

**PMW submission to UNICEF:
How the PA weaponized Palestinian children against Israel - 2019**

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Introduction

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict encompasses many complex issues.

One of the questions that has all too often been ignored or down played, is why so many Palestinian children take an active part in the hostilities, including acts of murder and attempted murder of Israelis.

In this report, [Palestinian Media Watch](http://www.palwatch.org) (PMW) will present clear and unequivocal evidence of the Palestinian Authority's (PA) abuse, weaponization and recruitment of the Palestinian youth to act as their child terrorists and their soldiers against Israel and Israelis. PMW will also show how the PA rewards the child soldiers, both monetarily and socially, for their acts of violence and terror.

Having presented the evidence, PMW will call on the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to recognize and directly attribute the participation of Palestinian children in widespread and systematic acts of violence and terrorism against Israel and Israelis to the policies of the PA.

To date, despite the clear evidence of the PA recruitment of the Palestinian children to act as its child soldiers, UNICEF has never mentioned it and has never reported on it.

Executive summary

In 2019, the Palestinian Authority continued its systematic and widespread abuse of the Palestinian children, indoctrinating them to hate Jews and Israel, brainwashing them to admire murders and using them to promote violence and to seek death.

Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party tells its followers that 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust deserved to be killed because of **"who they are"**

A children's program on official PA TV broadcasts shows in which 7-year-old girls recite poems saying "I learned... the art of the rifle... Mahmoud Abbas... my blood is your blood."

Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party broadcasts stories of mothers telling their children that "My son, we were not created for happiness. **In my eyes, you are meant for Martyrdom!** ... Jerusalem is ours, our weapon is our Islam, and **our ammunition is our children.** And you, O my son, are meant for Martyrdom."

The PA schoolbooks teach the Palestinian children to emulate the Palestinian "heroes" who include mass murderer, Dalal Mughrabi - a terrorist responsible for the murder of 37 Jews, among them 12 children.

Summer camps organized by Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party and the Palestine Liberation Organization teach the children to admire mass murderers such as Khalil AL-Wazir (Abu Jihad) - who according to PA sources is responsible for the murder of 125 Jews.

Teenage murderers are immediately transformed by the PA from nameless teenagers into heroes.

Simultaneous to the poisoning of the minds of the Palestinian children, the PA continued to pay financial incentives and rewards to Palestinian terrorist prisoners and the families of dead terrorists.

Finally, to assure that Palestinian children participate in their role as terrorists and soldiers when the PA has political need for it, the PA even undertakes pro-active recruitment. For example, it has closed down the schools under instructions from the "PLO factions," which includes groups like Fatah and the terror organization PFLP, and instructs the children to participate: "The

homeland's districts are raging today... Fatah Movement Central Committee member Jamal Muhaisen said that the Day of Rage is the start of a comprehensive program of struggle... even to the point of a comprehensive intifada against the occupation's crimes... The [PA] Ministry of Education announced a partial shutdown of all the schools... The ministry emphasized that it is necessary to participate in the activities, and that studies at the schools will be stopped from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. so that there will be active participation in the mass processions and the activities that will be organized against these unfair decisions.”

The cumulative result of these, and other PA policies, is clear: Hate driven, indoctrinated children, who have been brainwashed to admire and emulate terrorists and who are recruited to participate in acts of violence and terror – including acts of terror in which they die – take to the streets to participate in widespread and systematic attack on Israel's civilian population. Having acted in accordance with the PA guidance, the child-terrorist-soldiers, once arrested, injured or killed, then enjoy the substantial monthly salaries that the PA pays them or their families and the adulation of Palestinian society.

The PA openly admits, that the child terrorists are not acting in a vacuum, but rather they consider them to be the PA's soldiers who the PA has sent to carry out a mission. The PA has stated numerous times that it sees all Palestinian terrorists in Israeli jails as a soldiers and prisoners of war, and has never differentiated between adults and children.

While the PA weaponizing and abuse of the Palestinian minors is not new, UNICEF has never highlighted or publicized the PA's pugnacious practices, education system and terror reward programs. Rather, UNICEF has simply focused on Israel's law enforcement that merely defends Israelis from the hate filled, ideologically brainwashed Palestinian child-terrorist-soldiers who are a direct product of the PA's indoctrination.

It is important to note that this report does not profess to include all the incidents of PA abuse, weaponization and recruitment of the Palestinian children. In the most part, it focuses on 2019, only adding in selected instances relevant prior events.

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Indoctrinating Palestinian children to hate Jews and Israel, and to believe in the destruction of Israel

An integral part of the PA indoctrination and brainwashing of the Palestinian children, is teaching them to hate Jews and hate Israel. The PA inspired and promoted hatred of Jews is current in every walk of life, including official PA TV, the official PA newspaper, social media and others.

In the latest PA schoolbooks Israel and Jews/Israelis are referred to as the “Zionist occupation,”¹ “barbaric Zionist gangs”². According to the schoolbooks, the “Zionist occupation” is responsible for a plethora of Palestinian ills, such as trying to “harm our [Palestinian] history and existence”³, theft of antiquities⁴ and harming of the Palestinian wildlife and wild plants.⁵

“Palestine” according to dozens upon dozens of maps that appear in the PA schoolbooks, is not limited to Judea, Samaria (a.k.a the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip. Rather it includes the entire territory from the Jordan River in the east, to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, from Lebanon in the north to the Red Sea in the south.⁶



¹ PA 3rd Grade National and Social Education Textbook, Part A, (August 2016), p.26. It should be noted that throughout the schoolbooks there are hundreds of instances in which Israel is referred to as the “Zionist occupation”. This is just one example.

² PA 9th Grade Arabic Language Schoolbook, Part A, August 2017, p. 22 - 24

³ PA 6th Grade Social Studies Textbook, Part A (August 2017), p. 18

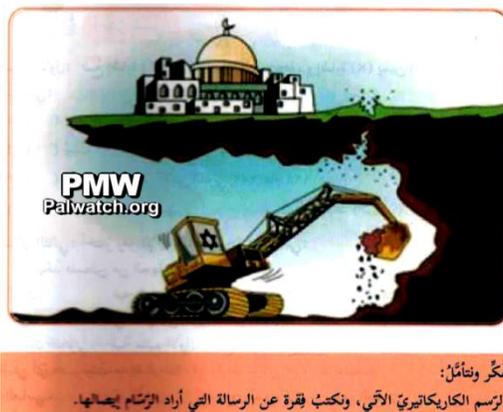
⁴ Ibid. p. 22

⁵ PA 10th Grade Geography of Palestine and Contemporary Modern History schoolbook, part A (August 2017), p. 36-37

⁶ Social Studies for Grade 7, Part A (August 2017), P. 4. This is just one example.

Israeli cities, within the 1949 Armistice agreement lines are referred to as “Palestinian cities”⁷.

In the 7th Grade Social Studies schoolbook⁸ the children are taught that the Zionists are constantly trying to destroy the Temple Mount.



This message is enhanced by constant references to Jews “[defiling](#)” Muslim holy sites⁹. Indeed, PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas has even said, "The Al-Aqsa [Mosque] is ours... and they [the Jews] have no right to defile it with their filthy feet. We will not allow them to, and we will do everything in our power to protect Jerusalem."¹⁰

Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah party, explains that 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust deserved to be killed because of “who they are”.¹¹ According to Mahmoud Abbas the Jews brought Antisemitism, massacres and even the Holocaust upon themselves because of their "social roles" connected to "usury and banks".¹²

To ensure that the messaging regarding the evil doings of Jews/Israel remains current, PA constantly fuels different libels. A common claim made is that Israel is

⁷ There are dozens of instances.

⁸ P. 64

⁹ <https://palwatch.org/page/15192>

¹⁰ <https://palwatch.org/page/8631>

¹¹ <https://palwatch.org/page/15378>

¹² <https://palwatch.org/page/14181>

responsible for spreading drugs among the Palestinian youth. As PA Minister of Local Authorities Hussein Al-A'araj claimed¹³:

“We as a government, the leadership, a civil society, and municipalities must pay attention to this scourge [of drugs] that has infiltrated our society through the Israeli occupation, which is striving to create a situation of frustration, illness, and economic and social consequences that diminish our resolve and the realization of our national project.”

A separate claim made is that Israel deliberately murders Palestinian children¹⁴. This claim is made even when objective evidence proves otherwise. On August 15, 2019, two 14 year old Palestinian children exited the Temple Mount, drew knives and attempted to stab the Israeli police officers standing guard. One of the attackers was killed during the attempted attack. The entire incident was captured on video. Nonetheless, PA TV described what was clearly an act of self-defense on the part of the police officer being attacked as a “summary execution”. WAFA, the official PA news agency claimed, “witnesses said Israeli police and a Jewish settler opened fire at the Palestinians after they allegedly came under attack.”¹⁵

Having taught the Palestinian children of the evils of the “Zionists”, on the background of a map that expunges Israel’s existence PA official TV hosts declare that “all of Palestine will return to us”.¹⁶ PA teachers echo the claim that the should anticipate the end of Israel and the “liberation of Palestine”.¹⁷ PA official TV even tries to alienate Israeli Arabs from Israel.¹⁸

On many occasions, these PA messages take the form of outright Antisemitism, as was demonstrated in a recent report released by PMW, entitled: “PA Antisemitism: Jews must be fought for Allah on Behalf of All Humanity.”¹⁹

In one video promulgated by Abbas’ Fatah party, the narrator [addressed the holocaust](#)²⁰, explaining that the Ghettoes in to which the Nazi’s forced the Jews of and Europe and in which they starved thousands to death were actually

¹³ <https://palwatch.org/page/15182>

¹⁴ <https://palwatch.org/page/15662>

¹⁵ <https://palwatch.org/page/16105>

¹⁶ <https://palwatch.org/page/15404>

¹⁷ <https://palwatch.org/page/15697>

¹⁸ <https://palwatch.org/page/15586>

¹⁹ <https://palwatch.org/page/17292>

²⁰ <https://palwatch.org/page/16410>

created by the Jews “in order to separate from other people out of arrogance and disgust for non-Jews...” and that the Jews “were hated because of their racism and their filthy behavior...”

The Fatah narrator continued:

“Zionism was born from the womb of exploitation, while taking advantage of this hatred [towards the Jews] and turning it once again into a colonialist tool. The rich people of the [Jewish] tribe led the project to enslave humanity and exploit it, while trading in the blood of their own people, enjoying their weakness, and creating ties with those [Nazis] who burned them, in order to turn them into a tool of production and to accumulate wealth. A homeland was established for them on the blood of new victims, again the residents of Canaan... Seventy years have passed since the artificial state's [Israel's] establishment, and all the theories of modernization and development have not removed the idea of superiority, the idea of [racial] purity, and the idea of enslaving the peoples from the [Jewish] tribe's mind. They [the Jews] have not removed from their consciousness the view of the other as inferior and the right to spill the blood of the nations... They again swear to themselves: "There is no law and no order. There is no equality and no justice. We [Jews] are a nation that is above the [other] nations. We are the people that was chosen by God - we use holy violence. Only we are people, and all the others are our animals."





Indoctrinating the Palestinian children to believe that Jews and Israel are the source of all evil and that Israel is destined to be destroyed, is one of the main foundation stones of PA policy.

Instead of preparing the children to live peacefully alongside Israel, the PA abuses the Palestinian children by inventing lies and teaching them to hate. This comprehensive process, prepares the children to be receptive to the PA's more innocuous and violent messaging.

Brainwashing the Palestinian children to admire murderers

While the brainwashing of the Palestinian children to admire terrorist murderers is similarly present in all walks of PA life, it is, outrageously, particularly present in the PA school system.

While the PA's Ministry of Education is heavily funded by foreign governments, it nonetheless plays an integral part in the PA efforts to brainwash the Palestinian children to admire murderers. These efforts start with the PA Minister of Education and encompass the newly revised PA schoolbooks and sporting events events organized by the Ministry for the children.

In February 2019, the then PA Minister of Education, Sabri Saidam, held a ceremony²¹ in the Ministry of Education in [honor of Karim Younes – a convicted terrorist](#) who kidnapped and murdered an Israeli soldier. During the event, Saidam emphasized the PA's support for the murderer and other imprisoned terrorists, calling them "symbols":

Minister Saidam: "The Ministry of Education will remain the most loyal to the national values and to the symbols who have defended the national enterprise."

Throughout 2019, tens of thousands of Palestinian children continued to learn in PA schools named after terrorists and Nazi sympathizers. In the PA there are no fewer than [75 Palestinian Authority schools named after terrorists and Nazi collaborators and honoring Martyrs and Martyrdom](#)²². 31 PA schools are named after terrorists. 3 PA schools are named after Nazi collaborators. 41 PA school names glorify Martyrdom. The PA even named a school built with funds donated by Belgium, after a terrorist²³.

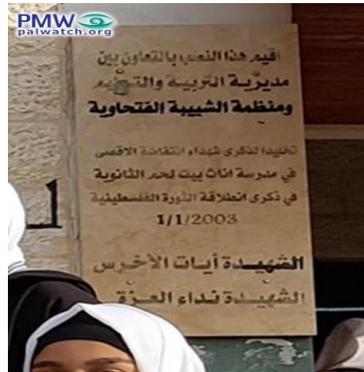
At the entrance to one PA school in the Bethlehem district, is a sign in memory of the "Martyrs" of the PA terror campaign (the second Intifada, 2000-2005) in which more than 1,100 Israelis were murdered, many in suicide bombings. The memorial, which was established in cooperation between the Education Directorate under the PA Ministry of Education and Fatah's Shabiba Youth Movement, specifically names [Ayyat Al-Akhras, a 17-year-old suicide bomber](#)

²¹ <https://palwatch.org/page/15272>

²² <https://palwatch.org/page/13015>

²³ <https://palwatch.org/page/14639>

who blew herself up near a Jerusalem supermarket on March 29, 2002 murdering 2 and wounding 28.



At the “Martyr Abu Jihad School for Boys”, in the village of Al-Yamun, the PA Ministry of Education inaugurated a wall painting of [terrorist murderer Khalil Al-wazir \(A.k.a Abu Jihad\)](#)²⁴, to whom the PA attributes the murder of 125 people. The PA 5th Grade Arabic Language schoolbook²⁵ teaches students that the Palestinian “heroes” who should be emulated include Dalal Mughrabi, a terrorist who led the murder of 37 Israelis, including these **12 children**:



Galit Ankwa (2) Yoav Meshkel (6) Yitzhak Ankwa (10) Liat Gal-On (6) Tali Aharonovitch (14) Naomi Elichai (18)



Ilan Hohman (3) Roi Hohman (6) Erez Alfred (5) Mordechai Zit (9) Naama Hadani (5) Omry Tel-Oren (14)

"Heroes have an important position in every nation... Every nation is prouder the more heroes it has, and the people – even if they are divided over many things – they all agree regarding the pride in their

²⁴ <https://palwatch.org/page/15613>

²⁵ <https://palwatch.org/page/14833>

heroes, because without them the nation would be degraded... **We are proud of them, sing their praise, learn the history of their lives, name our children after them, and name streets, squares, and prominent cultural sites after them... every one of us wishes to be like them...** Thus they created a glorious history for the nation – they are the heroes. **Who among us has forgotten... Dalal Mughrabi**, Yasser Arafat, and others among those moons that never set [but] illuminate the darkness of our dark nights? Our great homeland embraces all of them... **These heroes are the crown of their nation, they are a symbol of its glory, they are the best of the best**, the best of the noble people. **They took their lives in their hands and threw them at the dangers...** Therefore they are worthy of being heroes, commemorated by history, and their memory will remain as a musk perfume that spreads its scent. **Bravo to the heroes, and scorn to the cowards!"**

Mughrabi and Akhras were also among the women [PA TV](#) chose to mention on International Women's day.²⁶

"We have had female Martyrs, wounded, and prisoners... The women were the first to take part in the battle. That is why we also have female Martyrs - Shadia Abu Ghazaleh (i.e., terrorist, prepared bombs for terror attacks), Dalal Mughrabi, Wafa Idris (i.e., first female suicide bomber, murdered 1), Ayyat Al-Akhras, Darin Abu Aisheh (i.e., female suicide bomber, wounded 3)..."

To ensure that the children have understood and internalized the message, the PA Ministry of Education even organized and [named a sports festival for the children, after terrorist Mughrabi](#)²⁷.

During the summer, hundreds (possibly even thousands) of Palestinian children attended [summer camps named after terrorist murderers](#)²⁸ in which the children are taught to [honor arch terrorists](#)²⁹.

In the past, the PA even held summer camps in which they trained the teenagers to use weapons. During 2019, the PA continued its efforts to delay the payment of damages awarded to the family of Amit (Amos) Mentin, who was murdered by

²⁶ <https://palwatch.org/page/15397>

²⁷ <https://palwatch.org/page/15475>

²⁸ <https://palwatch.org/page/15929>; <https://palwatch.org/page/15949>

²⁹ <https://palwatch.org/page/15920>

15 year old Palestinian terrorist, Shadi Juadra, less than a month after completing a summer camp in which he was taught to use weapons³⁰.

In one camp, alongside first aid and recycling, the children are taught that the Palestinians are “one hand against the enemies,”³¹ and that the two terrorist murderers, Abu Jihad and Dalal Mughrabi are among their leaders.



In response to criticism about naming summer camps for children after the terrorist murderer Mughrabi, Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah Shabiba argued:

“The use of Dalal's name in the summer camps of [Fatah's] Shabiba Student (sic., High School) Movement is nothing but commemoration of a situation of struggle, which has been waged by our Palestinian people that was uprooted from its land and homeland as a result of the crimes, oppression, and massacres that the Zionist gangs committed against it. Therefore, Dalal Mughrabi's [actions] are a natural human expression that all human laws guarantee for the oppressed peoples that are struggling to be redeemed from injustice and occupation.”

Not wanting to be left out, the Palestinian Karate Federation also held “The Sisters of Dalal Mughrabi Championship for Young Women.”³²

Stressing to the Palestinian people that even contemporary murderers and would be murderers are a source for pride, in January 2019, official PA TV broadcast a program³³ in which the father of a would be suicide bomber said:

³⁰ Israeli Supreme Court Decision in CA 2144/13 Estate of Amit Mentin et. al. v The PA et. al.

³¹ <https://palwatch.org/page/15959>

³² <https://palwatch.org/page/16429>

“I want to send a message to Muhammad [Sa’id Bisharat] (i.e., terrorist, attempted suicide bombing) and to all the brothers and the loved ones, our sons, the prisoners, the sons of the Palestinian people. Not only Muhammad is my son - all the prisoners are our sons. We say to them: You are a source of pride for us. By Allah, with your endurance you have outlined the most beautiful picture in history. You are the history. You are the symbol of the Palestinian cause. You are the ones [we mean] when we say ‘Giants of Endurance.’”

On the same program, responding to what it meant to a Palestinian boy that his father is a terrorist murderer, he responded:

"It means everything to me. My father isn't like other fathers. He is in a special situation, a prisoner. He did something I boast about and take pride in among my friends. I love to talk about him and his acts of heroism, because he is a symbol and a hero."

Reinforcing the fact that the glorification of terrorist murderers, including teenage terrorist murderers, is not limited to historical figures, in 2019 the PA turned an anonymous teenager into a superstar of Palestinian society.

Before March 17, 2019, Omar Abu Laila was just an ordinary unknown 19-year-old Palestinian teenager.

[Terrorist Abu Laila](https://palwatch.org/page/15247)³⁴ was turned into a hero and role model for Palestinians in just two weeks by the PA and Fatah for choosing the path of terror, murdering Israeli soldier Gal Keidan and Rabbi Achiad Ettinger, a father of 12 on March 17, 2019. Abu Laila was subsequently killed during an exchange of gunfire with Israeli soldiers, and the PA and Fatah declared him a "Martyr."

So far, the teen-murderer has had a street, a square, a mosque and a football tournament named after him, and a monument erected in his honor by the PA and Fatah - both institutions headed by Mahmoud Abbas. In addition, Fatah's student movement Shabiba has embraced murderer Abu Laila as their new hero and specifically promoted him to Palestinian university students as a role model to emulate.

³³ <https://palwatch.org/page/15247>

³⁴ <https://palwatch.org/page/15580>

Turning terrorists into role models for the Palestinian youth is not a new phenomenon. The brainwashing of the Palestinian youth to admire murderers and to seek to emulate them has been PA policy for years. Already in 2010, Palestinian Media Watch released a report titled "[From Terrorists to Role Models: The Palestinian Authority's Institutionalization of Incitement](#)"³⁵ in which it documented 100 examples of places and events named after 46 different terrorists in order to show the scope of the phenomenon. Needless to say, prior to the release of the report and thereafter, there have been hundreds of similar PA actions.

PMW's 2010 report was augmented by PMW's 2015 report titled "[Palestinian Authority Education: A Recipe for Hate and Terror](#)"³⁶. In the 2015 report, many more references were made to the PA's policy of turning the killers of Israelis into heroes and role models. The report also included references and analysis of the PA educational policies on the following subjects:

- ***Israel has no right to exist***
- ***Israel will disappear and be replaced by "Palestine"***
- ***Violence - "armed struggle" - is legitimate to fight Israel***
- ***Muslims must fight an eternal Islamic war against Israel***
- ***Killers of Israelis are heroes and role models***
- ***Martyrdom-death for Allah is the utmost honor***

Also included in the report were examples of Palestinian children reciting poems on official PA TV children's educational programs with the following messages:

- ***Jews are "monkeys and pigs"***
- ***Jews are "enemies of Allah"***
- ***Jews are "most evil of creations"***
- ***Zion is "Satan with a tail"***

The cumulative message of the PA to its children is that murderers of Jews are heroes. Those who follow in the footsteps of the murderers are destined to be made national Palestinian symbols and the focus of Palestinian adulation.

³⁵ <https://palwatch.org/storage/special%20reports/pa%20honors%20terrorists%20final%20eng.pdf>

³⁶ <https://palwatch.org/storage/special%20reports/pmw%20comprehensive%20report%20on%20pa%20education%20july%202015.pdf>

✚ Weaponizing the Palestinian children and promoting violence

Shockingly, the PA makes no effort whatsoever to hide its weaponization of the Palestinian children.

Starting 2019 in the most unequivocal manner, Fatah, the party of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, celebrated the January 1st founding of the organization³⁷ by publishing a picture of the “Fatah flowers” on its Facebook page.

The picture shows the [Fatah girls brandishing automatic assault weapons](#)³⁸, parading proudly down the streets.



In February 2019, as [Israel grieved the rape and murder](#) of Ori Ansbacher at the hands of a Palestinian terrorist, official PA TV aired a music video³⁹, including children, in which the singer declared, “We are not afraid of the enemy - a bone in the throat of the Zionists... Victory is certain, it's inevitable... We have given them a taste of grief.”

³⁷ Fatah was founded in 1965, two and a half years before Judea and Samaria came under Israeli control. When founded, Judea and Samaria were under Jordanian control and the Gaza Strip was under Egyptian control. Fatah’s goal was and remains to destroy Israel.

³⁸ <https://palwatch.org/page/15150>

³⁹ <https://palwatch.org/page/15297>

For Ramadan, official PA TV broadcast a special series called *Children of the Village Chief*. In one episode, a boy around the age of 10 asks his uncle to teach him how to use a rifle because [he wants to shoot at "the Jews."](#)⁴⁰ The uncle willingly answers his nephew's request, explaining that he should only aim at "your enemy," who the boy then identifies as "the Jews":



A similarly [violent message for children](#)⁴¹ was echoed in an episode of *The Best Home*, an official PA TV show dedicated to kids, in which a 7 year old recited a poem saying, "I learned "the art of the rifle... Abbas... my blood is your blood"



In schools, the PA continued using its new schoolbooks, teaching the children that "The right of the peoples to **self-determination and to resist occupation and foreign domination** [emphasis in source], **including turning to the use of armed force** [emphasis added] – is a natural and legitimate matter."⁴²

⁴⁰ <https://palwatch.org/page/15664>; To fully appreciate the heinous nature of this item, it is important to watch the video clip.

⁴¹ <https://palwatch.org/page/16668>

⁴² 9th Grade Social Studies schoolbook, p. 52

In parallel, the PA taught Newton's second law by showing a picture of a masked Palestinian using a slingshot to propel a rock at Israeli forces.⁴³



In the past Abbas' Fatah had even issued a "[Guide to rock throwing](#)"⁴⁴ for kids:



Posted text:

"In order to hit the target, there are three conditions:

1. Stand stably and balance your legs, arms, and body well
 2. Focus your gaze on the center of the target, and do not look at anything else
 3. Keep the desired balance between your body and your weapon; you are the one that controls the weapon, and not the other way around
- If you did not understand this, read it again, and if you still have not understood, here is an example picture for you"

[Official Fatah Twitter account, Dec. 16, 2017]

Having taught the children how to be violent, the PA actively recruits Palestinian children to be their soldiers attacking Israelis. One outrageous example is when

⁴³ PA 7th Grade Life Sciences schoolbook, p. 77

⁴⁴ <https://palwatch.org/page/13548>

the PA Ministry of Education actually closed schools early and instructed the children to [participate in a “Day of rage,”](#) at a time when the official PA daily reported that the Israeli army had declared a “high alert” because the PA territories were “raging”:

Headline: “The homeland’s districts are raging today...”

“The Israeli occupation army declared high alert in the West Bank yesterday [Nov. 25, 2019]... Fatah Movement Central Committee member Jamal Muhaisen said that the Day of Rage is the start of a comprehensive program of struggle to deal with the American-Israeli steps, even to the point of a comprehensive intifada against the occupation’s crimes. In statements that he made to radio The Voice of Palestine, Muhaisen noted that Fatah is in full coordination with the PLO factions (i.e, Fatah, PFLP etc.)...

The [PA] Ministry of Education announced a partial shutdown of all the schools in the districts of the homeland today, according to the decision of the PLO's factions... The ministry emphasized that it is necessary to participate in the activities, and that studies at the schools will be stopped from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. so that there will be active participation in the mass processions and the activities that will be organized against these unfair decisions.”⁴⁵

The PA also used International Women’s Day to glorify other female terrorists such as airplane hijacker, Leila Khaled, and to show pictures of [teenage girls using slingshots to throw rocks.](#)⁴⁶

In line with these violent messages and reflecting the PA’s response to the US lead Bahrain economic peace summit, Fatah's youth movement, Shabiba, threatened to [start a wave of terror attacks.](#)⁴⁷

Of all the pugnacious PA weaponization of children, two incidents stand out in their heinous nature.

⁴⁵ <https://palwatch.org/page/16920>

⁴⁶ <https://palwatch.org/page/15422>

⁴⁷ <https://palwatch.org/page/15820>

In the first incident, in an episode of The Best Home, official PA TV’s children’s program, children recited a poem [promoting death in the course of terrorist activities](#)⁴⁸:

“The blood of the Martyrs flows in my veins... My sword is drawn and won’t return to the sheath... the Dark-Eyed [Virgins] yearn for me... I have not sold my homelands, and have not given up my assault rifle, Today I carry my shrouds.”



This same poem [promoting the ideal of dying as a Martyr](#)⁴⁹ was recited in 2018 by a host on official PA TV in honor of a terrorist who was killed while stabbing four Israeli police officers.

The second incident demonstrated the true depths of the weaponizing of the Palestinian children. In a [video clip broadcast by Fatah](#)⁵⁰, a little girl tell the story of a Palestinian child whose other promises him a gift if he finishes his food:

“The boy wondered in excitement: 'Is it a toy?' His mother approached him with a glowing look while carrying the gift. He looked, and **it was a**

⁴⁸ <https://palwatch.org/page/16977>

⁴⁹ <https://palwatch.org/page/14995>

⁵⁰ <https://palwatch.org/page/16939>

rifle! He shouted loudly: 'O Mommy! Mommy! What is this? Is this the gift?' She picked him up, hugged him, and said: '**My son, we were not created for happiness. In my eyes you are meant for Martyrdom!**'... Jerusalem is ours, our weapon is our Islam, and **our ammunition is our children.** And you, O my son, are meant for Martyrdom."

When Palestinian children are taught violence in the PA schools, encouraged to participate in violence on official PA TV, and are told that they are simply "ammunition" destined to die as "Martyrs", it is no wonder that so many Palestinian children then participate in acts of violence and terrorism against Israel and Israelis.

PA financial rewards to terrorists

Having taught the Palestinian children to hate Jews and Israel, brainwashed them to admire terrorists and seek to emulate them, and then weaponizes them by teaching them violent activities and the desire to die a violent death, the PA then completes the puzzle by rewarding those who heed their message.

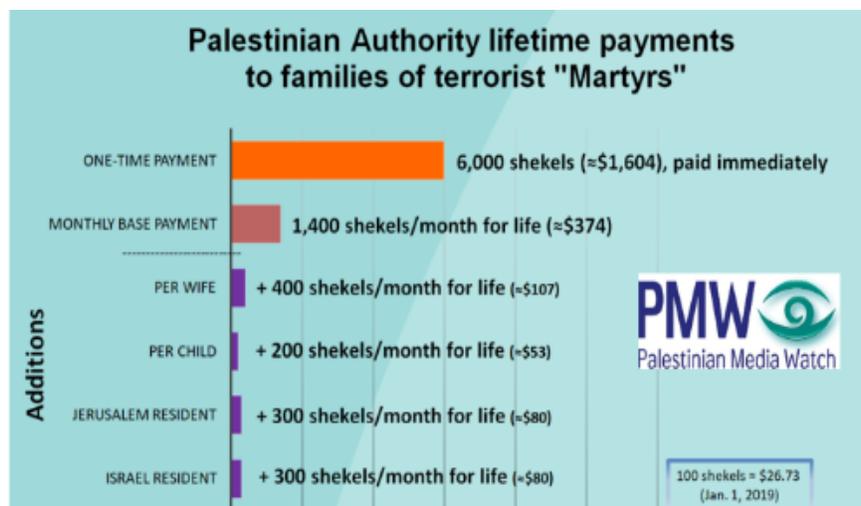
The PA no longer hides the unequivocal fact that it pays monthly salaries to terrorist prisoners and released terrorists and monthly allowances to the families of dead terrorists.

The PA pays monthly salaries to all Palestinian terrorists arrested by Israel⁵¹, including, inter alia, to Palestinian **adults who murdered Jewish children**, to **Palestinian minors who murdered Jews** and other terrorists (including Palestinian minors arrested for throwing stones). The salaries paid to the terrorists rise as they spend longer in prison.



The families of dead terrorists who receive the monthly PA allowances include the families of Palestinian terrorist (minors and adults) **who murdered Israeli children**.

⁵¹ According to sections 1 and 7 of the PA Law of Prisoners and Released Prisoners, 2004, all Palestinians arrested “a result of his participation in the struggle against the occupation” are entitled to a monthly salary.



Neither the monthly salary paid to the terrorist prisoners nor the allowances paid to the families of the dead terrorists, have any needs based requirement. Rather, they are paid simply as a reward for terrorism.

During 2019, the PA spent an estimated 650,000,000 shekels (\$188,000,000/€169,000,000) funding the salaries it pays to the terrorist prisoners and released prisoners and the allowances it pays to the families of the dead terrorists.

There is a compelling argument that these PA payments constitute a crime against humanity, as defined by the Rome Statute.

The following are but a few examples of the PA policy:

- During 2019, the PA started paying a monthly salary to the Palestinian terrorist, Assem Barghouti, who confessed and was convicted of the murder of [4 day old Jewish baby Amiad Ish-Ran](#)⁵². Since Barghouti had previously been served a prison sentence for terrorism offences, the PA immediately started paying him 6,000 shekels (\$1,733/€1,555) per month.
- During 2019, the PA doubled the monthly salary it pays to Hussam Kawasme, the Hamas terrorist convicted of the [murder of three Jewish teens](#)⁵³ in 2014.

⁵² <https://palwatch.org/page/15166>

⁵³ <https://palwatch.org/page/15926>

- During every month of 2019, the PA paid 25,800 shekels (\$7,454/€6,687) to the terrorists involved in the [Sbarro pizza shop bombing](#)⁵⁴ in which 8 Jewish children were among the 15 people murdered.
- During every month of 2019, the PA paid 25,500 shekels (\$7,367/€6609) to the [terrorists who blew up a bus in Jerusalem](#)⁵⁵, killing 23 Jews, including 7 children.



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The Terrorist

Majdi Za'atri

Planned a suicide bombing and drove the suicide bomber to the targeted bus on Aug. 19, 2003. **23 people were murdered**, including children, infants, and an 8-month pregnant woman.

Serving 23 life sentences in Israeli prison.

The Victims

Among the murdered:



The Reward

Under Palestinian Authority law, the PA pays Za'atri and thousands of other terrorists monthly salaries while they are in prison.

Total PA salary since Za'atri's arrest in October 2003 through December 2019:

\$200,635
(750,600 shekels)

Current salary of 7,300 shekels/month will increase until reaching 12,300 shekels/month, according to the pay scale on the reverse side.

- During every month of 2019, the PA paid Khalil Jabarin - [the Palestinian minor who murdered Ari Fuld](#)⁵⁶ - 1,400 shekels (\$404/€362). During every month of 2019, the PA paid Morad Adais – the Palestinian minor who murdered Dafna Meir – 2,000 shekels (\$577/€518).
- During every month of 2019, the PA paid 1,400 shekels (\$404/€362) to the family of the Palestinian teenager who [murdered 13 year old Hallel Ariel](#)⁵⁷. The murderer's mother, who receives the PA payments, is on record saying, "My son is a hero. He made me proud."

⁵⁴ <https://palwatch.org/page/16098>

⁵⁵ <https://palwatch.org/page/16111>

⁵⁶ <https://palwatch.org/page/14680>

⁵⁷ <https://palwatch.org/page/16395>

PA leaders confess: The child terrorists are their soldiers

Trying to justify the PA's insistence to continue paying substantial financial rewards to terrorist prisoners and to the families of dead terrorists, despite international condemnation and the implementation of a new Israeli law focused on combatting the PA policy, spokesman for Abbas, Nabil Abu Rudeina, made clear that all the Palestinian terrorist prisoners and the dead terrorists, including the Palestinian child terrorists are soldiers of the PA⁵⁸:

“Israel needs to understand this. It is impossible to send a soldier to war and then not take care of his family. We are talking about someone who acts on our behalf and receives orders from us.”

Needless to say, this was not the first time PA leaders have referred to the Palestinian terrorist prisoners as “soldiers” of the PA.

In a 2005 interview, then newly elected Abbas himself argued that all the Palestinian terrorist prisoners are soldiers⁵⁹ of the PA who received orders from the PA:

“What does a bloodstained hand mean? We were fighting each other. They kill and kill. They hunt down people with planes and tanks and killed. The soldier who kills 50 or 20 persons here and there - are his hands stained with talc powder? They are stained with blood. This is war. One (i.e., Israel) ordered a soldier to kill, and I ordered my son, brother, or others, to carry out the duty of resistance (i.e., euphemism for terror). This person killed and the other person killed. So why say this person's hands are stained with blood, and [he] must be kept in prison? **He is a fighter just like any other fighter.** We were in a state of fighting. When a truce is reached, in any country in the world, the past is forgotten... What meaning is there to peace with the Israelis if the wanted continues to be wanted, the prisoner continues to be imprisoned, and the deportee continues to be deported? What am I worth in the eyes of the ordinary [Palestinian] citizen? The ordinary citizen will ask me: **'What did you get me? You ordered me - you are responsible for me.'**”

⁵⁸ <https://palwatch.org/page/15551>

⁵⁹ <https://palwatch.org/page/487>

The following is just a sample of scores of statements made by PA leaders in which they refer to all the [Palestinian terrorist prisoners, including the child terrorists, as soldiers](#) of the PA who are entitled to the status, reserved by the Third Geneva Convention for soldiers, as Prisoners of War⁶⁰:

- **PLO (also headed by Abbas) executive committee:**

“The [PLO] Executive Committee condemned the legislators of the American Congress and their positions towards the Palestinian people... and considered the American Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' approval of stopping the aid from the American administration to the PA - if it does not stop the aid to the families of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) and prisoners - as an unacceptable act that will negatively affect everything that is connected to the Palestinians' rights... [The PLO Executive Committee] emphasized the rejection of this extortion [by the Americans], and the rejection of using the tool of [financial] aid in order to extract political concessions.

The [PLO] Executive Committee sent a blessing of appreciation and pride to the **freedom prisoners of war** for their legendary stance, and emphasized that their release is at the top of its agenda.”

- **PA funded Prisoners' Club**

"The [PA-funded] Prisoners' Club has launched a campaign to gradually correct the historical, informative, and statistical mistakes that have clung in recent years to the media and cultural discourse regarding the documentation and investigation of the phenomenon of the Palestinian and Arab prisoners... As part of this campaign, the Prisoners' Club has emphasized that the prisoners are not held in 'prisons,' but rather in 'detention camps' or 'temporary security installations' (sic., terrorists jailed in Israel are held in prisons). From this the first difference can be seen between a 'prison' - which is a place intended for the imprisonment of people who have committed a crime - and a 'detention center' - which is a place intended for the imprisonment of prisoners of war or in order to steal the freedom of political detainees. From the dawn of its existence, 'prison' has been intended for criminals, and it is not logical to attribute it to fighters who have fought for the freedom of their homeland. This is the

⁶⁰ <https://palwatch.org/page/14111>

second difference between considering the place where **prisoners of war** or political detainees are held a 'detention camp' or [considering it] a 'prison,' as this is a place meant for imprisoning criminals in the eyes of civilian law."

- **Fatah Central Committee member Jamal Muhaisen**

"Fatah Movement Central Committee member Jamal Muhaisen... said that the sit-in strike opposite the UN headquarters in Ramallah was held in order to demand that the member states of the international body [UN] pressure Israel to implement the third and fourth Geneva Conventions for the Palestinian prisoners as they are **prisoners of war**, and to condemn the racist Israeli actions against the young Palestinians."

- **PA Prime Minister**

"[The prisoners'] cause is the cause of all of us, and that this is a national and personal cause that touches every Palestinian home...

We will not forget our prisoners and will not forget our land, and that the time has come to establish their status as **prisoners of war** in a way that will allow us to work with international institutions in order to enlist more support for their release."

- **PA Minister of Foreign Affairs**

"The [PA] Ministry [of Foreign Affairs] has called on its diplomats worldwide to defend the prisoners' rights... He added that the humanitarian demands of the prisoners are justified, as they are humanitarian demands and not political ones, as the prisoners are demanding their rights as **prisoners of war** according to international law."

- **Abbas appointed PLO Director of Prisoners' Affairs**

"The occupation's [Israeli] Minister of War (sic., Defense) Avigdor Liberman's statements, which considered the [PLO] Palestinian National Fund as a 'terror organization,' are meant to define the national struggle for freedom and independence as a crime... and that they were said as part of targeting the struggle of the prisoners and Martyrs (*Shahids*), who have sacrificed for freedom, honor, and the right to self-determination...

Lieberman's statements were said as part of a denial of the Palestinian people's national identity, [and] a consideration of the struggle of the prisoners and Martyrs as terror and not as a legitimate struggle verified by UN decisions and international law, which views the struggle of occupied peoples for self-determination to be a legitimate struggle, and [determines that] whoever falls in to the enemy's hands is a **prisoner of war** who is protected by the third and fourth Geneva Conventions...

- **Former PA Minister of Religious Affairs and Head of the PA Sharia Courts, Mahmoud Al-Habbash**

"All the Palestinian prisoners who protected [our] land, honor and homeland are prisoners of freedom; they are **prisoners of war**. They are not criminals, will never be and have never been. Their hands committed no crime. They were defending themselves. They are an inseparable part of this national Palestinian movement and one of its authentic elements."

- **Former PA Minister of Prisoners**

"The [PA] leadership's application to the UN to wrest [from it] international recognition of a Palestinian state, which is not a member of the UN, will raise the legal status of the prisoners and will offer international protection of their rights and their honor... The prisoners will become captives of a state (i.e., Palestine), hostages and detainees in another state (i.e., Israel). The state's (Palestine's) legal status will turn them into **prisoners of war** who are detained illegally in the prisons inside Israel."

 **UN Security Council Resolution 1612**

In resolution [1612](#)⁶¹ the United Nations Security Council (UNSCR 1612) specifically welcomed the “initiatives taken by UNICEF and other United Nations entities to gather information on the recruitment and use of child soldiers in violation of applicable international law and on other violations and abuses committed against children in situations of armed conflict.”

In the context of the Israel-Palestinian conflict, instead of recognizing, monitoring and reporting on the PA abuse, weaponization and general mobilization and recruitment of the Palestinian children to participate in acts of violence and terrorism against Israel and Israelis has been clear for years, for reasons unknown, UNICEF has merely adopted and focused solely on the PA narrative of Palestinian victimhood at the hands of Israel.

According to UNICEF’s narrative, the Palestinian minors are simply victims of the Israeli military. They have not been indoctrinated to hate. They have not been brainwashed to admire terrorists and murderers. They have not been taught violence, weaponized and taught that they are mere “ammunition” destined to die violent deaths in the course of carrying out acts of violence to fulfill the destiny of being “Martyrs”.

If UNICEF is to maintain any semblance of credibility, it must stop its biased information gathering mechanism and stop focusing entirely on Israel. Rather it should divert its resources to identifying the PA as the root cause and instigator of the participation of Palestinian minors in acts of violence and terrorism. UNICEF must identify the PA as a systematic abuser of the Palestinian children and as a body that recruits child soldiers.

⁶¹ https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/files/SecurityCouncilResolution1612_en.pdf

Conclusions

For decades, the PA has been fundamentally poisoning the minds of the Palestinian children. The PA **indoctrinates the children** to hate Israel and Israelis by accusing Jews of being responsible for all the evils of the world. Jews, according to Mahmoud Abbas' ruling party, were not the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, but rather put themselves into the European Ghettos and then traded on the blood of 6,000,000 slaughtered Jews in order to get rich.

Building on the message of hate, the **PA then brainwashes the children** to believe that the murderers of Jews are heroes who should be emulated. Mass murderers are made the subject PA societal adulation. The murderers of Jewish children are glorified in the PA schoolbooks and have schools and sporting events named after them. Teenage Palestinian murders are elevated to "rock star" status who have streets and squares and sporting tournaments named after them.

Building on the messaging of hate towards Israel and Jews and on the brainwashing of the Palestinian children to admire and seek to emulate murderers, the PA then **weaponizes and recruits the Palestinian children** to participate in violence and terrorism. The Palestinian children are told that they are merely "ammunition" destined to die a violent death as a Martyr. The PA schoolbooks teach violence. Official PA TV broadcasts shows for children encouraging them to participate in violence and terrorism. The internationally funded PA Ministry of Education, closes schools, to push the children to fulfill their violent role.

Finally, the **PA pays substantial financial rewards** to the arrested terrorists and to the families of the dead terrorists. Mass murderers of Jews, including murderers of Jewish children are paid monthly salaries. Palestinian teenage murderers, who murder Jews are paid monthly salaries. The families of dead Palestinian terrorists who murdered Jews, including the families of teenage Palestinian children who murdered Jewish teenagers, in their beds, are paid rewards by the PA.

The PA openly admits that it see **child-terrorists as PA soldiers**.

The cumulative effect of these policies is undeniable: For decades, the PA has been recruiting child terrorists. These abused children, as made clear by the PA leaders, are the child soldiers of the PA. These abused children are the

ammunition, weaponized by the PA's to participate in the PA's widespread and systematic attacks on Israel's civilian population.

While the PA does not hide its pugnacious policies and its recruitment of the child terrorists/soldiers, UNICEF, entrusted by the UN Security Council to monitor and report on the recruitment of child soldiers has completely ignored and whitewashed the phenomenon. For over a decade, since the passage of UNSCR 1612, UNICEF has failed to recognize and report on the PA's indoctrination, brainwashing and recruitment of the Palestinian children to participate in acts of violence and terrorism. For over a decade UNICEF has failed the Palestinian children.