

**Bulletin – Jan. 1, 2009**

## **Iranian reformist 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 today's Palestinian daily *Al-Ayyam*. The Palestinian daily adds that in response the Iranian government has closed the newspaper.

*The following is the story in today's 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 December 30 the paper published a statement of a reformist student organization which has criticized Hamas for risking lives of civilians, amongst them children, by hiding its forces in nurseries and hospitals. The statement was published whilst the Iranian government expresses a unified stands against Israel, and Tehran is overwhelmed by demonstrations against Israel."

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

**Bulletin – Jan. 4, 2009**

## **PMW's Background Brief on Hamas no. 1: Extermination of Jews**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

TO UNDERSTAND the causes of the Gaza conflict, it is essential to understand the Hamas ideology. Hamas presents itself as an Islamic supremacist movement. Its charter opens with a quote from the Quran: "You [Islamic nation] are the best nation that hath been raised up unto mankind." [3: 110] However, whereas many religions and cultures believe that their own traditions represent messages of truth, Hamas believes that this supremacy of Islam obligates them to commit genocide, literally to exterminate millions of people who have different beliefs, including the Jews.

*The following are recent examples of Hamas defining this ideology of genocide, as it applies to Jews:*

### **1- Quran condemns Jews to extermination**

"The Meccan [Quran] chapter entitled 'Jews' or 'Children of Israel' is remarkable... It's about today's Jews, those of our century, and speaks only of extermination and digging graves... This chapter sentences the Jews to extermination before a single Jew existed on earth... Palestine's blessing is linked to destruction of the center of global corruption [Jews of Israel], the snake's head. When the snake's head of [global]



corruption is cut off, here in Palestine, and when the octopus's [Jew's] tentacles are cut off around the world, the real blessing will come with the destruction of the Jews, here in Palestine, and it is one of the splendid real blessings in Palestine."

[Palestinian cleric, Al-Aqsa TV ( Hamas), July 13, 2008]

## **2- Jews to face yet another Holocaust**

Headline: "Suffering by Fire is Jews' destiny in this world and next."

"... you will taste the punishment of Scorching Fire." [Quran 3:181]

"This [Quran] verse threatens the Jews with the punishment of Fire... the reason for the punishment of Fire is it is fitting retribution for what they have done... but the urgent question is, is it possible that they will have the punishment of Fire in this world, before the great punishment [of Fire in Hell] ... many of the [Islamic] religious leaders believe that the [Jews'] punishment of Fire is in this world, before the next world... therefore we are sure that the Holocaust is still to come upon the Jews." [Sheikh Yunus Al-Astal, Hamas MP, in his regular column in *Al-Rissala*, ( Hamas weekly) March 13, 2008]

It is important to note that the Hamas MP switched words in the last sentence, from the word he used throughout, "harik," which means "fire," to "mahraka" a word from the same root, that is used by Arabic speakers to mean "holocaust."

## **3 - Muhammad's promise: Jews will be killed**

"Regarding the Jews, our business with them is only through bombs and guns... the prophet [Muhammad] promised that we will fight you, with Allah's help, until the tree and stone say: "Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

[Nizar Rayan, Hamas religious and military leader, Al-Aqsa TV ( Hamas), Jan. 1, 2009. Note: Rayan was killed on Jan. 2, 2009]

## **4 - Extermination of Jews - good for humanity**

In an article promoting the continued use of suicide terror in the official Hamas newspaper: "We find more than one condemnation and denunciation of the resistance operations and bombings [suicide attacks], carried out by Hamas and the Palestinian resistance branches... [Eventually] everyone will know that we did this only because our Lord commanded so: 'I did it not of my own accord' [Quran] and so that people will know that the extermination of Jews is good for the inhabitants of the worlds."

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

## **5- Kill a Jew go to Heaven**

A poster that Hamas posted on its old website taught that killing a Jew is enough to grant the rewards of Heaven.

Text on Hamas poster: "I will knock on Heaven's doors with the skulls of Jews."

Axe is crashing through the word: "Jews."

[URL on poster, Hamas terror wing: "Ezz Din Al Kassam"]

## **6- Resurrection dependent on Muslims killing Jews (1)**

Hamas goes even further in its religious packaging of genocide. Hamas teaches that the redemption of all of humanity, the anticipated Islamic "Hour" of Resurrection, will happen only when Muslims are



killing Jews and the remaining Jews will be exposed by the trees and stones.

Hamas write in Article 7 of the Hamas Charter:

"Hamas has been looking forward to implement Allah's promise whatever time it might take. The prophet [Muhammad] said: 'The time (of Resurrection) will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews; until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him!'"

[Sahih Muslim, Book 041, Number 6985]

### **7- Resurrection dependent on Muslims killing Jews (2)**

The Hamas belief that Jews must be killed for redemption to occur is a repeating theme of religious leaders on Palestinian Authority (Fatah) and Hamas TV. The following is one example:

"The Hour [Resurrection] will not take place until the Muslims fight the Jews and the Muslims kill them, and the rock and the tree will say: 'Oh, Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, kill him!' We must remind our Arab and Muslim nation, its leaders and people, its scholars and students, remind them that Palestine and the Al Aqsa mosque will not be liberated through summits nor by international resolutions, but it will be liberated through the rifle."

[Hamas Spokesman, Dr. Ismail Radwan, PA TV (Fatah), March 30, 2007]



### **Conclusion:**

Given this Hamas ideology of genocide, the essential problem with Hamas is not the missiles and rockets it showers on Israel, but the core belief that killing Jews is a prerequisite to redemption. Hamas's ongoing attempts to kill Jews, which have led to the current Gaza War, are a symptom of the far deeper problem -- the ideology teaching that Allah demands the extermination of Jews.

Israel and the West must create a strategy not only to destroy the terror infrastructures of Hamas, but to ultimately ensure that Jews and the world are safe from this ideology and its consequences.

**Bulletin – Jan. 11, 2009**

## **PMW's Background Brief on Hamas no. 2: Bombs are "more precious" than children: Hamas children's education**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

IMAGINE A MUSIC VIDEO teaching kids that bombs are more precious than children. This is not fantasy - this is the message of an actual Hamas TV music video. After a five-year-old finds out that her mother wore a bomb belt to a suicide terror attack, she sings: "Now I know what was more precious than us." She then swears to follow in her mother's footsteps, as a suicide bomber.

This is just one example of the wide range of hateful and abusive messages on Hamas TV, designed to indoctrinate children to Hamas values. Children are taught to value violence, hatred and Islamic supremacy, and that seeking Martyrdom for Allah is the highest value, bringing "honor and glory."

PMW has created a five-minute compilation of key representative segments from Hamas TV that document this indoctrination of children.



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In addition to the video featuring the daughter of a suicide bomber, this collection includes a music video depicting a boy's transition from childhood to adulthood, climaxing in his heroic Martyrdom death; a puppet show promising world Islamic supremacy, death of infidels and the conversion of the White House into a mosque; and a talk show segment featuring kindergarten kids marching in military formation, brandishing weapons and calling for Jihad and Martyrdom.

Also included are statements by Hillary Clinton from her news conference with PMW in the US Senate, where she criticized Palestinian schoolbooks and television that "profoundly poison the minds of these children."

**Bulletin – Jan. 12, 2009**

## **Saudi scholar on Hamas TV:**

### **Jews are the enemies of Allah and should be killed**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

"Jews are the enemies of Allah," and therefore by definition are the enemies of all Muslims. This opinion is expressed by Dr. Walid Al-Rashudi, head of the Department of Islamic Studies at Saud University in Saudi Arabia, in a speech broadcast last week on Hamas TV. The religious scholar also prays for the extermination of all Jews: "Kill them one by one and don't leave even one." [Hamis leaders have expressed on numerous occasions the belief that all Jews should be exterminated. \(Click to see PMW bulletin.\)](#)



The religious scholar likewise expresses rage at the Muslim countries who are allied with the West, calling them "traitors... who believe in America," instead of in Allah.

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Palestinians from both Hamas and Fatah, along with much of the Islamic world, present the Arab conflict with Israel as a conflict of Islam against Jews, completely rejecting the territorial aspect and calling it a religious conflict. Many also define the conflict in a broader perspective - as a global religious conflict between Muslims and non-Muslim countries - and condemn as traitors moderate Arab countries that ally with America.

*The following are statements from Dr. Walid Al-Rashudi's speech:*

"You don't treat the Jews as enemies only because they are human beings who eat and drink. No! We treat them as enemies because they are the enemies of Allah and the prophets, they murdered the prophets, distorted the prophecy, they are traitors and deceivers - therefore we treat them as enemies."

"We are a [Muslim] nation who believes in the Hidden, and you [Muslim] traitors don't believe. We believe in the Almighty Allah and you [Muslim traitors] believe in America and Israel. We believe that Allah, may He be Exalted, sent His soldiers against America in many places in the world."

"Oh Allah, inflict as many losses as possible on the Jews, kill them one by one and don't leave even one."

[Hamas TV, Jan. 8, 2009]

### **Bulletin – Jan. 13, 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]

**Bulletin – Jan. 16, 2009**

## **Slain Hamas leader was outspoken force behind Shalit kidnapping**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas Interior Minister Said Siam, who was killed today by Israeli forces, was one of the Hamas leaders who publicly promoted the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers in order to hold them hostage and exchange them for Palestinian prisoners. Siam's plan was put into action when Hamas kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit in June 2006. Shalit is still being held hostage in Gaza.

*The following is the statement by Siam before the Shalit kidnapping, detailing his program for Hamas to kidnap Israeli soldiers and hold them as hostages.*

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### **Said Siam, Hamas Interior Minister:**

"In the past Hamas succeeded in kidnapping many Zionist soldiers.

There are thousands of prisoners of our forces, they have to think how to free these prisoners. And I believe that it is inevitable to kidnap soldiers to exchange for them.

In the past Hamas kidnapped 10 soldiers.

There is nothing the resistance cannot do. And when there is a goal and a good plan, the goal can be achieved, especially about the prisoner issue, [which] is top priority.

During the PA administration, Hamas 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 in its own time has its own negotiations."

[Undated video clip from Abu Dhabi TV - before Hamas came into power]

**Bulletin – Jan. 18, 2009**

## **Hamas gangs kill Fatah members in Gaza**

Hamas 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 of Ramallah and El-Bira."

In addition, 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 for simply stepping outside. [PA TV (Fatah), Jan. 6, 2009]



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

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

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, 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 a hundred of its people in the Gaza Strip had been exposed to persecution, shooting, and liquidation."

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

Jamal Najjar, popular Palestinian singer:

"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."

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

**Bulletin – Jan. 19, 2009**

## **Hamas children's propaganda film reinforces illusion of war victory**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

On the first day of its ceasefire with Israel, Hamas has added a new element to its propaganda campaign claiming that it won the war in Gaza. An animated film for children on Hamas TV depicts Israeli soldiers as cowards who are afraid to enter Gaza. They cry, "Mommy, Mommy," as they head into battle, where they are all killed by Hamas gunfire.

The video ends with an Israeli soldier's blood splattered on the screen, accompanied by a caption that reads, "Whoever dares, let him come! Gaza is his certain death."

Observers have reported that hundreds of Hamas fighters were killed in the conflict, while Israel lost 10 soldiers in combat and three civilians in rocket attacks. However, in the attempt to present this war as a victory, Hamas TV reported today that Hamas lost only 48 fighters and killed 80 Israelis, including 49 soldiers.



This film aims to reinforce the victory myth that Hamas is trying to sell to its people. [Click here to view the video.](#)

**Bulletin – Jan. 25, 2009**

## **Bloody PA and Arab TV broadcasts hurt Palestinian children's "motivation to live"**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

According to Palestinian Authority psychologists, Palestinian children living nowhere near Gaza have suffered psychological damage from watching PA and other Arab satellite TV during the Gaza war. A report in the official PA daily says that this experience "impacts on the children's future and their motivation to live."

Palestinian and Arab satellite television stations broadcast hundreds of images of dead and mutilated bodies, including those of children, for many hours a day during the war. West Bank families, including children, typically spent hours a day watching these broadcasts, and counselors are already observing severe stress and psychological problems among these children.

Psychology lecturer Bihan Al-Qamiri says treatment for these problems includes keeping children away from such images.

Perhaps in response to this internal criticism, PA TV (Fatah) has returned to its normal broadcast schedule. The dominant theme of the current broadcasts is the desire for Palestinian

unity.

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

"I feel fear, worry and sometimes I cry. I wake up many times from dreams with images of *Shahids* (Martyrs) and their body parts." Those are the words of a 13-year-old boy named Taleb Ziyad from the Al-Jilazun refugee camp near Ramallah [West Bank]...

[Children] in the West Bank have complained because of the broadcasts of those scenes and pictures on the TV screens and the satellite stations. It results in cases of psychological problems, which impact on the children's future and their motivation to live...

Psychology lecturer at Bir Zeit University, Bihan Al-Qamiri ... added that the psychological advisor should observe the children's condition, advise them psychologically, talk to them, and advise the family to keep the children away from these scenes [on TV] and find children's programs for them, and make them participate in activities like sports and music...

Authoritative studies emphasize the great responsibility of the media, and especially the visual media, for reducing the psychological impact on children, by taking into account the age of the viewers watching."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 22, 2009]

### **Bulletin – Jan. 29, 2009**

## **Gaza victims describe being used as human shields by Hamas**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

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 told the official Palestinian Authority daily newspaper that for years Hamas has used their property and homes 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 are excerpts from the article from 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 Sderot, a fact that 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 [fighters], or they will accuse you of collaborating [with Israel] and shoot you in the legs."

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

**Bulletin – Feb. 5, 2009**

## **Hamas stealing medicine and food sent by international donors**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas has been stealing medicine and food sent by international donors, distributing these supplies among its members and selling the rest for profit. This accusation, appearing in numerous eyewitness reports in Palestinian Authority newspapers since the end of the Gaza War, has now been corroborated by UNRWA.

*Al-Ayyam* and *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) have been reporting that armed Hamas men have commandeered trucks delivering food to UNRWA and have shot at the truck drivers.

Hamas has also refused to allow charities to distribute any of the supplies. An article in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) describes how Hamas militias took control of two charity organizations in Jabaliya and in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip, and made them sign an agreement not to distribute any aid or "carry out social or humanitarian actions."

*The following are multiple reports of Hamas's continuing theft of donor aid.*

"UNWRA reported yesterday that Hamas police confiscated supplies of humanitarian aid from one of the distribution points under its control in Gaza. Two days ago, they report, more than 3,500 blankets and 406 food parcels were confiscated by Hamas police officials."

[ *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 5, 2009 ]

"Yesterday the Hamas militias took control of two charity organizations in Jabaliya and in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip. Sources said that the Hamas militias took control over the Association for the Disabled in Jabaliya, and the "Our Home" association in Beit Lahiya. They forced the people in charge of the two [charity] organizations to sign that they obligate themselves not to distribute any aid or carry out social or humanitarian actions."

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

"[ Hamas ] took control by armed force of the aid trucks and of the goods that were sent to the private sector. The supplies were distributed between the [ Hamas ] party members and afterwards the remainder was put up for sale at exorbitant prices... People's stories range from stories of murder of innocent people in cold blood to the unloading of bags of flour to the houses of Hamas activists while their neighbors were left starving. When they asked [for some of the flour] they were offered to buy at prices which they could not afford to pay."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 22, 2009]

" Hamas kidnaps Fatah members while they distribute aid ... Armed Hamas members kidnapped Fatah movement members yesterday while they were distributing aid to citizens... they also attacked a senior policeman wildly... and refused to transfer him to hospital for treatment after the attack."

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

Headline: "Minister for Social Affairs: The Ministry concentrates on rescue and rehabilitation activities while Hamas confiscates the aid and sells it

"[Minister for Social Affairs] Al-Habbash clarified that the [Palestinian] Authority ... used to send [aid] through the UN institutions and the World Food Programs or directly. He emphasized that Hamas has taken control over this aid and has prevented its reaching the citizens... 'When the [Israeli] aggression ended, the Hamas members came out and began to carry out robberies of the aid convoys and take the aid. On the 19th and 20th of this month they took over 63 trucks loaded with food, which were expected to arrive at the [UNRWA] relief agencies...

"They [Hamas] take control over everything that falls into their hands, they present it at the market and sell it ...

"He added that Hamas disseminated among the grocers and the food distributors, [orders] preventing them from selling [large] quantities of food, unless it is with permission of Hamas, even if is a person wants to buy quantities [of food] in order to distribute it as charity among people. He directed attention to the fact that the aid that reaches Hamas, it distributes among its [own] people and the rest it sells."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Jan. 29, 2009]

Headline: "Al-Habbash: Aid entering Gaza is no longer safe after [Hamas] has taken 63 trucks of food and medicine"

"[Palestinian] Minister for Social Affairs, Mahmoud Al-Habbash, said: 'During the last three days, armed [activists] who belong to the Hamas movement have taken control of 63 trucks delivering aid consisting of food and medicine, which were on their way to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), after shooting at the drivers...

'Unfortunately the way the aid enters into the Gaza Strip has not been safe during the last three days ... Hamas has executed 19 civilians, and has shot another 63 civilians in the legs ...'

"Regarding Hamas's taking the aid he said: 'The movement sells part of the aid on the open market and to private pharmacies, and the rest it distributes among its members, that is the message of hundreds of complaints from Gaza citizens received every day at the Ministry for Social Affairs' ... and he said that he has evidence from drivers who were shot before the contents of their trucks were requisitioned by force..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Jan. 22, 2009]

**Bulletin – Feb. 15, 2009**

## **Hamas puppet: I declare war on the Zionists**

After having three puppet hosts - the Mickey Mouse look-alike, the bee, and the rabbit - all die on TV, Hamas children's television has introduced a fourth puppet host. The new host, a bear named Nassur, appeared Friday on Hamas TV promising to be a Jihad fighter, and declaring war on the Zionists.



[To see Nassur declare war on the Zionists click here](#)

Below is the full transcript of the video:

Nassur: "I will join the ranks of the [Hamas] Izz A-Din Al-Qassam Brigades. I will be a Jihad fighter with them and I will carry a rifle. Do you know why, Saraa?"

Saraa: "Why?"

Nassur: "To defend the children of Palestine, the children who were killed, the children who were wounded, the orphaned children. That's why, from this moment, I declare war on the criminal Zionists. Not only me, me and you. You are ready, right, Saraa?"

Saraa: "We are all ready to sacrifice ourselves for our homeland!"

[Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), Feb. 13, 2009]

**Bulletin – Feb. 18, 2009**

## **PA continues to glorify terrorist murderers**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The official Palestinian Authority daily has praised and glorified the terrorist who murdered three civilians and seven Israeli soldiers in a 2002 ambush. The terrorist was praised for entering "the history of the Intifada as having carried out the most successful military action, alone... he is the hero of the Intifada... [doing] what tens of brigades and platoons, and hundreds of missiles and heroic stories, failed to do."

The killer, Thaer Hamed, hid on a hill and shot and killed the seven Israeli soldiers, one after the other, as they emerged from a building below. He also shot and killed an Israeli paramedic and two civilians in the area.

The article, in the official newspaper of Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah faction, also praises the Hamas kidnapping of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit as "a military action that was successful by any military yardstick." It says that the sniper Hamed is "made of the same stuff as those who carried out the capture of Shalit."

Glorifying terrorists is a regular practice in Palestinian society, by both the Fatah and Hamas leadership. The PA regularly honors terrorists as role models for children and youth by naming schools, summer camps and athletic facilities after some of the most heinous killers.

Hafez Barghouti, editor of PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), wrote the yesterday's article glorifying the killings, inflating the number of his victims and praising Hamed. He called on Palestinians to view Hamed as a top priority for release in any future prisoner exchange.

***The following is the text from the official PA daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), by editor-in-chief, Hafez Barghouti:***

"There is still some chance to carry out a deal [to free jailed Palestinians], since the present [Israeli] government wants last-minute achievements to bolster the Kadima and Labor parties... But what pains us is that at the top of the list of senior prisoners whose liberty is being sought, one non-political name is missing, that of the young sniper Thaer Hamed, who carried out the operation at Wadi Al-Haramiyye... [he] belonged to no faction when he carried out his action... which killed nine [Israeli] soldiers and three settlers. [Actual figure was seven soldiers and three civilians - Ed.]...

This young man should be our top priority, since he entered the history of the Intifada as having carried out the most successful military action, alone...

Thaer Hamed deserves freedom because he is the hero of the Intifada, and he is the only Palestinian resistance fighter who belongs to his people and to his land, spurning the factions, for had he been factional, he would not have succeeded in his action. He acted alone, going out to play solo on the M-1 [carbine], and did what tens of brigades and platoons, and hundreds of missiles and heroic stories, failed to do.

He is made of the same stuff as those who carried out the capture of Shalit, a military action that was successful by any military yardstick, and now he [Thaer Hamed] should be freed."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 17, 2009]

**Bulletin – May. 5, 2009**

## **Hamas: The Mosque is a “factory educating *Jihad* fighters” – even the Muslim fetus seeks *Jihad***

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

While the mosque is perceived by many as simply the Muslim house of worship, a Hamas religious leader explains that it is actually "the prime factory educating Jihad Fighters." Furthermore, he asserts, *Jihad* - the war to spread Islam over the entire earth - is so integral to Islam that every Muslim fetus in the world calls for unity through *Jihad*. [Click here to view](#)

*The following is the transcript:*

"True foundation and education start in the mosques... Do you realize what the mosque is? It is a prime factory educating men to fear and please Allah; [it is] the prime factory educating *Jihad* fighters..."



The mosque is the life of Muslims, and the symbol of their courage and honor... The Palestinian fetus in its mother's womb, the Muslim fetus throughout the world in its mother's womb, call [on Muslims] to unite through fear of Allah, through pleasing Him, and through choosing *Jihad* and Resistance [terror]."

[Al-Aqsa (Hamas) TV, April 24, 2009]

**Bulletin – May 13, 2009**  
**“All pigs must die  
because they descend from Jews,”  
according to Egyptian Islamic scholars**  
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

All pigs alive today are descendants of the Jews who were turned into pigs by Allah, according to a senior Egyptian religious leader. Since all pigs are descendants of Jews, it is obligatory to kill all pigs, says Sheikh Ahmed Ali Othman.

Presumably if pigs were merely animals, they would not face destruction. It is their Jewish ancestry that condemns them to death.

The Jordanian newspaper *Al-Hakika al-Dawliya* adds that this is not the only opinion. It cites Sheikh Ali Abu Al-Hassan, head of the Fatwa Committee at Al-Azhar [Sunni Islamic university], who believes that all the Jews who were turned into pigs by Allah died out without reproducing, and therefore there is no relationship between today's pigs and Jews.

The following is the transcript from Al-Moheet Arab News Network:

"CAIRO -- Sheikh Ahmed Ali Othman, supervisor of the Da'awa [Islamic Indoctrination] of the Egyptian Waqf [Islamic Holy places], has issued a Religious Ruling (Fatwa) that pigs in our time have their origins in Jews who angered Allah, such that He turned them into monkeys, pigs, and Satan-worshippers, and it is obligatory to kill and slaughter them [the pigs].

Othman based his ruling on the respected Quranic verse, 'Say [to the People of the Book - Jews and Christians], Come and I shall make known to you who receives the worst retribution of all from Allah: those whom Allah has cursed and upon whom He has poured His wrath, whom He has made into monkeys and pigs, and who have served abominations. Their place is worst of all, and their deviation is the greatest of all...' (Quran, sura 5, verse 60)

Sheikh Othman noted that this verse concerning the nation of the prophet Moses descended [from Allah to the Quran], and the books of commentary confirm this. There are two opinions among the Ulama [Islamic scholars] in this regard: The first is that the Jews, whom Allah transformed and turned into pigs, remained in that state until they died, without producing descendants. The other opinion is that the Jews who turned into pigs multiplied and produced descendants, and their line continues to this day. Sheikh Othman also cited Hadiths (traditions attributed to Muhammad) as support...

The Jordanian newspaper *Al-Hakika al-Dawliya* quoted Othman: "I personally tend towards the view that the pigs that exist now have their origins with the Jews, and therefore their consumption is forbidden in the words of Allah: 'A carcass, and blood, and the flesh of a pig are

forbidden to you....' Moreover, our master Jesus, peace be unto him - one of the tasks that he will fulfill when he descends to earth is the killing of the pigs, and this is proof that their source is Jewish.

Sheikh Othman said that whoever eats pig, it's as if he ate meat of an impure person, and stressed that this Religious Ruling is backed by the Islamic Sages of Al Azhar, but they are afraid to say this publically... so the Sages won't be accused of Anti-Semitism.

Sheikh Ali Abu Al-Hassan, head of the Fatwa Committee at Al-Azhar [Sunni Islamic university], said that the first view is accurate, because when Allah punishes a group of people he punishes only them. When Allah grew angry with the nation of Moses, He turned them into pigs and monkeys as an extraordinary punishment... but they died out without leaving descendants."

[Al-Moheet Arab News Network, May 10, 2009]  
[Al-Hakika al-Dawliya, May 9, 2009]

## **Special Report – May 26, 2009** **Jerusalem under Palestinian Assault**

By Itamar Marcus and Noaz Cohen

### **Palestinian Authority's unprecedented campaign of historical revision and libels about Jerusalem**

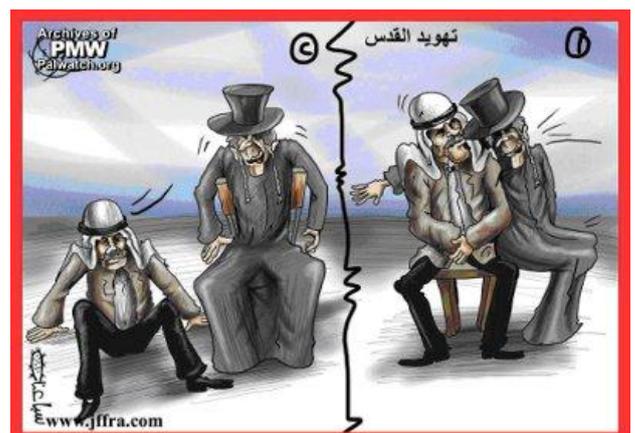
**"Jerusalem is the religious, political and spiritual capital of Palestine -  
the Jews have no right to it."**

[Dr. Tayseer Al-Tamimi, PA Chief Justice of religious court]

The erasure and denial of 3,000 years of Jewish history in Jerusalem is integral to Palestinian ideology. Accordingly, Israel and Jews are said to have "no rights" to Jerusalem, and any contemporary manifestation of Jewish life and development there is labeled by the Palestinian Authority as "Judaization." Jerusalem is presented as an exclusively Muslim and Christian city, with no regard for historical reality. Beyond this historical revisionism, the PA disseminates the libel that Israel is acting to expel Arabs from Jerusalem in order to further "Judaize" the city. Fabrications include PA accusations of Israeli destruction of Islamic and Christian sites, and repeated use of PA hate language, including references to a "criminal cultural massacre" to chase Arab inhabitants away. The Jerusalem libel is designed to evoke religious hatred by portraying Israel and the Jews as the enemy of, and threat to, Arabs and Islam.

This study by Palestinian Media Watch documents the recent intensification of the Palestinian Authority's campaign of distortion, historical revision and hate incitement about Jerusalem, and denial of its integral attachment to the Jewish nation and history.

This cartoon with the caption "Judaization of Jerusalem" shows, from right to left, a sinister-looking Jew first sharing the chair with an Arab and then shoving him off.



[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, official PA daily, Feb. 24, 2009]

**The Study:**

1. Denial of the Jewish connection to Jerusalem and even of the existence of Solomon's Temple;
2. Hate libels: Israel plans destruction of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Judaization of Jerusalem; PA alarmist campaign to promote fear and hate;
3. Jerusalem and all of Israel are defined as *Ribat* - holy Islamic land - whose "liberation" and defense are mandatory by Islam.

**1. Denial of the Jewish Connection to the City of Jerusalem**

"The archaeological treasures in Jerusalem emphasize the depth of the city's heritage and history; they emphasize its Arabness and refute the Israeli claims that it is a Jewish city... It is known that perhaps under every stone and in every corner, on every street and at every turn in Jerusalem there are relics. These relics say, 'We are Arab, we are Muslim, we are Christian.'"

[Dr. Marwan Abu-Khalaf, director of the Archaeological Institute at Al-Quds University - PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 27, 2009]

"They [the Jews] base themselves on myths and invoke the Jewish religion and Jewish faith, despite the fact that the truly religious Jews truly believe - and they have stated this on more than one occasion - that the Temple was never in the Holy City [Jerusalem], and was absolutely never on the site of the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

[Mahmoud Al-Habbash, PA Minister of Agriculture and Welfare - PA TV (Fatah), April 16, 2009]

"They have wept tears and cried over the western wall of the Al-Aqsa Mosque out of an illusion and forgery that it is a relic of the wall of the alleged Temple... They place notes between the stones and dream of the day when they will approach closer, into the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, and plan to build the alleged Temple."

[PA TV (Fatah): "Synagogues Encircling Al-Aqsa" - May 1, 2009]

[Dr. Hasan Sun'-Allah, a scholar at the Center of Modern Research] "criticized the use of the term 'Wailing Wall' instead of 'Western Wall' [of Al-Aqsa], and stated that the occupation falsifies the facts, and has no rights over the walls of Al-Aqsa mosque, to use them as a site for mourning."

[*Al-Ayyam*, April 28, 2009]

Dr. Tayseer Al-Tamimi, PA Chief Justice of religious court, and Chairman of Supreme Council of Islamic Law:

"Jerusalem is the religious, political and spiritual capital of Palestine - the Jews have no rights to it."

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

"We do not agree with the biblical version, according to which [Jerusalem] was a mighty kingdom, or the capital of a mighty kingdom. No palace has been discovered, nor have any remnants of the First Temple - built in Solomon's time - been found, testifying to this greatness... The Hebrews arrived in Jerusalem during the first millennium B.C.E., but their rule in Jerusalem lasted only for a short time... To date one cannot point to any element in Jerusalem that is related, historically speaking, to that period, or any element that is historically related to the Hebrew culture."

[Nazmi Al-Ju'ba, lecturer in history at Bir Zeit University – PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 27, 2009]

"It [Jerusalem] is the meeting point of a number of archaeological sites, by means of which the Israeli establishment is trying to raise an imaginary Hebrew history."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 4, 2009]

"[Dr. Yunes Amr, President of the Al-Quds Open University,] who authored a book entitled, 'Jerusalem - City of Allah', has reviewed the Israeli claims concerning the history of the Jewish presence in Palestine and in Jerusalem, and has disproved them historically and linguistically, [exposing] their falsification of the facts. He pointed out the inaccuracy of the widespread view that the Palestinians originated with a group of people who emigrated from the Greek [Isles] and settled in Palestine, affirming instead that the Palestinians are Arab Canaanites indigenous to this land."

[*Al-Ayyam*, April 7, 2009]

"They dug the Western Wall tunnel... and at the heart of the tunnel they inaugurated a new synagogue, the closest - according to their illusion - to the Holy of Holies of the alleged Temple."

[PA TV (Fatah): "Synagogues Encircle Al-Aqsa" - May 1, 2009]

"Israel seeks to create religious and historical legitimacy for itself in Jerusalem and to justify its acts of Judaization, with a clear distortion of history."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 14, 2009]

## **2. Hate libels: Israel plans destruction of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Judaization of Jerusalem; PA alarmist campaign to promote fear and hate**

*Since Jews are said to have no connection to Jerusalem, nor any right to live in the city, any Israeli action in Jerusalem is defined as "Judaization" and an attempt to erase the city's supposedly authentic Islamic Arab character. The PA has launched an incendiary libel campaign which presents as fact the lie that Israel is working to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to expel Arabs from the city.*

*The claim that Israel is pursuing a policy of ridding Jerusalem of its Arab inhabitants is blatantly untrue. In fact, according to May 2009 statistics released by the Jerusalem Center for Israel Studies, since the liberation of east Jerusalem in the 1967 Six Day War, Jerusalem's population has increased by 186%, with the Arab population of east Jerusalem growing by 291%, almost twice the growth rate of the Jewish population.*

Palestinian Authority Mufti, Sheikh Muhammad Hussein:

"There are [Israeli] plans to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque both directly and indirectly. For instance, use of explosives, aerial or long-distance bombing, digging at the foundations and the walls of the mosque. By means of the tunnels they are trying to cause a natural earthquake."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 2, 2009]

"Nation of Islam: Awaken! The Al-Aqsa Mosque is being threatened, a tunnel is being dug underneath, the so-called 'Temple' is being renewed."

[PA TV (Fatah) clip broadcast repeatedly in 2009, recently on April 24, 2009]

Dr. Tayseer Al-Tamimi, PA Chief Justice of religious court, and Chairman of Supreme Council of Islamic Law:

"The occupation government is determined to erase the Arab and Islamic characteristics of the Holy City and to carry out a criminal cultural massacre against the city's human and cultural heritage."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 17, 2009]

"This occupation [Israel], which is robbing us of our geography, robbing us of our history, and robbing us of our heritage, is trying to Judaize our city [Jerusalem]."

[Friday sermon, PA TV (Fatah), April 10, 2009]

Dr. Tayseer Al-Tamimi, PA Chief Justice of religious court, and Chairman of Supreme Council of Islamic Law:

"The number of Israeli tunnels and their scope is growing daily under the Al-Aqsa mosque and in its environs and... the constant breakdowns of the roads and the walls emphasize that [Al-Aqsa] is subject to a plot that threatens its structure and its identity, with the aim of destroying it and establishing on its ruins the alleged Jewish Temple."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 3, 2009]

"The Israeli leadership is hastening its steps to Judaize Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Palestinian state, with the aim of abolishing the city's Arab identity and changing its characteristic landmarks."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 24, 2009]

"The Popular Fighting Front in the Jerusalem region emphasized that the plans of the occupation government, which aspires to double the number of settlers in Jerusalem and in the West Bank... This is one of the fruits of the new fanaticism, racism and Nazism."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 4, 2009]

"When we look at the Palestinian map these days, we cannot avoid turning our gaze directly towards Jerusalem and the suffering that this city is experiencing: the attempts at Judaization, with the aim of blurring its characteristics, changing its identity."

[Friday sermon, PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 20, 2009]

[In his lecture, Dr. Yunes Amr, president of Al-Quds University] "addressed the subject of 'Jerusalem, capital of Arab culture', the characteristics of the Jews - their lies and their sadism."

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

"It is possible that there will be an artificial earthquake. Some time ago the Israelis had the idea of carrying out a nuclear test in the Dead Sea. That would be an artificial earthquake [that would bring about the collapse of the Al-Aqsa Mosque]."

[PA TV (Fatah), Feb. 27, 2009]

### **3. Jerusalem and all of Israel are defined as land of *Ribat***

*A Palestinian Authority schoolbook defines Ribat:*

*"The Ribat for Allah is one of the actions related to Jihad ... The persistence of Palestine's people on their land in these days [i.e., Israel], and their persistence against the damage and the aggression they endure - is one of the greatest of the Ribat [fighting for Islamic land], and they are worthy of a great reward from Allah.... they are found in Ribat until Resurrection. "*

*[Islamic Education, grade 12, p. 86-87]*

*In recent months, Palestinian leaders have frequently defined all of Israel, and particularly Jerusalem, as land of Ribat - i.e., areas which Muslims have a religious obligation to defend and liberate for Islam. In the past, it was specifically Hamas that defined the conflict with Israel as a*

*religious war. Now, the PA - Fatah leadership likewise openly presents its war against Israel as a religious battle for Islam.*

"*Ribat* unites us as Muslims and as Palestinian Arabs with Jerusalem, and with its holy [places] and with the Al-Aqsa Mosque. It is ongoing *Ribat* which cannot be halted even for a second."

[Sheikh Raed Salah, head of branch of The Islamic Movement - *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah),  
March 25, 2009]

Sheikh Ali Abu-Shaykha, member of the Jerusalem People's Council for "Jerusalem, Capital of Arab Culture 2009" events:

"The purpose of the festival is for our children to depict the suffering of the Al-Aqsa mosque... In addition, this activity is an activity of *Ribat* and protection of the Al-Aqsa mosque, in the shadow of the campaign of Judaization and the invasion of the Al-Aqsa mosque that are being undertaken by Jewish associations and organizations."

["First Drawing Competition of Lovers of Al-Aqsa" - *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), April 21, 2009]

"Our fundamental task - and this must be clear to all - is the continuation of *Ribat* upon the land of Jerusalem, upon the land of Palestine; a continuation of *Ribat*, striking roots in this land."

[Mahmoud Al-Habbash, former PA Minister of Agriculture and Welfare - PA TV (Fatah), April 16, 2009]

"This nation is a nation of Murabitun [*Ribat* people], whose fundamental obligation is to protect the [land of] *Ribat* [i.e., land of Israel]."

[Friday sermon, PA TV (Fatah), March 3, 2009]

Naseen Arabi speaks in the name of the Al-Aqsa Youth:

"The Al-Aqsa mosque has been placed at the center of the Israeli target, with all its plazas and domes and walls. The names and the sites have been falsified, such that the 'Al-Burak [western] Wall' has forcibly and falsely become the 'Wall of Tears' [Wailing Wall], and the Al-Aqsa plazas have become a pilgrimage site for tourists. Under it there is an empty space, and above it an empty space, and a voice is heard there - the voice of the Murabitin [*Ribat* people] who hold onto it day and night, to protect it."

["First Drawing Competition of Lovers of Al-Aqsa" - *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), April 21, 2009]

## **Bulletin – May 27, 2009**



Imri Tel-Oren, age 15, murdered by terrorist honored by Abbas.

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*The Palestinian Authority's honoring of terrorists directly violates US conditions to receive funding, yet the US ignores its own laws and funds the PA. In this Jerusalem Post OpEd, PMW documents that through its negligence, the US is helping the PA to promote the murder of women and children.*

*Below see "letter to the editor" written by Sharona Tel-Oren, mother of 15-year-old Imri, who was murdered by Palestinian terrorists, responding to the US funding of PA honoring her son's murderer.*

## **Will the US follow its laws and suspend funding to Abbas?**

Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Jerusalem Post Op-Ed, May 25, 2009

As US President Barack Obama prepares to welcome Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to Washington this week, and US lawmakers debate the proposed \$900 million aid package to the PA, it is once again using its money to proclaim that killing Israeli women and children is heroic.

The PA chose to name its latest computer center "after the martyr Dalal Mughrabi," who led the most deadly terror attack in the country's history. Her 1978 bus hijacking killed 37 civilians, 12 of them children, including American photographer Gail Rubin. The new center is funded by Abbas's office, which is bolstered by Western aid money. (*Al-Ayyam*, May 5)

US law prohibits the funding of Palestinian structures that use any portion of their budget to promote terror or honor terrorists. But \$200 million of the US's proposed \$900m. aid package is earmarked to go directly to the Abbas government, which regularly uses its budget to honor terrorists. In fact, this latest veneration of Mughrabi is not an isolated case, but part of a continuing pattern of honoring terrorists that targets children in particular.

Last summer the PA sponsored "the Dalal Mughrabi football championship" for kids, and a "summer camp named for martyr Dalal Mughrabi... out of honor and admiration for the martyr." It also held a party to honor exemplary students, also named "for the martyr Dalal Mughrabi," under the auspices of Abbas and at which Abbas's representative "reviewed the heroic life of the martyr [Mughrabi] (*Al-Hayat al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 23, 24 and August 8, 2008). All these PA-funded activities were to teach kids that a killer of women and children is a role model.

TWO MONTHS AGO, 31 years to the day after the Mughrabi murders, PA TV broadcast a special program celebrating the terror attack, calling the killing of 37 civilians "one of the most important and most prominent special operations... carried out by a team of heroes and led by the heroic fighter Dalal Mughrabi" (PA TV March 11). And it's not just Mughrabi who is a Palestinian hero. Despite professions in English by Abbas and other PA leaders that they reject

terror, the PA has a long and odious history in Arabic of celebrating terrorists as role models and heroes, often involving US money.

USAID spent \$400,000 in 2004 to build the Salakh Khalaf soccer field. After Palestinian Media Watch reported that Khalaf was the head of the Palestinian terror group that murdered 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics and two American diplomats in Sudan, USAID publicly apologized and said it would demand that the PA change the name. The name was never changed.

In 2002, US money funded renovations of the "Dalal Mughrabi school for girls." After PMW alerted the US State Department to Mughrabi's terrorist past, the funding was cancelled. Within 24 hours, the PA said the name would be changed, and the American money was reinstated. Once the work was completed, however, the school was renamed for the terrorist. It bears Mughrabi's name to this day.

AT A RECENT hearing of the House Appropriations Committee, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pledged: "We will work only with a Palestinian Authority government that unambiguously and explicitly accepts the Quartet's principles, [including] a commitment to nonviolence." And it's not just Clinton's pledge. US law interprets nonviolence to include not honoring terrorists: "None of the [US]... assistance under the West Bank and Gaza program may be made available for the purpose of recognizing or otherwise honoring individuals who commit, or have committed acts of terrorism" (2008 Foreign Operations Bill Sec. 657.B - C.1). This latest glorification of the terrorist Mughrabi, coming as Congress considers the administration's latest request to fund Abbas, imposes a profound responsibility on Congress. But it also creates a unique opportunity.

Will the US follow its own laws, and insist that the PA stop turning killers of women and children into heroes and role models before it receives another cent of US money? Congress and Obama can send a message to the PA that the US will not fund the PA, or any part of its budget, until it proves that it has ceased promoting terrorist murderers as heroes and role models. It can demand a statement from Abbas - in public, in Arabic and in the PA media - that murdering Israelis is terror, that terrorists are neither heroes nor holy martyrs and that they will no longer be honored.

Or they can send a different message to Abbas: that raising another generation of Palestinian children to the values of hate, murder and martyrdom is acceptable to the US - so acceptable that the US is even willing to fund it.

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***Following is the letter written in response to this article, by Sharona Tel-Oren:***

"Dear Editor, Thank you for the excellent article by Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook about Abbas's glorification of terrorists which, as was pointed out, is largely funded by American money. It has not been reported, to my knowledge, that this issue was addressed at all during the Netanyahu-Obama meeting...

May I add that Gail Rubin was not the only American killed in the 1978 Coast Road terror attack. My son Imri, then in his fifteenth year, was another American citizen who lost his life in that attack, his father and brother wounded then as well, leaving a family shattered to this day. Imri had been born on the Fourth of July, and his name in Hebrew (aleph, mem, reysh, yod) I realized later, spells out the first four letters of America! To this day, people, mostly strangers, call me, both from here and from America,, with the news that they have just had a baby boy, and named him Imri, a never-forgotten victim of that terrible day 31 years ago.

Two years before that horrific event, we had celebrated Imri's bar mitzva on his Jewish birthdate and, on July 4, 1976, the Gregorian one as well. It was a day not only marked by America's centennial celebration, but also by the heroic rescue at Entebbe. *[NOTE: The writer refers to the Israeli rescue of more than 100 Jewish hostages in Uganda. Yonatan Netanyahu was killed in the raid].*

'See, Imri,' I told him, then, 'fireworks all over America today, and this is how Tzahal [the Israeli Army] celebrates your birthday!' His eyes flashed appreciation at my quip. Euphoria gripped the world then, at the two spectacular events of the day, though for the Netanyahu family that day undoubtedly marks THEIR agony over Yoni's death. Since then, needless to say, every Fourth of July must be a day of mourning and remembrance for these two families. Will the coming Fourth of July show any signs of the change Obama promised the world, or will we see the continuation of America's blind eye towards their funding of the incitement against Jews, and the *shahid*/hero cult of terror by the world's darlings, the Palestinian Authority leadership?

Sharona Tel-Oren, POB 134, Omer 84965

### **Bulletin – June 8, 2009**

## **Hamas converts 46 ambulances to military vehicles, Misusing humanitarian aid**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

*PMW has documented the repeated use of foreign funding by both the PA and Hamas for terror and glorification of terror. The following is another case of well intended humanitarian assistance given to Palestinians that is appropriated for military or terror purposes:*

"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, and which had passed at its [Hamas's] orders to private warehouses and its own medical centers, and was later sold to the helpless citizen..."

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

### **Bulletin – June 18, 2009**

## **Fatah broadcasts graphic images of Hamas torture**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

On the second anniversary of the Hamas military takeover of Gaza, PA TV (Fatah) broadcast a public Fatah event held in the presence of senior Fatah leaders, which focused on intense vilification of Hamas.

This included the showing of a graphic video of Hamas members brutally beating a Fatah member in Gaza. The screams of the victim can be heard in the video, along with others calling "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is Great).

The Fatah moderator introduced the video with the following words:  
"Hamas's name is written on every arm and leg which was crushed by their [Hamas's] acts of terror."

The Hamas - Fatah hatred is very deep and this intense hate propaganda is typical of the current Fatah - Hamas relations. This animosity has led to the arrest of numerous Hamas members by the Fatah-controlled Palestinian Authority. This is important to note, as these arrests have been mistakenly reported in the press to be a sign that the Palestinian Authority is fighting Palestinian terror on behalf of Israel.



Click [here to view](#). Warning - the video contains graphic material.

**Bulletin – June 21, 2009**  
**PA: Hamas uses “women and the sick”  
as smugglers**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The Palestinian Authority has announced that Hamas is using "women and the sick" to illegally smuggle money to purchase military equipment.

This announcement in the official PA newspaper is additional justification for Israel's policy of checking civilians at roadblocks.

For years, Israel has blamed the suffering of civilians at roadblocks on terror infrastructures of both Hamas and Fatah, who have used civilians to transport bombs, weapons and money to finance terror.

*Following is the translation of the announcement:*

"Hamas uses women and the sick to transfer money illegally. The [Palestinian Authority] security services arrested six Hamas members and confiscated more than a million Euros that was in their possession... Nablus Governor Jamal Muhaisen clarified that the security forces [of the Palestinian Authority] confiscated documents dealing with the transfer of 38,000 Jordanian Dinars from abroad that were used for acquisition of arms for Hamas. He said that 'Hamas is using women and the sick to transfer money illegally.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), June 14, 2009]

**Bulletin – June 25, 2009**

## **Fatah boasts about lynch murder of two Israeli soldiers in 2000**

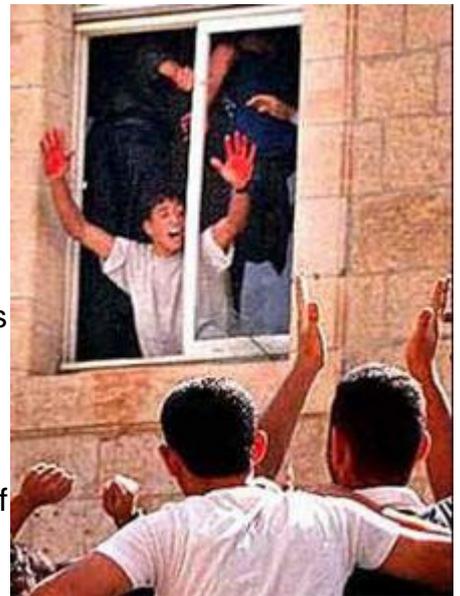
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

As PMW reported earlier this week, PA TV (Fatah) marked the second anniversary of the Hamas takeover of Gaza by broadcasting a public Fatah event that focuses on vilifying Hamas. One part of this performance features a graphic [video of Hamas members brutally beating a Fatah member in Gaza](#).

Another part criticizes and mocks Hamas for the decrease in its terror operations against Israel, glorifies Fatah terror, and ends with Fatah boasting that they "arrested two soldiers in Ramallah," a reference to the October 2000 lynching of two Israeli reservists.

In this scene actors portray a Hamas teacher and student supporters of Fatah and Hamas, debating which movement is greater. Significantly, the competition between Fatah and Hamas supporters is based not on who has built more Palestinian infrastructures, nor on who has promoted peace, but rather on who can take credit for more terror.

The debate ends when a Fatah student trumps Hamas's boast of having kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit by mentioning the "arrest of two Israeli soldiers in Ramallah" by the PA-Fatah. This alludes to the lynching and gruesome murder of two Israeli reservist soldiers who accidentally entered the Palestinian Authority-controlled city in October 2000. While the picture of a Palestinian celebrating the killing by waving his bloody hands to the mob horrified the world, the murder remains a source of pride for Fatah.



[Note: Seated in the front row at the event are Fatah leaders, including Muhammad Dahlan, former head of PA security; Qadura Fares, head of the PA Prisoners' Association; Nasser Al-Qidwa, former PA Minister of Foreign Affairs; Samir Al-Mashharawi, senior Fatah official; and others.]

[Click here to view the "terror competition" between Fatah and Hamas](#)

*The following is a transcript of the act:*

**Fatah student taunts Hamas:** "Since Hamas seized power, we haven't heard of any Martyrdom operation [suicide-bombing]."

**Hamas teacher:** "It's called 'fighter's rest'."

**Fatah student:** "A Hamas fighter needs rest, but a Fatah fighter doesn't need rest?!"

**Hamas teacher:** "Every fighter has the right to rest."

**Fatah student:** "Why is it that when Fatah stops fighting, you [Hamas] say they're cowards, but when Hamas stops fighting, you say it's 'fighters' rest'?"

**Hamas teacher:** "I don't know much about resistance [terror] and fighters..."

**Fatah student:** "The first shot was fired by the PLO; the first Jihad was carried out by the PLO"

[audience applauds], with all the other factions - but Hamas always opposed.

**Hamas student:** "What do you say about Hamas having kidnapped the [Israeli] soldier Shalit [still held hostage - Ed.]?"

**Hamas teacher:** "Ahaaa!"

**Student:** "By Allah, it's good."

**Hamas student:** "Did Fatah ever capture a soldier?!"

**Fatah student:** "It was the [other] brigades who captured him [Shalit] and sold him to you [Hamas]. It's a deal that you [Hamas] made for your own benefit, not for the [Palestinian] people's benefit. [Applause]"

**Fatah student:** Remember, in Ramallah the [PA-Fatah] police arrested two soldiers - have you forgotten, teacher?!" [A reference to the lynching in Ramallah in October 2000- Ed.]

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

**Bulletin – July 5, 2009**  
**Senior PA religious official  
repeats incendiary lies and libels  
about Israel, Jews and Jewish history**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

In a single TV interview, one of the Palestinian Authority's most senior religious officials has reiterated several of the many fundamental lies, libels and defamations about Israel, Jews and Jewish history that play a central role in PA ideology and hate propaganda. Tayseer Tamimi, the PA's Chief Religious Justice, regularly appears as a religious authority in the official PA media and at public events.

In this recent interview, Tamimi teaches that the Quran says that Jews have inherently negative traits and have been evil throughout history; that Jerusalem has no Jewish holy sites; that Israel is destroying the foundation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is now "hanging in midair;" that Orthodox Jews deny the Western Wall is part of the Jewish Temple; and that Jesus was not a Jew but a Palestinian.

*Tamimi's recent libels, lies and defamations, PATV (Fatah), June 9, 2009:*

- #1. The Quran says Jews have inherently negative characteristics*
- #2. Jews have no connection to Jerusalem*
- #3. Israel is acting to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque*
- #4. Orthodox Jews deny the Western Wall is part of the Temple*
- #5. Jesus was not a Jew but a Palestinian prophet of Islam*



**#1. The Quran says Jews have inherently negative characteristics**

*Tayseer Tamimi, PA Chief Religious Justice:*

"Concerning the Jews, the Holy Quran says that they lack understanding, are void of wisdom, know nothing, violate agreements, etc. However, the Jews were known - it was known about them throughout history- that they make false claims, lies, forgery, slander, and fabrications, in order to justify their aggression, land theft, defilement of holy sites, appropriation of land, destruction of homes, murder of children, women, and the elderly."



## **#2. Jews have no connection to Jerusalem**

*Tayseer Tamimi, PA Chief Religious Justice:*

"I know of Muslim and Christian holy sites in [Jerusalem]. I don't know of any Jewish holy sites in it... Israel has been excavating since 1967 in search of remains of their Temple or their fictitious Jewish history."



## **#3. Israel is acting to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque**

*Tayseer Tamimi, PA Chief Religious Justice:*

"The [Israeli] excavations' purpose is to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque. In fact, its foundations have been removed. Chemical acids were injected into the rocks to dissolve them. The soil and the pillars [were moved] so the mosque is hanging in midair. There is an Israeli plan to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to build the Temple."



## **#4. Orthodox Jews deny the Western Wall is part of the Temple**

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"When the Prophet [Muhammad] entered Jerusalem, after landing with his 'riding animal' in the Night Journey from Mecca to Jerusalem, he tied it to the western wall, which is known today [by Muslims] as the al-Buraq Wall, and which the Jews usurped by falsification and deception [saying it is the Western Wall of the Temple]. Orthodox Jewish groups, such as Neturei Karta, denounce all the actions of the Israeli government and the Zionist movement in Jerusalem. They, more than us, say these claims are false and a distortion of the Jewish faith."



## **#5. Jesus was not a Jew but a Palestinian prophet of Islam**

*Archbishop Atallah Hanna (speaking humorously):* "We [Christians] are local stock, 100%

Palestinian and Arab produce."

*Tayseer Tamimi, PA Chief Religious Justice: "Jesus is the only Palestinian prophet."*

**Bulletin – July 7, 2009**

**PA boasts of past terror attacks  
by security forces  
currently being trained by the US**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

This week Israel approved the transfer of 1,000 AK-47 rifles to the Palestinian Authority security forces that are being trained by American Lt.-Gen. Keith Dayton. This comes at the same time as former PA Minister of Prisoners, Ashraf al-Ajrami, is honoring these very same PA security forces for being the backbone of Palestinian terror during the five-year Terror War (Intifada).

Defending these soldiers, whom Hamas mockingly calls "Dayton Forces," the PA minister gloated that they carried out "the greatest and most important operations [terror attacks]" in the war. Moreover, he also taunted Hamas for not immediately joining the Fatah forces in their war in 2000.

The PA takes pride in its "Intifada" in which more than 1,000 Israelis, mostly civilians, were killed by the PA (Fatah) and Hamas from 2000-2005. Depicting murder and suicide terror by the PA security forces as a sign of honor sends a clear signal to Palestinians: These PA forces, currently being trained by the US, are not to be mocked because they could be the backbone of the next war against Israel.

*The following are the words of the former PA Minister of Prisoners Ashraf al-Ajrami:*

"The master of resistance is, without doubt and without question, the *Shahid* (Martyr) Yasser Arafat. Even this Intifada, whose flag Hamas has tried to wave unjustly, forcibly, falsely and fraudulently - that [Intifada] flag belongs to Yasser Arafat alone... Now they [Hamas] are speaking [disparagingly] about the [PA's security forces, calling them] 'Dayton Forces.' These [security] forces paid the heavy price in the second Intifada, both as *Shahids* [Martyrs] and as prisoners. The greatest number of prisoners is from the security forces sector. They are the ones who bore arms and carried out the greatest and most important operations [terror attacks] against the Israeli occupation - and especially against soldiers, and some of the most famous operations [terror attacks] in the West Bank - Ein-Arik, Wadi Al-Haramiyeh, Sorda, and others. These were carried out by the heroes of the Palestinian security forces, who protected the homeland and the national interest, while Hamas merely looked on for many months before embarking [on terrorist attacks]."

[PA TV (Fatah), June 29, 2009]

**Bulletin – July 9, 2009**

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[Al Aqsa TV (Hamas), March 8, 2007]

### **Bulletin – July 12, 2009**

#### **Fatah official:**

**“Our goal has never been peace.  
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By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

The PA will resume violence and terror against Israel when Fatah is "capable," and "according to what seems right," Fatah official Kifah Radaydeh says in a PA TV (Fatah) interview. Radaydeh, Fatah Regional Committee member, Jerusalem, states openly that peace is not a goal for Fatah:

"It has been said that we are negotiating for peace, but our goal has never been peace. Peace is a means; the goal is Palestine."

Radaydeh says that "armed struggle" has not been ruled out and will continue, depending on how "capable" the PA forces are.

[Click here to see the PA TV \(Fatah\) interview](#) with Fatah official, Kifah Radaydeh.

*Transcript.*

"Fatah is facing a challenge, because [Fatah] says that we perceive peace as one of the strategies, but we say that all forms of the struggle exist, and we do not rule out the possibility of the armed struggle or any other struggle. The struggle exists in all its forms, on the basis of what we are capable of at a given time, and according to what seems right..."

What exactly do we want? It has been said that we are negotiating for peace, but our goal has never been peace. Peace is a means; and the goal is Palestine. I do not negotiate in order to achieve peace. I negotiate for Palestine, in order to achieve a state."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2009]

It should be noted that when Fatah refers to "Palestine," it is routinely referring to all of Israel.

Some examples:

1. The Fatah flag still shows the map of Israel under rifles. The same symbol (see right) appears on the Fatah website (<http://www.fateh.ps>) and other official Fatah publications.



2. Fatah MP Najat Abu-Bakr said in a PA TV (Fatah) interview last year that Fatah's goal remains the destruction of Israel, but that their political plan is to focus on the West Bank and Gaza Strip:

"It doesn't mean that we don't want the 1948 borders [all of Israel]... but our current political program is to say that we want the 1967 borders."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25 2008]. [Click to view](#)

3. A PA TV (Fatah) educational documentary broadcast monthly since 2007 includes the following words denying the existence of Israel:

"Another section in Palestine which is the Palestinian coast that spreads along the [Mediterranean] sea, from... Ashkelon in the south, until Haifa, in the Carmel Mountains. Haifa is a well-known Palestinian port. [Haifa] enjoyed a high status among Arabs and Palestinians especially before it fell to the 'occupation' [Israel] in 1948. To its north, we find Acre. East of Acre, we reach a city with history and importance, the city of Tiberias, near a famous lake, the lake of Tiberias [Kinneret- Sea of Galilee]. Jaffa, an ancient coastal city, is the bride of the sea, and Palestine's gateway to the world."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 2007-June 7, 2009, dozens of times] [Click to view](#)

4. Muhammad Dahlan, senior PA official, recently stressed that Fatah adamantly refuses to recognize Israel, and that even Palestinian Authority recognition is to have better standing internationally in order to receive foreign aid:

"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... It's required of the government but not of Hamas; it's required of the government but not of the Fatah, so that this government will be able to offer the necessary assistance, to carry out the necessary reconstruction, to offer assistance to the sick, to bring relief to needy families... This can be dealt with [only] by a government that has relations with the international community, one that is acceptable to the international community, in order that we can work together and benefit from the international community."

**Bulletin – July 16, 2009**

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**CNN picks up PMW's story  
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[Al Aqsa TV (Hamas), March 8, 2007]

**Bulletin – July 17, 2009**

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## **Hamas police official Israel smuggles “sexual stimulants” to destroy Palestinian youth**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas has accused Israel of supplying "sexual stimulants" and other drugs to destroy Palestinian youth.

Hamas police spokesman Islam Shahwan said recently that Israeli intelligence officers are behind the smuggling of sexually stimulating drops and chewing gum into Gaza to "weaken and destroy" Palestinian youth and the social structure, according to Palestinian news agency FPNP ("Firas- Palestine News Press)

Shahwan claimed that a parent had complained to police that his daughter had chewed the Israeli gum and suffered "side effects." He said that Hamas police had subsequently arrested the distributors, confiscated the aphrodisiacs and confirmed that the drugs had been supplied by Israeli intelligence.

This accusation is one more example of the continuing PA campaign by both Fatah and Hamas to demonize Israel based on libels by officials, who accuse Israel of trying to poison or corrupt Palestinian youth. For the last 10 years, the Palestinian Authority Fatah leaders have been disseminating the libel that Israel spreads AIDS and sexually-transmitted diseases among Palestinian youth, turns them into drug addicts and has a special intelligence unit devoted to distributing drugs to Palestinian teenagers.

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One PA official even accused Israel of distributing sports shoes that cause the wearer to become paralyzed, and perfumes that cause drug addiction.

This multi-faceted campaign presents Israel as a serious threat to the health and lives of Palestinians, thereby generating hatred and encouraging Palestinian terror.

*Following is the transcript of the aphrodisiac libel:*

"Police Spokesman of the Hamas government, Islam Shahwan, said that the commercial crossings with Israel are the primary source for smuggling drugs and sexual stimulants which were recently seized in the Gaza Strip... Shahwan said that these stimulants are [produced] in the form of chewing gum or as a liquid that is taken in the form of drops. One parent complained to the police that his daughter had taken one of these stimulants and told her father about it after suffering side-effects. Shahwan added that the police had traced the source of the 'chewing gum' and arrested its distributors, and had confiscated all the substances serving as sexual stimulants. Following investigation it became apparent that these enhancers had come from the border crossings with Israel.

Concerning the major source of these stimulants, Shahwan said that following the admission by the detainees, it turned out that the Israeli Intelligence was supplying psychologically weak

[Palestinians] with drugs and with enhancers of this type, in order to distribute them amongst the greatest possible number of inhabitants, and to sell them for free (sic).

Shahwan emphasized that Israel's goal in distributing these drugs is to destroy our people's social structure, and to destroy the youth by distributing drugs and sexual stimulants that will weaken and destroy them...

Shahwan said that large quantities of drugs and sexual stimulants smuggled via the Zionist border crossings with the Gaza Strip had been seized in the past... It turned out from the investigation of the last group that had been caught... that it had a direct connection with Zionist Intelligence officers."

Firas- Palestine News Press  
FNP Network <http://fpnp.name/arabic/?action=detail&id=27597>

**Bulletin – July 20, 2009**  
**What killed Arafat -  
AIDS, Abbas, or Israel?**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

The Palestinian Authority briefly closed down the Al-Jazeera offices in the West Bank last week after the news network broadcast an accusation that PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas helped Israel kill Yasser Arafat in 2004 (see final item below). The conspiracy libel that Israel murdered Arafat has been disseminated by the Palestinian Authority since his death, but this is the first time that Abbas has been accused of being part of the plot. Other explanations have also been proposed.

**2007 - Ahmad Jibril: The PA knows that Arafat died of AIDS**

After Arafat's death there were rumors that he had died of AIDS. Support for this came in 2007 from Ahmad Jibril, senior PLO leader and head of the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine). Jibril said on Hezbollah TV that a member of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's delegation had told him personally that Arafat died of AIDS.

*Ahmad Jibril, PLO leader and head of PFLP:*

"When [PA Chairman] Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) came to Damascus, I asked: 'What was found in the [medical] inquiry into the death of brother Arafat?'" One of the [delegation] said: 'Frankly, the French gave us the medical report, and the cause of Arafat's death was AIDS.'"

[Al-Manar (Hezbollah TV) July 5, 2007]

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Note that the above was broadcast on Hezbollah TV, not on Palestinian TV. This information has never been released to the Palestinian public through the Palestinian media.

**2004-2009 Conspiracy libel 1: Israel killed Arafat**

When Yasser Arafat became ill and died in November 2004, the Palestinian Authority created a conspiracy libel that Israel had poisoned him. To give credence to this libel, the PA concocted an international intrigue in which Israel initiated the murder plan, the US approved (with certain

conditions), and the French doctors who treated Arafat concealed the truth in order to salvage the peace process.

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*Following are examples of PA libel that Israel killed Arafat:*

**Bassam Abu Sharif, former adviser to Arafat:**

"According to the confirmed information I have, [Israeli Chief of Staff, Shaul] Mofaz spoke to [Israeli PM Ariel] Sharon in the following manner: 'This is a chance to get rid of Yasser Arafat...' Sharon was silent for a moment, and then looked [at Mofaz and said], 'Only if it could be done in a way that the accusing finger wouldn't be pointed at Israel.' These are the exact words.

When I found out about this, I wrote a letter to... Yasser Arafat, in which I warned him of their desire to kill him, probably by means of poison. The letter's date is clear, this is the letter [shows the letter]. The black [marking] is [the marking of] Yasser Arafat, the lines were drawn by Yasser Arafat. This is the date, June 5, 2002... The Israelis planned to kill him by poison, because of Sharon's promise to the Americans that [Arafat] will not be killed by bombing.

The source, and this is the first time I'm saying it... I saw him after the death and burial of Arafat. I asked him, and he replied that the French know about this. I think that the French hid this matter because France is a powerful country that isn't interested in igniting the area, and is interested in peace and the establishment of a country for the Palestinian nation, and reviving the topic would mean that every Palestinian would see it as his duty to avenge [the death of] Yasser Arafat."



[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 11, 2005]

**Cartoon, official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah):**

Published when Arafat was sick in hospital two weeks before his death, the cartoon on the right shows a demonized Jew biting Arafat's IV line as he signals "V" for peace. This cartoon, indicating Israel was trying to kill Arafat, was published in the official PA daily.

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Oct. 31, 2004]

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

"We are absolutely sure that the Zionist government is responsible for the attempt to kill the President [Arafat]. We have no doubt that it somehow poisoned him to kill him slowly... These [Jews] are cursed apes and pigs. It is our right to pray to Allah to cure him and to plant poison in the hearts of those pigs. Have you seen them on TV hugging, singing and dancing - those apes, those pigs - at the news of our President's [impending] death?"

[PATV (Fatah), Nov. 4, 2004]

**PA TV (Fatah) host, speaking to Nasser Al-Qidwa, Chairman, Board of Directors, Institute for Commemoration of Arafat and former PA Foreign Minister:**

Al-Qidwa: "Personally, I am convinced - and we have spoken about this on more than one occasion. I have spoken about Israel's responsibility [for Arafat's death] in any event, due to the siege that was imposed."

PA TV host: "The murder - the murder operation - was carried out against the *Shahid* (Martyr)

[Arafat]... All the evidence proves that they [Israel] carried out an elimination or assassination operation."

[PATV (Fatah), March 31, 2009]

**2009 Conspiracy libel 2: Israel and Abbas killed Arafat**

***Farouk Kaddumi accuses Abbas and Israel of killing Arafat:***

"Farouk Kaddumi [Secretary-General of the Fatah Central Committee and Head of the PLO Political Department] said at a press conference in Jordan last Sunday (July 12, 2009) that Arafat, prior to his death, had entrusted to him the protocol of a secret meeting of Abbas and Dahlan with former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and American Intelligence officers, during which they planned the assassination of Arafat and other leaders of the Palestinian resistance factions."

[Al-Jazeera website, July 16, 2009]

**Bulletin – July 21, 2009**

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**Palestinian cleric on PA TV (Fatah):**

**“In all of Europe  
there weren’t 6 million Jews”**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

Since "it is known that in all of Europe there weren't 6 million Jews," the Holocaust should be seen as one more example of Jews' exaggeration of their sufferings, according to a senior Palestinian religious official. This latest Palestinian Holocaust denial was expressed by Abd Al-Rahman Abbad, Secretary General of the [Palestinian] Organization of Clerics and Disseminators of Islam. This organization is headed by Ikrima Sabri, former Palestinian Authority Mufti under Yasser Arafat and Mahmoud Abbas.

In another repugnant distortion of history, Abbad explained on official Palestinian Authority TV that Jews possess "an attitude of superiority towards others" and therefore Jewish "culture and religion obligate them to have contacts only among themselves." This, he explained, is the source of the historical Jewish isolation in ghettos: Jews were not placed in ghettos by others, but chose to build walls around themselves and live in ghettos to avoid associating with non-Jews.



This attitude, which he called the Jewish "ghetto mentality," is not just one Jewish trait among many, but dominates: "The Jewish mindset [is] a mindset controlled by the [idea of the] ghetto."

President Barak Obama sees a direct connection between Holocaust denial and Israel's security:

"I will never compromise when it comes to Israel's security. Not when there are still voices that deny the Holocaust. Not when there are terrorist groups and political leaders committed to Israel's destruction."

[AIPAC Conference, June 4, 2008]

[Click here to view interview with Palestinian official](#)

[Click here for examples of 10 years of PA Holocaust denial](#)

*The following is the transcript of the interview on PA TV (Fatah):*

"[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."

[PATV (Fatah), July 17, 2009]

### **Bulletin – July 23, 2009**

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## **Palestinian testimony:**

### **Arab responsibility for Palestinian refugees**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

"The radio stations of the Arab regimes kept repeating to us: 'Get away from the battle lines. It's a matter of ten days or two weeks at the most, and we'll bring you back to Ein-Kerem [near Jerusalem].' And we said to ourselves, 'That's a very long time. What is this? Two weeks? That's a lot!' That's what we thought [then]. And now 50 years have gone by."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2009]

With these words an Arab resident of a refugee camp recounts the reason why his family left Israel in 1948, in an interview broadcast on PA TV (Fatah) this month.

[Click here to view the interview on PA TV](#)

In recent years, Palestinian leaders, writers and refugees have spoken out in the Palestinian media, blaming the Arab leadership for the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem.

According to these accounts, and contrary to the Palestinian myth that hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were deported by Israel in 1948, the vast majority of the Arab exodus from Israel was voluntary, and the result of orders by the Arab leadership.

Furthermore, the fact that this information has been openly discussed by public figures and refugees in the Palestinian Authority media itself suggests that awareness of this responsibility may be widespread - even though Palestinian leaders continue to blame Israel for "the expulsion" for propaganda purposes.

The following statements in the PA media shed significant light on the events of 1948 and counter the attempts by the Palestinian Authority to hide this part of history.

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### **1. Arab resident of refugee camp:**

"This picture was taken a week before we left Ein-Kerem [near Jerusalem] in June 1948, in front of our house. The radio stations of the Arab regimes kept repeating to us: 'Get away from the battle lines. It's a matter of ten days or two weeks at the most, and we'll bring you back to Ein-Kerem.' And we said to ourselves, 'That's a very long time. What is this? Two weeks? That's a lot!' That's what we thought [then]. And now 50 years have gone by."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2009]

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### **2. Jawad Al-Bashiti, Palestinian journalist in Jordan:**

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

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

[Al-Ayyam, May 13, 2008]

### **3. Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Palestinian journalist in PA official daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*:**

"The leaders and the elites promised us at the beginning of the 'Catastrophe' in 1948 that the duration of the exile would not be long, and that it would not last more than a few days or months, and afterwards the refugees would return to their homes, which most of them did not leave only until they put their trust in those "Orkubian" promises made by the leaders and the political elites. Afterwards, days passed, months, years and decades, and the promises were lost with the strain of the succession of events..."

[The term "Orkubian" invokes Orkub, a figure from Arab tradition who was known for breaking his promises and for his lies.]

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

#### **4. Asmaa Jabir Balasimah, woman who fled Israel in 1948:**

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

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

#### **5. Ibrahim Sarsur, Head of the Islamic Movement in Israel:**

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

*Viewer:* "Mr. Ibrahim [Sarsur]: I address you as a Muslim. My father and grandfather told me that during the 'Catastrophe' [in 1948], our District Officer issued an order that whoever stays in Palestine and in Majdel [near Ashkelon - southern Israel] is a traitor, he is a traitor."

*Ibrahim Sarsur, now MK, then Head of the Islamic Movement in Israel:* "The one who gave the order forbidding them to stay there bears guilt for this, in this life and the Afterlife throughout history until Resurrection Day."

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

[Click here to view this interview on PA TV](#)

#### **6. Fuad Abu Hajla, senior Palestinian journalist:**

Fuad Abu Hajla, then a regular columnist in the official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, wrote an article before an Arab Summit, criticizing Arab leaders. One of the failures he cited, in the name of a prisoner, was that an earlier generation of Arab leaders had "forced" them to leave Israel in 1948.

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

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

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

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## **PA's Dahlan: Arafat deceived the world**

***Dahlan: "Arafat would condemn [terror] operations by day while at night he would do honorable things"***

***Dahlan: "Resistance [terror] is our right, a legal right"  
for Palestinians "in the proper place and at the proper time"***

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

PA (Fatah) Member of Parliament Muhammad Dahlan has publicly stated that Yasser Arafat was deceiving the world when he condemned Palestinian terror. Dahlan made these comments after defending the Palestinian Authority's "right" to use terror, and citing Arafat's behavior as an example:

"Arafat would condemn [terror] operations by day while at night he would do honorable things."

Dahlan said this in the context of defending the use of Palestinian terror, which he called a "legal right." He advocated that this "legal right" be implemented carefully "in the proper place and at the proper time," and only by the "leadership" of the PA.

It is interesting to note that the forces that will be available to fight Israel, if and when the PA leadership decides the timing is right, are the soldiers being trained by US Lt. Gen. Dayton.



The strategy of engaging in a diplomatic process while continuing to embrace violence or planning to use it in the future is a common theme expressed by PA leaders.

Abbas himself told the Jordanian newspaper *Al-Dustur* last year that the PA was not involved in terror operations because it was "unable," but added that "in the future stages, things may be different."

"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 the 60s]."

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

Neither Arafat nor PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas ever condemned terror because it is wrong, but only because it is ineffective or because it damages Palestinian interests.

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

*Following is the transcript of the interview with Dahlan:*

**Muhammad Dahlan, senior Fatah MP:** "Israel, we have to set a logical time limit of two years, in my opinion. The political plan guarantees the continuation of our national struggle in all its forms, in a way that will fulfill our national aspirations within this period of time."

**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]

**Bulletin – July 28, 2009**  
**Historic opportunity**  
**at Fatah Sixth General Conference:**  
**eliminate 4 foundations of the conflict**  
**and join the peace process**

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik

On Aug. 4-5, 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 PATV 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."

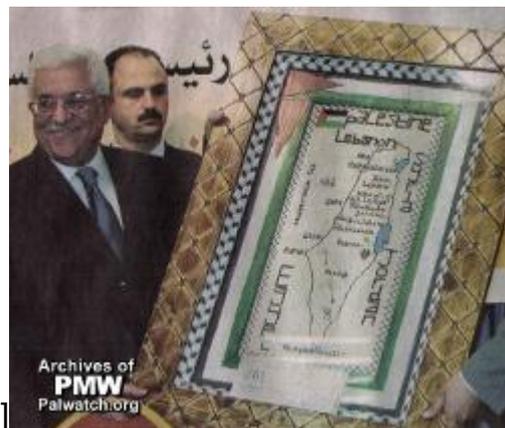
[PA TV (Fatah), March 17, 2009] [Click to view](#)

**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), April 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](#)

**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]."



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[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.***