

Bulletin – Sept. 2, 2008

PA celebrates released murderers

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Release of 199 terrorists from Israeli jails:

For Israel: A "goodwill gesture"

For the PA: A precedent for the release of 3,450 additional murderers

Palestinian Minister for Prisoner Affairs:

"The release of 199 prisoners has crushed Israel's conditions [for release]"

The release of 199 Palestinian terrorist prisoners, which Israel intended as a goodwill gesture to promote peace with the Palestinian Authority, appears to have had an adverse effect. It's been perceived and portrayed as Israeli weakness, led to the glorification of the released terrorist murders and heightened expectations for the release of more than 3,400 convicted terrorist murderers in Israeli jails.

Following are excerpts from the Palestinian Authority media on four recurring themes:

1. **The terrorist release is presented as Israeli weakness** and submission, and not as a gesture of goodwill. It has been interpreted as a sign of the breakdown of Israeli demands in any future negotiations.
2. **The terrorist murderers have been elevated to the status of Palestinian icons.**
3. **The release is seen as a precedent for the future release of all Palestinian terrorists held in Israeli jails**, including 3,450 terrorists convicted of murder.
4. **All the terrorists, including the murderers, have been glorified as heroes.**

1. The Prisoner Release Is Presented as Israeli Weakness

Palestinian Minister for Prisoner Affairs, Ashraf al-Ajrami, said, "The release of 199 prisoners today is **a landmark that has crushed Israel's conditions [for release]**... the most significant development has been the release of several prisoners... whom Israel could have continued to detain under the pretext that they aided the killing of Israelis. **This points to a breakthrough precedent and the toppling of Israel's conditions regarding 3,450 other prisoners whom Israel places in the same category [i.e. convicted of murder].**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

"Hajj Mahmoud Issa Amaira, who is nearing 60, said: 'The entire people should welcome al-Utbah and Abu Ali Yatta [released terrorist murderers] today, for they are proof to us that prison walls do not close forever on anyone'... Bethlehem resident al-Uzzah, who was herself released from prison a year ago, said, 'There is no comparison to our celebration today, following the release of Sa'id al-Utbah and Abu Ali Yatta. Israel's so-called red lines are imaginary and a thing of the past.'"

[*Al-Ayyam*, Aug. 26, 2008]

"Hussein al-Jamal, a board member of the PFLP, came out yesterday with a media statement that the Palestinian people's ongoing struggle has forced the Occupation to fundamentally revise Israel's approach to the Palestinian and Arab prisoners... The release of a group of some of the most senior prisoners serves as proof that Israel's conditions for the release of prisoners have undergone critical changes."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2008]

Dr. Najat Abu Baker, a Fatah member of Palestinian Parliament: "I am certain that there will be a deal for the release of more than 1,600 prisoners. I hope that this deal will overcome all of Israel's demands and topple the conditions set by Israel. I say that we have grasped this issue, and have reached out to those singled out and to our fighting brethren who have sat in prison for more than 20 years."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

"Thabet, one of the released prisoners and a Fatah leader, said... 'The release of his fellows from prison... constitutes the breakdown of Israeli conditions.'"

Bilal al-Shahsir, chair of the Palestinian National Council: "The Palestinian leadership has managed to secure a Palestinian victory for the Palestinian people by breaking down Israeli conditions and by forcing Israel to abandon the idea it has attempted to entrench according to which some prisoners have blood on their hands [i.e. sentenced to life for murder]."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

2. The terrorist murderers have been elevated to the status of Palestinian icons.

Sa'id al-Utbah is responsible for the suicide-bombing attacks in the Petah Tikva market, Shuk HaCarmel Market and buses, in which dozens of Israelis were wounded and Tzilla Galili was murdered.

Dr. Najat Abu Baker, a Fatah member of the Palestinian Parliament: "Today we have added to the Guinness book of records a leader, an icon of freedom, and a guide to all humanity, the released prisoner Sa'id al-Utbah. Welcome back, O brilliant commander and jihad fighter."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

"Our brave prisoners... and the man who stands at their head, the most senior fighter sentenced to life in prison, Sa'id al-Utbah."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

"...Al-Utbah is always compared to other famous political prisoners who have fought to defend their homeland and aspired to free them, such as the Black South African leader, Nelson Mandela, who spent 29 years in prison under the racist regime which has since passed from this world."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

Mohammed Abu Ali Yatta is a senior member of Fatah who was sentenced to two life-term sentences for murdering an Israeli reserve soldier in Hebron and a fellow Palestinian convict he suspected of aiding Israel.

Mahmoud Abbas announced during the prisoners' welcoming ceremony: "... This is a day when our heart rejoices... to see one of the greatest icons of our struggle, a man who has spent decades in prison - our brother Abu Ali Yatta."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2008]

3. The release is seen as a precedent for the future release of all Palestinian terrorists held in Israeli jails, including 3,450 terrorists convicted of murder.

Palestinian Minister for Prisoner Affairs, Ashraf al-Ajrami: "... This is only the starting point and we will continue to release all of the prisoners. I commend the Palestinian leadership sitting in

prison, and most of all, our brother the combatant Marwan Barghouti [serving more than five life sentences for murders]. I send them a message that we will soon see them among us: our brother Marwan, our brother Ahmed Saadat [PFLP Secretary-General, responsible for the murder of Israeli Minister Rehavam Ze'evi], and our brother Aziz Dweik [Hamas Chair of the Palestinian Parliament]..."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

"The Arab Liberation Front... interpreted this move as the breakdown of Zionist conditions; a move that has paved the way to the release of prisoners sentenced for life."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2008]

Dr. Najat Abu Baker, a Fatah member of the Palestinian Parliament: "...We have 100 to 125 prisoners who have served their sentences for over 25 years. I have a message for these prisoners, many of whom suffer from chronic illnesses: Be patient..."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

PA President Mahmoud Abbas: "There will not be peace, unless [the Israeli] prisons are emptied."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2008]

"Thabet, one of the released prisoners and a Fatah leader, said... this is a good starting point for the release of all the prisoners, male and female, and the emptying out of Israeli prisons."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2008]

4. All the terrorists, including the murderers, have been glorified as heroes.

Mahmoud Abbas announced during a welcoming ceremony for the released prisoners: "These brave released prisoners ... symbols of steadfastness, symbols of our homeland... are among our nation's heroes."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2008]

"The Fatah council of the *Yattah* municipality congratulates... the release from prison of a group of our heroic prisoners and hopes that all of our brave imprisoned fighters will be released in the near future."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

Bulletin – Sept. 3, 2008

PA TV (Fatah) children's quiz: Teaching about a world without Israel

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian children are taught through formal and informal education to see a world in which the state of "Palestine" exists and replaces all of Israel. A children's quiz broadcast this week on Fatah-controlled Palestinian Authority television shows how thoroughly Palestinian children have absorbed this message.

Children on the TV program routinely identified every Israeli city and landmark as part of the State of "Palestine." Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat are described as Palestinian ports, the Sea of

Galilee is said to be a Palestinian lake, and the area of the Palestinian state is said to be 27,000 square kilometers. In fact, the total area of Gaza and the West Bank totals 6,200 square kilometers, so the only way to come up with the larger measurement is to include undisputed Israeli territory in the calculation. The "State of Palestine" is said to border Lebanon and the Red Sea; in fact, these are Israel's borders.

In an unsettling reminder of the 2007 Hamas children's TV program that used a Mickey Mouse character to preach hatred and world Islamic domination, the child host of this week's PATV (Fatah) program is sitting in front of a photo of Mickey Mouse.

Following is a link to a clip from the program:



The world view of these Palestinian children is a direct result of their formal education, which teaches them to envision a world without Israel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Following is the text of the quiz:

Host: List three Palestinian ports.

(On phone) Adham: Haifa, Ashdod and Gaza.

Host: Your answer was correct...I'll add a few. Dear friends, we have the Haifa port, Jaffa, Ashkelon, Eilat, Ashdod & Gaza.

[Note: All are Israeli cities except Gaza.]

Host: What is the size of the state of Palestine?

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

[Note: The size of the West Bank and Gaza is 6,220 sq. km.]

Host: Bravo!

Host: Name three countries bordering Palestine.

Boy: That's easy.

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

[Note: Only Israel borders Lebanon.]

Host: The Palestinian borders overlook two important seas. What are their names?

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

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

Host: Congratulations, your answer is correct.

Host: What's the name of the only sweet-water lake in Palestine?

On phone: Ayyam The Tiberias Sea [the Sea of Galilee or the Kinneret].

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

Host: Your answer is correct.

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

Bulletin – Sept. 4, 2008
PMW Special Report
Fatah, Hamas propaganda:
Al-Aqsa Mosque in danger,
Jerusalem Arabs under siege
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The Palestinian media have stepped up their "Jerusalem campaign." The intent is to generate fear and create the perception that Jerusalem, Jerusalem's Arab character and the Al-Aqsa mosque are threatened on personal, national and religious fronts.

The Hamas owned "Al Aqsa" TV network aired a video clip last week that showed Israelis digging under the mosque in an attempt to topple it, while the Muslim and Arab world "slumbered."



[Click to watch clip \(PA TV, August 28\)](#)

The PA under Fatah, which has also been promoting such anti-Israeli propaganda for years, has recently increased the frequency and intensity of its messages. In these messages, the PA accuses Israel of "ethnic cleansing" and "Judaizing" Jerusalem. It accuses Israel of infesting Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem with super aggressive rats, and systematically distributing addictive street drugs to Jerusalem's Arab residents.

This campaign aims to incite religious and national fury against Israel by presenting Israel as a threat to Islam's holy site, with plans to topple the Al-Aqsa Mosque. To accomplish this, the PA does not hesitate to use vicious terminology and libels, and recruit religious leaders to deliver inflammatory sermons.

The following statements reflect these recent recurring themes:

"Israel is building a Jewish city underground."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2008]

Israel is "putting up a bridge that can hold hundreds of soldiers, police officers and vehicles, strategically placed to allow Israeli forces to raid the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 20, 2008]

Israel is "stationing missile launchers in the Old City in occupied Jerusalem" for the purpose of "bombarding Al-Aqsa mosque with missiles attacks."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2008]

As a result of these accusations, calls to the Arab and Muslim public to act against Israel and against Israelis are seen as a legitimate act of self-defense. The Palestinian leadership has been calling upon men, women and even children to rally together to combat "the situation in

Jerusalem, which has reached a critical point and has crossed red lines." [PA TV (Fatah), June 22, 2008]

The message is straightforward: As an Arab and a Muslim, you are under attack. Retaliating against Israelis is your religious and personal duty. You must actively defend your children and your family, and serve the Arab and Muslim nation.

It is important to note that all of the recent terrorist attacks in Jerusalem, including the two bulldozer attacks and the murders at the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva, were committed by residents of East Jerusalem who were not sent by Hamas or Fatah. The rampant hostility in this area is therefore a major issue that should not be ignored.

The following examples from PA-controlled news outlets illustrate the various facets of the "Jerusalem campaign:"

1. Claims that Israel is a "threat to the city of Jerusalem, its residents, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque;
2. Dissemination of lies and libels about Israel;
3. Claims that Israel poses a threat to Islam and to world peace;
4. Invocations to join the struggle against Israel.

1. Israel is "a threat to the city of Jerusalem, its residents and the Al-Aqsa Mosque"

"Ahmed Abu-Halbiyyah said that Israel has a strategic purpose for attacking Al-Aqsa, that is 'to destroy the mosque and to erect a Jewish temple in its stead. This is supported by the escalated and continuous efforts to Judaize the city and to expel its residents.'"

[Palestinian Congress Member, Acting Head of the Al-Quds Committee,
Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Aug. 16, 2008]

Chief Mufti: ... "The Zionist mentality is founded on the idea of emptying the land of its former owners...Nabil Mashour, a lawyer who heads the Arab Orthodox Council in Jerusalem, said that the purpose of Israeli law is to Judaize Jerusalem and empty it of its [Arab] residents in order to achieve a majority of Israelis in the city, and make Jerusalem's [Arab] residents a minority."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 25, 2008]

"Israel has been acting incessantly... to fabricate the city's culture and history, to remove and erase the city's Arab, Islamic, and Christian historical monuments, and to Judaize the city's religious symbols..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 21, 2008]

"The occupation continues to pursue the excavations until it reaches its grand and dangerous goal of destroying the mosque."

[Secretary General of the Islamic-Christian Front,
Dr. Hassan Khater, PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 17, 2008]

"The Al-Aqsa Mosque and all the archaeological artifacts, religious structures and holy sites it houses are all under a serious threat of collapse at any moment."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2008]

Headline: "Institutes and public figures in Jerusalem are warning of an ethnic cleansing campaign in the holy city."

"Institutes and public figures in Jerusalem warned yesterday that the Occupation plans to destroy several residential buildings in Jerusalem as an interlude into a lengthy and violent war against the property of Arab residents in the villages, towns and neighborhoods in the city."

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

2. Libels and lies about Israel, including accusations of rat infestations, building an underground city, plans to topple Al-Aqsa Mosque, distributing addictive street drugs, issuing unlawful police reports, etc.

"... The people in Jerusalem took seriously the threats published in the Israeli media against the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the worshipers. They mentioned the rocket launchers that were brought into the Old City of occupied Jerusalem by a group of Jewish extremists, and there is a possibility that Al-Aqsa will be shelled in an attempt to destroy it.

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Sep. 1, 2008]

"What a most fascinating thing we read about this past month . . . the settlers come with large boxes and . . . and release them in the neighborhoods and streets of the Old City, where they multiply and become a big problem... the president's attempts to deal with this problem have failed, especially in light of the fact that even the cats run away and avoid confronting these rats because they are so large and fierce... all customary means of killing them have failed, and it is widely believed that these rats are immune to poison... this forces Jerusalem's residents to deal with the threat posed by the settlers and packs of rats!"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2008]

"One could say that Israel is building a Jewish city underground at the expense of the old city, and its historic and holy sites... an additional difficulty is that settlers have been moving into many Arab houses, where they live on the upper or lower floors and at times even in one of the rooms."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), July 18, 2008]

The "Chief Khadi of Palestine," Al-Tamimi, said: "the latest development in the series has been the approval given by the "Jerusalem municipality" to build a bridge in Shaar Ha-Mugrabim in order to allow more than 5,000 soldiers in armored forces of the Israeli occupation to enter the platform of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in their failed attempts to look for their temple, which they falsely claim existed."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 30, 2008]

"The occupation authorities have unquestionably been disseminating drugs and promoting drug abuse, especially in Jerusalem."

[PA TV (Fatah), Dec. 2, 2007]

"The Occupation's police patrols, which are spread throughout Jerusalem's main streets, find dozens of Jerusalem car owners. The drivers claim the fines were given out of malice and vengeance."

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

Sheikh Ra'ed Salah, head of "the Islamic Movement in the parts of Palestine lost in 1948," said: "They call destruction - refurbishing, the act of forgery - strengthening. What is the logic of this? They remove Islamic monuments in order to research what they gathered from legends and superstitions from the Talmud. Yet this is the oppressive Occupation that seeks to control everything."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 13, 2008]

3. "Israel poses a threat to Islam and to world peace"

"Hassan Khater, Secretary General of the Islamic-Christian Front for Defending Jerusalem and its Holy Sites, explained that Jerusalem is currently paralyzed and unable to fulfill its grand role of promoting love and peace and dialogue between people because it has been hijacked by The Occupation, who has closed the city's gates to Muslims and Christians and is making the city into a Jewish stronghold.

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 7, 2008]

Hassan Khater, Secretary General of the Islamic-Christian Front for Defending Jerusalem and its Holy Sites: "...[Israel is working] to fan religious hatred ... [Israel's actions of] taking over Jerusalem, walling it off, separating it, and preventing Muslims and Christians free access to Jerusalem and its holy sites amount to a declaration of war on the ideas of interfaith dialogue and rapprochement... if Israel truly believes in peace it should remove its hand from the city of love and peace and open its gates to all, so that the city may resume its historical place as a city of prayer, a stage for interfaith dialogue and a meeting place for different civilizations..."

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

4. Invocations to join the struggle against Israel.

"The National Action Council in the Rafah district in the Southern part of the Gaza Strip advocated to unite the efforts and the facilities and to direct them toward withstanding the Occupier's aggression, and the plans of the Zionist terrorist organizations who aim to harm the Al-Aqsa Mosque and all the other holy sites in Palestine."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Aug. 21, 2008]

"The Mufti called upon the Arab states and the Islamic Council to get involved in order to put an end to these acts of aggression against the civilization and set of beliefs of the Islamic nation and the Palestinian people."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Aug. 13, 2008]

"Al-Aqsa Institute, therefore, issued a call to the Palestinian residents of Israel [literally 'Palestine's internal residents'] and the residents of Al-Quds [Jerusalem], men, women and children, to continue attending the blessed Mosque every day, and to spend time in it and to defend it [*Ribaf*], because continuous presence is considered the best and effective means for achieving the goal."

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

"Al-Aqsa Institute warned against escalated Israeli sanctions against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque. It said that the Israeli moves demand Palestinian, Arab and Islamic responses and both popular and official efforts to save the Mosque and thwart any aggression it is subject to."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 23, 2008]

"The Institute [The High Islamic Council in Jerusalem] appealed to our supporters, the *Murabbites* [struggling to maintain Muslim control under threat of non-Muslim conquest] of Jerusalem-*Beit al-Makdes* and its surrounding areas, to pay a visit to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in order to protect the Mosque, which is threatened by greed. The institute, furthermore, called on the Arab and Muslim world to take on the responsibility for Jerusalem and its holy sites and to end Israeli occupation.

[*Al-Ayyam*, Aug. 20, 2008]

"Sheikh Tayseer Tamimi prompted Muslims to support Al-Quds [Jerusalem] by attending Al-Aqsa Mosque [prayer-services] starting next Friday in order to remove the blockade that the Occupation imposes on it with the intention of isolating Al-Quds from its Palestinian environs and isolating Al-Aqsa Mosque... Tamimi emphasized the Arab and Islamic character of Al-Quds, and that it is the eternal Palestinian religious and national State-Capital. Tamimi called upon the people, the leadership and institutions of the Arab and Islamic nations to support the Al-Aqsa Mosque, to defend the city of Al-Quds, and to support the steadfastness of Jerusalem's residents in their efforts to thwart the Zionist plans of Judaizing Jerusalem and erasing its Arab and Islamic identity."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), June 5, 2008]

Bulletin – Sept. 9, 2008

Mickey Mouse Again Disney images adorn studio while mass murderer glorified

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Palestinian Authority (Fatah) TV is using the universally beloved characters of Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Winnie the Pooh and Piglet in an attempt to create a Disney-like studio -- while teaching children to glorify a mass murderer whose victims included 12 children. In a new official PA TV studio built for a Ramadan children's program, the smiling images of Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Pooh and Piglet are the backdrop for a TV quiz that this week venerated a notorious terrorist.

The female terrorist, Dalal Mughrabi, participated in the murders of 12 children and 25 adults in a 1978 bus attack in Israel. In this quiz, Mughrabi is idolized as the "beloved bride, daughter of Jaffa, jasmine flower," while figures of Mickey and Minnie Mouse are prominent in the background -- as if it were a Disney program.

[Click here to view:](#)



[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 4-6, 2008]

In May 2007, PMW reported that the Hamas TV network was using a [Mickey Mouse character to teach children to seek world Islamic domination](#). The widespread international outrage prompted Al Aqsa TV (Hamas) to get rid of the character (they showed him being beaten to death by an Israeli officer) and replace him with another animal host.

Now Fatah TV, controlled by the office of PA head Mahmoud Abbas, is airing a children's show that glorifies a mass murderer of children while trying to create a Mickey Mouse Club atmosphere.

[Last week the program taught children to deny the existence of Israel.](#)

The world did not put up with Hamas's use of the iconic Mickey Mouse to brainwash children. Will the same international pressure be brought upon Mahmud Abbas and the official Palestinian Authority to stop using these beloved characters to sell terror?

[Click here to view video](#)

Bulletin – Sept. 22, 2008

PA daily: Tzipi Livni with blood-stained knife

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Caricature in official Palestinian Authority newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah):



The Palestinian Authority published a caricature today in its official newspaper, in which Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni is portrayed with a dagger and blood-stained hands next to a white peace dove with its head in a noose. As a result of Prime Minister Olmert's resignation and her election as leader of the Kadima party, Livni has been designated to try to form the next Israeli government, and could be the next prime minister.

Bottom text from right: "Gio-Kadima"

This is a play on words: Livni's political party is called "Kadima." The original Italian name of Mona Lisa is "La Gioconda."

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

Bulletin – Sept. 25, 2008

PA TV (Fatah) video:

**There never has been a Jewish Temple
- never will be!
Defend the Al-Aqsa Mosque against Israel**

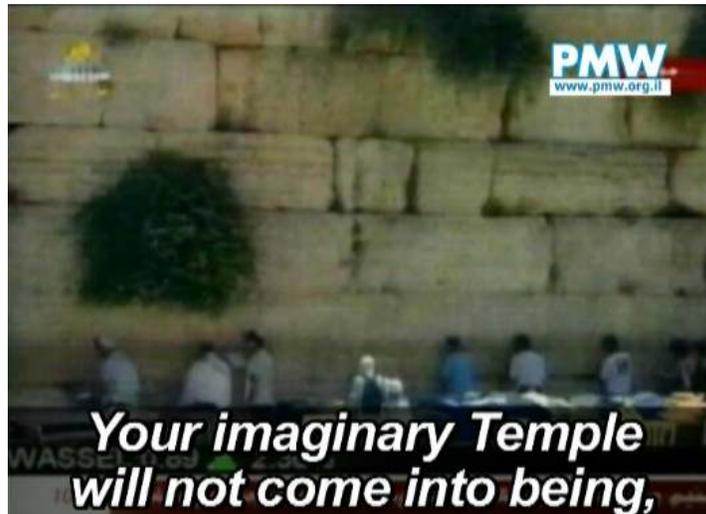
**"Oh [Sons of] Zion, no matter how much you dig
and no matter how much you destroy,
your imaginary Temple will not come into being"**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

A music video currently broadcast on Palestinian Television denies any historical connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem: "*Oh [Sons of] Zion, no matter how much you dig and no matter how much you destroy, your imaginary Temple will not come into being*". The repeated refrain, "*Al-Aqsa is ours,*" is meant to emphasize this statement, as the Al-Aqsa Mosque is built on the site of the Temple, destroyed in the year 70 during Israel's revolt against the Roman Empire.

The video images focus on the Al-Aqsa Mosque and praying Muslims, and together with the lyrics repeat the Palestinian fabrication that Israel is planning to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque

and therefore it needs protection: *"Oh God, protect Al-Aqsa, Oh Allah, Al-Aqsa is ours, [protect Al-Aqsa] from every thief and every oppressor."*



[PA TV (Fatah) Sep. 23, 2008]

The clip includes pictures to identify the *"thief and oppressor"* - Jews wearing skullcaps, Israeli police and military, Israeli excavations of Old Jerusalem, the Israeli flag, and the Western Wall. The clip sings for another Saladin, the Muslim conqueror of Jerusalem in 1187, to appear: *"How you [Al-Aqsa] suffer! How you have bled for years! How you scream! How you call out to the millions! What are you hoping for, who are you crying for? Saladin!"*

The video was broadcast this week on Palestinian TV, the same day that a Jerusalem Arab injured 20 Israelis in a terror attack in Jerusalem. PA TV (Fatah), which is under the authority of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, and Hamas TV have shown this clip intermittently during the last 18 months, and it constitutes part of a prolonged hate campaign against Israel. The campaign denies the historical fact of the connection between the Jewish people, Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, while infusing hatred and fear by pretending that Islam's holy site, as well as its adherents, are in great danger.

These are the complete words of the song:

"Al-Aqsa [Mosque] is ours, Oh Muslims, Al-Aqsa is ours, **our Al-Aqsa screams and shouts**, Al-Aqsa is ours. Oh Arabs and Muslims, no, no, Al-Aqsa is ours. **Oh [Sons of] Zion, no matter how much you dig and no matter how much you destroy, your imaginary Temple will not come into being, Al-Aqsa is ours.** Al-Aqsa is ours, Oh Muslims, Al-Aqsa is ours. **My land, my Jerusalem, my blood and my honor will not be scorned.** Al-Aqsa is ours, **how you suffer! How you have bled for years! How you scream! How you call out to the millions!** What are you hoping for, who are you crying for? Saladin [Muslim conqueror of Jerusalem in 1187]! Al-Aqsa is ours. **Oh Lord, protect Al-Aqsa, Oh Allah, Al-Aqsa is ours, [protect Al-Aqsa] from every thief and every oppressor.** Oh Allah, Al-Aqsa is ours. Al-Aqsa is ours, Oh Muslims, Al-Aqsa is ours."

[PA TV (Fatah) Sep. 23, 2008]

Bulletin – Oct. 27, 2008

PA Daily:

Palestinians campaigning for Obama

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

PA daily reports that Gaza residents are randomly calling American homes trying to convince Americans to support Barack Obama for president.

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

"23 year old [Palestinian] Ibrahim Abu Jayyab sits by the computer in the Nusairat refugee camp [in the Gaza Strip] trying to call American citizens, in order to convince them to vote for the Democratic candidate for president, Barack Obama...

Most of the Palestinians feel hatred towards USA, whose administrations have always stood by Israel...

Abu Jayyab's idea is to make telephone calls to American citizens through Internet sites that allow making free calls... in order to use them [to make phone calls] for the campaign supporting Obama. Abu Jayyab says: We dial random numbers and try to call people without knowing their identity or their affiliation...

He said that a large number of Palestinians dislike their activity... [those] who do not see any difference between the American politicians, because of the hostility that they feel towards America. But his hope is that their activity will have some impact [in support of Obama]."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Oct. 26, 2008]

Bulletin – Oct. 27, 2008

This OpEd in today's *Jerusalem Post* is based on Itamar Marcus's presentation to members of Norwegian Parliament last week, which was critical of Norwegian funding of the PA. After the presentation, MP Siv Jensen, head of the Norwegian Progress Party, announced publicly that if her party wins the next election (and it is leading in the polls), it would cut off all funding to the PA.

THE JERUSALEM POST

Why is the West funding Mahmoud Abbas' hate TV?

Itamar Marcus, *The Jerusalem Post*

Would you sign a check for \$120 million and hand it over to a former terrorist without carefully supervising what he was doing with your money? That's exactly what Norway, chair of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee that co-ordinates international funding to the Palestinian Authority, is doing with its taxpayers' money.

In response to extensive documentation by Palestinian Media Watch about the hate promotion on official Palestinian Authority-Fatah TV, Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre recently made a series of statements defending PA TV that indicate he is totally ignorant of its content. Then, to put his money where his misinformed mouth is, he wrote another check for 85 million kroner to the PA under Mahmoud Abbas, whose office controls PA TV.

The Norwegian foreign minister is certainly not evil. Neither are other Europeans. Neither are the Americans, whose recent agreement to give the PA an additional \$150 million puts their 2008 aid to the PA at more than \$700 million - more than the US pledged at a donors' conference in December 2007.

But these countries throw money at Abbas's feet with such infatuation you'd think he was a clone of Mother Teresa. Unfortunately, if his messages to Palestinian children are any indicator, Abbas seems far more like the clone of his predecessor, the terror lord Yasser Arafat, than a peacemaker.

Defending his Abbas spending spree, Støre said: "This [PA-Fatah TV] channel cannot be said to engage in indoctrination of children or denying Israel's right to exist..." and he added his objection to TV being used for "spreading hate or inciting terrorism," which he indicated is not being done by PA TV (Fatah).

UNFORTUNATELY HE is completely wrong. During the 11 years of PMW's existence, there has never been a period of such intense demonization of Israel, continuous hate promotion and denial of Israel's existence by the PA (Fatah)-controlled media as during the 11 months since the Annapolis Conference.

Jews and Israelis are being demonized by the PA through malicious libels - including the lies that Israel intentionally spreads AIDS and drugs among Palestinians, conducts Nazi-like medical experiments on Palestinian prisoners, took Palestinian babies in 1948 to bring up as Jews and is planning to destroy the Aqsa Mosque. A PA TV (Fatah) "historical" documentary featured hateful fabrications, including videos of dead bodies filmed in Lebanon in 1982 that PA TV (Fatah) falsely presented as evidence of a so-called Israeli "massacre" in 1948. Israel is even said to be breeding supernatural rats to chase Arabs who live in Jerusalem.

As far as recognizing Israel, Abbas's TV is no different than Hamas TV - unequivocally denying Israel's existence and right to exist. Note these recent TV examples in which young Palestinian children were given scripts repeating that Israel from Metulla to Eilat is "occupied Palestine," eventually to be "returned."

Child: "My name is Hiyam and I'm from occupied Safad."

Child: "My name is Raad and I'm from occupied Acre."

Child: "My name is Arhaf from occupied Haifa. I hope that Palestine will return and that we will defend it."

Following this staged segment, a child called in and said: "I'm from Beersheba." The PA TV host quickly corrected: "From the occupied Beersheba... of course, from the occupied Negev. We bless all our children of the Negev and I'm very happy that our children from the occupied areas in Palestine are calling, those [areas] which Israel occupies."

Question on a children's TV quiz: Child host: "List Palestinian ports." (Correct answer): "The Haifa port, Jaffa, Ashkelon, Eilat, Ashdod and Gaza."

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

Haidar: "27,000 sq. km."

Host: "Correct." Judea and Samaria - called the West Bank - and the Gaza Strip reach only 6,000 sq. km. The only way to reach an area of 27,000 sq. km. is to include pre-1967 Israel, thereby creating a "state of Palestine" that is in place of Israel.

These are but a few of endless examples of indoctrination.

THE WORLD was incensed when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced his vision of a world without Israel, and there were calls to put him on trial. Yet when Abbas's TV teaches Palestinian children the identical vision of a world without Israel, Western countries run for their checkbooks to keep funding him.

The PA openly glorifies terrorists - even those who have murdered since Annapolis. The suicide terrorist in Dimona, the killer of the eight Jerusalem yeshiva students, arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh and others were all glorified as Palestinian *Shahids* - holy martyrs - in official PA newspapers and television in 2008.

PA TV (Fatah) has produced a systematic musical hate culture. PA TV (Fatah) has been broadcasting a music video for over a year with a repeating message to Israel: "My enemy, my enemy... a snake, coiled around the land... you have no choice, Oh enemy, but to leave my country."

The PA leadership also embraces and openly proclaims the Arafat ideology to destroy Israel in stages. In one recent PA TV interview, a Fatah MP said: "It doesn't mean that we don't want the 1948 borders [i.e. destroy Israel], but in our current political program, we say we want a state on the 1967 borders."

After I presented this material in a lecture in the Norwegian parliament last week, Siv Jenson, the president of the Progress Party, stood up and announced publicly that should her party win the next elections (and it leads in the polls), it would cut off all funding to the PA.

However, the problem is too urgent to wait. Norway's current government, as chair of the committee that co-ordinates international funding, has a moral obligation not only to immediately cease funding the PA hate machine, but to recommend that the entire international donors' group cease funding the Palestinian Authority, and make renewed funding conditional on the rewriting of PA schoolbooks and a change in the PA worldview.

AS LONG as PA leaders see the current process as a stage toward the destruction of Israel, the PA is not worthy of any financial support. The onus is on the PA to prove that it's promoting peace to its own people in Arabic - not just talking peace in English when the cameras are rolling.

Let the world not forget that it was the Palestinian Authority hate machine, funded by the West from 1994 to 2000, that led to the longest systematic terror war in history. At the helm were Yasser Arafat and his close confidant, Mahmoud Abbas. Has Abbas changed since then? While his English voice is peaceful, his voice through his Arabic media is more venomous and hateful than ever.

It is time that the Western funders of the PA be held morally, legally and financially responsible for the terror crimes of the PA, just as the funders of Hamas are being held financially responsible to Hamas terror victims in courts around the world. They are guilty of criminal negligence, and thus are morally responsible for the war and terror yet to be carried out by this generation of PA children, being raised and indoctrinated to hate with US and European money.

I was asked by a journalist after my presentation in parliament if I thought it was right for Norway to interfere with Palestinian freedom of expression. My answer is very straightforward:

The Palestinians have the inalienable right to indoctrinate their kids to blind evil and hate, but Norway and the West have the moral obligation to stop paying for it.

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New PMW report ties Norwegian funding to hateful PA anti-Israeli propaganda. The following is the 22 page report which was prepared for Norwegian Parliament. [Click here to download as PDF.](#)

Norway and the PA after Annapolis

Norway's Foreign Minister misled by PA FM Jonas Gahr Støre gives erroneous testimony in response to parliamentary question

**Nearly a year after Annapolis
the PA continues to deceive: Talking peace
in English, while in Arabic denying Israel's existence, promoting hatred and terror, and
broadcasting songs about Israel's destruction**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Executive Summary:

The Annapolis Conference on Nov. 27, 2007 created hope for the renewal of a peace process after years of Palestinian Authority (PA) supported terror. PA Chairman and Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas assured Israel and the world in English that there had been a sincere change.

However, in Arabic the Palestinian Authority, Fatah leaders and the Abbas-controlled official PA media are no different than they were in the Arafat era. During the 11 years of PMW's existence, there has never been a period with such intense demonization of Israel, continuous hate promotion and denial of Israel's existence by the PA (Fatah) and the media Abbas controls, as during the period since the Annapolis Conference.

One of those misled by the PA into making a false statement has been Norway's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre. In response to a recent question posed in the Norwegian Parliament about hate and terror promotion on PA TV that may be financed by Norway, the FM said:

"The [Norwegian] Government dissociates itself from any use of TV programs as a direct [way] of spreading hate or inciting terrorism. It is particularly revolting when such programs are made for children [...] **it seems that this type of feature [glorifying a terrorist] in a children's program is not common and that this [PA-Fatah] channel cannot be said to engage in indoctrination of children or denying Israel's right to exist. Fatah and the Palestinian Authority are prepared to find a peaceful solution to the conflict with Israel [...]**" [See full quote on p. 21]

This statement by the FM is categorically wrong on four accounts:

1- There is continuous and ongoing PA education of children to deny Israel's right to exist and even calls for Israel's destruction.

Example:

A: A PA educational documentary continues to be broadcast regularly since August 2007, and most recently on Oct. 5, 2008, teaching there is no Israel and all is Palestine:

"... another section in Palestine ...Ashkelon in the south, until Haifa, in the Carmel Mountains. Haifa is a well-known Palestinian port... 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."

Note that all these are Israeli cities covering the entire country.

B:

Israel is painted over in the colors of the PLO flag in PA official government Census Bureau announcements

The announcements were aired often several times a day through and after the Annapolis conference

[PA TV (Fatah) November - December 2007].



2- Hatred is actively promoted as policy for children and adults. Hate videos, libels and lies are a backbone of PA TV until today.

Example:

PA TV (Fatah) has been broadcasting a music video for over a year with a repeating refrain:

"My enemy my enemy." Israel is called a "snake, coiled around the land." The hate video denies Israel's right to exist and anticipates Israel's destruction: "You have no choice, Oh enemy, but to leave my country."

3- The PA openly glorifies not only past but current terrorists, venerating terrorist murderers - even those who have murdered since Annapolis.

Examples: The suicide terrorist in the Israeli city of Dimona, the killer of the eight Jerusalem Yeshiva students, arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh and other terrorists were all glorified as Palestinian heroes in official PA newspapers and television in 2008. [See details p. 13]

4- The PA leadership also does not distance itself from earlier Arafat ideologies. PA-political leaders and Fatah leaders boldly promote hate, demonize Jews and advocate Israel's destruction.

Example:

"It doesn't mean that we don't want the 1948 borders [i.e. destroy Israel], but in our current political program, we [Fatah] say we want a state on the 1967 borders..."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25, 2008]

Norway and the Palestinian Authority

Moreover, and equally disturbing, the Norwegian Foreign Minister is unaware of the fact that Norway supports this PA TV (Fatah) and newspaper hate promotion.

In an interview with Norwegian TV2, on July 6, 2008 the FM said:

"No I think it's totally unthinkable [that Norwegian aid money ends up in such TV productions]."
[See full quote on p.21]

However, the Norwegian Foreign Ministry Budget for 2008 states (p. 148):

"To contribute to strengthen the Palestinian self rule authorities, budget support was given, distributed between President Abbas, the Palestinian interim government and the international finance mechanism (TIM)."

Norway gives direct aid to President Abbas and PA TV and newspapers are run under his office. Thus, Norway is instrumental in funding the PA hate promotion through PA media.

This PMW Special Report documents that, contrary to the belief of Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre and contrary to the moderate message conveyed to the English-speaking world, the Palestinian Authority's Arabic-language world continues to be imbued with terror and hate promotion, denial of Israel's existence and promises of Israel's expected destruction.

Moreover, the report will show that Norway, as one of the countries giving financial aid to the PA, is supporting and thus responsible for this hate promotion, which is so destructive to the prospects of peace and mutual co-existence.

The report:

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1. Denying Israel's right to exist, rejecting Israel's existence and advocating its destruction

Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre:

"It seems ... that this [PA-Fatah TV] channel cannot be said to engage in indoctrination of children or denying Israel's right to exist. Fatah and the Palestinian Authority are prepared to find a peaceful solution to the conflict with Israel."

The PA - Fatah reality:

There is no greater danger to peace and no greater hate promotion than for Palestinian children to be taught to deny Israel's right to exist. PA TV educational programs for children actively demand that children not only deny Israel's **right** to exist - but even deny the existence of Israel altogether. PA are taught that Israeli cities covering the entire country -- including Haifa in the North, Jaffa (part of Tel Aviv), coastal Ashkelon and Ashdod and Eilat in the South are all Palestinian cities. "Palestine's" borders are said to be Lebanon and Syria, when in fact this is only true if Israel did not exist. When an Israeli Arab girl on a TV phone-in identified her city as "Be'er Sheva," Israel's largest southern city, the TV host corrected her: "Occupied Be'er Sheva." Video clips sing about a "Palestine" that erases Israel and about a future when the Israeli cities Jaffa and Haifa will be "liberated." Many hundreds of maps have been broadcast on PA TV during this renewed "peace" period since Annapolis and, on every single one, "Palestine" erases all of Israel. These maps

denying Israel's existence included an official PA government advertisement that ran daily for months, featuring a painted Palestinian flag covering all of Israel from top to bottom. It is inconceivable that children growing up with this intense hate indoctrination will ever accept Israel as a legitimate state and neighbor. **The following are representative examples from among many more:**

[Note: all the so-called "Palestinian cities" in this entire section of the report are Israeli cities inside the 1949 borders.]

1. Abbas's PA TV (Fatah) children's programs teach children to see a world without Israel:
Child Host: List three Palestinian ports... we have the Haifa port, Jaffa, Ashkelon, Eilat, Ashdod & Gaza. [Note: All are Israeli cities except Gaza.]

Child Host: What is the size of the state of Palestine?

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

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

Child Host: Name three countries bordering Palestine.

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

[Note: Only Israel borders Lebanon.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

[PATV (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2008]

2. Children recite on Abbas's PA TV (Fatah):

Child: "My name is Asraa and I'm from the occupied Safad [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Rama and I'm from the occupied Safad [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Hiyam and I'm from the occupied Safad [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Raad Salim and I'm from the occupied Acre [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Arhaf from occupied Haifa, [Israeli city]. I hope that Palestine will return and that we will defend it."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 21, 2008]

3. Child: "I'm from Be'er Sheva [Israeli city]."

Host : "From the occupied Be'er Sheva ... of course, from the occupied Negev [Israeli desert]. We bless all our children of the Negev and I'm very happy that our children from the occupied areas in Palestine are calling, those [areas] which Israel occupies."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 21, 2008]

4. Quiz on PA TV (Fatah):

Host: "Sally, where are you from?"

Sally: "From Acre[Israeli city]."

Host: "Wherever you're from, they are all Palestinian cities. The Yizreel Valley [Israeli region] is thought to be "the bread basket of Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah) Sept. 6, 2008]

5. Host: "Yesterday's riddle: Oh bride of Palestine, the most beautiful in the garden, oh you who sit on the shore waiting for time to return. Don't cry, my dear, beautiful daughter of Canaan ... and the answer is: Yaffo." [Israeli city - part of Tel Aviv]

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

Answer: "Nazareth."

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

6. All Israel is Palestine on PA TV (Fatah) fashion show:

"[These are] the garments of Be'er Sheva [Israeli city] and the Negev desert [in Israel], the southern part of Palestine, the desert of Palestine...

The garments of Beit Jibrin [Israeli town], this Palestinian archaeological town, which the occupation has transformed into an Israeli tourist village and changed its name from Beit Jibrin into Guvrin, those are the garments with its decorations that testify to its [the town's] past.

The garment of Galilee [in Israel], northern Palestine, Safad, Tiberias, Acco, Nazareth [all are Israeli cities] - this dress is one of the most beautiful dresses in Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah), April 10, 2008]

7. A Palestinian youth pledges to liberate Dir Yassin (West Jerusalem) by blood in a documentary film

The time of the Annapolis summit marked the return of an educational documentary depicting all of present-day Israel as stolen "occupied Palestine." All Israeli cities, including Jaffa, Acco and Haifa, are referred to as Palestinian cities. A Palestinian youth interviewed on the program pledges to return to West Jerusalem and redeem it with his own blood.

"Ask whomever you wish. Go ask any child 'which city are you from?'. ... He will tell you from Jaffa, Haifa, this village or that city... i.e. He belongs [only] temporarily to the place where he resides, his place of refuge.

Towards the end of the program, a youth pledges to liberate Jerusalem even by violent means:

"My answer to [Israelis] is that I am of the fourth generation and I have not forgotten. I have a dream, to arrive at Dir Yassin [in West Jerusalem]. This is a dream of mine. I hope to redeem it by blood."

[PATV (Fatah), April 28, 2008]

8. Israel is presented as "Palestine", and a pledge is made to liberate it in a music video - broadcast for several months after Annapolis.

"We will liberate the Land of religions...

The land is Arab in history and identity

Palestine is Arab in history and identity...

"From Jerusalem and Acco, from Haifa and Jericho and Gaza and Ramallah from Bethlehem and Jaffa, from Be'er Sheva and Ramla, from Nablus to the Galilee, from Tiberias to Hebron..."

[Note inclusion of Israeli cities from the entire country]

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 2007 – Jan. 2008]

9. Israel is erased and "Palestine" is in its place all across Israel, from Ashkelon to the Sea of Galilee and back to Jaffa. This educational documentary has been broadcast dozens of times since August 2007, most recently on Oct. 5, 2008.

"The West Bank and Gaza have 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 – Oct. 2008]

10. Child TV Host: "What is the name of the desert in Palestine?"

Nahad: "The Negev desert." [southern Israel]

Host: "Correct answer."

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

11. Child TV Host: "Which of the Palestinian cities is named after the Roman ruler, the Emperor Tiberius?"

Child: "Tiberias." [Israeli city]

Host: "Your answer is correct."

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

12. Abbas's PA TV children's programs teach children to see a world without Israel:

Child host quizzes children:

- Where is Ein Harod [Israeli town]? - In Palestine.

- Good. Which mountain is the tallest in Palestine? And where is it located?

- Mount Meron [in Israel].

- That's half an answer, where is it located? In Nablus, Hebron or Galilee?

- In the Galilee [in Israel].

Correct answer. The tallest mountain in Palestine is Mount Meron, in the Upper Galilee, east of the mountain is the city of Safad [Israeli city], the capital of Northern Palestine."

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

13. Israel replaced by "Palestine" [covered by the PLO flag] in PA official government Census Bureau announcements

A public service announcement of the national census broadcast for several months on PA TV (Fatah) showed "Palestine" as the map of Israel painted over with the colors of the flag of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The announcements were aired right through the Annapolis conference (Nov.-Dec. 2007).



2. Hate promotion and demonization for children and adults - PA hate media

Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre:

"The Government dissociates itself from any use of TV programs as a direct [way] of spreading hate or inciting terrorism. It is particularly revolting when such programs are

made for children... It seems that this type of feature in a children's program is not common. This [PA - Fatah] channel cannot be said to engage in indoctrination of children..." [See full quote on p.21]

The PA - Fatah reality:

PA-Fatah media continue to actively promote hatred, as Jews and Israelis are demonized through malicious libels -- including such lies that Israel intentionally spreads AIDS and drugs among Palestinians, conducts Nazi-like medical experiments on Palestinian prisoners and is planning to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The following are representative examples from among many more:

2.1 Libels and Lies

a: PA Libel: Israel spreads AIDS and drugs

Palestinian Chief Religious Justice, Tayseer Al-Tamimi:

"The AIDS issue needs to receive due attention in order to raise Palestinians' awareness of the danger. In particular, since we neighbor a society [Israel] where the disease is widespread and which acts to transmit [AIDS] to Palestinian society. The occupying authorities, especially in Jerusalem, are working to spread drugs and drug addiction, without a doubt."

[PA TV (Fatah), Dec. 2, 2007]

b: PA Libel: Israel's supernatural rats chase away Jerusalem's Arabs

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

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

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

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

c: PA Libel: Israeli tanks and soldiers deliberately target Palestinian children

A PA TV (Fatah) video clip shows an Israeli tank deliberately targeting and shooting a Palestinian boy. The video is a fraud.

[PA TV (Fatah), May 15, 2008]

d: PA Libel: Zionists target pregnant women

"We saw how they [Zionists] stab bellies of pregnant women, slaughter infants and eat life in cold blood. They targeted children and the wombs of women so this people won't reproduce."

[Dr. Mutawakil Tahalk, Head of Palestinian Writers Union and Former PA Deputy Minister, PA TV (Fatah), March 4, 2008]

e: PA Libel: Israel conducts Nazi-like experiments on prisoners

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

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

f: PA Libel: Israel commits Holocaust against Palestinians

Palestinian exhibit depicts children in "Israeli" crematorium



"The National Committee for defense of Children from the Holocaust opened its activities with a Holocaust exhibit. The exhibit includes a large oven and inside it small children are being burned, the picture speaks for itself."

[*Al-Ayyam*, March 20, 2008]

Children's performance: Stop the Israel's Holocaust

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), March 20, 2008]



Another part of the exhibit was a black platform with the words in Arabic and English, "Stop the Israel's Holocausts."

g: PA Libel: Israel committed a Holocaust against the Palestinians in 1948

In 2008, a new Palestinian libel has surfaced in which the State of Israel is portrayed as founded on Nazi atrocities. In the new PA version the Zionists are accused of burning people alive, subjecting Palestinians to a Selektion for deportation or execution, running forced labor camps serving the Israeli military and committing mass murder with death pits.

This new allegation is made in the PA media based on a study written by Fatah MP Issa Karaka who claims that these new findings, discovered 60 years after the founding of the State of Israel, were never published before because "[...] researchers have only been documenting the period starting with the 1967 occupation. Meanwhile, a more important and more brutal period is being ignored when Zionist militias were committing crimes against humanity."

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

All of these libels are based on atrocities the Nazis performed on Jews in the Second World War. However, there is no historical record of such Israeli conduct, nor have any such accusations ever been leveled against Israel until this latest "research".

Burning people alive

"The Zionist militias employed every means of extermination - murder, demolition, rape and burning people alive."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), May 10, 2008]

Zionist Nazi-like Selection for Death or Deportation.

Fatah MP Issa Karaka: "During the 1948 war the Zionist militias set up internment camps for the civilian population that was detained after being exiled from their villages. These camps were like the camps set up by Nazi Germany during WWII, It has been proven that their modus operandi was ... to separate them into three groups according to whether they were intended for deportation, execution or detention."

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

Palestinians in forced labor camps

Fatah MP Issa Karaka: "The Palestinian prisoners were used for forced labor work by the Israeli military leadership ... They were forced to labor in every capacity that was thought to strengthen Israel's economy and military capabilities."

[*Al-Quds Daily*, May 5, 2008]

Israeli death pits

"They lined the men up in rows of seven or eight. They told them to dig a deep ditch in the cemetery. ... The first row of men stood in front of the hole and were shot to death. Then they asked the second row to bury them and in this manner [killed them] all row after row."

[PA TV (Fatah), April 10, 2008]

As stated, there is no historical basis or record of such events, nor have any such accusations ever been leveled against Israel until this latest PA "research" by a Fatah MP.

2.2 Hate through videos and demonization

a: PA TV (Fatah) hate video: My Enemy

PA TV has been broadcasting a music video for over a year with a repeating refrain: "My

enemy my enemy." Israel is called a "snake, coiled around the land." The hate video denies Israel's right to exist and anticipates Israel's destruction: "You have no choice, Oh enemy, but to leave my country." PA TV (Fatah) first aired this music video in 2004, and resumed its broadcast in October 2007. It was broadcast daily for months - right through the Annapolis Conference, and continues to be aired in October 2008.

The following is the text of the PA TV (Fatah) hate video (Oct. 2007- Oct. 2008).

"My enemy. Oh, my enemy. Stop your crimes. Treaty breaker! Treacherous!...
If you pull out my eyes, My heart will see. If you cut off my hands, my chest is knives and swords.
My enemy! Oh imperialism! This homeland is ours. (x2)
This land will be tilled only by our hoes. (x2)
Whenever the tension rises, Whenever this land weeps, (x2) the flower will return to grow in our house.
My enemy. Oh, my enemy Stop your crimes. Treaty breaker! Treacherous!...
My enemy! Oh snake, around the land, you are coiled.
We, noble, courageous, on the day of ruin [battle], shall stand.
You have no choice, Oh enemy, but to leave my country, and my children will return."

b: PA TV (Fatah) hate video: Fight Jews for mother's honor in 2008

"Not so fast, not so fast, oh Zion! My mother's tears - how they are degraded! Not so fast, not so fast, oh Zion! My mother's tears - how they are degraded! Even if they [Jews] gathered from the world, your debt remains open with me! Even if you decreed my death, the pure stone is my answer!"

c: Demonization: History professor, Adnan Ayash: Jews are worse than smallpox

"There are diseases like smallpox, that can be eradicated, but the disease that was inflicted on the Palestinian people and the Arab nation in general, that's the Jewish disease, the Zionist disease, which is a cancerous disease, that started with occupying and taking over lands in 1904...Those (Jews), from 1904 to 1947, reached 605,000. That's the cancer that spreads over the lands."

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

d: Demonization: Israelis "stab bellies of pregnant women"

Dr. Mutawakil Taha, Head of Palestinian Writer's Union, Former PA Deputy Minister:

"We saw how they [Zionists] stab bellies of pregnant women, slaughter infants and eat life in cold blood. They targeted children and the wombs of women so this people won't reproduce."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 4, 2008]

3. Honoring and glorifying terror

Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre:

"Let me first emphasize that the Government dissociates itself from any use of TV programs as a direct [way] of spreading hate or inciting terrorism. [...] Fatah and the Palestinian Authority are prepared to find a peaceful solution to the conflict with Israel....I agree with you that today's heroes ought to be those who negotiate peace, not militant activists who kill civilians." [See full quote on p. 21]

The PA - Fatah reality:

The tragic truth is that PA openly glorifies past and present terrorists. The rejection of violence, the flagship of the Annapolis event, has been only an English-language message by the

Palestinian Authority. Through its controlled media, the PA has continued to glorify terrorist murderers - even those who have murdered since Annapolis. Suicide bombers and mass murderers are actively honored and made into role models for young children. This continues throughout the Fatah-controlled media.

The suicide terrorist in the Israeli city of Dimona, the killers of the eight Yeshiva students in Jerusalem, arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh and other post-Annapolis terrorists have all been (and are being) glorified as Palestinian heroes in official Palestinian Authority newspapers and television.

In December 2007, right after the Annapolis Conference, PA TV (Fatah) broadcast a special program honoring 17-year-old Ayyat Al-Akhras, the youngest girl suicide terrorist. In the program Akhras was repeatedly called a hero, her act described as heroic and a source of pride for Palestinians.

3.1. Murderers since Annapolis deemed heroic

The PA's three newspapers, including the official *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* under President Mahmud Abbas's control, use the term *Shahids* - those who have died as martyrs for the sake of Allah - to describe the suicide bombers responsible for the attack in Dimona on Feb. 4, 2008, that killed an Israeli woman. The act of describing the bombers as *Shahids* elevates them to the highest status in Islam. The image of the *Shahid* is celebrated as one of heroism in Palestinian society, and is presented as a role model worthy of emulation for society as a whole, particularly the youth.

a: "The executers of the operation died as *Shahids*... one Israeli was killed and eleven were wounded in an attack on a shopping center in Dimona"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 5, 2008]

"Dimona: An Israeli woman was killed in a suicide attack in a shopping center. **The two bombers died as *Shahids***"

[*Al-Ayyam*, Feb. 5, 2008]

"Two *Shahids* and an Israeli women killed in a bombing attack in Dimona"

[*Al-Quds*, Feb. 5, 2008]

b: The attack in Beit Kachal (Dec. 28, 2007) in which two young Israeli men were murdered:

"Referring to the terrorist murderer who was killed in the attack: **"A youth became a *Shahid* and a second was seriously wounded..."**

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

c: An attack in a high-school for religious studies in Kfar Etzion (Jan. 25, 2008):

"Israeli sources revealed the **identities of the two *Shahids*** who executed the attack on Etzion near Bethlehem..."

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

"The authorities of the occupation continue to hold on to the bodies of the *Shahids* who executed the attack on the settlement 'Kfar Etzion' south of Bethlehem..."

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

d: Murderer of eight high school students

The PA official daily glorifies the murderer of the eight high school Yeshiva) students in Jerusalem as a "groom" on the way to his "wedding," and laments that Israel did not allow more people to participate in his funeral - wedding.

Headline: "Jerusalem groom, **Abu-Dahim**, leaves without his wedding procession"

"The residents of the town of Jabal Mukbar, were surprised by the sounds of loudspeakers blasting from the [mosque] minarets announcing that the Jerusalem groom, the *Shahid*, [Islamic Martyr] Ala'a Abu-Dahim [murderer of the eight Yeshiva students] has gone without their participation in his wedding procession... Every day, these past seven days, everyone was in a state of anticipation... preparing themselves for the wedding procession. At five o'clock in the morning the loudspeakers of the mosque minarets announced the shocking news to the thousands who were waiting, that the groom was buried in the morning without a celebration and without a wedding procession... frowning faces...expressing their sorrow for having been denied [the right] to participate in the groom's procession and to accompany him to the town's cemetery... The occupation soldiers sneaked in hours before dawn and led several adults to the cemetery... They wanted a quiet wedding without music, thinking that this way Jerusalem would forget its groom... But the wedding will not end this way... it will last three consecutive days in which [the town of] al-Sawahra will welcome all of those who come to congratulate the groom and will hang his portrait embracing the nation's [Palestinian] flags."

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

3.2 Past terrorists also deemed heroic

a: PA TV (Fatah), Dec. 23, 2007, on 17-year-old female suicide bomber Ayyat Al-Akhras:

PA TV Host to terrorist's father: "Father of the *Shahida* [Martyr] Ayyat Al-Akhras. You and your cause deserve the greatest respect. Ayyat was very young (age 17) when she was martyred. In our opinion, Ayyat is a hero, and we want to hear more and remember this martyr, since we hold her memory dear in our hearts".

Father:"[Ayyat's] goal was to study journalism, to promote her Palestinian cause around the world."

PA TV Host:" Through Ayyat's heroic act [suicide terror] she succeeded in reaching the entire world."

b: Palestinian daily honors Sbarro terrorist- who killed 15 (seven children) as "heroic"

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

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

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

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

Mutawakil Taha:

"Two years ago I wrote the book "Ahlam ibn al-Nabi" about the two great heroic prisoners Nizar Tamimi and Ahlam Tamimi, whom we are proud of."

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

3.3 PA lauds terrorists / mass murderers as heroes

a: Samir Kuntar - crushed the head of four-year-old Eynat Haran
Dalal Mughrabi - led a bus hijacking killing 37

As part of an exchange, Palestinian prisoners and bodies were released by Israel on July 16, 2008. Among them were Samir Kuntar who in murdered four Israelis and crushed the head of four-year-old Eynat Haran, as well as the body of Dalal Mughrabi, who in 1978 led a bus hijacking in which 37 people were killed.

Commenting on the release of the Palestinian prisoners PA's official and Abbas-controlled newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), reported:

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the days following the release PA media repeatedly and throughout its range of programs made room for praise of the terrorists:

PA TV (Fatah) host addressing brother of Kuntar:

"First of all a thousand blessings, on the release of the heroic leader **Samir Kuntar**."

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

Hani Al-Masri, writer and political commentator:

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

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

The following picture of Kuntar and the Palestinian flag covering the map of Israel was repeatedly shown on PA TV (Fatah) in the days after the release:



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

b: Arch terrorist Imad Mughniyeh lauded by PA daily as "an extraordinary hero ... a beacon of light!"

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

One article by a senior Fatah leader, former Deputy Minister of Culture Ahmad Dahbur, describes Mughniyeh as an "extraordinary hero... unequalled Hezbollah commander ... a beacon of light." His killing is called a "murder in broad daylight... a tragedy that has hurt every Lebanese, every Palestinian, every Arab, and every free man on the face of this earth." The revenge for his death will be more terror and eventually Israel's destruction. Among his many international terror attacks, Mughniyeh was responsible for the killing of 241 American soldiers of the peacekeeping force in Lebanon in 1983.

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

"The treacherous Zionist enemy will never permit us to lessen our revenge towards him, or to stray from our confrontation against him, until he is wiped off this land, which is saturated with the blood of the *Shahids*. And what is the fall of the Knight of Lebanese Resistance, Hajj

Imad Mugniyeh, if not one of the signs of **the nation's Jihad - persistent and definitely unstoppable till the Zionist Project [Israel] will be defeated...** From the time he joined Fatah as a youth, and till he later became a unequalled Hezbollah commander, when **his name became a beacon of light shining from The Lebanese July Victory** [Second Lebanon War, 2006]...

"It makes no difference whether the Zionist bat camouflages himself by hiding in the dark, or whether the crazy hyenas take pride in the crime, because the enemy announces his criminal presence with such language that it is as if he is caught with a smoking gun. The criminal's hands are still covered in blood, when he gives us more reasons to intensify our hate towards him, though we do not lack reasons for this [hate] in the first place. This rage and hatred will rage with even further resistance [euphemism for 'terror'] and with a blow of death... **every free man partakes in Hajj Radwan's (Mugniyeh's) glory...**

"Indeed the thing that consoles [us] is what we hear of the *Mujahideen's* [*Jihad* fighter's] pledge to the combatant *Shahid* [martyr], that they will avenge his blood... as either victory or *Istishhad* [Death as a *Shahid*].

"If there is any reason to give the enemy [Israel] advice, we advise the pack of hyenas not to rejoice, because in war - the scale tips at times to one side and at times to the other. They are treacherous and they will retreat, and the resistance will retaliate and prevail... And from Lebanon to all the Arabs - "Hail the victory of the Mujahideen!"
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Feb. 14, 2008, bold emphasis by PMW]

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

"A delegation of close to 30 lawyers from the Islamic Association of Lawyers paid a visit to the mourning house of the outstanding military commander of the Lebanese resistance, Imad Mughniyeh, which is being overseen by the National and Islamic Forces in Gaza City. In its speech, the delegation emphasized that the murder of Mugniyeh was a crime of organized state terror, which violates all international and human conventions and rules."

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

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

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

4. PA Political and Religious Leadership - hatred in Arabic

Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre:

"Fatah and the Palestinian Authority are prepared to find a peaceful solution to the conflict with Israel." [See full quote p.21]

The PA - Fatah reality:

PA Fatah leaders continue to present all of Israel as Palestine, violence as the way to defeat Israel and the truce as temporary. Mahmoud Abbas himself in an interview to a Jordanian magazine gives no hint that the PA has permanently distanced itself from the classic Arafat hate ideologies. Abbas: "Now we are against armed conflict because we are unable. In the future stages, things may be different." He also bragged that in spite of US pressure, he had refused to accept Israel's identity as a Jewish state. Another PA Fatah leader, MP Najat Abu

Bakr, explained in a PA TV interview that the negotiations today with Israel to seek withdrawal to the 1967 borders constituted Fatah's "current political program" but that the goal remains the 1948 borders -- meaning the destruction of Israel. She added that the PA was in a religious war with Israel "until Resurrection."

At the PLO Central Committee's meeting in January 2008, Abbas took his place in front of two maps of "Palestine" that erase all of Israel.

4.1. PM Mahmoud Abbas - in Arabic

The following are statements of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas to the Jordanian daily *Al-Dustur*.

In future PA may return to Armed Conflict

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

We reject the Jewishness of the state

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

The Resistance [Editors' note: PA euphemism for terror]

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

Recognition of Israel

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

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

One Palestine, no Israel

Along the same lines Abbas participated in the PLO Central Committee's meeting [in January 2008] with the PLO symbol, which places the Palestinian flag over the map of Israel, in the background. This symbolizes that all of Israel is, or will someday be, "Palestine."



[The picture is from the PLO Central Committee meeting [PA TV (Fatah), Jan. 13, 2008].

4.2 PA political and religious officials (MPs, party leaders, etc.)

Najat Abu Bakr, member of Palestinian Legislative Council, is very direct regarding the PA's long-term plan:

"It doesn't mean that we don't want the 1948 borders [all of Israel], but in our current political program, we [Fatah] say we want a state on the 1967 borders... We [Palestinians] were created on this land in order to liberate it, to live on it, to continue as people of Ribat [Religious war]. We are on the land of Ribat and must remain [on it] until Resurrection."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 25 2008]

Along the same lines, Fatah leader Ahmad Dughmush has mentioned Israeli cities among those about to be "liberated":

"Palestine is our dream. Brothers, Oh Fatah's loyal masses the land is thirsty [for martyr blood] ... Jaffa, Haifa and Acre [Israeli cities] are calling. [The Palestinian cities] Ramallah, Jerusalem, Nablus and Gaza: "When will we meet and break the chains?" To Jerusalem march millions of Martyrs."

[PA TV (Fatah), Jan. 8, 2008]

PA Fatah Deputy Minister for Prisoners, Ziad Abu Ein:

"We want to return to [Israel's cities] Lod, Ramle, Jaffa and Haifa. Let everyone hear, this is our land, this is our country, these are our villages, and we will return to them. The Palestinian won't accept any paradise except his own paradise, in his home in [Israeli cities] Bet She'an, Ashkelon, in Lod, Ramle. We will return, Allah willing, to the land that is seeking its people."

[PA TV (Fatah), May 13, 2008]

Below, PA Prime Minister Salaam Fayad accepts an award - the certificate is adorned with a map of Palestine covering all of Israel.



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

Politicians and other officials (the "legitimate leadership") are strong opinion formers and influencers. The following were statements by **Najat Abu-Bakr, Fatah, Member of the Palestinian Parliament (Legislative Council)**:

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

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

"This enemy [Israel] was born of massacres, a segregation mentality, marginalizing, killing and destroying. Due to this Zionist mentality, we are like a pen of sheep from which a wolf grabs a sheep everyday. If we haven't been reached by this wolf-like mentality, it will soon reach us."

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

"This world, which is ruled by the Zionist lobby everywhere and in all the media, this is the lobby that rules us now, the greatest power, or the greatest Satan in the world, America, is the one that supports this policy."

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

Contradictory to Abbas's Annapolis vow to fight terrorism, the PA representative in Lebanon, Abbas Zaki, proudly reports on Fatah's continued armed operations:

"Shame on anyone who says that Fatah put down its weapons! Since June 14 [Hamis takeover] until today, Fatah's Al-Aqsa Brigades [executed] 220 operations, which are 30% of the [total] operations."

[PA TV (Fatah), Jan. 7, 2008]

Similarly, a Palestinian leader of Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party supports the terror war being fought against the US and British forces in Iraq.

The following is from an interview with Mahmoud Ismail, member of the PLO Executive Committee, aired on the official PA (Fatah) TV channel:

"We [however,] take pride in this [Arab nationalist] language because we are the authentic Arabs who believe in our Arabism, our faith, our cause, our Nation, in our right to struggle and to resistance [euphemism for terror] in all possible ways in all the occupied lands, in Palestine, Lebanon the Golan and Iraq..."

[PATV (Fatah), Feb. 26, 2008]

Alongside the PA politicians and political leaders, the official religious leaders carry enormous weight in Palestinian society and are equally strong influencers of public opinion.

PA religious leaders continue to put forward the "fact" that the relationship with Israel is that of Ribat - a religious war. Thus the Mufti of Palestine, Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, declares that Allah has honored the Palestinians with religious war against Israel:

"We are still suffering from this oppressive occupation, and we hope it will disappear, Allah willing. We are in Ribat [religious war] on this blessed land, and we are the owners of this holy land. It is a great honor bestowed by Allah to be part of the chain of the Ribat, which continues until Resurrection."

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

5. Norwegian funding and Norwegian beliefs

5.1 Norwegian funding

On the official website of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the budget for 2008 states: "To contribute to strengthen the Palestinian self rule authorities, **budget support was given, distributed between president Abbas, the Palestinian interim government and the international finance mechanism (TIM)**, established by the European Commission and the

World Bank." [Translation of text from the Norwegian Foreign Ministry Budget for 2008 p. 148., bold emphasis by PMW.]

Source text: "For å bidra til å styrke de palestinske selvstyremyndighetene ble det gitt budsjetstøtte fordelt på president Abbas, den palestinske interimregjeringen og den internasjonale finansieringsmekanismen (TIM), etablert av Europa-kommisjonen og Verdensbanken.")

Norway has recently decided to increase this year's financial support to the PA. Following a meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee for Assistance to the Palestinians (AHLC), Foreign Minister Gahr Støre said:

"In the present situation, considerable international efforts are still needed. In order to ensure that there is enough money [in the PA] to pay public employees' salaries, and to provide health and education services, **Norway has decided to increase its budget support to the Palestinian Authority by NOK 85 million to NOK 310 million for this year under the Norwegian 2008 budget. The total Norwegian funding to the Palestinian people will thus amount to NOK 790 million in 2008.**"

[Source: Minister Gahr Støre's speech at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee for Assistance to the Palestinians (AHLC) on Sept. 22, 2008.

http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/ud/press/News/2008/budget_support.html?id=527458 , bold emphasis by PMW.]

5.2 Norwegian statements on funding, and the facts

The PA media - TV and newspapers - are directly under the authority of President Mahmoud Abbas, and are run under his office. As demonstrated above, Norwegian aid is being allocated directly to Abbas. Abbas directly controls PA media. Thus Norwegian money is funding PA TV and newspapers and all the hate material cited above.

In response to a question about funding of hate and terror promotion by the PA that may be financed by Norway the Foreign Minister said:

"Let me first emphasize that **the Government dissociates itself from any use of TV programs as a direct [way] of spreading hate or inciting terrorism.** It is particularly revolting when such programs are made for children.

In this case it is a tribute to a Palestinian militant activist, a historical person from the conflict of the 1970s, known to the Palestinians. At the same time **it seems that this type of feature in a children's program is not common and that this channel cannot be said to engage in indoctrination of children or denying Israel's right to exist. Fatah and the Palestinian Authority are prepared to find a peaceful solution to the conflict with Israel.**

I agree with you that today's heroes ought to be those who negotiate peace, not militant activists who kill civilians. **Norway supports the political process which is in progress between Israel and the Palestinians - the goal being a two-state-solution. The parties are strongly urged to follow up on their commitments and to take steps which can create trust between the parties. Mutual respect and recognition is a prerequisite to obtain such a solution.**

This is a message which Norway will continue to communicate to both parties.

I take note of your concern and will bring it with me in the further dialogue with the Palestinian Authorities."

[Source: Response (Sept. 26, 2008) by MFA Jonas Gahr Støre, Labour Party to question posed (Sept. 17, 2008) by MP Ingebrigt S. Sørfohn, Christian Democratic Party. Translation and bold emphasis by PMW.]

The Foreign Minister is convinced that Norwegian aid is not involved in funding PA TV's hate promotion among Palestinians. The following is from an interview with the Foreign Minister on Norwegian TV2 News:

"Reporter: The Minister of Foreign Affairs Jonas Gahr Støre, will not freeze Norwegian aid to Palestine, and rejects the Progress Party's criticism. Støre thinks there is no reason to demand greater control of where the aid money goes.

Minister Jonas Gahr Støre: **This is the same procedure as when we give aid and support to other countries. Reports should be available, the Parliament should control it, we announce what (projects) we intend to give to, and report where the money has gone.**

Reporter: The Foreign Minister thinks that currently **it is not possible, that Norwegian aid money, ends up in such TV productions.**

Minister Gahr Støre: **No, I think it's totally unthinkable. We give our aid, as does the USA, to the Palestinian budget, which the Palestinian Prime Minister, Fayad, controls. The World Bank and the international Monetary Fund are very well-informed about this. Norway is well-informed about this.**"

[Source: Norwegian TV2 News, July 6, 2008. Translation and bold emphasis by PMW.]

6. Conclusions:

The messages conveyed in these programs broadcast on PA TV, published in official newspapers and professed by Palestinian leaders, including Abbas himself, stand in stark contrast to the message Abbas presents to the world in the wake of the Annapolis summit. The Palestinian Authority is once again resorting to duplicity, and conveying dual and irreconcilable messages. When addressing Israel and the world in English, Abbas promises a peaceful solution, while in Arabic his media and leadership convey a clear message: Terrorism is glorified, hate is promoted, and present-day Israel is "occupied Palestine," which will be liberated through blood and violence.

It is tragic that well-intended funding by such countries as Norway is used for PA TV and media hate promotion. It is incumbent upon all those who fund the Palestinian Authority to immediately make the funding conditional on ending the hate and terror promotion of the PA. Otherwise, these countries will bear responsibility for the wars yet to be fought - in the next generation.

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The following article in a Norwegian daily reports on PMW Director Itamar Marcus' presentation of a report to members of the Norwegian Parliament which linked Norwegian funding to PA hate propaganda.

Norway finances Israel-hate

Dagen Magazinet (Norwegian daily), Oct. 23, 2008

The director of Palestinian Media Watch, Itamar Marcus, met Wednesday with members of Parliament of the Christian Democratic Party and the Progress Party to whom he presented a new, detailed and sensational report about how Norwegian money is spent on the official hate propaganda against Israel.

With example after example Marcus documents how Fatah and Hamas use children's TV to spread anti-Israeli hate propaganda, to glorify suicide bombers and to encourage children to follow in the footsteps of the terrorists in order to "liberate" the "occupied" Palestine.

Controlled by Abbas

"The TV broadcasts are controlled from the top, which means that Fatah's children's TV is controlled by President Mahmoud Abbas. A lot of the Norwegian aid of 790 million kroner in 2008 is channeled to precisely President Abbas and the running of his office in Ramallah. The propaganda we see today had not existed were it not approved from the top," says Itamar Marcus.

He shows one video after another with examples of anti Israeli propaganda in children's TV, music videos and descriptions of geography and history in Palestinian schoolbooks.

"Jonas Gahr Støre does not know what the Norwegian money is used for," is the clear message from Marcus. That stands in stark contrast to a recent response by the Foreign Minister to a question he received in Parliament from Ingebrigt Sjøfonn (Chr. Dem) on Sept 26:

Støre's idealisation

"It seems that this type of feature [glorifying a terrorist] in a children's program is not common and that this [PA-Fatah] channel cannot be said to engage in indoctrination of children or denying Israel's right to exist. Fatah and the Palestinian Authority are prepared to find a peaceful solution to the conflict with Israel," said (FM) Støre.

Itamar Marcus presents recent examples to the contrary, most of them from children's programs of Fatah ... from the last few months, which use a rhetoric that seems taken directly from the persecution of the Jews during WW2: Israel intentionally spreads AIDS and drugs, burns children in ovens, attack pregnant women, conduct dangerous medical experiments on prisoners and has released giant rats in Jerusalem. Jesus is made a Muslim believer and a Palestinian. Suicide bombers are glorified and children are encouraged to follow in their footsteps. Israel does not exist on any map of the Middle East, or should be erased from the surface of the earth.

"Their purpose is to get hold of children while they are young and shape them in the way they want. No, it does not seem like Jonas Gahr Støre knows what he helps financing," says Itamar Marcus.

[\[http://www.dagenmagazinet.no/Nyheter/Samfunn/tabid/248/Default.aspx?ModuleId=57521&articleView=true&tabId=248\]](http://www.dagenmagazinet.no/Nyheter/Samfunn/tabid/248/Default.aspx?ModuleId=57521&articleView=true&tabId=248)

Bulletin – Nov. 6, 2008

PA TV (Fatah): Putting hatred to music Rejecting Israel's legitimacy

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

"Do you know what happened in 1948?" asks a pretty young girl on Palestinian Authority (PA) TV (Fatah). "They [Israelis] took everything," is her answer.

This message was broadcast again recently when a music video for children reappeared on PA TV (Fatah) after a year's absence.

That "Israel took everything in 1948" summarizes the essence of PA ideology, and the motivation for the continuing hatred and war against Israel.

[To view the children's video click here.](#)

The denial of Israel's right to exist has been repeated unabatedly in the PA – Abbas-controlled media, even since the Annapolis Conference one year ago. In contrast to Abbas's pledge at Annapolis to promote co-existence, the message emanating from the PA to its public on educational documentaries, children's programs and music videos is that all of Israel is "Palestine."

It is unlikely that children who are brought up with this conceptual framework will ever recognize Israel as a legitimate state and neighbor.

Below is the full transcript of the video:

"My homeland
My land is very pretty
It has forests, stone houses and a sea
My homeland
My land is very pretty
It has hills, lemon and olive trees
I live in my village
My village in my homeland
My homeland is so pretty
My village is in it
There are Grandma's stories
Mothers songs
The smell of a fig tree
And the aroma of jasmine
There are blue skies
And a light breeze
Do you know what happened in '48?
They took everything
They burned the room

The houses they broke
The forests they destroyed
The village they erased
The names they changed
They changed the names
My homeland, her name is Palestine"

[PA TV (Fatah), 1998 - 2008, repeatedly]

Bulletin – Nov. 25, 2008

Hamas forbids Fatah to “bring flowers to the sick”: Fatah declared “illegal organization” by Hamas in Gaza

Introduction

The Hamas-Fatah rift is intensifying. Hamas in Gaza now forbids Fatah not only military activities, but even social and humanitarian activities done in the name of the Fatah movement. Today's Palestinian Authority daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah) reports that even bringing a bouquet of roses to a sick person in hospital is prohibited if it is done in the name of Fatah.

The following are translations from this article:

Headline: "Hamas declares Fatah in Gaza an illegal organization and prevents its social and humanitarian activities"

"Sources within the Fatah movement in Gaza said that Hamas has announced to activists and members of the Fatah movement in Gaza that it is an "illegal organization" and threatened them with kidnapping and torture should any activities on behalf of the [Fatah] movement be carried out in the [Gaza] Strip, even in the case of humanitarian activities.

"The [Fatah] movement has revealed that Hamas has summoned a number of Fatah activists for interrogation and warned them of the consequences of helping any sick or wounded [person] or expressing consolation to any person, if they identify themselves as members of the Fatah movement. Fatah added that Hamas has warned the people of the movement [working] in the field and who carry out social and humanitarian activities and forbidden them [to perform] any social activities, sports activities and to bring humanitarian aid to [those who] need it. ...

"The sources pointed out that the activists have been subjected to threats and have been updated on the prohibition against issuing any consolation announcements of any kind, be it signs, bringing roses to the sick or any greeting in the name of Fatah.

"The sources drew attention to the fact that Hamas has refused to give the activists of the movement any piece of written paper stating the prohibition of the [Fatah] movement explicitly, but has settled for verbal decrees."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (Fatah), Nov. 25, 2008]

Bulletin – Nov. 27, 2008

Map of “Palestine” erasing Israel on wall in Abbas’s office

This week the Palestinian Authority daily *Al-Ayyam* published a picture of Mahmoud Abbas - while behind him is a map of "Palestine" that erases and replaces all of Israel. In addition, the PA flag is placed above the map.

Abbas was speaking from the "Headquarters of the Palestinian Presidency" in Ramallah, that is, part of Abbas' office complex, at the opening meeting of the PLO Central Council.



Caption: "The President speaks at the opening meeting of the [PLO] Central Council at the Headquarters of the Presidency in Ramallah."

[Front page of *Al-Ayyam*, Nov. 24, 2008.]

A similar picture of Abbas in front of the same map was published in the Fatah controlled daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*.

Bulletin – Dec. 9, 2008

Western money supports PA vision of world without Israel

No image more strongly symbolizes Israel's elimination
than the Palestinian flag covering the entire map of Israel

By Itamar Marcus

Maps of "Palestine" in last year's Palestinian Authority census.
Image on right still appears today on PA website
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Bulletin – Dec. 11, 2008

**PA historical distortion:
UN did not offer Arabs a state in 1947**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Since its establishment, the Palestinian Authority has been rewriting history in an attempt to create historical legitimacy for its demand for statehood, as well as justification for the terror and wars against Israel since before Israel's establishment in 1948.

The latest example of historical revisionism is the rewriting of the UN Partition Plan of 1947, which recommended the division of the Land of Israel/Palestine into two states: one Jewish and one Arab.

The false Palestinian version of the Partition Plan was expressed on PA TV (Fatah) by Dr. Ahmad Subh, Deputy Minister in the PA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who accused the UN of permitting in 1947 the establishment of only one state, Israel, and not of an Arab state.

The following are the words of Dr. Subh:

"The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on Nov. 29 was not picked coincidentally, that's the anniversary of the [1947 UN] Partition Plan... In 1977, the UN General Assembly decided to restore the Palestinian people's esteem, following the historic injustice which happened in 1947, when 'a birth certificate' was offered to one state instead of to two states. One state [Israel] was permitted to be established, while the Palestinian state was not permitted to be established."

[PA TV (Fatah), Nov. 29, 2008]

[Click here to view PA rewriting of 1947 UN decision](#)

Bulletin – Dec. 18, 2008

Dear Friend,



Itamar Marcus in House Foreign Affairs Committee, April 15, 2008



Released murderer, Samir Kuntar, honored by PA.

[PA TV (Fatah), June 25 2008]

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Bulletin – Dec. 24, 2008
Hamas enacts Islamic (Shari'ah) laws
By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas members of the Palestinian Parliament in Gaza have approved a new bill "to implement Koranic punishments," including hand amputation, crucifixion, corporal punishment and execution. Drinking, owning or producing wine is punished by 40 lashes, while drinking in public adds three months' imprisonment. Several laws are directed against Hamas's Palestinian rivals, including a law intended to inhibit non-Hamas negotiators by sentencing to death anyone who was "appointed to negotiate with a foreign government on a Palestinian issue and negotiated against Palestinians' interest."

The following is the description as it appears today on the Al Arabiya website:

<http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2008/12/24/62699.html>

Headline: Hamas approves law of punishment by lashes, amputating hands, crucifying, and execution -- in order to implement the Islamic *Shari'ah* law.

Hamas members of the Palestinian Legislative Council approved in its meeting in Gaza a new bill proposed by the Hamas who have a majority in the Legislative Council, whose purpose is "to implement Koranic punishments." The newspaper *Al Hayat* of London reported on Dec. 24, 2008, that this step is seen as unprecedented, and has brought criticism and concern from human rights organizations in the Gaza Strip, especially as this law includes punishments by lashes, cutting off of hands, crucifixion, and execution...

The language of the law proposes "primary and secondary" laws. Primary laws include: "Koranic laws, blood revenge, lashes, crucifixion, and execution ..."

The text stresses: "These punishments will not be canceled or pardoned ... except if pardoned by the victim himself..."

Section 59 of the law establishes that "punishment of death will be enacted on any Palestinian who intentionally does one of the following: Raised a weapon against Palestine on behalf of the enemy during war, was appointed to negotiate with a foreign government on a Palestinian issue

and negotiated against Palestinians' interest, performed a hostile action against a foreign country in a way that endangers Palestine in war or in harming political relations, served a foreign army in time of war, advised or helped soldiers to enlist in this army, weakened the spirit or the force of resistance of the people, or spied against Palestine especially during war."

The punishment of lashes appears in many sections of the law. Section 84 states that: "Whoever drinks wine, owns or produces wine will be punished with 40 lashes if he is Muslim, and anyone who drinks wine, or angers another person [with wine], or causes him distress when drinking wine in a public place, or goes to a public place while drunk, will be punished with no less than 40 lashes and imprisonment for the minimum of three months."

[Al-Arabiya, Dec. 24, 2008]

Bulletin – Dec. 25, 2008

Hamas lies about preparing strict Islamic law for all of Palestinian Authority

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

Hamas has quickly denied this week's disclosure by the London-based *Al-Hayat* (reported yesterday by Palestinian Media Watch) that the Palestinian legislature has voted for an Islamic penal code that would include hand amputations, crucifixion, lashes and executions.

However, PMW has found that contrary to today's denials, official Hamas leaders have proudly announced in the Hamas-run media in the last two months that this Islamic penal code was being prepared, had "14 chapters and 220 clauses" and was nearly ready. Indeed, senior Hamas leaders went as far as to say that when these laws are implemented, they will have force not only in Gaza but also in the West Bank. And according to the Hamas Minister of Justice, the Palestinian laws will be similar to "Islamic states such as Sudan, Yemen, the [Arab] Emirates and Indonesia."

Examples of Hamas contradictions:

Today Hamas denied: "The [Legislative] Council did not discuss any article of the Penal Code."
[*Al-Ayyam*, Dec. 25, 2008]

A month ago the Hamas Minister of Justice confirmed: "This (Islamic law Penal) Code is being discussed at the sessions of the [Palestinian] Legislative Council, for a second reading."
[*Al-Rissala* (Hamas), Nov. 12, 2008]

Today Hamas denied: "The Hamas movement... hastened to deny the reports about its approval of an Islamic Penal Code."
[*Al-Ayyam*, Dec. 25, 2008]

A month ago the Head of the Bureau of Islamic Law confirmed:
"The Bureau of Islamic Law is preparing a Penal Code in order to implement *Shari'ah* - Islamic law ... Muhammad Abed, Head of the Bureau of Islamic Law and legal advisor to the Prime Minister (Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas), said ... that the code includes 14 chapters and 220 clauses, and includes in its chapters the basis of the penal code."
[*Al-Rissala*, (Hamas) Nov. 9, 2008]

A month ago the Hamas Minister of Justice confirmed:

"Similar (Penal codes to the new Palestinian law) have already been implemented in a number of Arabic and Islamic states such as Sudan, Yemen, the [Arab] Emirates and Indonesia... by Allah's will it will be published soon."

[*Al-Rissala* (Hamas), Nov. 12, 2008]

The following are the full texts of the contradictory Hamas statements, starting with the Hamas statements about the coming Islamic law in the Palestinian Authority and followed by today's Hamas denial.

Muhammad Faraj Al-Ghoul, Justice Minister in Hamas Government of Gaza:

"This (Islamic law Penal) code is being discussed at the sessions of the [Palestinian] Legislative Council, for a second reading [vote] ... and by Allah's will, the Council will approve [the code] in accordance with the general interest and the interest of the Palestinian People. The code is highly important, and it's not the first of its kind... similar codes have already been approved , and implemented in a number of Arabic and Islamic states such as Sudan, Yemen, the [Arab] Emirates and Indonesia... I believe that this code is highly important, and by Allah's will it will be published soon."

[*Al-Rissala*, Nov. 12, 2008]

Headline: The Bureau of Islamic Law is preparing a Penal Code in order to implement Shari'ah - Islamic law

In an attempt by the Bureau of the Islamic Law [Fatwa] to unite Palestine under one Penal Code, according to Islamic law (*Shari'ah*), the Bureau of Islamic Law [Fatwa] has prepared a [penal] code, with the intention to submit it to the [Palestinian] Legislative Council for its approval, and to cancel previous legislation that is based on the laws of the British mandate, and the neighboring countries.

Muhammad Abed, Head of the Bureau of Islamic Law and legal advisor to the Prime Minister (Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas), said ... that the code includes 14 chapters and 220 clauses, and includes in its chapters the basis of the penal code...

He said that in implementing this law, the present penal code in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank... will be cancelled... he said that the bill was submitted to the Legislative Council in 2001, but it was not approved in the second and third reading, and therefore some amendments were entered, according to the Islamic law, and it will be submitted to the Legislative Council for approval.

He emphasized that when the law is approved in the Legislative Council, it will be valid in all the Palestinian territories, and will be implemented in all of Palestine."

[*Al-Rissala*, (Hamas newspaper) Nov. 9, 2008.]

Public Relations advisor to the Presidency, Legislative Council:

Headline: "Hamas denies its approval of the penal law... The Hamas movement, which controls the Palestinian Legislative Council in Gaza, hastened to deny the news reports about its approval of an Islamic Penal Code that includes lashes, hand amputation and crucifixion. The public relations advisor to the Presidency of the Legislative Council, Iyad Al-Qarra, said that the council did not discuss any article of the Penal Code."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Dec. 25, 2008]

Bulletin – Dec. 28, 2008

Mahmoud Abbas: Hamas responsible for violence

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

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

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

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

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Bulletin – Dec. 28, 2008

Hamas celebrates targeting Israeli civilians

Along with the Hamas TV propaganda today in which Hamas depicts itself as a victim, Hamas continues simultaneously to present itself heroically as the heroic killer of Israelis. A video ran this morning on Hamas TV, blending pictures of Hamas fighters shooting at Israel, with pictures of injured Israelis and medical evacuation scenes.

In addition the visuals include pictures of skulls dripping with blood, captioned: "Let them taste violent death."

Other narrations and tests include:

"Send them to Hell! Tear them to pieces!"

"Send them to Hell, Qassam missile!"

Bulletin – Dec. 28, 2008

Hamas TV: Ahmadinejad threatens Israel over Gaza events

Hamas TV reported that Iranian President Ahmadinejad threatened Israel in response to Israel's attack on Hamas.

The Hamas TV news ticker reported numerous times:

"The President of Iran [Ahmadinejad]: These crimes will not change the Zionist entity's condition. Rather, its situation will be even blacker and its fate even worse."

Iran's support of the Hamas is not surprising as Hamas is a major supplier of weapons for Hamas and Hamas military units have undergone training in Iran.

[Hamas TV, Dec. 28, 2008]

Bulletin – Dec. 28, 2008

Hamas TV: 180 killed are from Hamas armed forces

Hamas TV acknowledged this morning that the vast majority of those killed are from the Hamas military. A news ticker running repeatedly from 10:00 AM announced:

"More than 180 Palestinian policemen were killed including the [Police] Commander, General Tawfik Jaber."

In the background Hamas TV is repeatedly broadcasting the same scenes of dozens of bodies of the uniformed Hamas soldiers who were killed in Israel's first attack yesterday when Israel hit the Hamas officer's course graduation ceremony.

Bulletin – Dec. 29, 2008

**Hamas explains use of human shields:
"We desire death as you desire life." [Feb. 29, 2008]**

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

The UN announcement that 51 civilians have died in the conflict in Gaza must be understood in the context of Hamas's declared ideology to use civilians as human shields for Hamas fighters.

Indeed, Hamas continues to emphasize and promote the religious ideology that death for Allah is an ideal to be actively pursued. The goal is to convince Palestinians, including women and children, not to fear death but even to face it at the front to protect Hamas fighters.

Hamas's placement of its military installations and fighters among civilians reflects this ideology, and has led to these 51 deaths.

A Hamas representative in the PA legislative council this year expressed pride in the fact that women and children are used as human shields in fighting Israel. He described it as part of a "death industry" at which Palestinians excel, and explained that the Palestinians "desire death" with the same intensity that Israelis "desire life."

The following is the full text of the comments by Hamas representative Fathi Hamad:

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

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

Bulletin – Dec. 30, 2008

PA daily: Media is manipulating Gaza

A Palestinian journalist has complained that the media and others are manipulating the images going out to the world:

"A mother of one of the martyrs stood by the door of the intensive care unit while crying... relatives and those around her were telling her what she should say to the television cameras: 'Say your son [before he died] prayed and went out.' Another tells her: 'Curse the Arab leaders'... The journalists [in the hospitals] are going overboard in their insensitivity and taking advantage of the [difficult] moments, with the explanation that they are showing this to the world. One cameraman told a mourning mother: 'Hit your face, cry, do some action.'"

[*Al-Ayyam*, December 29, 2008]

Bulletin – Dec. 30, 2008

After sisters' deaths, Palestinian girl blames Hamas

In response to many requests, PMW is resending the video clip of a young Palestinian girl who blames Hamas for her sisters' deaths in Gaza. We are including the seconds before and after the girl's words to clarify that PMW released the full, unedited interview that ran on the Palestinian Authority TV news report.

The interview is very significant. At a time of extreme stress and grief, the girl blames Hamas and not Israel -- likely echoing a sentiment she has heard from adults. If this sentiment is representative of growing anger among Gaza residents at Hamas for the destruction it has caused, it has major significance and could have ramifications on the long-term position of Hamas in Palestinian society.

Given the significance of the girl's accusation, it is surprising that some media outlets have run the interview, without including the quote in which the girl blames Hamas. See comments at: http://misskelly.typepad.com/miss_kelly_/2008/12/necn-skewed-coverage-of-israelgaza.html

The following is the full transcript of the interview.

Please note that the interview was on PA TV (Fatah), as is shown on the video, and not Hamas TV, as was mistakenly reported in the text of yesterday's bulletin.

Transcript of the full interview:

Girl: We were sleeping seven girls in the room. We were asleep and didn't know what was happening. In the morning all the bricks were on top of my head, and the heads of all my sisters. My four year-old sister next to me was dead.

Interviewer: How many were you?

Girl: Seven. In the other room were my mother, my father, my younger brother and another sister, who is 13 days old.

Girl: I say Hamas is the cause, in the first place, of all wars, it's Hamas.

[PA TV (Fatah), Dec. 29, 2008]