

PMW Special Report

Fatah Votes for Terror **Special Report on Members Elected to the Fatah Central Committee in December 2016**

- ***Fatah leaders who actively promoted and glorified terror against civilians during the terror wave in 2015 – 2016 were elected to lead Fatah at the Seventh Fatah Conference***

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Introduction

The Seventh Fatah Conference ended in December 2016 with elections for the 18-member governing body, the Fatah Central Committee. Twelve members were reelected and six new members joined the committee. In addition, Mahmoud Abbas was reelected separately as chairman, and he also has the right to appoint four additional members. This report examines Fatah's attitudes to terror during the wave of Palestinian terror 2015-2016, and focuses on the attitudes of those elected members of the Central Committee who have spoken publicly, including Mahmoud Abbas, as well as Fatah leaders who were Central Committee members during the terror wave, but were not reelected at the Seventh Fatah Conference.

This report documents how the Fatah Movement responded to individual Palestinians murdering Israeli civilians in stabbings, shootings, and car ramming attacks, during the terror wave from September 2015 to mid-2016. 40 people were murdered in these attacks (36 Israelis, 1 Palestinian, 2 Americans, and 1 Eritrean) and hundreds wounded.

The report also includes Fatah's responses to the terror on the Fatah-run TV station Awdah and its official social media.

When examining the chances for peace and whether the Palestinian Authority, with the Fatah Movement as its leading party, can be seen as a peace partner at all, there is paramount importance to the attitudes to terror by these Fatah leaders. These are the people who will be determining the policy of Mahmoud Abbas' party and through it the policy of the Palestinian Authority in the coming years. Will they lead the Palestinian people toward peace or continued animosity and terror?

Findings

During the Palestinian terror wave (2015-2016), the Fatah Movement and prominent Fatah Central Committee members actively supported the terror carried out by individual Palestinians and publicly encouraged more attacks.

- **Reelected Fatah Central Committee members actively supported, encouraged, and glorified the terrorists and their attacks during the 2015-2016 wave of terror.**
- **None of the reelected or new members condemned even one murder during the terror wave. Mahmoud Abbas even refused US Vice President Joe Biden's request that he condemn the murder of American tourist Taylor Force.**
- **Some supported the terror by participating in or sponsoring activities honoring murderers of civilians. Others justified the murders of Israelis as acceptable defense of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which they claimed was "in danger". Still others claimed that those Palestinian terrorists who were killed while attacking Israelis were innocents murdered in cold blood and for no reason by the Israeli police who "fabricated" the attacks.**

None of the Fatah leaders at any time condemned even one terror attack or murder, even when the victims were children, because they insisted and continue to insist that the term "terror" can never

be applied to any Palestinian attack or murder of Israelis. Even Mahmoud Abbas himself repeatedly justified these murders, saying after 14 Israelis had already been killed and dozens injured:

“We want peaceful popular uprising, and that’s what this is. That’s what this is.”

[Official PA TV, Nov. 16, 2015]

Fatah supported the terror from the first attack

From the first moment the terror started, Fatah presented the attacks and murder of Israelis as heroic. The first murder that sparked the terror wave was committed by Muhannad Halabi who murdered 2 Israelis, Rabbi Nehemiah Lavi and Aharon Bennett, and injured Bennett's wife, Adele, and their 2-year-old son in the Old City of Jerusalem on Oct. 3, 2015. The terrorist was then killed by Israeli police. In response to the murder, Fatah brought soil from the Al-Aqsa Mosque to the grave of the terrorist Halabi, "so that the dead body of Martyr Muhannad Halabi can hug the soil for which he died a Martyr."
[Fatah Twitter account, Oct. 8, 2015]

The image is from Fatah's Twitter account showing sacks of soil and the dead body of Muhannad Halabi.



Following those first stabbings, Fatah not only glorified the killer, it encouraged more terror. This image of a Jew stabbed in the back with a knife that has a handle made of the Palestinian flag was published on the official Fatah Facebook page the day after the murders:

Text: **"Here is Jerusalem, you crazies, beware!"**

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Oct. 4, 2015]



Fatah likewise celebrated what it felt was the success of the terror in achieving its goals. Mahmoud Abbas had encouraged this violence in order to prevent Jews from coming to Judaism’s holiest site, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. He told Palestinians:

“We bless every drop of blood that has been spilled for Jerusalem, which is clean and pure blood, blood spilled for Allah, Allah willing... The Al-Aqsa [Mosque] is ours, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is ours, and they have no right to defile them with their filthy feet. We will not allow them to, and we will do everything in our power to protect Jerusalem.”

[Official PA TV and official website of Abbas, Sept. 16, 2015]

A few weeks later, Palestinian terrorists were attacking Israelis daily, and Fatah's spokesman in Jerusalem, Raafat Alayan announced that the terror had already achieved Abbas' goal of keeping Jews away from Jerusalem:

"I confirm that in this uprising, we in Jerusalem have succeeded in preventing 80% of the settlers, the sons of apes and pigs (i.e., Jews in the Quran –Ed.), from walking around the Old City and the stairs of the Damascus Gate."

[Official PA TV, Nov. 1, 2015]

Fatah's TV station Awdah actively promoted the murder of Israelis. In January 2016 it broadcast this song:

"Jerusalem is calling in pain, Come on, strike them, you have the strength
Turn your anger into the fire of Hell...

Besiege them in all their neighborhoods

Drown them in a sea of blood

Kill them as you wish."

[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Jan. 4, 2016]

In April, the official Facebook page of Fatah broadcast a video with actors teaching Palestinians how to slit the throat of an Israeli soldier.



The active support and encouragement of terror on Fatah's official media, and the ongoing statements of support for terror by Fatah leaders throughout the terror wave was in line with a Fatah Central Committee decision "in favor" of killing Israelis by "individuals." Jibril Rajoub, then Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee, told PA TV:

"There is a competition between individuals. This is one of the issues we need to address – are we for or against it? I say that we in the [Fatah] Central Committee have discussed this matter, and we are in favor." [Official PA TV, Jan. 2, 2016]

The Fatah Central Committee elections in December 2016, confirms Fatah's policy of terror support. The largest number of votes was given to Marwan Barghouti, a convicted terrorist who is serving 5 life-sentences in prison in Israel for orchestrating three shooting attacks in which 5 Israelis were murdered. Although very much a symbolic vote, Fatah was sending the Palestinian population and the world a clear message that its attitude to terror has not changed, by giving the largest number of votes to a convicted terrorist murderer.

Also significant: While Fatah leaders were meeting at the Seventh Fatah Conference and voting for terror, Fatah's official media likewise was sending a strong message of support for terror. During November 2016, the month the conference started, Fatah's TV station, Awdah, broadcast the same terror promoting music video 72 times. The repeating refrain of the song is:

"My weapon has emerged. There is no force in the world that can remove the weapon from my hand."

[Fatah-run Awdah TV,
72 times in November 2016]

A longer version of the video which was broadcast four times includes the words:

"He who offers his blood doesn't care if his blood flows upon the ground.

As the weapon of the revolution is in my hand, so my presence will be forced [upon Israel]."



Former Fatah spokesman Ahmad Assaf, director of Fatah's Awdah TV and recently appointed to also head of Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation which includes PA TV, chose during the 6 days of the Fatah Conference to broadcast a terror promoting music video 11 times on PA TV that included this call to murder:

"Slice open the enemy's chest, slice it!"

[Official PA TV, 11 times from Nov. 29-Dec. 4, 2016]

In addition to explicit statements in support of terror and murder such as these, the PA rewards terrorist prisoners and families of terrorists killed during their attacks with monetary rewards.

The findings of this report document the overwhelming support for terror and murder of Israeli civilians by Fatah and its Central Committee members. This support demonstrates unequivocally that the fundamental commitment made by the Palestinian leadership in the Oslo Accords in 1993, to reject violence and terror, has never been implemented. Fatah openly tells its people that it continues to see violence and killing of innocent Israeli civilians as a legitimate tool to achieve its political goals, which is the definition of a terror organization.

Terrorism is defined in the Code of Federal Regulations as "the unlawful use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives" (28 C.F.R. Section 0.85).

<https://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/terrorism-2002-2005>

Fatah clearly is an active promoter of terrorism.

The Report: Fatah Votes for Terror

The following are the public statements about the Palestinian terror in 2015-2016, expressed on TV, in the print media, and on social media by Fatah Central Committee members who were elected at the Seventh Fatah Conference in December 2016. The terror wave was characterized by almost daily Palestinian violence and terror attacks against Israelis, including stabbings, shootings, car rammings, and throwing of rocks and Molotov cocktails. Beginning on Sept. 13, 2015 with the murder of an Israeli citizen, the frequency of attacks intensified during the next six months and then continued at a slower pace with sporadic, but lethal attacks. In total, 40 people were murdered in attacks by Palestinian terrorists (36 Israelis, 1 Palestinian, 2 Americans and 1 Eritrean) and over 400 were injured.

Fatah and its leadership were not passive observers of this terror wave. Rather, as this report documents, they openly and actively backed the terror, expressing support for the violence and glorifying the terrorist murderers as heroes. The terror promotion by top Fatah reelected Central Committee members included:

Jibril Rajoub: “We in the Fatah movement bless and encourage them. We consider them heroes and a crown on the head of every Palestinian”

Mahmoud Al-Aloul: “Whoever loves the *Shahada* (i.e., Martyrdom death) is not afraid of the settler herds...#let's_continue_the_attacks”

Jamal Muhaisen: “It is the right of our young men to cause Israeli women to cry”

Abbas Zaki: “They [the Martyrs] are giants and leaders. Whoever succeeded in killing, this is a big thing.”

The following are the activities and statements of each of the Fatah leaders promoting, glorifying, and defending the terror.

(Information on all terrorists mentioned appears in appendix 1. All emphasis in bold has been added by PMW.)

Fatah Central Committee Members

Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Palestinian Authority and the Fatah Central Committee

The Fatah Central Committee is Fatah’s governing body and is headed by Mahmoud Abbas. Abbas himself encouraged violence, endorsed the terror attacks, and did not condemn a single terror attack during the terror wave of 2015-2016. Abbas on a number of occasions even described the attacks in which Israelis were murdered as “peaceful uprising.”

Abbas personally encouraged and in retrospect signaled the start of the terror wave in September 2015, when he called on Palestinians to “do everything in our power to protect” Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque against the Jews’ “filthy feet.” In a statement broadcast on official PA TV News

and also publicized on his personal website, Abbas endorsed violent confrontation with Israel and the seeking of Martyrdom (*Shahada* - Death for Allah). Abbas told Palestinians that whoever dies or gets injured will “reach Paradise”:

“We bless you, we bless the *Murabitin* (those carrying out *Ribat*, religious conflict/war to protect land claimed to be Islamic), **we bless every drop of blood that has been spilled for Jerusalem, which is clean and pure blood, blood spilled for Allah, Allah willing. Every Martyr (*Shahid*) will reach Paradise, and everyone wounded will be rewarded by Allah.** The Al-Aqsa [Mosque] is ours, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is ours, and **they have no right to defile them with their filthy feet. We will not allow them to, and we will do everything in our power to protect Jerusalem.**”

[Official PA TV and official website of Abbas, Sept. 16, 2015]

When lethal Palestinian terrorism followed Abbas’ “**blessing every drop of blood,**” including shootings, stabbings, car rammings, and throwing of Molotov cocktails, Abbas continued to defend the violence using the same religious, Islamic justification. Four Israeli civilians had already been murdered and dozens had been injured, when Abbas on TV justified the violence and the murder as a “right” to “protect our holy sites”:

“The Palestinian side did not attack and did not do anything against the Israelis. If they [Israelis] think that the [Palestinian] people in Jerusalem are protecting themselves, that is our right. We have to protect our holy sites.”

[Official PA TV, Oct. 6, 2015 and
Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 7, 2015]

Abbas made these statements on Oct. 6, 2015, less than a week after Palestinian terrorists had murdered 4 Israeli civilians: A young couple were shot and murdered in their car in front of their children who were in the back seat, 2 men were stabbed to death after a terrorist attacked a family walking to the Western Wall.

Throughout the terror wave Abbas continued to defend the violence as necessary in defense of the Muslim holy site being defiled by the presence of Jews. In March 2016, Abbas again referred to the terror wave as “the peaceful popular uprising” and justified it as a legitimate response because Israel, he claimed, had “continued to defile the Islamic and Christian holy sites.” [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, March 3, 2016]

Abbas even attacked Israel's defending itself against Palestinian terror, presenting the terrorists as victims:

“The Israeli government is escalating its strong offensive against the Palestinian people everywhere... Honestly, we do not know what the reason is for this.”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, March 3, 2016]

In vague terms when addressing international forums Abbas at times claimed that he was “against bloodshed,” but he refused to define the murderous Palestinian attacks as shedding blood. In fact the opposite was true; he referred to them as “peaceful.”

Two months into the terror wave, Abbas described the Palestinians as victims, and the Palestinian violence as “peaceful,” stressing “we want peaceful popular uprising, and **that’s what this is**”:

Mahmoud Abbas: “No one called for this uprising (i.e., Oct. - Nov. 2015 terror attacks) and no one asked for it. It stemmed from the hearts of the young who have seen everything with their own eyes. They have seen the oppression, the settlements and they have seen the attacks by the herds of settlers, and therefore **they have done what they have done** (i.e., 14 killed by stabbings and shootings). **We said to everyone that we want peaceful popular uprising, and that’s what this is. That’s what this is.** However, the aggression of firing bullets has come from the Israelis.”



[Official PA TV, Nov. 16, 2015]

What Abbas called “peaceful popular uprising” had at that time already included:

- 65 stabbings
- 8 shootings
- 8 car rammings
- Total murdered: 14
- Total wounded: 167

[Between Oct. 1 - Nov. 13, 2015, Source: "Wave of terror October-November 2015," <http://mfa.gov.il>]

Two months later, the day after 15-year-old Palestinian terrorist Morad Adais stabbed 38-year-old Israeli Dafna Meir to death in front of her children in her home in the town of Otniel, south of Hebron, Abbas again defined the Palestinian terror as “peaceful” and described the Palestinians were victims:

Abbas: “We are against spilling of blood, the blood of any human being. Their sex, race, or religion make no difference to us. A human being is a human being... We are all human beings, and therefore we make every effort to prevent the spilling of a drop of anyone's blood. Therefore we say to our brothers and people: We are in a state of despair, and we know that the doors are shut before us, and that the Israeli leadership is trying to shut all doors, but **our resistance will remain peaceful, and we will never ask to do anything different.** On the contrary, every day we have 3 or 4 Martyrs (*Shahids*), without any reason or justification.”

[Live broadcast from Armenian Theophany celebrations in Bethlehem, Official PA TV, Jan. 18, 2016]

Because of this rhetoric, some international observers wrongly concluded that Abbas was against the wave of terror attacks against Israelis.

In February 2016, Fatah Central Committee member **Mahmoud Al-Aloul** reiterated Abbas’ position that murdering Israelis was “peaceful,” when he said that both the Fatah Movement and Mahmoud Abbas supported the wave of attacks because it was “peaceful”:

Headline: "Al-Aloul: The occupation's crimes will not pass in silence, and **the president [Abbas] and Fatah support the popular uprising**"

"Fatah Central Committee member and Fatah Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization **Mahmoud Al-Aloul emphasized the support of Fatah and President Mahmoud Abbas for the peaceful popular uprising as one of the types of resistance.** Al-Aloul said today, Tuesday [Feb. 9, 2016], in an interview with Radio Mawtini: '**President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership support the peaceful popular uprising being waged by the people** in order to achieve its freedom and the basic national principles – independence, return [of refugees], and freedom,' and added that the Israeli occupation left us no choice but to carry out a popular uprising against it."

[*Donia Al-Watan* (independent Palestinian news agency), Feb. 9, 2016]

Jibril Rajoub, reelected to the Fatah Central Committee, later appointed Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee (former Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee)

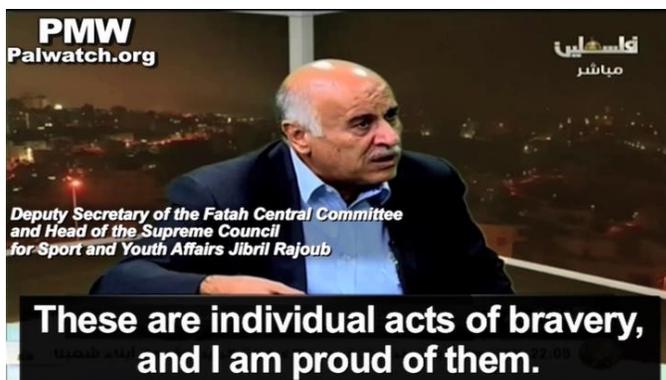
Jibril Rajoub received the highest number of votes in the elections to Fatah's Central Committee, following the symbolic vote for imprisoned terrorist Marwan Barghouti. After the elections, Rajoub was appointed by Abbas as Secretary of the new Central Committee. Prior to the elections, Rajoub held the following positions of leadership: Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee, Head of the Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association, and Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee.

During the terror wave, Rajoub was among the most explicit supporters of terror among the Fatah leaders. He actively promoted terror, expressed pride in the murderers, blessed and encouraged them, described acts of murder as bravery and used his title as head of the Olympic Committee to sponsor a sports tournament named after a murderer of two civilians. His election puts him in a leading position to rule Fatah and the Palestinian Authority should 81-year-old Mahmoud Abbas step down in the coming years.

1. Terror attacks are "acts of bravery, I am proud of them"

Jibril Rajoub: "Clearly these are individual operations (i.e., terror attacks); however, they comprise bravery and composure ... This is the Palestinian behavior in the field that comprises a high willingness to sacrifice. You see [an Israeli] soldier with a rifle fleeing [a Palestinian] with a knife or even one with nothing, or [an Israeli] scared in front of a Palestinian, only because he is Palestinian. I

believe the [feeling of] security of this soldier, this racist, will obviously be shaken... **These are individual acts of bravery, and I am proud of them. I congratulate everyone who carried them out. I say to you, we are proud of you...** Whoever confronts, fights, dies as a Martyr, is arrested or injured – his identity is known. What I mean is that the fighter, the prisoner, or the Martyr, they are assets to the entire Palestinian people... **The international community does**



not agree to a bus exploding in Tel Aviv. But the international community does not ask what happens to a settler or soldier in the occupied territories at the wrong time and in the wrong place. No one asks about him! Therefore, we want to fight in such a way that the world and the international community will remain by our side."

[Official PA TV, *Topic of the Day*, Oct. 17, 2015]

This statement by Rajoub is very significant as it indicates the power that the international community has to stop and control Palestinian terror. He admitted that the Palestinian leadership, which is dependent on Western funding, watches carefully to see how the world responds to Palestinian terror. The silence of the international community during the murderous terror campaign led him to conclude that, as opposed to suicide bombings on buses, murder of individual Israelis is acceptable to the international community and therefore should be continued. Murdering Israelis in this way was fighting that would guarantee that "the international community will remain by our side."

Rajoub in a different statement "**blessed and encouraged**" the terrorists **and** confirmed the statement by Mahmoud Al-Aloul cited above about Fatah leadership's support for the terror, saying that Fatah Central Committee itself supported the terror. Below are these and additional statements and activities by Rajoub in support of the Palestinian terror wave.

2. The Fatah Central Committee is "in favor" of the terror wave

Jibril Rajoub: "Yesterday in Hebron, they escorted 17 Martyrs to burial. This is of course a source of pride for all of us. I say that whoever carried out **individual acts of heroism, we in the Fatah movement bless and encourage them. We consider them heroes and a crown on the head of every Palestinian.** At this point, when there is weakening and frustration, there is a group of people, beginning with our brother Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2) and ending with the last Martyr... There is a competition between individuals. This is one of the issues we need to address – **are we for or against it? I say that we in the [Fatah] Central Committee have discussed this matter, and we are in favor.**" [Official PA TV, Jan. 2, 2016]



3. "You are heroes, we bless you, you are a crown on our heads"

Jibril Rajoub: "And from here we say to the 145 Martyrs (Palestinians killed during the current wave of terror, most while carrying out attacks –Ed.) – **You are heroes and we bless you and strengthen your families, and say to you: You are a crown on our heads, until the Hour [of Resurrection] comes. And Allah will lengthen the lives of your family members, on the principle that**



Allah will honor them through you, so that they will see the establishment of the Palestinian state, which is our hope and aspiration. [Fatah-run Awdah TV, Jan. 6, 2016]

4. Rajoub sponsored tennis tournament named after terrorist Halabi, murderer of 2

Headline: "Martyr Muhannad Halabi

Tournament:

"Vice President of the Palestine Table Tennis Association, Radwan Al-Sharif, crowned the Hebron Al-Ahli Club team as the Palestine Cup Champion for 2015 – the Martyr (*Shahid*) Muhannad Halabi Tournament... The championship was held on Friday [Dec. 18, 2015] under the patronage of Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestine Olympic Committee, and took place in the Martyr Yasser Arafat Center for Youth in Bethlehem."



Text in banner: "Under patronage of the leader Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestine Olympic Committee. Palestine Cup – Martyr Muhannad Halabi Tennis Table Tournament 2015" [Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Dec. 19, 2015]

Mahmoud Al-Aloul, reelected to the Fatah Central Committee

Mahmoud Al-Aloul was reelected as member of the Fatah Central Committee and Fatah's Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization. Al-Aloul promoted terror and called for more terror attacks during the terror wave.

1. Shortly after the murders of 4 Israeli civilians in two separate attacks on Oct. 1 and 3, 2015, which triggered the terror wave, Mahmoud Al-Aloul addressed Palestinian youth on his Facebook page "**Let's make the country a hell for the enemies**":

"#Resist_boycott_rise up (literally "make intifada")

#General_mobilization_Fatah's_Shabiba [student movement]

More resistance and escalation against the occupation everywhere. Let's make the country a hell for the enemies and tell them clearly, in a way that will split the sky - resist, boycott, advance, rise up, for our land is forbidden to the enemies, and **all the members of the Shabiba (i.e., Fatah youth and student movement) are potential Martyrs for the beloved Palestine.**"

[Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul's Facebook page, Oct. 5, 2015]

2. "Let's continue the attacks"

In another post, Al-Aloul stated that "**whoever loves the Shahada (i.e., Martyrdom death)** is not afraid of the settler herds." He ended with the following words of encouragement: "and **#let's_continue_the_attacks**"

[Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul's Facebook page, Oct. 5, 2015]

3. Encouraging death for the Al-Aqsa Mosque

Al-Aloul also posted a video and song encouraging Martyrdom for the Al-Aqsa Mosque, with visuals showing Fatah fighters with weapons:

"O, Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (i.e., Fatah military wing),

Revolution, honor, victory and generosity,

My blood will be shed for Al-Aqsa

My blood will rebel until our return"

[Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul's Facebook page, Oct. 1, 2015]

4. Stabbers, one of whom murdered 2, are "moons above the heads of the free men"

Text posted on his Facebook page with images of terrorists:

"Martyr (*Shahid*) after Martyr

Our Martyrs are moons above the heads of the free men

[From right to left:]

Martyr Muhannad Shafiq Halabi

(murdered 2 –Ed.)

Age: 21

Martyr Fadi Samir Alloun

(stabbed 1 –Ed.)

Age: 19

Martyr Hudhaifa Othman Suleiman

(killed in confrontations with the Israeli army –Ed.)

Age: 18"



[Official Facebook page of Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Oct. 5, 2015]

5. Al-Aloul repeated claim of Fatah responsibility for murder of two parents in front of their children

At the beginning of the terror wave, Al-Aloul was quick to repeat the claim of Fatah responsibility for the murder of a young Israeli couple, Eitam and Naama Henkin, in front of their four children, even though it turned out to be a Hamas attack. Al-Aloul posted this quote on his Facebook page:

"Palestine Today: The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, the military wing of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement Fatah, accepted responsibility for the Itamar operation (i.e., murder of Eitam and Naama Henkin), carried out against **settlers, leading to their deaths.**"

[Official Facebook page of Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Oct. 1, 2015]

6. Al-Aloul spoke at a Fatah event supporting the terror and in honor of the *Shahids* – Martyrs, including murderers:

"I salute you, Martyrs' relatives and our sisters here in Hebron... **They [the Martyrs] are the pride of this nation, and they have brought glory to the Arab and Islamic nation.**"

[PNN, independent Palestinian news agency, Feb. 4, 2016]

Saeb Erekat, reelected to the Fatah Central Committee

Saeb Erekat was reelected as member of the Fatah Central Committee and also serves as PLO Chief Negotiator. Erekat said prisoners were in jail for “**their acts of heroism.**”

1. Erekat on imprisoned terrorists: "Our brave prisoners... We bow our heads in admiration and honor of the prisoners` sacrifices [and] for their acts of heroism"

"Crowds of the Jericho and [Jordan] Valley district expressed full solidarity with the prisoners... Erekat said: '**Our brave prisoners, who gave and sacrificed their freedom for Palestine and its freedom**, are worthy of aid, support, and constant activity by us in order to release them and put an end to their suffering. The prisoners' cause is a national and central cause, and **we bow our heads in admiration and honor of the prisoners' sacrifices, for their acts of heroism, and for their ongoing battle with the occupation.'**"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 19, 2016]

2. Erekat claims Palestinian terror is self-defense

"Saeb Erekat said: 'The Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people still continues, through summary executions and collective punishments.' Likewise, he emphasized: '**We are protecting ourselves with the bodies of our sons and daughters**, because Israel does not protect itself, but rather its crimes, occupation and settlement.' Erekat said: 'Whoever wants calm, must stop the aggression against the Palestinian people immediately.'"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 26, 2015]

3. Erekat responds to Israeli criticism after visiting the family of terrorist who was an officer in PA intelligence services: Terrorist is "my son"

"The Israeli government accused the greatest of the Palestinian negotiators [Saeb Erekat] of supporting what they called 'terror' today after he paid his condolences to the family of a Martyr (*Shahid*) who ascended to Heaven because the Israeli occupation army shot him at the Hizme checkpoint, east of occupied Jerusalem. Ofir Gendelman, Israeli government spokesperson, tweeted from his personal Twitter account: 'The PA's open support of terror has been exposed. **Saeb Erekat consoles the family of a Palestinian security officer who was killed while carrying out a terror attack...**' Erekat responded to what Gendelman wrote by saying: 'I am honored to console my sister and my cousin Hassan over the death of our son Mazen as a Martyr.'"

[Donia Al-Watan (independent Palestinian news agency), Dec. 5, 2015]

4. Erekat claimed that two terrorists who were killed during their attacks were innocent and framed by Israel

Erekat: "A woman from Jericho, Israa Ja'abis, who has an 11-year-old son and travels to Jerusalem daily. **Her car had an electrical fault and the airbags inflated, and [the Israeli forces] immediately fired at her.** They [Israel] immediately said it was a suicide attack. The same happened with Fadi Alloun."

[Official PA TV, Oct. 13, 2015]

5. Erekat chose this terror period to honor past terrorists, including Abu Jihad, responsible for the deaths of 125 Israelis:

“The Jericho branch of the Al-Quds Open University held a national rally yesterday to mark Palestinian Prisoner’s Day, the eternal Land Day, the anniversary of the death as a Martyr (*Shahid*) of commander Khalil Al-Wazir ‘Abu Jihad’...

Secretary of the PLO Executive Committee Saeb Erekat said: **‘We remember the anniversary of the two Kamals (i.e., Kamal Adwan and Kamal Nasser) and Abu Yusuf, the anniversary of our teacher Abu Jihad....’**

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 13, 2016]

Jamal Muhaisen, reelected to the Fatah Central Committee

Jamal Muhaisen was reelected as member of the Fatah Central Committee and is Fatah Commissioner for Diaspora Branches. He supported and defended murdering Israelis. “The settlers’ presence is illegal, **and therefore every measure taken against them is legitimate and legal,**” he said. He also repeated Abbas’ message that the motivation for the violence was defense of Al-Aqsa, and went one step further: He explained that violence was needed to help achieve political benefit for Palestinians internationally.

1. “Every measure taken against settlers” is “legitimate and legal” – a few days after brutal murder of 2 parents in front of their children

“Fatah Central Committee member Jamal Muhaisen stated that the Palestinian people have proven that its life and blood have little value [compared] to support for the Al-Aqsa Mosque and achieving freedom and independence... Muhaisen stressed that **it is important that the popular uprising increases,** in order to deal with the occupation’s crimes and the settlers. He clarified that the settlers’ presence is illegal, **and therefore every measure taken against them is legitimate and legal.**”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 7, 2015]

2. At memorial for killer of 2 civilians: “It is the right of our young men to cause Israeli women to cry”

Jamal Muhaisen **participated in a rally honoring Palestinian terrorist murderer of 2 civilians Muhannad Halabi,** and **“saluted the soul of [the] Martyr, who detonated the Jerusalem intifada.”** The Fatah official expressed his support for the murders committed by Halabi, and other shooting and stabbing murders:

“Fatah Central Committee member Jamal **Muhaisen declared his pride while standing in the presence of the Martyrs** who rebelled for Jerusalem and the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque. **Muhaisen saluted the soul of Martyr Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2), who detonated the Jerusalem Intifada,** and emphasized that it is a revolution against the criminal occupation, which is supported by the fascist American administration. He said: ‘Maybe we do not have planes or tanks, but we have willpower that can defeat the occupation and achieve victory,’ and added: **‘It is the right of our young men to cause Israeli women to cry** like our women are crying, even though our women make sounds of joy after their sons’ and husbands’ deaths as Martyrs.”

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Nov. 14, 2015]

3. Muhaisen was disappointed when Palestinian terror started to decrease. In May 2016, Muhaisen stressed that it would have been better had the terror wave reached complete armed conflict:

“It would be better if it had not let up, and that it would escalate so it would reach the stage of intifada.”

[Official PA TV, May 26, 2016]

He further explained that terror has political value. This went even further than Rajoub who feels that limited terror is fighting in a way that **“the international community will remain by our side.”** Muhaisen feels that terror has a positive political goal of sending a message to the international community:

“If we want to do something to support the activity taking place in the international arena, then there must be an escalating popular resistance in the field to support the political activity of the leadership and to convey a message to the international community.”

Although he does not elaborate what the “message” is, Muhaisen assumes that the international community will be motivated to act in some way on behalf of the Palestinians in response to terror.

“I repeat: The popular uprising which has let up at the moment - it would be better if it had not let up, and that it would escalate so it would reach the stage of intifada, because the activity in the field, the popular resistance in the field, supports the Palestinian leadership in its activities and therefore it yields achievements for the Palestinian people. The first Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel, 1987-1993) yielded achievements, and the popular uprising also played a role in supporting the political effort being led by the leadership... **We hoped to reach the stage of intifada.** Therefore I repeat, if we want to do something to support the activity taking place in the international arena, then **there must be an escalating popular resistance in the field to support the political activity of the leadership and to convey a message to the international community.”**

[Official PA TV, May 26, 2016]

4. Muhaisen spoke in December 2016 at an event honoring terrorists who had carried out attacks and “died as Martyrs” during the terror wave. Honoring them, Muhaisen again presented the terror wave as a religious war in defense of holy sites:

“The families of the Qalandiya [refugee] camp Martyrs (*Shahids*) held a mass ceremony two days ago [Dec. 10, 2016] for the first anniversary of their sons’ deaths as Martyrs... He [Muhaisen] added: ‘Today we mark the first anniversary of [the deaths of] **the seven heroic Martyr stars who watered the ground of this camp with their blood in order to defend the Al-Aqsa Mosque and our Islamic and Christian holy sites.”**

[*Al-Quds*, Dec. 12, 2016]

Abbas Zaki, reelected to the Fatah Central Committee

Abbas Zaki was reelected as member of the Fatah Central Committee and also holds the position of Commissioner of Arab and China Relations. He was an open supporter of the terror wave. The terrorists were “giants and leaders.”

1. Murderers of 4 are giants and terrorists will have “institutions named” after them

Abbas Zaki: “They [the Martyrs] are **giants and leaders** who have written the future of the region. These Martyrs of the Al-Aqsa [Mosque] have outshined the political leadership and scared Israel...

Raed [Jaradat] (i.e., terrorist who stabbed 1) is not [merely] a Martyr from [the town of] Sa’ir, or the Hebron district. Raed is **just like Iyad Al-Awawdeh (i.e., terrorist who stabbed 1), Alaa Abu Jamal (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2), and Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2).**

These are **pioneers**. Raed is one of the greatest pioneers... I believe that, **Allah willing, something will be built and named after him.** When Palestine is liberated, Allah willing, **he will have at least an institution named after him, and a statue made of him...** Everyone who loves Palestine and wants Israel to be scared, should salute [all] the deceased - whether they were Martyrdom-seekers, or Martyrs. **Whoever succeeded in killing, this is a big thing,** and whoever succeeded in at least scaring the Israeli pedestrian is also a Martyr.”



[Official PA TV, Oct. 31, 2015]

2. Allah loves the young Palestinians who use rocks and knives, and reiterated Abbas’ claim that killing Israelis with knives is “peaceful resistance”

Abbas Zaki: “This is a year of challenge. We must challenge [Israel] without fear... by the sacrifices being made now by **our young people, with rocks and knives,** through which Palestinians have once again imposed a new parameter in the equation of the struggle... We are now witnessing a **phenomenon called peaceful popular resistance.** How? **These young people, youth, believed in Allah and Allah loved them and took them to Him, but their funerals are greater than those of the leaders** and the sympathy for them is great.”

[Official PA TV, Dec. 29, 2015]

3. Zaki praised young Palestinians who “succeeded in making Israel worry, with rocks and knives”

Abbas Zaki: “**Who took action? The young from the Oslo generation who are in the prime of their youth did, [those] whom Allah chose and loved. They chose the path of Martyrdom (Shahada). Yes, they marched of their own will on the illuminated path to Paradise. They succeeded in making Israel worry, with rocks and knives,** and in imposing a curfew on several parts of our occupied land, the so-called State of Israel.”

[Facebook page of Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki, Jan. 4, 2016]

Tawfiq Tirawi, reelected to the Fatah Central Committee

Tawfiq Tirawi was reelected as Central Committee member and supported the terror attacks. He called it “the popular uprising” and focused on “armed struggle,” i.e., terror, as a valid and successful political tool:

1. Fatah “turned to armed struggle at the appropriate time;” “Popular uprising is one of the methods of the struggle”

Headline: “Tirawi: Fatah continues to invent new methods to restore our people’s rights”
“Fatah Central Committee member [and former head of the PA General Intelligence] Tawfiq Tirawi, said that Fatah has used all methods of struggle to restore our people’s rights. In an interview with Radio Mawtini, Tirawi stated yesterday: ‘The Fatah movement has set out to put the Palestinian people back on the political map through a variety of means.’

Tirawi added that ‘the Fatah movement has succeeded, thanks to its flexibility, in finding the appropriate method of struggle for each stage.’ He clarified that the movement turned to armed struggle at the appropriate time, and when conditions enabled it, and that it also took the path of popular uprising, in addition to political and diplomatic struggle, and appealing to UN institutions. He also said that the popular uprising is one of the methods of the struggle to restore Palestinian rights.”

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 31, 2015]

2. During the first month of the terror wave, Tirawi proudly described his two-year-old son’s wanting to honor Martyrs and participate in violence:



Fatah Central Committee member Tawfiq Tirawi: “The Palestinian by nature and education feels a sense of belonging to the land and the homeland. **Listen, my son is two years and ten months old. Yesterday, he sang to his mother: ‘Escort the Martyr to his wedding.’** He doesn’t know the meaning of this song (i.e., the Islamic belief that Martyrs marry 72 Virgins in Paradise). **Today his mother told me that he sang: ‘Daddy, buy me a machine gun and a rifle, so that I will defeat Israel and the Zionists.’ A boy who is not yet three!** A Palestinian grows up with a feeling of belonging to the land, the homeland, and the people.”

[Official PA TV, Oct. 27, 2015]

3. During the terror wave, Tirawi chose to honor the murderers Abd Al-Rahim Nasif, Ahmad Abd Al-'Al, and Muhammad Hanafi, who murdered an Israeli mother and her 2 children in 1974. Tirawi called the terrorists "Martyrs" who "provided a model of struggle." Also, it should be noted that he referred to an Northern Israeli city nowhere near the West Bank as "the city of Nahariya in occupied Palestine":

Text and picture posted on the Facebook page of Tawfiq Tirawi

Posted text: "On June 23, 1974 (sic., the terror attack was on June 25), a unit of Palestinian self-sacrificing (*Fida'i*) fighters attacked the city of Nahariya in occupied Palestine in a battle that lasted five hours, during which **the commanders of the operation died as Martyrs (*Shahids*), and provided a model of struggle** that the years and days are unable to erase."

[Facebook page of Tawfiq Tirawi, member



of Fatah Central Committee, June 23, 2016]

Tirawi's "model of struggle" as stated was the murder of a young mother and her two children.

4. After the terror wave had died down, Tirawi specified that he supports armed struggle, explaining that it needs proper preparation and timing:

Tawfiq Tirawi: "There are 30 methods of struggle, starting with demonstration and ending with the most extreme, armed struggle, and what is between them. Every one of these methods has its own factors, its own political conditions, it has a geographical situation. After all, currently you can demonstrate, but can you come and tell me: 'Now I want to do an armed struggle'? How? You need geographical depth, logistical capabilities, material capabilities, etc. This matter requires of you preparation for every stage separately. There is a stage that has ended, and a stage that we have moved on to. However, have you abandoned any of the methods of the struggle? **I say to you that the Fatah Movement has not abandoned any of the methods of the struggle, but rather it chooses the appropriate time and the appropriate path for choosing the appropriate method of the struggle.**"

[Official PA TV, *To Palestine*, Aug. 22, 2016]

Azzam Al-Ahmad, reelected member of the Fatah Central Committee

Azzam Al-Ahmad who was reelected as member of the Fatah Central Committee, also expressed support for the terror attacks.

1. Eight Fatah leaders made a condolence visit to the family of terrorist Muhannad Halabi, murderer of 2 Israelis in Jerusalem. Speaking on behalf of the Fatah Movement, Azzam Al-Ahmad said that “the Palestinian people” is “determined to fight – whatever the sacrifices might be.”

“A Fatah leadership delegation expressed condolences yesterday [Oct. 10, 2015] over the death of Martyr (*Shahid*) Muhannad Halabi (i.e., murderer of 2) in El-Bireh. Likewise, the delegation visited the wounded of the non-stop Israeli aggression against our people on the West Bank. The delegation included Central Committee members Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Azzam Al-Ahmad, Jamal Muhaisen, and Nabil Shaath, and Fatah spokesman Ahmad Assaf, Ramallah branch Secretary Muwaffaq Sahwil, Deputy Commissioner recruitment for Shabiba [Fatah youth] Abd Al-Mun'im Wahdan, Shabiba Secretary-General Hassan Faraj, and members of the Ramallah and El-Bireh Fatah branch...

In the mourners' tent, brother **Azzam Al-Ahmad spoke in the name of the delegation.** He **expressed condolences** in the name of the Fatah movement, and emphasized that **the Palestinian people will continue to protect itself against this aggression, and that it is more determined to fight – whatever the sacrifices might be** – until the occupation disappears and its independent state with its capital in Jerusalem will be established.”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Oct. 11, 2015]

2. **Azzam Al-Ahmad “welcomed” the “popular uprising”**

“Fatah Central Committee member Azzam Al-Ahmad ... referred to the popular uprising and welcomed it, and emphasized that it came as a natural response to the escalating crimes of the occupation against the Palestinian people.”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Nov. 17, 2015]

3. As the terror wave was waning in the end of 2016, Al-Ahmad called to “expand the popular resistance” – a Palestinian euphemism for the terror wave – during a condolence visit to the family of a terrorist, who was shot and killed the day before after shooting and injuring three Israeli soldiers:

“Chairman of Fatah’s parliamentary faction and Fatah Central Committee member Azzam Al-Ahmad **called to expand the popular resistance** in order to support the prisoners... during a condolence visit to the family of Martyr (*Shahid*) Muhammad Turkeman...”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 26, 2016]

Muhammad Shtayyeh, reelected member of the Fatah Central Committee

Reelected Fatah central Committee Member Muhammad Shtayyeh stressed support for Fatah's use of violence

1. Shtayyeh supported violence in a public talk in Chicago during the terror wave:

“This excellent gathering [in Chicago] is taking place at a time when we stand before a number of important turning points, the first of which is the **popular uprising** (i.e., terror attacks) being led by the young Palestinians to show their resistance to the occupation and in response to the closing of the political horizon. The occupation responds to this uprising with the most violent method of killing, summary execution of young people under the policy of ‘shoot to kill’... **It is our obligation to protect our land** and people and to oppose the occupation and its mechanisms **through all possible means**... If they think we will continue to be hostage to the option of negotiation, they are deluded, because the negotiation table has shown its inability to end the occupation for a number of reasons... **All options are open.**”

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Feb. 2, 2016]

Nasser Al-Qidwa, reelected member of the Fatah Central Committee

Reelected Fatah central Committee Member Nasser Al-Qidwa expressed support for use of violence

1. At a Fatah meeting during the terror wave, Al-Qidwa stated his support for violence:
“Fatah Central Committee member Nasser Al-Qidwa spoke about the difficulty of the current stage that the Palestinian cause is going through... **and it is necessary to continue to double the efforts to realize the dream of the state through all means and ways.**
Al-Qidwa said: ‘The popular uprising (i.e., terror attacks) comes as a natural response to the policies of the Israeli enemy, which has ignored all of the efforts to establish the Palestinian state.”

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Feb. 19, 2016]

Sabri Saidam, new member of the Fatah Central Committee

Sabri Saidam, who serves as PA Minister of Education and Higher Education was elected member of the Fatah Central Committee in the December 2016 elections. During the terror wave, Saidam expressed his support for murderers and other terrorists who had attacked Israelis, and honored them as those whose “efforts support the heroic epic battle in Jerusalem, [and] embody loyalty to our national principles”

1. **“Glory and eternity to our pure-hearted Martyrs”**

The following press release was issued by the PA Ministry of Education on Oct. 8, 2015, only a few days after 4 Israelis were murdered by Palestinian terrorists and several others were wounded in other stabbing attacks, sparking the terror wave.

“In the name of Allah the All-Merciful

Press release from the [PA] Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the General Union of Palestinian teachers:

On Oct. 7, 2015, **representatives of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, led by Minister Sabri Saidam**, met with representatives of the General Union of Palestinian Teachers, led by [Secretary-General of the General Union of Palestinian Teachers] Ahmed Sahwil, in the presence of members of the General Secretariat of the union and secretaries of the homeland branches.

During the meeting, both sides **expressed their appreciation of the sacrifice of our people, and their efforts to support the heroic epic battle in Jerusalem, embodying loyalty to our national principles. They sent greetings of admiration for the Martyrs (Shahids), the wounded, and the prisoners, whose position has formed the basis for our righteous cause which continues blazing the memories of generations... Glory and eternity to our pure-hearted Martyrs, a speedy recovery to our injured, and freedom to our prisoners.**”

[PA Ministry of Education’s website, Oct. 8, 2015]

2. Minister Sabri Saidam attended a ceremony granting honorary law degrees to 2 dead terrorists who attacked Israelis, and praised them as “the beacon that guides us and the lights that light the path to liberation for us”

“As part of the graduation ceremony – which included students in the administrative fields and bachelors of law students – four of [Modern] University College’s Martyrs (*Shahids*) who died in recent months and who were supposed to graduate in this class, were recognized as graduates. The Martyrs are: Martyr Jaafar Awad, graduate Martyr Mahmoud Alyan, **graduate Martyr Ahmad Jahajha, and graduate Martyr Ali Al-Kar.**

Present at the ceremony were [PA] **Minister of Education and Higher Education Sabri Saidam... In his speech, Minister of Education and Higher Education Sabri Saidam...** turned to the Martyrs’ relatives and emphasized that these families are not alone and will never be alone, as the homeland, the liberation, and the independence require sacrifices and struggle at all levels. **He noted that the Martyrs of the Modern University College, like the rest of the homeland’s Martyrs, will continue to be the beacon that guides us and the lights that light the path to liberation for us.**

In his speech, Chairman of Modern University College’s Board of Trustees Samer Al-Shuyoukhi said:... ‘Modern University College remembers four of its students... we recognize them as graduates, like their colleagues. They are Modern [University College’s] Martyrs, who died in the popular uprising (i.e., terror attacks).’”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 3, 2016]

3. Saidam stresses “loyalty to path” of murderers

“[PA] **Minister of Education and Higher Education, Sabri Saidam ...** visited the exam halls of the Martyr Izzat Abu Al-Rub High School. **The visit was held in honor of the souls of three of its students who died this year as Martyrs... Saidam again emphasized the loyalty to the path of the martyrs and the deceased, to their sacrifice and their last wills...**

It should be noted that students at the school **included Martyr Ahmad Awwad Abu Al-Rub - who died as a Martyr** on Nov. 2 (sic., Nov. 11 – Ed.), 2015, at the Jalame checkpoint in Jenin, while accompanied by his friend Mahmoud Ma’mam Abu Kmeil, who was also a high school student [and] who was wounded and arrested afterwards, and **Martyr Ahmad Najah Abu Al-Rub - who died as a Martyr** last Feb. 3 [2016] in Jerusalem with his friends **Ahmad**

Zakarneh and Muhammad Kmeil, who died as Martyrs together with him (i.e., after murdering an Israeli policewoman).

The students taking the high school matriculation exams in the school's different courses of study, who number 175, gave themselves the name: 'Class of Martyrs Kmeil and Abu Al-Rub.' **Minister Saidam said:** 'After the announcement of the results of the high school matriculation exams, **a tribute to the Martyrs' families will be held at this school as a sign of loyalty to them and to their sacrifice.**'"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, June 12, 2016]

Samir Al-Rifai, new member of the Fatah Central Committee

During the terror wave, then member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, and since elected to the Fatah Central Committee, Samir Al-Rifai, expressed his support for the individual attacks by Palestinians, and emphasized his "solidarity" with the stabbers' "challenging the Zionist war machine":

Posted text: "During the solidarity vigil of members of our Palestinian people with the Palestinian people's intifada (i.e., terror attacks) in the occupied Interior (i.e., Palestinian term for Israel) in front of the Al-Yarmouk refugee camp [in Syria]... **Fatah Revolutionary Council member Dr. Samir Al-Rifai** stated in the interview: 'Today was [a day of] Palestinian rage in the occupied land, in the cities and villages of Palestine. **It was a day of rage and solidarity with the young Palestinians who succeeded in challenging the Zionist war machine with these knives, in order to restore the Palestinian cause to its natural place.**' ...

Dr. Samir Al-Rifai emphasized in his exclusive interview with [news agency] Daymumah that all of the Palestinians in the various refugee camps in the diaspora stood as one body in a sign of **solidarity with this blessed uprising**, in order to express their absolute support for the intifada."

[Facebook page of Fatah's branch in Syria, Dec. 25, 2015]



Sultan Abu Al-Einein (not reelected to the Fatah Central Committee)

Sultan Abu Al-Einein is PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas' advisor on NGOs and served as a member of the Fatah Central Committee throughout the 2015-2016 terror wave. Although Abu Al-Einein was not reelected to the Fatah Central Committee in the elections, he continues to serve as an advisor to Abbas. It is uncertain if he will be reappointed to the Central Committee by Abbas.

During the terror wave, Abu Al-Einein was one of the most outspoken supporters of terror and terrorists among the Fatah leaders.

1. Attack of terrorist stabber who killed 2 is "heroic"

Text posted with image: “Page in honor of Jerusalem and saluting those within it
The lions of Allah in Jerusalem are protecting it
Kiss their foreheads, and do not forget their hands”

“**Picture of the Martyr (Shahid) Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2)**, 19 years old, resident of El-Bireh in the Ramallah district, **who carried out the stabbing and shooting operation** (i.e., terror attack) against settlers in occupied Jerusalem, which led to the death of two settlers and serious injury of additional settlers this evening [Oct. 3, 2015].

The last thing the **Martyr** wrote on his Facebook page, 21 hours before he carried out his **heroic operation** was: ‘According to what I see, the third Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel) has already broken out. What is happening in Jerusalem is what is happening to our holy sites and the place from where our Prophet [Muhammad] set out on his Night Journey (i.e., the Al-Aqsa Mosque), and what is happening to the women of the Al-Aqsa [Mosque] is what is happening to our mothers and sisters, and I do not think the people should succumb to this humiliation.’



[Facebook page of Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and member of Fatah Central Committee Sultan Abu Al-Einein, Oct. 4, 2015]

2. It is Fatah’s official position Palestinians should be “armed” and “confront the settlers”

Headline: “Abu Al-Einein: ‘My call to arm the citizens reflects the position of the Fatah movement’”

“[Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and] Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein stated: ‘The revocation of [my] VIP document (the holder of a Palestinian VIP travel document is entitled to international passage free of fees, and VIP treatment –Ed.) because of **my recent call to arm the [Palestinian] citizens** in view of the settlers’ arrogance, is an honor for me. This step means nothing when Palestinian blood is spilled.’ **Abu Al-Einein added that his call to arm the [Palestinian] citizens in order to confront the settlers and the occupation is the [Fatah] movement’s position**, even if ‘some’ do not like it.

He noted that **this is not only his personal position**, and stressed his insistence on this call... It should be noted that the occupation informed Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein of the [revocation] of his VIP document during his trip to Jordan today [Oct. 13, 2015], (Tuesday).”

[Facebook page of Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and member of Fatah Central Committee Sultan Abu Al-Einein and Falestinona, website of Fatah's Information and Culture Commission in Lebanon, Oct. 13, 2015]

3. Abu Al-Einein "supports, with all his might, the uprising and Intifada... aimed at defending the Al-Aqsa Mosque" from "defilement" and "Judaization"

Headline: "Abu Al-Einein: 'Fatah is united against the occupation under the leadership of the president [Abbas]'"

"Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein denied the report that appeared in the Lebanese *Al-Akhabar* newspaper, regarding the dispute between him and [PA] President Mahmoud Abbas about **Al-Einein's position which supports our people's Intifada against the occupiers.**

Abu Al-Einein stated: '**President Mahmoud Abbas is the head of the Palestinian legitimacy and president of all Palestinians. The Fatah movement stands united at its people's side, with no side-disputes and takes a responsible standpoint in our people's recent confrontations.**' Moreover, he emphasized that he personally supports, with all his might, the uprising and the intifada of our young people, aimed at defending Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and this is the [Fatah] movement's position. Abu Al-Einein added that the fact that the occupiers revoked his VIP document will not influence **his position calling to support the uprising and the intifada of our heroic Palestinian people, in order to defend Jerusalem** against the Judaization and crush the plot to divide the Al-Aqsa Mosque according to areas and times... 'There are no disagreements in Fatah, and there is no right and left. It leads its heroic people in crucial historic moments, and there is no room for supporters and opponents, in light of this crucial historic situation of our national cause. **We will undoubtedly defeat the arrogance of the cowardly settlers who are protected by the occupation army, armed with billions of dollars, while we, our youth and our children come out with our cold weapons (i.e., stones, knives, etc.) to fight back and to defend our Al-Aqsa [Mosque] from any kind of defilement.**' [Falestinona, website of Fatah's Information and Culture Commission in Lebanon, Oct. 14, 2015]

4. To terrorist who killed 1 and wounded 11: "We loved you, while you sowed life for all Palestinians"

Video and text posted on the Facebook page of Sultan Abu Al-Einein. The video contained footage from Israeli security cameras of a terror attack in the Be'er Sheva central bus station on Oct. 18, 2015.

Text in post: "For a long time the Israeli enemy officials have been boasting about the strength of their army, and they have described it as an 'invincible army,' which has become the fourth strongest army in the world. Yesterday [Oct. 18, 2015], we saw the exact truth of this army: A [well-] armed army which was **beaten by Martyr Muhannad Al-Okabi (i.e., terrorist who shot and killed 1 and wounded 11), and before him Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2 and wounded 2), even though he was defenseless, and was not armed with anything but his right to his homeland and his Palestinian will** - the same will which the great armies of the world have not been and will not be able to defeat or harm.

How many messages of sacrifice are showing in this scene? **Armed soldiers throwing down their weapons out of fear of Muhannad's knife, others seeking a wall or fence out of fear of you, hero that you are. We loved you, Muhannad. We loved you, while**

you sowed life for all Palestinians.

We and the whole world saw soldiers flee, despite being armed with their weapons, the moment Martyr Muhannad [Al-Okabi] fell upon them, when he was 'defenseless' or 'pulling out a knife.' Thus **he created another rung on the ladder of Palestinian praise, and has won the medal of honor as a Martyr whose name is engraved on every Palestinian's chest.**

Note: I advise the enemy to arrest everyone whose name is Muhannad."

[Facebook page of Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and member of Fatah Central Committee Sultan Abu Al-Einein, Oct. 19, 2015]

5. **“We want the popular uprising to become an all-out uprising, so that it will... hurt the Israeli enemy”**

“[Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and] Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein... stated in regard to the accusations that the popular uprising acted to weaken and cause cracks in the Palestinian Authority (PA): ‘The uprising is an element of power for the PA, and the PA needs to complement this popular uprising, and not treat it harshly.’ **He emphasized that the popular uprising is not the object of the Fatah and Palestinian leadership’s aspirations, and we want the popular uprising to become an all-out uprising, so that it will become an uprising that hurts the Israeli enemy, and exacts a heavy toll for the occupation’s presence on our land.**”

[Donia Al-Watan (independent Palestinian news agency), Jan. 12, 2016]

6. **“We bow before every drop of blood that has dripped from our children”**

Headline: "Sultan Abu Al-Einein: The continuation of the popular uprising is wearing the occupation down and making it lose sleep"

Abbas’ advisor Sultan Abu Al-Einein (in interview): "What is being carried out daily against our Palestinian people is what stirs the emotions of our people in the street and what causes them to seek a knife. **In my opinion, those seeking knives today will seek rifles and weapons tomorrow** due to this [Israeli] terror. **If the power and pace of the uprising wane a bit, that does not mean it has been stopped, but rather that it is preparing for stronger waves of rage against the Zionist enemy...** I call on all of the Palestinian political powers, without exception, to provide material support to this activity, even just a little... the activity needs leadership in the field in order to develop, so that it will have the means to develop itself in conflict, in a way that will **make the Israeli enemy's presence on our land costlier and more painful, as Palestinian mothers cannot remain the only ones who cry...**

We in the Fatah movement are proud of all the Martyrs (i.e., includes terrorists killed during their attacks), regardless of their [political] affiliation, and we will not allow their families to be harmed, as these Martyrs are our children just as they are their children, and we will rehabilitate their homes, which the Israeli occupation destroys, regardless of the cost...

Blessings to all of our Martyrs, to the residents of Jerusalem who had the honor of igniting the first spark of this activity, to all those who followed in their footsteps in the rest of the homeland, and to the residents of the Hebron district, who have sown fear in all of this cancerous Israeli body. (Many of the terrorists have come from the Hebron district -Ed.) We bow before every drop of blood that has dripped from our children and women, and bow the head before every Martyr and Martyr's mother, who carried her child in her belly and brought him up until he became a young man, and

when they notified her of his death as a Martyr, she let cries of joy loose to the Heavens. "

[Falestinona, website of Fatah's Information and Culture Commission in Lebanon, Jan. 16, 2016]

Official Fatah TV Awdah and Fatah Social Media

Significantly, during the terror wave, Fatah also expressed its support for the attacks on its social media, and would use the TV station it runs to broadcast songs encouraging violence and murder.

Fatah Social Media

Following the lead of the Central Committee members, Fatah's official Facebook page and Twitter account were a central part of the terror campaign, glorifying the terror almost daily. From the outset, Fatah glorified the attacks and the murderers. The following are some examples of its explicit promotion of stabbing murders in numerous posts:



Text: "We'll be victorious or die"
[Official Fatah Facebook page, Oct. 23, 2015]



Text on photo: "#so_what"
[Official Fatah Facebook page, Nov. 7, 2015]



Jew screaming in pain with a knife stuck in his shoulder. PA flag on the blade of the knife and Jerusalem in the background.
Text: "Here is Jerusalem, you crazies, beware!"
[Official Fatah Facebook page, Oct. 4, 2015]



A masked man plays a knife as a violin, with Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in the background.
Posted Text: "A symphony of love for Jerusalem."
[Official Fatah Twitter account, Oct. 12, 2015]

Fatah used its Facebook page to transmit a call for Martyrdom, stabbings, and car rammings from Fatah's student movement. The video named *Martyrdom-seeking unites us* was produced by Fatah's Shabiba student movement at Birzeit University. It shows a staged car ramming and stabbing attack at the Atara checkpoint near Ramallah, and presents Martyrdom as an ideal for young Palestinians to strive for and the attacks as the way to achieve it. Three young Palestinians are seen planning and carrying out an attack in which they kill two Israeli soldiers by ramming their car into one of them and stabbing the other. They are all shot and killed by the soldiers during the attack.



3 youth are planning the attack

Terrorists plan attack



Terrorist rams soldier



There is no God but Allah

Terrorist stabs soldier



Soldier shoots terrorist

Text at the beginning of the video:

“The Shabiba student movement – the Martyr (*Shahid*) Yasser Arafat Bloc presents”
 [Official Fatah Facebook page, April 20, 2016]

Fatah posted this video only two days after a bus bombing in Jerusalem injured 21 people – a bombing which Fatah welcomed with words of praise and celebration.

Fatah also glorified the murderers of the terror wave themselves on its Facebook page, among them Muhannad Halabi who stabbed 2 to death in the Old City of Jerusalem, Nashat Melhem who shot and killed 3 in Tel Aviv, and Bashar Masalha who killed an American in Tel Aviv-Jaffa:

Fatah Facebook reported that Fatah brought soil from the Al-Aqsa Mosque to the grave of terrorist Muhannad Halabi, who murdered two in the Old City of Jerusalem, **“so that the dead body... can hug the soil for which he died a Martyr.”** [Fatah Twitter account, Oct. 8, 2015] **They asked “Allah to have mercy on his soul”:**

Posted text: "They asked Allah to have mercy on his soul – a new picture of Martyr (*Shahid*) Muhannad Halabi during his visit to the Ibrahimi Mosque (i.e., Cave of the Patriarchs). It should be noted that the Martyr died as a Martyr during a stabbing operation that he carried out in occupied Jerusalem." [Official Fatah Facebook page, Jan. 14, 2016]

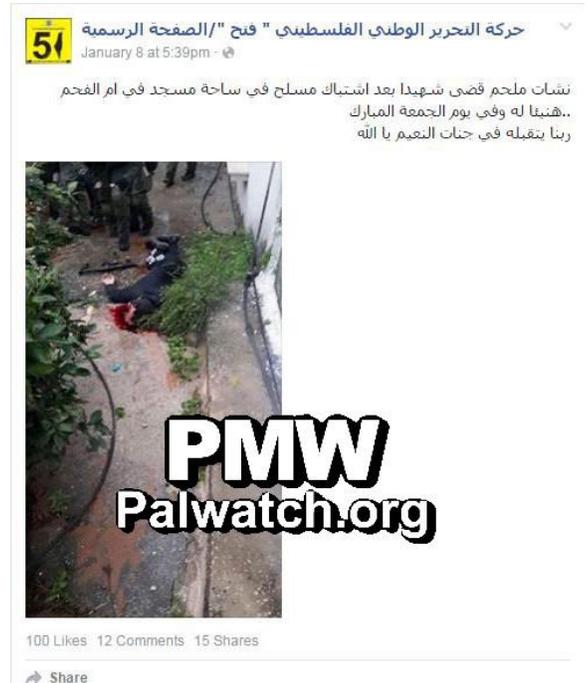


Soil in yellow bags at murderer's grave

Fatah glorified Tel Aviv murderer of 3: "Congratulations and may Allah receive you in Heaven," opened mourning tent for the "heroic Martyr"

Abbas' Fatah Movement posted a picture of dead terrorist Nashat Melhem lying in a pool of blood. It also praised this killer of 3 as a "Martyr" and congratulated him on its official Facebook page. Melhem was a 29-year-old Israeli Arab terrorist who carried out a shooting attack, killing 3 Israelis and wounding 8 others in Tel Aviv on Jan. 1, 2016:

Posted text: "Nashat Melhem died as a **Martyr** (*Shahid*) after an armed confrontation in the courtyard of a mosque in Umm Al-Fahm on blessed Friday, **congratulations and may Allah receive you in Heaven**" [Official Fatah Facebook page, Jan. 8, 2016]



Fatah honored murderer who killed an American and injured 11 others in Tel Aviv-Jaffa

Fatah's official Facebook page posted a drawing of a knife held over the PA map of "Palestine" that replaces all of Israel with "Palestine." The name of terrorist Bashar Masalha, who murdered an American and injured 11 in Tel Aviv-Jaffa was written on the map.

Text on arm: "The heroic Martyr (*Shahid*)"
Text on map is name of murderer: "Bashar Masalha"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, March 9, 2016]



Fatah anniversary celebrations in Bethlehem during the terror wave included children dressed in “suicide belts”

In January 2016, Fatah held a march in Bethlehem to mark its 51st anniversary. To celebrate, **Fatah had children parade wearing model suicide belts and carrying knives, guns, and RPGs, alongside Fatah flags. Present at this celebration were top Fatah and PA officials, including Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Head of the PA General Intelligence Services Majed Faraj, and PA Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Rula Ma’ay’a.** [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 8, 2016]



[Photos from Ma’an, independent Palestinian news agency, Jan. 7, 2016]

Official Fatah TV Awdah

The official Fatah TV station Awdah also broadcast explicit terror promotion. The following are two examples calling for the murder of Israelis: “Besiege them in all their neighborhoods, Drown them in a sea of blood, Kill them as you wish” sung while it broadcast on the right of the screen a security camera’s video of a stabbing in Jerusalem:

Lyrics: “Pick up your weapon and advance, Jerusalem is calling in pain
Come on, strike them, you have the strength
Turn your anger into the fire of Hell...”



**Besiege them in all their neighborhoods
 Drown them in a sea of blood
 Kill them as you wish”**

[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Jan. 4, 2016]

Another example is a Fatah youth movement song: "Hold your weapon and load it... Pour the fire of rage on the enemy... Hand me the weapon... Our enemy will pay with his blood" This song promoting violence against Israelis started to appear on social media at the beginning of the wave of attacks against Israelis in September 2015 and was also chosen for broadcast by Fatah-run Awdah TV:

Lyrics: "Go out against the treacherous enemy
 Even if you hold [only] a rock in your hand
 O you, who will never forget a blood revenge
 O vigorous person, get up and strap on the belt of fire

And sound for us the voice of the attack ...
 Challenge the enemy

He who humiliates us will not live...

Hold your weapon and load it, leave the revolution burning...

O Fatah fire, burn, constantly and victoriously

Pour the fire of rage on the enemy...

Hand me the weapon and the equipment

Place thousands of cartridges on me

Our enemy will pay with his blood...

I marched determinedly through desert and forests

Holding a submachine gun in my hands which arises out of the rock"

Production – "Fatah Shabiba movement in Palestine"



[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Jan. 21, 2016]

Fatah proud of its leading role in the terror campaign

Finally, there were numerous statements by Fatah leaders expressing pride of its leading role in the terror:

Fatah secretary of Tulkarem branch: Fatah is leading the current “popular uprising”

“Secretary of the Tulkarem branch of the Fatah movement Muayyad Sha’aban... emphasized that **the Fatah movement will continue to be the guardian of the national project** and the spearhead of the protection of the Palestinian people’s rights, **[as it has been] since** the Launch (*Intilafa*, Fatah’s establishment in 1965), the Stone Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel, 1987-1993), and the second Intifada

(i.e., PA terror campaign 2000-2005), and **culminating with its leading of today's popular uprising in the Palestinian arena.**"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 29, 2015]

Abbas Zaki, Fatah Central Committee member and Commissioner of Arab and China Relations:

"The Fatah movement draws its strength from its people, and noted that its fingerprints are clearly evident in the popular Palestinian uprising... Fatah is carrying the flag of victory, through the national measures and that the fact that it is currently leading the mass uprising is the best proof of this." [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 30, 2015]

Fatah spokesman: Majority of terrorists in terror wave were Fatah members

Headline: **"Fatah emphasizes that it is continuing the struggle** until the achievement of our people's goals"

"The Palestinian National Liberation movement Fatah emphasized today [Dec. 31, 2015], on the 51st anniversary of its Launch (*Intilqa*), three months after the outbreak of the popular uprising, that it will continue the struggle with uncompromising determination until our people obtain their goals: freedom and independence.

Fatah spokesman Ahmad Assaf stated that the movement's achievements in the struggle and in the political area prove this determination. He clarified that Fatah's role and the sacrifices it made in the popular uprising are just additional proof of the firmly established patriotic character of the movement...

Likewise, he added that 84 of the 120 Martyrs (*Shahids*) from the different districts in the West Bank, namely 70%, are Fatah members, and that additional Martyrs from the Gaza Strip are fighters and activists in the movement, in addition to thousands of wounded and injured.

Assaf emphasized that every drop of blood [spilled by] our people is dear, and that the Fatah movement very carefully guards the life of every Palestinian, but believes that there is a price to freedom. He noted that Fatah will not hesitate to make every sacrifice for freedom and independence."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 31, 2015]

Fatah-run TV: "Fatah is leading this popular uprising on the leadership level"

Unnamed Fatah member/supporter: "The Fatah movement has had a prominent role, and this shows the number of sacrifices, Martyrs (*Shahids*) and prisoners, that Fatah has sacrificed in this popular uprising. Fatah is still leading this popular uprising until freedom is achieved and the occupation removed. We said to the [PA] President [Mahmoud Abbas]: You are fighting in international circles and we, your soldiers, will fight in the field. We will not give the occupation one day of safety, and not one day in which they can move around freely and safely, as long as our homes and holy sites are subject to these criminal acts being carried out by the occupation forces and herds of settlers."

Awdah TV host: "In this popular uprising, which Fatah is leading on the leadership and staff level, hundreds and thousands of its people have joined its activities to help the homeland and its holy sites. Statistics show that nearly 70% of the Martyrs, injured, and prisoners of this uprising [are] members of the [Fatah] movement."

[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Jan. 1, 2016]

Fayez Abu Aita, Fatah Spokesman, stated that Mahmoud Abbas was leading the “blessed popular uprising”:

Fatah Spokesman Fayez Abu Aita... emphasized in a press statement published by the [Fatah] Information and Culture Commission today [Jan. 7, 2016]... that it is necessary to take into account the difficult and sensitive situation our people is experiencing, as it fights the battle for independence and an [independent] state, led by President Mahmoud Abbas, through the blessed popular uprising and the unlimited political confrontation with the occupation in the UN corridors and the International Criminal Court.”

[Wafa (the official Palestinian news agency), Jan. 7, 2016]

Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Fatah Central Committee member:

“Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul... added that the Fatah Movement will continue its political struggle and its struggle in the field, and will continue to defend national goals. **He added that Fatah was the first to wage a mass confrontation during the current popular uprising on Sept. 29 [2015], and that it has led all the confrontations throughout the homeland, and that most of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) and injured came from within it...**

[District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh] Dr. Laila Ghannam praised the pioneering role of the Fatah Movement in all areas of the struggle and the services... Ghannam praised Fatah’s role in leading the popular uprising since its beginning...

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 13, 2016]

Jamal Muhaisen, Fatah Central Committee member, Commissioner for Diaspora Branches and PLO Central Council member:

“They [Hamas] talk about resistance. What is happening today? Today there is a struggle on two fronts. There is the struggle in the field, by the popular resistance, and **I say that 90 percent of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) are from Fatah. I say to Abu Marzouq (a senior member of Hamas –Ed.) that 90 percent of the Martyrs are from Fatah, and I would like Hamas to be present in the popular uprising in the field, matching its size. Hamas’ presence does not match its size.**” [Official PA TV, Feb. 14, 2016]

Amal Hamad, Fatah Central Committee member:

“I say that if one has a responsible national feeling, one is supposed to thank Fatah for its resolve, and for its ability to say ‘No!’ to the Americans, ‘No!’ to the occupation, ‘No!’ to all regional, Arab and international pressures... **We are still leading the popular uprising, with true resistance, 80 percent of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) are Fatah people. If so, the movement is deeply rooted...**” [Official PA TV, March 1, 2016]

The PA rewards terror: Salaries to terrorist prisoners and allowances to families of terrorists killed during their attacks 2015 – 2016

All the Palestinian terrorists who were arrested during the 2015 – 2016 terror wave are now eligible for receiving Palestinian Authority salaries. Families of those terrorists who were killed during their attacks, who the Palestinian Authority defines as “Martyrs,” will according to PA law already within three months have received a one-time grant of 6,000 shekels and started receiving monthly allowances for the rest of their lives:

Secretary-General of the National Gathering of the Families of the Martyrs, Muhammad Sbeihat: “Regarding the families of the Martyrs of the popular uprising (i.e., terror attacks 2015-2016) and the rest of the Martyrs in general, these families receive their allowances at the latest two or three months after their Martyrdom. Likewise, the families also receive a fixed amount of 6,000 shekels (\$1600) in addition to the monthly allowance.”
[Official PA TV, *Palestine This Morning*, June 19, 2016]

Conclusion

This report, *Fatah Votes for Terror*, documents that the Fatah and PA leadership were not passive observers of the Palestinian terror wave of 2015-2016 during which 40 people (including 2 American citizens) were murdered. In fact the opposite is true. The terror was not a series of spontaneous lone wolf attacks by isolated Palestinians, but rather was Palestinians’ response to the leadership’s call for violence. Fatah and many of the Fatah leaders who have been reelected to Fatah’s governing Central Committee, actively supported and encouraged Palestinian terror of 2015-2016.

Fatah Central Committee member Jibril Rajoub called the killings “individual acts of heroism,” and he “blessed and encouraged” the terrorists. Mahmoud Al-Aloul encouraged Palestinians to “make the country a hell for the enemies,” and “continue attacks.” Rajoub ensured Palestinians on TV that Fatah supported the individual attacks: “We in the [Fatah] Central Committee have discussed this matter, and we are in favor.”

Official Fatah TV demanded: “Drown them in a sea of blood, kill them as you wish.” Rajoub sponsored a tennis tournament named after the murderer of two. Fatah Facebook posts celebrated and honored the murderers including the killer of American citizen Taylor Force. Families of terrorist “Martyrs,” like the family of Taylor Force’s murderer, have been rewarded with 6,000 shekel (\$1600) monetary grants and lifetime monthly allowances.

Mahmoud Abbas refused to condemn even one murder because he insisted that individual murdering of Israelis was legitimate “peaceful” uprising. After 14 Israelis had been killed Abbas stressed: **“We want a peaceful popular uprising, and that’s what this is.”**

The reelection of these and other terror supporters as the leaders of Fatah is ominous. It means that Fatah continues to be run by those who support terror against Israeli civilians as a tool to achieve political goals.

These terror supporters who encourage and celebrate the murder of civilians will be determining the policies of Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah party and through it the policy of the Palestinian Authority in the coming years.

One additional conclusion arises from this report: In order to prevent future Palestinian terror, it must have a serious political cost to Palestinian leaders. When the PA saw that Palestinians murdering individual Israelis did not have any political implications internationally, they concluded that they could continue to kill Israelis “in a way that the world and the international community will remain by our side.” Clearly, had the international community rebuked the PA/Fatah politically and financially for Palestinian terror, Palestinian leaders would have been forced to stop the terror and many lives could have been saved.

Whereas in the past, the international community divided the Palestinian parties into the terror supporting Hamas and the non-terror supporting Fatah, this report shows that currently Fatah is an active terror supporting organization.

The US Congress along with the rest of the international community must decide if their support and financial propping up of the terror supporting Fatah – PA leadership today – which enables them to continue directing the Palestinian population towards hatred and violence - is promoting peace, or is entrenching animosity and terror for future generations.

Appendix 1: Descriptions of terrorists and terror attacks mentioned in the report

The following is further information on the terrorists and the terror attacks mentioned in this report.

1974 Nahariya attack – On June 25, 1974, three Palestinian terrorists – Abd Al-Rahim Nasif, Ahmad Abd Al-'Al, and Muhammad Hanafi - who had reached Israel by boat from Lebanon broke into an apartment building in Nahariya, where they murdered 30-year-old Irena Zarankin, her 10-year-old daughter Ronit, and her 5-year-old son Gilad. Zarankin's husband Mordechai had made a rope out of sheets for them to escape out the window and blockaded the door, but one of the terrorists was waiting below and shot Irena Zarankin and the children as they climbed down. Mordechai Zarankin survived the attack. Israeli soldiers who arrived at the scene killed all three terrorists, but in the exchange of fire 21-year-old soldier Danny Senesh was also murdered.

"Al-Asifa" – "the storm" was a pseudonym for "Fatah" in its first years. It later became the name of Fatah's military wing in the 1960s and 1970s.

Abd Al-Malek Saleh Abu Kharroub and Muhammad Al-Kalouti – 19 and 21-year-old Palestinian terrorists who shot at a bus at the Ramot Junction in Jerusalem, and then shot at Israeli policemen near the Damascus Gate in the Old city of Jerusalem, injuring one Palestinian man, on March 9, 2016. The Israeli policemen shot and killed Kharroub and Al-Kalouti.

Abd Al-Rahman Raddad - 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist who carried out a stabbing attack, injuring 1, in Petach Tikva on March 8, 2016. The victim pulled the knife out of his neck and killed Raddad with it.

Abd Al-Salam Hassouna – Fatah terrorist from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades who shot and killed 6 and wounded dozens at a Bat Mitzvah celebration in Hadera (Jan. 17, 2002). Hassouna was shot to death by Israeli police arriving at the scene.

Abu Ali Iyad was appointed head of Fatah military operations in 1966 and was responsible for several terror attacks. The attacks included a bombing in the town of Beit Yosef in northern Israel on April 25, 1966 (injuring 3 people), and placing bombs in the town of Margalioth in northern Israel on July 19, 1966. He was killed in 1971 in Jordan by the Jordanian army when it forced Fatah members out of the country.

Abu Ali Mustafa - Secretary-General of the terror organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The PFLP, which rejected the Oslo Accords (1993), has planned and carried out numerous terror attacks against Israeli civilians since its founding in 1967 and throughout the Palestinian terror campaign between 2000-2005 (the Intifada).

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

Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar was Arafat's deputy and among the founders of Fatah. He was the Commander of Al-Asifa, Fatah's military unit, and member of Fatah's Central Committee and PLO's Executive Committee. He also was the Commander of Operations of the terrorist organization Black September and involved in the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics (Sept. 5, 1972). He was killed by Israel in 1973.

Adnan Al-Mashni was killed on Jan. 12, 2016 when Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab them in Beit Anoun northeast of Hebron. Apparently Al-Mashni did not take an active part in the attack.

Ahmad Abu Al-Rab - Palestinian terrorist who, together with another terrorist, tried to stab an Israeli soldier at the Jalame checkpoint near Jenin on Nov. 2, 2015. A soldier shot at them and killed Al-Rab, and the second terrorist was arrested.

Ahmad Najah Abu Al-Rub, Ahmad Zakarneh and Muhammad Kmeil - Three Palestinian terrorists in their early 20's who shot and stabbed two Israeli police officers at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem on Feb. 3, 2016. One of the officers, 19-year-old Hadar Cohen, was fatally wounded and died of her wounds. The second officer was seriously wounded. The terrorists, who attacked the policewomen after they were asked for identification, were carrying machine guns, knives, and pipe bombs, leading the police to suspect they were planning a mass attack against civilians. The terrorists were shot and killed at the scene by Israeli police.

Ahmad Awwad Abu Al-Rub - a Palestinian terrorist who, with an accomplice, attempted to stab Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint near Jenin on Nov. 11, 2015. Abu Al-Rub was shot and killed by soldiers during the attack.

Ahmad Amer - 16-year-old Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint at the village of Al-Zawiya west of Ariel on March 10, 2016. Amer was shot and killed by the soldiers.

Ahmad Jabarah Abu Sukkar - planned a bombing attack in 1975 in which a refrigerator filled with explosives was detonated in Jerusalem. 15 people were murdered 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. He was a member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council and an advisor to Arafat on prisoners' affairs. He died of a heart attack in 2013 in the PA.

Ahmad Jahajha – 21-year-old terrorist who tried to ram his car into Israeli soldiers near Qalandiya, south of Ramallah, on Dec. 16, 2015. Jahajha was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

Ahmad Kamil - 16-year-old Palestinian terrorist who disguised himself as a candy seller and tried to stab a security guard at the Jalame checkpoint near Jenin on Oct. 24, 2015. He was shot and killed by a security guard.

Ahmad Younes Kawazbeh - 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed and injured an Israeli reserve soldier at the Gush Etzion junction on Jan. 5, 2016. Kawazbeh was shot and killed by soldiers.

Ahmad, Muhannad, and Alaa Kawazbeh – 3 Palestinian terrorists, 18 and 19-years-old, and relatives, who attempted to carry out a stabbing attack near the Gush Etzion junction on Jan. 7, 2016. They aroused suspicions of Israeli soldiers at the junction who began a security check on them. The Kawazbeh relatives pulled out knives and were shot and killed by the soldiers.

Alaa Abu Jamal - Palestinian terrorist who deliberately drove his car into people standing at a bus stop on Malchei Yisrael Street in Jerusalem on Oct. 13, 2015, hitting three people. Yeshayahu Krishevsky, 60, was killed and the other two were injured. Abu Jamal then got out of his car and started stabbing people, wounding others. The terrorist was killed by a security guard. He was a relative of the terrorists who murdered 5 worshippers and a policeman in the Har Nof synagogue in November 2014.

Albert Levy was an Israeli police sapper. He was called to dismantle an explosive device on B'nai Brith Street in Jerusalem on April 28, 1976, along with Israeli police officer Shmuel Schiff. The device, which was booby trapped, exploded, and Levy and Schiff were murdered.

Ali Al-Kar– Palestinian terrorist who with an accomplice stabbed and wounded an Israeli soldier near Ariel on March 17, 2016. He was shot and killed during the attack by Israeli security forces.

Ali Hassan Salameh (son of Hassan Salameh, born 1940, killed Jan. 22, 1979, also called Abu Hassan) - Commander of operations of the Black September terror organization. He planned many terror attacks, including the attack on the Israeli team at the Munich Olympics in 1972, in which 11 Israeli athletes were murdered. (Deception p. 260)

Amani Al-Sabatin – 30-year-old Palestinian terrorist who rammed her car into a group of Israeli soldiers, injuring one, at the Gush Etzion junction on March 4, 2016. Al-Sabatin was shot and killed by the soldiers.

Amjad Al-Jundi - 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed an Israeli soldier and stole his weapon in the southern Israeli city of Kiryat Gat on Oct. 7, 2015. Al-Jundi then broke into an apartment in a nearby building and tried to attack two Israeli women, but they managed to escape. Al-Jundi was subsequently shot and killed by Israeli police. The soldier and one of the women were lightly wounded in the attack.

Amjad Jasser Al-Sukkari – 34-year-old Palestinian terrorist and the personal security guard of the PA General Attorney. Al-Sukkari injured 3 Israeli soldiers in a shooting attack next to the Jewish town of Beit-El, adjacent to Ramallah, on Jan. 31, 2016. Al-Sukkari was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

Andalib Takatka - Female suicide bomber from Fatah who blew herself up on Jaffa Road in Jerusalem on April 12, 2002, killing 6 and wounding more than 80.

Ashraqat Taha Ahmad Qatanani - 18-year-old female Palestinian terrorist who attempted to stab an Israeli girl, running after her with a drawn knife, on Nov. 22, 2015, at a junction near Nablus. Former head of the Shomron regional council Gershon Mesika foiled her attempt by running his car into her when he saw her attempted attack. Israeli soldiers then shot Qatanani. The PA reported that she died of her injuries, but this has not been officially confirmed.

Attack on “the northern settlements” - From 1978 to 1981, the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) continuously fired rockets from Lebanon at Northern Israel, after the UN and the South Lebanon Army created a buffer zone between Israel and Lebanon that stopped terrorists' infiltrations into Israel.

Ayman Joudeh – Palestinian terrorist from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (Fatah's military wing) who opened fire on the Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, murdering Israeli border policeman Uriel Bar-Maimon on April 20, 2002. Joudeh was shot and killed by other border policemen at the scene.

Ayyat Al-Akhras - The youngest female Palestinian suicide bomber (aged 17) and member of Fatah. Al-Akhras blew herself up near a Jerusalem supermarket on March 29, 2002, killing 2 and wounding 28. Israel transferred the terrorist's body to the PA on Feb. 2, 2014.

Bashar and Husam Al-Ja'abri – 15 and 17-year-old Palestinian terrorists who stabbed and injured an Israeli soldier in Hebron on Oct. 20, 2015. They were shot and killed by another soldier.

Bashar Masalha - 22-year-old Palestinian terrorist who carried out a stabbing attack, murdering Taylor Force, an American tourist, and injuring 11, in Tel Aviv-Jaffa on March 8, 2016. Masalha was shot and killed by Israeli police.

Bayan Ayman Al-Esseili – 16-year-old female Palestinian terrorist who stabbed an Israeli soldier in Hebron, near the Cave of the Patriarchs on Oct. 17, 2015. The soldier shot and killed Al-Esseili.

Beit Hadassah terror attack (Daboya) – terror attack in Hebron in which 6 Israelis were murdered: Tzvi Glatt (An American citizen), Eli HaZe'e (an American citizen), Shmuel Marmelstein (a Canadian citizen), Hanan Krauthhammer, Gershon Klein and Ya'akov Zimmerman, and 20 were wounded, on May 2, 1980. The Palestinian terrorists who committed the attack are Adnan Jaber, Yasser Ziyadat, Tayseer Mahmoud Taha Abu Sneineh, and Muhammad Abd Al-Rahman Saleh Al-Shubaki. They were all sentenced to life in prison, but were released in various prisoner exchange deals in the 1980s.

Bombing of Israel's National Water Carrier - Eilabun tunnel attack - On Jan. 1, 1965, Palestinian terrorists attempted to bomb Israel's National Water Carrier. This was the first attack against Israel carried out by Fatah. Fatah refers to the attack as the “Intilaqa”, meaning “the Launch” of Fatah.

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. The attack was orchestrated by arch-terrorist Abu Jihad (Khalil Al-Wazir). The Palestinians refer to the attack as the Kamal Adwan Operation.

Dania Arshid - 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist who when asked to identify herself at a military checkpoint near the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron on Oct. 25, 2015, refused and ran towards the Israeli border policemen with a drawn knife. She was shot and killed by them.

Diya Al-Talahmeh – 23-year-old Islamic Jihad terrorist who blew himself up while trying to throw a hand grenade at an Israeli army vehicle on Sept. 22, 2015. His body was discovered by Israeli forces in searches carried out after the explosion.

Eilat 1978 foiled attack - A Fatah ship carrying explosives, the Agios Dmitros, was seized by the Israeli army near Eilat on Sept. 30, 1978. The ship, which was carrying half a ton of explosives and 45 rockets ready for launch, was intended to explode near the Eilat beach, which was full of vacationers at the time.

Explosion in the Israeli military headquarters building in Tyre - On Nov. 11, 1982, during the first Lebanon War, an explosion occurred in the Israeli military headquarters building and led to the death of 91 people, among whom were Israeli soldiers, Israeli Security Services staff, Israeli Border Policemen and Lebanese detainees. It has not been determined whether the explosion resulted from a gas leak or a car bomb.

Fadi Al-Farouh – a Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab Israeli soldiers near Bet Anoun, north of Hebron, on Nov. 1, 2015. He was shot and killed by Israeli border policemen.

Fadi Al-Qanbar – 28-year-old Palestinian terrorist who on Jan. 8, 2017, murdered 4 Israeli soldiers – officer Yael Yekutiel, 20, and cadets Shir Hajaj, 22, Shira Tzur, 20, and Erez Orbach, 20 – and wounded over 15 other soldiers in a truck ramming attack at the Armon Hanatziv Promenade, in southeast Jerusalem. After ramming into the soldiers at high speed, Al-Qanbar ran over the wounded soldiers again repeatedly, until an armed civilian, who was also hit by the truck, managed to get up and shoot and kill the terrorist. Al-Qanbar supported ISIS online.

Fadi Alloun - 19-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed and injured Israeli citizen Moshe Malka (15) near the Old City of Jerusalem on Oct. 3, 2015. Alloun fled and was shot and killed by Israeli police. Before his attack, Alloun had written on his Facebook page: “Oh Allah, my goal is Martyrdom-death (Shahada) or victory for Allah... Allah is great.”

Fathi Shaqaqi - Founder of the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad, which has carried out more than 1,000 terror attacks, killing and wounding hundreds of Israeli civilians. He was killed by Israel in Malta in 1995.

Fuad Kassab Al-Tamimi - 25-year-old Palestinian terrorist who carried out a shooting attack, injuring 2 Israeli policemen, at the Damascus Gate in the old city of Jerusalem on March 8, 2016. Al-Tamimi was shot and killed by Israel policemen.

Haitham Mahmoud Abd Al-Jalil Yassin – 36-year-old Palestinian terrorist who threw a Molotov cocktail at Israeli soldiers and then drew a knife and stabbed and injured one of them on Mount Eibal, near Nablus, on Jan. 14, 2016. Yassin was shot and killed by the soldiers.

Hilarion Capucci – former Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem who exploited his status as a religious leader to smuggle weapons to Palestinian terrorists. He was arrested in 1974 and sentenced to 12 years in prison. He was released in 1977 due to the Vatican’s intervention. In October 2013, PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas awarded him the Star of Jerusalem Medal.

Hilmi Hammash – serving 12 life sentences for involvement in a suicide bombing on a bus in Jerusalem on Jan. 29, 2004. 11 people were murdered and over 40 injured.

Hudhaifa Suleiman - 18-year-old Palestinian who was killed in clashes with the Israeli army near Tulkarem. Israeli soldiers fired at the Palestinians after the Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails at them. The event is being investigated by the army (as of Oct. 13, 2015).

Ibrahim Allan and Hussein Abu Ghosh – 22 and 17-year-old Palestinian terrorists who stabbed and injured 2 Israeli women outside a grocery store in Beit Horon, between Modiin and Jerusalem, on Jan. 25, 2016. One of the women, 23-year-old Shlomit Krigman, died of her injuries the next morning. Allan and Abu Ghosh were shot and killed by a local civilian security guard.

Israa Ja'abis - 31-year-old Palestinian terrorist, resident of East Jerusalem, who carried out a car bomb attack near Ma'ale Adumim, a few kilometers east of Jerusalem, on Oct. 11, 2015. A policeman who noticed a suspicious vehicle signaled the driver to stop, after which she drove closer to a group of police officers and detonated a gas balloon. One policeman suffered light injuries and Ja'abis was seriously injured.

Issa Yassin Assaf and Anan Abu Habseh – 21-year-old and 20-year-old Palestinian terrorists who carried out a stabbing attack at the Jaffa Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem on Dec. 23, 2015. One Israeli was murdered and another was wounded in the attack. Israeli police shot and killed the two terrorists and accidentally shot and killed an Israeli who was trying to stop the terrorists.

Iyad Khalil Al-Awawdeh - 26-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed an Israeli soldier near the entrance to Hebron on Oct. 16, 2015. He was shot and killed by an Israeli soldier

Jaafar Awad – 23-year-old Palestinian prisoner in Israeli jail who was released due to fatal disease. He died of it on April 9, 2015 was mentioned in the report.

Jerusalem line 12 bus bombing – On April 18, 2016, a Hamas terrorist, Abd Al-Hamid Abu Sorour, 19, carried out a suicide bombing attack when he placed a bomb on bus no. 12 in the Talpiot neighborhood in southeast Jerusalem. 21 people were injured in the attack. Abu Sorour died of his injuries a few days later in an Israeli hospital.

Kalzar Al-Awiwi - 18-year-old Palestinian female terrorist who attempted to stab Israeli policemen near the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron on Feb. 13, 2016. She was shot and wounded by Israeli policemen and later died of her wounds.

Kamal Adwan and Kamal Nasser were both senior members of Black September who were killed by Israeli forces in April 1973. Kamal Nasser was also the spokesperson for the PLO and Fatah. Kamal Adwan was responsible for Fatah terrorist operations in Israel.

Kiryat Shmona Massacre – Three terrorists from the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP - GC) - Palestinian Munir Al-Mughrabi “Abu Khaled,” Syrian Ahmed Mahmoud, and Iraqi Yassin Al-Houzani “Abu Hadi” - infiltrated Israel and entered a building in Kiryat Shmona, where they murdered 18 Israelis – 16 civilians, 8 of them children, and 2 soldiers - and wounded 16 on April 11, 1974. They blew themselves up when Israeli soldiers entered the building.

Laila Khaled - PFLP terrorist who participated in the hijacking of TWA flight 840 on Aug. 29, 1969 from Rome to Athens and the hijacking of El Al flight 219 on Sept. 6, 1970 from Amsterdam to New York. The second hijacking was averted by the pilot and security personnel on board. They shot Khaled's accomplice, Patrick Argüello, who had murdered one of the flight attendants. Khaled was overpowered and the plane landed in London where Khaled was handed over and held by British police until she was exchanged on Oct. 1, 1970 with hostages held by the PFLP.

Land Day – an annual commemoration of the general strike and demonstrations organized by Israeli Arab residents of the Galilee on March 30, 1976 to protest the Israeli government's decision to expropriate land in the Galilee for security and settlement purposes, which it later implemented. During the protests, demonstrators burnt tires, blocked roads, and threw rocks and firebombs. Six demonstrators were shot and killed by the Israeli army and police. Israeli Arabs and Palestinians consider Land Day a national day.

Lod Airport attack - on May 30, 1972, Takeshi Okudaira, Yasuyuki Yasuda and Kozo Okamoto - members of the Japanese Red Army who had been recruited by the Palestinian terror organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) - carried out a terror attack at Israel's Lod (Tel Aviv) airport. Throwing hand grenades and shooting, the terrorists murdered 24 (8 Israelis and 16 foreign tourists), and wounded over 70. Okudaira and Yasuda were killed during the attack, while Okamoto was arrested and sentenced to 3 life sentences, but was released in the Jibril Agreement in May 1985, after only 13 years of imprisonment, when Israel agreed to release 1,150 Palestinian prisoners, including terrorist murderers, in exchange for three Israeli soldiers who had been taken hostage by the terrorist organization the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Mahmoud Alyan – 22-year-old Palestinian who was injured during a confrontation with Israeli security forces near Ramallah in November 2015, and died of his injuries a few days later, and was mentioned in the report.

Mahmoud Muhammad Sha'alan – 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab Israeli soldiers at the Beit-El checkpoint, near Ramallah, on Feb. 26, 2016. He was shot and killed by the soldiers.

Mahmoud Shalalkeh - 18-year-old Palestinian who was killed on Nov. 13, 2015, during clashes with Israeli soldiers in Sa'ir northeast of Hebron. PMW has been unable to verify the circumstances surrounding his death.

Mamoun Ra'ed Muhammad Al-Khatib – 16-year-old Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab an Israeli civilian at the Gush Etzion Junction on Dec. 1, 2015. Israeli soldiers at the scene shot the stabber and killed him. An Israeli civilian driving by in his car was wounded by shrapnel.

Mansour Shawamreh and Omar Amr – 20-year-old Palestinian terrorists who shot at Israeli police next to the Jerusalem light rail stop by Damascus Gate on Feb. 14, 2016. Shawamreh and Amr were shot and killed by the Israeli police.

Mansour Shreim – Palestinian terrorist responsible for the murder of 11 Israelis - 1 soldier and 10 civilians. Shreim participated in the murder of an Israeli soldier near Kibbutz Mezer on Oct. 28, 2001. Shreim also sent terrorists to commit the following terror attacks: a shooting attack at a bat-mitzvah celebration in Hadera on Jan. 17, 2002, in which 6 were murdered and over 30 injured; a shooting attack in Itamar on May 28, 2002, in which 3 teenage students at the yeshiva (Jewish

religious studies academy) were murdered; the murder of a civilian in West Tulkarem on Aug. 1, 2002. Shreim is serving 14 life sentences and an additional 50 years.

Marwan Barghouti – Palestinian terrorist who is serving 5 life sentences for orchestrating three shooting attacks that killed 5 people: one attack in Jerusalem (June 12, 2001) in which Greek monk Tsibouktsakis Germanus was murdered by terrorist Ismail Radaida and another unidentified terrorist, another attack at a gas station in Givat Zeev near Jerusalem (Jan. 15, 2002) in which Yoela Hen, 45, was murdered by terrorists led by Mohammed Matla, and one shooting and stabbing attack at the Sea Food Market restaurant in Tel Aviv (March 5, 2002) in which Eli Dahan, 53, Yosef Habi, 52, and Police Officer Sergeant-Major Salim Barakat, 33, were murdered by terrorist Ibrahim Hasouna. When arrested by Israel in 2002, Barghouti headed the Tanzim (Fatah terror faction). After he was convicted and imprisoned, he was re-elected member of the Palestinian Authority parliament.

Marwan Zalum was 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 murdered 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 murdered and 80 wounded. He organized the planting of a bomb in southern Hebron, which murdered Israeli soldier Shai Cohen on July 9, 2001, and initiated a shooting attack at the entrance to Kiryat Arba on July 12, 2001, in which 1 person was murdered. He was killed by the Israeli army on April 22, 2002.

Morad Adais – 15-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed 38-year-old Israeli Dafna Meir to death in front of her children in her home in Otniel, south of Hebron, on Jan. 17, 2016. Adais was apprehended and arrested after two days by Israeli security forces.

Mothers' Bus attack – On March 7, 1988, Muhammad Abd Al-Qader Muhammad Issa, Muhammad Khalil Saleh Al-Khanafi, and Abdallah Abd Al-Majid Muhammad Kallab hijacked a bus carrying workers to the Negev Nuclear Research Center in Dimona, and murdered 3 of its passengers – Miriam Ben-Yair, Rina Shiratky and Victor Ram. The attack is referred to as the Mothers' Bus attack because many of the passengers were working mothers. The terrorists were all killed by an Israel Police counter-terrorism unit that stormed the bus.

Muhammad Abd Al-Rahman Iyad – 21-year-old Palestinian terrorist who tried to ram his car into a group of Israeli soldiers in Silwad, north of Ramallah, on Dec. 18, 2015. After they warned him to stop and he instead sped up, he was shot and killed by the soldiers.

Muhammad Al-Faqih, 29-year-old Hamas terrorist who had previously been imprisoned for planning terror attacks when affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, and **Muhammad Amira**, terrorist and a member of the PA police force, murdered Rabbi Michael Mark, a 48-year-old father of ten, in a shooting attack on July 1, 2016 on Route 60 in the southern Har Hebron region. Al-Faqih opened fire on the Mark family's car causing the vehicle to overturn and crash. Amira was driving the car from which Al-Faqih shot at them. Rabbi Mark's wife Chava, 40, was also seriously wounded in the attack, and two of their children were injured – their daughter Tehila, 15, and their son Pedayah, 16. Al-Faqih and Amira fled the scene, but were located by the Israeli army on July 27, 2016. Al-Faqih resisted arrest and shot at the soldiers from his home where he had barricaded himself. Al-

Faqih was killed when the Israeli soldiers shot an anti-tank missile and other artillery at his house. Amira was arrested.

Muhammad Al-Qasir belonged to the terror organization the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (Fatah's military wing). He shot Israeli civilian Ahuva Amargi to death at the Kissufim checkpoint (Gaza Strip) on Feb. 18, 2002. An Israeli military force that was dispatched to the area of the attack opened fire on Al-Qasir and the bomb he had on detonated, killing 2 Israeli soldiers, Mor Elraz and Amir Mansouri and wounding 3.

Muhammad Al-Qattawi – terrorist from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (Fatah's military wing) who infiltrated the Jewish town of Netzarim inside the Gaza Strip and committed a shooting attack on March 10, 2002. Al-Qattawi shot and killed Israeli soldier Kobi Eichelboim and wounded the town's security officer before being shot and killed by Israeli soldiers who were at the scene.

Muhammad and Nour Saba'aneh - 17 and 23-year-old Palestinian terrorists who stabbed and injured 2 Israeli soldiers at a gas station in Hawara, south of Nablus, on Dec. 27, 2015. Muhammad and Nour Saba'aneh were both shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

Muhammad Halabiyeh - 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist who died on Jan. 24, 2016, at the Israeli security fence near Abu Dis, east of Jerusalem, when a bomb that he apparently intended to use against Israeli border police forces who were passing by at the time exploded.

Muhammad Nazmi Shamasneh – 22-year-old Palestinian terrorist who choked and stabbed an Israeli soldier in order to take his weapon on Oct. 12, 2015, on bus 185 near the central bus station in Jerusalem. The terrorist also stabbed and injured two additional people. He was shot and killed by Israeli police.

Muhammad Sa'id Ali - a 19-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed Israeli police officers near Damascus Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem on Oct. 10, 2015. 3 officers were wounded, one of them severely. The terrorist was shot and killed by Israeli Security Forces during the attack.

Muhammad Taraireh – 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist, who stabbed and murdered 13-year-old Israeli Hallel Yaffa Ariel, as she slept in her bed. The terrorist, who infiltrated her home in Kiryat Arba near Hebron on June 30, 2016, also injured one of the Israeli security personnel before they shot and killed him.

Muhammad Turkeman – Palestinian Authority police officer who carried out a shooting attack on Oct. 31, 2016, at a checkpoint near Beit El, at the entrance to Ramallah. Using a Kalashnikov assault rifle, Turkeman shot and wounded 3 Israeli soldiers before being shot and killed by other Israeli soldiers.

Muhammad Zaghlawan and Labib Azem - 17-year-old Palestinian terrorists who infiltrated the town of Eli southeast of Ariel, breaking through the town's security fence on March 2, 2016. Armed with clubs and knives they broke into the home of reserve army commander Roi Harel. Zaghlawan and Azem wounded Harel but he managed to push them out. When Israeli soldiers and members of the town's security team found Zaghlawan and Azem lying in wait for more victims, the terrorists tried to attack and were shot and killed by the soldiers. An improvised handgun was found by the town's security fence where Zaghlawan and Azem apparently had dropped it.

Muhannad Al-Okabi - 21-year-old Israeli Bedouin terrorist entered the Be'er Sheva bus station with a knife and a pistol, murdered 19-year-old Israeli soldier Sgt. Omri Levy, then grabbed his automatic rifle and started shooting at people in the station, wounding 11 others in an attack on Oct. 18, 2015. A foreign resident, Habtom Zarhum, 29, was shot by a security guard and lynched by people at the scene when he was mistaken for a second terrorist. Terrorist Al-Okabi was shot and killed by Israeli police.

The forum of Negev Bedouin council leaders strongly condemned the attack, stating that "The terrorist who committed this act does not represent any Bedouin residents, who favor coexistence and living together..."

Muhannad Halabi - 19-year-old Palestinian terrorist who murdered 2 Israelis, Rabbi Nehemiah Lavi and Aharon Bennett, and injured Bennett's wife, Adele, and their 2-year-old son in a stabbing attack in the Old City of Jerusalem on Oct. 3, 2015. Following the attack, he was shot and killed by Israeli security forces. Prior to his attack, in a post to his private Facebook page, the terrorist referred to recent terror attacks as part of a "third Intifada," and said that it was a response to Israel's actions at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and that the Palestinian people would not "succumb to humiliation." This is a reference to the PA libel that Israel is plotting to take over and destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to the PA's portrayal of Jews praying on the Temple Mount as "an invasion of the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

Musa Abu Zuaiteer – 31-year-old Palestinian killed in an Israeli military raid on a terrorist cell responsible for laying land mines along the security fence in the northern Gaza Strip. The terror organization the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (Fatah's military wing) say that Zuaiteer was the head of their rocket unit.

Mustafa Al-Khatib - 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab a soldier near the Lions' Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem on Oct. 12, 2015 and was shot and killed by Israeli police.

Na'im Yusuf Safi Al-Asa – 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist who attempted to stab an Israeli soldier at a checkpoint near Har Homa, a neighborhood in south-east Jerusalem, on Feb. 14, 2016. An Israeli policeman shot Al-Asa and he died of his wounds.

Nael Yassin – Palestinian terrorist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (Fatah's military wing) and PA policeman who shot and murdered Israeli border policeman Yosef Tabjeh, 27, and injured another border policeman on Sept. 29, 2000, when they participated together in a joint Israeli-PA patrol near Qalqilya. Yassin, who received instructions and funding from Hezbollah, escaped and continued terrorist activity including recruiting new terrorists, and being involved in dozens of shooting, bombing, and suicide bombing attacks until he was arrested in 2006 and sentenced in 2008. He is serving a life sentence and 30 additional years.

Nashat Melhem - 29-year-old Israeli Arab terrorist who carried out a shooting attack, killing 2 Israelis, Alon Bakal and Shimon Ruimi, and wounding 8 others, at Hasimta bar in Tel Aviv on Jan. 1, 2016. Melhem fled the scene, and later that day murdered a taxi driver, Bedouin Israeli Amin Shaaban, in another part of Tel Aviv. A week after the attacks, on Jan. 8, 2016, Israeli security forces tracked down Melhem in a building in his hometown of Arara in the north of Israel. After Melhem opened fire at them, the Israeli security forces shot and killed him.

Qassem Mahmoud Qassem Saba'aneh -Palestinian terrorist who together with another terrorist attempted to stab Israeli border police at the Tapuach junction near Nablus on Oct. 30, 2015. One policewoman shot them, killing Saba'aneh and injuring the second terrorist.

Raed Abayat – Palestinian terrorist, a member of the Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades terror organization, who murdered 15-year-old Israeli Avi Boaz on Jan. 15, 2002, shooting at him from his car east of Bethlehem, and Israeli police officer Moshe Dayan on March 2, 2002, who was ambushed by Abayat and fellow terrorists and shot while riding a motorcycle near Bethlehem. Abayat was shot to death on April 3, 2006, by Israeli soldiers trying to apprehend him, after he refused to surrender and shot at them.

Raed Al-Karmi – was a senior Tanzim (Fatah terror faction) operative and responsible for the murder of 9 Israelis in several attacks: Etgar Zeituni and Motti Dayan on Jan. 23, 2001; Zvi Shelef on May 31, 2001; Danny Yehuda on June 18, 2001; Elie Na'aman on July 4, 2001; Dov Roseman on Aug. 26, 2001; Hananya Ben Avraham on Oct. 5, 2001; soldier Yaniv Levy on Aug. 28, 2001 and Israeli army officer Erez Merhavi on Sept. 6, 2001. Al-Karmi was killed by the Israeli army on Jan. 14, 2002.

Raed Jaradat – A 22-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed and critically wounded an Israeli soldier at the Beit Anoun junction near Hebron on Oct. 26, 2015. Jaradat was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers at the scene.

Rafah terror attack in 2004 (Palestinian name for the attack: Volcano of anger) –terror attack in which Palestinian terrorists blew up a tunnel under an Israeli military post at Rafah, killing 5 and wounding 6 soldiers, on Dec. 12, 2004. Hamas and Fatah claimed joint responsibility for the attack. The Israeli army verified that one Hamas terrorist got away and one Fatah terrorist, Muayyad Agha, was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

Rami Saleh Al-Aileh - Palestinian terrorist serving a 17-year sentence for placing a bomb in 2003 and shooting at Israeli soldiers in 2002.

Sa'id Ramadan – Palestinian terrorist from Fatah's military wing the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades who shot and killed 2 Israelis, Sara Hamburger and Ora Sandler, on Jaffa Street in Jerusalem and wounded dozens on Jan. 22, 2002. Ramadan was shot and killed by Israeli police arriving at the scene.

Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) - One of the founders of Fatah and head of the terror organization Black September. Attacks he planned include the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics (Sept. 5, 1972) and the murder of two American diplomats in Sudan (March 1, 1973). It is commonly assumed that his assassin, a former Fatah bodyguard, was sent by the Abu Nidal Organization, a rival Palestinian faction.

Savoy terror attack: In March 1975, eight terrorists traveled by boat from Lebanon to a Tel Aviv beach. They took over the Savoy Hotel and took guests as hostages. The next morning, Israeli forces attacked and killed seven of the terrorists. Eight hostages and three soldiers were murdered by the terrorists during the attack.

Sawsan Mansour - 17-year-old female Palestinian terrorist who tried to stab an Israeli soldier at the Ras Biddu checkpoint north of Jerusalem on May 23, 2016. Mansour was shot and killed by an Israeli border policeman.

Sheikh 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.

Tareq Al-Natsheh – 16-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed an Israeli soldier in Hebron on Oct. 17, 2015. After the attack, he was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

Thaer Abu Ghazaleh – a 19-year-old Israeli Arab who stabbed 5 Israelis with a screwdriver, including a female soldier, a 60-year-old woman, and a man and woman in their 40s, in Tel Aviv on Oct. 8, 2015. He was shot and killed by an Israeli soldier.

Thaer Hammad – Palestinian terrorist, serving 11 life sentences for shooting down 3 civilians and 7 soldiers with a sniper rifle from a hilltop in Wadi Al-Haramiya in the West Bank on March 3, 2002.

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades - established by Arafat in 2000, when he started the PA terror campaign (the second Intifada). He unified separate Palestinian armed groups into a single body under the name The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, which is still Fatah's official military wing today, and is on the US and EU list of terror organizations.

The capture of 8 Israeli soldiers in Lebanon - On Sept. 4, 1982, 8 Israeli soldiers were captured by Fatah terrorists in Bhamadoun, Lebanon. Two of them were handed to the PFLP and 6 were held by Fatah. Fatah released the 6 soldiers on Nov. 23, 1983 as part of an exchange deal in which Israel released 4,700 terrorists that were held in Lebanon and 65 terrorists held in Israel. The PFLP released the two soldiers, as well as an additional Israeli soldier that had been captured previously, on May 21, 1985 as part of an exchange deal in which Israel released 1150 terrorists.

The Henkin murders - Israelis Naama and Eitam Henkin (also an American citizen) were murdered in a shooting attack on Oct. 1, 2015, on the road between the towns Itamar and Elon Moreh in the West Bank. Their four children, aged 9, 7, 4, and 4 months, were also in the car and witnessed the murders, but were not physically injured. Five suspects in the murder, members of a Hamas terrorist cell, were arrested by Israel and confessed to the murders. The leader of the group, Ragheb Ahmad Muhammad Aliwi, has served time in an Israeli prison for security related crimes. Aliwi is serving 2 life sentences and an additional 30 years for these murders.

The Karameh battle, or Al-Karameh - On March 21, 1968, Israeli army forces attacked the town of Karameh in Jordan, where Fatah terrorists had been launching attacks on Israel. Although Israel prevailed militarily, Arafat used the event for propaganda purposes, declaring the battle a great victory that erased the disgrace of the 1967 Six Day War defeat.

The Munich Massacre - a terrorist attack perpetrated by the Palestinian terror organization Black September during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, in which they murdered 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team.

UN resolution 194 (Chapter 11, Dec. 11, 1948) states that "the refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbors should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date, and that compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return." Palestinian leaders argue this means that all Arabs who left Israel during the war (hundreds of thousands) and their descendants (a few million) have a "right of return" to Israel. Israel argues that the resolution only calls for a limited return and only under certain conditions, especially focusing on the words "wishing to return... and live at peace with their neighbors."

Wafa Idris – The first Palestinian female suicide bomber. Belonging to Fatah, she blew herself up on Jaffa Road in central Jerusalem on Jan. 27, 2002, killing 1 and wounding over 100. As a volunteer for the Palestinian Red Crescent she was able to bypass Israeli security and enter Jerusalem in a Palestinian ambulance.

Yahya Ayyash - The first Hamas bomb-maker and leader of Hamas' Izz A-Din Al-Qassam Brigades in the West Bank, he is considered the initiator of Palestinian suicide bombings and nicknamed "the engineer." He built the bombs used in many terror attacks, including the Mehola Junction bombing (2 killed, 9 injured, April 16, 1993), the Afula bus bombing (8 killed, 55 injured, April 6, 1994), the Hadera central station bombing (6 killed, 30 injured, April 13, 1994), the Tel Aviv bus 5 bombing (22 killed, 47 injured, Oct. 19, 1994), the Ramat Gan bus bombing (6 killed, 33 wounded, July 24, 1995), the Ramat Eshkol bus bombing (5 killed, over 100 injured, Aug. 21, 1995), and the Bet Lid bombing (22 killed, 66 injured, Jan. 22, 1995). He was killed by Israeli security forces on Jan. 5, 1996.

Yasmin Al-Zaru Tamimi – 20-year-old terrorist who tried to stab an Israeli soldier near the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron on Feb. 14, 2016. Tamimi was shot by him and died of her wounds in an Israeli hospital.

Yusuf Al-Taraireh - 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist who carried out a car ramming attack at the entrance to Kiryat Arba located just east of Hebron on March 14, 2016. Al-Taraireh wounded an Israeli army officer before being shot and killed by other Israeli soldiers who were at the scene. Two additional soldiers were wounded by shrapnel from the gunfire.

Zaid Younes - a Palestinian terrorist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (Fatah's military wing) who drove suicide bomber Safwat Khalil (17) to carry out an attack in Tel Aviv on Jan. 25, 2002 in which 25 people were injured. Younes also aided the escape of a terrorist involved in the murder of Binyamin and Talia Kahane on Dec. 31, 2000, in a shooting attack in which 5 of their daughters were also wounded. Younes is serving a life sentence and 25 additional years.