan. 23, 2007]



Palestinian Authority Schoolbooks:
USA – Enemy of the Palestinians and Arabs

Even the formal education follows the media's lead in demonizing the US. Both from what the PA has included about the United States in its most recently produced schoolbooks for 12th grade, as well as from what was omitted, it is clear that the educational goal is to present the US as an enemy of the Arabs and Palestinians. The schoolbooks teach that the US is a human rights abuser, a violator of international humanitarian law, an "occupier" of Iraq and embodiment other negative characteristics. Those who fight against American soldiers in Iraq are described as "a brave resistance to liberate Iraq." [*History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century, Grade 12, p. 147*] The total message is that America is an enemy of Palestinians, Muslims, and Arabs and a danger to world peace.

Important omissions add to the image of America as enemy. According to the World Bank, the US the single largest supporter of Palestinians in the world. There is hardly a Palestinian infrastructure that has not benefited from US aid, including schools, hospitals, universities, water systems, road development, sports and more. Yet this US economic aid for the Palestinians was completely left out of the schoolbooks. By contrast, American financial aid to Israel is taught and presented as an important indicator of alliance.

Iraq, Libya, Sudan and the Palestinians are all said to be victims of US policy: "Its blockade of Libya and Sudan, and the occupation of Iraq, and the problems caused by it on all aspects of life, are simply the expression of this [US] policy."

[Contemporary Problems, Grade 12, p. 21]

America and its wars against dictators, including the Taliban in Afghanistan after 9-11 and Iraq, its actions challenging Iran and Cuba, are all depicted negatively as self-interest: "The criterion that defines America's foreign policy is its own strategic interests. Therefore, its policy towards the world didn't change during the time of one American president or another, as is clearly apparent in Afghanistan, Cuba, Iran and more."

[Contemporary Problems, Grade 12, p. 21]

The war in Iraq is taught to be an "occupation," and terror attacks against US and British soldiers are "brave resistance": "The President of the United States, George Bush Jr., gave the Iraqi president in 2003 an ultimatum of 48 hours to leave Iraq, or face a war to disarm him. The Arab League rejected this ultimatum. The U.S. and Britain [forces]... stormed Iraqi cities with the participation of military forces from different countries and Baghdad fell. **The Iraqis did not surrender to this occupation but succeeded in organizing themselves and a brave resistance to liberate Iraq began.**"

[History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century, Grade 12, p. 147]

Conclusions

The ideological enemies of the US are the ideological allies of the Palestinian Authority. These allies are not merely the anti-American Muslim and Arab countries of the Middle East, whose allegiance could be understood within the context of Arab or Muslim solidarity. The leading ideological enemies of the US around the world are the allies of the Palestinians specifically *because* they have challenged or battled the US. Chavez's Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea, which have no Arab, Muslim or regional connection to the PA, are championed as heroes solely because of their antagonism to the US.

Consistent with this, the Palestinian Authority expresses attitudes of disdain towards the US. Fatah leaders, the Fatah-controlled media and the PA formal educational system have led a relentless hate campaign to demonize the US and its leaders in hate speech beyond civil political debate, seizing every opportunity to malign the US, often not related to current news issues.

Bush's personality has been described as having "many characteristics of... the Fuhrer of Germany, Adolf Hitler." Various terms used to malign Bush have included "devil from Hell," "ignorant racist," "Pharaoh, despot, terrorist," "bloodthirsty beast," "dangerous and sadistic," "savage, ugly character," "symbol of the Crusades," "killed a million people" and "Fuhrer of the globalization era," worse than the "German Fuhrer" who "will bring the world to stone-age." All this is in Mahmoud Abbas's controlled Fatah media.

The demonization includes prayers to Allah for the genocide of Americans, odious personal attacks on American leaders, and wishes for Al-Qaeda to have "success" against Bush. Last year, Abu Ali Shahin, Fatah leader and former government minister said of Al-Qaeda: "We wish you success with Bush ... we are fighting the Americans and hate the Americans more than you!" [PA TV (Fatah), Jan. 1, 2007]

The recent cartoon in the Fatah-controlled PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* during the holy night of Al-Qadr (the 27th day of Ramadan) was a prayer for the killing of Americans: "Allah, scatter them! Turn their wives into widows! Turn their children into orphans!" [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Oct. 9, 2007] The paper's cartoon on Sept. 12, 2007, celebrated the 9/11 attacks by showing a smiling Bin Laden raising his fingers – the burning World Trade Center Towers -- in a "V" for Victory.

The Palestinian Authority's veneration of Saddam Hussein before and after his execution is very prominent throughout society, and the PA is consistently expressing support for the insurgency in Iraq, even in formal education. The newest PA schoolbooks teach that America is guilty of "violations of international humanitarian law in Iraq and Afghanistan" [*Contemporary Problems, Grade 12, p. 108*], and the fighting against American and British soldiers in Iraq is called "brave resistance to liberate Iraq" against "occupation" [*History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century, Grade 12, p. 147*].

Ideological Bond

There is ample evidence that the contacts between the Palestinian Authority and the enemies of the United States have the characteristics of relations between allies who share a common ideological bond. Hatred of the United States and disdain for its role of world leadership are the essence of this bond. If a Palestinian state were to be established before a qualitative shift in ideology, it is inevitable that the proposed state would join the alliance of enemies of the US and would strengthen those countries in undermining American goals for world peace.

Aid has been ineffectual in bringing change

There is no reason to hope that the US's leading role in the push to create a Palestinian state will prompt the Palestinian Authority to reverse this hate ideology. The US has been the world's largest financial supporter of the PA since it was established in 1993, and this has not brought the PA any closer to the US or distanced the PA from terror and hate regimes. The ideology has been ingrained into the people through media, schoolbooks and infrastructures that honor enemies of the US, as well as through the packaging of hatred of the US in religious terms. A major re-education campaign would be necessary to bring about a change in attitude. Not only has re-education not begun, but the hate promotion continues, in spite of the Annapolis process and the hundreds of millions of dollars in US aid that continues to flow this year.

In the past, US support has not been able to prompt changes in deeply-ingrained hate ideology. In the past, the US had supported Saddam Hussein's Iraq, which the US eventually had to fight and destroy; the US had supported the radicals in Iran in their demand to oust the Shah; and the US had supported Bin Laden in the broad Islamic Jihad against the Soviet Union. Yet none of this had an impact on the recipients' ideology or brought them into the US camp.

In the case of Abbas's Palestinian Authority, this is even more striking. Palestinian alliances with these states, and enmity of the US, are deep, explicit and declared throughout the PA's Arabic discourse, while its professed closeness to the US is reserved for public international events when American leaders are present, and for interviews in English.

Judging by the tone and scope of the Palestinian Authority's anti-American hate promotion documented in the report, this hatred by Palestinian Fatah and its closeness to these enemies of the US are not a result of any specific US policy, but are reflective of a deep and sincere ideological affinity to those enemies of the US. This PA eagerness to embrace the enemies of the US continues even while the PA needs American support to reach statehood. There is no reason to believe that were a Palestinian Fatah state created, and its dependency on the US reduced, it would then choose to embrace the US. Indeed, in all likelihood the ties with the enemy states would intensify.