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Norway and the Palestinian Authority

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

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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 (Fatah) 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 (Fatah) 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]

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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 (Fatah) 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.

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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 (Fatah) educational programs for children actively demand that children not only deny Israel's **right** to exist - but even deny the existence of Israel altogether. Children under the 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 (Fatah) 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.]

[PA TV (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."

[PA TV (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 October 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 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*, 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

Dr. Mutawakil Tahalk, Head of Palestinian Writers Union and 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]

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



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

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

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 Karake 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 Karake:

"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 Karake:

"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 (Fatah) 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**.

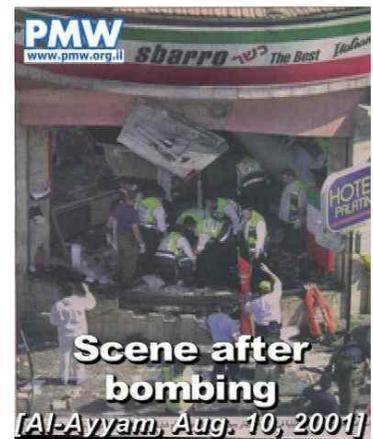
Continuing the current trend in the Palestinian Authority media to honor past and present terrorists, the Palestinian daily *Al-Quds* published an interview with the Palestinian poet, Mutawakil Taha, who wrote a book honoring the terrorist couple. He described them as "the two great heroic prisoners **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 Mugniyeh]** by Ahmad Dahbur, former undersecretary of the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture, senior journalist for Fatah-controlled Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), 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 an 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 added 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 (Fatah) 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 Bashar 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] Beit Shean, 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 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 [Hamas 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 TV (Fatah) 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..."
[PA TV (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 added 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 added 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 (Fatah) 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. Sørfoenn, Christian Democratic Party. Translation and bold emphasis added by PMW.]

The Foreign Minister is convinced that Norwegian aid is not involved in funding PA TV (Fatah) 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, Fayyad, 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 (Fatah), 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 (Fatah) 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.