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Dear Mats,

In anticipation of the upcoming discussion about Stavanger cutting ties with Nablus, we have collected additional documentation for you about Nablus. The attached sources show that the square named after terrorist Abu Sharakh was not an isolated event. The city of Nablus has a history of glorifying terrorists and consistently erases Israel from the map, presenting all of it as "Palestine."

Here are the main points from the attached collection:

1. The governor of Nablus publicly honored terrorist Dalal Mughrabi who led killing of 37 civilians, among them 12 children, as "a model on our nation's path" (March 2015)
2. At a summer camp in Nablus, children carried rifles and wore military uniforms. The governor of Nablus spoke at the closing ceremony of the camp. (June 2015)
3. The Nablus district held a ceremony honoring families of terrorist murderers of dozens of Israelis (April 2015)
4. The Ministry of Education in Nablus recently posted multiple maps that erase Israel from the map, covering Israel and the PA areas in the Palestinian flag. (April-May 2015)

We added an additional interesting point as well:

In 2013, Israeli doctors visited Nablus to coordinate the transfer of Palestinian children for treatment in the Schneider Hospital in Israel. This is ironic considering Nablus' glorification of killers of Israelis, including children. We have not been able to verify if the transfer practice continues with hospitals in Nablus specifically today in 2015. However, Israeli hospitals treated around 110,000 Palestinian patients in 2014.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. It's our hope that this PMW documentation will enable your fellow members of the Council to understand that Nablus is a municipality that glorifies murderers.

Itamar Marcus, Director

## Terror glorification and promotion by city of Nablus

### 1. Speech on behalf of Nablus district governor: Terrorist Dalal Mughrabi "is a historic feminine model on our nation's path

"The Women of the Beita Development Association celebrated International Women's Day with widespread official and civilian participation...

**In a speech given on behalf of Nablus District Governor Akram Rajoub, Ghassan Daghlas**, who holds the settlement portfolio in the Nablus district, said that 'March is not the only month for supporting the women who participated in all the battles our nation has fought against the occupation.' He also **noted that 'the self-sacrificing fighter (Fida'iya) Dalal Mughrabi, who carried out the heroic coastal operation (i.e., the Coastal Road massacre in which 37 were killed), is a historic feminine model on our nation's path**, and she was not the only woman to participate in the struggle and to bear its consequences."

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, March 14, 2015]

*Dalal Mughrabi led the most lethal terror attack in Israel's history, 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.*

### 2. PA-Fatah summer camp in Nablus: AK-47 automatic weapons and youth in military uniforms dancing with rifles

Fatah-run Awdah TV program reported on a Fatah – PA summer camp which began by showing children wearing military uniforms and carrying rifles performing a folk dance. The was **organized by the PA National Security Forces**. More than 150 children of "Martyrs" (*Shahids*) and terrorist prisoners participated in the camp. The camp took place in the Nablus district, in coordination with the Fatah youth movement 'Institution for Lion Cubs and Flowers of Palestine.'

**The camp's closing ceremony, during which the campers also danced with rifles, was attended by Nablus District Governor Akram Rajoub**, Minister and Head of Bureau of Clerks Musa Abu Zaid, Secretary of Fatah's Nablus branch, and representatives of the PA national Security Forces. The closing ceremony integrated artistic performances and a military parade by the campers **during which the Nablus District Governor spoke**.

The first and second images show a group of youths parading on stage, dressed in uniforms, some carrying rifles:



The third image shows Nablus District Governor Akram Rajoub sitting in the audience, and the last image shows the audience seated in front of the stage:



[Fatah-run Awdah TV, June 12, 2015]

### **3. Nablus district holds ceremony honoring families of prisoners, whose crimes include murder of civilians**

“The Fatah movement and all public figures from the Askar refugee camp and **the Al-Masakin Al-Sha'biyya [neighborhood] in Nablus District** held a mass rally on the opening of the Palestinian Prisoners’ Day events, in the presence of Director of PLO Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs [and PA Parliament Member] Issa Karake, **Nablus District Governor Akram Rajoub, Nablus Mayor Ghassan Shaka'a** and Chairman of the Prisoners' Club Qadura Fares... At the end of the rally, [a ceremony] was held in honor of the families of the veteran prisoners who were not released as part of the Oslo Accords or the fourth group (see note), and of prisoners from the Askar refugee camp and the Al-Masakin Al-Sha'biyya [neighborhood]. The rally was attended by families of prisoners from Palestine that was occupied in 1948 (i.e., Israeli Arabs).”

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

*Editor's note: The fourth group – In August 2013, Israel agreed to release 104 Palestinian terrorists from prison, which was the PA's precondition for renewing peace talks. The fourth group was scheduled to be released on March 29, 2014, however when the PA submitted requests for admission as a state to several international bodies, in violation of previous agreements, Israel cancelled the release.*

*Some of the prisoners included in the fourth group:*

**Muhammad Adel Daoud** is serving a life sentence for murdering Ofra Moses, who was pregnant, and her 5-year-old son, Tal Moses, by throwing a Molotov cocktail at their car (April 11, 1987).

**Jum'a Adam and Mahmoud Abu Kharabish** – each serving a life sentence for throwing a Molotov cocktails at an Israeli bus in Jericho in 1988, killing a woman, her three children, and an Israeli soldier who tried to rescue them.

**Diya Zakariya Shaker Al-Agha "Al-Faluji"** - serving a life sentence for beating Israeli citizen Amatzia Ben Haim to death with a shovel (Oct. 11, 1992).

**Bashir Al-Khatib** – serving 35 years in prison, a member of Fatah's 'Force 17' – who murdered Israeli citizen Chaim Hai Hartouk in order to allow Fatah to make use of the victim's body for the purpose of a prisoner exchange deal.

**Fares Baroud** – serving a life sentence for murdering Israeli citizen Mordechai Roitman and wounding three others in a furniture store in Hadera, in 1991.

**Karim Younes and Maher Younes** - Israeli Arabs, serving 40-year sentences for kidnapping and killing Israeli soldier Avraham Bromberg together in 1980. Originally sentenced to life in prison, but Israeli President Shimon Peres reduced their sentences in 2012.

**Walid Daqqa** - Israeli Arab member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). He is serving a life sentence for being part of the squad that kidnapped and murdered Israeli soldier Moshe Tamam in 1984.

**Ahmad Abu Jaber** – Israel Arab, serving a life sentence for his participation in the kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldier Akiva Shaltiel in 1985.

**Ibrahim Agbaria, Yahia Agbaria, Muhammad Agbaria and Muhammad Jabarin** – Israeli Arabs, each serving 3 life sentences for participating in the murder of three soldiers in a recruit training base in the north of Israel, in an incident known as the Night of Pitchforks (February 15, 1992)

**Muhammad Falana** – serving a life sentence for planting a bomb with an accomplice near the town of Dolev in the West Bank in 1992. One person was killed and 6 were injured in the bombing.

**Nasser and Mahmoud Abu Sorour** – serving a life sentence for participating in the murder of a member of Israeli Intelligence (Jan. 3, 1993).

**Abd Al-Jawad Yusuf Shamasneh** - serving four life sentences. Together with his brother Muhammad Yusuf Shamasneh and their cousin Ibrahim Shamasneh, he kidnapped teenagers Lior Tubul and Ronen Karmani and stabbed them to death (Aug. 4, 1990). In that same year, they also murdered taxi driver Rafi Doron. In addition, in March 1993 Abd Al-Jawad murdered Israeli soldier Yehoshua Freidberg, who had been hitchhiking and accepted a ride from him.

**Mahmoud Issa Abu Al-Bara** - serving 3 life sentences for participating in the kidnapping and murder of border guard soldier Nissim Toledano (Dec. 13, 1992), and attempting to murder two other soldiers.

**Nael Salhab** – serving 30 years in prison for his participation in the kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldier Yaron Chen (August 5, 1993)



**Muhammad Al-Tous** – a Fatah terrorist serving a life sentence for a series of crimes. He was the commander of a terrorist cell that attacked 5 civilian buses in September 1985, wounding 16 passengers. He also issued the command to murder Zalman Abolnik in March 1984 and Meir Ben Yair and Michal Cohen in July 1985, and took part in the murder of Mordechai Suissa and Edna Harari in October 1985. He has been in prison since 1985.

#### 4. Nablus district deputy governor participates in ceremony presenting gifts to released prisoners who were involved in terror attacks (2013)

*Headline:* “Karake: ‘We look forward to the release of all prisoners, with no exceptions, as a political, national, and legal right’” “[PA Minister of Prisoners’ Affairs Issa] Karake spoke while on a trip in the **Nablus, Jenin, and Ramallah districts** to greet the 26 released prisoners, during which reception ceremonies and celebrations [for the prisoners] were held.



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**Accompanying Karake** were Head of the Prisoners' Club Qadura Fares, [released] veteran prisoners and a delegation from the Ministry [of Prisoners’ Affairs] and the Prisoners’ Club, as well as Jenin District Governor Talal Dweikat, Fatah Secretary in Jenin Ata Abu Rmeileh, Member of Palestinian Parliament Jamal Hweil, **Nablus District Deputy Governor Anan Al-Atireh** and [released] veteran prisoners Othman Musleh, Mustafa Qar'ush, Sa'id Al-Ataba, Hassan Salameh, Muhannad Jaradat, and others... Karake and **the accompanying delegation presented gifts to the released prisoners in appreciation.**”

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

*Photo caption:* “[Minister] Karake yesterday with one of the released prisoners in Jenin and Nablus.”

*The man with Minister Karake in the photo is **terrorist Mustafa Al-Haj**, who murdered Frederick Rosenfeld while he was hiking near the city of Ariel (June 17, 1989). Al-Haj*

*was released in August 2013 as one of 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release to fulfill the PA's precondition for renewing negotiations.*

***Sa'id Al-Ataba** was serving a life sentence for being the commander of the military unit that planted explosives in a market in Petah Tiqwa (July 6, 1977). One person was killed and 33 were wounded. He was released in August 2008 as a gesture to the PA after serving 31 years in prison.*

***Hassan Salama** was serving a life sentence for preparing and placing explosives in 1982. In October 2011, Salama was released as part of the Shalit prisoner exchange deal brokered between the Israeli government and Hamas. In that deal, Israel released 1,027 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who had been held hostage by Hamas for more than 5 years.*

***Othman Musleh Abu Naji** was serving a life sentence for placing a bomb and throwing a grenade in 1982. In October 2011, Musleh was released as part of the Shalit prisoner exchange deal. (see above)*

***Mustafa Qar'ush** was arrested in 1986 and sentenced to life in prison for voluntary manslaughter. He was released in October 2011 as part of the Shalit prisoner exchange deal. (see above) PMW has been unable to verify the nature of Qar'ush's crimes.*

***Muhannad Jaradat** was serving a 20-year sentence. Israel released him in July 2007 as a gesture to the PA after he had served 18 years in prison. PMW has been unable to verify the specific crime.*

## Denying Israel's right to exist – erasing Israel from the map, presenting it as “Palestine”

### 1. Honorary plaque shaped like map of “Palestine” includes all of Israel and the PA areas at PA Ministry of Education Nablus district event

Image posted on the Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district.

Image shows award ceremony in which the honorary plaque is a map of “Palestine” that includes all of Israel and the PA areas.

[Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district, May 23, 2015]



### 2. PA Ministry of Education Nablus district Facebook post with flyer with map of “Palestine” that also includes all of Israel

Image posted on the Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district.

Image shows a flyer protesting corruption, with a map of “Palestine” that includes all of Israel and the PA areas.

Text on image: “Palestine is empty of corruption – Palestine against the corruption.”

[Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district, May 3, 2015]





### 3. PA Ministry of Education Nablus district Facebook page replaces Israel with Palestine

**Text on image:** “For you, Palestine – my heart is Palestine”.

Image shows a map of “Palestine” that includes all of Israel and the PA areas on a heart-shaped background with the colors of the Palestinian flag.

[Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district, May 3, 2015]



### 4. PA Ministry of Education Nablus district Facebook post of map of "Palestine" that replaces Israel

Image posted on the Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district. Shows a *keffiyeh* with Palestinian flags in the shape of a map of “Palestine” that includes all of Israel and the PA areas.

[Facebook page of the PA Ministry of Education, Nablus district, April 16, 2015]



## **Israeli doctors in Nablus to coordinate transfer of Palestinian patients to Israeli hospitals (2013)**

In 2013, Israeli doctors visited Nablus to coordinate transfers of Palestinian children to be treated in the Israeli Schneider Hospital. PMW has not been able to verify if the transfer practice continues with hospitals in Nablus specifically today in 2015, although Israeli treats around 110,000 Palestinian patients a year. (So far in 2015, 11,520 patients from the Gaza Strip and 47,805 patients from the West Bank have been treated in Israel. The total for 2014 was 13,222 from the Gaza Strip and 102,000 from the West Bank.) [*Ynet* (Israeli news agency), June 16, 2015]

*Headline:* “An Israeli delegation that visited the Rafidia Hospital was made up of physicians only”

“Nablus District Governor Jabrin Al-Bakri said that the Israeli delegation that visited the Rafidia Hospital [in Nablus in the PA] was made up of physicians only, and denied [PA] media reports about [Israeli army] intelligence liaison officers having been there...

Al-Bakri noted that the aim of the visit was to discuss matters relating to medical transfers, specifically of [Palestinian] children to be treated in the [Israeli] Schneider Hospital. This has been customary ever since the establishment of the [Palestinian] Authority.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 15, 2013]