

Palestinian Authority incitement and demonization of Israel, and Antisemitism

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The Palestinian Authority (PA) continues to incite to hatred by spreading libels and by demonizing Israelis and Jews beyond the realm of political debate. When the PA claims that Israel performs medical experiments on prisoners, behaves like the Nazis, that Zionism is planning to rule the world and that the Jewish nature is evil, it is intentionally fomenting hatred. The possibility for an atmosphere of peace and reconciliation is being precluded.

This policy demonstrates that the PA in Arabic has not complied with its fundamental preliminary commitment to stop hate incitement.

1. Israel is Nazi-like

Official PA daily: Israel does experiments on prisoners like Josef Mengele

"[There is] an entire system called 'slow death,' which the Israeli establishment uses against Palestinian prisoners... **the Israeli jailers attempt to imitate the German Nazis, who were the first to use prisoners as testing grounds**, for testing the weapons and the deadly drugs which they developed. **The Nazi German doctor, Josef Mengele, was the most famous among them.**"
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, April 17, 2011]

Official PA daily: Israeli prisons like Nazi detention camps

"**Israeli doctors also carry out medical experiments on prisoners...** These detention centers are camps dotted with tents, with each group of tents forming a wing, surrounded on all sides by a fence and guards who are armed with weapons from head to toe. **They resemble the detention camps during the Nazi period.**" [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, April 15, 2011]

PA Deputy Minister of Prisoners' Affairs Ziad Abu Ein Israeli prisons worse than "the Auschwitzes of the Nazis"

"Israel forgets that we are now in the 21st century and that **the conditions of our Palestinian prisoners are worse than the Auschwitzes of the Nazis**, where Jewish detainees were held. If we return to the pictures of the Auschwitzes, how [Jews] were on beds and so on in the Auschwitzes - in our case, the beds were only introduced in the 1990s, and it was [only] a metal bed."
[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 6, 2011]

Abdallah Zakaneh, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine:

"We are here because of the cruel policies, which the occupation forces use against our brothers and friends in **the Nazi and fascist [Israeli] prisons.**"

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 4, 2011]

Fahed Abu Hag', director of Abu Jihad Center of the prisoners' movement:

Abu Hag: "The infamous Ashkelon prison, which is known with the name as the worst and **darkest in Israel's history, is like the racist prisons, like the prison cells of the Nazis.**"

PA TV moderator: "And maybe even worse."

Abu Hag: "And maybe even worse." [PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 8, 2011]

Tayseer Khaled, member of the PLO Executive Committee:

"This is a great day in the history of the Palestinian nation... for the Martyr prisoners and for the living prisoners, who are protesting these days in the mass detention camps that Israel set up, which remind us of the **Nazi mass detention camps.**"

[PA TV (Fatah), Oct. 10, 2011]

2. Palestinian Authority Antisemitism

Sheikh Ishaq Feleifel on religion, religion section, official PA daily:

Judaism is "distorted, corrupt, false religion"

"The struggle between truth and falsehood is as ancient as life upon this earth... Sixty-three years ago, the Israeli Prime Minister, Ben Gurion, stood at the UN after **the entire world granted recognition to the malignant cancerous growth known as the State of Israel...** The Prime Minister of this destructive cancerous growth stood up to declare the religion of the Jews in Palestine to the entire world. I hope that the [Islamic] nation will study this faith [Judaism] in order to know with certainty that the **Jews talk, in conferences and in negotiations, only through their distorted, corrupt, false religion... The conflict between us and the Jews is not a conflict about land and borders, but rather a conflict about faith and existence.**" [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, June 3, 2011]

Sheikh Ishaq Feleifel on religion, religion section, official PA daily:

The Jews evil nature drawn from Cain who killed Abel

"In this lesson I wanted to talk about Cain and Abel - that's the first story on earth, whose victim was Abel, at the hands of his brother Cain - because this story shows a similarity to the Jews and their crimes... The Jews, by throwing off their yoke, followed in the footsteps of the first person on earth who threw off the yoke of Allah. **Their [the Jews'] evil nature is drawn from Adam's first son [who killed his brother].**" [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 13, 2011]

Sheikh Ishaq Feleifel on religion, religion section, official PA daily:

Zionism's goal is "eternal rule over the world"

"Zionism is an extreme religious ideology whose aim is political hegemony and the transformation of a **Jewish monarchy in Palestine into a basis for their eternal rule over the world,** [and] that others, "Goyim" [non-Jews], must submit to their will, [their rule] which is drawn from the will of God." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 15, 2011]