

Bulletin – Jan. 14, 2008

Abbas with PLO flag erasing Israel

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

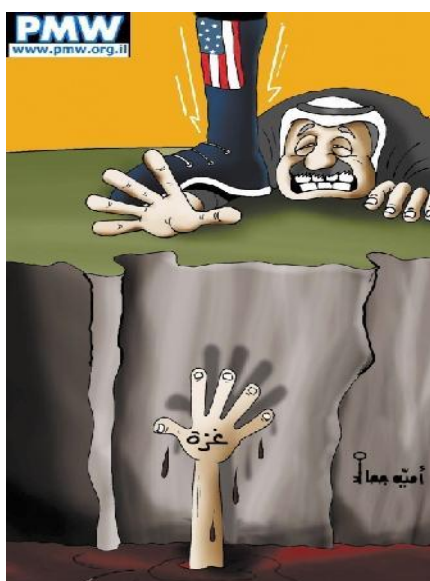
Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas stands at attention in front of the PLO symbol, which places the Palestinian flag over the map of Israel. This symbolizes that all of Israel is, or will someday be, "Palestine." The picture is from yesterday's PLO Central Committee meeting (PATV Jan. 13, 2008).



Bulletin - Jan 27, 2008

Palestinian Authority demonization of USA continues

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook



The official media of the Palestinian Authority under Mahmoud Abbas continues to portray the United States as the merciless enemy of the Palestinians. A cartoon in the PA official daily last week shows Gaza drowning in blood, while the US is cruelly stamping on the outstretched Arab arm trying to help Gaza.

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 19, 2008]

This demonization of the USA is a continuation of PA policy for many years. [See the PMW website for more cartoon examples.](#)

Text on hand: "Gaza"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 19, 2008]

Bulletin – Feb. 11 2008

Hamas rabbit to children: “I'll finish off the Jews and eat them!”

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook



[Using charming children's characters to teach hate and violence](#)

Farfur (Mickey Mouse) was beaten to death by an Israeli policeman.
Nahul the Bee died when the Israeli "siege" of Gaza prevented him from reaching a hospital.
Now there's a new character for *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, Assud the Rabbit.

A girl asks the Hamas rabbit: **"Why is your name 'Assud' ["lion"], since you are a rabbit?"**
Assud, the rabbit: **"A rabbit is a [term] for a bad person and coward. And I, Assud, will finish off the Jews and eat them. "**
The girl hostess agrees: **"Allah Willing!"**

This was part of a children's broadcast on Hamas Television this week. The program is called *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, which previously featured a fuzzy Mickey Mouse character named Farfur and a cute bee named Nahul. We've learned from previous episodes of the program that both Farfur and Nahul were "martyred" by Israelis. In the latest episode, we learn that Assud, the new rabbit character, has come from Lebanon "in order to return to the homeland and liberate it." Later in the show Assud and the child hostess discuss the eventual conquering of Tel-Aviv through terror.

Assud: **"Do you know what the original name of our city ... Tel Aviv!"**
Hostess: **"It's our city: Tel-Rabia... but the Zionists today call it Tel Aviv, but it will stay ours... and we will return with Allah's will."**
Assud: **"How will we go to our city if the Jews took it?"**
Hostess: **"We will continue the resistance (terror)."**
The program ends with singing:
"We will never recognize Israel"
And the hostess emphasizes:
"until we liberate our homeland from the Zionist filth."
[Note: Emphasis added by PMW.]

[Al-Aqsa (Hamas), Feb. 8, 2008]

Bulletin – Feb. 26, 2008

Don't eat Danish food -- eat the Danes

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas children's TV dedicated a program to hatred of Denmark, the West and Israel, climaxing with a statement about the West by the co-host, a giant rabbit character named Assud:

"If they repeat it we will kill them ... I will bite them and eat them!"

The program focuses on the demand to boycott Danish and Israeli products. Denmark and the West are targeted because of the cartoons featuring Muhammad that first appeared in a Danish newspaper. Israel is targeted because it exists. Saraa, the young TV hostess, describes the publication of the Muhammad cartoons as "the West's attack against the Messenger [Muhammad]."



Palestinian children phone into the program to condemn the "**cowardly infidels**" and vow to fight them.

The children's program, *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, has used its previous animal character co-hosts, the Mickey Mouse lookalike Farfur and the bee Nahul, to champion violence, promote hatred of Israel and preach about world Islamic supremacy. To further reinforce its anti-Israel message, Hamas has killed off both characters and blamed Israel.

[Click here to view: From Hamas children's TV program *Tomorrow's Pioneers*](#)

The following is the transcript:

Saraa: Did you see the West's attack against the Messenger [Muhammad]?

What do you have to say about this?

Amaani, 10 year old girl by phone: I say to the cowardly infidels...

Assud: Criminals.

Amaani: Criminals.

Assud: Do you boycott Israeli and Danish products?

Amaani: Yes

Assud: You don't eat them at all?

Amaan: I don't eat them at all.

Assud: Great! Keep it up!

Saraa: We will all boycott Danish products, and Israeli products first.

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Saraa: What can we do for the Messenger?

Inaas, 10 year old girl by phone: We can fight them because they cursed Allah's Messenger.

Saraa: *Tomorrow's Pioneers* army will redeem the Messenger,

with their possessions and their blood, Assud,
and will not let them repeat this attack.

Assud: If they repeat it we will kill them, by Allah.

Saraa: In His will.

Assud: I will bite them and eat them!

[Note: Emphasis added by PMW.]

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas) Feb. 22, 2008]

Bulletin – Feb. 28, 2008

Abbas rejects Jewishness of Israel, doesn't rule out armed conflict proud to have taught terror to world

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said Wednesday that he doesn't rule out armed conflict against Israel. He also said that he was "honored" to have fired the first bullet of the Fatah terror organization in 1965, and to have taught terror tactics around the world, including to such groups as Hezbollah.

In an in-depth interview published today in the Jordanian daily *Al-Dustur*, Abbas said that the PA is "unable" to pursue armed conflict for now, but said that "in the future stages things may be different."

He rejected Israel as a Jewish state, and said that it was the PA's rejection of Israel's Jewishness that almost aborted the Annapolis Conference last November.

Abbas said that he won't demand that Hamas recognize Israel. In fact, as PMW has reported in the past, he said that the only "recognition" of Israel he demands of a Palestinian unity government is to recognize Israel as its adversary.

Here are some highlights from that interview:

The Arab Situation

"Now we are against armed conflict because we are unable. In the future stages, things may be different... "

We reject the Jewishness of the state

The Palestinian President emphasized his rejection of what is described as the Jewishness of the state [Israel], and said: "We rejected this proposal at the Annapolis conference last November in the USA, and the conference was almost aborted because of it..."

The Resistance [Editor's note: PA euphemism for terror]

The Palestinian President spoke about the resistance, saying: "I was honored to be the one to shoot the first bullet in 1965 [Fatah terror against Israel began in 1965], and having taught resistance to many in this area and around the world, defining it and when it is beneficial and when it is not... we had the honor of leading the resistance. We taught everyone what resistance is, including the Hezbollah, who were trained in our camps [i.e. PLO camps in the 60s and 70s]."

Recognition of Israel

"I don't demand that the Hamas movement recognize Israel. I only demanded of the [Palestinian] national unity government that would work opposite Israel in recognition of it. And this I told to Syrian President Bashir Assad, and he supported this idea."

[*Al-Dustur*, Feb. 28, 2008]

Bulletin – March 5, 2008

Fatah leader supports terror war in Iraq

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A Palestinian leader of Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party has come out in support of the terror war being fought against the US and British forces in Iraq. He expressed this support during an interview on official Palestinian Authority (PA) Television, which is under the control of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas. *Mahmoud Ismail, member of the PLO Executive Committee*, further defines the US -Britain alliance fighting in Iraq as the Arab Nation's "enemies, the imperialists," and justifies the "right to struggle and to resistance [euphemism for terror] in all possible ways in all the occupied lands." Among the occupied lands he includes "Palestine" and Iraq.



PA TV shows Ismail in front row during Friday prayers

The following is from the interview with Mahmoud Ismail, member of the PLO Executive Committee.

"I want to cite the actions and future actions of President [Abbas], from the starting point that the Palestine cause is the essential and central cause of the Arab Nation. 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 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]

Bulletin - March 6, 2008

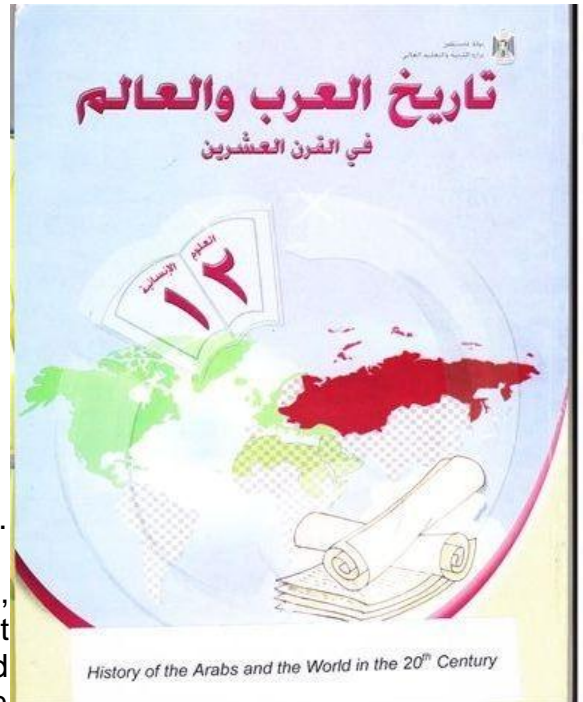
PA schoolbooks on fighting Americans and British in Iraq: "Brave resistance to liberate Iraq" from "occupation"

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

In response to queries after yesterday's bulletin about Palestinian Authority (PA) support of terrorists fighting American and British soldiers in Iraq, PMW is providing additional significant material on this issue from Palestinian schoolbooks.

Palestinian support for those fighting American and British soldiers in Iraq is mainstream Palestinian ideology. One prominent and important example can be seen in the recently published PA 12th grade schoolbooks. In these newest PA schoolbooks, the relationship between the Islamic-Arab world and the West is described as a "Clash of Civilizations," led by the United States [*Contemporary Problems*, grade 12, p. 92.], and Iraq is cited quite frequently.

Islam is said to promote Human Rights [ibid, pp. 95-96], while the US and the West are described as "the colonialist states, [who] are taking advantage of it [human rights]" and "interfering in the matters of other states, as is happening in Afghanistan, Iraq, Darfur..." [ibid, p. 101] America is guilty of "violations of international humanitarian law in Iraq and Afghanistan..." [ibid, p. 108] Finally, the Palestinian children are taught that fighting against American and British soldiers in Iraq is "brave resistance to liberate Iraq" from "occupation" [*History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century*, grade 12, p. 147.], These are the same opinions expressed this week by Fatah leader Mahmoud Ismail and documented in yesterday's PMW bulletin.



These PA schoolbooks were published with foreign money, primarily from Belgium.

The following is from the new 12th grade Palestinian history book:

"The President of the United States, George Bush Jr [sic], 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.**"

[Note: Emphasis added by PMW.]

[*History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century*, grade 12, p. 147, published 2006]

Bulletin - Mar 9, 2008

**Palestinian Authority Daily:
Killer of eight young men is *Holy Martyr-Shahid***

Action should cost PA \$150 million in US aid

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Mahmoud Abbas's official Palestinian Authority daily newspaper has honored the killer of the eight high school students gunned down this week with the status of ***Shahid - Holy Islamic Martyr***. In so doing, the PA is sending its people a straightforward message of support for the terror murders and the murderer. According to the PA interpretation of Islam, there is no higher status that a human being can achieve today than that of *Shahid*.

The official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) prominently placed a picture of the killer on the front page, with the caption, "The *Shahid* Alaa Abu D'heim." In a Page One article on the terror killings, his act is again defined as a "*Shahada* achieving" action.

[See below - a review of religious teachings regarding the supreme status of the ***Shahid*** by Palestinian religious leaders on PA (Fatah) television and radio.]

This honoring of terror and terrorists by the PA has significant financial ramifications, particularly at this time. Last week the US Administration sent a request to Congress to allocate \$150 million to the Palestinian Authority. In response to earlier PMW reports on the widespread Palestinian honoring of terror, Congress made it illegal for the US to give money to entities that "advocate" terror, as follows:

"[The US] shall terminate assistance to any individual, entity... which she has determined to be involved in or advocating terrorist activity." Congress further legislated that ***"none of the [US] ... assistance under the West Bank and Gaza Program may be made available for the purpose of recognizing or otherwise honoring individuals who commit, or have committed acts of terrorism."***

[Note: Emphasis added by PMW.]

[2008 Foreign Operations Bill Sec. 657.B - C.1]

Since a society's honoring of terrorists is one of the greatest terror promotions, and as the budget for the PA newspaper comes from the PA's general budget, the incessant honoring of this and all recent terrorists by Abbas's PA as ***Holy Islamic Shahids*** should render the Palestinian Authority ineligible to receive any American money under the terms of US law.

The following are examples from five different Palestinian religious leaders, all teaching of the supreme status of the Shahids, from 2001 - 2006:

Sheikh Yusu Abu Sneina, Al-Aqsa Mosque

"Shahada [Islamic Martyrdom] is an honor, only those who Allah desires, attain the privilege."

[Friday Sermon, Palestinian Authority Radio, Dec. 28, 2001]



Dr. Isma'il al-Raduan:

"When the *Shahid* meets his Maker, all his sins are forgiven from the first gush of blood, and he is exempted from the torments of the grave. He sees his place in Paradise. He is shielded from the Great Shock and marries 72 dark eyed [maidens]. He is a heavenly advocate for 70 members of his family. On his head is placed a crown of honor, one stone of which is worth more than all there is in this world."

[Friday Sermon, PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 17, 2001]

Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Razak:

"The believer was created to know his Lord to fulfill Islam... to be a *Shahid* [Islamic Martyr] or intend to be a *Shahid*. If the believer does not hope for *Shahada* he will die as in the *Jahiliya* [pre-Islam]... We must yearn for *Shahada* and request it from Allah. If we truthfully request it from Allah, he will grant us its rewards even if we die in bed."

[PA TV (Fatah) Friday Sermon, March 22, 2002]

Sheikh Ibrahim Mudyris:

"We are not like you, because we do not desire life. If you threaten to kill President Arafat, we will pray to Allah: 'Grant the President *Shahada* [Islamic Martyrdom] for you.'" Yes, we do not pray - like other preachers pray - for longevity for the rulers; here in Palestine we pray: "Lord, grant the President *Shahada* for you."

[PA (Fatah) TV Friday Sermon, April 30, 2004]

Sheikh Imad Hamato:

"When a man sees one of his brothers being killed for Allah, a person with no head, no legs, his body completely burned. Intestines outside, fingers are gone... The most difficult thing which we fear is what the *Shahids* [Islamic Martyrs] wish for most of all. They ask Allah: 'Oh God, bring us back [to earth] to be killed by the Apache, so the planes will blow us up, that our heads will be cut off...'
We shouldn't forget that Allah, praise him, in blessing the blood of the *Shahid*, He forgives him from the first gush of blood. And he sees his place in Paradise. He is shielded from the Great Shock and marries 72 Dark-Eyed Maidens (virgins)."

[PA TV (Fatah) religious program, Nov. 3, 2006]

Bulletin - March 9, 2008

The Washington Times

Palestinian funding

By Joel Mowbray

Published March 7, 2008

A showdown could be looming between Congress and the Bush administration over a \$150 million emergency aid package for the Palestinian Authority government led by President Mahmoud Abbas.

At issue is whether or not Mr. Abbas has either the capacity or desire to bring Palestinians closer to a peace deal with Israel, and it was his own words that triggered congressional wrath.

In an interview with Jordanian newspaper *Al-Dastur* last week, Mr. Abbas spoke with pride of violence he had waged in his past, suggested that terrorism could start anew in the future, and essentially backed away from repeated statements that he "recognizes" Israel's right to exist. A top congressional appropriator, Foreign Operations Chairman Nita Lowey, said flatly, "President Abbas' recent statements cast doubt on his willingness to take the steps necessary for peace with Israel."

But Mr. Abbas' comments alone likely would not have sparked this fracas. Just one day after news of the interview shocked key legislators and staffers, who learned of it last Thursday when it was translated into English by watchdog group Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), the administration sent over its plan for \$150 million in direct cash assistance to Abbas' PA.

"What were they [administration officials] thinking sending over the request the day after Abbas announces he's open to re-starting terrorism and doesn't really recognize Israel's right to exist?" asked one miffed Hill staffer.

Appearing much less careful than when speaking in English, Mr. Abbas last week told the Arabic-language *Al-Dastur*, "I was honored to be the one to shoot the first bullet in 1965," the year his organization, Fatah, initiated terrorism against Israel. (Transcript provided by PMW.) The renowned "moderate" Palestinian leader then explained his pride in "having taught resistance to many in this area and around the world ... including Hezbollah, who were trained in [PLO] camps."

At least Mr. Abbas stated an opposition to terrorism, noting, "Now we are against armed conflict." His reasoning, though, is what troubles Congress: "because we are unable." Possibly hinting at a shift in strategies, he immediately added, "In the future stages, things may be different."

Most concerning to Congress, however, was a statement that at first blush might seem relatively innocuous. Discussing the question of whether or not Hamas must "recognize" Israel, Mr. Abbas explained, "I don't demand that the Hamas movement recognize Israel. I only demanded of the [Palestinian] national unity government that would work opposite Israel in recognition of it."

This comment raised eyebrows because it shifted the common understanding of what it means to "recognize" the Jewish state. Most understand "recognition" to be fairly straightforward: The acknowledgement of the right of Israel to exist peacefully as a Jewish state neighboring a Palestinian one. Mr. Abbas, however, now defines "recognition" as acknowledging in a literal sense that an entity named "Israel" is the party at the other end of the negotiating table.

Mr. Abbas does not deserve the benefit of the doubt on this count. Defending his "recognition" of Israel on TV network Al-Arabiya in October 2006, he explained that it was more a practical reality than a meaningful political position. He cited as an example the need for the PA to get \$500 million from Israel: "The Palestinian finance minister has to come to an agreement with the Israeli finance minister about the transfer of the money. So how can he make an agreement with him if [the PA finance minister] does not recognize him? So I do not demand of Hamas nor any other to recognize Israel. But from the government that works with Israelis in day to day life, yes."

In other words, Mr. Abbas only recognizes Israel when money is on the line, but not in the way the U.S. and Israel think he does.

The contents of that interview only came to public attention because of the tireless work of Palestinian Media Watch, which monitors a wide array of Palestinian media on a shoestring budget. And in the next week, PMW will be releasing a report titled "Since Annapolis," which will detail how

in the few months since this most recent round of peace talks, "the PA Abbas-controlled media has continued to send clear messages to its people that deny Israel's right to exist and anticipate its destruction," according to PMW director and founder Itamar Marcus.

Even if Rep. Lowey gets strong bipartisan support to withhold the \$150 million from the PA, odds are Mr. Abbas will get the money he needs in the short run, whether from the U.S. or not. But in the future, he might finally be more careful before speaking - even in Arabic.

Bulletin - March 13, 2008

"An extraordinary hero ... a beacon of light!"

Arch terrorist Imad Mughniyeh lauded in PA - Fatah newspaper
Samir Kuntar: I will continue down his path

Review of PA articles - one month after killing of Mughniyeh.
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara crook

Senior Hezbollah terrorist Imad Mughniyeh has been placed on a pedestal of glory in various articles in the official Palestinian Authority Fatah daily. Western countries have expressed virtually unanimous relief that the terrorist, wanted by 42 countries and on the FBI's most wanted list, was killed by a car bomb in Damascus on February 12, 2008. The Palestinian Authority, on the other hand, has been using the media under its control to mourn his death.

One article by a senior Fatah leader describes Mughniyeh as an "extraordinary hero... unequaled Hezbollah commander ... a beacon of light." His killing is called a "murder in broad daylight... a tragedy that has hurt every Lebanese, every Palestinian, every Arab, and every free man on the face of this earth." The revenge for his death will be more terror and eventually Israel's destruction.



"The Shahid Imad Mughniyeh"
Translated by Palestinian Media Watch
[Al-Hyat Al-Jadida [Fatah], Feb. 16, 2008]

So wrote Fatah leader Ahmad Dahbur, until recently the undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, in *Al Hayat Al Jadida*, the official PA daily controlled by Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah faction. His article, along with others paying lavish tribute to the dead terrorist, makes no mention of the fact that Mughniyeh was responsible for the murders of hundreds of civilians and soldiers in worldwide terror attacks. Among his many international terror attacks, Mughniyeh was responsible for the killing of 241 American soldiers of the peacekeeping force in Lebanon in 1983.

The Palestinian Authority has glorified his years of murder as heroic. It describes him repeatedly as a "*Shahid*" (Islamic Martyr), the highest Islamic status, and has run his photo with that caption. He is crowned the "Knight of Lebanese Resistance."

The PA newspaper, assuming it was Israel who killed him (Israel has denied involvement in the killing), refers to Israel as "the treacherous Zionist enemy," reiterates the PA's "rage and hatred" for Israel and promises more "resistance the PA euphemism for terror) ... the blow which will hand over death."

In another article, the daily describes how a lawyers' association in Gaza mourned his death, and called his killing "a crime of organized state terror."

The PA daily also published a letter to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah from Samir Kuntar, a Lebanese terrorist serving four life sentences in an Israeli prison for the murders of four Israelis, including a four-year-old girl whose skull he crushed with rocks and a rifle butt. The unrepentant Kuntar likewise glorifies his fellow terrorist Mughnyeh as one member of the "distinguished, glamorous convoys" of *Shahids*, and vows to follow in his footsteps.

Finally, a military wing of Fatah - the *Ahmad Abu Al Rish Martyrs Brigades* - has already carried out a terror attack in his honor.

The following are the articles from the PA daily Al Hayat Al Jadida (Fatah) lauding Imad Mugniyeh. Note: [Hajj Radwan was Mughniyeh's "nom de guerre"]

1- Hajj Radwan [Imad Mugniyeh] by Ahmad Dahbur, former undersecretary of the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture, senior journalist for Fatah-controlled Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, in his daily column.

"The treacherous Zionist enemy will never permit us to lessen our revenge towards him, or to stray from our confrontation against him, until he is wiped off this land, which is saturated with the blood of the *Shahids* (Islamic Martyrs). And what is the fall of the Knight of Lebanese Resistance, Hajj Imad Mugniyeh, if not one of the signs of the nation's *Jihad* - persistent and definitely unstoppable till the Zionist Project [Israel] will be defeated.

Did I say 'Lebanese resistance?' Certainly I did, and entirely with praise and pride. The history of *Hajj Radwan* - Imad Mugniyeh - will testify to this; a history which is part of the history of the Palestinian-Lebanese resistance. From the time 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].

Hajj Radwan deserves all glory and praise for evoking confusion and alarm among the Zionists, whether he be alive or a *Shahid* [Islamic Martyr]. Such an extraordinary hero can cause the enemy to loose its wits. Evidence of this is that Olmert directly threatens to eliminate the leaders of the Palestinian and Lebanese resistance, and the *Mossad* commits a murder in broad daylight, while at the same time confused and conflicting Hebrew press releases declare that Olmert disassociates himself from the crime, for fear of the inevitable retaliation ... but also publish [Israeli MKs] Dani Yatom, Ephraim Sneh, and Arie' Eldad's gloating congratulatory messages to the *Mossad* which are drenched with poison.

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. This rage and hatred will rage with even further *resistance* [euphemism for "terror"- editor] and with a blow of death...

Today the body of the *Shahid* Hajj Imad Mugniyeh 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 it and the beloved faces of *Shahids* [former Islamic Martyrs] from all around the world will surround it [his body]...

...In the presence of the *Shahada* [Martyrdom] and blood which prevails over the Phantom [jet] and the Merkava [Israeli tank], our souls seek ... to stand at the head of the ranks when they offer their condolences to the Lebanese resistance movement lead by *Hezbollah*. 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...

Indeed the thing that consoles [us] is what we hear of the *Mujahideen's* [Jihad fighter's] pledge to the combatant *Shahid* [martyr], that they will avenge his blood... not out of a desire to die but out of an understanding of the meaning of resistance [terror], as either victory or *Istishhad* [Death as a *Shahid*].

If there is any reason to give the enemy [Israel] advice, we advise the pack of hyenas not to rejoice, because in war - the scale tips at times to one side and at times to the other. They are treacherous and they will retreat, and the resistance will retaliate and prevail.

An abundance of mercy is due to the *Shahid* - Hajj Rudwan Imad Mugniyeh. May his blood serve as the ink for a new document of fraternity, which will unite the Jihad's fighters, as they all join to escort one of their most noble symbols to his burial... The companions of the *Shahid*, his relatives and acquaintances, will be blessed with this radiant decoration which he has been honored with today, and with it he has become a crown for Arab Lebanon, precious, exalted and *Jihad Fighter*. And from Lebanon to all the Arabs - "Hail the victory of the Mujahidun! [Jihad Fighters!]"

[*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 Mugniyeh.

"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 Mugniyeh, which is being overseen by *the National and Islamic Forces in Gaza City*. In its speech, the delegation emphasized that the murder of Mugniyeh was a crime of organized state terror, which violates all international and human conventions and rules. The delegation added that Mugniyeh'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] Mugniyeh 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, p. 2]

3 - Heading: A Letter from 'Al-Kuntar' to Nasrallah celebrating Mugniyeh's Death

"The lawyer of the prisoner Samir Kuntar has sent a letter from Kuntar [Lebanese terrorist who crushed the head of an Israeli child with his gun while murdering 4] to Hezbollah's secretary general, Hassan Nasrallah, in which he congratulates him and offers him his condolences on the death of the commander Imad Mugniyeh as a *Shahid*. Following is the content of the letter:

"My dear and honored commander and leader, The Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah, Peace be unto you and our *Shahids*, and may Allah's mercy and blessing be upon you. Peace be unto the men in the convoys of the righteous.

Peace be unto he who has [given and has] not taken anything other than the *Shahadah* (*Martyrdom*), the highest rank of honor before Allah.

Peace be unto the distinguished, glamorous convoys [of *Shahids*] who travel toward eternity, toward the men of glory, dignity and pride, toward those who have marked our path for hundreds of years.

Peace be unto the last to leave, the *Hajj* and the leader, Imad Mughniyeh.

Peace be unto him, as he passes the mission on to those who await his arrival, as he brings them news of the glory and victories, news of steadfastness and loyalty, news of the men of promise and sincerity, news of "those who still wait; but they have never changed (their determination) in the least. [Quote from Quran, Sura 33:23. Full quote: "Among the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah: of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait: but they have never changed (their determination) in the least:"

Peace be unto him, as he announces to the most honored among the believers that the anticipating convoys have chosen to draw their swords, and their swords are calling out: "Baseness will not reach us".

May peace be unto you, *Hajj* Imad. I pledge myself to you and hold myself committed to the promise that my place will only be in the frontier areas that have received your sweet effort and the blood of the most beloved men, and that I shall continue down the path, until complete victory.

I give to you, Sir Abu Hadi [name for Hassan Nasrallah], and to all the *Mujahidin* (Jihad Fighters), my congratulations and [my] renewed loyalty. "

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 19, 2008, p. 3]

PMW comment: It should be noted that the murderer Samir Kuntar, writer of this letter, is one of the terrorists Israel offered to exchange for information about imprisoned Israeli pilot Ran Arad, according to media sources.

4- "The Fatah's military wing - the *Ahmud Abu Al Rish Martyrs Brigades* - accepted responsibility yesterday for the attack on the Israeli military post... shooting 2 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]

Bulletin – March, 14 2008

PA TV (Fatah) lauds Internet site calling for Israel's elimination

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook



The map as shown on the Facebook page with Israel eliminat

Palestinian Authority TV hosts held a discussion about the messages of one group on the popular FACEBOOK internet social network, which openly call for Israel's elimination. The group home page called: "Israel" is not a country!... Delete from Facebook as a country!" includes a map of all of Israel marked as "Palestine." Every time Israel is written it appears within quotation marks - "Israel" - and PA TV hosts expressed praise and unreserved support for this hate ideology, saying: "There is an abundance of information [in the group] about Palestinian history and about the connection of the Palestinian people to this land, which has, of course, been stolen from us. Perhaps this is the most delicate wording we can find: "stolen from us." "This is a nice development, that we use internet sites for this purpose."

"The beauty of this topic [the internet] is that it should be used to further this cause."

The following is some of the hate content on the homepage of this site that PA TV welcomed and praised:

"Israel" is not a country!... ..Delete from Facebook as a country!

... Our goal is to reach a peaceful solution. "Israel" is presently an Apartheid regime. This group strongly condemns racism and does not tolerate it. Criticism of illegitimate Apartheid-"Israel", which has no right to exist, cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic,. We only advocate the peaceful transformation of Palestine into one single, united, peaceful, democratic state from the river to the sea.

... Many Jews, including Rabbis, and religious Jews oppose Zionism and believe that Judaism prohibits it (and it does. Zionism is a secular concept, and there are things in the Old Testament that forbid Zionism ...; "Israel" barely tolerates Judaism and its actions go against the beliefs and teaching Judaism.

... . Arabs are Semites and are descendants of Abraham, unlike most Jews, who are mainly Europeans and Americans. So really, European Zionists who are racist towards Arabs are the ones who are "anti-Semitic ... Semitic Jews are aware of this fact, and that's why they don't go to "Israel" (or flee from "Israel") and choose to live in the United

States or even stay in other parts of the middle east over living in the Secular, non-Semitic, European-occupied territory [i.e., Israel-ed] !!

Spread the word

... Please invite your friends !!! ... Let me make it clear for all who do not understand. This group is not against peace. If facebook changed the name [of Israel-ed] to "Occupied Palestine", I think we could all agree that, that is a just solution. ...

The following is discussion excerpted from PA TV show for Palestinian teenagers.

The hostess of the show:

Ala'a Ghosha: " Our final topic for the day is Facebook: Facebook as a new battleground between the Arabs and Israel. "Israel is not a country!... Delete from Facebook as a country!" This is the title of an Arab forum which includes thousands of Americans, foreigners and even Jews, on the famous internet site Facebook. The number of members to date is around 36,000. The group demands that Israel be regarded as an occupying entity and not as a country... From what I have observed and read, there is an abundance of information [in the forum] about Palestinian history and about the connection of the Palestinian people to this land, which has, of course, been stolen from us. Perhaps this is the most delicate wording we can find - "stolen from us".

...another hostess on the show, **Tala Halawa:** "This is a nice development, that we use internet sites for this purpose..."

Ala'a Ghosha: "The beauty of this topic [the internet] is that it should be used to further this cause. We should direct it toward the path of peace and toward obtaining our rights".

[PA TV Fatah), March 9, 2008]

Bulletin - March 17, 2008
PA celebrates "wedding"
of murderer of Yeshiva students

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The official Palestinian Authority daily newspaper describes the murderer of eight yeshiva students in Jerusalem as a "groom" and his burial as his "wedding celebration." The story in Mahmoud Abbas's *Al Hayat Al Jadida* (Fatah) goes on to evoke the neighborhood Jabal Mukbar's "week of anticipation... preparing themselves for the wedding procession."

The term "**wedding**" is the expression commonly used in PA society, and in PA schoolbooks as well, to describe the death of **Shahids - Martyrs for Allah**. According to Islamic tradition, they will wed the **72 Dark-Eyed Maidens** (Virgins) of Paradise.

The article then reports the "shocking news" for the "thousands who were waiting" that the Israeli Army had decided to force a pre-dawn burial to prevent community celebrations of the murders and the murderer. It bemoans the fact "that the groom was buried in the [early] morning without a celebration and without a wedding procession."



However, the PA daily vows that the wedding celebrations will continue:

"The wedding will not end this way... it will last three consecutive days in which [the town] al-Sawahra will welcome all of those who come to congratulate the groom and will hang his portrait embracing the nation's flags."

Seeing the Martyr's death as a wedding can be found throughout Palestinian society. Some examples:

[Note: All emphasis added by PMW.]

New Palestinian Schoolbook:

"... I will not cry during this **wedding**, as our Arabness does not want us to cry over the **Shahids**."
[*Arabic Language and the Science of Language*, grade 12, p. 13 (2006)]

Mother of two killed terrorists, called Shahids:

"We do not encourage our sons to die. We encourage them to **Shahada** [Martyrdom] for the homeland, for Allah. We don't say to the mothers of the **Shahids**: "We come to comfort you," rather we say: "We come to bless you on your son's **wedding**, on your son's **Shahada**. Congratulations to you on the **Shahada**." For us, the mourning is [a joyous] **wedding**. We give out drinks, we give out sweets. Praise to Allah, our mourning is a **wedding**."

[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 17, 2004]

[The PMW bulletin of Dec. 20, 2007, has numerous video examples of the "Maidens of Paradise" reward promised to Islamic martyrs, including a video that has been running on PATV for eight years, depicting a Shahid being greeted in Paradise by the virgins.](#)

The following is from the PA official daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah):

Headline: "Jerusalem groom, Abu-Dahim, [the murderer of 8 in the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva] leaves without his wedding procession

"The residents of the town Jabal Mukbar, were surprised by the sounds of loudspeakers blasting from the [mosque] minarets announcing that the Jerusalem groom, the *Shahid*, [Islamic Martyr] Ala'a

Abu-Dahim [murderer of the 8 Yeshiva students] has gone without their participation in his wedding procession.

An entire week of anticipation, a house of mourning whose sanctity was violated, and soldiers deployed on every street, their military weapons infuriating everyone ... nonetheless [the town of Jabl] al-Mukbar did not tire of the wait and kept its promise to the groom.

Every day, these past seven days, everyone was in a state of anticipation... preparing themselves for the wedding procession. At five o'clock in the morning the loudspeakers of the mosque minarets announced the shocking news to the thousands who were waiting, that the groom was buried in the morning without a celebration and without a wedding procession... frowning faces...expressing their sorrow for having been denied [the right] to participate in the groom's procession and to accompany him to the town's cemetery...

The occupation soldiers sneaked in hours before dawn and lead several adults to the cemetery, while preventing the rest of those who were present despite the darkness of the night, from participating, even preventing the press from participating... They wanted a quiet wedding without music, thinking that way Jerusalem would forget its groom... But the wedding will not end this way... it will last three consecutive days in which [the town] al-Sawahra will welcome all of those who come to congratulate the groom and will hang his portrait embracing the nation's flags."

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

Bulletin - March 20, 2008

Palestinian exhibit depicts children in crematorium

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian children in Gaza were gathered for an exhibition that depicts Israel burning children in a crematorium. Young children are seen standing beside dolls being placed into a model of a cremation oven.



According to the article in *Al Ayyam*, "**The National Committee for defense of Children from the Holocaust** opened its activities with a Holocaust exhibit. The Exhibit include a large oven and inside it small children are being burned, the picture speaks for itself."

[Note: Emphasis added by PMW.]

[*Al Ayyam*, March 20, 2008]



Another part of the exhibit was a black platform with the words, "Stop the Israel's Holocausts."
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 20, 2008]

Palestinian Authority (Fatah) TV already taught children in the past that Israel burned children in the Holocaust. With ovens pictured in the background and actors playing dead children as part of a musical play, an actor in a video declared:

["They \[Israel\] are the ones who did the Holocaust ... They opened the ovens for us to bake human beings... and when one oven stopped burning they lit a hundred more ovens."](#) [PA TV (Fatah) March 25, 2004]

Bulletin - March 31, 2008

PA: US undermines Arab Summit

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The Palestinian Authority continues to accuse the United States of intentionally undermining and destabilizing the Arab world.

A cartoon in the official PA daily newspaper, *Al Hayat-Al Jadida* (Fatah), shows the U.S. pulling away the crutch from an amputee struggling trying to walk towards the Arab Summit in Damascus. The message is that the U.S. continues to prevent the already weak Arab world from coming together and gaining strength.

The PA joins Syria in blaming the U.S. for the fact that the leaders of Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan boycotted the weekend summit.



[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, March 29, 2008]
Text on sign: "To the [Arab] Summit."

Bulletin – April 1, 2008

Hamas TV: Child puppet kills George Bush puppet

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A Hamas children's TV program this week featured a child puppet stabbing to death a George Bush puppet. The child puppet, son of an Iraqi father and a Lebanese mother, with brothers from Gaza, confronts Bush on behalf of Muslim children from around the world, and accuses the Bush puppet of worldwide mass killings. The altercation ends when the child puppet ignores the Bush puppet's please for mercy, announces that the White House has been turned into a mosque and kills the Bush puppet.

[Click here to watch the video](#)



Selections from Hamas children's TV show, *The Best*:

[George Bush]

Who are you, what brings you here, to my home?

[Islamic child]

My daddy, you killed him in the Iraq war. And mommy, you killed her with the criminal Zionists, in Lebanon. My younger and older brothers, you killed them also, with the criminal Zionists, in Gaza's Holocaust. I am orphan, I am orphan, you criminal! With my sword, I came to take my rights, and the rights of my mother and my sisters. Bush, I must take my rights with the sword of Islam.

[George Bush]

I repent, just don't kill me. Where are my guards? Guards!

[Islamic child, laughing]

There are no guards, and your people surrendered, oh Bush. I'm coming with billions of children from Palestine, Iraq, children from Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan. You prevented them from seeing their fathers and mothers.

[George Bush]

I will give you whatever you want. Come with me to the White House, you and your friends. I will give you food and toys. We will talk in the White House, and give you all your rights.

[Islamic child, laughing]

Bush, you are impure, and it won't help you to go to the White House. It turned into a big mosque for the Islamic nation and Muslims. I will kill you, Bush. It is your fate. I will kill you.

[Islamic Child Stabs Bush]

I killed him.

[Aqsa TV (Hamas), March 30, 2008]

Bulletin – April 4, 2008

**Netherlands and Denmark
fund terror glorification, hate language
of Palestinian news agency**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A Palestinian news agency that receives financial support from the governments of The Netherlands and Denmark glorifies terrorists, releases news stories using hate language and is a highly politicized, hate-promoting news organization. Paradoxically, Ma'an News claims to be "objective, accurate, balanced" and to "increase Palestinian media credibility," according to its website.

1- Ma'an Honoring Terrorists and Murderers as Shahids

Ma'an has glorified the recent Palestinian murderer of eight Israeli yeshiva students, the Dimona suicide terrorist, the killers of the two Israeli hikers and the terrorists who attacked a boys' high school with the very highest Islamic status attainable, elevating them to the status of **Shahids** or "**Martyrs for Allah.**" According to the accepted Palestinian interpretation of Islam, there is no higher status that a Muslim can achieve today than that of **Shahid**. In defining terrorist murderers as **Shahids**, Ma'an is by definition sending its readers a straightforward message of honor for the killers, and approval for the many murders. Negative or dishonorable actions could not elevate an individual to **Shahid** status. (See below for full sources.)

In its English versions of these reports, Ma'an did not honor the terrorists as **Shahids** or use the similar English term **Martyrs**. Note, for example, the difference in Ma'an reporting on the murder of the two hikers:

Ma'an English News	Ma'an Arabic News
"Two Israelis, two Palestinians killed by gunfire near Hebron."	Two of the operatives died as Shahids . [Dec. 28, 2007]

The explanation for this and all other discrepancies between Ma'an's English and Arabic reporting is that this politically-charged Arabic terminology, together with the examples of Ma'an's use of hate-language (below), would readily expose Ma'an's lack of professionalism and messages of approval of terror if repeated in English. In addition, it must be assumed that the governments of The Netherlands and Denmark would be outraged to know they are funding terror glorification and hate journalism.

2 - Suicide Bombers: Ma'an uses term of higher honor: Shahada-Seekers

With regard to suicide terrorists Ma'an goes even further. According to Islam, someone who intentionally seeks **Shahada - death for Allah** - is greater than someone who achieves **Shahada** while not actively hoping to die. The Arabic term **Istishhadi - Shahada- Seeker**- is used by terror organizations to define and add a higher status of honor specifically to suicide terrorists.

Ma'an has followed this lead in its Arabic reporting of the Dimona suicide bombing that killed one Israeli woman and critically injured her husband. Note the apolitical report by Ma'an in English,

where the suicide bomber is reported to be just that, "a bomber," followed by the Arabic Ma'an reports that use the term of highest honor, **Shahada-Seekers**.

Ma'an English News	Ma'an Arabic News
<p>Al-Aqsa Brigades dispel doubts about identity of second Dimona bomber... Speaking to Ma'an on Tuesday, Abu Al-Walid reiterated that the bombers were Luay Al-Shawani and Mousa Arafat ... Israeli security officials had expressed doubt about the validity of the image of the second bomber."</p>	<p>Ma'an - Senior military figure [Abu Al-Walid] of the Al-Aqsa Brigades in Gaza, rejected the suspicion that Israel aroused regarding the identity of the two Shahada-Seekers, who carried out the Dimona action... Pictures of the two Shahada-Seekers etc ..." [Feb. 5, 2008]</p>

Note also that under similar pictures of the mothers of the bombers, Ma'an uses the objective caption in English: "Mother of suspected **bomber**," and the honor caption in Arabic: "Mothers of the **Shahada-Seekers**".



Ma'an English caption	Ma'an Arabic caption
"Mother of suspected bomber "	"Mothers of Shahada-Seekers "

3- Ma'an denies Israel's right to exist- all Israel is "Occupation"

Ma'an uses very politicized hate language to routinely reject Israel's right to exist, and even to deny Israel's existence. For example, when reporting on Israeli Arab doctors who visited Gaza, Ma'an defined them in Arabic as "Palestinian doctors from inside 'Occupied Palestine'," Ma'an's term for Israel. In this case, Ma'an's English language report on this story followed similar hate language:

"Palestinian doctors from **1948 territories** [another Ma'an euphemism for Israel] visit Gaza... A delegation of doctors from **Palestinian territories occupied since 1948, from outside of the Green Line**, visited the Gaza Strip." [Feb. 29, 2008]

In this article to deny Israel's legitimacy on its land, Ma'an went out of its way to use a particularly awkward hate expression. Instead of using the simple, accurate and apolitical wording, "**doctors**

from Israel," Ma'an used 13 cumbersome, politically-charged hate words to describe the doctors' origins:

Accurate apolitical language	Ma'an political language
"doctors from Israel"	"doctors from Palestinian territories occupied since 1948, from outside of the Green Line"

It is also important to note that later in the same article, Ma'an used the term "Israel" as follows: "...crippling siege led by Israel." The difference is striking. When referring to the land or location - Ma'an called Israel "*Occupied Palestine*." In referring to the government of Israel or criticizing Israeli policy Ma'an used "Israel." (See other examples below.)

Finally, since Israel's very existence is presented by Ma'an as an "Occupation," the Israeli army in Arabic is referred to with hate language identical to that used by the terrorist organizations: "the occupation forces." Here, as in some of the cases above, Ma'an avoids the hate language in English. One example is a Ma'an report after Israel arrested three suspected terrorists.

Ma'an English News	Ma'an Arabic News
" <i>Israeli forces</i> raid ..."	" <i>Occupation forces</i> arrest ..." [March 25, 2008]

See below a list of examples where Ma'an glorifies terrorists and uses hate language.

PMW comment:

Last year PMW documented that Ma'an used this politicized hate language after the suicide terror attack in the Israeli city of Eilat. [\[See PMW Bulletin\]](#)

In Arabic, Ma'an had reported that Eilat was "in the south of occupied Palestine," the mother of the terrorist was said to be from the "occupied city of Jaffa", though Jaffa is part of Tel Aviv, and Ma'an had honored the suicide bomber as a *Shahid*.

We find it surprising and unfortunate that the governments of The Netherlands and Denmark continue to fund this hate journalism without demanding a change. Hate incitement, including denial of Israel's existence and glorifying terror, is universally accepted as a paramount cause of continued Palestinian terror. These governments, together with governments who have blindly funded Palestinian schoolbooks, bear direct moral responsibility for the continued hatred that is being ingrained into future Palestinian generations, and bear a moral responsibility for the terror and its victims.

The following are additional examples of Ma'an using hate language and honoring terrorists.

Ma'an grants *Shahid* status to all terrorists in recent terror attacks. The following are in addition to examples above.

1. Jerusalem Yeshiva terror attack - 8 students killed:

Ma'an Arabic News:

"8 dead and two **Shahids** in the Jerusalem Operation. The operatives were from [village of] Jabal Mukbar..."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, March 6, 2008]

2. Terror attack in High School in Kfar Ezion:

Ma'an Arabic News:

"Ma'an discloses the identity of the two **Shahids** from the Ezion operation."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, Jan. 24, 2008]

3. Two hikers ambushed and murdered as they strolled on nature walk

Ma'an Arabic News:

"Two of the operatives died as **Shahids**, two more were injured and two Israeli soldiers were killed."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, Dec. 28, 2007]

Ma'an English News:

"Two Israelis, two Palestinians killed by gunfire near Hebron."

[Ma'an, English news, Dec. 28, 2007]

4. Suicide Terror attack in Dimona- one woman killed:

Ma'an Arabic News:

"Ma'an - Senior military figure [Abu Al-Walid] of the Al-Aqsa Brigades in Gaza, rejected the suspicion that Israel aroused regarding the identity of the two **Shahada-Seekers**, who carried out the Dimona **action**... Pictures of the two **Shahada-Seekers** etc ..."

Ma'an English News:

"Speaking to Ma'an on Tuesday, Abu Al-Walid reiterated that **the bombers** were Luay Al-Ghawani and Mousa Arafat"

[English news, Feb. 5, 2008]

Ma'an news releases promote the hate message that Israel has no right to exist, calling Israel "Occupied Palestine" or "territories occupied after 1948," Israel's government the "Occupation Authority" and its soldiers the "Occupation forces." Note also when Israel is mentioned it is often put within quotation marks- a common linguistic method to express non-recognition.

1. "**The Occupation authorities** [editor: replaces 'Israeli authorities'] have been enforcing severe restrictions since the morning hours on the entrance of residents to the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and even on the entrance into the city of Jerusalem within the borders of the **occupation municipality** [editor: replaces 'Jerusalem']. They have prevented hundreds of the residents of Jerusalem and the **Palestinian territories occupied since 1948**, [editor: replaces 'Israel'] who hold blue "Israeli" identity cards from..."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, Feb. 29, 2008]

2. "He said that 72 prisoners have died as Shahids during the al-Aqsa intifada, 58 of them from the West Bank, one from **the territories occupied since 1948** [editor: replaces 'Israel'] and 13 from the Gaza Strip..."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, Feb. 29, 2008]

3. "In a research paper he published on the issue of the number of prisoners of **Palestine which has been occupied since 1948** (The "inside" prisoners) [editor: replaces 'Israeli prisoners'], he

emphasized that this number is an important number in the equation of the historical and cultural struggle against the **Israeli occupier...**"

[Ma'an, Arabic news, March 15, 2008]

Note in this previous example that instead of just writing the single word "Israel," Ma'an used a very long term: ***Palestine which has been occupied since 1948***. However, Ma'an itself felt the need to further explain its own cumbersome usage by adding in parentheses, ("inside" prisoners) meaning 'Israeli Arab prisoners.' It shows again that Ma'an is willing to burden its readers with linguistic contortions, rather than use simple and accurate language which would indicate recognition of Israel. In this case the language it avoided writing was "Arab prisoners from Israel."

4. "Dr. al-Asta did not compare the outlook... to one who lives in the **racist Ghetto in Occupied Palestine...**"

[Ma'an, Arabic news, Feb. 24, 2008]

5. "A delegation of doctors from **Palestinian territories occupied since 1948...** visited the Gaza Strip."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, March 17, 2008]

6. **Discrepancies between English and Arabic reports:**

Ma'an Arabic Report:

"**The occupation forces**" detained 3 residents in Bethlehem and al-Duha".

[Ma'an, Arabic news, March 25, 2008]

Ma'an English Report:

"**Israeli forces** raid Bethlehem and seize 3 Palestinians"

[Ma'an, English news, March 25, 2008]

Ma'an Arabic Report:

"**The Israeli occupation army** seized the town of Kafin afternoon today, Wednesday..."

[Ma'an, Arabic news, March 26, 2008]

Ma'an English Report:

"**Israeli forces** stormed the town of Kafin in the West Bank Wednesday..."

[Ma'an, English news, March 26, 2008]

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Watchdog slams Holland, Denmark for funding news agency that glorifies terror

by Gil Hoffman

The Netherlands and Denmark provide funding to a Palestinian news agency that glorifies terrorists, uses biased language and promotes hatred for Israel, Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook of Palestinian Media Watch allege in a report obtained exclusively by *The Jerusalem Post* ahead of its official release on Friday.

Marcus and Crook monitored the Ma'an news agency's Arabic and English news coverage of the last few terrorist attacks in Israel and found that it repeatedly honored murderers as "martyrs" and referred to areas of pre-1967 Israel as "occupied Palestine."

They also found that stronger anti-Israel terminology was used in Ma'an's Arabic Website than in its English one.

"We find it surprising and unfortunate that the governments of the Netherlands and Denmark continue to fund this hate journalism without demanding a change," Marcus and Crook wrote. "Hate incitement, including denial of Israel's existence and glorifying terror, is universally accepted as a paramount cause of continued Palestinian terror. These governments, together with governments who have blindly funded Palestinian schoolbooks, bear direct moral responsibility for the continued hatred that is being ingrained into future Palestinian generations, and bear a moral responsibility for the terror and its victims."

Frans Makken, the head of mission at the Dutch representative office in Ramallah, said such problems were rare at Ma'an and that his office would take steps to ensure that they did not reoccur.

"When this has come up before, we took it up with Ma'an," Makken said. "It was just a mistake of words. It happens rarely, if ever. Our office is involved in connecting people. If there has been a slip-up, we will bring it up with them. They are young journalists and their translations are being improved all the time."

Makken said this was only the second complaint his office had received in his three years in his post, the first being when the suicide bomber in a January 2007 terrorist attack was referred to as a "martyr."

"[The usage of such words] was not on purpose," Makken said. "It is something we are trying to avoid. The charter of the project [funding Ma'an] is to promote mutual understanding, which is the opposite of incitement. It is very far-fetched to say that Denmark and Holland are inciting terrorism."

The Danish Embassy and Foreign Ministry did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Marcus said that by funding Ma'an, Denmark and the Netherlands bore direct moral responsibility for Ma'an's terror promotion.

"I am outraged by the myriad excuses from funding countries that refuse to accept responsibility for the hatred and terror promotion they fund," Marcus said. "Why is the Dutch representative trying to create a smoke screen for terror promotion by writing about 'translations' and 'slip-ups?'"

"If Denmark and Holland are serious about not being branded themselves as terror promoters, they will stop making excuses for Ma'an and publicly give them an ultimatum: One more example of terror glorification or hate journalism and the funding is canceled. Until this is done, Denmark and Holland can be included among the countries that are part of the terror problem and not part of the solution."

In the report, Marcus and Crook found that Ma'an's Arabic reports glorified the Palestinian who recently murdered eight students at Jerusalem's Mercaz Harav Yeshiva, February's Dimona suicide terrorist, the killers of the two Israeli hikers and the terrorists who attacked a boys' high school with the very highest Islamic status attainable, elevating them to the status of *shahids* - "martyrs for Allah."

"In defining terrorist murderers as 'shahids,' Ma'an is by definition sending its readers a straightforward message of honor for the killers, and approval for the many murders," Marcus and Crook wrote.

In its English versions of these reports, according to Palestinian Media Watch, Ma'an neither honored the terrorists as "shahids" nor used the English term "martyrs."

In response, Ma'an noted that "The term shahid, as translated in the *Hans Wehr Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic* (page 572), may refer to one killed in action or a martyr." It said that "in the Palestinian cultural/religious tradition, the martyrdom aspect is significantly different from the Judeo-Christian understanding. Those who die as martyrs may be defending their wives or their property, not necessarily engaging in the Western notion of a holy crusade. The PMW interpretation, while undoubtedly held by some religious individuals, is not necessarily the general interpretation of these terms."

It defended its "use of the occupation concept" as stemming "from international law and internationally-recognized boundaries. In simple terms, Israeli forces operating in Tel Aviv may be considered Israeli security forces, while those in Bethlehem are occupying forces. Tel Aviv falls on the Israeli side of the Green Line. Bethlehem does not. That distinction is the crux of our decision-making.

"The example cited from February 29, 2008, uses the terms 'occupation authorities,' 'occupation municipality,' 'residents of... the territories occupied since 1948' and "'Israeli' identity cards.' Taken out of context," it said, "these certainly sound like biased and offensive terms. When looked at more closely, however, they are terms that reflect both the uneasy ethnic distinctions of Israeli society and Israel's status, under international law, as an occupation force. The article refers to crackdowns on access to the Al-Aqsa compound, an area in the Old City of east Jerusalem. Annexed following the 1967 war, east Jerusalem fell on the Palestinian side of the 1949 armistice line, the Green Line. Since 1967 the international community has considered it occupied territory, as do Palestinians.

"Ma'an's Arabic terminology reflects the internationally-recognized reality that the current Jerusalem municipal boundaries include Palestinian territory," it went on.

"In the two hours that *The Jerusalem Post* gave us to issue a formal response, we were not able to track down each cited article from our archives...

"Finally, our funding is issued through the Dutch and the Danish representative offices in Ramallah, who employ local, native Arabic speakers to assist in coordinating projects. We are fairly certain that they monitor our Arabic site in addition to our English one. Culturally-appropriate differences in terminology are, therefore, merely that and not an attempt to hoodwink our generous donors."

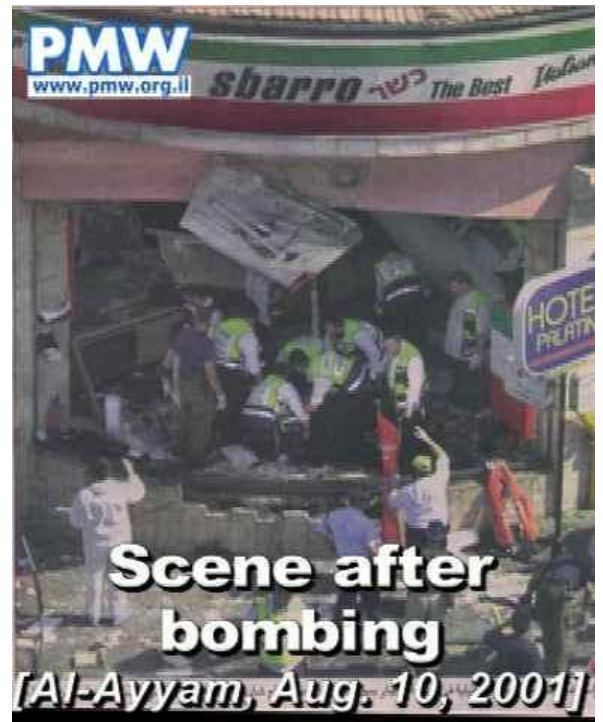
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Palestinian daily honors
Sbarro terrorist as “heroic”
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

On Aug. 9, 2001, a suicide terrorist entered the Sbarro pizza shop in the center of Jerusalem and detonated his bomb, killing 15 people, including seven children. Five members of the same family were wiped out. The woman who helped plan the attack and drove the terrorist, a university student named **Ahlam Tamimi**, was sentenced to 16 terms of life imprisonment in Israel. In prison, she married a male terrorist murderer, her cousin **Nizar Tamimi**.

Continuing the current trend in the Palestinian Authority media to honor past and present terrorists, the Palestinian daily *Al-Quds* yesterday published an interview with the Palestinian poet, Mutawakil Taha, who wrote a book honoring the terrorist couple. He described them as "the two great heroic prisoners **Nizar Tamimi** and **Ahlam Tamimi**."

In its introduction, the Palestinian daily cited the importance of his work:

"The work of the Palestinian poet, Dr. Mutawakil Taha, has a clear presence and influence on the Palestinian and Arabic culture and literature."



Mutawakil Taha:

"Two years ago I wrote the book "Ahlam ibn al-Nabi" about the two great heroic prisoners Nizar Tamimi and Ahlam Tamimi, whom we are proud of. A month ago I wrote the poem "Marwan" about Marwan Barghouthi, [serving 5 life sentences for murder - Editor] as a symbol of the fight voiced by the prisoners. I feel that the prisoners are Martyrs in potential, and that we should bond with them without question or accounting. We should bond to the prisoners unconditionally as we bond to the Martyrs and the homeland."

[*Al-Quds*, April 7, 2008]

Bulletin – April 30, 2008

**Hamas Holocaust perversion:
Jews planned Holocaust to kill handicapped Jews**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Jewish leaders planned the Holocaust to kill "disabled and handicapped" Jews to avoid having to care for them, according to a Hamas TV educational program. As much of the world prepared to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Hamas TV presented its latest sinister twist on Holocaust denial.

The Hamas TV educational program, broadcast last week, taught that the murder of Jews in the Holocaust was a Zionist plot with two goals:



1- To eliminate "disabled and handicapped" Jews by sending them to death camps, so they would not be a burden on the future state of Israel.

2- At the same time, the Holocaust served to make "the Jews seem persecuted" so they could "benefit from international sympathy."

Amin Dabur, head of the Palestinian "Center for Strategic Research" explained that "the Israeli Holocaust - the whole thing was a joke, and part of the perfect show that [Zionist leader and future Israeli prime minister] Ben Gurion put on." The "young energetic and able" were sent to Israel, while the handicapped were sent "so there would be a Holocaust."

[click here to see video](#)

The following is the transcript:

Narrator:

"The disabled and handicapped are a heavy burden on the state," said the terrorist leader, Ben Gurion. [Zionist leader - Israel's first PM]

The Satanic Jews thought up an evil plot [the Holocaust] to be rid of the burden of the disabled and handicapped, in twisted criminal ways.

[Picture: Holocaust death camp, dead bodies]

While they accuse the Nazis or others so the Jews would seem persecuted, and try to benefit from international sympathy. They were the first to invent the methods of evil and oppression."

Amin Dabur, head of the Palestinian "Center for Strategic Research":

"About the Israeli Holocaust, the whole thing was a joke and part of the perfect show that Ben Gurion put on, who focused on strong and energetic youth [for Israel], while the rest- the disabled, the handicapped, and people with special needs, they were sent to [to die]- if it can be proven historically. They were sent [to die] so there would be a holocaust, so Israel could "play" it for world sympathy."

Narrator:

"The alleged numbers of Jews [killed in the Holocaust] were merely for propaganda."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas) April 18, 2008]

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Fox News interviews Itamar Marcus about Hamas documentary teaching that Jewish leaders planned the Holocaust to kill disabled and handicapped Jews.
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Fox News interviews Itamar Marcus about Jimmy Carter's meeting with Hamas officials.
April 14, 2008



Fox News interviews Itamar Marcus about Hamas kids TV program showing puppet stabbing George Bush to death.
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[PMW report presented in US Congress](#)

***Strengthening America's Enemies:
The ideological allies of a future Palestinian state***

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

President George Bush arrives this week in Israel to further his promotion of a Palestinian state. Last month PMW director Itamar Marcus was invited to the US Congress by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

and Rep. Elliot Engel of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to release a report documenting the dangers to US interests of a Palestinian state with ideological alliances to many US enemies. "Strengthening America's Enemies" The ideological allies of a future Palestinian state," now being released, concludes:

"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... *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.*"

The following is the executive summary of the report.

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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, 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.

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Jerusalem Post article on PMW report in Congress



'PA cozying up to America's enemies'

Herb Keinon , THE JERUSALEM POST
Apr. 16, 2008

President Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority is snugly in bed with the United States' worst enemies, [according to a report presented in Washington](#) on Tuesday by Palestinian Media Watch.

"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," said the report, presented at a meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Committee by PMW's director Itamar Marcus and associate director Barbara Crook, days before Abbas goes to Washington for a meeting with US President George W. Bush.

Marcus was invited to the committee by Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Florida) and Elliot Engel (D-NY).

"Hatred of the United States and disdain for its role of world leadership are the essence of this bond," the report reads. "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."

Based on dozens of citations in the Palestinian media going back to 2005, predominantly articles and editorials in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, the report concludes that Abbas's PA 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 US was depicted by Fatah leaders, their controlled media and the PA education system with "disdain and loathing," the report contends, bringing numerous examples showing PA adoration and

support for Saddam Hussein and the insurgency in Iraq, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, Cuba, North Korea, Syria and Hizbullah.

The following are just a few examples:

A report in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* on January 4, 2007, stated: "Public figures and the [armed] factions in Yabad [west of Jenin] 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."

An article in the same paper on September 21, 2006, said, "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."

On September 10, 2007, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* reported that Abbas praised North Korean leader 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."

Ros-Lehtinen said at the briefing that while Congress wanted to see peace, stability, and security prevail in the Middle East, "that goal remains elusive when Fatah continues to publish maps displaying a so-called State of Palestine that covers not only the West Bank and Gaza, but all of the land that constitutes the present State of Israel."

"My friends, how one nation depicts another people will often define the relations between them," she said.

Ros-Lehtinen said that "given the PA's repeated failure - in both word and deed - to verifiably halt all incendiary rhetoric emanating from its institutions, and to officially and publicly denounce such hate speech, the administration should stop unconditionally funding that body."

In Ramallah, a senior aid to Abbas dismissed the Palestinian Media Watch report as "nonsense," saying it was intended to incite the US against the PA leadership on the eve of Abbas's visit to Washington.

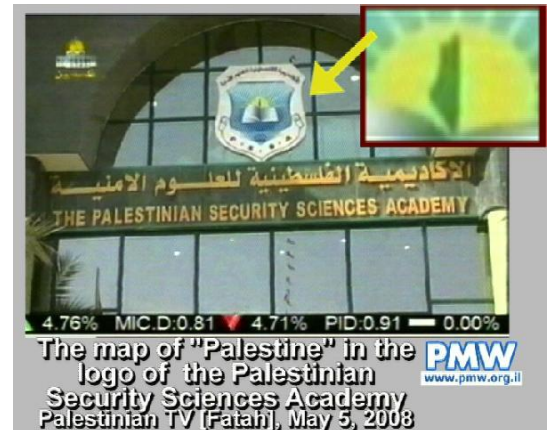
"The PA remains fully committed to the option of peace and the two-state solution," the aide told The Jerusalem Post. "Our relations with the US remain strong and we believe the Americans can continue to play a major role in the peace process."

Khaled Abu Toameh contributed to this report.

Bulletin – May 14, 2008
**US, EU money promotes
Palestinian ideology of world without Israel**
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian Authority (PA) infrastructures controlled by Mahmoud Abbas and Fatah continue to promote the ideology that "Palestine" will replace a destroyed Israel. US and EU money facilitates this.

1- The **Palestinian Security Services Academy**, a military branch of Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah government, prominently depicts as the center of its symbol the map of a "Palestine" state that erases all of Israel. This map is common in the Palestinian Authority and symbolizes the hope for the destruction of Israel. Voice of America reports that the academy is funded by "... Arab states and the European Union. The U.S. also has offered some indirect support." [<http://www.voanews.com/english/archive/2008-01/2007-Palestinian-Police-Academy.cfm>]



2- The second example is of a "Sport and Cultural Club" built by USAID that prominently displays both the words "USAID" and the map of a "Palestine" state that erases all of Israel, encircled by the Palestinian flag.

As long as the US and the EU fund the PA while choosing to ignore or at times actually funding these PA-Fatah hate messages and symbols, the US and the EU are among the impediments to peace.



Bulletin – May 20, 2008

The evolving Palestinian narrative: Arabs caused the refugee problem

PA daily: Arabs left homes on their own to facilitate destruction of Israel -- and thus became refugees

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The Arabs who became refugees in 1948 were not expelled by Israel but left on their own to facilitate the destruction of Israel, according to a senior Palestinian journalist writing in a Palestinian daily. This plan to leave Israel was initiated by the Arab states fighting Israel, who promised the people they would be able to return to their homes in a few days once Israel was defeated. The article in *Al-Ayyam* concludes that these Arab states are responsible for the Arab refugee problem.

A backbone of Palestinian English-language propaganda is the myth that Israel expelled hundreds of thousands of Arabs from Israel and created Arab refugees. But in recent years, PMW has documented an increasing willingness among Palestinians to openly blame the Arab states and not Israel.

Following are five such statements of blame, starting with this most recent article and including testimony from refugees themselves and corroboration by Palestinian leaders. Clearly, there is a

growing Palestinian willingness to blame the Arab leaders, which corroborates Israel's historical record.

1. Jawad Al Bashiti, Palestinian journalist in Jordan, writing in *Al-Ayyam*, May 13, 2008:

"Remind me of one real cause from all the factors that have caused the "Palestinian Catastrophe" [the establishment of Israel and the creation of refugee problem], and I will remind you that it still exists... The reasons for the Palestinian Catastrophe are the same reasons that have produced and are still producing our Catastrophes today.

During the Little Catastrophe, meaning the Palestinian Catastrophe the following happened: the first war between Arabs and Israel had started and the "Arab Salvation Army" came and told the Palestinians: 'We have come to you in order to liquidate the Zionists and their state. Leave your houses and villages, you will return to them in a few days safely. Leave them so we can fulfill our mission (destroy Israel) in the best way and so you won't be hurt.' It became clear already then, when it was too late, that the support of the Arab states (against Israel) was a big illusion. Arabs fought as if intending to cause the "Palestinian Catastrophe".

[*Al-Ayyam*, May 13 2008]

2. Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Palestinian Journalist in PA official daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), December 13, 2006:

"...The leaders and the elites promised us at the beginning of the "Catastrophe" in 1948, that the duration of the exile will not be long, and that it will not last more than a few days or months, and afterwards the refugees will return to their homes, which most of them did not leave only until they put their trust in those "Arkuvian" promises made by the leaders and the political elites. Afterwards, days passed, months, years and decades, and the promises were lost with the strain of the succession of events..." [Term "Arkuvian," is after Arkuv - a figure from Arab tradition - who was known for breaking his promises and for his lies."]

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

3. Asmaa Jabir Balasimah, Woman who fled Israel in 1948, *Al-Ayyam*, May 16, 2006:

"We heard sounds of explosions and of gunfire at the beginning of the summer in the year of the "Catastrophe" [1948]. They told us: The Jews attacked our region and it is better to evacuate the village and return, after the battle is over. And indeed there were among us [who fled Israel] those who left a fire burning under the pot, those who left their flock [of sheep] and those who left their money and gold behind, based on the assumption that we would return after a few hours."

[*Al-Ayyam*, May 16, 2006]

4. Son of man who fled in 1948, PA TV (Fatah), April 30, 1999:

An Arab viewer called Palestinian Authority TV and quoted his father, saying that in 1948 the Arab District Officer ordered all Arabs to leave Palestine or be labeled traitors. In response, Arab MK Ibrahim Sarsur, then Head of the Islamic Movement in Israel, cursed those leaders, thus acknowledging Israel's historical record.

"Mr. Ibrahim [Sarsur]. I address you as a Muslim. My father and grandfather told me that during the

"Catastrophe" [in 1948], our district officer issued an order that whoever stays in Palestine and in Majdel [near Ashkelon - Southern Israel] is a traitor, he is a traitor."

Response from Ibrahim Sarsur, now MK, then Head of the Islamic Movement in Israel:

"The one who gave the order forbidding them to stay there bears guilt for this, in this life and the Afterlife throughout history until Resurrection Day."

[PA TV (Fatah), April 30, 1999]

5. Fuad Abu Higla, senior Palestinian, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 19, 2001:

Fuad Abu Higla, then a regular columnist in the official PA daily Al Hayat Al Jadida, wrote an article before an Arab Summit, which criticized the Arab leaders. One of the failures he cited, in the name of a prisoner, was that an earlier generation of Arab leaders "forced" them to leave Israel in 1948, again placing the blame for the flight on the Arab leaders.

"I have received a letter from a prisoner in Acre prison, to the Arab summit:

To the [Arab and Muslim] Kings and Presidents, poverty is killing us, the symptoms are exhausting us and the souls are leaving our body, yet you are still searching for the way to provide aid, like one who is looking for a needle in a haystack or like the armies of your predecessors in the year of 1948, who forced us to leave [Israel], on the pretext of clearing the battlefields of civilians... So what will your summit do now?"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 19, 2001]

Conclusion

It is clear from these statements that there is general acknowledgement among Palestinians that Arab leaders bear responsibility for the mass flight of Arabs from Israel in 1948, and were the cause of the "refugee" problem. Furthermore, the fact that this information has been validated by public figures and refugees in the Palestinian Authority media itself confirms that this responsibility is well-known - even though for propaganda purposes its leaders continue to blame Israel publicly for "the expulsion."

Bulletin – May 25, 2008

Fatah and Hamas use identical symbols to teach children hatred of Israel

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Teaching children that all of Israel is occupied "Palestine" is a backbone of Palestinian Authority education for both Fatah and Hamas.



Both Hamas and Fatah recently broadcast TV programs featuring children with giant keys hanging from their necks, and names of Israeli cities written on the keys. The key, a symbol of ownership, is a prominent Palestinian symbol indicating their claim of ownership over all Israeli cities and all of Israel. It also represents their demand that residents of refugee camps be settled in these Israeli cities.

The Fatah children's keys include the names of Israeli cities Haifa, Ramla, Acre, Jaffa, Beer Sheva. The Hamas children's keys include the names of Israeli cities Haifa, Ramla, Acre, Beit Shean, Jerusalem.

Special Report – June 1, 2008

The Kuntar Letter

Terrorist Samir Kuntar vows to continue path of terror after his release

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Background:

Samir Kuntar is the Lebanese terrorist serving four life sentences in an Israeli jail for murdering a four-year-old Israeli girl, Eynat Haran. He crushed her head with his rifle butt after murdering her father, Dani, and two policemen. Eynat's two-year-old sister, Yael, also died in the terror attack. Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah announced last week that Israel had agreed to release Kuntar in exchange for Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev (or their remains), the IDF reservists kidnapped in July 2006. Media reports indicate that such a deal is imminent.

The Kuntar letter:

After the killing of international terrorist Imad Mughniyeh in Syria three months ago, Kuntar wrote a letter to Nasrallah in which he glorified terrorists and martyrdom, and vowed to continue in the path of terror "until complete victory."

The following is the text of the Kuntar letter:

"My dear and honored commander and leader, The Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah, Peace be unto you and our *Shahids*, and may Allah's mercy and blessing be upon you. Peace be unto the men in the convoys of the righteous.

Peace be unto he who has [given and has] not taken anything other than the *Shahadah* (*Martyrdom*), the highest rank of honor before Allah.

Peace be unto the distinguished, glamorous convoys [of *Shahids*] who travel toward eternity, toward the men of glory, dignity and pride, toward those who have marked our path for hundreds of years.

Peace be unto the last to leave, the *Hajj* and leader, Imad Mughniyeh.

Peace be unto him, as he passes the message on to those who await his arrival, as he brings them stories of the glory and victories, news of steadfastness and loyalty of the men of the fulfilled promise [a reference to the operation in which the two Israeli soldiers were kidnapped which was called the '*Fulfilling the Promise*,] news of "those who still wait [for *Shahadah*]; but they have never changed (their determination for *Shahada*)." [Quote from Quran, Sura 33:23.]

Peace be unto him, as he announces to the most honored among the Believers [previous *Shahids*] that the waiting convoys have chosen [they await the *Shahadah*] to draw their swords, and their swords are calling out: "We are far from degradation" [a Nasrallah phrase].

May peace be unto you, *Hajj* Imad. My oath and pledge is that my place will be at the battlefield, which is soaked in the sweat of your giving, and the blood of the most beloved among men [*Shahids*], and that I shall continue down the path, until complete victory.

I give to you, Sir Abu Hadi [name for Hassan Nasrallah] and to all the Jihad Fighters, my congratulations and [my] renewed loyalty."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 19, 2008]

Bulletin – June 18, 2008

Hamas TV glorifies soldier kidnapping

As Israel, Hamas and Hezbollah negotiate the release of Israeli soldiers captured in terror attacks, Hamas is sowing the seeds of the next kidnapping.

Hamas TV is broadcasting a video clip showing Hamas training exercises that include the simulated kidnapping of an Israeli soldier. The segment includes an Israeli tank exploding, followed by images of a Hamas fighter carrying and running with a captured Israeli soldier.

[Click here to see the video.](#)

The following are four pictures that summarize the video:





[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), June 16, 2008]

Bulletin - June 29, 2008

PA leaders: Kuntar a hero

by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

According to the Palestinian Authority leadership, Samir Kuntar epitomizes the ideal Palestinian prisoner. Kuntar, who crushed the head of four-year-old Eynat Haran with his rifle, is serving four life sentences for murder in an Israeli prison, but is almost certain to be freed in a prisoner swap with Hezbollah this week.

On one hand, Kuntar embodies what the PA considers the "heroism" of terrorists fighting Israel. On the other hand, he's the ultimate symbol of all terrorist prisoners who have murdered Israelis and will eventually be freed as a result of future kidnappings or through some other means.

PA TV, controlled by Mahmoud Abbas, broadcast the following picture honoring Kuntar. He is depicted beside a map of Israel completely covered by the Palestinian flag.



[PA TV (Fatah), June 23-25, 2008]

Following are several recent quotes from PA leaders since April 2008, describing Kuntar:

"Samir Kuntar, the warrior from Lebanon."

"The brave warrior, Samir Kuntar."

"The Palestinian people and the Palestinian leadership are standing behind you (Kuntar)."

"You (Kuntar) are an inseparable part of the action to free our homeland."

"Your (Kuntar) patience and strength are a lesson for us."

Besides bludgeoning Eynat Haran to death with rocks and his rifle, Kuntar killed her father and was responsible for the death of her infant sister. He also killed two policemen in the 1979 attack in Naharia. The Israeli cabinet today approved a prisoner exchange that would free Kuntar and several other prisoners in exchange for Israeli soldiers Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser, who were kidnapped by Hezbollah in 2006. The exchange could happen within the next few days.

Special Report – July 9, 2008

Palestinian Authority Libel: Prisoners are used for Nazi-like medical experiments

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Introduction:

The Palestinian Authority is intensifying its longstanding blood libel campaign against Israel, falsely accusing Israel of conducting horrific Nazi-like medical experiments on Palestinian prisoners. These fabrications have been featured repeatedly in the Palestinian Authority's official newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), which is under the direct authority of Mahmoud Abbas.

In the past week alone there were three new examples of this libel:

"The method employed by the Israeli Occupation in which they [are] instigating slow death ... doctors in Israeli prison clinics use the prisoners as guinea pigs for clinical drug testing under the pretense of 'treatment.'" [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), July 6, 2008]

"Many of the male and female inmates received injections from needles they had not seen before, and which caused their hair and facial hair to fall out permanently ... others lost their sanity, or their mental condition is constantly deteriorating... and some are suffering from infertility." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), July 4, 2008]

"The doctors in these prison clinics are using the prisoners as guinea pigs for clinical testing of drugs and treatment-methods." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), July 3, 2008]

Giving voice to blood libels and slandering Israel are essential tools used by the Palestinian Authority to demonize Israel and to inflame hatred against Israel, especially on the highly sensitive subject of Palestinian prisoners. It is therefore not surprising that the Palestinian public places the release of Palestinian terrorists from Israeli prisons as a national cause, and justifies all means -- including the abduction of Israeli soldiers - to free the prisoners from their supposed mistreatment.

Al-Hayat Al-Jadida has attested that reports about such "experiments" performed on Palestinian prisoners serve to **"mobilize each and every human-being as such... to actively participate in activities aimed at their release and their return to freedom, properly meant as a return to life... all of us! all of us! all of us! - to confront the enemy in the war it wages."**

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 3, 2007]

These new accusations build on earlier libels that Israel conducts the same kind of experiments on Palestinian prisoners as the Nazis did in the concentration camps:

"We have many examples of experiments conducted by the Nazis, but we shall bring one example that exhibits a great similarity [to the Israeli experiments]: They would insert poisons into the prisoners' food in order to study the effect of the poisons on people, with the purpose of performing autopsies on the bodies of those who died from the poison. He mentioned multiple cases of the mass poisoning of Palestinian and Arab prisoners in several Israeli prisons and detention centers. He did not rule out the possibility that the mass poisonings were done deliberately." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2007].

Furthermore, the libel adds that Israel is deliberately laboring **"to increase the suffering of the prisoners and to murder them slowly, or to render them hollow, fragile and sickly bodies that will be a burden to their families and their nation after their release..."** [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2007].

According to the libel, because Israel views the prisoners as guinea pigs, "the terrible crime, unimaginably horrific, that was committed by the executioner jailers of the occupation forces... demonstrated that the prisoner is treated like a lab -mouse." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 3, 2007].

In an attempt to increase the credibility of the libel about the treatment of prisoners, the Palestinian Authority daily last week repeated a media invention from a previous article. It said that Dalia Itzik, Speaker of the Knesset, said in 1997 that Israel conducts "thousands of medical clinical trials," and that "experiments with dangerous drugs are performed each year on Palestinian prisoners." The story also rehashed the fabrication that an Israeli named Amy Laftat, who was presented as Head of the Pharmaceutical Division in the Ministry of Health, reported that "there is a 15% annual increase in the number of permits granted by her office for conducting research on dangerous medications on Palestinians" [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 4, 2008]. Palestinian Media Watch checked with Knesset Speaker Dalia Itzik and the Ministry of Health, and confirmed that these statements were never made, and in fact that there is no one named Amy Laftat working for the Pharmaceutical Division. (The Israeli responses are below).

Following are more complete texts of the Prisoners Libel, as promoted by the Palestinian Authority's official Daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah):

1: "Prisoners lost their eyesight and the functionality of their nervous system"

"The Occupation forces continue to conduct medical experiments on Palestinian and Arab prisoners in their prisons, in defiance of every international treaty and code of ethics. This is not limited to their policy of medical neglect, but rather the violations even extend to **exploitive use of the prisoners as testing subjects for pharmaceutical drugs**. Dalia Itzik, then a member of the Israeli Knesset and head of the Science Committee in the Israeli parliament, revealed in July 1997 that thousands of medical clinical trials, experiments with dangerous drugs are performed each year on Palestinian prisoners. At that time, she added that her office held thousands of permits issued by the Israeli Health Ministry for large Israeli pharmaceutical companies permitting the performance of thousands of clinical trials on Palestinian and Arab prisoners in Israeli prisons.

Additionally, 'Amy Laftat,' Head of the Pharmaceutical Division in the Israeli Health Ministry, revealed before the Knesset in that same meeting that there is a 15% annual increase in the number of permits granted by her office for conducting research with dangerous drugs on Palestinians and Arabs in the Israeli prisons.

It should be mentioned that many of the male and female prisoners were given shots from needles they had not seen beforehand, and which caused their hair and facial hair to fall out permanently, and there were other prisoners who lost their eyesight and the functionality of their nervous system, and others who lost their sanity, or whose mental condition is constantly deteriorating, and still others who suffer from infertility and are unable to bear children, etc.

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

2. "Doctors in Israel use the prisoners as guinea pigs under the pretense of "treatment"

"Abu Al-Hajj [Director of the Abu-Jihad Center for Prisoner Affairs in Al-Quds University] referred back to the period of the British Mandate and its usual method of execution - using the hanging noose that is on display in the museum ... Fahd Abu Al-Hajj went on to mention the subsequent method employed by the Israeli Occupation, in which they finish off by instigating slow death, which the prisoners suffer at the hands of the prison authorities. He added that as a result of this method, 226 prisoners have died as *shahids* (martyrs) in the prisons... Abu Al-Hajj pointed to the fact that... clinic doctors in Israeli prisons are using the prisoners as guinea pigs under the pretense of "treatment."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 6, 2008]

3. "The prisoner is treated like a lab mouse."

Heading: "Drugs and Lab-Mice"

..."The reports came gushing in... of the terrible crime, unimaginably horrific, that was committed by the executioner jailers of the occupation forces; the occupation forces used several of the freedom prisoners as lab accessories for conducting medical trials. This crime committed by the occupiers demonstrates... that the prisoner is treated like a lab mouse - who will either be killed by an inappropriate drug, or will be hurt by an electrical shock. Otherwise the experiment should inflict a permanent disability or deformity upon him... this is something that mobilizes each and every human-being as such... to actively participate in activities aimed at their release and their return to freedom, properly meant as a return to life... all of us! all of us! all of us! - to confront the enemy in the war it wages against those of us who are alive and those who are dead"...

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 3, 2007]

4. "Prisoners as guinea pigs for drug and treatment clinical testing."

Headline: "**Reports given by two lawyers after visiting [prisons] indicate an increase in the policy of provoking the prisoners**".

The director of the Center for the Defense of Freedoms and Civil Rights, "Hurriyat", Hilmi Al-Araj said that the reports given by the two lawyers from the center, Ibtisam Al-Anati and Raed Al-Zabi, clearly point to a documented increase in the Israeli Prison Authority's policy of provoking the male and female prisoners and of treating them inhumanely; this includes, most notably, a policy requiring the prisoners [to wear] an orange garment, and **the use doctors in these prison clinics make of the prisoners as guinea pigs for drug and treatment clinical testing.**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 3, 2008]

5. "Most suffer infertility problems, others have lost their eyesight."

Headline: "**Most suffer infertility problems, others have lost their eyesight and their sanity**"

after the occupation has injected them with unidentified substances and drugs - Israel continues to use prisoners as guinea pigs for pharmaceutical drug-testing."

"Abd Al-Nasser Piroanah, researcher and head of the Statistical Department in the [Palestinian] Ministry of Prisoner and Released Prisoner Affairs, said in his report that **the Occupation Authorities conduct clinical testing on Palestinian and Arab prisoners in prisons**, in defiance of every international treaty and code of ethics.

The general tragic state of the prisons escapes no one, and the medical situation all the more so... **In order to increase the suffering of the prisoners and to murder them slowly, or to render them hollow, fragile and sickly bodies that will be a burden to their families and their nation after their release...**

Further, he stated: This is not limited to their policy of medical neglect, but rather the violations even extend to exploitive use of the prisoners as testing subjects for pharmaceutical drugs.

Knesset Member Dalia Itzik and former Head of the Science Committee revealed in July 1997 that thousands of medical clinical trials, experiments with dangerous drugs are performed each year on Palestinian prisoners. At that time, she added that her office held thousands of permits issued by the Israeli Health Ministry for large Israeli pharmaceutical companies permitting the performance of thousands of clinical trials on Palestinian and Arab prisoners in Israeli prisons. Additionally, 'Amy Laftat,' Head of the Pharmaceutical Division in the Israeli Health Ministry, revealed ... that there is a 15% annual increase in the number of permits granted by her office for conducting research with dangerous drugs on Palestinians and Arabs in the Israeli prisons.

The researcher concluded that this crime is only becoming more widespread... under the auspices of the Israeli Health Ministry ... These crimes reflect clearly on the degree of racism which abounds in the Israeli system as a whole... **He brought many examples of male and female prisoners who were given injections from needles they had not seen before, and which caused their hair and facial hair to fall out permanently, and there were other prisoners who lost their eyesight and the functionality of their nerve system, and others who lost their sanity, or whose mental condition is constantly deteriorating, and still others who suffer from infertility and so forth...**

Piroanah mentioned that **the first to use prisoners for medical experiments were the Nazis**, who did it in the detention centers of the German army during WWII...

He added: **We have many examples of experiments conducted by the Nazis, but we shall bring one example that exhibits a great similarity [to the Israeli experiments]: They would insert poisons into the prisoners' food in order to study the effect of the poisons on people and with the purpose of performing autopsies on the bodies of those who died from the poison. He mentioned multiple cases of the mass poisoning of Palestinian and Arab prisoners in several Israeli prisons and detention centers. He did not rule out the possibility that the mass poisonings were done deliberately.**

He said the Ministry of Prisoner Affairs has been conducting activities in the past months... aimed at pressuring international opinion to act urgently and to adhere to its moral and human responsibility to save the prisoners... and to investigate the serious medical circumstances found in Israeli prisons, and to bring the war criminals to international courts."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2007]

6. "Clinics are nothing but open grounds for experimenting with dangerous drugs."

"Dr Awda emphasized that health conditions in Israeli prisons are bad and dangerous... She emphasized that **the clinics are nothing but open grounds for experimenting with dangerous drugs on the sick prisoners**. She proved this with a statement given by the Head of the Knesset Science Committee Dalia Itzik on July 10, 1997, in which she claimed that every year 1000 clinical trials of dangerous pharmaceutical drugs are conducted using Palestinian prisoners as subjects."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), April 17, 2008]

Israeli Officials Respond

Office of Knesset Speaker Dalia Itzik:

"Knesset Speaker Itzik never made the statements attributed to her. Knesset Speaker Itzik is certain that incidents of this kind do not occur in Israel; this is not how Israel conducts itself."

Ministry of Health's Response:

"Clinical testing on prisoners in prison was never approved, never performed, and is most certainly not taking place at present. Furthermore, there is no person named Amy Laftat working for the Pharmaceutical Division

Bulletin – July 17, 2008

PA lauds mass murderers as heroes

Samir Kuntar – crushed head of four-year-old Eynat Haran

Dalal Mughrabi – led a bus hijacking, killing 37

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

According to the Palestinian Authority and Fatah, Samir Kuntar and Dalal Mughrabi epitomize the ideal heroic Palestinians.

Kuntar, who crushed the head of four-year-old Eynat Haran with his rifle and was serving four life sentences for murder in an Israeli prison, was freed yesterday in exchange for the bodies of Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser, Israeli soldiers kidnapped in 2006.

Dalal Mughrabi led a 1978 bus hijacking that was the worst terror attack in Israel's history. Thirty seven vacationers, including 12 children, were murdered. Her body was released to Lebanon as part of the exchange.

PA TV and newspapers controlled by PA president Mahmoud Abbas have had hours of broadcasting and songs in recent days, honoring the two terrorists as heroes of the Palestinians. As reported both on PA TV and in newspapers, Abbas "congratulated yesterday's exchange of prisoner and bodies of Martyrs. The president sent blessings to Samir Kuntar's family." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 17, 2008; PA TV (Fatah), July 17, 2008]

Besides bludgeoning Eynat Haran to death with rocks and his rifle, Kuntar killed her father and was responsible for the death of her infant sister. He also killed two policemen in the 1979 attack in Nahariya.

The following are examples from the PA press:

"(Official Fatah spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman) said that the Fatah movement sends warm blessings to Hizbullah, to all the resistance [terror forces - Ed.], and to the Lebanese nation, and the Palestinians for their historic victory over the Israeli arrogance in their victorious July War, [2006 Lebanese War].

"And on the return of the heroes of freedom, the heroes and the Martyrs, headed by the great Samir Kuntar and the Martyr fighter Dalal Mughrabi, who led the most glorified Sacrifice action in the history of the Palestinian-Israeli struggle. [Editors' note: Her bus hijacking was the worst terror attack in Israel's history. Thirty seven Israeli vacationers, including 12 children, were murdered.]

"He emphasized that the Fatah party... vows to the Palestinian people that Fatah will continue to struggle in the way of the pure Martyrs, until the state is liberated and the Palestinian state is established with Jerusalem as the capital. The Fatah movement turns on this day, that abounds with sincere blessings to Hezbollah ...

"The battle against the theft of Palestine is the battle of all the fighters and all the Arab nations. Blessings to the free heroes and their head, the heroic fighter Samir Kuntar, and blessings to the spirit of the heroic Dalal Mughrabi and to the friends of the heroes."

"President Mahmud Abbas congratulated yesterday's exchange of prisoners and bodies of Martyrs. The president sent blessings to Samir Kuntar's family."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 17, 2008]

PA TV host addressing brother of Kuntar: "First of all a thousand blessings, on the release of the heroic leader Samir Kuntar."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2008]

Hani Al-Masri, writer and political commentator:

"This deal includes heroes, like Samir Kuntar, who committed heroic acts, in which Jews and soldiers were killed."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 5, 2008]

PA TV has repeatedly shown this picture of Kuntar and the Palestinian flag in recent days.



[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2008]

Sign on right: "Freedom for Heroic prisoner Samir Kuntar"



[PA Daily, picture from Lebanon, *Al-Ayyam*, June 30, 2008]

Bulletin – July 24, 2008

**Palestinian Authority Libel:
Israel's supernatural rats
chase away Jerusalem's Arabs**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The Palestinian Authority has come up with yet another wild accusation about Israel. Two PA newspapers - one directly controlled by the office of PA President Mahmoud Abbas - are accusing Israel of releasing rats with supernatural qualities to chase away the Arab residents of Jerusalem.

According to the PA papers, the Israeli-Jerusalem rat is:

1. Immune to rat poison;
 2. Aggressive and larger than usual;
 3. Unafraid of cats and able to scare them away;
 4. Highly fertile -- female rat gives birth to 140 babies a year, four times the normal average;
 5. Highly selective -- Jewish residents of Jerusalem apparently are not affected by these rats.
- Israel's goal, the libelous PA articles accuse, is "to turn the residents' life into a living hell, forcing them to leave." Interestingly, the articles do not mention how the rats are trained to differentiate between Jewish and Arab residents of Jerusalem.

The following are the two stories:

"...one of the most amazing things that we've read during this month is that [Israeli] settlers have been bringing chests filled with rats and releasing them in the Old City's [Arab] neighborhoods; they breed and have become a major curse... the [Arab] residents' efforts to counter this infestation have failed, especially since cats run away from these rats because of their size and ferocity... All of the conventional efforts to kill them have not succeeded, because they seem to be immune to poison and they breed in the sewers. It is known that this female rat gives birth seven times a year, each time giving birth to 20 babies; which compels Jerusalem's [Arabs] today to face the dangers of settlement and the infestation of rats..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), controlled by the office of Mahmoud Abbas, July 18, 2008]

"Large numbers of [Israeli] settlers have been bringing huge cages full of rats and releasing them onto the streets and alleys of the Old City [Jerusalem]...in order to turn the [Arab] residents' life into a living hell, forcing them to leave..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 17, 2008]

Creating libels against Israel is a pivotal aspect of the Palestinian Authority's incitement to hatred against Israel and Jews. [PMW reported earlier this month that the PA media were accusing Israel of conducting Nazi-like experiments on Palestinian prisoners \(LINK\).](#)

Bulletin – July 30, 2008

**PMW sparks debate in Norway
over funding of PA hate indoctrination**

PMW director Itamar Marcus's recent trip to Norway has sparked a debate at the highest political levels about whether Norway should continue funding the Palestinian Authority, which

uses its budget to glorify terror and terrorists, and to promote hatred and violence.

[The issue was the lead item on the nightly TV news.](#)



Norway's TV news highlighted the dilemma faced by countries funding the PA who do not want to fund the PA hate culture.

[TV 2 (Norway) news, July 6, 2008]