

Bulletin – Aug. 4, 2009

High school graduates at official Fatah ceremony: Haifa and Jaffa are “Palestine”

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Palestinian school books and educational television routinely teach children to envision a world without Israel. One of the results can be seen in this graduation ceremony sponsored by Fatah in which high school graduates in a speech identify the Israeli cities Haifa, Acre, Jaffa and Jerusalem as part of "Palestine."

[Click here to view the PA TV \(Fatah\) broadcast of the speech](#)

The following is an excerpt from the speech by the high school graduates:

Sign on stage: "Tribute to high school graduates under the auspices of Mahmoud Abbas, Fatah."

Male graduate: "In the name of the *Shahids* (Martyrs), in the name of the prisoners, in the name of the stone and the rifle."

Female graduate: "In the name of Fatah, the school that taught us the meaning of nationalism."

Male graduate: "in the name of Palestine: Haifa, Acre, Jaffa, and our Arab Jerusalem."

Female graduate: "In the name of Palestine: Gaza, the West Bank and the flag of national unity."

...

Male graduate: "Fatah is [still] with the rifle. And our rifles are not rusty even if they have fired thousands of bullets."

[Al-Filistiniya TV (Fatah), July 28, 2009]



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Terrorists who killed 37 Israeli civilians applauded as heroes by Fatah conference delegates

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Fatah leaders responded with loud applause when two terrorists who committed the worst terror attack in Israel's history were referred to as heroic Martyrs by former PA Prime Minister Abu Alaa, at the opening ceremony of Fatah's Sixth General Conference:

"We have in our midst the hero Khaled Abu-Usbah, hero of the operation [terror attack] led by the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi [loud applause from the audience]. We salute him and welcome him. And [we salute] the hero, the *Shahida*



(Martyr) Dalal. [He shouts:] All the glory! All the glory! All the glory! All the sisters here are Dalal's sisters."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 4, 2009]

[Click here to view the Fatah conference applauding the terrorists](#)

Dalal Mughrabi and Khaled Abu-Usbah are seen as Palestinian heroes for having carried out the bus hijacking in 1978 in which 37 Israeli civilians, 12 of them children, were murdered.

Former Prime Minister Abu Alaa (Ahmad Qurei), who read the statement, is the current Chairman of Fatah Department for Recruitment and Organization.

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**PMW in Foreign Affairs Committee
of US House of Representatives**

Last week Palestinian Media Watch director Itamar Marcus made a presentation in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, stressing the continued rejection of the basic principles of peace by the Palestinian Authority in its Arabic media. Mr. Marcus focused on the Palestinian Authority's continued support for violence, terror and terror glorification, as expressed by numerous Fatah leaders and the PA media in anticipation of the Fatah Sixth General Conference.

Following the presentation Illeana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Ranking Republican on the committee, released a statement calling on the US to make demands of the Fatah Party at the current Fatah Sixth General Conference, and that US aid to the PA should be conditional upon fulfillment of these meaningful steps towards peace:

"The U.S. should demand that Abu Mazen and Fatah reform their charter, renounce and combat violent extremism, stop using Israel-free maps, and recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

"If they do not, the U.S. should condition assistance to the PA on such meaningful steps to embrace a real and lasting peace with Israel."

Earlier last week PMW issued a bulletin recommending that Fatah, at its Sixth General Conference should eliminate these four principles, cited by Cong. Ros-Lehtinen, that are serious obstacles to a peaceful solution.

The following is the previous PMW Bulletin about peace promotion steps the Fatah could take at their Conference:

**Historic opportunity
at Fatah Sixth General Conference:
Eliminate 4 foundations of the conflict
and join the peace process**

Starting Aug. 4, 2009, the Fatah movement will convene its Sixth General Conference - the first such gathering in 20 years and the first since the 1993 signing of the Oslo Accords. This official gathering offers a historic and unique opportunity for Fatah, and for Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of both Fatah and the Palestinian Authority, to officially and publicly eradicate four Fatah principles that are basic foundations of the conflict. This would demonstrate to the world and to Palestinians that the Palestinians have joined the peace process.

1- Fatah does not recognize Israel's right to exist. Fatah leaders emphasize that this ideology is current and not merely an oversight.

Mahmoud Abbas: "It is not required of Hamas, or of Fatah, or of the Popular Front to recognize Israel."

[Al-Arabiya TV [Dubai] and PA TV (Fatah) Oct. 3, 2006] [Click to view](#)

Muhammad Dahlan, senior Fatah MP:

"I want to say for the thousandth time, in my own name and in the name of all of my fellow members of the Fatah movement: We do not demand that the Hamas movement recognize Israel. On the contrary, we demand of the Hamas movement not to recognize Israel, because the Fatah movement does not recognize Israel, even today."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 17, 2009] [Click to view](#)

2- Fatah continues to use maps that don't acknowledge Israel's existence.

President Barack Obama has condemned such maps as a threat to Israel's security:

Obama: "I will never compromise when it comes to Israel's security... Not when there are terrorist groups and political leaders committed to Israel's destruction. Not when there are maps across the Middle East that don't even acknowledge Israel's existence."

[AIPAC Conference, June 4, 2008]

In photo to the right, note PA flag and word "Palestine" in English at top of map.



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Apr. 28, 2009]

Such a map also appears as an official Fatah symbol under guns and under the PLO flag. When this symbol was created it had only one meaning - that Fatah would destroy Israel through violence. This map is not merely a historical symbol. Today Fatah promotes this symbol and it appears no fewer than 11 times on the [official Fatah website home page](#).

At the coming Fatah Conference, will Abbas sit under the official Fatah symbol, a symbol that to Palestinians implies the goal of destroying Israel?

In photo to the right: Fatah website home page



3- Fatah charter still calls for Israel's destruction

Fatah's charter, calling for Israel's destruction, is still valid and still appears on Fatah's website:

Article 8: "The Israeli existence in Palestine is a Zionist invasion with a colonial expansive base, and it is a natural ally to colonialism and international imperialism."

Article 19: "Armed struggle is a strategy and not a tactic, and the Palestinian Arab People's armed revolution is a decisive factor in the liberation fight and in uprooting the Zionist existence, and this struggle will not cease unless the Zionist state is demolished and Palestine is completely liberated."

[Link to Fatah charter on Fatah site](http://www.fatah.org)



4- Fatah continues to endorse violence and terror

On many occasions Fatah leaders have echoed the Hamas policy of justifying a ceasefire as a temporary or tactical measure:

Mahmoud Abbas: "Now we are against armed conflict because we are unable. In the future stages, things may be different... 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 '60s and '70s]."

[*Al-Dustur* (Jordan), Feb. 28, 2008]

Muhammad Dahlan, senior Fatah MP: "The political plan guarantees the continuation of our national struggle in all its forms..."

PA TV host: "If so, the [violent] resistance and struggle continue."

Muhammad Dahlan: "This is our right, a legal right. The international community affirms it for us. But it is the responsibility of the leadership to use it when it wants, in the proper place and at the proper time. We cannot leave it in the hands of youth who use their own judgment. This is the difference between [PA] using this right and just anyone using it. I lived with Chairman Yasser Arafat for years. Arafat would condemn [terror] operations by day while at night he would do honorable things. I don't want to say any more about this."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 22, 2009] [Click to view](#)

Conclusion - Historic opportunity for Fatah to join the peace process

- If Abbas's Fatah refuses to recognize Israel, then a peace process has not yet begun.
- If Abbas sits under a map of Israel as "Palestine", then a peace process has not yet begun.
- If Abbas's Fatah charter calls for Israel's destruction, then a peace process has not yet begun.
- If Abbas's Fatah continues endorsing armed conflict, then a peace process has not yet begun.

***The convening of the Fatah Sixth General Conference
is a historic opportunity for Fatah to enter the peace process.***

Bulletin – Aug. 10, 2009

A Jewish state threatens all humanity: Official PA news agency

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

While Israel demands that the PA recognize Israel as a Jewish state, the official Palestinian Authority news agency has responded with a vicious anti-Semitic article stating that a Jewish state (literally "Jewishness of a state") is by definition inherently racist and endangers all humanity.

The PA is accusing Israel of ethnic cleansing of Arabs and Palestinians, and says this policy of the "Jewish state" endangers global security.

In addition, the political editor of the Wafa news agency writes that Israel is waging a war "aimed at eradicating Palestinians, with slogans first, then by practice." He says that Israel aims to eliminate "everything related to Arabism" and replace it with a "racist state" based on Judaism.

He calls upon the international community, which has already banished other racist regimes, to stop the development of this "theocratic regime."

The following is the full article by the political editor of Wafa:

"The Jewish State, or People, or Land is a synonym of the black nightmare of Racism. It is a war waged on us; a new war aimed at eradicating Palestinians, with slogans first, then by practice. Such a practice is the most dangerous in this land's history; Exile, or 'Transfer' and eliminating everything related to the Arabism of this homeland, which has witnessed years of organized transfer of its people. Are we now witnessing our complete, final expulsion?"

"We still do not understand, and we have not learned the lesson. We merely repeat our reactions, and every time they escalate their actions, we respond as they [Israelis] want us to respond. Protest alone will not change or influence things, because it is devoid of roots and flows not from a united people, but rather from streams, groups and divided parties... fighting for government that is not worthy of being called government. We are still under occupation; we are still ruled, in every aspect of life: livelihoods, sovereignty, and decision....

"If we do not wake up, perhaps we will be outside of our homeland and without residence.

"The Jewish State is clear in its objectives, even implementation and application. It means eliminating 20 per cent of the Jewish entity's citizens; Arabs and Palestinians. It probably means forcing them out; transferring them.

"Those who are calling for the Jewishness of 'the State' are performing a political act... whose fundamental aim is the complete closure of the right of return. And it is not only the right of return that is being rejected here: Also prohibited is the remaining of the Palestinians who are upon their lands and forbidden houses in the Galilee and in the Triangle and in the Negev and in Jerusalem, as a 'first stage,' and in every place where there are Palestinians.

"In terms of all this, should we expect that they are deliberately trying to violate the inalienable right of return, considered a priority on the negotiations agenda, by the United Nations and its Security Council?"

"A Jewish state endangers not only Palestinians, but also the Arab World, and the global security. It is a call for legitimizing a racist entity, built on pure ethnic and theocratic criteria. They apparently think that they are a race, and they want a racist state! All of this doesn't end with the Palestinian issue; it becomes a general [international] matter, which raises the question:

"Will the present international system, with its modernity and development, and after banishing the racist entities, allow the development of a theocratic regime, successor of racist regimes that have disappeared, where anyone who does not recognize it cannot live there?"

[Wafa News Agency, July 27, 2009]

Bulletin – Aug. 11, 2009

Jerusalem Post: PMW director discusses Fatah and Hamas hate programming for kids

PMW director Itamar Marcus is the main source for Monday's *Jerusalem Post* feature about how Hamas and Fatah use popular media, including music videos and TV programs aimed at children, to preach hatred to kids, encourage children to seek death for Allah and deny Israel's existence. In the article, *Tube of Hatred*, Marcus talks about how cuddly, appealing characters are used to convey messages of violence and hate.

"Children are very attracted to these characters," he says. "Kids fall in love with them, and then right in front of their eyes, these characters . . . become *shahids* (martyrs for Allah), one after another, killed on television by Israel. It creates intense hatred."

Following is the Jerusalem Post article, with links to the programs and videos mentioned in the article:

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Tube of Hatred

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Aryeh Dean Cohen, [THE JERUSALEM POST](#)

While Israeli youngsters spend summer days crowded around TV screens watching a variety of cartoons and other entertainment programs, in Gaza and the Palestinian Authority, children will be getting quite a different message from some of their TV programming: a message of hatred.

"For many years both Fatah and Hamas have been actively



using television for propaganda," says Itamar Marcus, director of the Palestinian Media Watch. From music videos to the dramatic death of cartoon-like characters, including a Mickey Mouse look-alike named Farfur, the message of martyrdom is being drummed into young minds.

From the first months of the intifada, music videos were being turned out to get young Palestinians into the streets, he says. Starting in January 2001, says Marcus, "there was one where a boy wrote a [farewell letter](#) and then went off hoping to be killed. You see the boy throwing stones, a singer sings his farewell letter, and when he falls dead on the ground, the words in the music video are sung: 'How sweet is *shahada* [martyrdom] - ahla *shahada* - when I am embraced by you, my land.' And you see him falling down in slow motion. Death as a martyr was presented as sweet, as calm, and there were periods when this was being broadcast three times a day."

Another music video featured [Muhammad al-Dura](#), who Palestinians claimed was shot by the IDF but which was later disproved. "It opens with al-Dura calling to children: I'm waving to you not to say goodbye, but to say: Follow me," says Marcus, whose group monitors the PA, Hamas and other Arab stations that offer such propaganda. "Then you see a reenactment of the event in which he was killed, after which he is shown in child's paradise where he's playing with a kite in a grassy field, on the beach, and he's even walking towards a Ferris wheel. He's having a wonderful time in child's paradise, where there are amusement parks, and he's calling others to follow him. Both these clips ran almost daily on PA TV for years, sometimes many times a day."

Many videos, all of which can be viewed on the PMW Website (www.Palwatch.org) feature very young children. "The farewell video starts as the boy is riding his bike; he's portrayed as just a little kid riding off on his bike, leaving his father. But he's also a hero, secretly going to join the popular struggle," says Marcus. One program that appeared on PA TV last year featured a [child in a Palestinian school](#) getting up and reading; "I love the way of *shahada*, the land will drip my blood."

CALLING THESE current programs "booster shots" to "get the kids out there," when needed for rock-throwing or other violence, he says there are "many music videos with continuous violence that depict throwing stones and firebombs as glorious. There was one that ran for a few years in which one child, maybe 10 years old, tells another who appears to be about six that: 'The [stone in their hand will turn into a Kalashnikov](#).'

Hatred is also promoted in the videos, like one of a young woman "sitting in the rubble of her house, and the boy says: '[I will avenge the humiliation of my mother](#)'. Then he goes out with other boys to throw stones, and one of the stones goes through a window with a Magen David on it."

Another key message on both PA and Hamas children's TV is that there is no State of Israel, "that there is a world without Israel," says Marcus. "A special Ramadan program last year featured a [geography quiz](#) posing questions like: Name Palestinian ports. The answer? Haifa Port, Ashkelon, Jaffa, Eilat, Ashdod and Gaza."

"That the world should be viewed as a world without Israel is a very prominent message even today continuing on Palestinian TV, which is under the direct control of Mahmoud Abbas."

IN THE space of a month, Hamas and Fatah ran identical items on TV. Each program showed young children dancing on television with [big keys around their necks](#), each of which bore the name of an Israeli city. The Hamas keys were marked Beit She'an, Jerusalem, Haifa, Ramle and Acre and the Fatah ones read Haifa, Ramle, Acre, Jaffa and Beersheba. They keys carried the same message of symbolizing ownership of Israeli cities.



But it was Farfur, the Mickey Mouse character, who really made headlines. A featured performer on the popular Friday afternoon Al-Aksa TV (Hamas) program Tomorrow's Pioneers. In 2007, Farfur appeared for a few months before being [killed on TV by an "Israeli interrogator"](#). He was replaced by Nahul, a bee, who also [died on TV](#) when Israel refused him medical treatment. "As he died in bed, Saraa, the hostess, says: 'Congratulations to you. Today we don't mourn you as if you died, we say congratulations because it's your wedding. Congratulations. You are a *shahid*,'" notes Marcus.

The bee was replaced by a bunny named Assud, which means "lion," "because he was a bunny on the outside but a lion inside," explains Marcus. "Among other things he says that because he is a lion, he is going to [kill the Jews and eat them](#). Another time he said that if the Danes ever did another cartoon of Muhammad, he would [kill the Danes and eat them](#), as well."

In his final video, Assud explains how he went to the headquarters of Al-Aqsa TV because he heard Israeli forces might bomb it during Operation Cast Lead. "Saraa sits with him as he's dying, and he says: '[Tell the children that Assud has died](#), died as a hero, died as a *shahid*....' She tries unsuccessfully to revive him, and then the children all say: 'We will sacrifice ourselves for you, O Palestine.' The message is that if Assud can be a *shahid*, all the children can be.

"Assud was replaced by a bear named Nassur, who [declares war on the Zionists](#). He says to Saraa: 'You are ready, Saraa, we are all ready to sacrifice ourselves for the homeland.'"

"CHILDREN ARE very attracted to these characters," notes Marcus, "Kids fall in love with them, and then right in front of their eyes, these characters... become *shahid*, one after another, killed on television by Israel. It creates intense hatred. In fact, we've had children call in to the program and say: 'We hate the Jews because they killed Farfur.' The life-size dolls have been turned into the perfect tools to imprint hatred on young minds.

"They realize that if they can indoctrinate their children at a very young age that Israel and the Jews are the enemy, they won't have much trouble getting them to join the violence and terror against Israel as they grow older."

Marcus, who has traveled the world lecturing on Palestinian society and education, recently told a group of Swedish MPs, who supply funding to the PA: "When you fund the Palestinian Authority directly you are responsible for the continuation of hate education, and for the wars we will fight in the next generation."

"Once Palestinian society has decided to teach children that death is better than life, a message we find in Palestinian schoolbooks, as well, they don't see any problem in brainwashing young

children because they're convinced that they are brainwashing them to higher values," Marcus explains. "They feel they are instilling what they see as the greatest Islamic value, and will use any tool to do it, including Mickey Mouse."

Exploiting the children of suicide bombers for propaganda purposes is not beyond the pale for Al-Aksa TV. Only recently, the two young children of woman suicide bomber Reem Riyashi, who killed four Israelis at the Erez crossing in 2004, were brought into the studio, where a [reenactment video clip of their mother's suicide](#) terror was shown in their presence.

"In the music video the girl playing Riyashi's daughter sees the actress playing her mother hiding the bomb she's preparing, and asks 'What are you holding in your hand? Is it a toy or a present for me?' Later on the girl finds out her mother committed a suicide attack and says in the video: 'You held a bomb in your hands, now I know what is more precious than us.' This program ended with Saraa telling her young audience: 'We will continue in the footsteps of the *shahida* fighter Reem Riyashi until we liberate our homeland from your oppressive hands,'" explains Marcus.

YIGAL CARMON, president and founder of MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute), recalled a recent video which depicted a [Palestinian boy who came to the White House](#) to stab president George W. Bush, in which he turns the White House into a mosque. Viewed recently by me, it features two puppets, the Palestinian boy and Bush, the latter dressed in what look like battle fatigues.

Broadcast on Al-Aksa TV on March 30, 2008, it features the boy saying, "I place my trust in Allah. I need to kill you," after explaining how Bush and his minions have "killed daddy in the Iraq war," how his mother was killed "by you and the criminal Zionists in Lebanon" and his younger and older siblings in "the Gaza holocaust. I'm an orphan, you criminal... You took everything from me, Bush." After the White House is miraculously turned into a mosque, the boy takes the "sword of Islam" and stabs Bush several times, making stabbing sounds as he does so.

"The most serious thing is that they are recruiting children at a very young age - four, five, 10 - totally recruited to war which is against international law, which forbids this," says Carmon. "When they recruit children for killing, for war, for jihad, show them using swords - that's illegitimate. They are recruiting young minds to war. They are inculcating violence in their little souls.

"They are stealing their childhood and are turning little children into weapons, not letting them have a childhood, not exposing them to any culture except the culture of violence," says Carmon, whose Web site (www.memritv.org) contains dozens of such videos, which can be viewed by the public and include translations. "When you show a young kid stabbing Bush to death with several stab wounds, that's inculcating violence into their souls."

Bulletin – Aug. 17, 2009

**Accusation that Israel killed Arafat
continues PA campaign
of conspiracy libels**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

One of the few unanimous decisions emerging from Fatah's Sixth General Conference was the resolution that Israel murdered Yasser Arafat. The congress decided to set up a Palestinian commission of inquiry to investigate the circumstances of Arafat's death, and called for an international inquiry to do the same.

This is just the latest of many accusations by the Palestinian Authority that Israel murdered Arafat - in fact, it's the fourth such accusation in the last month.

But more important than the specific accusation is the fact that it continues the systematic campaign of conspiracy libels about Israel, Israelis and Jews that is an integral part of the PA's continuing hate promotion.

PA libels claim that Israel conspires to infect Palestinians with AIDS, spread drug addiction, corrupt youth with aphrodisiac chewing gum and destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque, among other nefarious deeds. The goal is to inculcate hatred to the degree that fighting and murdering Jews and Israelis will be glorified as heroic self-defense.

Following are some of the recurring PA libels that are being tracked by PMW:

- 1 - Libel: [Israel spreads AIDS and drugs](#)
- 2 - Libel: [Israel to destroy Al-Aqsa Mosque](#)
- 3 - Libel: [Israel to rid Jerusalem of non-Jews](#)
- 4 - Libel: [Israel murdered Arafat](#)
- 5 - Libel: [Israel seeks to rule from Euphrates to Nile](#)
- 6 - Libel: [Protocols of the Elders of Zion](#)

Bulletin – Aug. 19, 2009

**No Jewish connection to Western Wall:
PA university lecturer**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A Palestinian Authority university lecturer is the latest PA academic to rewrite history and deny Jewish history in Jerusalem - in particular, the Jewish people's connection to the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) of the Jewish Temple.

Shamekh Alawneh, a lecturer in modern history at Al-Quds Open University, says the Jews invented the connection to the Wall for political purposes, to convince European Jews and Zionists to come to "Palestine."

"It has no historical roots," he said on a television program called *Jerusalem - History and Culture*. "This is political terminology to win the hearts and the support of the Zionists in Europe, so they would emigrate and come to Palestine. Nothing more!"

The show's interviewer also refers to the "Judaization" of Jerusalem, and to Jewish plots to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Denying Jewish history in Jerusalem and the existence of the Jewish Temple is a central component of PA political ideology. This denial started with Yasser Arafat and continues to be reiterated by academics, politicians and religious leaders. PA leaders systematically distort the ancient history of Jerusalem, ignoring the vast historical documentation and thousands of archeological finds related to Jewish history that have been found in Jerusalem.

To view the interview with Alawneh, [click here](#).

To view other examples from the PMW archives of PA denials of Jewish history in Jerusalem and the existence of the Temple, [click here](#).

Following is the transcript of the interview:

Interviewer: "There are plots against this [Western] Wall that seek to harm the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and there is an attack on history, theft of culture, falsification of facts, erasure of the truth, and Judaization of the place . . ."

Shamekh Alawneh: "The [Jews'] goal in giving the name 'Wailing Wall' to this [Western] Wall is political. . . The Jewish Zionists had no choice but to invent an excuse [about Jerusalem] to spread among the Zionists or the Jews in Europe, to connect to something concrete from the past about Jerusalem. They made false claims and called the 'Al-Burak Wall' the 'Wailing Wall.'"

Interviewer: "Can we understand that this term [the 'Wailing Wall'] and this strange [Jewish] interest concerning this place are new, with no historical roots?"

Alawneh: "Absolutely. It has no historical roots. This is political terminology to win the hearts and the support of the Zionists in Europe, so they would emigrate and come to Palestine. Nothing more!"

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 11, 2009]

Bulletin – Sept. 2, 2009
Palestinian TV children's quizzes
Teach that there is no Israel
By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Palestinian children are taught through formal and informal education to see a world in which "Palestine" replaces all of Israel. Two children's quizzes broadcast last week on Fatah-controlled Palestinian Authority television show how the PA routinely teaches its children to identify all Israeli cities as Palestinian cities.



In the two quizzes on PA TV (Fatah), children were asked to identify Palestinian cities. The suggested answers were exclusively Israeli cities: Haifa, Jaffa, Acre and Tiberias.

The following are the transcripts of the PA TV (Fatah) quizzes:

Quiz 1: Haifa, Jaffa and Acre are "Palestine"

Host reads clue: "Where is Palestine's most important port, in Haifa, Jaffa or Acre?"

Child: "Jaffa."

Host: "Is it correct?"

[Checks computer.]

Host: "Bravo!"



[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2009]

[To view this PA TV \(Fatah\) quiz, click here](#)

Quiz 2: Jaffa, Acre and Tiberias are "Palestine"

Host reads clue: "There's a Palestinian city whose walls are very high and strong, and Napoleon, whom we all know, stopped his battle, because he was unable [to breach] the solid walls.

Which city is it, Jaffa, Acre or Tiberias?"

Child: "Acre."

Host: "Applause, bravo!"

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 30, 2009]

[To view this PA TV \(Fatah\) quiz, click here](#)

The following are examples from PA schoolbooks, which also teach Palestinian children to imagine a world without Israel:

"Coastal states differ in terms of their access to water sources, such as...: states located on sea coasts with accesses to two seas, for example: Palestine and Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea."

[*Physical Geography and Human Geography*, Grade 12, p. 105]

"Palestine has a long coast facing the Mediterranean Sea and a short coast on the Gulf of Aqaba."

[*Health and Environment Studies*, Grade 8 (2003), p. 130, the Israeli city of Eilat is on the Gulf of Eilat (Aqaba) - Ed.]

"The Tiberias Lake [Sea of Galilee], in Palestine..."

[*Physical Geography*, Grade 5, p. 25]

[For the full report on Palestinian schoolbooks click here](#)

The following are examples of previous PA TV (Fatah) quizzes teaching the identical message of a world without Israel:

Child host: "List three Palestinian ports... we have the Haifa port, Jaffa, Ashkelon, Eilat, Ashdod & Gaza." [Note: All are Israeli cities except Gaza.]

Child host: "What is the size of the state of Palestine?"

(On phone) Haidar: "27,000 sq. km."

[Note: The size of the West Bank and Gaza is 6,220 sq. km. The figure of 27,000 sq. km. includes all of Israel.]

Child host: "Name three countries bordering Palestine."

(On phone) Muhammad: "Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt."

[Note: Only Israel borders Lebanon.]

Child host: "The Palestinian borders overlook two important seas. What are their names?"

(On phone) Lama: "The Mediterranean and the Red Sea."

[Note: The Red Sea borders Israel's southern tip.]

Child host: "What's the name of the only sweet-water lake in Palestine?"

On phone, Ayyam: "The Tiberias Sea [the Sea of Galilee]."

[Note: The Sea of Galilee is in Israel.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2008]

Child host: "Where is Ein Harod [Israeli town]?"

Child: "In Palestine."

Child host: "Good. Which mountain is the tallest in Palestine? And where is it located?"

Child: "Mount Meron [in Israel]."

Child host: "That's half an answer, where is it located? In Nablus, Hebron or Galilee?"

Child: "In the Galilee [in Israel]."

Child host: "Correct answer. The tallest mountain in Palestine is Mount Meron, in the Upper Galilee, east of the mountain is the city of Safed [Israeli city], the capital of northern Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 9, 2008]

Child host: "What is the name of the desert in Palestine?"

Nahad: "The Negev desert" [southern Israel]

Child host: "Correct answer."

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 18, 2008]

Child host: "Which of the Palestinian cities is named after the Roman ruler, the Emperor Tiberius?"

Child: "Tiberias." [Israeli city]

Child host: "Your answer is correct."

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 20, 2008]

Child host: "Yesterday's riddle: O bride of Palestine, the most beautiful in the garden, O you who sit on the shore waiting for time to return. Don't cry, my dear, beautiful daughter of Canaan ... And the answer is: Jaffa. [Israeli city - part of Tel Aviv]"

Child host: "Which Palestinian city is called 'the flower of Galilee'? The possibilities are: Tiberias, Nazareth, Acre." [All are Israeli cities]

Answer: "Nazareth."

[PA TV (Fatah) Sept. 15, 2008]

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Both Hamas and Fatah refuse to teach Holocaust to Palestinian kids

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Hamas's demand that the UN not include Holocaust education in schools in Gaza drew widespread international criticism last week. But the refusal to educate children about the Holocaust is not unique to Hamas. It follows the Holocaust-denying precedent set by the Palestinian Authority under Fatah and articulated by numerous PA religious and political leaders, including Mahmoud Abbas.

In the latest news, Hamas demanded that the Jewish Holocaust be deleted from the UN-prepared human rights curriculum for 8th grade, according to the PA daily *Al-Ayyam*. The next day, PA TV (Fatah) reported that a UN representative "strongly denied rumors that UNRWA will be teaching the subject of the Holocaust as part of its curriculum." [PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2009]

But Holocaust denial and distortion are already common components of Palestinian ideology. In the newest Palestinian schoolbooks produced by the Palestinian Ministry of Education, there is no mention of the Holocaust or of racial discrimination against Jews, although the subject of the Second World War is treated in detail.

For PMW's report on the lack of Holocaust education in PA schoolbooks, [click here](#).
For PMW's latest report on Palestinian schoolbooks, [click here](#).

As well, Fatah political and religious leaders have either denied or minimized the Holocaust on official Fatah-controlled television and in official PA daily newspapers. And PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas wrote his doctoral thesis on "the secret relationship between Nazism and Zionism."

To see excerpts from Abbas's thesis, click [here](#) and [here](#).

Examples from the PMW archives of Palestinian Holocaust denial and distortion follow the news items below.

The following is an excerpt from the PA daily Al-Ayyam on Hamas's opposition to teaching the Holocaust:

Headline: "Gaza: Activists accuse UNRWA of attempting to teach about Jewish Holocaust in curriculum for human rights"

"Director of the education department of the aid agency [UNRWA], Mahmoud Al-Hamdiat, denied that there was any intention on the part of the agency to teach material on the subject of the Holocaust...

Activists protecting the rights of Palestinian refugees accused UNRWA of an attempt to teach about the Jewish Holocaust in the human rights curriculum. The activists, representing the Hamas people's committees of the various districts of the Gaza Strip, expressed their anger in the face of this development. They demanded the removal of this material from the 8th grade human rights curriculum.

Coordinator of the people's committees in the Gaza Strip, Hussam Ahmad, told *Al-Ayyam* that

the scientific material included in the curriculum was formulated in a manner favorable towards the Jews... Ahmad warned of a trend towards creating a generation that shows sympathy towards the Jews and towards [concerning] the Holocaust. He stated that the refugees' committees would continue to carry out various activities to deter the agency from its decision. It should be noted that the peoples' committees of the refugees in the Gaza Strip sent a memorandum to [director of UNRWA operations, John] Ging, demanding the deletion of the subject of the Jewish Holocaust from the human rights study material for 8th grade."

[Al-Ayyam, Aug. 31, 2009]

The following is the transcript of the PA TV news item reporting on UN's assurance that there is no Holocaust material in the human rights curriculum:

"UNRWA Commissioner-General, Karen Abu Zayd, strongly denied rumors that UNRWA will be teaching the subject of the Holocaust as part of its curriculum. At a press conference held in Gaza today, she stated that the human rights curriculum will not be altered. Abu Zayd, who accompanied Christian Berger, the European Commission Representative, on a tour of the fishing harbor in Gaza, said that UNRWA is developing the human rights curriculum [in its institutions] and is developing study material dealing with the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights..."

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2009]

The following are examples of Palestinian Holocaust denial and distortion from the PMW archives:

Abd Al-Rahman Abbad, Secretary General of the [Palestinian] Organization of Clerics and Disseminators of Islam:

"[The Israeli separation fence is a symptom of] the Jewish mindset, a mindset controlled by the [idea of the] ghetto. The ghetto means living in an isolated neighborhood only for Jews. That's why they cannot live with other groups because they believe that their culture and religion obligate them to have contacts only among themselves, based on an attitude of superiority towards others. That's why they did not live, for example, in the West, in separate neighborhoods, but lived in what is called 'a ghetto.' The ghetto was not forced upon them, as is thought, rather, they were the ones who forced it upon themselves. This [separation] fence is not just one fence, there are many fences. Look at the [Israeli] city Lod, for example, or Ramle. There is no mixing between different population groups who are all Israeli citizens. There is separation. The reason for this is the Israeli mentality, the ghetto mentality, the mentality of rejection of 'the other', and refusal to coexist with him..."

[Jews] exaggerate every action that other [nations] do against any Jew in the world. In this context is the Holocaust issue, which the whole world still [deals with]. There is a place [in Israel] called 'Memorial for Holocaust and Heroism,' which tells of the killing of 6 million Jews, but it is known that in all of Europe there weren't 6 million Jews."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 17, 2009]

Note: The Organization of Clerics and Disseminators of Islam is headed by Ikrima Sabri, former Palestinian Authority Mufti under Yasser Arafat and Mahmoud Abbas.

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"Various groups in Israel expressed their disappointment at the speech delivered yesterday by Pope Benedict XVI at the Yad Vashem Institute for the commemoration of the so-called memory of those who died in the Nazi Holocaust."

[PA TV (Fatah), May 12, 2009]

Najat Abu-Bakr, Fatah member of PA Parliament (Palestinian Legislative Council):

"This enemy [Israel] constantly commits new holocausts, everywhere and at all times."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 3, 2008] [Click here to view](#)

Narrator: "'The disabled and handicapped are a heavy burden on the state,' said the terrorist leader, Ben Gurion [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. While they accuse the Nazis or others so that 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, focusing on [bringing] strong and energetic youth [to Israel], while the rest - the disabled, the handicapped, and people with special needs - they were sent [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] [Click here to view](#)

Ibrahim Mudayris, Official, PA Ministry of Religious Trusts and Religious Affairs:

"In the Nazi war, possibly some [Jews] were killed, possibly some were burned, but they're exaggerating [the Holocaust] in order to win over world media, and world sympathy."

[PA TV (Fatah), May 13, 2005] [Click here to view](#)

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Hamas to women: Don't laugh and talk in public

Hamas seeks to establish Islamic laws in Gaza

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

With its establishment of Morality Units to supervise proper public behavior, Hamas appears to be going ahead with its goal of enacting Islamic law in Gaza.

According to a member of the Political Bureau of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Kayed Al-Ghoul, Hamas wants to limit women's freedom, prevent contact between men and women, and impose morality restrictions on men. Hamas's Morality Units prohibit women from laughing and talking in public, and want women to go outdoors only when accompanied by a male relative.



The following is from the article in the Palestinian daily, Al-Ayyam:

Member of the Political Bureau of the Popular Front, Kayed Al-Ghoul:

"Hamas in Gaza today maintains a type of tyranny... and seeks, through undemocratic means of coercion and despotism, to enact laws that enforce their ideology and their party's world-view on the entire Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip...

Hamas enforces [wearing of] the headscarf and long gown (hijab and jalabiya) on female lawyers and students; it acts to separate the sexes in government departments by imposing a separation between the sexes in offices and waiting rooms, and it has prohibited mixed folk dancing. Most dangerous, it has established Morality Units, run jointly by the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, which ask couples who walk on the beach to present a marriage contract, and ask any woman walking alone on the beach to have an escort [male relative], and prohibit laughing and talking for women [in public], and have issued a religious ruling (fatwa) prohibiting men from swimming in shorts, with the rest of their bodies naked."

[Al-Ayyam, Sept. 3, 2009]

To see PMW bulletins on Hamas's goal to establish Islamic laws, see:

[Hamas enacts Islamic Shari'ah law](#)

[Hamas lies about preparing strict Islamic law for all of Palestinian Authority](#)

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Palestinian witnesses during the Gaza War: Hamas used civilians as human shields

***Hamas in 2008 expressed pride in its policy
of using women and children as human shields
to protect "Jihad fighters"***

***The following is a review
of PMW special reports released during the Gaza War
on Hamas's use of human shields
and Hamas's killing of Palestinian civilians***

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"The [UN] Mission is unable to form an opinion on the exact nature or the intensity of their [Hammas's] combat activities in urban residential areas that would have placed the civilian population and civilian objects at risk of attack. While reports reviewed by the Mission credibly indicate that members of Palestinian armed groups were not always dressed in a way that distinguished them from civilians, the Mission found no evidence that Palestinian combatants mingled with the civilian population with the intention of shielding themselves from attack."

[Goldstone Commission Report on the Gaza War, Sept. 15, 2009]

The UN's Goldstone Commission Report claimed it could find "no evidence" that Hamas intentionally used civilians as human shields during the Gaza War. But PMW's special reports during the war documented this practice, and revealed testimony from children describing how they were being used by Hamas in combat support roles

Hamas had already announced publicly before the war that using "women, children and the elderly" as "human shields" was indeed Hamas policy -- and that Hamas was proud of it. Hamas Member of Parliament, Fathi Hamad, pronounced with enthusiasm on Hamas TV that Hamas had made "death an industry," and that its message to Israel ("the Zionist enemy") about its use of civilians as shields was, "We desire death as you desire life." There was also Palestinian testimony about Hamas murdering Palestinian civilians during the war.

PMW is re-releasing some of the ***PMW Special News Reports*** published during the Gaza War, documenting Hamas's use of civilians as human shields, its murder of Palestinian civilians, and Mahmoud Abbas's blaming the war on Hamas.

To see all PMW Special News Reports that were released during the Gaza War, [click here](#).

Following is the collection of PMW Special News Reports relating specifically to human shields, Hamas murdering Palestinians and Abbas blaming Hamas for the war:

Palestinian victims describe being used as shields by Hamas

Members of a Gaza family whose farm was turned into a "fortress" by Hamas fighters have reported that they were helpless to stop Hamas from using them as human shields. They described how for years Hamas has used their property and homes as shields for military installations from which to launch rockets into Israel, dig tunnels and store arms. According to the victims, those who tried to object were shot in the legs by Hamas.

The following is the description in the official Palestinian Authority daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah):

"The Abd Rabbo family kept quiet while Hamas fighters turned their farm in the Gaza strip into a fortress. Right now they are waiting for the aid promised by the [Hamas] movement after Israel bombed the farm and turned it into ruins..."

The hill on which the Abd Rabbo family lives overlooks the Israeli town of Sderot which turned it into an ideal military position for the Palestinian fighters, from which they have launched hundreds of rockets into southern Israel during the last few years. Several of the Abd Rabbo

family members described how the fighters dug tunnels under their houses, stored arms in the fields and launched rockets from the yard of their farm during the nights.

The Abd Rabbo family members emphasize that they are not [Hamas] activists and that they are still loyal to the Fatah movement, but that they were unable to prevent the armed squads from entering their neighborhood at night. One family member, Hadi (age 22) said: 'You can't say anything to the resistance [Hamas], or they will accuse you of collaborating [with Israel] and shoot you in the legs.'

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 27, 2009]

**Hamas explains using civilians as human shields:
We desire death as you desire life (February 2008)**

The following is the full text of the comments by Hamas representative Fathi Hamad months before the war, articulating the Hamas ideology to use civilians as human shields for Hamas fighters:

"For the Palestinian people death has become an industry, at which women excel and so do all people on this land: the elderly excel, the Jihad fighters excel, and the children excel. Accordingly [Palestinians] created a human shield of women, children, the elderly and the Jihad fighters against the Zionist bombing machine, as if they were saying to the Zionist enemy: 'We desire death as you desire life.'"

[*Al-Aqsa TV* (Hamas) Feb. 29, 2008]

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Iranian daily: Hamas hiding forces in nurseries and hospitals

An Iranian reformist daily newspaper has criticized Hamas "for risking lives of civilians, amongst them children, by hiding its forces in nurseries and hospitals." This is reported in the Palestinian daily Al-Ayyam:

Headline: "Iran closes a reformist newspaper, for publishing a report criticizing Hamas"

"The Iranian news agency 'Irna' reported yesterday that the Iranian Culture Ministry has closed the reformist daily newspaper *Karjo Zaran* because it published a report that included criticism of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas).

On Dec. 30 the paper published a statement of a reformist student organization, that has criticized Hamas for risking lives of civilians, amongst them children, by hiding its forces in nurseries and hospitals. The statement was published while the Iranian government expresses a unified stands against Israel, and Tehran is overwhelmed by demonstrations against Israel."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Jan. 1, 2009]

Hamas using children in combat support roles

A child in Gaza describes how he and other children are being used in combat support roles for Hamas fighters. According to the Palestinian child, children are being used as scouts to follow Israeli movements, and as couriers to supply ammunition and deliver information to the Hamas fighters.

The following is the description of the children's combat support roles, quoted in an Israeli Arab weekly:

"[The newspaper] *Kul Al-Arab* called many Gaza Strip residents, to comprehend the situation of the people who are suffering for two weeks from the wild Israeli aggression...

Khaled, from A-Rimal [in Gaza], said: "We the children, in small groups and in civilian clothes, are fulfilling missions of support for the [Hamas] Resistance fighters, by transmitting messages about the movements of the enemy forces, or by bringing them ammunition and food. We ourselves are not aware of the movements of the Resistance fighters. We see them in one place, they suddenly disappear, and then reappear somewhere else. They are like ghosts, it is very hard to find them or hurt them."

[*Kul-Al-Arab* (Israeli Arab weekly), January 9, 2009]

Hamis gangs kill Fatah members in Gaza

The popular Palestinian singer, Jamal Najar, condemned Hamas as "gangs of anarchic security forces," describing how Hamas murdered his cousin right in front of his children, simply for stepping outside.

"I express my condolences to my cousins, some of them were killed yesterday by the gangs of the anarchic [Hamas] security forces in the Gaza Strip... The father was killed right in front of his children, because he didn't stay at home, after they placed him under house arrest, he and everyone who belongs to Fatah."



[PATV (Fatah), Jan. 6, 2009]

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Hamis kills "dozens of Fatah members" in Gaza

Hamis has murdered "dozens of Fatah members" in the Gaza Strip for merely violating the Hamas-imposed house arrest. According to the Palestinian daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) the atrocities, which also included shooting people in the legs, has created a backlash in the West Bank and caused "anger, which influenced the level of popular activities carried out in solidarity with the Gaza residents in the towns Ramallah and El-Bira."

The following are excerpts from the article in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah) and the transcript of the words of Jamal Najar:

Headline: "Reports of persecutions and liquidation of Fatah members by Hamas members evoke anxiety and condemnation in the West Bank."

"Reports mentioning liquidations of Fatah members in the Gaza Strip by members of Hamas evoked popular condemnation which was added yesterday to the erupting anger, which influenced the level of popular activities carried out in solidarity with the Gaza residents in the towns Ramallah and El-Bira. The reports from Gaza pointed out the death of dozens of Fatah members caused by Hamas members. A prominent leader stated that isolated random incidents of murder have occurred, but ruled out that this is a case of organized persecution.

Wafa A-Najar, a Gaza resident who lives in the town El-Bira, said that her father was killed the day before yesterday and nine of her family members were injured by shooting by Hamas, among them were three small children and two young people in critical condition...

According to the family's story, a squad belonging to Hamas came to her family's house in [the] Sheikh Radwan [neighborhood] in Gaza and shot at the legs of young Badran A-Najar, claiming

that he was violating the house arrest which was imposed on him, at the time when he was sitting with his cousins in front of the house...

A prominent leader in the Fatah movement in the Gaza Strip, Ibrahim Abu A-Naja, ruled out that this is a case of persecution by some organization, which aims at Fatah, however he pointed out that 'a number of isolated incidents' [of murder] had occurred, as has been reported by the Israeli media...

Abu A-Naja called for Hamas to halt any step which provides Israel the opportunity to attack us...

Groups within the Fatah movement in the West Bank estimated that more than 100 of its people in the Gaza Strip had been exposed to persecution, shooting, and liquidation."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 9, 2009]

Mahmoud Abbas: Hamas responsible for violence

In a news conference from Cairo, Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas placed the blame for the violence in the Gaza Strip squarely on the shoulders of Hamas. He described how he repeatedly made contact with Hamas and implored them not to break the ceasefire. He lamented that the violence in the Gaza Strip could have been avoided had Hamas not broken the ceasefire.

The following is Mahmoud Abbas's statement at a joint press conference with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmad Abu al-Gheit:

"I say in all honesty, we made contact with leaders in Hamas in the Gaza Strip. We spoke with them in all honesty and directly, and after that we spoke with them indirectly, through more than one Arab and non-Arab side... We spoke with them by telephone and we said: 'We beg of you, we hope that you won't break [the ceasefire.] As the [Egyptian foreign] Minister said: "Don't break the ceasefire, the ceasefire must continue and not stop." In order to avoid [violence] that has happened. If only we had avoided it."



[PA TV (Fatah), Dec. 28, 2008]

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Theft of ambulances by Hamas

The Goldstone report claimed it could find no evidence that Hamas stole ambulances during the Gaza War:

"The Mission did not find any evidence to support the allegations that hospital facilities were used by the Gaza authorities or by Palestinian armed groups to shield military activities and that ambulances were used to transport combatants or for other military purposes."

[Goldstone Commission Report on the Gaza War, Sept. 15, 2009]

However, PMW reported in May that Hamas stole 46 ambulances donated for use in the war and used them as "military vehicles":

"The [Palestinian] Health Ministry stated yesterday that Hamas militias had raided 46 ambulances, donated by Arab states during the recent aggression on the Gaza Strip, of the medical equipment that they contained... and used them as military vehicles to arrest civilians, after painting [the ambulances] black. The Ministry's director of public relations and information, Dr. Omar Nasr... said that the medical equipment removed from the ambulances was expensive. He demanded that the Hamas militias declare, courageously and openly, what had become of the thousands of tons of medical equipment which had been brought into the Gaza Strip as assistance for the Palestinian people."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 20, 2009]

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Hamas TV teaches kids to kill Jews

by Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

The two hosts of a Hamas children's TV program use three different words for "slaughter" to describe how to rid Israel of Jews. The bear puppet Nassur explains that all Jews must be "erased from our land," and the young host Saraa then specifies, "They'll be slaughtered."

Later in the conversation Nassur adds, "We want to slaughter them, Saraa, so they will be expelled from our land." He repeats, "...We'll have to [do it] by slaughter."

Three different Arabic expressions are used to describe the "slaughter" of the Jews: "Manhurin naher," "Nidbah-hom" and "Shaht."

The following is the transcript from the children's program Tomorrow's Pioneers:

Nassur: "There won't be any Jews or Zionists, if Allah wills. They'll be erased."

Saraa: "They'll be slaughtered." (Manhurin naher)

Nassur: "And just like we will visit the Qaaba [in Mecca]... everyone will visit Jerusalem."

[Seven-year old Palestinian child on phone tells how his father, a member of the Hamas Al-Qassam Brigades, "died as a Shahid (Martyr)."]



Nassur to child on phone: "What do you want to do to the Jews who shot your father?"

Child on phone: "I want to kill them."

Saraa: "We don't want to do anything to them, just expel them from our land."

Nassur: "We want to slaughter (Nidbah-hom) them, so they will be expelled from our land, right?"

Saraa: "Yes. That's right. We will expel them from our land using all means."

Nassur: "And if they don't want [to go] peacefully, by words or talking, we'll have to [do it] by slaughter." (Shaht)

[*Al-Aqsa* (Hamas) TV, Sept. 22, 2009] [Click here to view](#)

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A cartoon showing Gilad Shalit as the key to a lock with the text "Prisoners" recently appeared in the Palestinian paper *Al-Quds*.

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[*Al-Quds*, Aug. 28, 2009]

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be the means to release Palestinian prisoners. The boy tells the chain that the Palestinians are patient and can wait for the chain to break. The boy then drops the stone, and on it appears a picture of Gilad Shalit. The boy tells Shalit that Hamas will be back to "finish the job." The video ends with Shalit crying, and calling "Mommy!"

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Hamas child uses a stone to scrape away at a chain painted on a wall.

Child [to chain]: "You don't want to break- that's OK. Take your time; we're not in a hurry, we're very patient."

Child drops stone, and image of Gilad Shalit appears on stone.

Child [to stone - Shalit]: "You stay where you are; don't move. Tomorrow we'll be back and we'll finish the job."

(Song) "It is inevitable that the chains will be broken."

[The video ends with the stone - Gilad Shalit - crying: "Mommy!" (in Hebrew)]



[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 21, 2009]

The following is the transcript of the Hamas TV animation mocking Israeli hostage Gilad Shalit and promoting the kidnapping-for-hostage policy:

Gilad Shalit: "Mommy!"

Hamas child: "Who is it? Gilad [Shalit]? [Child laughs] Poor you! You've been rotting here for 3 years, and no one cares."

Gilad Shalit: "Please release me!"

Hamas child: "Are you asking me to be a collaborator and a traitor, that I'll betray my people and my homeland? Are you crazy!"

Gilad Shalit: "I have an idea: You [Hamas] go and capture more soldiers, they [Israelis] will be afraid and accept your terms to free me."

Hamas child: "Ah, they will free you not because they love you, but to prevent anxiety among your soldiers, so they won't be afraid, and stop their military service."

Gilad Shalit: "True."

Hamas child: "Gilad, stay here, and pray that [Hamas] succeeds in capturing another [soldier], so you'll be freed. Bye."

Gilad Shalit: "Mommy! Mommy! (in Hebrew) Free me!"



[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), July 6, 2009]

Following are two examples of PA and Hamas ministers advocating kidnapping of Israeli soldiers:

Ashraf Al-Ajrami, PA Minister of Prisoners:

"The language of peace and negotiations is not enough to urge Israel to cooperate positively regarding prisoners. The way Israel likes, it seems, is to exchange [prisoners] with kidnapped Israeli soldiers."

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

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Said Siam, PA Minister of Interior (Hamas):

"In the past, Hamas succeeded in kidnapping many Zionist soldiers. From among our forces there are thousands of prisoners. They (the forces) have to think how to free these prisoners, and I believe that there is no alternative but to kidnap soldiers to exchange for them. Hamas has kidnapped 10 soldiers.

There is nothing the Resistance cannot do. When there is a goal and a good plan, the goal can be achieved, especially about prisoners, which is top priority.

During the PA administration, Hamas has succeeded in kidnapping and hiding bodies, but unfortunately, two bodies were handed over for nothing. When there is a kidnapping, and it is secured, each case at its own time has its own negotiations."

[Abu Dabi TV, June 26, 2006]

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It should be noted that months before the Shalit kidnapping, PMW released the Siam speech, and warned that kidnapping-for-hostage was Palestinian policy.

To read PMW op-ed on Hamas's kidnapping-for-hostage policy, [click here](#)

To see more statements on PMW's website of the Palestinian kidnapping-for-hostage policy, [click here](#)

To see the PMW bulletin on the old PMW website, released before the Gilad Shalit kidnapping, "Hamas Plans to Kidnap Israeli Soldiers for Prisoner Trade," [click here](#)

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Bulletin – Oct. 4, 2009

Hamas repeats threat to capture more “Shalits”

Khaled Mashaal repeats message of Hamas video animations mocking Israeli hostage Gilad Shalit and threatening more kidnappings

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Following the release of the Gilad Shalit video in exchange for 20 Palestinian female terrorists who were involved in attempted murder, Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal has repeated the organization's threats to kidnap more soldiers. Hamas sees the release as vindication of its kidnapping-for-hostage policy.

Mashaal said:

"The resistance, which has succeeded in capturing Gilad Shalit, keeping him alive and well for more than three years, giving him proper treatment, and excelling in conducting indirect negotiations, is capable of capturing [another] Shalit and [another] Shalit and [another] Shalit, until not a single prisoner will remain in the enemy's jails."

["Palestine Information Center" - Hamas website, Oct. 2, 2009]

The following documentation was publicized by PMW in its bulletin of Sept. 30th, 2009:

Two video animations showing hostage Gilad Shalit as Hamas's prime leverage for prisoners' release have appeared on Hamas TV. Both applaud the Palestinian kidnapping-for-hostage policy, and advocate more kidnappings of Israeli soldiers.

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The second animation shows Gilad Shalit being held prisoner and talking to a Hamas child. The Shalit character says Israel does not care about him, and suggests that the only way for him to be released would be for Hamas to kidnap more soldiers. The child understands that further kidnappings would cause drafted Israelis to refuse to serve in the army out of fear of being kidnapped, and thus scare Israeli leaders -who otherwise don't care about Shalit - into accepting Hamas's terms.

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Bulletin – Oct. 4, 2009

Abbas supports using "all means" to free terrorists in Israeli prisons

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas:

*"We will definitely, always and forever,
act to free [our prisoners] using all means."*

Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas says that the PA will continue to use "all means" to release all Palestinian prisoners remaining in Israeli prisons.

His statement in Arabic, in response to the release of 20 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for a video proving that Israeli hostage Gilad Shalit is alive, counters his statements to Western leaders that outstanding issues with Israel will be resolved through negotiations, not violence.

11,000 terrorists are currently in Israeli prisons for terrorism-related offenses of various degrees. The PA has demanded that Israel release all of them, including mass murderers and planners of suicide terror who are serving multiple life sentences.



In the past, Abbas has emphasized his identification with imprisoned terrorists. In a February 2005 interview, he stressed that during the Terror War (Intifada), he was personally responsible for sending today's imprisoned terrorists on their missions against Israelis. He euphemistically used the word "resistance" for the terror missions he directed:

"I sent my son, brother or others to carry out the duty of the resistance."

Earlier in the interview he emphasized that the terrorists did what "we, we, [the PA] ordered them to do."

In the five-year terror war orchestrated by Arafat and Abbas, which was based primarily on suicide terror against civilians in buses and restaurants, more than 1,000 Israelis were murdered.

In a different interview, Abbas sent "greetings of honor and esteem" to Palestinian terrorist murderers, as he singled out some of the most notorious killers.

[To see Abbas acknowledging responsibility for sending terrorists, click here:](#)

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"I demand [the release] of prisoners because they are human beings, who did what we, we, ordered them to do. We, the [Palestinian] Authority.

They should not be punished while we sit at one table negotiating...

This is war. One (Israel) ordered a soldier to kill and I ordered my son, brother, or others, to carry out the duty of resistance (euphemism for terror).

This person killed and the other person killed.

So why say this person's hands are stained with blood, and must be kept in prison."

[PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 14, 2005]

[To see Abbas honoring terrorist murderers, click here:](#)

Following is the transcript of Abbas honoring terrorist murderers:

"I send greetings of honor and esteem to all prisoners in the occupation's jails. First of all to the veterans, and to chief prisoner Sa'id 'Ataba [life sentence for murder in terror attack.] And to the [imprisoned] political leaders: Marwan Barghouti [five life sentences for murder in terror attacks,] Ahmad Sa'adat [life sentence for murdering Israeli Minister of Tourism, Rehavam Zeevi] 'Aziz Duick, chairman of the Palestinian Parliament, Hamas] Jamal Huweil [life sentence for planning

terror attacks], Jamal Tirawi [life sentence for murder in a caf? suicide attack]: Greetings to you from our people."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 17, 2008]

[To read the recent PMW bulletin on the Palestinian kidnapping-for-hostage policy, click here.](#)

Bulletin – Oct. 13, 2009

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**PA dailies:
Obama's "Nobel Prize for Impotence"
Peace prize given blindly**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

The editor of the official PA daily has criticized the decision to award the Nobel Peace Prize to US President Barack Obama. According to Hafez Barghouti:

"After 10 months as president he [US President Barack Obama] has accomplished nothing. He has not brought peace anywhere, but has only escalated the fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq... Obama's acts are not worthy of any prize; but the opposite, he is a president unable to accomplish his goals and deserves a Nobel Prize for Impotence."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Oct. 10, 2009]

Two political cartoons also appeared in PA dailies following the award of the prize to Obama.

An Oct. 10 cartoon in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) shows Obama receiving an award that resembles an Oscar for acting but which is in the image of a soldier, with text: "Nobel Peace Prize."



The other cartoon, which ran on Oct. 10 in *Al-Ayyam*, shows two coins, one with the image of US President Barack Obama and the other of the founder of the Nobel prizes, Alfred Nobel.

The face of Alfred Nobel is blindfolded, suggesting that the prize was blindly given to Obama.

The Arabic text above the coins, the word *muhtamal*, literally means "possible," but is also the word used in the game of chance that involves flipping coins for "heads or tails." The text therefore has a double meaning. First of all, "Peace Prize - Heads or Tails" indicates that the prize was given without careful consideration, and as randomly as the flip of a coin. Secondly, the cartoon suggests that the prize should really be renamed the "Possible Peace Prize," because while peace may be possible, Obama has not yet achieved peace anywhere.



Bulletin – Oct. 18, 2009

Palestinian children learn: English is the language of the enemy

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Hamas children's program, *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, last week included a part in which children learned that it is important to know English because it is "the language of their enemy."

Following is the transcript:

Child host: "What do you want to be in the future, Allah willing?"

Child caller: "A teacher of the English language."

Host: "Why do you want to be specifically an English teacher?"

Child: "To teach children the language of their enemy." [Child host smiles.]

Host: "Very nice. A great field. It is not enough for us to know our own language... We also want to study the language of our enemies, to know how to have contacts with them, and so that we can convey the message of Palestinian children..."

Nassur: "Like me! Just like I know the Zionist enemy's language."

Host: "Really?"

Nassur: "Hebrew."

Host: "Okay, speak [in Hebrew]."

Nassur: "I can't." [laughing].

[Al-Aqsa (Hamas) TV, Oct. 16, 2009]

Bulletin – Oct. 19, 2009

PA still teaches kids that all of Israel is "occupied"

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

*"Allah willing, the day will come when we'll return to Lod
and all the areas they [Israel] have occupied."*

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 22, 2009]

PA TV (Fatah) continues to teach Palestinian children that all of Israel is "occupied Palestine." Despite continued pledges to change this message and to recognize Israel and its right to exist, the PA has not followed through.

Last month, the PA TV (Fatah) host Wallaa expressed the above wish at an outdoor broadcast of the weekly children's program *The Best Home*.

[To see how PA TV refers to Lod as "occupied", click here.](#)

The following is the transcript:

Child: "I'm from Palestine."

Host: "From where in Palestine? We're all from Palestine."

Child: "I'm from Lod [Israeli city]."

Host: "Oh, Lod is a very, very beautiful city. Anyone who goes there is so lucky! Do you really go in and out of Lod?" [from the PA to Israel]

Child: "But they [Israelis] have occupied it."

Host: "You mean you are from Lod, but you live here [in Ramallah]. Never mind, my dear. Allah willing, the day will come when we will return to Lod and to all the areas they have occupied."

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 22, 2009]

To see more examples from the new PMW website of how the PA replaces Israel with "Palestine," [click here](#).

To see examples from the new PMW website of how the PA denies Israel's right to exist, [click here](#).

To see examples from the new PMW website of how the PA advocates Israel's destruction, [click here](#).

Bulletin – Oct. 27, 2009

PA advertises equality for women in EU-sponsored public service spot

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

International aid organizations have been investing large amounts of money in developing Palestinian society, including the promotion of women's rights. One example is a public service advertisement running daily this month on Palestinian TV that encourages Palestinians to see women as potential leaders in society.

The short ad is an animation showing a young woman entering a women's university and graduating with honors. Later she is chosen as "Best Worker," and eventually succeeds ahead of a large number of male employees, reaching the position of director.

The ad was funded by several international bodies: The European Union, CARE, Center for Women's Affairs, Team for Women's Affairs, Mashareq and Rotana Group.

To view the PA TV (Fatah) public service advertisement promoting women's equality, [click here](#).

Other projects intended to protect or advance women in PA society, funded by foreign governments and NGOs this year, have included:

1. "Seminar on the fight against killings done in name of family honor," funded by a German NGO [AI Ayyam, Oct. 2, 2009]
2. "Project to strengthen legal defense for women forced to the periphery of society," funded by USAID [AI Ayyam, Oct. 2, 2009]
3. Project to advance "political participation among women," funded by an American NGO [AI Ayyam, Aug. 21, 2009]
4. "Seminar on the topic of seeking equal rights for women," funded by the EU [AI Ayyam, Sept. 10, 2009]
5. "Course to promote equality between men and women," funded by a German NGO [AI Ayyam, July 15, 2009]
6. "Development of education and support for women," funded by an American NGO [AI Ayyam, July 14, 2009]

Bulletin – Nov. 2, 2009

PA daily: Clinton is a corrupt liar

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The official Palestinian Authority daily has accused US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of taking bribes from Israel and wallowing in “a swamp of lies.”

“Why, Mrs. Hillary? How much did the Zionists pay you as a bribe?” taunted an article in today’s edition of *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), which is controlled by the bureau of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas.

Another article in the paper accused Clinton of lying:

“Words that treat truth with cruelty and wallow in the swamp of lies, especially coming from a person of senior position, are improper... [such are] the words of US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton.”



[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Nov. 2, 2009]

Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah) also ran a cartoon reiterating a longstanding Palestinian claim that the US is controlled by Jews. It shows an Uncle Sam figure looking into a mirror held by a caricature of a hook-nosed religious Jew, wearing a hat with a Star of David. Instead of seeing his own reflection, the American sees the Jew in the mirror.

The articles and cartoon come after Clinton praised Israel for making concessions on the issue of settlements, and blamed the Palestinians for not resuming peace talks without prior conditions.

Bulletin – Nov. 3, 2009

PA historian and PLO official deny Israel’s history in the Land of Israel and accuse Israel of “stealing” Palestinian symbols

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A Palestinian historian and a senior PLO official have denied that the Jewish nation has any historical connection to the Land of Israel, thus continuing the Palestinian Authority's ongoing historical revision.

In an interview on official PA television (Fatah), historian Nabil Alqam first denied thousands of years of documented Jewish history in Israel, then replaced it with “4,000 to 5,000 years” of fictitious Palestinian history.

Israel has publicized many archeological finds in recent years, including coins with Hebrew writing and even stamps [bullas] with names of biblical figures. It is possible that Alqam was responding to these numerous finds when he went on to accuse Israel of creating “artificial Israeli symbols.”

Nabil Alqam, PA historian:

"Why does the occupation [Israel] concern itself with stealing, [cultural] theft, distorting and erasing the Palestinian heritage? Because it [Israel] seeks a history [in the land] while [Palestinian] heritage is a history that proves our connection to the land... [The Palestinian heritage] has historical depth of 4,000 to 5,000 years. And here [Israel] attempts to steal these symbols to create fake Israeli symbols and identity."

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 22, 2009]

Saleh Rafat, a member of the PLO Executive Committee, said earlier this month that Israel has even stolen "cuisine, clothing [and] architecture" that were Palestinian in origin and claimed they are part of Jewish history. He denies that the Jewish Temple ever existed, arguing that the tunnels near the Western Wall of the Temple ruins are merely the remains of old aqueducts:

Saleh Rafat, PLO official:

"We revive this [Palestinian] heritage and cling to it in order to counter all of the attempts by Israel, by the Israeli occupation, to steal the national heritage and to falsify it with the claim that it is their heritage - from cuisine to clothing, and architecture. Every part of our heritage in our land, they claim is their heritage - even the tunnels they are trying to dig beneath the Al-Aqsa Mosque and under Jerusalem. Many of these tunnels are ancient tunnels that carried water to Jerusalem, and they [Israelis] claim that they are seeking an alleged Temple."

[Al-Filistiniya (Fatah) TV, Oct. 15, 2009]

Background

For more than a decade, the PA has been conducting a longstanding, systematic campaign to deny Israel's right to exist, first by claiming there was no Jewish history in the Land of Israel and then by fabricating a "Palestinian" history for Jewish sites, artifacts and archeological finds.

Since 1998, PA academics and religious leaders have claimed that Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims all populated the land of Israel in biblical times and even earlier. This year, the Supreme Islamic Council of the Palestinian Authority declared that Arabs have been living in the land of "Palestine" since 7500 BCE [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 17, 2009].

Placing Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims in Israel in biblical times is historically impossible:

1. The name "Palestine" as a replacement for the Land of Judea/Israel was coined by Rome only in 136 C.E., and for nearly 2,000 years Jews were the only Palestinians the world recognized.
2. Islam was established only in 610 C.E.
3. Arabs first arrived in Israel with the Muslim invasion in 637 C.E.

For in-depth review of PA rewriting Jewish history and fabricating Palestinian history, [click here](#).

Bulletin – Nov. 17, 2009

Kids' hate speech against Jews included in PA Arafat memorial

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

***"The Jews poisoned him [Arafat] and I hate them very much.
Allah will repay them what they deserve."***

[Video of Palestinian girl shown at Arafat memorial,
PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 10, 2009]

A televised memorial ceremony for Yasser Arafat included a video clip of Palestinian children delivering messages in honor of Arafat. It is noteworthy that even though this clip was prerecorded and edited, the organizers of the PA's official ceremony chose to include hate speech and libels that demonized Jews and glorified violence and Martyrdom.

Several of the chosen messages featured children repeating the ongoing Palestinian Authority libel that Arafat was poisoned by Jews. None of the children spoke about peace; in fact, the opposite was the case. One boy praised Arafat because he was a "fighter" who "did things through [violent] struggle," and who "did not make peace." The Martyrdom (*Shahada*) ideal was also selected as a message for the ceremony, with one boy quoting Arafat: "They want me dead, they want me prisoner but I say: Martyr, Martyr, Martyr!"

This children's section in the special memorial indicates the PA's success in transmitting to the next generation of Palestinian children hate libels that demonize Jews. Including these hate messages in the ceremony also shows that the PA approves of, and wants to publicize, the values of hatred, violence and Martyrdom that the children have adopted.

The following is the transcript of excerpts of the children's messages:

Ceremony host: "Blessings to Yasser Arafat, and here are messages from the children of Palestine."

Boy: "I was very, very sad when Arafat died as a *Shahid* (Martyr), because he was a good man and he was a fighter. He did things through struggle, he participated in the struggle and did not make peace and so on. He wanted to fight."

Boy 2: "Yasser Arafat was a very, very important president. He stood up to all the enemies and was not afraid of anyone. And anyone who approached - he managed to stop him. All the Jews and the Israelis and the people who are against us, were afraid of him. When he died, he died of poisoning."

Girl wearing pendant in the shape of Israel: "I say that he died from poisoning by the Jews. That's what I say."

Boy 3: "Arafat used to say: "They want me dead, they want me prisoner, but I say to them: Martyr! Martyr! Martyr!"

Girl 2: "He [Arafat] was our former president. He was under siege in Ramallah, and when he was under siege we were very upset. The Jews poisoned him and I hate them very much. Allah will repay them what they deserve."

Boy 4: "He [Arafat] died from poisoning by the Jews. Well, I don't know what he died from, but I know it was by the Jews."

Boy 5: "They destroyed his whole house and he was left in one room and in the end the Jews poisoned him and blamed someone else."

[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 10, 2009]

To see PMW's recent bulletin on the repeated PA libel that Israel was responsible for Arafat's death, [click here](#).

The official memorial ceremony for Yasser Arafat was held at the Ramallah Cultural Palace on Nov. 10, 2009, the fifth anniversary of his death, and broadcast live on PATV. Speakers included Salaam Fayyad (PA Prime Minister) and Nasser Al-Qidwa (Chairman of Board of Directors, Institute for Commemoration of Arafat, and former PA Foreign Minister). Several senior PA, Fatah and PLO personnel attended, including Al-Tayeb Abd-Al-Rahim (Secretary General of the PA Presidency), Tayseer Al-Tamimi (PA Chief Justice of religious court and Chairman of Supreme Council of Islamic Law), and Fatah Central Committee members Muhammad Dahlan, Sultan Abu-Einin and Nabil Shaath.

Bulletin – Nov. 20, 2009

Israel poisoned Arafat – PA libel lives on

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

The PA has been disseminating the libel that Israel poisoned Yasser Arafat since Arafat's death five years ago. This accusation was reiterated this month at events commemorating the anniversary of his death.

At an official Fatah-PLO commemoration of the anniversary of Arafat's death, held in Beirut and broadcast live on PA TV (Fatah), Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein said:

"They [Israelis] killed the *Shahid* (Martyr) Yasser Arafat by poisoning, under the pretext of [fighting] terror."

[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 15, 2009]

Earlier this year, MP and senior Fatah leader Muhammad Dahlan also accused Israel of killing the former PA Chairman:

"I think that we're at the end of a process of abuse of the [Fatah] movement. Israel started it with the ruining of the Fatah movement and the ruining of the Palestinian Authority and its institutions, and the killing of Chairman Yasser Arafat."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 22, 2009]

Earlier this week, PMW reported on another official PA commemoration of Arafat's death in Ramallah. It featured prerecorded hate messages from Palestinian children, including the repeated accusation that Israel poisoned Arafat.

The following is the transcript of excerpts of the children's hate speech at the PA's official Arafat memorial:

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[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 10, 2009]

To view PMW's bulletin documenting five years of the ongoing libel that Israel murdered Arafat, [click here](#).

Bulletin – Nov. 24, 2009

PMW in the *Denver Post*

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During a recent lecture tour to the US, PMW director Itamar Marcus presented new PMW material and findings concerning the Palestinian infrastructure of hate and the duplicity with which PA leaders speak of recognizing Israel while at the same time transmitting a message of total rejection of Israel's right to exist to the Palestinian people.

Itamar Marcus presented at other research institutes and at several universities and gave interviews to radio and newspapers.

The following is an interview with Itamar Marcus from *Denver Post*:

Denver Post, Nov. 22, 2009

Making Israel disappear

By Vincent Carroll

If you sit down with [PMW director] Itamar Marcus, you had better brace yourself for a jarring refresher course on Mideast reality. That's especially true if you tend to think like the current administration. If you believe, for example, that the Israeli-Palestinian impasse is all about borders and settlements and that the construction of 900 housing units in southern Jerusalem "could end up being very dangerous," as President Barack Obama said last week.

If it's "very dangerous" to construct Jewish housing in a city that Israel will never, ever relinquish, what should we call the effort to brainwash children into believing that Israel itself doesn't exist?

How should we describe the claim that not only East Jerusalem - captured by Israel in the 1967 war - belongs to the Palestinians, but that every other Israeli city, from Haifa to Ashkelon, belongs to them, too?

"In the world inhabited by Palestinian children," Marcus tells me, "there is no Israel." And if you give him time, the director of Palestinian Media Watch (palwatch.org) in Jerusalem will subject

you to a barrage of depressing evidence for his contention.

He'll show you snippets from TV quiz shows for Palestinian kids predicated on the non-existence of Israel.

Host: "Which mountain is the tallest in Palestine? ..." Child contestant: "Mount Meron (in Israel)."

On another show, a host asks, "Which Palestinian city is called 'the flower of Galilee'?" and then names three Israeli cities!

Then Marcus will show you school geography lessons that use maps on which Israel is missing. Do any Palestinian textbook maps acknowledge the existence of Israel, I wonder. "No," Marcus replies.

The anti-Israeli content of Palestinian textbooks has been a longstanding concern for anyone who yearns for a permanent political settlement, but surely those books have improved since Yasser Arafat's death in 2004. Not really, says Marcus. If anything, he says, they devote more space than ever to depicting conflict with Israel as a solemn religious duty aimed at liberating a Muslim land.

Remember, we're talking about textbooks chosen by the Palestinian government led by the allegedly moderate President Mahmoud Abbas, not the overtly jihadist Hamas. The Palestinian Authority media, meanwhile, are full of similar Islamist references that offer no room for compromise, and that honor terrorists and suicide bombers as national heroes.

No less ominous is what Marcus describes as the Palestinian Authority's "infrastructure of hate," the relentless depiction of Jews as sinister and evil - as conspirators spreading AIDS, for example, or undermining the very foundations of the Al-Aqsa mosque.

Naturally, Jews poisoned Yasser Arafat, too - or at least that is what children are told.

In a TV tribute to Arafat earlier this month, one youngster unconsciously presented the essence of this paranoid vision: "He died from poisoning by the Jews. Well, I don't know what he died from, but I know it was by the Jews."

"In 2008," the State Department boasted this summer in a press release, "the U.S. was the single largest national donor to the Palestinian Authority . . . committing more than \$600 million in assistance"

And the fruits of this investment? A Palestinian public that remains in resolute denial about the reality of Israel more than 60 years after its founding. Surely that should worry us more than the expansion of a Jewish neighborhood in a capital whose Jewish roots extend back several thousand years.

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Egyptian doctors join PA hate libel

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

The Palestinian Authority libel that Israel deliberately harvests organs from dead Palestinians has caught on in the Arab world. Last month Egyptian authorities temporarily denied Israeli doctors entry into Egypt to participate in a medical conference. The head of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate explained that this was because they "participated in torture" of Palestinians and because they "are also guilty of stealing the organs of Palestinian prisoners."

The following are the remarks by the head of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate as reported in the PA daily, *Al-Ayyam*:

"The head of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate, Dr. Hamdi Al-Sayed, said yesterday that the decisions of the [Egyptian] medical associations were based on a rejection of relations with Israeli doctors, since they took part in grave abuses against the Palestinian people. He stated,

in press releases in Cairo, that the Egyptian Medical Syndicate views any type of normalization with the Israeli occupation as a crime.

In response to the Israeli doctors' protest over Egyptian authorities not issuing them permits to enter Egypt for a medical conference, he said: 'We have no regard or respect for the Israeli doctors because the medical community has condemned them due to their participation in the torture of Palestinian prisoners.' He added: 'The Israeli Medical Association has acknowledged having participated in torture, noting that it had done so with the aim of protecting Israeli citizens.' He stated that the Israeli doctors are also guilty of stealing the organs of Palestinian prisoners, and that 'such people will not be permitted to take part in our medical activities.'

[*Al-Ayyam*, Nov. 27, 2009]

The Egyptian doctors are the latest in a line of Arab officials to publicly accept as fact the PA libel that Israel steals Palestinian body parts. Several Arab foreign ministers have given support to this libel in recent months, demanding an international investigation of organ theft:

[Headline:] "The Arab League Council publishes resolutions supporting the Palestinian issue and demands an investigation into the theft of the organs of our *Shahids* (Martyrs)."

"At the conclusion of its assembly in Cairo a short time ago, the Council of Arab Foreign Ministers published a series of resolutions in support of the Palestinian people. In addition, they demanded an investigation of Israel's crimes of stealing organs of Palestinian *Shahids* (Martyrs).

They demanded the establishment of a UN Fact-Finding Mission in order to confirm that Israeli government gangs have stolen the organs of many Arab inhabitants, and to provide Arab and international aid to the [Palestinian] national committees that would be set up to investigate these crimes."

[Wafa official PA News Agency, Sept. 10, 2009]

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Authority continues to reinforce the libel. PA Minister of Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake described last week how Israel "punishes" the dead by "disfiguring" the "Martyrs" and stealing their organs:

"Would you believe that Israel punishes not only those who are alive, but also the dead, by holding their corpses in secret military cemeteries inside Israel for many years, and when it returns some of the *Shahids* (Martyrs) to their families, they come back disfigured after organs have been stolen from them."

[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 24, 2009]

To see more examples of PA's organ theft libel from PMW's collection, [click here](#).

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Shalit deal motivates more kidnappings

Ana strengthens Hamas

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

As both Arab and Israeli sources report that an impending prisoner exchange will trade kidnapped Israeli hostage Gilad Shalit for Palestinian terrorists serving life sentences for murder, Palestinian sources report that this move will increase the motivation to kidnap Israeli

soldiers. PMW has reported similar statements in the past in response to earlier prisoner exchanges.

In addition, the deal will improve the position of Hamas internationally and internally: Internationally, because Israel's demand that the world boycott Hamas will be weakened as Israel itself has negotiated this release with Hamas; and internally, because Hamas will be strengthened among the Palestinian population as the movement that succeeded in releasing prisoners.

The following are the recent articles:

Headline: "The effect of the prisoner exchange deal on the Palestinian map"

"The degree of influence of the prisoner exchange deal [on Palestinian society] is dependent on the conditions of the deal and whether it follows Israel's criteria, which include not freeing those serving lengthy prison terms ("whose hands are stained with blood") [parentheses in original] ...

The information thus far shows that Israel's criteria have largely been shattered, while the Palestinian criteria have been breached to a lesser degree...

Completing the deal according to Palestinian criteria means:

a. Israel understands only the language of force, since kidnapping is the only thing that leaves open the gates of hope for freedom for prisoners with long prison terms. This encourages others towards self-sacrifice for the sake of the homeland and to respond to the mandatory call to resist the occupation and to cause it loss of life.

b. Israel was forced to negotiate - even if indirectly - with a Palestinian organization, that refuses to recognize it and to stop its (violent) resistance, and does not accept the Quartet's conditions. This will weaken Israel's ability to object to European, American and international contacts and meetings with the Hamas movement.

c. The Hamas movement's success in completing the prisoner exchange will deal it an important hand that will improve its internal [Palestinian] position, especially since the [exchange] deal occurs at a time when the bilateral negotiations [between Israel and the Palestinian Authority] have reached a dead end."

[Hani Al-Masri, PA columnist, *Al-Ayyam*, Dec. 1, 2009]

"[Gilad] Shalit is better known in the world than any Palestinian prisoner, as if it is obvious to the near-sighted and racist world that Shalit will be released from prison... while a Palestinian must enter prison and die there..."

The Hebrew state understands nothing but force in the 'conflict and solution' game. The microcosm of this is the 'imprisonment and release' game, which is currently at its climax, in what is known as the "Shalit deal"...

In this [prisoner] game there is no place for "humaneness" and "morality" [on Israel's part]... as we have learned from the [past] stories of prisoner exchanges, or the exchange of bodies [of kidnapped Israeli soldiers] for prisoners between Hezbollah and the Hebrew state, and the Ahmad Jibril deal [1150 prisoners exchanged for 3 Israelis soldiers], and [as we] now [learn from] - the Shalit deal.

The [Israeli] message is clear and unequivocal. Only, only - says the Hebrew state - by force, detainment, capture, and kidnapping of occupation soldiers, is it possible to free Palestinian prisoners "whose hands are stained with blood", [i.e., serving life sentences for murder]..."

[Abdallah Awad, *Al-Ayyam*, Dec. 3, 2009]

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Fatah fighters buying guns Instead of food for kids

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Members of Fatah's Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades are arming themselves for war against Israel by buying guns instead of food for their kids and by selling their wives' jewelry, according to the official Fatah website.

The website says that the Brigades, the so-called "military wing" of Fatah, are preparing a "harsh and painful" response to any Israeli attacks on Gaza. According to one of the heads of the Brigades, the fighters have to buy their own weapons to replace weapons confiscated by Hamas.

Following is the transcript of the item from the Fatah web site:

"With the renewal of the threats emanating from the Zionist military establishment to carry out a new attack on the Gaza Strip... the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades... warned of a harsh and painful response that the occupation state is not expecting. This response was conveyed by one of the heads of the Brigades in the Gaza Strip, Abu Ahed...

"Abu Ahed also declared that the Brigades' activity in Gaza should be viewed as a personal endeavor, since many of the Brigades' *Jihad* (Islamic War) fighters purchase weapons rather than food for their children, and many of them have even sold their wives' gold [jewelry] in order to obtain weapons, since the Hamas forces have confiscated the Brigades' members' weapons."

[Official Fatah web site, www.Fateh.org, Dec. 9, 2009]

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Jerusalem Post OpEd: The unique nature Of Palestinian Antisemitism

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian Antisemitism has long been recognized as a vehicle of hatred. From academics teaching that Judaism permits murder and rape of non-Jews, to religious leaders teaching that Islam demands the extermination of Jews, Palestinian anti-Semitism is a compelling force driving hatred and terror.

The Palestinian Authority depicts Jews as the archetypal force of evil throughout history. Jews are said to be responsible for all the world's problems: wars, financial crises, even the spreading of AIDS. Jews are a danger to humanity.



Whereas this paradigm has been used before, the Palestinians take it a step further, turning demonization of Jews into the basis for Palestinian denial of Israel's right to exist and a central component of Palestinian national identity.

Because of Jews' evil nature, according to this Palestinian principle, nations of the world have been involved in continuous defensive actions to protect themselves. The Antisemitic oppression, persecution and expulsions suffered by Jews throughout history are presented as the legitimate self-defense responses of nations.

Ibrahim Mudayris, a PA religious official, delineated this ideology: "The Jews are a virus similar to AIDS, from which the entire world is suffering. This has been proven in history... Ask Britain!... Ask France!... Ask Portugal... Ask czarist Russia - who invited the Jews and they plotted to murder the czar!... Don't ask Germany what it did to the Jews, since the Jews are the ones who provoked Nazism to fight the entire world." (PA TV [Fatah], May 13, 2005)

The apex of this Palestinian ideology, and possibly its purpose, is to use this demonization of Jews as the basis for denying Israel legitimacy and to present Palestinians as the ultimate victims. According to this Palestinian model, the Jews, who are said to have no history in the land, would never have considered coming to "Palestine": Europeans created Zionism as the final act in the long series of self-defense measures, to rid themselves of the "burden" of the Jews.

Political commentator Fathi Buzia recently explained this on official PA television: "Europe, led by Britain, founded Israel... The Jews in the time of Herzl caused European societies to lose sleep. They wanted to be rid of them, and implanted them in Palestine" (PA TV [Fatah], June 17). Dr Riad al-Astal, a history lecturer at Al Azhar University in Gaza, explained it this way: "In aiding Zionism, Britain's first aim was to be rid of the Jews, who were known to provoke disputes and disturbances and financial crises in Germany, France and other European states." (PA TV [Fatah], Dec. 28, 2003)

This demonization of Jews as the reason for delegitimizing Israel has been an integral part of Palestinian ideology, voiced by political, academic and religious leaders since the establishment of the PA. Already in 1998, the official PA daily described both Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews and British support for Zionism as defensive measures: "Hitler did not have colonies to send the Jews so he destroyed them, whereas Balfour... [turned] Palestine into his colony and sent the Jews. Balfour is Hitler with colonies, while Hitler is Balfour without colonies. They both wanted to get rid of the Jews... Zionism was crucial to the defense of the West's interests in the region, [by] ridding Europe of the burden of its Jews." (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* [Fatah], June 12, 1998)

This is not merely incitement; this is the foundation of Palestinian ideology. Israel is denied legitimacy and Palestinian victimhood becomes the foundation upon which a Palestinian national identity is created. Therefore, the Palestinian Antisemitism construct is so problematic and hard to dislodge. Since the aim of Palestinian Antisemitism is not merely to promote hatred, but part of a systematic demonization of Jews to deny Israel's right to exist, proving that Jews are evil has become an element of the ongoing Palestinian narrative.

Indeed, even in the period of the Annapolis Conference, the PA has never stopped disseminating a steady diet of hatred of Jews and Israelis. It has accused Jews and Israel of spreading AIDS among Palestinians, causing drug addiction among youth, planning to destroy

the Aqsa Mosque, and murdering Yasser Arafat. Jews are said to have lived in ghettos not because of European hatred, but because they see themselves as superior and do not want to mix with non-Jews, while the Palestinian chief religious justice recently said that the Quran warns of the Jews' inherently evil traits. Zionists are said to have forced Palestinians to undergo "selections" during the War of Independence, whereby the fit were put in labor camps and the unfit killed - some even burned alive.

All this and much more, since the renewal of the peace process.

The tragic reality is that this Palestinian Antisemitism and its conclusions may already be ingrained in Palestinian society. During a talk show for teens on official PA TV, a young girl explained the reason Jews live in Israel: "About the problem of the Jewish presence: You'd agree that the Jewish presence in the land of Palestine was nothing but the liberation of all the countries of the world from the source of evil. The evil that is found in the Jews has become a germ among us, which is a cancer that buried us and is still burying. And we are the ones who suffer from this cancer." (PA TV [Fatah], June 23, 2002) The adult moderator did not correct her. And why should he? She was merely reiterating the basis of Palestinian national identity.

In other countries, Antisemitism has been a tool to promote hatred for a variety of internal reasons. As such, when hatred was no longer necessary, Antisemitism as a government policy could be eradicated, as in post-Nazi Germany. But the goal of PA demonization of Jews transcends mere hatred. Antisemitism is its political tool to defame Zionism, deny Israel's right to exist and create victimhood as the glue that cements Palestinian national identity. Because this political goal will exist as long as Israel exists, Palestinian Antisemitism will be much harder to uproot.

If there is ever to be peace in the region, Palestinians must define a new Palestinian national identity - one that doesn't rely on Antisemitism and the eradication of Israel's legitimacy as its foundation.

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PMW Special Report on Palestinian kidnap-for-hostage tactic

By Itamar Marcus, Nan Jacques Zilberdik and Barbara Crook

This PMW Special Report includes 50 Palestinian statements concerning the Palestinian kidnapping-for-hostage policy. The statements cover the period since the release of 1,000 terrorists by Israel in exchange for a kidnapped Israeli in 2004, until the current negotiations for the release of Gilad Shalit in December 2009. These Palestinian statements document that the Palestinian motivation and justification today for continued kidnappings is the direct result of the earlier prisoner releases.

Israel's release of prisoners in exchange for hostages is not seen by Palestinian society as merely the last stage of one kidnapping, but as the first stage of the next kidnapping.

Executive Summary:

Background:

More than 10,000 Palestinians are currently in Israeli prisons for terrorism of various degrees. The Palestinian Authority demands that Israel release them all, including murderers of civilians and masterminds of suicide terror who are serving multiple life sentences. Israel argues that they have been imprisoned following proper judicial process and must complete their sentences.

PMW Findings:

Due to Israel's willingness to release Palestinian terrorists from jail in exchange for freeing kidnapped and imprisoned Israeli hostages, Palestinians have concluded that kidnapping-for-hostage is a valid strategy to achieve the release of additional Palestinian terrorists. This report documents that these opinions are found across the political spectrum and among the Palestinian leadership, both Fatah and Hamas.

Case Study 1

2004 -2006: 1,000 terrorists released for 1 kidnapped Israeli and bodies of 3 soldiers

The first major boost for the Palestinian kidnapping-for-hostage policy came in 2004, after Israel released more than 1,000 jailed terrorists in exchange for one Israeli kidnapped by Hezbollah and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers. Palestinians - including both Fatah and Hamas members - expressed support for the Hezbollah achievement as a positive precedent, stressing that kidnapping Israeli hostages would be, from then on, their modus operandi for the release of more prisoners.

"Fatah's military branch organized a civilian and military procession yesterday through the streets of Rafah. This event was held in appreciation and gratitude for the efforts Hezbollah made for the release of Arab and Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails as part of the prisoner exchange deal with Israel. In a public statement by the Abu Al-Rish Brigades, Fatah's military wing emphasized the need to follow Hezbollah's example in order to achieve the release of all prisoners."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 29, 2004]

See more statements that followed the 2004 prisoner release, in body of report, below.

Case Study 2

2006-2008: 3 Israeli soldiers kidnapped

In June 2006, Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit was kidnapped and taken to Gaza. Shortly thereafter, Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev were kidnapped by Hezbollah and taken to Lebanon. Again, both Fatah and Hamas expressed support for the kidnapping-for-hostage tactic:

"Fatah spokesman, Ahmad Abd Al-Rahman, conveyed his congratulations to the heroes who carried out the heroic act in southern Lebanon, in support of their Palestinian brethren... and emphasized that the demand to free the Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the Israeli soldier (Shalit) is a natural right... He emphasized that the Israeli soldier should be freed only in the event of the release of Palestinian prisoners."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 13, 2006]

See more statements that followed the 2006 prisoner release, in body of report, below.

Case Study 3

2008- Present: Israel's release of terrorist murderers seen as precedent

In July 2008, for the first time since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority, Israel

released terrorist murderers. In exchange for the bodies of Goldwasser and Regev, Lebanese terrorists were released. This had significant impact on Palestinian resolve because it was seen as breaking the last of Israel's "red lines." Since then, Palestinians have argued that every single Palestinian prisoner, even murderers, will be released, as long as Palestinians continue to kidnap Israelis.

The following are some of the reactions immediately following the release of terrorist murderers in 2008:

Fatah TV after the release:

"[Israel now] will not be able to refuse the Palestinian demands to release hundreds of prisoners, including heroes who carried out heroic military actions that led to the killing of Jews, soldiers, etc. Israel is trying to hide behind criteria that it calls 'those with blood-stained hands,' so as not to release prisoners, yet this deal includes heroes, such as Samir Kuntar, who carried out heroic actions in which Jews and soldiers died... This creates a new precedent."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 6, 2008]

Hamas TV news after the release:

Ismail Haniyeh, Prime Minister (of Hamas, in Gaza): "Just as today a respectable exchange took place with the resistance [Hezbollah] in Lebanon, so we too are determined to achieve a respectable exchange deal for our prisoners in the jails of the Israeli occupation. The Israelis have to pay a price, and they must know that they will pay a price."

TV Newsreader: "The Palestinian prisoners regard this deal with great optimism and hope, now that Hezbollah has managed to break the Zionist equation which has opposed, for years, the release [of prisoners] who killed Zionists."

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

Hamas cleric:

"I want to tell the residents of Gaza that the next captives' exchange deal will be stronger and more painful for the descendants of monkeys and pigs [i.e. Jews]... you [Israel] will pay dearly for this deal [prisoner exchange], and in the deals that will follow it, and in the deals that will follow those."

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

Additionally, the release of murderers serving life sentences in 2008 was seen by some as the end of Israeli deterrence:

Prisoner, Al-Sayed, serving 35 life terms plus additional 150 years:

"Life sentences of the occupation are meaningless... the success of the resistance [Hamas and Hezbollah] in kidnapping of occupation soldiers and the carrying out of [prisoner] exchanges have made these [prison] sentences meaningless."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), July 19, 2008]

See more statements that followed the 2008 prisoner release, in body of report, below.

2009: Israel's offer to release murderers reinforces kidnapping strategy

In the last months of 2009, as both Arab and Israeli sources have reported that Israel has agreed to release Palestinian terrorists serving life sentences for murder in exchange for kidnapped Israeli hostage Gilad Shalit, Palestinian sources are again reporting that this release will be the motivation for the next kidnapping:

"As we have learned from the [past] stories of prisoner exchanges... and now - the Shalit deal. The [Israeli] message is clear and unequivocal. Only, only - says the Hebrew state - by force, detainment, capture and kidnapping of occupation soldiers, is it possible to free Palestinian prisoners 'whose hands are stained with blood, [i.e., serving life sentences for murder].'"

[Abdallah Awad, *Al-Ayyam*, Dec. 3, 2009]

In 2009 the leaders of both the Fatah and Hamas movements reiterated their resolve to achieve the release of all Palestinian prisoners:

Mahmoud Abbas, PA Chairman:

"We have 11,000 prisoners. We will definitely, always and forever, act to free them using all means."

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 6, 2009]

Khaled Mashaal, head of Hamas political bureau:

"The resistance (Hamas)... is capable of capturing another Shalit and another Shalit and another Shalit, until not a single prisoner will remain in the enemy's jails."

[Hamas website, Oct. 2, 2009]

The Report

The following are 50 statements of this Palestinian policy that PMW has collected since 2004, showing the Palestinian Authority's response to the first release of terrorists for a kidnapped hostage, and showing how Palestinian motivation to kidnap again is reinforced each time Israel releases terrorists. All items below are translated from Arabic by Palestinian Media Watch.

2004 - 2005

In 2004, Israel agreed to release more than 1,000 Palestinian terrorists in exchange for one Israeli citizen kidnapped by Hezbollah (and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers). Palestinians - including both Fatah and Hamas members - expressed support and admiration for Hezbollah's achievement, seeing it as a precedent, and stated that the release of the prisoners established kidnapping as a model. Kidnapping Israelis would henceforth be the Palestinian modus operandi for the release of more prisoners.

"The Minister for Prisoners and Detainees Affairs, Hisham Abdul-Razeq, expressed his joy at the completion of the prisoners' exchange between Hezbollah and the Government of Israel. This deal includes the release of 400 Palestinian prisoners..."

The spokesman of the Committee of the Relatives of the Prisoners in Israeli Jails, Khalid Al-Khatib... said: 'The Government of Israel, by reaching this agreement, sends the Palestinians a message, which indicates that the releasing of your prisoners will not happen through negotiations.'

Palestinian National Council member Basam Abu Sharif thanked Hezbollah for its efforts to release 400 Palestinian prisoners. He described this act of Hezbollah's as a Pan-Arab one deserving respect ...

The Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements described the deal as 'an achievement,' which confirms that the resistance is 'a realistic and practical option' for the freeing of the land and the people.

One of Hamas's leaders, Ismail Haniyeh, told the French News Agency that the deal is a Palestinian, Lebanese and Arab achievement, adding: 'This deal confirms that the resistance is a realistic and a practical option, capable of liberating the land and the people.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 26, 2004]

"The wife of the prisoner, Nafiz Haraz, a resident of Gaza who served 19 years of his life imprisonment [sentence] in jail... said: 'Every single prisoner who is released is an achievement for us and a victory for the resistance [Hezbollah]... We thank Sheik Nasrallah for this important achievement of releasing prisoners. He is the hawk of the Arabs.'... The [Palestinian] citizens believe that Hezbollah's action has opened a new door of hope for the families of the prisoners, after it was closed during the [negotiations of] political solutions between the [Palestinian] National Authority and Israel, which did not lead to any practical results."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 27, 2004]

"Fatah's military branch organized a civilian and military procession yesterday through the streets of Rafah. This event was held in appreciation and gratitude for the efforts Hezbollah made for the release of Arab and Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails as part of the prisoner exchange deal with Israel. In a public statement by the Abu Al-Rish Brigades, Fatah's military wing emphasized the need to follow Hezbollah's example in order to achieve the release of all prisoners and detainees."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 29, 2004]

Headline: "Protests in all areas, and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades calls on its members to kidnap Israelis"

Sub-headline: "[PM Ahmad] Qurei: The detainees issue is one of the [Palestinian] government's top priorities. Their release is a condition for any possible agreement."

"The Presidency of the Legislative Council (PA Parliament) and the [national] forces announced their full support of the battle of the heroic prisoners whereas the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades called on its members to kidnap Israeli soldiers in order to pressure Israel on the prisoners' issue."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 16, 2004]

"The Islamic Jihad movement pointed out - in a public statement that was published on its behalf and was distributed during the procession - that it has the right to execute any action to obtain the prisoners' release... Mushir Al-Masri, Hamas spokesman, said that Hamas's threats to kidnap soldiers remain valid, and the movement will do everything in its power for the sake of the prisoners' release."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Aug. 17, 2004]

"The Hamas movement organized a mass parade yesterday in the Jabaliya refugee camp... demonstrating solidarity with the prisoners and detainees in the occupation's prisons... An official in the Hamas movement, Dr. Nizar Rayan, said... that whoever kidnaps and arrests our sons, we have no choice but to kidnap his soldiers, settlers and land thieves, for the liberation of our heroes imprisoned in the occupation's dungeons. He called for all the resistance divisions to act to kidnap Israeli soldiers for their exchange with our brave prisoners..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 21, 2004]

"Member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Mahmoud Khalaf, said that the Palestinians are faced with two ways of solving the prisoner issue: One through political negotiations, and the other through the capturing of soldiers, as happened with Hezbollah."

[*Al-Quds*, Aug. 24, 2004]

"The Al-Quds Brigades, Islamic Jihad's military wing, and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, which belong to the Fatah movement, threatened to kidnap Israeli settlers and soldiers for the release of the prisoners in Israeli detention centers... The Al-Quds Brigades and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades said during a joint press conference in the sit-down strike tent in the Unknown Soldier's Square: '...We have decided to step up our efforts to kidnap Zionist soldiers and settlers... We will not back down and we will not change our minds about that purpose, in any way, and we will do everything in our power to achieve it.' They mentioned several previous kidnapping attempts within the last three months, which have failed... They added... that instructions were given... to all military squads to begin operations for kidnapping Israeli settlers and soldiers, in order to save the prisoners."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 27, 2004]

"The military wing of the Hamas movement has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping and killing of an Israeli intelligence officer, Sasson Nuriel... The [Hamas] Al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement that the Brigades' unit for liberating prisoners had kidnapped the Israeli... planning to exchange him for prisoners, but a sweeping detention campaign by the occupation forces in West Bank towns had forced the unit to kill the officer. The Brigades said that by claiming responsibility for the operation, they were promising the prisoners that this operation was [just] the beginning."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 28, 2005]

"During a seminar at the Islamic University in Gaza... Freed prisoner Izz A-Din Al-Masri argued that negotiations alone cannot lead to the release of the prisoners, nor will kidnapping soldiers alone lead to the release of prisoners. It is necessary for both aspects - political negotiations and the Jihadi aspect - to be combined together within the framework of a clear program of activity for the sake of the prisoners."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 15, 2005]

2006 - 2007

In early 2006, Palestinian officials continued to advocate kidnapping Israelis, and PMW released two bulletins warning that Hamas planned to kidnap Israeli soldiers to hold as hostages.

In June 2006, Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit was captured near Gaza by Palestinian terrorists. Shortly thereafter, another two Israeli soldiers, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, were kidnapped by Hezbollah and taken to Lebanon, leading to the Second Lebanon War. The kidnapping and Israel's subsequent negotiations with the kidnappers reinforced the drive for more kidnappings. One hostage (Gilad Shalit) would not be enough to make Israel release the thousands of Palestinian terrorists in Israeli prisons, and Palestinian leaders therefore advocated more kidnappings to achieve the release of all terrorists.

Said Siam, Hamas Minister of Interior:

"In the past, Hamas succeeded in kidnapping many Zionist soldiers. From among our forces there are thousands of prisoners. They (the forces) have to think how to free these prisoners, and I believe that there is no alternative but to kidnap soldiers to exchange for them. Hamas has kidnapped 10 soldiers.

There is nothing the resistance (Hamas) cannot do. When there is a goal and a good plan, the goal can be achieved, especially about prisoners, which is top priority. During the PA

administration, Hamas has succeeded in kidnapping and hiding bodies, but unfortunately, two bodies were handed over for nothing. When there is a kidnapping, and it is secured, each case at its own time has its own negotiations."

[Abu Dhabi TV, Jan. 1, 2006]

Headline: "How will a Hamas government act regarding the prisoners in the prisons of the occupation?"

"Nabil Nassar, the representative of Hamas in the National and Islamic Forces Prisoners Committee, said, 'We will not abandon them [i.e. the prisoners]. The coming government will double its efforts to set them free using every possible means.'

Nassar said that Hamas, which will form the coming government, can take care of the prisoner issue by kidnapping [Israeli] soldiers if it fails to set prisoners free by peaceful means..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Feb. 14, 2006]

"The head of the Hamas party in the Palestinian Parliament [and Foreign Minister - ed.] Dr. Mahmoud Al-Zahar said that his movement would not hesitate to kidnap soldiers of the occupation in order to exchange them for [Palestinian] prisoners, should the opportunity arise."

[*A-Sharq Al Awsat* (London), March 7, 2006]

"The Islamic resistance movement (Hamas) yesterday threatened to carry out kidnapping operations of soldiers in the Israeli army, in order to release Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. The threat was announced by Hamas Member of the Palestinian Parliament, Fathi Hamad."

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

"[Palestinian Authority] Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh emphasized the importance of forming a mechanism for the release of our heroic prisoners who are held in the jails of the occupation... Prominent Islamic Jihad movement leader, Sheik Halid Al-Batash... called for seeking different mechanisms for the release of our heroic prisoners. He emphasized that among the mechanisms is the kidnapping of Zionists to exchange for the release of the [Palestinian] prisoners."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), April 17, 2006]

"Senior member of the [Islamic] Jihad [Movement]: Kidnapping of Israeli soldiers - the fastest way to the release of the prisoners. A senior leader of the Islamic Jihad movement [Sheik Khaled Al-Batsh] called on the factions of the resistance to kidnap Israeli soldiers in order to exchange them for Palestinian prisoners, whom Israel holds and refuses to release."

[*Al-Ayyam*, May 9, 2006]

"Osama Hamdan, Hamas representative in Lebanon, said that the capture of the two soldiers 'shows Israel that the only way to free them [Israeli captives] is to free the [Palestinian] prisoners in the Israeli jails.'"

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

Headline: "Hamas calls upon Hezbollah for a joint deal for exchanging prisoners..."

"In an announcement by Hamas... Hamas 'congratulates its brethren in Hezbollah for this quality operation. We admire its level of planning and execution...'

The announcement called upon 'the brothers in Hezbollah to make use of the capture of the two Zionist soldiers for an overall, joint Palestinian-Lebanese deal for exchanging prisoners...' The continued presence of Palestinian and Arab prisoners behind Zionist bars grants the Palestinian and Lebanese resistance complete legitimacy to capture more."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 13, 2006]

"Fatah spokesman Ahmad Abd Al-Rahman conveyed his congratulations to the heroes who carried out the heroic act in southern Lebanon, in support of their Palestinian brethren... and emphasized that the demand to free the Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the Israeli soldier [Shalit] is a natural right... He emphasized that the Israeli soldier should be freed only in the event of the release of Palestinian prisoners."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 13, 2006]

"Representatives of the national and Islamic factions said: 'Response to this continued [Israeli] aggression, and the capture of occupation soldiers, are the right of the resistance, for self-defense and meant to continue resistance to the occupation and to liberate the prisoners.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2006]

"Representative [of PA Parliament] Dr. Mustafa Barghouti... emphasized: 'This battle is for the liberation of our prisoners, who must not be abandoned.' He said that the procession [in Ramallah] was meant to emphasize the support of the Palestinian people for the Lebanese people..."

Deputy Minister of Prisoners' Affairs, Ziyad Abu Ein, stated that this year is the 'year of the prisoners.' He announced that not a single Palestinian or Arab prisoner would remain in the occupation's jails, and that the keys of the prisons were now in the hands of the resistance."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2006]

"During the program Meet the Press in Tulkarm, the speakers emphasized the need to empty the Israeli jails and to free the prisoners in exchange for Israeli soldiers... The representative of the Tulkarm region, Rushdi Al-Zaghal, said: 'The issue of the prisoners... proves that the occupation understands only the language of force.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2006]

An-Najah National University, Opinion Polls and Survey Studies Center

"Poll of Palestinians following Hezbollah capture of two Israeli soldiers as hostages for releasing Arab and Palestinian terrorists from Israeli jails which caused the Second Lebanon War.

96.3% defined their attitude towards Hezbollah as "good"

90.9% supported the demand of those holding the Israeli soldier not to release him without a captives' exchange deal with the Israeli government."

[An-Najah website, July 25, 2006]

"Fathi Hamad, Hamas member of the Palestinian Parliament, demanded the kidnapping of more Israeli soldiers in order to force Israel to free the [Palestinian] prisoners... Hamad stressed that it is the responsibility of the government, the Parliament, the [armed] factions and military arms to dedicate all means at their disposal to free the prisoners. He argued that the kidnapping of the soldier Gilad Shalit has hit Israel very hard."

[*Al-Ayyam*, March 10, 2007]

"Hamas Spokesman Ayman Taha confirmed... that kidnapping soldiers would continue to be the only means to liberate prisoners... 'The Hamas approach has been based, since [the movement's] inception, on liberating prisoners through kidnapping soldiers and exchanging them for Palestinian prisoners.' He expressed his pride in the ability of the resistance to take captives and to maintain negotiations."

[*Al-Rissala* (Hamas weekly), April 16, 2007]

PA Minister of Interior, Said Siam (Hamas): "There were suggestions to repeat the operations to kidnap other Israeli soldiers, because we know that the occupation understands no other language. Second, capturing the [one] soldier will not cause the liberation of over 10,000 prisoners."

Member of PA Parliament, Um Nidal (Hamas): "Disregarding the fact that I'm a member of Parliament as a Palestinian citizen, by Allah, I don't believe in any solution other than one: Kidnapping Zionist soldiers. We hope that with the help of Allah, may He be praised and extolled, the kidnapers will stick with their demands and will not lower their demands in any way... until they [the Israelis] surrender to our conditions."

Hamas TV reporter: "[Kidnapping] 10 Zionist soldiers - maybe fewer - will guarantee the liberation of thousands of Palestinian prisoners. A number of suggestions were brought up during the meeting of Parliament. The most prominent was the call for further kidnappings of Zionists soldiers as a solution to end prisoners' suffering."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 18, 2007]

"The [PA] Parliament has declared April 17 Prisoners' Day ...

Some of the representatives called for Hezbollah to include Palestinian prisoners in any exchange deal with Israel, while others called to tie the ceasefire to their liberation, or to resume kidnapping soldiers with a view to further deals...

Representatives warned against the failure of the efforts to release prisoners through peaceful means, which would ultimately lead to a search for other means, including the kidnapping of soldiers for the purposes of exchange, and a strengthening of the [violent] resistance which, some representatives said, is the only language that the occupation understands."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), April 18, 2007]

Representative Mussa: Operations to kidnap soldiers will continue

"[PA Parliament] Representative [from Hamas] Yihya Mussa emphasized that prisoners can be freed only by continuing kidnapping operations...

He emphasized further that it is important to continue with operations to kidnap Israeli soldiers.

He added: 'The [prisoner] exchange deal [for Gilad Shalit] will break all the [Israeli] rules and cross all the red lines that Israel has set down, since [Palestinians believe] there is no such thing as 'prisoners whose hands are stained with blood,' [Israeli term for prisoners sentenced for murder] 'Jerusalem prisoners,' '1948 prisoners' [Israeli Arabs] or 'Arab prisoners' [citizens of other Arab countries]. All of them will be included within the [Shalit] deal, with no discrimination.' He said further: 'We will not abandon the prisoners! The jails will be emptied through one strategy alone, which is resistance and the kidnapping of soldiers.'"

[Al-Rissala (Hamas weekly), April 23, 2007]

"Senior Hamas official Khalil Abu Layla confirmed that the intention to kidnap Israeli soldiers, beyond being merely a threat, is a strategy of the Hamas movement. He said that [Hamas] - as its leadership has declared publicly - will carry out operations to capture soldiers for the lofty and just purpose of freeing our heroic prisoners."

[Al-Rissala (Hamas weekly), April 26, 2007]

"Fathi Hamad, Hamas representative in the [Palestinian] Parliament, confirmed that the Shalit kidnapping operation will not be the last."

[Al-Rissala (Hamas weekly), April 30, 2007]

2008

In July 2008, Israel released terrorist murderers for the first time since the establishment

of the Palestinian Authority. In exchange for the bodies of two Israeli soldiers taken by Hezbollah, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, Israel released Samir Kuntar, a convicted murderer serving four life sentences, and other Hezbollah prisoners, together with the remains of 200 Palestinians and Lebanese buried in Israel.

Israel's release of murderers had a significant impact on Palestinian society because it was seen as shattering the last of Israel's "red lines." The act was viewed as the needed proof that Israel succumbs to "the language of force."

In addition to serving as motivation for continued kidnappings, the release of prisoners serving life sentences was seen as opening up larger segments of society to terror, by significantly reducing the fear of prison as a deterrent. Palestinians believe now that all prison sentences are temporary and "meaningless." Today Palestinians are convinced that every single Palestinian prisoner, including all murderers, will eventually be released as long as Palestinians continue to kidnap Israelis.

Ashraf Al-Ajrami, PA Minister of Prisoners:

"The language of peace and negotiations is not enough to urge Israel to cooperate positively regarding prisoners. The way Israel likes, it seems, is to exchange [prisoners] with kidnapped Israeli soldiers."

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

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

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

Telephone interview with Hani Al-Masri, former official in Ministry of Information, Palestinian writer and senior political commentator. The interviewer asked about the importance of the prisoner exchange between Hezbollah and Israel:

Al-Masri: "The importance of this deal is that Israel is proving, for the millionth time, that it understands only the language of force. Despite all the initiatives and attempts at peace invested by the parties and [by] many Arab states, which have signed agreements with Israel, or which have tried to sign agreements with Israel, Israel releases prisoners only through [prisoner] exchange deals... This proves that Israel understands only the language of pressure, the language of interests, the language of force. It is another victory for Hezbollah and for the resistance, which has achieved a good deal, succeeding in releasing all of the Lebanese prisoners and the bodies of the Lebanese, Palestinian and Arab *Shahids* (Martyrs)."

Interviewer: "Hani, after the deal that is going to take place between Hezbollah and Israel, Lebanon will be the first Arab country to have liberated its prisoners from the occupation's prisons by means of the resistance. What is the significance of this?"

Al-Masri: "The significance [of the deal] is... Israel understands [only] one language: The language of kidnapping soldiers and Israelis, to exchange them for prisoners. Could Israel not have released Palestinian prisoners while it was conducting talks with the Palestinians at the highest levels, in order to build confidence, in order to encourage the Palestinians towards peace, instead of resorting only to resistance, only to force? It's a clear message that tells the Palestinians, and all the Arabs, that Israel understands only the language of resistance, only the language of force, the language of pressure, and the language of loss."

Interviewer: "Hani, in your opinion, will the prisoner exchange deal between Hezbollah and the occupation [Israel] influence a [Shalit] deal between the factions in Gaza [Hamas] and Israel?"

Al-Masri: "Of course it will influence it. Israel, which has released all the Lebanese prisoners and all the bodies of the Lebanese and others, will not be able to refuse the Palestinian demands to

release hundreds of prisoners, including heroes who carried out heroic military actions that led to the killing of Jews, soldiers, etc. Israel is trying to hide behind criteria which it calls 'those with blood-stained hands,' so as not to release prisoners, yet this deal includes heroes, such as Samir Kuntar, who carried out heroic actions in which Jews and soldiers died. In addition, this creates a new precedent, which supports the issue and allows the Palestinians to arrive at a deal in which heroes, who were sentenced to lengthy [prison] terms, will be released. We do not want them to remain in prison for long terms, and in deals of this type as many as possible of them should be released."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 6, 2008]

Issa Karake, head of the Prisoners' Committee, Palestinian Parliament (Fatah):

"The Israelis released Samir Kuntar only when their soldiers were taken captive. While there were negotiations for peace and talks and a genuine, serious peace process, they put up very grave racist conditions, leaving [the prisoners] in the prisons for many years. It would be better for the Israelis, and better for Israeli society, to release prisoners through a peace agreement that would bring about coexistence, through the establishment of two neighboring states. But they [Israelis] began to understand the value of freedom and the value of the detainees' issue [only] when their own soldiers were captured..."

The truth is that the freeing of Samir [Kuntar] breaks the Israeli veto, breaks the Israeli criteria, breaks the Israeli terms since they refused to release Samir [Kuntar] arguing that 'his hands are covered in blood'... In all previous agreements that were signed between Israel and the PLO, Israel always refused to release any Palestinian prisoner who had been accused of killing Israelis... Now there is a break, a true break in this Israeli taboo or veto."

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

Amin Dabir, political commentator:

Interviewer: "How will this matter influence... the Shalit deal and the speed with which it is carried out?"

Dabir: "Ultimately, it is clear that Israel will give in to the resistance (Hamas). Ultimately, Israel will, owing to its internal political situation and what is currently going on in the region, give in to the resistance, sooner or later, and will be forced to pay the price. What reinforces this is Hamas's declaration that it will not release this prisoner [Shalit] without exacting a price, and even if in a year's time... it [Israel] will have to pay this price. And if it pays the price, this will be a new precedent, a new event, which will emphasize the possibility of subjugating this entity [Israel]."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), July 8, 2008]

Ashraf Al-Ajrami, PA Minister of Prisoners' Affairs (Fatah):

"There is no doubt that this is an historical and important event for the Palestinian people, the Lebanese [people] and the Arab nation in general. It is a great victory - in other words, the release of the Arab veteran prisoner, the heroic fighter Samir Kuntar..."

It had been hoped that Samir Kuntar would be released earlier. However, the language of the negotiations and the agreements with Israel do not help towards the release of Samir Kuntar [and the release] of 344 prisoners [serving life sentences] who are still in the prisons... The message that Israel is conveying to the Palestinians and to the Arabs, one way or another, is that the release of prisoners is not attained through negotiations..."

Israel has released some prisoners as a gesture, but has left in its prisons the veteran [prisoners], the ill, the women, the children and the commanders, as captives in its hands, as bargaining chips. Israel can forego these prisoners in a deal for an exchange of captives, in other words, if there are Israeli soldiers in captivity. Then Israel would forego these [bargaining]

chips. But if there are no Israeli soldiers in captivity, then Israel will delay and delay, and the matter will remain this way for a long time."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 16, 2008]

Hamas TV news broadcast:

Ismail Haniyeh, Prime Minister (of Hamas, in Gaza): "We are now watching the exchange deal [between Israel and Hezbollah], and emphasize that for us, too, as the Palestinian people, there is no possibility of our foregoing our prisoners; there is no possibility of our foregoing these heroes. Just as today a respectable exchange took place with the resistance in Lebanon, so we too are determined to achieve a respectable exchange deal for our prisoners in the jails of the Israeli occupation. The Israelis have to pay a price, and they must know that they will pay a price."

Newsreader: "The Palestinian prisoners regard this deal with great optimism and hope, now that Hezbollah has managed to break the Zionist equation which has opposed, for years, the release [of prisoners] who killed Zionists. From the point of view of Hamas, this is a victory deal, favoring the resistance."

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

Hamas cleric:

"I want to tell the residents of Gaza that the next captives' exchange deal will be stronger and more painful for the descendants of monkeys and pigs [i.e., Jews]... you [Israel] will pay dearly for this deal [prisoner exchange], and in the deals that will follow it, and in the deals that will follow those."

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

Headline: "Sentenced to 35 life terms and an additional 150 years, prisoner Al-Sayed: 'Life sentences of the occupation are meaningless as long as the resistance [Hamas] achieves successes'"

"The prisoner Abbas Al-Sayid, a member of the Hamas political leadership and commander of the [Izz A-Din] Al-Qassam Brigades in the northern West Bank, congratulated the Lebanese resistance and head of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, and praised its successes achieved in the recent exchange deal [i.e., bodies of two Israeli soldiers exchanged for terrorist murderer Samir Kuntar] ...

Al-Sayed, sentenced to 35 life terms and a further 150 years... stated that the life-sentences passed by the occupation state on our people's prisoners are meant to break their spirit... 'However, the success of the resistance [Hamas and Hezbollah] in kidnapping of occupation soldiers and the carrying out of [prisoner] exchanges have made these [prison] sentences meaningless.'"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), July 19, 2008]

Abbas Zaki, representative of the PLO Executive Committee in Lebanon:

"In my opinion, Israel has now become a paper tiger; [it is] weak. I'm telling you, people are wondering why the Palestinians should remain quiet while 200 [prisoners] came out [of Israeli jails] along with Samir Kuntar. Perhaps 50, 60, 200 or 700 could come out [of jail] with [the release of] this Shalit?"

[PA TV (Fatah), July 22, 2008]

Headline: "Haniyeh: We will soon celebrate an anticipated exchange of captives"

"Dismissed Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh announced yesterday that 'the Palestinians will soon celebrate an anticipated exchange of captives,' thereby strengthening Hamas's persistence in

its demands in relation to the exchange deal [of prisoners for kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit]..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 22, 2008]

Hani Al-Masri, former official in Ministry of Information and Palestinian senior political commentator:

"Israel understands only the language of pressure, the language of interests, the language of force... During the history of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle we have noticed that in some of the deals, thousands of detainees were exchanged for a single soldier, or two, or three. If so, that is the message that Israel is giving us - that it understands only the language of force and the language of interests. We must resort to the one language or to the other, or to both languages jointly [force and interests]."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 12, 2008]

Hassan al-Kashef, writer and media personality:

"There are currently negotiations concerning an exchange of captives with Gilad Shalit. We must all support any effort that is aimed at raising the price that the Palestinian people will receive."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 14, 2008]

Headline: "During military maneuvers in southern Gaza - [Islamic Jihad] Al-Quds Brigades: Operations for kidnapping Israeli soldiers and taking them captive are an option available to all of the military wings"

"The Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad, emphasized that operations of kidnapping soldiers and holding them in the hands of the resistance are an option available to all of the military wings. This was said during the course of military maneuvers organized by the 'Al-Quds Brigades' yesterday in southern Gaza, using light and medium ammunition and [anti-tank and mine ammunition. Operations for storming buildings amidst heavy explosions were drilled, and training for kidnapping Israeli soldiers was carried out. One of the field operatives said, during the exercise, that 'Hezbollah's Lebanese experience, and [that of] the Palestinian resistance in Gaza, in kidnapping Israeli soldiers and holding them captive, has proved successful in forcing the various Israeli governments to accede to the captors' demands, and [it has proved] that the theory of bringing back soldiers by force has collapsed. The resistance has broken it and has forced the occupation leadership to submit to its demands.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 23, 2008]

Headline: "During military course graduation ceremony: Popular Front [PFLP] emphasizes importance of continuity of military activity alongside political [activity]"

"Two days ago the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine concluded its military course, entitled 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine *Shahids*' [Martyrs] Course'... Participants in the training demonstrated military maneuvers, using light ammunition, medium-caliber ammunition, and anti-tank ammunition. They set off a number of explosives and also conducted a mock storming of the enemy's military positions with the objective of kidnapping Zionist soldiers."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 24, 2008]

Headline: "Joint Palestinian-Israeli public opinion poll"

"59% of Palestinians think that the best way to release prisoners is a peace agreement
39% think that the best way is to kidnap soldiers
78% of Israelis favor releasing Barghouti for Shalit
79% of Israelis prefer a two-state solution, while 11% prefer the solution of a single state"

"A joint Palestinian-Israeli opinion poll showed that a large majority of Israelis favor releasing Marwan Barghouti in exchange for Gilad Shalit, while three-quarters of Palestinians support kidnapping Israeli soldiers in order to exchange them for Palestinian prisoners...

The poll was conducted during the period between Aug. 25th and Sept. 1st, 2008, by the Palestinian Center for Political Studies and Polls in Ramallah, and the Truman Institute for Peace Studies at the Hebrew University, to examine Israeli and Palestinian readiness for the various negotiating processes...

The survey showed that 59% [of Palestinians] believe that the best way to release prisoners from Israeli jails is by reaching a peace agreement that will release them, while 39% believe that the best way is to kidnap Israeli soldiers and exchange them for Palestinian prisoners. However, in view of the experience [gained] from kidnapping Gilad Shalit, 74% [now] favor kidnapping Israeli soldiers and exchanging them for Palestinian prisoners, while 21% are opposed.

When [respondents were] asked when it would be possible to arrive at a reconciliation between the two nations, 31% of Israelis and 43% of Palestinians said that it would never happen; 40% of Israelis and 29% of Palestinians believed that this would happen only in another few generations or in the next generation, and 24% of Israelis and 20% of Palestinians believe that it would happen within the next decade or during the next few years..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Sept. 9, 2008]

Headline: "Most Israelis are in favor of releasing Marwan Barghouti in exchange for Shalit - three quarters of Palestinians support kidnapping soldiers to exchange them for prisoners"

"A joint Palestinian-Israeli public opinion poll conducted in both societies emphasized that a large majority of Israelis favor releasing Marwan Barghouti in exchange for the release of Gilad Shalit, and that three-quarters of Palestinians support the kidnapping of soldiers in order to exchange them for Palestinian prisoners..."

The Palestinian Center for Political Studies and Polls announced yesterday the results of the joint poll on general opinion which was conducted by the Center in cooperation with the Harry Truman Center for Peace Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, between Aug. 25th and Sept. 1st, 2008...

The results showed that 78% of Israelis support the release of Marwan Barghouti from prison in exchange for the release of Gilad Shalit, in contrast to 16% who are opposed. However, only 45% of Israeli opinion supports Barghouti's release, and 50% are opposed to his release, if it is necessary to negotiate with him in order to reach a resolution agreement that is acceptable to the Palestinians.

While most Palestinians - 59% - maintain that the best way to release prisoners from Israeli jails is by reaching a peace agreement that will release them, 39% believe that the best way is kidnapping soldiers and exchanging them for Palestinian prisoners. However, in view of the experience [gained] from kidnapping Gilad Shalit, 74% support kidnapping Israeli soldiers and exchanging them for Palestinian and Arab prisoners, while 21% are opposed..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 9, 2008]

2009

In 2009, as both Arab and Israeli sources report that Palestinian terrorists serving life sentences for murder will be released in exchange for kidnapped Israeli hostage Gilad Shalit, Palestinian sources once again report that this release will motivate the next kidnappings. Since Israel has abandoned all its criteria, and is willing to release terrorists murderers, additional kidnappings become the best strategy to get Palestinian terrorists out of prison. The heads of both the Fatah and Hamas movements each view

kidnappings as a valid tool to release prisoners.

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas commenting on the release of female prisoners in exchange for a video of Gilad Shalit:

"We have 11,000 prisoners. We will definitely, always and forever, act to free them using all means."

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 6, 2009]

Khaled Mashaal, head of Hamas political bureau:

"The resistance (Hamas), which has succeeded in capturing Gilad Shalit... is capable of capturing another Shalit and another Shalit and another Shalit, until not a single prisoner will remain in the enemy's jails."

[Hamas website, Oct. 2, 2009]

Friday sermon on Al-Aqsa (Hamas) TV, broadcast from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

Dr. Walid Al-Rashudi, head of Islamic Studies at Saud University:

"O dear ones, O Mujahidin [Jihad fighters], O mighty ones, we have a great wish: That you will be on guard and do all that you can to capture Jews. Try to take as many Jews as possible into captivity. I ask of the exalted Allah that He make it easy for you to take them captive and that He place them, humiliated and small, in your hands. Allah hears.

I ask Allah for complete victory for the Mujahidin. Allah - direct [the stone] towards the enemy. Allah - provide Your forces with many soldiers. There is no one who can defeat His [Allah's] soldiers.

O Allah, cause the Jews the greatest possible losses; kill them one by one and do not leave even one. O Lord, make every one of the Mujahidin's missiles cause casualties among the Jews, and may this be a crushing blow. I ask of You, Allah, that You show us many killed and prisoners from among the Jews. O Allah, allow the Mujahidin to kill and to take into captivity the greatest number of Jews..."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), Jan. 8, 2009]

As part of a discussion on Fatah-Hamas relations and about Palestinian Prisoners' Day, an unidentified Hamas speaker says:

"If one Gilad [Shalit] isn't enough for the Zionist enemy, the Jihad fighters and our resistance fighters are ready to capture more Gilads, with the help of Allah, until this Zionist enemy will be forced to free our prisoners, the glory-bringers."

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 21, 2009]

Hamas TV animation:

(Song): "In the prisons, our heroes cried with joy: Our day of release has come; this land is our country! You [Israelis] will all be 'Gilads', we'll capture you."

Child [to chain]: "You don't want to break- that's okay. Take your time; we're not in a hurry, we're very patient. [To kidnapped Israeli soldier] You stay where you are; don't move. Tomorrow we'll be back and we'll finish the job."

(Song): "It is inevitable that the chains will be broken."

[Gilad Shalit's image on stone, crying]: "Mommy!"

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), April 21, 2009]

Hamas TV animation:

Gilad Shalit: "Mommy!"

Hamas child: "Who is it, Gilad [Shalit]? [Laughing] Poor you! You've been rotting here for 3

years, and no one cares."

Gilad Shalit: "Please release me!"

Hamas child: "Are you asking me to be a collaborator and a traitor, that I'll betray my people and my homeland? Are you crazy!"

Gilad Shalit: "I have an idea: You [Hamas] go and capture more soldiers, they [Israelis] will be afraid and accept your terms to free me."

Hamas child: "Ah, they will free you not because they love you, but to prevent anxiety among your soldiers, so they won't be afraid, and stop their military service."

Gilad Shalit: "True."

Hamas child: "Gilad, stay here, and pray that [Hamas] succeeds in capturing another [soldier], so you'll be freed. Bye."

Gilad Shalit: "Mommy! Mommy! (in Hebrew) Free me!"

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), July 6, 2009]

Khaled Mashaal, head of Hamas political bureau:

"The resistance (Hamas), which has succeeded in capturing Gilad Shalit, keeping him alive and well for more than three years, giving him proper treatment, and excelling in conducting indirect negotiations, is capable of capturing another Shalit and another Shalit and another Shalit, until not a single prisoner will remain in the enemy's jails."

[Hamas website, Oct. 2, 2009]

Mahmoud Abbas, PA Chairman, interview

TV Host: "The occupation [Israel] released 20 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for a video confirming that [Israeli hostage] Gilad Shalit is alive. What do you think about this?"

Mahmoud Abbas, PA Chairman: "I see it from only one perspective - 20 female Palestinian prisoners have left prison. The price may be high or low, that is not the issue. The issue is that some prisoners have left prison, which gives hope to many others. We have 11,000 prisoners. We will definitely, always and forever, act to free them using all means."

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 6, 2009]

"Waed Association for Prisoners and Released [headed by Hamas's Interior Minister Fathi Hamad] announced its readiness to raise one million Jordanian Dinar (\$1.4 million USD) for anyone who captures a Zionist soldier in order to exchange him with Palestinian prisoners. [Waed] said that the freedom of the prisoners requires everyone to act in all possible ways to free them... [Waed] added that one of the Zionist associations offered \$10 million for anyone who gave precise information about the Zionist soldier Gilad Shalit."

[Website of Waed Association for Prisoners, Nov. 24, 2009]

Hani Al-Masri, former official in Ministry of Information, Palestinian writer and senior political commentator

Headline: "The effect of the prisoner exchange deal on the Palestinian map"

"The degree of influence of the prisoner exchange deal [on Palestinian society] is dependent on the conditions of the deal and whether it follows Israel's criteria, which include not freeing those serving lengthy prison terms 'whose hands are stained with blood'...

The information thus far shows that Israel's criteria have largely been shattered, while the Palestinian criteria have been breached to a lesser degree...

Completing the deal according to Palestinian criteria means:

a. Israel understands only the language of force, since kidnapping is the only thing that leaves open the gates of hope for freedom for prisoners with long prison terms. This encourages others towards self-sacrifice for the sake of the homeland and to respond to the mandatory call to resist the occupation and to cause it loss of life.

b. Israel was forced to negotiate - even if indirectly - with a Palestinian organization that refuses to recognize it and to stop its (violent) resistance, and does not accept the Quartet's conditions. This will weaken Israel's ability to object to European, American and international contacts and meetings with the Hamas movement.

c. The Hamas movement's success in completing the prisoner exchange will deal it an important hand that will improve its internal [Palestinian] position, especially since the [exchange] deal occurs at a time when the bilateral negotiations [between Israel and the Palestinian Authority] have reached a dead end."

[Al-Ayyam, Dec. 1, 2009]

"[Gilad] Shalit is better known in the world than any Palestinian prisoner, as if it is obvious to the near-sighted and racist world that Shalit will be released from prison... while a Palestinian must enter prison and die there..."

The Hebrew state understands nothing but force in the 'conflict and solution' game. The microcosm of this is the 'imprisonment and release' game, which is currently at its climax, in what is known as the 'Shalit deal'...

In this [prisoner] game there is no place for 'humaneness' and 'morality' [on Israel's part]... as we have learned from the [past] stories of prisoner exchanges, or the exchange of bodies [of kidnapped Israeli soldiers] for prisoners between Hezbollah and the Hebrew state, and the Ahmad Jibril deal [1,150 prisoners exchanged for three Israeli soldiers], and [as we] now [learn from] - the Shalit deal.

The [Israeli] message is clear and unequivocal. Only, only - says the Hebrew state - by force, detainment, capture, and kidnapping of occupation soldiers, is it possible to free Palestinian prisoners 'whose hands are stained with blood [i.e., serving life sentences for murder].'"

[Al-Ayyam, Dec. 3, 2009]

Bulletin – Dec. 29, 2009

Abbas turns 3 latest terrorists into Palestinian heroes

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Rabbi Meir Avshalom Hai - a 45-year old Israeli and father of seven children - was killed in a drive-by shooting last Thursday. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, part of Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement, took responsibility for the killing. On Friday night, Israeli forces located and killed three of the terrorists involved in the attack. The fourth surrendered to the PA police.

The response of the PA has been unequivocal support and backing for the terrorists. Since Friday, the leadership of the PA, the heads of Fatah, the heads of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades and the PA-controlled media have continuously portrayed the killers as Palestinian heroes and *Shahids* -- holy Martyrs -- while describing Israel's killing of the three terrorists as "murder in cold blood" and "assassination."



PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas declared the killers Shahids (holy Martyrs) and sent his personal emissary to visit the families:

"Secretary General of the President's Office, Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim, conveyed condolences on behalf of President Mahmoud Abbas to the residents of Nablus and to the families of the three *Shahids* [Martyrs] for the Martyrdom of their sons, who were assassinated by Israeli occupation forces yesterday morning. He conveyed to the fighting families letters of condolences from the President [Abbas] and updated them as to [Abbas's] decision to declare them as *Shahids* [Martyrs] of the Palestinian revolution..."

Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim: "Without doubt, what the [Israeli] occupation authorities have carried out is a wild and barbaric act and a deliberate, malicious assassination in cold blood."

[PA TV (Fatah) News, Dec. 27, 2009]

PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad went even further, personally visiting the families of the terrorists along with other senior PA officials.

"Prime Minister visits Nablus and conveys condolences to the families of the *Shahids* (Martyrs). Prime Minister Dr. Salam Fayyad today visited the city of Nablus in the wake of the Israeli military operation, and presented condolences to the families of the three Martyrs who were murdered by the occupation forces.

Dr. Fayyad was accompanied by Internal Affairs Minister Dr. Said Abu Ali, leaders of the security agencies, and Police Director-General Major General Hazem Atallah, and they visited the house of mourning, which was held in the Trade Unions compound in the city... The Prime Minister condemned the Israeli military operation in the city."

[Wafa news agency, Dec. 26, 2009]

The Fatah movement is glorifying the terrorists:

"Mahmoud Al-Aloul, member of the Fatah Central Committee, said that the occupation murdered these three young men as well as another three in Gaza, in cold blood. He described them as "[military] commanders, brave heroes, and fighters."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 27, 2009]

PA TV focused on the Fatah poster (above), signed with condolences of PA Chairman Abbas, honoring the three terrorists. The following is the text on the poster with pictures of the terrorists:

"With honor and admiration to those who are more honored than all of us."

[[Reference to supreme honor of *Shahids* - Martyrs in Islam](#)]

"The Palestine Liberation Organization, Fatah, accompanies to their wedding:"

[[Reference to Islamic belief that Martyrs marry virgins in Paradise](#)]

The Martyr, Commander, Hero: Rasan Abu Serah

The Martyr, Commander, Hero: Ra'ed Al Aschregi

The Martyr, Commander, Hero: Anan Sobh

The Director General of the Presidency expresses condolences to the Nablus Martyrs - in the name of the President [Abbas]

It's important to note that in condemning Israel's killing of the terrorists, the PA is not denying that those killed were responsible for the murder of Rabbi Hai:

"The *Shahid* Imad Mughniyeh group [named after Hezbollah terrorist] of the [Fatah's] Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades has denounced the [Israeli] crime of the assassination in Nablus, killing three

Fatah activists, including Anan Sobh, who, according to the [Fatah's Al-Aqsa] Brigades, planned the Tulkarem operation which led to the death of the settler in a shooting operation."

[Ma'an News Agency, Dec. 26, 2009]

In the official announcement right after the terror attack, Fatah took responsibility, while calling the killers "Jihad Fighters" and warning of more "quality operations":

"A group announcing that it belonged to the Fatah's Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility for the shooting... 'The Jihad Fighters confirmed that the person who was in the car had taken a direct hit, and praise to Allah - the Jihad Fighters escaped unharmed...' The announcement said that 'this action is part of a series of operations; you can expect more quality operations [terror attacks] from us.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 25, 2009]

After the terrorists were killed, Fatah changed from threatening more "quality operations" to warning that it would avenge the killing of the "Jihad Fighters":

Headline: "The occupation murders three residents of Nablus in cold blood... the President's [Abbas's] Office denounces the Israeli crime..."

"The [Fatah's] Al-Aqsa Brigades announced: 'By the act of murdering an elite group of our Jihad Fighters in Nablus and in Gaza, the occupation is opening for itself the gates of Hell.' They threatened that 'our activists will not stand idly by while the blood of Jihad Fighters is spilled... The enemy will hear nothing from us but the language of blood and fire, and our *Shahada* [Martyrdom] Seekers will go out to [the enemy] from every place in order to turn his days into nights, and he will come to regret his crime. We shall not sleep over the blood of our Jihad Fighters, and our response will be swift... We affirm the continuation of our choice of blood and Martyrdom. The only choice, in the face of the repeated attacks against our people in the towns and villages and refugee camps of the occupied homeland. We shall turn the spilled blood of the Martyrs and the commanders into a torch of fury that will burn the forces of evil and aggression.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 27, 2009]

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Abbas sponsors birthday celebrations honoring terrorist Dalal Mughrabi, killer of 37

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

This week Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas once again honored the memory of the terrorist Dalal Mughrabi - this time by sponsoring a ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of her birth. Mughrabi led the worst terror attack in Israel's history in 1978, when she and other terrorists hijacked a bus and killed 37 civilians. Present at the ceremony were Palestinian dignitaries and a children's marching band. Earlier this year, Abbas sponsored a computer center named after Mughrabi.

The PA further glorified Mughrabi on the date of her birth when the Governor of Ramallah announced the naming of the "Dalal Mughrabi Square."

An article by Fatah spokesman Jamal Nazal in the official PA daily defined the terrorist Mughrabi as "the heroine of Palestine's heroines."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Dec. 30, 2009]

The text on the giant banner carrying Mughrabi's portrait at the birthday ceremony read:

"Under the auspices of President Mahmoud Abbas
The Political and National Education Authority
Ceremony on the anniversary of the birth of the bride of the cosmos
The *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi."



Two PA TV news broadcasts focused on the celebration:
"Under the auspices of President Mahmoud Abbas, the Political and National Education Authority held a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi, commander of the Coastal Operation (i.e. hijacking of bus and killing of 37 civilians)."
[PA TV (Fatah), Dec. 29, 2009]



Banner showing Mughrabi at birthday celebration



PA leaders at Mughrabi birthday celebration



Children's marching band at Mughrabi birthday celebration

These are not isolated examples of public glorification of terrorists in the PA. The PA has a strong tradition of using terrorists as role models -- especially for children -- by naming public places, facilities and events after them. Dalal Mughrabi, who is not known for anything other than her murderous terror attack, is one of the prominent examples of a terrorist who is promoted as a worthy and desirable role model.



Remnant of bus hijacked by Mughrabi

The following are named after, or have been named after Dalal Mughrabi in the last two years:

- 1- Education: Two PA Dalal Mughrabi Girls High Schools**
- 2- Education: The *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi Computer Center**
- 3- Education: School graduation ceremony named after Mughrabi**
- 4- Sports: Two *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi summer camps**
- 5- Sports: The Dalal Mughrabi Football Championship**
- 6- Municipality: The Dalal Mughrabi Square in Al Bira, Ramallah region**

Details:

Two Palestinian Schools:

1. The Dalal Mughrabi Girls High School - Gaza
 2. The Dalal Mughrabi Girls High School - A-Shuyoukh [Hebron]
- [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 26, 2006]

Education: Computer Center

"Yesterday the Hebron Building Committee inaugurated a computer center named after the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi. Present at the event were President Mahmoud Abbas's advisor for communications and information technology... The center, which was funded by a contribution from the President's Office..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, May 5, 2009]

Palestinian School Graduation Ceremony:

"A party in honor of the successful students of the general high school... under the auspices of President Mahmoud Abbas, and under the name of the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi... Samih A-Sayfi, the commander of the region and the representative of the President [Abbas], wished the distinguished students a brilliant future... and reviewed the heroic life of [Dalal al-Mughrabi] the *Shahida* (Martyr) and the course of the struggle of the Fatah Movement and its sacrifices."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 24, 2008]

Palestinian Summer Camp (1):

"A summer camp in the name of the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi was opened... by the Fatah movement... out of honor and admiration for the *Shahida* (Martyr)..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 23, 2008]

Palestinian Summer Camp (2):

"The activities of the [summer] camp are organized with the support of the Palestinian Center for Dissemination of Democracy & Community Development... [with] teams which carry names with a national and historical significance, and names of *Shahids*... the camp activities are dedicated to the memory of two *Shahids* (Martyrs), Dalal Mughrabi and Azmi Saghir."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 22, 2008]

Sports: Football tournament

"Islami Silwan Club wins the Dalal Mughrabi Championship for youth... [for children] born in 1996 - the Islami Silwan Club, won the Dalal Mughrabi Football Championship, organized by the Hilal Al-Quds Club, along with five teams from the different [sports] clubs of the Jerusalem region."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 8, 2008]

Municipality:

"[The Governor of Ramallah] announced the naming of a square after the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi, adjacent to the headquarters of the Political and National Education Authority... in order to eternalize her memory."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Dec. 30, 2009]

In addition, Mughrabi is regularly honored at many official events throughout the year. At the opening ceremony of Fatah's Sixth General Conference this summer, Fatah leaders responded with applause when former PA Prime Minister Abu Alaa (Ahmad Qurei) honored Mughrabi: "We have in our midst the hero Khaled Abu-Usbah, hero of the operation [terror attack] led by the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi [applause from the audience]. We salute him and welcome him. And [we salute] the hero, the *Shahida* (Martyr) Dalal. [He shouts:] All the glory! All the glory! All the glory! All the sisters here are Dalal's sisters."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 4, 2009]

[Click here to view former PA Prime Minister honoring terrorist Dalal Mughrabi.](#)

This past year PA TV also celebrated the 31st anniversary of Mughrabi's terror attack with an hour-long TV special about the attack. The program opened with the narrator glorifying the attack as:

"One of the most important and most prominent special actions, executed by the Palestinian revolution by sea, on the coast between Haifa and Tel Aviv. This action, carried out by a group of heroes and led by the heroic fighter Dalal Mughrabi."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 11, 2009]

[Click here to view PA TV honoring terrorist Dalal Mughrabi.](#)