

Palestinian Authority Sports

Glorifying terrorists, prohibiting peace building, celebrating the Munich Olympics massacre of Israeli athletes

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Introduction

This week, the Palestinian Authority is asking FIFA to suspend Israel's participation in FIFA sports activities. It is ironic that the PA is making such an aggressive request, when in fact it is the PA and Fatah who routinely disrespect the basic values of international sportsmanship, and the spirit upon which Olympic sports are founded.

The Palestinian Authority's abuse of sports is a concrete example of how the PA chooses to further entrench the conflict rather than work to resolve it. The Palestinian Authority uses sports to send the message that murdering Israeli civilians is honorable and heroic, that all of Israel is "Palestine," and that peace building or "normalization" with Israel is prohibited and even criminal.

Jibril Rajoub, Head of the PA Olympic Committee, has organized and is promoting the request to FIFA. He is also one of the driving forces behind this abuse of sports and continues to promote terror himself. Even the terrorists responsible for the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972 continue to be glorified by the PA and Fatah.

PMW documentation clearly shows the irony of the PA's request. If any sports association should be suspended from FIFA for fundamental violations of the spirit of sports, it is the Palestinian Authority.

PMW therefore calls on FIFA:

1. To suspend the PA until it:

A. Publically commits to stop naming sporting events after terrorist murderers.

B. Publically commits to stop glorifying the Munich Olympics terror attack and the terrorists.

2- To sever ties with Jibril Rajoub until he retracts his statements calling for terror and "slaughter."

Section 1

Part 1: PA uses sports to glorify terrorists

The Palestinian Authority uses sports to educate its children that terror against civilians is heroic “resistance.” The PA and Fatah have named many sporting events after terrorist murderers, including those who were involved in the most lethal terror attacks in Israel's history.

During the PA terror campaign (the Intifada, 2000-2005), as the PA's terror promotion intensified, so the PA's honoring of terrorist murderers through sports grew dramatically. Among many examples, the PA Ministry of Education named a football tournament for 14-year-old boys after the suicide bomber who attacked a Passover celebration, killing 31 Israelis.

This PA terror glorification continues today. Last year, the PA Ministry of Education named a football tournament after the “Martyr” Abu Sukkar, who in 1975 detonated a refrigerator filled with explosives in Jerusalem, killing 15 and injuring over 60. In 2015 alone, PMW has so far documented at least 10 tournaments sponsored by the PA or Fatah named after terrorists. For example, Fatah ran a “sports festival” named the “Martyr Raed Al-Karmi and Martyr Dalal Mughrabi Tournament” in January 2015. Al-Karmi was responsible for the murder of 9 Israelis, while Mughrabi led the most lethal attack in Israel's history, in which 37 civilians were murdered, including 12 children.

Part 2: PA prohibits using sports as a bridge for peace

The PA uses sporting events to express the view that authentic peace building between Israelis and Palestinians is criminal. One of the principles of international sports and especially the Olympics is that sports can and should be a bridge of peace between peoples. The Israeli Peres Center for Peace, for example, has organized and promoted joint sporting events for Palestinians and Israelis for many years. However, the PA absolutely prohibits this and threatens legal measures against Palestinian athletes who participate in matches against Israel, condemning these sport activities as “normalization.”

For example, after the Gaza War in 2014, the official PA daily printed a report by *Agence France – Presse* that “Palestinian and Israeli children participated in friendly football matches” organized by the Peres Center for Peace. The event was an overwhelming success achieving sincere peace building:

“Ofar, 11, from Sderot, a town in southern Israel where many rockets had landed, said: ‘It's great to come back here and enjoy our time, after weeks of being stuck at home during the war.’ And [Palestinian] Qusai, 11, said: ‘I love it when we play together like this. I hope that one day there will be peace between Arabs and Jews and that there will be no more wars and death.’ [From *Agence France-Presse, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Sept. 3, 2014]

The PA's response to this authentic peace building activity indicates how adamantly the PA opposes peace:

“Abd Al-Salam Haniyeh, **Palestinian Olympic Committee member denounced the match held between Palestinian and Israeli children. He considered it a crime and an unpatriotic and immoral act...** Haniyeh said these matches are completely unacceptable to the sports community, the Olympic Committee, the Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs and the Palestinian Football Association... **Haniyeh demanded that Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association Jibril Rajoub immediately interrogate the**

[Palestinian] organizers of the match, settle the account with them and prosecute them on charges of serious treason."

[*Sama*, independent Palestinian news agency, Sept. 3, 2014]

Three days later, Rajoub viciously condemned the peace building football matches. He posted on his personal Facebook page: **"Any activity of normalization in sports with the Zionist enemy is a crime against humanity."** [Kooora.com, Palestinian sports site, and Jibril Rajoub's official Facebook page, Sept. 6, 2014]

This is not new rhetoric from Rajoub. In 2013, he threatened to throw anyone off the PA football team if they engaged in joint sports activities with Israelis:

"Anyone who joins any joint [sports] activity with the Israelis -- I'll take him off the [Palestinian Football] Association's lists, whether he is a player, coach, judge or, God forbid, a team... I won't allow and won't agree to any joint game between Arabs and Israel." [Official PA TV, July 1, 2013]

On another occasion, Rajoub stated that "the term normalization does not exist in the Palestinian sports lexicon" [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 18, 2012]

Indeed, Jibril Rajoub, Head of the Olympic Committee, is the very man behind the prohibition of using sports to build peace - a basic principle of the Olympics and of FIFA. Part of FIFA's mission statement says that "FIFA's primary objective is 'to improve the game of football constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes.'" And later it states that "football can inspire communities and break down barriers."

Part 3: Jibril Rajoub, head of the PA Olympic Committee, promotes terror

The great irony of the PA's request of FIFA is that the person spearheading the request is head of the PA Olympic Committee, Jibril Rajoub, who regularly uses sports to entrench the conflict with Israel (some of which is documented above) and to glorify terror. Rajoub is also Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association and Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee.

Rajoub was behind a "Dalal Mughrabi Table Tennis Tournament":

At the tournament, Vice President of the Palestinian Table Tennis Association Radwan Al-Sharif "conveyed the greetings of Chairman of the Olympic Committee Jibril Rajoub." He also mentioned "the glorious deeds of hero Martyr Dalal Mughrabi and noted that the Table Tennis Association acts in accordance with the Olympic Committee's agenda." [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 1, 2013]

It should be noted that the "glorious deeds" carried out by Mughrabi is a reference the terror attack that she led, in which 37 civilians were murdered.

In addition, Rajoub himself is a convicted terrorist who was sentenced to life in prison for throwing a grenade. Rajoub, who served 15 years of his prison sentence, continues to call for the murder and "slaughter" of Israelis:

"I'm telling everyone: Fatah has decided that our relations with the Israelis are relations between enemies... am I stopping you from slaughtering a settlement? No one is stopping anyone. Don't lie and tell me: 'The [PA] Security Forces and Mahmoud Abbas,' and so on [stop you]. Drop it, OK? No one is stopping anyone. Our political decision is resistance in the occupied territories in order to bring an end to the occupation [using] all forms of resistance."
[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Aug. 13, 2014]

Rajoub also told Lebanese TV:

"Listen. We as yet don't have a nuke, but I swear that if we had a nuke, we'd have used it this very morning." [Al-Mayadeen (Lebanon), April 30, 2013]

Even after Palestinian Media Watch exposed Rajoub's incendiary statements, he refused to retract his call for mass murder of Israelis:

"True, the interviewer asked me and I answered in the same manner and with those words and even now I say to the Israelis: If there won't be a reexamination of your conduct on your part, a saying in Hebrew states: 'kill or be killed.' We won't be killed, we're not Jesus, true, we come from Jesus' apostles but we, our future and our government and our identity are being trampled under the criminal terrorist settler dogs' feet. I'm certain that if Hitler would come again he would learn from them the art of breaking the will of the people, humiliating the people, [making the] people suffer, destroying the people and massacres." [Official PA TV, May 23, 2013]

Rajoub has also compared killing Israelis to building a school:

"Building a school and throwing a hand grenade, in my opinion, are resistance. I build the school in order to strengthen the reasons for my people's resolve, as one of several aspects of the resistance, and when there is a need to throw a grenade [or launch] a rocket, I'll do that as well out of my belief in the inevitable victory of my cause and its justness." [Official PA TV, May 12, 2010]

Finally, Rajoub has expressed Antisemitic views:

"Under no circumstances will there be normalization [with Israel]. Next time we are prepared to bring the Executive Committee in helicopters [so they won't go through Israel]... they will see no Jews, no Satans, no Zionist sons of bitches. Come by helicopter and go back by helicopter." [Official PA TV, May 17, 2012]

Part 4: PA glorifies terrorists responsible for Munich Olympics massacre

Another affront to international sports by the PA is its ongoing glorification of the massacre by Palestinian terrorists of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972. The PA and Fatah actively glorify the attack and the five men who they credit with planning and organizing the Olympics terror attack: Ali Hassan Salameh, Amin Al-Hindi, Salah Khalaf, Abu Daoud, and Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar.

This is how **Amin Al-Hindi**, a leader of the Black September terror organization that was behind the attack, was eulogized in the official PA daily:

"Everyone knows that Amin Al-Hindi was one of the stars who sparkled at one of the stormiest points on the international level - the operation that was carried out at the [Olympics] sports stadium in Munich, Germany, in 1972. That was just one of many shining stations." [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 20, 2010]

Mahmoud Abbas said about **Abu Daoud**:

"He was at the forefront on every battlefield... What a wonderful brother, companion, tough and persistent, relentless fighter." [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 4, 2010]

Recently Abbas and his Fatah movement chose to honor Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar and Fatah honored Ali Hassan Salameh:

"The Fatah Central Committee held a meeting headed by President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday [April 19, 2015]... The Central Committee addressed the 42nd anniversary of the **Martyrdom-death of** commanders Kamal Adwan, Kamal Nasser, and **Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar**. The Committee **emphasized its loyalty to their path, and that it would continue in their path of struggle...**"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 20, 2015]

"Ali Hassan Salameh, the Martyr Commander, the Red Prince. The glory in his name is enough."

[Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, Feb. 17, 2015]

The PA has named three schools after **Salah Khalaf**. [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 8, 2009]

Conclusion:

PMW's documentation clearly shows that the PA and Fatah habitually disrespect the basic values of international sportsmanship. The PA and Fatah use sports to glorify murderers of civilians, and prohibit the use of sports to build peace. In addition, Jibril Rajoub, head of the PA Olympic Committee, is a major driving force behind these policies and continues to promote terror. Finally, the PA and Fatah continue to present the terrorists behind the Munich Olympics massacre as heroes.

Clearly, if any FIFA member should be suspended from FIFA for fundamental disrespect for the values of international sportsmanship - it is the Palestinian Authority.

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The following are numerous examples of the habitual disrespect demonstrated by the Palestinian Authority and Fatah for the values of international sportsmanship.

(All bold in the quoted items is emphasis added by PMW)

Additional Documentation Part 1:

PA uses sports to glorify terrorists

The following is additional documentation of the PA and Fatah naming sporting events after terrorists :

Terrorist Dalal Mughrabi honored in table tennis tournament sponsored by Jibril Rajoub

"The Beit Iba Youth Sports Club finished its preparations for hosting The Martyr (*Shahida*) Dalal Mughrabi Women's Table Tennis Tournament... The tournament that will be sponsored by Chairman of the Olympic Committee Jibril Rajoub and by the Palestinian Table Tennis Association... The tournament is intended for three groups: Women, young women and girls."



Text on photo: "The Palestinian Table Tennis Association"

"The Martyr (*Shahida*) Dalal Mughrabi Tournament"

"The Beit Iba Sports Club"

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Sept. 26, 2013]

Dalal Mughrabi led the most lethal terror attack in Israel's history, known as the Coastal Road massacre, in 1978, when she and other Fatah terrorists hijacked a bus on Israel's Coastal Highway, killing 37 civilians, 12 of them children, and wounding over 70.

PA Ministry of Education names tournament for bomber who murdered 15

"The Bethlehem Education Administration team won the first place cup in the main athletics tournament for girls. The tournament, organized by the General Administration of Student Activities in the [PA] Ministry of Education... The tournament, named [after] Martyr (*Shahid*) Abu Sukkar, was attended by Director of Student Activities in the Ministry of Education, Ilham Abd Al-Qader Muhaisen, Deputy Director of the



Ramallah Education Administration Qais Nabhan and Ribhi Abu Al-Humum, the Mayor of Turmusaya.”

Photo: “A group photo of the winners.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 14, 2014]

Ahmad Jabarah Abu Sukkar planned a bombing attack in 1975 in which a refrigerator filled with explosives was detonated in Jerusalem. 15 people were killed and over 60 people were wounded. He was sentenced to life in prison plus 30 years, but was released from prison after 28 years as part of a goodwill gesture from Israel to the PA in 2003.

Fatah and PLO table tennis tournament honors terrorists who killed 6

“In cooperation with Fatah in the village of Beit Fajjar and the Table Tennis Association, the [PLO] Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs organized a table tennis tournament in honor of prisoners from the village that were sentenced to life imprisonment. Thirty-two athletes from different parts of the homeland participated in the tournament... At the end of the tournament, a ceremony was held in honor of the prisoners Hamza Omar Shamarkha and Amjad Takatka, each sentenced to six life sentences, and Kamal Bello, sentenced to life.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 6, 2015]

Hamza Omar Shamarkha – is serving 6 life sentences for sending the suicide bomber Andalib Takatka, who killed 6 and wounded more than 80 people in the suicide attack at Jerusalem’s Mahane Yehuda outdoor market on April 12, 2002.

Amjad Takatka – is serving 6 life sentences for his involvement in the suicide attack carried out by Andalib Takatka, who killed 6 and wounded more than 80 people in the suicide attack at Jerusalem’s Mahane Yehuda outdoor market on April 12, 2002.

Kamal Bello – was arrested in 2004 and is serving one life sentence. PMW has been unable to verify the specific nature of his crimes.

Fatah and PLO organize tournament named after terrorists responsible for the killing of 46

“The [PLO's] Popular Committee for Refugee Affairs at the Khan Yunis Refugee Camp organized, in cooperation with Fatah's West Khan Yunis branch... a sports festival in support of President Mahmoud Abbas and as a show of loyalty to the blood of the Martyrs (*Shahids*), as the highlight of the **Martyr Raed Al-Karmi and Martyr Dalal Mughrabi Tournament**... [The director of the Refugee Camps (in the PLO's Department for Refugee Affairs)] Mazen Abu Zaid said that... the blood of Martyr Raed Al-Karmi, a resident of the Gaza Strip, and the blood of Martyr Dalal Mughrabi, a resident of the Sabra refugee camp in Lebanon, was absorbed into the soil of the homeland, and embraced the blood of the Gazan Martyrs, in order to draw the map of the homeland for us and to serve as a message: Palestine is one, indivisible unit.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 18, 2015]

Raed Al-Karmi - a senior Tanzim (Fatah terror faction) operative responsible for the murder of 9 Israelis in several attacks: Etgar Zeituni and Motti Dayan on January 23, 2001; Zvi Shelef on May

31, 2001; Danny Yehuda on June 18, 2001; Elie Na'aman on July 4, 2001; Dov Roseman on August 26, 2001; Hananya Ben Avraham on October 5, 2001; soldier Yaniv Levy on August 28, 2001 and Israeli army officer Erez Merhavi on September 6, 2001. Al-Karmi was killed by the Israeli army on January 14, 2002.

Dalal Mughrabi led the most lethal terror attack in Israel's history, known as the Coastal Road massacre, in 1978, when she and other Fatah terrorists hijacked a bus on Israel's Coastal Highway, killing 37 civilians, 12 of them children, and wounding over 70.

Racing tournament named after terror leader Abu Ali Mustafa sponsored by Jibril Rajoub

"The fifth round of the 2014 Palestine racing tournament, the Abu Ali Mustafa Tournament, has ended. It was organized by the Jericho Race Car and Bicycle Union, with the participation of 24 competitors under the patronage of Chairman of the Olympic Council Jibril Rajoub, and with the support of the leadership of the National Security Forces."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 16, 2014]

Abu Ali Mustafa - General Secretary of the terror organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). He planned numerous terror attacks against Israeli civilians during the Palestinian terror campaign (the Intifada, 2000-2005).

Palestinian football tournament names teams after arch-terrorists Ahmad Yassin, Abu Ali Mustafa, Abu Jihad, Fathi Shaqaqi

"The Tapuach municipality organized a football tournament including eight teams made up of young men from the village of Tapuach [in the Hebron district]. The teams were named after Martyrs (*Shahids*) from the village and from among the leaders of the [Palestinian] factions. Here are the [names of the] teams: the Martyr Yasser Arafat team, the Martyr Ahmad Yassin team, the Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa team, the Martyr Abu Jihad team, the Martyr Fathi Shaqaqi team, the Martyr Abd Al-Karim Salameh Al-Taradeh team, the Martyr Hijazi Arzekat team and the Martyr Walid Khamaiseh team."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 10, 2014]

Ahmed Yassin – Founder and former head of the terrorist organization Hamas. The Hamas movement is responsible for numerous terror attacks and the deaths of hundreds of Israeli civilians.

Abu Ali Mustafa - General Secretary of the terror organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). He planned numerous terror attacks against Israeli civilians during the Palestinian terror campaign (the Intifada, 2000-2005).

Abu Jihad (Khalil Al-Wazir) - a founder of Fatah and deputy to Yasser Arafat. He headed the PLO terror organization's military wing and also planned many deadly Fatah terror attacks. These attacks, which killed a total of 125 Israelis, included the most lethal in Israeli history - the hijacking of a bus and killing of 37 civilians, 12 of them children.

Fathi Shaqaqi - Founder of the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad, which has carried out numerous terrorist attacks, killing hundreds of Israeli civilians.

Abd Al-Karim Salameh Al-Taradeh – *A native of Tapuach killed in South Lebanon during a confrontation between with the Israeli army in 1974.*

Children's football tournament named after Abu Jihad

“The 20th Children’s Football Tournament [named after] the Prince of Martyrs (*Shahids*), Khalil Al-Wazir ‘Abu Jihad,’ will begin this morning on the fields of Beit Safafa and the Silwan school, attended by 14 Jerusalem [football] clubs, supervised by the [Fatah] Central Branch Football Association.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 16, 2014]

PA is official patron for tournament with teams named after arch-terrorists

“The Jalazone Refugee Camp Martyrs’ (*Shahids*) Internal Football Tournament, under the patronage of District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam, ended two days ago... Nine teams, both from the camp and from outside it, participated in the tournament... The camp’s Martyr teams advanced to the second round: the Martyr Abu Iyad team, the Martyr Abu Jihad team and the Martyr Yasser Arafat team.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 28, 2014]

Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf) - *A founder of Fatah and head of the terror organization Black September. Attacks he planned included the murder of two American diplomats (March 1, 1973), as well as the murders of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics (Sept. 5, 1972).*

Fatah chess tournament named after terrorist Marwan Zalum, behind many lethal attacks

"The Palestine Chess Federation and the Hebron Council held the Martyr Marwan Zalum 'Abu Suja' Chess Tournament at the Hebron Youth Club, under the auspices of the Fatah movement and the club and with the participation of more than 10 players. The closing ceremony was held in the presence of Fatah's Hebron branch director, Younes Al-Juneidi 'Abu Hamdi', Head of the Club's Culture Commission, Engineer Murad Abu Rajab Al-Tamimi, Samer Al-Hilwani, Ayman Al-Sha'arawi and Nasser Shahin."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 3, 2015]

Marwan Zalum - *the commander of the Hebron branch of the Tanzim (Fatah terror faction). He was responsible for several terror attacks in the Hebron region, including sending the terrorist who shot and killed infant Shalhevet Pass in her stroller on March 26, 2001. He also provided the explosive device used in a suicide attack at the entrance to Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda open market on April 12, 2002, in which 6 were killed and 80 wounded.*

Fatah marathon honors arch-terrorist Abu Jihad who was behind murder of 125 Israelis

"Fatah's Salfit branch and the *Shabiba* [Fatah youth movement] in the Qarawat Bani HaSan [village] marked Palestinian Prisoners' Day and the anniversary of [Khalil Al-Wazir] Abu Jihad's Martyrdom-death, with the Prisoners of Freedom marathon and rally. The event, held under the auspices of District Affairs director, engineer Abd Al-Hamid Al-Dik, was attended by over 100 competitors... Al-Dik expressed his pride in the Palestinian prisoners, and

conveyed the greetings of the President Mahmoud Abbas... Abu Jihad will continue to serve as a school for the revolution from which the Palestinian youth will learn."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 22, 2015]

PA holds "the 21st Prince of Martyrs Abu Jihad futsal youth tournament"

On Monday [April 20, 2015] a draw took place at the Jerusalem Al-Ansar Club... for the 21st Prince of Martyrs 'Abu Jihad' futsal (indoor football) youth tournament for those born in 1996... The tournament... under the supervision of the Central [Football] Association and under the auspices of the Association of the Clubs of Jerusalem and athlete Khamis Dkeidek, Head of the Diving Association."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 22, 2015]

Indoor football tournament held in honor of arch-terrorist Abu Jihad

"The Tell [village] sports club held, in the presence of Secretary of Fatah's Nablus branch Jihad Ramadan, Head of the Tell Village Council Mundhir Shtayyeh, and a large number of prominent figures from the village, a futsal (indoor football) tournament in honor of Martyr Abu Jihad and Palestinian Prisoners' Day at the boys' school 'Mohammed bin Rashid' in the village."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 22, 2015]

Fencing tournament named after Abu Jihad under auspices of Jibril Rajoub

"The [Palestinian] Fencing Association has confirmed that a Martyr Abu Jihad Fencing Championship will take place ... on Friday [April 24, 2015] under the auspices of Head of the Palestine Olympic Committee Jibril Rajoub."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 20, 2015]

Martial Arts festival named after Abu Jihad

Headline: "The Palestinian Academy of Martial Arts opened the third Prince of Martyrs festival"

"The [President and] Head of the Board of Directors of the Palestinian Academy for Martial Arts Jihad Uweida, announced... the opening of the third Prince of Martyrs 'Abu-Jihad' festival, for the third consecutive year, to be held on the 27th anniversary of the Martyrdom-death of Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu-Jihad.' The tournament will take place in Jerusalem, Hebron, Ramallah and Tulkarem districts, under the generous auspices of the National Committee Against Normalization [in Palestine]." [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 17, 2015]

Fatah table tennis tournament named after Abu Jihad

Headline: "[Fatah's] Jerusalem branch organized the sub-branches' table tennis tournament"

"Fatah's Jerusalem branch held the first table tennis tournament for sub-branches under the name 'Martyr Abu Jihad Tournament' in Qalandiya refugee camp, north of Jerusalem."

[*Al-Ayyam*, April 13, 2015]



Fatah organizes sports tournament named after Abu Jihad

“The organizing committee for the Second Palestine Tournament has announced the timetable of the tournament, which is being organized by the Palestinian Auto, Motor and Bicycle Racing Association under the auspices of Jibril Rajoub, with the support of the General Security Headquarters, and which will be named The Martyr (*Shahid*) Khalil Al-Wazir [Abu Jihad] Tour.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 17, 2014]

Sports club holds chess tournament in honor of terrorist prisoners, awards plaques to released murderer, with Rajoub representative

“The Deir Ghazaleh [sports] club held the Prisoners’ Chess Tournament under the supervision of the [chess] game’s union and with the participation of 56 players from various districts. The tournament was attended by politicians and sportsmen, along with Bashir Mahamid of the Olympic Committee, representing [Chairman of the Olympic Committee] Jibril Rajoub... At the concluding ceremony... [released] veteran prisoner Othman Bani Hassan gave a speech, [in which] he thanked those present for having honored the tournament with their presence, and also thanked the union, the club and the village council...”

Later on, plaques of honor were awarded to the union, Jibril Rajoub, the Deir Ghazaleh village council, the Deir Ghazaleh sports club and the event’s moderator, the respected teacher Sanaa Zakarneh. In addition, the Deir Ghazaleh sports club awarded plaques to the released prisoners, who included Bani Hassan, Ahmad Kmeil, Faisal Abu Al-Rub, Nu'man Al-Shalabi and Muhammad Al-Sabbagh, after which medals and prizes were distributed to the winning players.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 23, 2014]

Othman Bani Hassan – he and accomplice Hazza Al-Sa’adi murdered Yosef Eliahu and Leah Elmakais while they were hiking on Mount Gilboa (July 21, 1985). He was serving one life sentence, but was released from prison in October 2013 as one of 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release to fulfill the PA’s precondition for renewing negotiations.

Ahmad Kmeil – the commander of the terrorist cell that murdered soldier Yoram Cohen (Sept. 14, 1991) and 15 Palestinians whom they suspected of collaborating with Israel. He was serving 16 life sentences, but was released in December 2013 as one of the 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release in fulfillment of the PA’s precondition for renewing negotiations.

Faisal Abu Al-Rub took part in the murder of Israeli soldier Yoram Cohen (Sept. 14, 1991) and a Palestinian man who was suspected of collaborating with Israel. He was also convicted of killing 4 other Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel. He was serving 2 life sentences, but was released in December 2013 as one of the 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release in fulfillment of the PA’s precondition for renewing negotiations.

Nu'man Al-Shalabi murdered Ahmed Zayoud. Together with Ayman Jaradat, he also murdered Jamil Hassoun and Mufid Ali Kanaan. He was arrested in May 1992 and was serving 3 life sentences when he was released in December 2013 as one of the 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release in fulfillment of the PA’s precondition for renewing negotiations.

Muhammad Al-Sabbagh tortured and murdered three Palestinians because he suspected them of collaborating with Israel. He was serving a life sentence, but was released from prison in October 2013 as one of 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release to fulfill the PA's precondition for renewing negotiations.

PLO-sponsored educational program for youth includes a team named after terrorist Mughrabi

The Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, which sponsored the following sports tournament, is a PLO body whose members were approved by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas.

"The physical education department at Al-Quds University in Abu Dis completed the 12th educational [program] for its scouts team. It was held in cooperation with the university, and under the auspices and with the support of the [PLO's] Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, at the Martyr (*Shahid*) Salah Khalaf Center in Al-Fari'a, for 40 male and female scouts... Participants were divided into four small groups, named for Martyrs: the Martyr Izz A-Din Al-Qassam group; the Martyr Abd Al-Rahim Mahmoud group; the Martyr Bajes Abu Atwan group; and the Martyr Dalal Mughrabi group."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 2, 2012]

Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf) - A founder of Fatah and head of the terror organization Black September. Attacks he planned included the murder of two American diplomats (March 1, 1973), as well as the murders of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics (Sept. 5, 1972).

Sheikh Izz A-Din Al-Qassam was an influential Islamic preacher in British Mandate Palestine during the 1930s. He led a Muslim terror group. The Hamas terror wing is named after him – the Izz A-Din Al-Qassam Brigade.

Abd Al-Rahim Mahmoud - poet who composed the "Song of the Martyr." He was killed in 1948 fighting against Israel.

Bajes Abu Atwan - killed fighting against Israel in the '70s.

Dalal Mughrabi led the most lethal terror attack in Israel's history, known as the Coastal Road massacre, in 1978, when she and other Fatah terrorists hijacked a bus on Israel's Coastal Highway, killing 37 civilians, 12 of them children, and wounding over 70.

Sports tournament named after terrorist Abu Jihad attended by Jibril Rajoub representative

"With huge success and excellent organization, the events of the third classification tournament for youth and men, the 'Martyr Abu Jihad Tournament', organized by the Palestinian Boxing Association... The championship was attended by [Member of Fatah Central Committee] and Chairman of the Al-Istiqlal University board, Tawfiq Tirawi... and Yusuf Lafi, representing [Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee] and Chairman of the Olympic Committee, Jibril Rajoub."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 22, 2012]

Boxing tournament held at boy's school named after terrorist Ali Hassan Salameh attended by Jibril Rajoub

Headline: "In the presence of [Jibril] Rajoub - successful conclusion to the Second Palestine Boxing Tournament for youth and men in Hebron"

"The tournament [was] held at the Shari'ah School for Boys in Hebron, and was named by the Palestinian Boxing Association after Martyr (*Shahid*) Ali Hassan Salameh, the 'Red Prince.'"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 9, 2010]

Hassan Salameh was a commander of operations of the Black September terror group. He planned the murder of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972.

Football tournament named after terrorist Abdallah Daoud

"The lottery for the football tournament named after the *Shahid* (Martyr) Abdallah Daoud Abu Al-Qassam, was held yesterday at the joint operations headquarters in the Bethlehem district. Participating in the tournament are teams representing the [PA] security services in the Bethlehem district..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, May 17, 2010]

Abdallah Daoud was responsible for numerous terror attacks. He was also one of the terrorists who stormed into the Church of the Nativity in 2002, continuing to fight against Israel for several weeks while using the monks and the religious site as a shield. He was deported to Cyprus and later Mauritania, and died in Algeria of natural causes.

Kids' football tournament held under Fatah auspices named after terrorist Abu Jihad

"Yesterday evening the second *Shahid* (Martyr) Abu Jihad [football] tournament for children concluded at the Abu Dis [near Jerusalem] youth club; it is held annually under the auspices of Fatah... Abu Hilal (Fatah branch Secretary) spoke about the anniversary of the Martyrdom of the *Shahid* (Martyr) commander, Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad,' and about his journey of struggle. He reminded our children that we shall follow the same path of Abu Jihad and Yasser Arafat."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 16, 2010]

Fatah football tournament named after terrorist Abu Jihad

Headline: "*Shahid* Tareq Al-Qato team wins the *Shahids* and Prisoners' football tournament title"

"*Shahid* Tareq Al-Qato [team] seized the *Shahids* and Prisoners and *Shahid* Abu Jihad tournament trophy, while the *Shahid* Ayman Al-Jallad team attained second place. This was within the framework of the tournament games held by the Fatah Palestinian National Liberation movement on the playing fields of the Irtah high school, commemorating the memory of the heroic *Shahids* and the *Shahid* commander, Abu Jihad... Eighteen youth teams from throughout the [Tulkarem] district participated in the tournament. All of the teams were named after *Shahids*."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 25, 2010]

PA TV sports program features tournament and dance troupe named after terrorists

A PA TV sports program featured a report on the “*Shahid* (Martyr) Abu Ali Mustafa football tournament.” The report also mentioned that the “Dalal Mughrabi folk dance troupe” participated in the ceremony.

[Official PA TV, April 23, 2010]

Dalal Mughrabi led the most lethal terror attack in Israel’s history, known as the Coastal Road massacre, in 1978, when she and other Fatah terrorists hijacked a bus on Israel’s Coastal Highway, killing 37 civilians, 12 of them children, and wounding over 70.

Abu Ali Mustafa - General Secretary of the terror organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). He planned numerous terror attacks against Israeli civilians during the PA terror campaign (the Intifada, 2000-2005).

Sports tournament named after terrorist Abdallah Daoud

*Headline: Results of the *Shahid* Abdallah Daoud tournament*

*"As part of the *Shahid* (Martyr) Abdallah Daoud tournament for [youth] born in 1993 [16-17 year-olds], organized by the Balata Youth Center under the auspices of the Fatah Palestinian National Liberation movement, bastion of the *Shahid* (Martyr) Yasser Arafat... a number of sports competitions were held yesterday... for the success of this great tournament, which bears the name of the *Shahid* (Martyr) of the deportees, Abdallah Daoud. The supervisor of sport at the Balata Youth Center... thanked Fatah for its continued support of the center in order to hold competitions and championships."*

[Nablus TV website, April 10, 2010]

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Additional Documentation Part 2:

PA prohibits using sports as a bridge for peace

Deputy Secretary of Fatah: Football match between Israeli and Palestinian children is "a crime against humanity"

Headline: "Rajoub: 'Normalization in sports with the Zionist occupation is a crime'"

*"Chairman of the Olympic Committee, and Chairman of the [Palestinian] Football Association Jibril Rajoub said any activity of normalization in sports with the Zionist enemy is a **crime against humanity**. He said that the position of the sports leadership on the issue is perfectly clear.*

Rajoub's statements were made in response to a sports activity held a few days ago (i.e., a football match between Palestinian and Israeli children sponsored by the Israeli Peres Center for Peace)...

[Rajoub said] 'I demand that all individuals and institutions distance themselves from such activities, especially because their recurrence would arouse disgust and aversion towards all members of the [Palestinian] sports community.'

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Sept. 8, 2014,
also posted to Jibril Rajoub's official Facebook page, Sept. 6, 2014]

Palestinian official calls friendly football match between Israeli and Palestinian youth a "crime and an unpatriotic and immoral act"

"Palestinian Olympic Committee member Abd Al-Salam Haniyeh denounced the match held between Palestinian and Israeli children. He considered it a crime and an unpatriotic and immoral act. Haniyeh said these matches are completely unacceptable to the sports community, the Olympic Committee, the Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs and the Palestinian Football Association.

He added: 'The [Palestinian] organizers of this match betrayed the blood of the children of Gaza and of the Martyrs (*Shahids*), which has yet to dry a week after the end of the barbaric Israeli aggression, which resulted in the deaths of more than 2,150 Martyrs, the wounding of more than 13,000 people and thousands of homes that were brought down on the heads of their inhabitants.

Haniyeh demanded that Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association Jibril Rajoub immediately interrogate the [Palestinian] organizers of the match, settle the account with them and prosecute them on charges of serious treason against the blood of the Martyrs and violation of the decisions made by the Palestinian sports community's leadership.

It should be noted that the sports meeting between Palestinian and Israeli youth was held in an Israeli settlement a few kilometers from the Gaza Strip's border with Israel. The meeting was organized by the Peres Center for Peace."

[Sama, independent Palestinian news agency, Sept. 3, 2014]

PA athletes threatened with legal measure for participating in peace building sport activity

"The normalization tournament in Canada [between Israelis and Palestinian youth] has created a strong outcry on the Palestinian street... **Abd Al-Majid Hujjah, Secretary-General of the Palestinian Football Association, announced that the Association intends to appoint an investigative committee** to look into the circumstances of participation by groups of girl players in a normalization encounter with Israelis in Canada. He emphasized that the investigative committee **will submit its recommendations before legal steps are taken against the players. Hujjah said that the position of the Palestinian Football Association on the issue of normalization [with Israel] in sports is well-known already, having been made public, officially, on more than one occasion. This position has been disseminated among everyone involved. He denied the existence of any connection between the Palestinian Football Association and any activity related to the Israeli side.**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 21, 2011]

Rajoub vows to kick out anyone who engages in joint sports activity with Israel

Jibril Rajoub: "This state [Israel] is a state of bullies. Fascists can learn a lesson from this state. This government -- there is none more brazen in human history... **Anyone who joins**

any joint [sports] activity with the Israelis -- I'll take him off the [Palestinian Football] Association's lists, whether he is a player, coach, judge or, God forbid, a team... Did we act correctly and convince [FIFA's] General Assembly? Yes. Yes, we'll suspend their [Israel's] membership [in FIFA] and this way we'll screw them... I won't allow and won't agree to any joint game between Arabs and Israel... If a photo is published of [football star] Messi next to the [separation] fence, the new Berlin Wall, and the new Nazis [Israelis] will be seen the way they treat Palestinians, the Palestinian players -- well, this by itself will be the highest achievement."

[Official PA TV, July 1, 2013]

Rajoub: "There will be no youth or sports activity of any kind with the Israeli side"

"A joint meeting was held in the Al-Ram Football Association headquarters between the league's board of directors and the heads of the professional and semi-professional clubs in the presence of Jibril Rajoub, [Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee and] Chairman of the [Palestinian] Football Association...

Rajoub said: 'There will be no youth or sports activity of any kind with the Israeli side, and we will not renounce our goal of building a free and independent national sports entity.'

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 5, 2014]

Rajoub: No normalization with Jews – they are “Satans” and “Zionist sons of bitches”

Live broadcast: Opening of the first Forum for Arab women sports journalists, in the presence of PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee and Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee Jibril Rajoub.

Rajoub: "I say also – and on behalf of Palestine: Something that has no place in the dictionary of Palestinian sportsmen is the subject of normalization with the occupation. Impossible, impossible, impossible... I understand by normalization that the relationship between me and you will be normal, that we'll play [sports] together and there'll be a joint program. I say to you: Under no circumstances will there be normalization. Next time we are prepared to bring the Executive Committee in helicopters... so they will see no Jews, no Satans, no Zionist sons of bitches. Come by helicopter and go back by helicopter."

[Official PA TV, May 17, 2012]

Rajoub adamantly rejects football match against Israel

"[Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association, Jibril] Rajoub described the extent of pressure put on him personally so that a joint tripartite match would take place to join together the Catalan team, Palestinian players and Israeli players. He emphasized that he had insisted all along that the match be Palestinian-Catalan only.

He said: 'Many people pushed towards [FC Barcelona player Lionel] Messi, Muhammad and Shlomo (i.e., stereotypical names for an Arab and a Jew) playing in a joint match, but we didn't agree and we will never agree to anything other than Messi and Muhammad playing in a way that will reflect the glory of our nation, despite its daily suffering.'

[*Al-Ayyam*, Aug. 1, 2013]

Rajoub completely rejects “joint meetings or games” with Israelis

“Head of the [Palestinian] Football Association [and Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee and Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee], Jibril Rajoub met with economic Vice President of the Barcelona Football Club, Javier Faus. He discussed a few issues related to organizing the Catalanian team’s future visit to Palestine, in addition to ways of strengthening cooperation between the Palestinian Association and the old club. **Rajoub reiterated his complete objection to holding joint meetings or games of any kind that would be attended by Israeli players or administrators.**”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 23, 2013]

Rajoub calls for Israel to be removed from international sports associations

Headline: "Rajoub calls to remove Israel from international sports associations"

"Chairman of the Football Association and head of the Palestinian Olympic Committee, Jibril Rajoub, called to remove Israel from all world Olympic associations and committees if it continues to act stubbornly and not honor international agreements and conventions. In his speech yesterday... at a special conference on the subject of the state of Palestinian sports, held at the conclusion of the Forum of Arab Media ... he emphasized that he is prepared to lead this move himself, but with the support and assistance of the Arab states. **He emphasized that the term normalization does not exist in the Palestinian sports lexicon** ... and noted that the visit by Arab media and sportsmen to Palestine represents support and assistance, and is not considered normalization... He praised the decision of the political system to reconstruct national sports, such that it will be one of the means of resistance and will strengthen the resolve, in order to achieve the goals, in both strategic and tactical terms."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 18, 2012]

Rajoub rejects sports contacts with Israelis

PA TV sports program: Pulse of the fields

PA TV host: “He [President of the Barcelona Club] also came with a message of peace, and the visit was related to sports with a political side, and he spoke about a game between an Israeli and Palestinian team against Barcelona. What do you have to say about this?”

Head of the Olympic Committee, Jibril Rajoub: “**Impossible, impossible, impossible that there be any sport related contact with the Israeli side, in any situation.**”

[Official PA TV, Feb. 25, 2013]

Palestinian Football Association opposes normalization with Israel in sports

"In response to a question about recent reports on Internet sites concerning normalization, [Chairman of the Football Association and Chairman of the Olympic Committee, Jibril] Rajoub said: 'Normalization is when there's a friendly match between some player or some sports team [and a player or team from Israel], whether [it takes place] in the territories occupied in '48 or [those occupied] in '67...' He noted that the Palestinian teams that are under the responsibility of the Olympic Committee have not played, and will not play under any circumstances, inside the Green Line (i.e., inside Israel), and that no Israeli company is sponsoring these teams."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 16, 2012]

Rajoub opposes normalization with Israel "in all its forms," including sports

Headline: "Rajoub: We will not agree to normalization which some elements are trying to introduce into the realm of Palestinian sports"

"Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee and the Palestinian Football Association, Jibril Rajoub, once again yesterday expressed his opposition to normalization in all its forms, including normalization in the realm of sports... He added that 'the occupation is the no. 1 enemy of Palestinian sports', and noted that the occupation seeks to lay siege on the Palestinian people, including its sports, by prohibiting the movement of sportsmen, on the level of players and the managers of clubs and associations, as well as sabotaging the establishment of sports facilities and preventing us from receiving the [financial] aid which is offered to Palestinian sports.'...He said, 'There will be no normalization with the Israelis, and there will be no Israelis on Palestinian playing fields.'"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 8, 2012]

Rajoub: The Palestinian team will not play against Israel

PA TV sports program hosts the head of the Olympic Committee, Jibril Rajoub.

Rajoub: "The Israeli flag will not, not, not be raised in the Palestinian territories, and the Palestinian team will not play against any team within the Green Line."

[Official PA TV, Jan. 2, 2012]

Rajoub: Boycott all Israeli youth activities in Jerusalem

Originally printed in Wafa, the official PA news agency, and reprinted in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida:

"Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association [and Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee] Jibril Rajoub demanded that the Arab League support the Palestinian position in international forums, in order to end the occupation forces' racist violations against our people, especially athletes..."

He has asked the Arab League to support the Olympic Committee's position and efforts in jointly boycotting any activity for youth, whether social, tourist, or sports [activities], that Israel organizes in the occupied city of Jerusalem."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, June 20, 2013]

Rajoub rejects "any kind of direct coordination" with Israelis

"He [Jibril Rajoub, Chairman of the Palestinian football Association and Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee] went on to say: '**The Palestinian Football Association will not agree to any kind of bilateral relations or direct coordination [with Israelis].** As far as we are concerned, FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) – with the Europeans and the Asian Football Confederation as part of it – is the authority and the intermediary, and it (i.e., FIFA) serves as a communications transfer point with us.'"

[*Al-Ayyam*, Sept. 23, 2013]

Rajoub rejects any "sports relations" with Israel

"[Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee and Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee and] Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association Jibril Rajoub demanded yesterday [Aug. 15, 2013] that the International Football Association (FIFA) give

a red card to the Israel Football Association for preventing Arab sports delegations from entering the Palestinian territories.

In his press conference yesterday Rajoub said: 'We demand a red card because the yellow ones have been given for some time now, and we stick to the red card in order to remove the Israeli occupation's legitimacy and we will not accept interim solutions.'

Jibril Rajoub emphasized that the West Asia Youth Tournament will be held in Palestine despite the fact that Israel did not issue entry [permits] to many coaches of the West Asia [Football] Federation teams and delegations who are currently in Jordan. [...]

Rajoub concluded his words: 'We will play on our land by virtue of FIFA's decisions and it is our right to host championships, like any other country, and enjoy all the rights that are enjoyed by the national [football] associations in 208 countries around the world. **There will be no sports relations with the Israeli side and we will host the championship by virtue of international law.**'"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 16, 2013]

Additional Documentation Part 3:

Jibril Rajoub, head of the PA Olympic Committee, promotes terror

Rajoub: "Am I stopping you from slaughtering a settlement?"

"I'm telling everyone: Fatah has decided that our relations with the Israelis are relations between enemies... am I stopping you from slaughtering a settlement? No one is stopping anyone. Don't lie and tell me: 'The [PA] Security Forces and Mahmoud Abbas,' and so on [stop you]. Drop it, OK? No one is stopping anyone. Our political decision is resistance in the occupied territories in order to bring an end to the occupation [using] all forms of resistance."

[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Aug. 13, 2014]

Rajoub: Throwing a hand grenade is like building a school

"Building a school and throwing a hand grenade, in my opinion, are resistance. I build the school in order to strengthen the reasons for my people's resolve, as one of several aspects of the resistance, and when there is a need to throw a grenade [or launch] a rocket, I'll do that as well out of my belief in the inevitable victory of my cause and its justness."

[Official PA TV, May 12, 2010]

Rajoub: "If we had a nuke, we'd have used it this very morning"

Lebanese TV host: "The American [John Kerry] came to the PA. They are talking about reviving negotiations, about getting back to the table with the Israelis... Will you go back to the negotiations game?"

Jibril Rajoub: "There is no going back to negotiations unless the source of authority is the international resolutions, with a time frame and with the freezing of all unilateral Israeli steps: Jerusalem, the fence, settlements and prisoners."

Host: "You've heard Israel's refusal."

Jibril Rajoub: "That doesn't matter. Listen. We as yet don't have a nuke, but I swear that if we had a nuke, we'd have used it this very morning."

[Al-Mayadeen (Lebanon), April 30, 2013]

Note: The interview was also uploaded to Jibril Rajoub's Facebook page.

Rajoub defends his statement about using nukes on Israel

PA TV program: Circle of Events.

PA TV interviewer: "The statements you made in Beirut on the Al-Mayadeen TV station had a lot of impact, according to them 'We are Israel's enemies and if we had a nuke we'd have used it...' I hope you'll clarify the picture because Israel condemned the [statements] and at the time the Palestinians did not."

PA official, Rajoub: "I, true, the interviewer asked me and I answered in the same manner and with those words and even now I say to the Israelis, if there won't be a reexamination of your conduct on your part, a saying in Hebrew states: 'kill or be killed,' we won't be killed, we're not Jesus, true, we come from Jesus' apostles but we, our future and our government and our identity are being trampled under the criminal terrorist settler dogs' feet. I'm certain that if Hitler would come again he would learn from them the art of breaking the will of the people, humiliating the people, [making the] people suffer, destroying the people and massacres."

[Official PA TV, May 23, 2013]

Rajoub declares violence is legitimate until a Palestinian state is formed

Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee, Jibril Rajoub: "Whoever invades our territory, will leave in a wooden plank (i.e., in a coffin). **This land is our land...** Out of loyalty to your blood, Yasser Arafat, you who died during this month, **we will not return the sword to its sheath until there is a state... Resistance is Fatah's strategic right - in all its forms... We are ready - if there's shooting, we'll shoot.** If there are demonstrations, we'll demonstrate."

[Official PA TV, Nov. 29, 2012]

Rajoub: We believe in all forms of struggle, including "the rifle"

Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee, Jibril Rajoub:

"This is a popular struggle. We still believe in all forms of the struggle. **No one has removed the rifle from the equation.** However, for us, the struggle is a means, and the end is freedom and independence."

[Official PA TV, Nov. 5, 2012]

Rajoub: Armed "resistance is still [in] the genetic code of all Fatah members"

El-Hadath, sister channel of Al Arabiya News, posted an interview with Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub to Youtube.

Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub: "We were the ones who led the armed struggle, and the resistance is still part of our national principles. Nevertheless, we agreed on May 4, 2011 – all factions of the Palestinian activity,

and it was [Hamas leader] Khaled Mashaal who read out the plan on their behalf – [we agreed] that at this stage, popular resistance was a strategic choice. We are a project of liberation, not a project of suicide. We are a project for the establishment of a state, not a project that won't lead anywhere, or lead to anarchy. Sir, **[armed] resistance is still [in] the genetic code of all Fatah members.** But the resistance our people will be able to endure is a resistance that encircles the occupation..."

[YouTube, April 24, 2014]

Rajoub calls for storing weapons for attack that all Palestinians will participate in

"Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub stressed that the Palestinian leadership had decided to close the subject of bilateral relations with the occupation (i.e., Israel)... He added that the Fatah Central Committee had decided that future relations with Israel would be as those between an occupier and a people under occupation; that is, between enemies. **Rajoub stressed that [although] the Palestinian leadership would not oppose the weapons of the Resistance, 'they must remain in storage, without military demonstrations in the streets, and when there is an attack, the battle will be one in all the Palestinian territories, in which all members of the Palestinian people will participate.'**"

[Al-Quds, Oct. 3, 2014]

Rajoub: "The weapon of the Resistance is sacred... we will all fight together"

Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub: "They [Hamas] tell you: 'The weapon of the Resistance'. Brother [Hamas], your weapon, the weapon of the Resistance, is sacred to us. We will not harm it, go after it, or keep track of it. But could you store it away? **At the moment of truth, we will all enlist together, we will all fight together.**"

[Official PA TV, Sept. 30, 2014]

Rajoub promotes kidnapping of Israelis

The following statement was made during the search for Israeli teens Eyal Yifrach, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Frenkel, 16, who were kidnapped on June 12, 2014 while hitchhiking in the West Bank. The boys' bodies were found by Israeli security forces near Hebron on June 30, 2014. They appeared to have been shot to death soon after the abduction. Several articles published in the official PA daily and items posted on Fatah's official Facebook page called the three kidnapped Israelis "soldiers," but in fact two, aged 16, were in high school, and the one aged 19 was also a student.

Rajoub justifies kidnappings of Israelis: "If they don't want to be kidnapped, don't want stones to be thrown at them and don't want to be attacked, they should leave, leave our land"

Official PA TV program The State of Politics interviewed Jibril Rajoub

Jibril Rajoub: "There are three kidnapped Israelis. Kidnapped or not... Three Israelis have disappeared. They were at the wrong place at the wrong time. They are in occupied territories, the Palestinian people's territories... At first, the whole world identified with the story of the three settlers, none of whom should have been [in] our [territory], as I said,

alright?

None of them should have been [here]. This is our land.”

Official PA TV host: “Their very presence [there] was illegal.”

Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub: “This is our land and they need to think and leave it. If they don’t want to be kidnapped, don’t want stones to be thrown at them and don’t want to be attacked, they should leave, leave our land. Then they should see whether or not there are security guarantees.”

[Official PA TV, June 26, 2014]

PA leader supports Hamas kidnapping of Israeli soldiers

Deputy-Secretary of Fatah Central Committee, Jibril Rajoub: "If Hamas wants to kidnap soldiers, let them kidnap soldiers. Let them kidnap. Let them kidnap if they [the Israelis] don't want to release prisoners, but want them as prisoners forever, so [the prisoners] will come out as ghosts and skeletons. **The Israelis need to understand. It's clear that kidnapping is the language they understand. On the contrary, we encourage them [Hamas]. When they kidnapped [Gilad] Shalit, we congratulated them.** When they concluded the Shalit [exchange] deal, in spite of our having a few reservations about it, we also congratulated them."

[Official PA TV, Jan. 2, 2014]

Note: In October 2011, the Israeli government agreed to release 1,027 Palestinian prisoners from Israeli prison in exchange for Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who had been held hostage by Hamas for more than 5 years.

Jibril Rajoub representing PA Chairman Abbas: We salute those who captured Shalit

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Ceremony honoring released Palestinian prisoners following the prisoner exchange deal:

Ceremony moderator: "We shall now hear the address by the representative of the President [Abbas], to be delivered by Jibril Rajoub, member of the [Fatah] Central Committee."

Jibril Rajoub, representing President Abbas: "**I say in the name of the Fatah movement -- we salute those who dug the tunnel [to capture the Israeli soldier]; we salute those who captured the captive (Gilad Shalit), and salute those who guarded the captive until this deal was completed [Applause].**"

[Official PA TV, Oct. 30, 2011]

Note: Jibril Rajoub was himself sentenced to life in prison in 1970 for throwing a grenade at an Israeli army truck. He was released in the "Jibril-Agreement" in 1985, when the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine succeeded in releasing 1,150 prisoners in exchange for three Israeli hostages.

Additional Documentation Part 4:

PA glorifies terrorists responsible for Munich Olympics massacre

The following are statements by the PA and Fatah glorifying them and sporting events named after these five senior terrorists responsible for the Olympics Massacre:

Ali Hassan Salameh, Commander of operations of the Black September

“The heroic Martyr Ali Hassan Salameh... He headed the Munich operation! (i.e., the Munich Olympics massacre of 11 Israeli athletes)” [Facebook page of the Fatah Mobilization and Organization Commission, Jan. 23, 2014]

“Ali Hassan Salameh, the Martyr Commander, the Red Prince. The glory in his name is enough.” [Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, Feb. 17, 2015]



Text on image: "Martyr (*Shahid*) Commander Ali Hassan Salameh, the Red Prince, the commander and the founder; on the 36th anniversary of [his death], his memory will remain forever in our hearts. Fatah - the ongoing revolution and the torch of the armed struggle."

Posted text: "Red Prince, yours is the greatness of men and the pride of heroes, for you fell as a Martyr while fighting."

[Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, Jan. 21, 2015]



Official PA TV trivia program Tamarind:

PA TV host: “The question is: Who is the Red Prince, and who was nicknamed ‘the Red Prince?’ He was a Palestinian politician assassinated in Beirut, if you remember.”

Man: “Hassan Salameh”

PA TV host: “Correct – that is, more or less: Ali Hassan Salameh, [dear] audience, was the Red Prince, a Palestinian politician who did many important things for the [Palestinian] cause, right?”

[Official PA TV, July 2, 2014]

Text on photo: “The heroic Martyr (*Shahid*) Ali Hassan Salameh”

Text: “He headed the Munich operation! (i.e., the Munich Olympics massacre of 11 Israeli athletes)”

[Facebook page of the Fatah Mobilization and Organization Commission - Jan. 23, 2014]



Headline: "33 years since the Martyrdom of the Red Prince"

"The Fatah Commission for Mobilization and Organization marked the 33rd anniversary of the Martyrdom of commander Ali Hassan Salameh. [The Fatah press release] added: "The 'Red Prince' is the well-known alias for the heroic *Shahid* (Martyr) Ali Hassan Salameh... who was one of the leading commanders of the Black September organization. He was called the 'Red Prince' owing to his outstanding ability to conceal himself and reach the dens of Israeli Mossad members, pursue them, and expose them." [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 23, 2012]

Headline: "In the presence of [Jibril] Rajoub [Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee] - successful conclusion to the Second Palestine Boxing Tournament for youth and men in Hebron"

"The tournament [was] held at the Shari'ah School for Boys in Hebron, and was named by the Palestinian Boxing Association after *Shahid* Ali Hassan Salameh, the 'Red Prince.'" [Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 9, 2010]

"The Hassan Salameh Girls' Junior High School" – Gaza

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 8, 2009]

Amin Al-Hindi, a leader in Black September

"Amin Al-Hindi left us early. ... He worked in Fatah from the time of its establishment, within its security service, and he was directly connected to the Munich operation of 1972."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 18, 2011]

"Everyone knows that Amin Al-Hindi was one of the stars who sparkled at one of the stormiest points on the international level - the operation that was carried out at the [Olympics] sports stadium in Munich, Germany, in 1972. That was just one of many shining stations."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 20, 2010]

"A delegation of the Fatah Revolutionary Council to [the] Gaza [Strip], led by Council Secretary Amin Makboul, visited... the family of Martyr (*Shahid*) Amin Al-Hindi on the anniversary of his Martyrdom death. The delegation expressed its pride in fighter Al-Hindi who did much for the Palestinian people, the Fatah Movement and the Palestinian cause... [The delegation] expressed appreciation of the Al-Hindi family's role in the national activity and its resolve while facing the loss of such an exceptional personality as Amin Al-Hindi."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 20, 2013]

The Fifth Convention of the Fatah Revolutionary Council headed by Mahmoud Abbas was named in honor of Palestinian Terrorist Amin Al-Hindi. The picture shows Mahmoud Abbas sitting with a banner behind him:
"Palestinian National Liberation Movement - Fatah Fifth Convention of the Revolutionary Council
Shahid (Martyr) Commander Amin Al-Hindi Convention



November 24-25, 2010
Ramallah - Palestine"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Nov. 25, 2010]

"Nash'at Al-Wahidi, information officer of the Prisoners' Committee of the National and Islamic Forces and responsible for information in the National Campaign to return the bodies of *Shahids* and to discover the fate of those missing... said that [rank] fighter Amin Al-Hindi had joined the group of great Martyrs (*Shahids*)."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 21, 2010]

"The Palestinian leadership, along with President Mahmoud Abbas, parted yesterday from the body of the Fatah leader and fighter patriot Amin Al-Hindi. This was at an impressive official military funeral that was held at the [PA] headquarters to bid farewell to the *Shahid* (Martyr)..."

Present at the headquarters for the farewell ceremony and for the official military funeral, along with the President [Abbas], were Prime Minister Dr. Salam Fayyad; Secretary General of the Presidential office, Al-Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim; members of the PLO Executive Council and of the Fatah Central Committee; several ministers, commanders of security forces, senior civic and military personnel, as well as relatives of the deceased.

The body of Al-Hindi, which was wrapped in shrouds, arrived draped with the Palestinian flag and was borne on the shoulders of his [metaphorical] sons - officers of the Guard of Honor at the presidential headquarters. A red carpet was laid out for the arrival of the body, and the military band played the final farewell melody. A squad from the Guard of Honor fired 21 shots. President Abbas and the participants at the funeral cast a final parting look at the body, and laid wreaths. Afterwards, the President and those present read the opening *sura* [of the Quran] for the elevation of his pure soul."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 19, 2010]

Headline: "President [Abbas] and the leadership participate in the funeral of Al-Hindi, and receive condolences on the death of the deceased at the headquarters in Ramallah"

"Secretary General of the Presidential office, Al-Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim, delivered a speech in which he praised the qualities of the deceased. He emphasized that the loss of Al-Hindi is a great loss to the Palestinian people, who are bereaved of a prominent national leader. Abd Al-Rahim noted that the deceased had been taught by the founders of the Palestinian dream, and was a member of the founding generation of the [Palestinian] revolutionary movement. He also said that [Hindi] had taught men who would continue to wave the flag of the state and of independence.

The Secretary General of the Presidential office said: 'We shall continue in the path of the *Shahid* (Martyr) Yasser Arafat and his fellow *Shahids*, such as [rank] Amin Al-Hindi, until the realization of the dream of establishing an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.'"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 19, 2010]

Headline: "Announcement of the death of a great national leader"

"Adv. Ghassan Al-Shak'a, member of the PLO Executive Council and head of the Foreign Relations Department, together with all the department's officials, hereby inform the Palestinian people and the world of the passing of the great national fighter and leader [rank]



Amin Al-Hindi (Abu Fouzi). On behalf of the honored President Abbas, we convey condolences to the family of the deceased and to the Palestinian people over the passing of a person whose death is mourned by the nation, who was one of the pillars of the Palestinian struggle, and whose bravery represented the embodiment of dignity and glory in the history of the Arab nation. May he receive glory in Paradise and may his family and his nation receive fortitude and consolation. We belong to Allah, and to Allah we shall return.”
[Al-Ayyam, Aug. 19, 2010]

Salah Khalaf Abu Iyad, Head of Black September

"The heroes Yasser Arafat, Abu Jihad, Abu Iyad... maintained the campaign against the Zionist enemy everywhere... They were carried out overseas as well, to release prisoners from prison. The world stood still in view of the Munich [Olympic games] operation." [Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, May 14, 2014]

"Mobilize, oh sons of Yasser [Arafat]
Mobilize, oh brothers of Abu Jihad, Abu Iyad...
We will meet tomorrow, Tuesday [April 21, 2015], in Hebron at the elections for the Polytechnic University student council to renew the promise and the oath to the Martyr leaders."

[Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, April 20, 2015]

Second portrait from the right: Abu Iyad

Text on image: "O bullets of honor in time of surrender, we are loyal and committed to you."

[Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, Jan. 27, 2015]



Excerpt from video uploaded to Fatah's Facebook page: "The heroes Yasser Arafat, Abu Jihad, Abu Iyad (arch-terrorists responsible for killing numerous Israelis) ... and others maintained the campaign against the Zionist enemy everywhere... The world stood still in view of the Munich operation (i.e., the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Olympics in Munich, 1972)."

[Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, May 14, 2014]

"The Jalazone Refugee Camp Martyrs' (*Shahids*) Internal Football Tournament, [which was held] under the patronage of District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam, ended two days ago... The camp's Martyr teams advanced to the second round: the Martyr Abu Iyad team, the Martyr Abu Jihad team and the Martyr Yasser Arafat team."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 28, 2014]

Fatah's website posted a video of a rally held at Birzeit University. The video shows a parade of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades.

Secretary of Fatah's Jordan Branch Najib al-Qaddumi: "Netanyahu, get out! And know that the children of Yasser Arafat, the children of Ahmed Yassin, the children of Fathi Shaqaqi, the children of Yahya Ayyash, Abu Jihad, Abu Iyad and all these heroes, will never agree to anything other than the liberation of the land – all the land (i.e., all of Israel)."

[Official website of Fatah's Mobilization and Organization Commission, fatehorg.ps, Jan. 11, 2014]

Official PA TV Live broadcast the main event marking World Teachers' Day in Bethlehem. Several PA officials attended the event: PA Minister of Education Ali Zaidan (Abu Zuhri), Fatah Central Committee member Tawfiq Tirawi, Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and Member of Fatah Central Committee Sultan Abu Al-Einein, District Governor of Bethlehem Abd Al-Fattah Hamayel and Director of the Bethlehem Education Administration Nisreen Yasser Amr.

Secretary-General of Palestinian Teachers' Union in the Homeland and Diaspora

Ahmad Sahwil: "You, teachers of Palestine, are the ones who deserve only pride... For you are the brothers of Salah Khalaf, the Martyr teacher; brothers of Khalil Al-Wazir, the Martyr teacher; and also brothers of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the Martyr teacher. These great leaders - you are their brothers and you follow their path."

[Official Palestine Live TV, Dec. 19, 2013]

"Did you know? The first mission against an Israeli target outside the occupied or Arab territory was the Munich operation carried out by Fatah under the command of Martyr Commander Salah Khalaf Abu Iyad, one of the outstanding Fatah commanders. It was carried out to sustain a Palestinian presence and representation in international forums."

[Facebook, Fatah - The Main Page, July 26, 2013]

Mahmoud Abbas: "On the anniversary of the [Fatah] Launch, we renew the promise to our blessed Martyrs, that we will follow the path of the Martyr Brother Yasser Arafat and his comrades among the leaders of all the fighting forces, all the Martyrs. Among them, I mention... Martyr Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf)... Martyr Sheikh Ahmed Yassin; Martyr Abd Al-Aziz Rantisi... They bequeathed to us [the duty] to continue on the path, to work as a unified [force] – for there is no substitute for unity – in order to achieve the national goals and to achieve victory."

[Official Palestine Live TV, Jan. 4, 2013]

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas: "Dear brothers. Today, we remember our Martyrs. We remember the Sheikh of our Martyrs, Yasser Arafat. We remember Abu Jihad, Abu Iyad, Abu Said, Abu Ali Iyad, Abu Sabri, Omar Al-Qassem, Abu Ali Mustafa and Ahmed Yassin. We recall all these Martyrs."

[Official Palestine Live TV, Dec. 31, 2012]

Dr. Sabri Saidam, advisor to PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas on technological issues: "There are Martyrs who have no children; Martyrs who have no [physical] presence. Abu Ali Iyad exists in our conscience and in our history and in our future, but he has no children. Does Abu Ali Iyad need children – his own children – in order to be remembered? No. Every

young lion cub (i.e., Palestinian child) must [know Abu Ali Iyad's heritage]. Today, [through] social networks, [for example]."

[Official PA TV, July 25, 2012]

Mohammad Shtayyeh, member of the Fatah Central Committee:

"We, of the Fatah movement, do not cry over Martyrs. It is natural that a fighter should die as a Martyr, [as did] Abu Jihad, Abu Iyad, the Martyr, the symbol Yasser Arafat, and thousands more."

[Official PA TV, July 8, 2012]

"The physical education department at Al-Quds University in Abu Dis completed the 12th educational [program] for its scouts team. It was held in cooperation with the university, and under the auspices and with the support of the [PLO's] Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, at the Martyr (*Shahid*) Salah Khalaf Center in Al-Fari'a, for 40 male and female scouts."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 2, 2012]

"Yesterday a concluding ceremony was held for participants in the first winter camp (*Shahid* Salah Khalaf Abu Iyad)... Present at the participants' concluding ceremony were member of the Fatah Central Committee and Chairman of the Al-Istiqlal University Board, Tawfiq Tirawi; member of the Fatah Central Committee Jamal Muhaisen; member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, Bakr Abu Bakr; and Deputy President of the university for military affairs, Younes Al-As."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 6, 2012]

"Yesterday was the fourth anniversary commemorating the founder of the Arab Nationalist Movement and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Dr. George Habash. This doctor left us, leaving his fragrant memory, his national and native fragrance... May the memory of the tremendous leaders of the revolution – George Habash, Yasser Arafat, Abu Jihad, Abu Ali Mustafa, Abu Iyad... be blessed."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 27, 2012]

"'Palestine in the Eyes of the Children of Martyrs (*Shahids*) Summer Camp' took place under the auspices of Prime Minister Salam Fayyad... Participants were divided into four groups, named after leaders and fighters: Martyr (*Shahid*) President Yasser Arafat, Martyr Commander Salah Khalaf, Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa, and Martyr Dalal Mughrabi. Several senior Palestinian Authority officials visited the summer camp, headed by [PM] Salam Fayyad and Fatah Central Committee members Jamal Muhaisen and Sultan Abu Al-Einein..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 20, 2011]

Op-ed in the sports pages: "Today we recall the memory of our pure *Shahids* (Martyrs), who paved the way for our people's freedom... Abu Iyad."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, March 9, 2011]

"Al-Fari'a Youth Center held a ceremony marking the conclusion of the [table tennis] tournaments..." One team was named: "Martyr (*Shahid*) Abu Iyad team"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 9, 2011]

Schools named after Abu Iyad:

1. The "Salah Khalaf" Junior High School – Gaza
2. The "Martyr (*Shahid*) Abu Iyad" School - Rafah
3. The "Martyr (*Shahid*) Salah Khalaf" Boys' Elementary School – Gaza

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 8, 2009]

Headline: "In the presence of Dr. Al-Muhaisen and the Jenin District Governor, the "Tafahum" (United) team of Tulkarem inaugurated the *Shahid* (Martyr) Salah Khalaf field with six goals"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 30, 2004]

Muhammad Daoud Oudeh (Abu Daoud)

"Muhammad Daoud Oudeh (Abu Daoud), who engineered the Munich Operation..."

[Official PA TV, July 4, 2010]

"In its [Black September terror group's] ranks were many distinguished men and women, headed by the "Panther of Palestine," Salah Khalaf, 'Abu Iyad.' Abu Daoud was one of his prominent assistants. His [Abu Daoud's] name shone brightly in the German city of Munich in 1972, where the Olympics took place. Oh, how these events evolved into a violent drama of the most tragic kind... May Allah have mercy on this great Fatah fighter and patriot, Abu Daoud."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 6, 2010]

Headline: "Impressive farewell to the *Shahid* (Martyr) commander Abu Daoud at the Al-Yarmouk refugee camp"

"He began his life as a regular individual and concluded it with giant stature.' Thus Abbas Zaki, member of the Fatah Central Committee, described the *Shahid* (Martyr) commander Abu Daoud who parted from his brothers and from his people two nights ago, after a life spent in struggle under the flag of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fatah) and under the flag of the PLO..."

He spent his life as a fighter for the liberation of this homeland and for the return of its dispersed children to it. He joined Fatah upon its establishment, and directed many fighting operations against the Israeli occupation. Generations of fighters and people of struggle were educated by him..."

Zaki described the late commander thus: 'He started his life as a regular individual and concluded it with giant stature.' Speaking to Wafa news agency, he added: 'We have lost a man on the level of the Arab region and on the level of the world revolutionary movement, by virtue of his noble actions and his glorious history. Bestowing this honor in every place, inside the homeland and outside of it, does justice to this mighty man.'

Dr. Samir Al-Refa'i [Secretary of the Fatah branch in Syria] said: 'With the fall of Abu Daoud as a *Shahid* we have lost a man who is worth all other men together, but we have already become accustomed to this road being a long one, full of *Shahids*, commanders and fighters.

He added: 'Abu Daoud is one of the symbols of the Fatah movement. He lived his life wounded, and his wounds testify to his path of struggle and to his continuous struggle on

behalf of his people and the homeland. He will always remain our ideal and a role model for the generations to come."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 5, 2010]

"President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday held a telephone conversation with the family of the *Shahid* (Martyr) fighter Muhammad Oudeh (Abu Daoud), member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council and former head of the movement's Supervisory Committee, and expressed his condolences over [Oudeh's] death. During the conversation the President noted [Oudeh's] life filled with the struggle, his devoted effort, and the enormous sacrifice of the deceased for the sake of the legitimate problem of his people, in many spheres. He was at the forefront on every battlefield, with the aim of defending the [Palestinian] revolution."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 5, 2010]

"President Mahmoud Abbas sent a telegram of condolences yesterday over the death of the great fighter Muhammad Daoud Oudeh, 'Abu Daoud,' who died just before reaching 70. The telegram of condolences read: 'The deceased was one of the prominent leaders of the Fatah movement and lived a life filled with the struggle, devoted effort, and the enormous sacrifice of the deceased for the sake of the legitimate problem of his people, in many spheres. He was at the forefront on every battlefield, with the aim of defending the [Palestinian] revolution. What a wonderful brother, companion, tough and persistent, relentless fighter.'"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 4, 2010]

Reporter: "Palestinians were surprised this morning at the announcement of the death of one of the most important leaders of the Palestinian revolution, Muhammad Daoud Oudeh (Abu Daoud), who engineered the Munich Operation and was one of the most important of Israel's most wanted in the 1970s."

Samir Al-Refa'i, member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council: "Abu Daoud, one of the *Shahids* (Martyrs) of the Fatah movement, a leader, a *Shahid*, who sacrificed..."

Abu Amad Hamdan, Secretary of Fatah branch in Syria: "... We learned from him the principles of the revolution and the struggle."

Unidentified participant at the funeral: "We say to him: 'We will follow the path, brother Abu Daoud; Allah willing, we will complete the path together with the proud Fatah, Allah willing.'"

Another funeral participant: "We are participating in the funeral of a great man and a great leader in the Palestinian national struggle."

[Official PA TV, July 4, 2010]

Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar, Commander of Operations Black September

"Martyr Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar had the extraordinary capacity to combine a military way of thinking with a profound political stance... [Israel's] Operation Spring of Youth, to which Martyr Abu Yusuf, Kamal Adwan and Kamal Nasser fell victim, came in response to the Munich operation, in which a group from 'Black September' attacked the Israeli sports team participating."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 20, 2015]

“The Fatah Central Committee held a meeting headed by President Mahmoud Abbas at the Presidential Headquarters in Ramallah yesterday [April 19, 2015]... The Central Committee addressed the 42nd anniversary of the Martyrdom-death of commanders Kamal Adwan, Kamal Nasser, and Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar. The Committee emphasized its loyalty to their path, and that it would continue in their path of struggle until our people obtains its legitimate national rights, primarily the right of return, [the right of] self-definition and the establishment of a Palestinian state within the borders of June 4, 1967, with Jerusalem as its capital.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 20, 2015]