

Special Report
A month of PA terror glorification
exposes Abbas' great lie to Trump

Abbas told Trump he fights terror and its “hateful ideology”

Abbas hid from Trump that his PA and Fatah had just honored 44 terrorists involved in the murders of 440 people, in the one month surrounding their first meeting

Honored by PA and Fatah in one month:

- ***14 Suicide bombers and other murderers,***
- ***16 Bomb builders and terror attack planners***
- ***14 Terrorists involved in terror attacks***

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Introduction

US President Donald Trump [said this week](#) in Bethlehem that he was “gratified” that PA leader Mahmoud Abbas told him that he was “committed to taking firm but necessary steps to fight terrorism and confront its hateful ideology.” [The White House website, May 23, 2017]

What Abbas did not tell Trump is that in just one month surrounding the first Trump-Abbas meeting in Washington on May 3, Abbas' Palestinian Authority and Fatah honored at least 44 terrorists who murdered 440 people. Those honored and praised included suicide bombers, bomb makers, hijackers, and planners of terror attacks. Some of the worst terrorists were honored multiple times. Abu Jihad, responsible for the murder of 125, was honored at least 10 separate times. Dalal Mughrabi, who led the bus hijacking and murder of 37 was honored at least 6 separate times.

Not only does Abbas not fight terrorism and its ideology, as he deceitfully told Trump, he and the institutions he heads actively embrace Palestinian terrorism, promote its ideology, and glorify and reward the terrorists themselves.

This Palestinian Media Watch report illustrates the depth and intensity of Palestinian Authority and Fatah terror support under Abbas by documenting what a typical month of PA terror glorification looks like. The period chosen is the month surrounding the first Trump - Abbas meeting in Washington, from April 15 to May 15, 2017.

It's ironic that Trump - while standing next to Abbas in Bethlehem on the day of the suicide bombing in Manchester - spoke words of utter condemnation of those who “aid and comfort” terrorists and suicide bombers:

“Our society can have no tolerance for this continuation of bloodshed, we cannot stand a moment longer for the slaughter of innocent citizens. **The terrorists and extremists, and those who give**



Abbas holding a picture of terrorist prisoner Khaled Khdeish, who was involved in the murder of 2.

[Wafa, official PA news agency, April 28, 2017]

them aid and comfort, must be driven out from our society forever. This wicked ideology must be obliterated.”

Ironic, because Trump’s words also applied to Abbas, the very person standing next to him, who he was about to praise.

This is the second explicit lie that Abbas has told Trump. After Abbas told Trump the PA was teaching Palestinian children a “culture of peace,” [Palestinian Media Watch](#) proved him false by producing a [short video](#), documenting numerous examples of PA hate and violence promotion to children.

The following is PMW’s report documenting the PA and Fatah’s honoring 44 terrorists who murdered 440 people, in just one month.

Part 1: Examples of Abbas, the PA, and Fatah honoring terrorists

Part 2: Names of 44 terrorists and details of their crimes honored by the PA and Fatah

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Part 1: Examples of Abbas, the PA, and Fatah honoring terrorists

- On the day of his first meeting with Trump, Abbas, the PA, and Fatah glorified 12 terrorists, among them 10 murderers who killed 95 people, and the PA announced the naming of a street after one of the murderers.
- In Abbas’ name, his deputy honored 5 terrorists responsible for the murder of 38 people.
- Abbas, the PA, and Fatah glorified the mother of 4 terrorists each serving multiple life sentences. Abbas invited her to an event in his office, Prime Minister Hamdallah joined her at an event, and the Governor of Ramallah and a Fatah leadership delegation visited her at her home.
- The PA named two squares after terrorists who kidnapped and murdered one Israeli. Abbas sent greetings of “honor and pride” to the 2 terrorist prisoners.
- Fatah’s youth movement glorified 4 terrorist murderers in a music video:
 - Abu Iyad – Planner of Olympic Massacre - 11 athletes murdered
 - Abu Jihad - planned terror attacks - 125 murdered
 - Dalal Mughrabi - Dalal Mughrabi – led murder of 37, including 12 children
 - Marwan Barghouti – planned terror attacks - 5 murdered
- The PA Minister of Education instructed PA schools to read a letter to all students from terrorist Marwan Barghouti who is serving 5 life sentences for planning murder. The minister stressed PA education system “stands by the heroic prisoners.”
- Fatah TV honored 4 terrorists in a music video:
 - Abu Jihad - planned terror attacks - 125 murdered
 - Dalal Mughrabi – led murder of 37, 12 children and 25 adults
 - Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf) - planned Munich Olympics massacre – murder of 11 athletes
 - Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar - involved in planning of Munich Olympics massacre murder of 11 athletes.
- The PA Grand Mufti held a solidarity prayer for terrorist prisoners, with the PA Minister of Education, the PLO Director of Commission of Prisoners, and a Fatah Central Committee member.
- Fatah held a “solidarity watch” for terrorist prisoners.

Part 2: Names of 44 terrorists and their crimes honored by the PA and Fatah

14 Suicide bombers and other murderers

Raed Misk – Hamas suicide bomber, murdered 23 including children and babies on bus no. 2 in Jerusalem on Aug. 19, 2003.

Andalib Takatka – Female Fatah suicide bomber, murdered 6 and wounded more than 80 on Jaffa Road in Jerusalem on April 12, 2002.

Muhammad Musleh - serving 9 life sentences for involvement in the murder of 8 and injuring of over 50 in shooting attacks. He also took part in the Ramallah lynching on Oct. 12, 2000, in which a Palestinian mob brutally murdered and mutilated the bodies of 2 Israeli reserve soldiers, Vadim Nurzhitz and Yossi Avrahami, who accidentally entered Ramallah. He was a member of Tanzim, Fatah's terror faction.

Dalal Mughrabi – led murder of 37, 12 of them children, in most lethal attack in Israel's history when she and other Fatah terrorists hijacked a bus, in 1978.

Muhammad Naifeh 'Abu Rabia' – serving 13 life sentences for involvement in the murder of 5 Israelis at Kibbutz Metzger on Nov. 11, 2002, the murder of 3 Israelis in Hermesh on Oct. 29, 2002, and the murder of 5 others in shooting attacks in 2001, some of which he carried out himself. He was a member of Tanzim, Fatah's terror faction.

Nasser Abu Hmeid - serving 7 life sentences for murdering 7 Israelis, and for 12 attempted murders. He was a commander of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, Fatah's military wing.

Samir Kuntar - Lebanese terrorist who murdered 4 Israelis in Nahariya in 1979: 3 members of the Haran family - 4-year-old Einat Haran, who Kuntar murdered by smashing her head with his rifle butt, 2-year-old Yael, who was accidentally suffocated as her mother tried to keep her silent while they hid from the terrorists, and their father, Danny Haran - and Eliyahu Shahar, the first policeman to respond. Kuntar was sentenced to 4 life sentences. He was released in a deal between Israel and Hezbollah in July 2008, exchanged for the bodies of Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser, Israeli soldiers kidnapped and murdered by Hezbollah in 2006. On Dec. 19, 2015, he was killed in an explosion in Syria. An Israeli airstrike is suspected by some, though the Free Syrian Army took credit.

Karim Younes – an Israeli Arab serving a 40-year sentence for kidnapping and murdering Israeli soldier Avraham Bromberg in 1980. Karim Younes was originally sentenced to life in prison, but Israeli President Shimon Peres reduced his sentence in 2012.

Maher Younes – an Israeli Arab serving a 40-year sentence for kidnapping and murdering Israeli soldier Avraham Bromberg in 1980. Maher Younes was originally sentenced to life in prison, but Israeli President Shimon Peres reduced his sentence in 2012.

Nael Barghouti – serving a life sentence for murdering 1. Was released in the Shalit prisoner exchange deal but rearrested for violating the terms of his release and is now again serving a life sentence plus an additional 18 years.

Diya Zakariya Shaker Al-Agha "Al-Faluji" – serving 1 life sentence for beating Israeli civilian Amatzia Ben Haim to death with a shovel in Ganei Tal in the Gaza Strip on Oct. 11, 1992.

Mahmoud Abu Sorour – serving 1 life sentence for participating in the planning and carrying out the assassination of Israeli security agent Haim Nachmani on Jan. 3, 1993, in Jerusalem.

Abd Al-Mun'im Muhammad Yusuf Naji Abu Hmeid - was a member of the military wing of Hamas, Izz A-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, and planned and carried out the ambush and murder of Israeli intelligence officer Noam Cohen on Feb. 13, 1994.

Rizq Salah – Murdered Israeli soldier Guy Friedman and injured 2 others with a bomb in Bethlehem in 1990. He was arrested in 1993 and was sentenced to life in prison, but was released in October 2013 as one of 104 terrorists whom Israel agreed to release to fulfill the PA's precondition for renewing negotiations.

15 Bomb builders and terror attack planners

Abdallah Barghouti - Serving 67 life sentences for building bombs for terror attacks in which 67 people were murdered: Sbarro restaurant in Jerusalem, Aug. 9, 2001 – 15 murdered; triple attack at Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall, Jerusalem, Dec. 1, 2001 – 11 murdered; Moment Café, Jerusalem, March 9, 2002 - 11 murdered; Sheffield Club, Rishon LeZion, May 7, 2002 – 15 murdered; Hebrew University, Jerusalem, July 31, 2002 - 9 murdered; Bus 4 in Tel Aviv, Sept. 19, 2002 - 6 murdered.

Hassan Salameh - serving 46 life sentences for heading the terror infrastructure that carried out 3 suicide bombings on buses in Jerusalem on Feb. 25, 1996 and March 3, 1996, and at the Ashkelon Junction hitchhike point on Feb. 25, 1996. 46 people were murdered and around 100 were wounded. He was a member of Hamas.

Abbas Al-Sayid - Serving 35 life sentences for planning suicide bombings that murdered 35, one at a Passover dinner at the Park Hotel in Netanya on March 27, 2002 - 30 murdered, and another outside a shopping Mall in Netanya on May 18, 2001 - 5 murdered.

Anas Jaradat - Serving 35 life sentences for planning bombing attacks in which 31 people were murdered. Leader of the Islamic Jihad terror organization in Jenin, planned and organized 3 car bombings in Israel: bus from Tel Aviv to Tiberias on June 5, 2002 - 17 murdered. Karkour junction on Oct. 21, 2002 - 14 murdered. An attempted attack thwarted when a car loaded with hundreds of kilograms of explosives was seized near Haifa, Sept. 5, 2002.

Abd Al-Halim Sakeb Omar Al-Balbisi – Serving 23 life sentences for planning the Bet Lid double suicide bombing on Jan. 22, 1995, in which 21 Israeli soldiers and 1 Israeli civilian were murdered.

Marwan Zalum – involved in the murder of 9, including sending the terrorist who shot and murdered infant Shalhevet Pass on March 26, 2001. He also provided the explosive device for Andalib Takatka's suicide attack in Jerusalem on April 12, 2002, in which 6 were murdered and 80 wounded. He organized other attacks in which at least 2 were murdered. Was commander of the Hebron branch of the Tanzim, Fatah's terror faction.

Hamza Omar Shamarkha – serving 6 life sentences and another 20 years for sending the suicide bomber Andalib Takatka to her suicide attack in which she murdered 6 and wounded more than 80 people, in Jerusalem on April 12, 2002.

Marwan Barghouti – serving 5 life sentences for orchestrating three shooting attacks that murdered 5 people: one attack in Jerusalem (June 12, 2001) in which Greek monk Tsibouksakis 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's terror faction. After he was convicted and imprisoned, he was re-elected member of the Palestinian Authority parliament. On Dec. 4, 2016, he was elected to Fatah's Central Committee.

Yasser Abu Bakr – serving 3 life sentences for being responsible for attack in Netanya on March 9, 2002 in which a nine-month-old baby, Avia Malka, and 1 adult, Israel Yihye, were murdered, and for the murder of Israeli border policeman Constantine Danilov, 23, who was shot while trying to stop two terrorists from infiltrating Israel on their way to committing a suicide bombing on March 30, 2002. Was member of Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, Fatah's military wing.

Ahmad Salim –serving 2 life sentences for involvement in the murder of Avi and Avital Wolanski and wounded their 3-year-old son in the town of Eli, North of Ramallah. Terrorists Bilal Abd Al-Fattah and Ahmad Hussein Madi shot and murdered the young couple on Aug. 5, 2002. He was a Fatah terrorist.

Zaid Bassisi –serving 1 life sentence and an additional 55 years for planning a car bombing outside a school in Netanya on May 30, 2001, in which 8 people were wounded. He was an Islamic Jihad terrorist.

Ahed Abu Gholmeh – serving 1 life sentence for planning the murder of Israeli Minister of Tourism Rehavam Zeevi “Ghandi” in 2001.

Raed Abu Zaher –serving 1 life sentence for planning a suicide bombing on Nevi'im St. in Jerusalem on Sept. 4, 2001, injuring 11, and a car bombing in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood of Jerusalem on July 29, 2001, injuring 2. Was member of Hamas

Abu Jihad (Khalil Al-Wazir) - responsible for the murder of 125 Israelis in the many deadly Fatah terror attacks he planned, including the most lethal in Israeli history, the hijacking of a bus and murdering of 37 civilians, 12 of them children, in his role as head of PLO terror organization's military wing.

Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf) – planned the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics on Sept. 5, 1972, and the murder of two American diplomats in Sudan on March 1, 1973, in his role as head of the terror organization Black September.

Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar - involved in planning the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics on Sept. 5, 1972, as commander of Al-Asifa, Fatah's military unit and also the Commander of Operations of the terrorist organization Black September.

14 Terrorists involved in terror attacks

Majdi Za'atri – serving 23 life sentences for driving suicide bomber Raed Misk to the bus stop for his suicide attack in which 23 were murdered, including children and babies. Was member of Hamas.

Hatem Al-Jayousi – serving 6 life sentences for providing the car used in an attack in Hadera, in which a terrorist shot and murdered 6 Israelis and wounded dozens of others at a Bat Mitzvah celebration on Jan. 16, 2002.

Nasr Abu Hmeid - serving 5 life sentences for involvement in two terror attacks and arms dealing. He was a member of Tanzim, Fatah's terror faction.

Sharif Abu Hmeid - serving 4 life sentences. Carried out terror attacks including accompanying a suicide bomber to his attack in March 2002.

Bassem Al-Khandaqji – serving 3 life sentences for involvement in a suicide bombing at the Tel Aviv Carmel Market on Nov. 1, 2004 in which 3 were murdered. Member of the PFLP terror organization.

Muhammad Abu Hmeid - serving 2 life sentences and 30 years for involvement in terror attacks.

Khaled Khdeish – serving 2 life sentences for involvement in the murder of 2 Israeli soldiers and the wounding of 3 others.

Zaid Younes - serving 1 life sentence, for driving suicide bomber Safwat Khalil to his 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. Was member of Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, Fatah's military wing.

Wael Al-Jaghoub –serving 1 life sentence for establishing PFLP terror cells and carrying out terror attacks. Member of PFLP.

Muhannad Jweihan – serving a 25 year sentence for being member of a group of terrorists that murdered 25-year-old law student Moran Amit in Jerusalem on Feb. 8, 2002.

Wajdi Joudeh – DFLP terrorist serving a 25 year sentence for involvement in the Geha Junction suicide bombing on Dec. 26, 2003 in which 4 were murdered and 24 wounded.

Lina Barghouti – Israeli Arab convicted of contact with Islamic Jihad members, aiding an enemy during war, and conspiring to commit terror attacks. She served a sentence of 15 years in prison and was released in April 2017.

Ahmad Sa'adat - Serving a 30 year sentence for heading the PFLP terror organization. PA TV has broadcast PFLP videos in which they credit him for the murder of Israeli Minister of Tourism Rehavam Ze'evi, by PFLP terrorists.

Fuad Al-Shubaki - a senior PA official who is serving a 20-year prison term. He was behind the attempt to smuggle 50 tons of illegal weapons to the Palestinian Authority aboard the Karine A weapons' ship in 2002.

Part 3: PA and Fatah leaders' statements and activities, PA and Fatah TV reports, newspaper articles, and Facebook posts, honoring terrorists

Whereas, Abbas has been telling US President Trump that he is against terror, one of the clearest indicators that Abbas is lying is the PA's and Fatah's incessant [glorification of terrorists](#). The following is the collection of examples from the month surrounding Abbas' first meeting with Trump.

On the very day of Abbas' and Trump's meeting on May 3, 2017, Abbas' Fatah honored 12 terrorists [responsible for murdering 95 people](#) and the PA announced it was naming a street after a kidnapper and murderer.

In a speech on behalf of Mahmoud Abbas, Secretary-General of Abbas' Presidential Office Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim referred to terrorist prisoners as "brave" and singled out 5 terrorists who together are responsible for the deaths of 38 people:



"This event is taking place while our **brave prisoners'** [hunger] strike enters its eighth day... The occupation wants to break the determination of this people and to harm its stability, its spark, and its legal resistance. However, **our brothers and friends Marwan Barghouti** (i.e., terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered), **Karim Younes** (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1), **Ahmad Sa'adat** (i.e., head of the PFLP terror organization), **Mahmoud Abu Sorour** (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1), and **Anas Jaradat** (i.e., terrorist, responsible for murder of 31) **are carrying out a heroic act in the battle of freedom and dignity that will be registered in history in letters of light and fire as part of our journey of eternal life and victory.**"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 25, 2017]

During the imprisoned terrorists' hunger strike, Abbas himself has met with relatives of several terrorist murderers. He has announced that the prisoners are one of the PA's main concerns:

"**The president noted that the prisoners' cause is a priority** among the issues in which the leadership is interested. He called on everyone to stand alongside the prisoners and their just cause, and to ease their suffering and their families' suffering."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 29, 2017]

Both Abbas and PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah have attended events with and honored Um Nasser Abu Hmeid, the mother of 4 terrorist prisoners who between them are serving 18 life sentences for involvement in attacks and murders.



Abbas received Um Nasser Abu Hmeid, the mother of 4 terrorist prisoners serving between them 18 life sentences.
 [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 29, 2017]



PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah beside Um Nasser Abu Hmeid at sit-in strike in Ramallah in solidarity with hunger-striking terrorist prisoners.
 [Facebook page of the PA Government, May 4, 2017]

PA official District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam also publicly showed her support for the mother of the terrorists. She both visited her at her home [Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, May 2, 2017] and appeared with her at an event. [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 15, 2017]



Also during the last month, the PA has decided to [name at least two locations after two terrorists](#) who kidnapped and murdered an Israeli soldier. A square in Jenin has been named after Karim Younes and a square in Tulkarem has been named after Maher Younes. The PA has also announced it is naming a street in Jenin after Karim Younes.



A sign in the square in Tulkarem:
"Heroic Prisoner Maher Younes Square"

"Tulkarem District Governor Issam Abu Bakr unveiled the square in Tulkarem that was named after prisoner Maher Younes... The district governor said: 'This is in appreciation of fighter Maher

Younes... I thank the Tulkarem Municipality and all of the district's bodies for this national act of standing by the prisoners and expressing support for them. We permanently stand by our fighters."
 [Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, May 11, 2017]



Jenin District Governor Ibrahim Ramadan sat together with the mother of murderer Karim Younes at the naming of the square in Jenin.
 [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 19, 2017]

"Relatives of Karim and Maher Younes participated in the naming ceremony, which was under the auspices of Jenin District Governor [Ibrahim Ramadan], the Fatah Movement, the Jenin Municipality, and the Supreme Council for Aiding and Supporting the Prisoners... Jenin District Governor Ibrahim Ramadan conveyed a greeting [expressing] honor and pride to the prisoners and their relatives on behalf of [PA] President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership."
 [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 19, 2017]

"Jenin District Governor Ibrahim Ramadan and Director of [PLO] Commission of Prisoners and Released Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake announced that one of the main streets in the city [of Jenin] will be named after veteran prisoner Karim Younes."
 [Al-Ayyam, May 3, 2017]

In a music video made by Fatah's youth movement Shabiba, [4 terrorist murderers](#) were honored:



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*“Our Shabiba is the Shabiba of the Elder (i.e., Yasser Arafat)
We are walking in your path, no matter what will be...
Abu Iyad lives and is not dead, his soul is with us, we will not forget him
Abu Jihad lives and is not dead, an idea never dies...
Fatah is my organization, O mother of the self-sacrificing fighters...
To Marwan Barghouti, the Shabiba sends its greatest greetings
Do not think that we have forgotten the blood that was spilled
O Jaffa, Dalal [Mughrabi] liberated your land”*

[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 17, 2017; Facebook page of Fatah Deputy Chairman Mahmoud Al-Aloul, April 16, 2017]

A [video](#) on Fatah’s Awdah TV also honored Abu Jihad, Dalal Mughrabi, and Abu Iyad, and added another of the planners of the Munich Olympics massacre to the list of “heroes,” Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar [Fatah-run Awdah TV, May 9, 2017]:



In another show of support for terror, PA Minister of Education Sabri Saidam instructed PA schools to read letter to all students from terrorist Marwan Barghouti who is serving 5 life sentences for murder. The minister stressed that the PA education system “[stands by the heroic prisoners.](#)” [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 18, 2017]

Education Minister Saidam was also present when the PA Grand Mufti held a solidarity prayer for terrorist prisoners, and so were PLO Director of Commission of Prisoners Issa Karake, and Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki. [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 7, 2017] Likewise, the Fatah Movement held a “solidarity watch” for the terrorist prisoners at which Abbas Zaki praised terrorist Marwan Barghouti and others as “the central symbol of Fatah” and stressed that “we value them and are proud of them.” [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 9, 2017]

In addition to the above, Fatah has posted several posts on Facebook honoring murderers, suicide bomber accomplices, bomb builders, and attack planners.

The official PA daily and official PA TV have also portrayed terrorists positively, describing the suffering of their families, and serving as a mouthpiece for the relatives. Among the terrorists thus honored were suicide bombers and other murderers, planners of suicide bombings and shooting attacks.

The following is a collection of examples of PA and Fatah praise for terror attacks and terrorists during the month surrounding Abbas' first meeting with US President Trump (April 15 to May 15, 2017): (The examples appear chronologically with the latest first)

PA official honors mother of 4 terrorist prisoners serving life sentences

Image published in an article in the official PA daily
The image shows District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam holding the hand of Latifa Abu Hmeid - the mother of four terrorist prisoners serving life sentences and a fifth terrorist "Martyr" - as she holds up her hand in a "V" for victory.



Text under the picture: "The mother of the four Martyrs (*Shahids*) and prisoner Nasser Abu Hmeid (sic., she is the mother of four prisoners and one "Martyr") next to District Governor [of Ramallah and El-Bireh] Laila Ghannam after lighting the torch of freedom in Ramallah." [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 15, 2017]

Um Nasser Abu Hmeid (Um Yusuf Abu Hmeid/Latifa Abu Hmeid) – A Palestinian woman who is famous and admired in the Palestinian Authority for being the mother of 4 terrorist prisoners serving between them 18 life sentences and of another terrorist son whom the PA refers to as a "Martyr." Abu Hmeid is also called "Khansa of Palestine," a name that refers to the woman Al-Khansa in the earliest period of Islam who sent her four sons to battle and rejoiced when they all died as Martyrs. Abu Hmeid was honored by the PA in 2010 and in 2015, and was chosen in 2011 to launch the PA's statehood campaign with the UN. Her terrorist sons are listed in Part 2 above.

PA official, District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam honored mother of 4 terrorists serving life sentences

Images and text posted on the Facebook page of District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam

The images show District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam holding a torch together with Latifa Abu Hmeid, the mother of four terrorist prisoners serving life sentences and a fifth terrorist "Martyr."

Posted text: "[District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh] Laila Ghannam while participating in the procession of torches for the 69th [anniversary] of the *Nakba* (i.e., "the catastrophe," the Palestinian term for the establishment of the State of Israel) from Martyr (*Shahid*) Yasser Arafat Square, May 13, 2017"

[Facebook page of District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam, May 14, 2017]



Palestinians commemorate Nakba Day on May 15, the day after the establishment of Israel. On May 15, 1948, combined forces from Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq joined local Arab forces in an attempt to eradicate the newly established State of Israel. The Nakba (Arabic = catastrophe) refers to the establishment of Israel and the subsequent loss of the war, including the killing and displacement of Arab civilians that occurred during the war.

The PA names square after kidnapper-murderer (photo above)

Headline: "A square in Tulkarem was named after a prisoner"

"Tulkarem District Governor Issam Abu Bakr unveiled the square in Tulkarem that was named after prisoner Maher Younes (i.e., terrorist, kidnapped and murdered 1) from the village of 'Ara in the '48 territories (i.e., Israel)...

The district governor said: **"This is in appreciation of fighter Maher Younes, who served and is still serving more than 35 years in the occupation's prisons, and the result of the ban on naming [places] in the Interior (i.e., Palestinian term for Israel) after Martyrs (*Shahids*) and prisoners. I thank the Tulkarem Municipality and all of the district's bodies for this national act of standing by the prisoners and expressing support for them. We permanently stand by our fighters."**

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, May 11, 2017]

*Photo shows sign in the square with the text: "**Heroic Prisoner Maher Younes Square**"*

"Many delegations of solidarity have come to the sit-in strike tent in the center of Jenin to express their support for the prisoners in the battle of dignity until obtaining their just rights on the way to releasing the prisoners from the occupation's prisons.

Jenin activists named the square where the sit-in strike tent of solidarity is located after prisoner Karim Younes (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1). Relatives of the prisoners from the Palestinian Interior (i.e., Palestinian term for Israel) and from throughout the whole district, and relatives of Karim and Maher Younes (i.e., terrorists, murdered 1) participated in **the naming ceremony, which was under the auspices of Jenin District Governor [Ibrahim Ramadan], the Fatah Movement, the Jenin Municipality, and the Supreme Council for Aiding and Supporting the Prisoners...**

Jenin District Governor Ibrahim Ramadan conveyed a greeting [expressing] honor and pride to the prisoners and their relatives on behalf of [PA] President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 19, 2017]

Op-ed in official PA daily glorifies mother of 4 terrorists, says even "Palestine" should be named after her

Headline: "Latifa Abu Hmeid, the mother of a Martyr and four sons sentenced to life"

"How can the heart of a mother of 10 sons and two daughters - one of whom, Abd Al-Mun'im, died as a Martyr, and four of whom are sentenced to life sentences - bear all of this? However, something in this equation is different as we are talking about a Palestinian mother first of all.

Um Nasser [Abu Hmeid], seven of whose sons have been in prison, has gone from prison to prison, from city to city, while pictures of them chase her in her dreams and on the walls, after all of them were arrested in 2002. O Allah, give her patience.

- Nasser Muhammad Yusuf Abu Hmeid, 37, sentenced to 7 life sentences and another 20 years
- Nasr Muhammad Yusuf Abu Hmeid, 35, sentenced to 5 life sentences
- Sharif Muhammad Yusuf Abu Hmeid, 29, sentenced to 4 life sentences
- Muhammad Muhammad Yusuf Abu Hmeid, sentenced to 2 life sentences and another 30 years

I read that they call Latifa by names such as The Oak Tree of Palestine, Khansa of Palestine, and so forth. All these names seem to me to be insufficient, and to diminish her value, for what would we lose if we change the language and call the oak tree, Khansa, and Palestine itself by Latifa's name?"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 10, 2017]

Favorable mention in official PA daily of terrorist who was involved in murder of 2

Headline: "Fatima – The tent of solidarity is her dwelling place"

"For the last 23 days, Fatima Salim, 60, has made the tent of solidarity with the prisoners that was established in the center of Salfit her dwelling place, in order **to be with her son prisoner Ahmad Salim (i.e., terrorist, involved in murder of 2)** and with the prisoners' families who have turned the

tent into a home that unites their sighs, shouts, tears, and consolations... he was given a harsh sentence – 2 life sentences and an additional 25 years.

In the tent, which is decorated with pictures of prisoners, Fatima decorates her chest with a picture of Ahmad, alongside mothers bearing pictures of their sons and holding them close to their chests, while asking the Creator to release them and return them healthy and whole to their arms.

Fatima said:... ‘My son Ahmad was among the best of the youth of Salfit. He was in his second year of accounting studies at Al-Quds Open [University], and was among the young people who feel [a sense of] belonging to the homeland ...

She continued: ‘Ahmad suffered from scoliosis in his legs from a young age, and I worked at the Casablanca Center until I gathered money to pay for the surgery and took him for treatment in Jordan. However, the occupation army destroyed the treatment when the expanding bullet exploded in his body, as all of his joints and his pelvis are now made out of platinum, and he also has plates in his legs. Nonetheless, **praise Allah he leads a normal life, his health is stable, and his morale is high**, and I visited him regularly once every four months in order to slightly calm my concern over his situation.’”

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 10, 2017]

Fatah TV honors arch-terrorist Abu Jihad, responsible for murder of 125, terrorist Dalal Mughrabi who led murder of 37, among them 12 children, terrorist Salah Khalaf who planned Munich Olympics massacre of 11 Israeli athletes, and Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar who was also involved in the Munich Olympics massacre

Lyrics: *“We have nothing other than Fatah
The balm that heals the wound
The morning stars have illuminated
The olive branch has bent sideways and rejoiced
We have nothing other than Fatah”*

Terrorists honored with photos in the video:
Dalal Mughrabi , Abu Jihad, Salah Khalaf, Abu Yusuf Al-Najjar

[Fatah-run Awdah TV, May 9, 2017]



Fatah honors terrorist responsible for murder of 3

Posted text: “The 24th day
#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity”

Text on image: “24
#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity
The prisoner: Yasser Abu Bakr (i.e., terrorist, responsible for murder of 3 including a baby) | The 24th day”
[Official Fatah Facebook page, May 9, 2017]



Fatah glorified terrorist who drove suicide bomber to attack in post with his photo on Facebook

Posted text: “The 29th day
#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity”
Text on image: “29
#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity
The prisoner: Zaid Younes (i.e., terrorist, involved in suicide attack) | The 29th day”
[Official Fatah Facebook page, May 9, 2017]



Fatah official about terrorist who planned murder of 5: “Central symbol of Fatah, we value [him] and are proud of [him]”

"The Fatah Movement yesterday [May 8, 2017] held a solidarity watch at Ibn Rashed Square in the center of Ramallah as a sign of support for the prisoners who have been hunger striking for the last 22 days.

Fatah Central Committee member **Abbas Zaki** said during the watch that took place in the solidarity tent erected there: ... **'Marwan Barghouti (i.e., terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered) and all of the leadership members in the occupation's prisons have become the central symbol of Fatah by virtue of their sacrifice, and we value them and are proud of them.'**"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 9, 2017]

PA Grand Mufti holds solidarity prayer for terrorist prisoners, PA Minister of Education, PLO Director of Commission of Prisoners, Fatah Central Committee member participate

Headline: "Jericho: Muslim and Christian clergy prayed for the brave prisoners"

"The Jericho and Jordan Valley district called on the sheikhs and priests to hold a prayer in solidarity with the prisoners who have been hunger striking these 20 days. [PA] Mufti of Palestine and the Islamic territories Muhammad Hussein, [Greek Orthodox] Archbishop of Sebastia and the Holy Territories Atallah Hanna, Fatah Movement Central Committee member [and Fatah Commissioner for Arab and China Relations] Abbas Zaki, [PA] Minister of Education and Higher Education Sabri Saidam, and Director of [PLO] Commission of Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake were present at the prayer...

Karake said: 'I do not like the [divisive] words Christian and Muslim, and the occupying invaders are the expellers and lawbreakers; they are the Nazis and terrorists in this region that are waging a war against our prisoners and refusing to implement the international conventions and laws'...

Karake explained: 'They defiled the holy plaza when they stormed the Church of the Nativity (see note below –Ed.). O world, prevent the occupation state from crucifying Jesus again. All we want is to live in dignity.'

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 7, 2017]

Siege of the Church of the Nativity - In 2002, during the PA terror campaign (the second Intifada, 2000-2005), Israel launched Operation Defensive Shield in the West Bank to prevent future terror attacks against Israelis. During the operation, 39 terrorists fled to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, using dozens of hostages and the religious site as shields. After 39 days of siege by the Israeli army, the terrorists released the hostages and were deported to Gaza and Cyprus. During the siege, the church was damaged in exchanges of fire between the terrorists and the Israeli army. One clergyman was murdered by the terrorists and 8 terrorists were killed by the Israeli army.

Red Cross rebuts Palestinian claims that Israel commits “executions” and is an “apartheid state” or that it denies basic human rights – Jacques De Maio, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegation to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, rejected claims that Israel carries out “extrajudicial killings” or is an “apartheid state” in an interview with the Israeli news site Ynet on April 26, 2017. De Maio said: “We came to the unequivocal conclusion that there are no shoot to kill orders of suspects by IDF (i.e., the Israeli army), as some political elements tried to convince us. Rules of engagement have not changed, and became even stricter.” Regarding claims of apartheid, De Maio said: “No, there is no apartheid here, no regime of superiority of race, of denial of basic human rights to a group of people because of their alleged racial inferiority.”

The statements by the head of the ICRC delegation to Israel and the PA disprove the PA's repeated claim that Israel is committing "summary executions of Palestinians in cold blood" - a claim that PMW has documented numerous times: <http://www.palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=779>

Official PA daily paints sympathetic picture of terrorist who planned double suicide bombing that murdered 23

Headline: **"Al-Balbisi: 23 life sentences, and his children only know him from pictures"**
"Abd Al-Halim Sakeb Omar Al-Balbisi (i.e., terrorist, responsible for murder of 22) was a quiet and peaceful boy, and no one expected that behind this quiet stands a man sentenced to 23 life sentences in the occupation's prisons...

On Dec. 6, 1995, while renewing his trade license, the occupation forces arrested him at the Beit Hanoun crossing and transferred him to the military interrogation office **on charges of aiding the Bet Lid operation that was carried out by Salah Shaker and Anwar Sukkar on Jan. 22, 1995 (i.e., suicide bombing, 22 murdered)**, and he was sentenced to 23 life sentences...

Abd Al-Halim's father and mother passed away while he was still in prison, and he was transferred between several prisons...

Imad, Abd Al-Halim's son, said that the most difficult moment [for him] was when he separated from the people he was close to in prison and was not released together with them in the Shalit [prisoner exchange] deal [in 2011].

His wife suffered from much abuse by the occupation during her visit to him. His mother passed away on July 2, 2007, and the last time she visited him was in 2005."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 7, 2017]

Official PA and PLO institutions celebrate release of terrorist who aided Islamic Jihad terror organization

Text on image:

"General invitation

The [PLO] Commission of Prisoners and Released Prisoners' Affairs, the Ramallah and El-Bireh district, the [PA-funded] Palestinian Prisoners' Club, the Supreme Council for Monitoring Male and Female Released Prisoners' Affairs, and the national and Islamic forces are honored to invite you to be present at:

A mass ceremony of solidarity with the hunger striking prisoners

In honor of released prisoner Lina Barghouti (i.e., terrorist who helped Islamic Jihad terror organization)

On Saturday, May 6, 2017

At 12:00 p.m.

At the sit-in strike tent at Martyr (*Shahid*) Yasser Arafat Square in Ramallah"

[Facebook page of the PLO Commission of Prisoners' Affairs, May 6, 2017]



PA Prime Minister Hamdallah and PA Minister of Justice Diyak honors terrorist prisoners:

"[PA] Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah participated yesterday [May 4, 2017] at the tent of the sit-in strike set up in Ramallah as a sign of solidarity for the prisoners...

Hamdallah was accompanied by District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam, [PA] Minister of Health Jawad Awwad, and [PA] Minister of Justice Ali Abu Diyak.

Abu Diyak said in a speech before the sit-in strikers on behalf of the prime minister and the government: 'I salute our brave prisoners behind the fences of the Israeli prisons who are waging the [hunger] strike of freedom and dignity, the Campaign of the Empty Stomachs, in order to stop the Israeli violations against them, and for their human dignity and just rights that are anchored in international conventions and agreements. We emphasize to the world that our brave prisoners and righteous Martyrs (*Shahids*) are the victims of the Israeli occupation's crimes and they are fighters for freedom, justice, and peace.'

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 5, 2017]

Fatah honors 3 terrorists who planned or committed murder

Posted text:

"The 19th day

The hunger striking **heroic prisoners Ahed Abu Gholmeh (i.e., terrorist, planned murder of Israeli minister), Diya Al-Agha (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1), and Muhannad Jweihan (i.e., terrorist, involved in murder of 1)**

#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity"

Text on image:

"#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity

The 19th day"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, May 5, 2017]



Official PA daily praises suicide bombing, suicide bomber, and terrorist who planned it

"In 2002, during the occupation's invasions of the West Bank (i.e., Operation Defensive Shield), there was something preoccupying young **Hamza Omar Shamarkha (i.e., terrorist, involved in murder of 6)** from the village of Beit Fajjar, south of Bethlehem, more than anything else; **together with additional people, led by Martyr (Shahid) Marwan Zalum, (i.e., former head of Fatah terror faction in Hebron) he was planning a self-sacrifice operation (i.e., suicide bombing attack) that was carried out by Martyr Andalib Takatka in Jerusalem, at a time when difficult conditions prevailed in the Palestinian territories. [PA] President Yasser Arafat was under siege, and most of the cities in the West Bank were under siege and suffered from daily attacks and killing.**

The operation in the heart of west Jerusalem - on which the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (i.e., Fatah's military wing) signed – succeeded. It reverberated due to the one that carried it out, so much so that top officials in the PA praised the operation.

The occupation authorities arrested Hamza on April 13, 2002, and the occupation court sentenced him to 6 life sentences and another 20 years...

He did not let his years in prison pass in vain, [but spent] them obtaining a master's degree in economics and political science.

Journalist Muhammad Takatka lived with Hamza in the Rimon Prison for about five years, and praised his qualities: 'Hamza was a polite man, of good character, and educated. We studied together for the matriculation exams. He completed his bachelor's degree studies in prison and obtained his bachelor's degree from the Hebrew (i.e., Israeli) Open University in Tel Aviv. He continued his studies until he obtained a master's degree'...

His brother Muhammad, who was 11 when Hamza was arrested, sent him a message: 'When hunger goes from ransom (referring to an Arabic saying that when a person is very hungry he is liable to do terrible things –Ed.) to rebel, know that victory is drawing near. My brother in the darkness, I do not remember your prison cell number by heart. I do not know in exactly which corner you are lying at this moment, but I know that the walls of your gloomy cell submit to your strength when you lean on them. I also know that you rise to fight death when you feel it near, and that the flock of hypocrites around you is wandering and wailing, while you, like a lion, are steady in your place and stand like a king. My brother, I know that you are still standing, and I also know that our sunbeams will be spun only from your shadow. May Allah, make it easier for you, hero.'"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 4, 2017]

Operation Defensive Shield - a large Israeli military operation in April 2002 in response to the many suicide bombings during PA terror campaign (the second Intifada, 2000-2005). Israel put Arafat under siege and invaded six of the largest West Bank cities in an attempt to destroy the terror infrastructure.

PA PM Hamdallah attends event with mother of 4 terrorists in support for striking prisoners (photo of Hamdallah and Um Nasser Abu Hmeid above)

Posted text: "[PA] Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah participates in the sit-in strike tent in Ramallah as a sign of solidarity with the prisoners. He again emphasized the support for the prisoners ..."

PA names street after kidnapper and murderer Karim Younes

Headline: "A main street in Jenin is named after Karim Younes"

"Jenin District Governor Ibrahim Ramadan and Director of [PLO] Commission of Prisoners and Released Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake announced that one of the main streets in the city [of Jenin] will be named after veteran prisoner Karim Younes (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1)."

[Al-Ayyam, May 3, 2017]

Fatah honors murderers and planners of suicide bombings and shooting attacks

Posted text: "All blessings to our heroic prisoners carrying out the [hunger] strike of dignity: Karim Younes, Marwan Barghouti, Nael Barghouti, Ahmad Sa'adat, Abbas Al-Sayid, Hassan Salameh, Zaid Bassisi, Bassem Al-Khandaqji, Wajdi Joudeh, Maher Younes, Fuad Al-Shubaki, Wael Al-Jaghoub (see below for the profile of each terrorist –Ed.)."

The image shows the terrorists listed in the post. **Back row left to right:** Fuad Al-Shubaki, Zaid Bassisi, Bassem Al-Khandaqji, Wael Al-Jaghoub, Wajdi Joudeh, and Hassan Salameh.

Front row left to right: Nael Barghouti, Ahmad Sa'adat, Maher Younes, Marwan Barghouti - with his handcuffed hands raised and making a "V" for victory, Abbas Al-Sayid, and Karim Younes. Above them is a logo showing three hands reaching up through barbed wire.

Text under logo: "#The_[hunger_]strike_of_freedom"



[Official Fatah Facebook page, May 3, 2017]

PA official honors mother of 4 life time terrorist prisoners

Headline: "The Khansa of Palestine continues her [hunger] strike"

"Um Nasser Abu Hmeid continues her unlimited hunger strike on this the 16th day in a row as a sign of solidarity with the prisoners who are [hunger] striking in the occupation's prisons..."

Several doctors, led by Director of the Health Directorate of Ramallah and El-Bireh Dr. Wael Al-Sheikh, carried out the necessary exams of Um Nasser - who is known as the Khansa of Palestine - in the presence of District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Dr. Laila Ghannam.

Ghannam emphasized that 'the mothers of the prisoners and the Martyrs (Shahids) are the mothers of all of us and constitute a priority for everyone that belongs [to the Palestinian nation],' and wished for all of our prisoners that they be victorious and be released soon."

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, May 2, 2017]



Official PA daily presents heroically a suicide bomber and accomplice who murdered 23

"Imagine a man who was sentenced to 2,327 years of imprisonment. If we go back in time to discover the meaning of this number, we find that before such a period of time, humanity was still at the beginning of its path. It could be that people still lived in caves and on tree tops while naked, and had not yet discovered fire (sic., fire had been discovered long before then).

Majdi Barakat Abd Al-Ghaffar Za'atari (i.e., terrorist, planned suicide bombing in which 23 were murdered) from the Wadi Al-Joz neighborhood of Jerusalem was born on Aug. 7, 1978, and

was arrested on Sept. 12, 2003. He was convicted of participating in transporting Martyrdom-seeker Raed Misk (i.e., suicide bomber) from Hebron, who carried out the operation in Jerusalem on Aug. 19, 2003, in which 24 (sic., 23) Israelis were killed.

When the first Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel, 1987-1993) broke out, he participated in processions and confrontations at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and in the Old City [of Jerusalem]. He said: 'Due to my activity in the resistance to the occupation and in processions I was arrested while I was still in school, in 6th grade. They did not take into consideration that I was a boy and I was sentenced to 12 months of imprisonment. Inside the prison, the love for the homeland and Jerusalem and my [sense of] belonging to Palestine took root. When I got out the first Intifada was still at its height and I joined the ranks of the Fatah Movement.' ...

He also said: 'We are always living the memories of those periods in which we challenged the occupation and succeeded in building small groups and an organizational base that constituted the spearhead of the resistance to the occupation, so that Fatah would lead the battle against the occupation before and after the Al-Aqsa Intifada (i.e., PA terror campaign 2000-2005). Thanks to [this spearhead], the spirit of resolve, resistance, and the defense of Jerusalem – the eternal capital of Palestine - were strengthened. Therefore, I hope that the [Fatah] Movement will return to the way it was, fulfill its role, and do its duty in these difficult days, as Jerusalem is in danger and must be defended and saved from the occupation's plans.'

He was sentenced to 23 life sentences and an additional 50 years, and is considered one of the Fatah activists in the prisons. More than once he was punished and put in solitary confinement for his resistance activity within the prison and due to his heroic positions that support the prisoners' rights."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 1, 2017]

Official PA TV program honors terrorist prisoners by interviewing their relatives:

Official PA TV reporter: "Now we turn to the mother of the prisoner Um Muhammad Musleh (i.e., terrorist, involved in murder of 8). Hello aunt, how are you?"

Mother of prisoner Muhammad Musleh: "Hello good morning, be well."

Reporter: "Tell us, how much time was your son sentenced to?"

Mother of prisoner Muhammad Musleh: "My son was sentenced to 9 life sentences and 50 years."

Reporter: "How much [of it] has he served?"

Mother of prisoner Muhammad Musleh: "He has served 15 of the years, and now this is his 16th year."

Reporter: "Introduce yourself."

Mother of prisoner Raed Abu Zaher: "[I am the] mother of prisoner Raed Abu Zaher (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1) from Um Al-Sharait (i.e., an area of El-Bireh)."

Reporter: "Be well. Tell us how much time your son was sentenced to."

Mother of prisoner Raed Abu Zaher: "Raed was sentenced to life."

Reporter: "And how much has he served of it?"

Mother of prisoner Raed Abu Zaher: "Sixteen years."

Reporter: "May Allah release him and all of them."

Wife of prisoner Nasr Abu Hmeid: "Good morning, I am the wife of prisoner Nasr Abu Hmeid (i.e., terrorist, involved in two attacks) who was sentenced to 5 life sentences. He has been imprisoned since 2002 and has served 15 years of his sentence. However, Nasr was imprisoned in the first Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel, 1987-1993) [for] 10 years. In other words, he has spent 25 years of his life in prison. He has four brothers, all of them sentenced



Text on screen: "Mother of prisoner Muhammad Musleh"



Text on screen: "Mother of prisoner Raed Abu Zaher"

to life sentences and all of them having spent more than 25 years in prison (sic., 3 serving life sentences, one dead, referred to as a 'Martyr')."

[Official PA TV, *Palestine This Morning*, April 30, 2017]

Abbas meets with relatives of terrorist prisoners (photo above)

Headline: "The [PA] president: The prisoners' cause is a priority among the issues in which the leadership is interested"
"[PA] President Mahmoud Abbas welcomed a delegation of families of Martyrs (*Shahids*) and hunger striking prisoners from all districts of the homeland yesterday [April 28, 2017] at his presidential office in Ramallah.

The president emphasized that the leadership is in contact with all of the international parties in order to pressure the government of Israel to accede to the prisoners' just humanitarian demands. The president noted that the prisoners' cause is a priority among the issues in which the leadership is interested. He called on everyone to stand alongside the prisoners and their just cause, and to ease their suffering and their families' suffering."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 29, 2017]

Abbas posed with several relatives of imprisoned terrorists and "Martyrs," among them:



Caption: "The [PA] president embraces two children of prisoners during a meeting with their families in Ramallah, [official PA news agency] Wafa"

Abbas is holding a picture of terrorist prisoner Khaled Khdeish, who was involved in the murder of 2.

Official PA daily praises terrorist murderer Samir Kuntar who killed 4, calls his attack "extraordinary military operation"

"Today, Thursday [April 27, 2017], is the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Palestinian Liberation Front, one of the PLO factions... The Front has succeeded in carrying out **extraordinary military operations** (i.e., terror attacks) against the occupation, which led to a large number of Israeli dead and wounded, [including] the self-sacrificing operation in Nahariya on April 22, 1979, led by Martyr (*Shahid*) Samir Kuntar (i.e., terrorist, murdered 4)."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 27, 2017]

PLO official called terrorists "freedom fighters" and participates in solidarity rally

"Director of [PLO] Commission of Prisoners and Released Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake today... **In a speech that he gave during the mass rally that passed through the streets of Ramallah and El-Bireh as a sign of solidarity with the prisoners' movement**, he added that 'the world must listen to the prisoners' voices and the Palestinian people's voice - we are a people that only wants



Text on screen: "Wife of prisoner Nasr Abu Hmeid"

its freedom. **Our prisoners are not terrorists, but rather fighter heroes and prisoners of honor and freedom.**"

[Amad, independent Palestinian news website, April 27, 2017]

PA Prime Minister called for release of Palestinian mass murderers: We need "to release all of the prisoners without exception"

Headline: "The government: The unity of the prisoners calls to us to complete the reconciliation [between Fatah and Hamas] and thwart the occupation's plans"

"[PA] Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah emphasized during the weekly government meeting held in Ramallah under his leadership... that the fact that Israel continues to hold thousands of prisoners, in addition to the racist incitement campaign and the criminal, racist, direct, and explicit calls of the occupation leaders to kill the prisoners (*PMW has found no such calls, see below for more details - Ed.*) necessitate the urgent intervention of the international community...

He added that their (the prisoners') cause is the cause of all of us, and that this is a national and personal cause that touches every Palestinian home...

He emphasized that we will not forget our prisoners and will not forget our land, and that the time has come to establish their status as prisoners of war in a way that will allow us to work with international institutions in order to enlist more support for their release. He also noted that **the title of the [current] stage is the need to release all of the prisoners without exception and without discrimination.** Hamdallah added that the loyalty to the prisoners also requires us to act to unite the homeland and provide a fitting life for their families, and that instead of the blackmail, pressures, and incitement that Israel is using to force us to stop supporting the prisoners and Martyrs' families, it must stop the organized state terror that it is using."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 26, 2017]

PMW could find no calls by Israeli ministers to kill prisoners. The Palestinians have referred to statements by Israeli Minister of Intelligence and Transportation Yisrael Katz and Israeli Minister of Defense Avigdor Liberman as such, however in both cases that was not what they actually said.

On March 6 and 7, 2017, Katz said that terrorist Marwan Barghouti should have been sentenced to the death penalty rather than life imprisonment.

In 2015, when serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liberman said regarding a prisoner hunger strike at the time that those wishing to hunger strike should be allowed to do so, and that their lives are their responsibility. He referred to Irish hunger strikers in Britain in 1981 who starved themselves to death when then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher refused to give in to their demands, saying: "What's good for the birthplace of democracy, England, is good enough for us."

In name of Abbas, his deputy honors 5 terrorist murderers

Headline: "Abd Al-Rahim: The prisoners are carrying out a heroic act that will be recorded in history in letters of light and fire"

"Secretary-General of the Presidential Office Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim praised the achievements of Arab American University... in **a speech he gave on behalf of [PA] President Mahmoud Abbas** at a ceremony to inaugurate the university's new campus in Ramallah...

He added: 'This event is taking place while our brave prisoners' [hunger] strike enters its eighth day... The occupation wants to break the determination of this people and to harm its stability, its spark, and its legal resistance. However, **our brothers and friends Marwan Barghouti** (i.e., terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered), **Karim Younes** (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1), **Ahmad Sa'adat** (i.e., head of the PFLP terror organization), **Mahmoud Abu Sorour** (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1), and **Anas Jaradat** (i.e., terrorist, responsible for murder of 31) are carrying out a heroic act in the battle of freedom and dignity that will be registered in history in letters of light and fire as part of our journey of eternal life and victory."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 25, 2017]

Fatah leadership honors mother of 4 terrorists serving life sentences

Headline: "The Fatah leadership visits the Oak Tree of Palestine (i.e., Um Nasser Abu Hmeid), who is hunger striking"

"A **delegation from the Fatah Movement leadership** today (Monday) [April 24, 2017] **visited the home of... Um Nasser [Abu] Hmeid, the mother of a Martyr (Shahid) and four prisoners who are serving life sentences** in the occupation's prisons. This was as a sign of appreciation for her position regarding the prisoners' [hunger] strike and her announcing her participation in the hunger strike, in a step of solidarity with her offspring and the rest of the prisoners. The delegation included Fatah Movement Deputy Chairman Mahmoud Al-Aloul 'Abu Jihad,' and [Fatah Central Committee member and] Commissioner of Mobilization and Organization [in the West Bank] Jamal Muhaisen...



Al-Aloul... emphasized that Fatah will always remain loyal to the Martyrs and prisoners' promise, and will continue its struggle until the release of all of our prisoners from the occupation's prison."

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, April 24, 2017]

Fatah FB glorifies terrorist involved in suicide attack that killed 6

Image and text posted on the official Fatah Facebook page

Posted text: "Prisoner leader Hatem Al-Jayousi (i.e., terrorist, participated in attack in which 6 were murdered) from Tulkarem Sentence – 3 life sentences (sic., 6 life sentences and an additional 50 years)

#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity"

The image shows terrorist Hatem Al-Jayousi, along with two images of him holding weapons in the background. In the upper left corner appears the Fatah logo that includes a grenade, crossed rifles, and the PA map of "Palestine" that presents all of Israel as "Palestine" together with the PA areas. In the upper right corner appears a logo for the terrorist prisoners' hunger strike that began on March 17, 2017, showing hands reaching up out of barbed wire, and underneath it the words: "#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity"

Text at top of image: "The Palestinian National Liberation Movement Fatah"

Text at bottom of image: "Prisoner leader

Hatem Al-Jayousi

#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity"



[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 24, 2017]

PA minister calls terrorist prisoners "the conscience of the Palestinian people"

"[PA] Minister of Justice Ali Abu Diyak emphasized yesterday [April 22, 2017] that **it is not possible... to stain with terror the struggle of our people that is defending itself, its land, its holy sites, its freedom, and its just rights.**

Abu Diyak said in response to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statements regarding the request to stop paying financial allowances (*mukhassasat*) to the prisoners and the Martyrs' (*Shahids*) families: **'The Martyrs and prisoners are the symbols of our legitimate national struggle, the conscience of our Palestinian people,** and victims of the organized terror and state terror that the occupation uses against our people.'"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 23, 2017]

PLO Executive Committee member Tayseer Khaled stressed the PLO's refusal to end the payments to terrorists because they are "freedom fighters"

"Those whose allowances the American administration is demanding to stop are **freedom fighters**, and the Palestinian side cannot relate to these provocative demands. The Palestinian National Fund, which... takes care of the families of the Martyrs, wounded, and prisoners, and **will continue to do so** regardless of the positions of the Israeli government and the American administration."
[Donia Al-Watan, independent Palestinian news agency, April 22, 2017]

Fatah official glorifies planner of murder of 125: Abu Jihad – “a talented man whom Allah loved”



Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki: Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki: "We have a talented man whom Allah loved and made people love, and his name is Abu Jihad. He said: "Continue to attack!"... After Abu Jihad died as a Martyr, 24 people who accompanied him died as Martyrs out of love for the leader, because the only enemy is Israel. [Abu Jihad] aspired to conquer the [Israeli] Ministry of Defense and turned Dalal Mughrabi into a republic for 15 hours between Haifa and Tel Aviv. Therefore, O prisoners, O my beloved, if you are destined for death as Martyrs, then Abu Jihad stands before your eyes. And if you are destined for victory, standing before your eyes are those important people of stature who, despite Israel's hostility, left the prisons."

[Official PA TV, *Palestine This Morning*, April 20, 2017]

Kindergarten children participate in procession in solidarity with hunger-striking terrorist prisoners

Headline: "The children of the Farah Kindergarten in Deir Ghassaneha express solidarity with the prisoners in their [hunger] strike that is unlimited in time"

"The Farah Kindergarten in the village of Deir Ghassaneh, which is in the Ramallah district, yesterday [April 19, 2017] organized an activity of solidarity with the prisoners in the occupation's prisons, who are waging the Empty Stomachs Campaign.

The activity was a procession in which the kindergarten's children and teachers participated. It passed through the streets of the village and reached the protest tent in Deir Ghassaneh."



[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 20, 2017]

Fatah glorifies bomb builder

Image and text posted on the official Fatah Facebook page

Posted text: "Safa, the daughter of prisoner Abdallah Barghouti (i.e., terrorist who prepared explosives for attacks in which 67 were murdered), was unable to stop her tears while reading a letter to her father at a school ceremony."

[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 20, 2017]

The image shows Safa Barghouti reading her letter during the ceremony, and in the upper right corner a picture of terrorist Abdallah Barghouti is seen.



PA Minister of Education instructed PA schools to read letter from terrorist Barghouti to students, stressed PA education system “stands by the heroic prisoners”

Headline: "The reading of leadership member prisoner Marwan Barghouti's letter in the schools, and the [PA] Ministry of Education expresses solidarity with the prisoners' dignity"

"The [PA] Ministry of Education and Higher Education organized a mass support rally [for the prisoners] in the ministry plaza, in which [PA] Minister [of Education] Dr. Sabri Saidam, Deputy Minister [of Education] Dr. Basri Saleh, the minister's aides, and all of the ministry employees participated.

In this context, Saidam emphasized the education system's standing by the side of **the heroic prisoners** and its support for them in the battle that they are waging against the occupation in order to defend their dignity and achieve all of their rights. He added: 'Leadership member Marwan Barghouti (i.e., terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered) and all of the prisoners are emphasizing that we are one people that refuses to be broken, and which has grown accustomed to not breaking.' He praised the education system that always proves its loyalty to the national causes, including the prisoners' cause.

Saleh read leadership member Marwan Barghouti's speech (i.e., letter) addressed to the school students, and emphasized the loyalty of the education system, in all of its parts, to the prisoners and its standing by their side in this heroic battle.

In the same context, students of all the Palestinian schools made calls of support for the prisoners in the battle that they are waging in order to achieve all of their rights. Likewise, the morning assembly in all of the schools included many sections of support for the prisoners, **including reading leadership member prisoner Marwan Barghouti's letter addressed to the school students**. The students also held a symbolic hunger strike for an hour as a message of support for the prisoners in their heroic battle."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 18, 2017]

Letter by terrorist Barghouti to Palestinian students

Headline: "From Barghouti to the students of Palestine: 'Knowledge is your weapon to liberate the homeland'"

"Fatah Movement Central Committee member and member of the PA Parliament (Legislative Council) prisoner Marwan Barghouti (i.e., terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered), ... who is serving 5 life sentences, sent a letter from within the prison to all the young people of Palestine, and to the students in particular, in which it is stated: 'I write this letter to you from my small cell, which is small for the great prisoner and the free man. However, the chains that bind the body cannot bind the willpower, as the soul is nurtured by the love of the land of Palestine and its people.' ...

'... The Palestinian prisoner has succeeded in turning the prison into a base for the struggle, contemplation, culture, strengthening of the willpower, and deepening of the [sense of] belonging. These colonialists wanted the prison to constitute a graveyard for the fighters, but the prisoners, with their resolve and willpower, have stood against the hangman and the jailor and turned the prison into a station for renewing the strength, strengthening of the [sense of] belonging, and deepening of the experience. The secret of the resolve, perseverance, and energy is in our deep belief in the justice of the matter for which we are fighting and sacrificing, as Palestine is among the most just and noble causes of our time. Therefore, **we sacrifice all that we possess with happiness and joy so that our land will be free and sovereign**, as the free and sovereign homeland is what gives meaning to dignity and honor.'

Barghouti added: 'The struggle for freedom is of the highest order, and is even the pinnacle of human sentiment. Our mighty people is carrying out resistance (i.e., PA euphemism for terror and violence) and has been fighting for more than 100 years. It has ignited rebellions, intifadas, and popular uprisings (i.e., term includes the use of violence), and resisted in every way. There are many ways to resist the colonialist - knowledge, culture, literature, art, fiction, poetry, drawing, music, popular folklore, heritage, working the land and agriculture, building schools, universities, and institutes, producing national products, boycotting Israeli merchandise, and exposing the occupation's crimes.'

He continued: 'My dear male and female students, my dear children, when you read this letter I will be in solitary confinement, in a place the rays of the sun do not enter. I will be alone, but every morning anthem you sing will reach my ears. We are waging the battle for freedom and dignity with an unlimited hunger strike; and this is the prisoners' weapon, just as knowledge is your weapon to liberate your homeland and your people. This is because the path to the freedom of our land is hard and long, as freedom is the supreme value of peoples and human dignity, and the struggle for freedom is the realization of the greatest meanings of freedom itself. **Your brothers the prisoners have already chosen the path of resistance to the apartheid and occupation regime, and I say to you that in order to be creative in resisting the colonialist, we must be creative in our studies, education, and culture. I say to you - I was arrested for the first time when I was in high school, I took the matriculation exams in prison, and continued on the path of study and obtained a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate. This was despite being imprisoned for more than 23 years, expelled for seven years, and subjected to pursuit and assassination attempts. I say this to you in order to emphasize to you that the path of studies and the national path go side by side**, and that education is the key to change in the battle of the peoples and nations. What I mean is modern education, which provides wide room for scientific professions and philosophy, teaches the children critical thinking, and strengthens the mentality of dialogue, accepting the other, partnership, pluralism, freedom of opinion, thought, and faith, and personal freedoms, in light of the fact that [this mentality] constitutes the true realization and greatest expression of the freedom of the peoples, nations, and homelands.'

In conclusion, Barghouti said in his letter: 'I and my brother prisoners who are waging an unlimited hunger strike call on you to express your solidarity and write in your notebooks 10 times every day: 'Freedom and dignity for Palestine.' Allow me to also shake the hand of every one of you and to kiss your pure hands and raised foreheads. I say to you as our Palestinian poet Tawfiq Ziyad from Nazareth said: 'The prison cell has not weakened me and my shoulders have not fallen, but rather I will remain upright with the flag of Palestine in my hand waving high until freedom, return, independence, and dignity are achieved.'"

[Israeli Arab website, Arab 48, April 17, 2017]

Fatah FB page glorifies terrorist murderers: "Our heroic prisoners – our hearts are with you"

Image and text posted on the official Fatah Facebook page

Posted text: "If you are alive, live free or die upright like the trees

Our heroic prisoners – our hearts are with you, the dawn of freedom will surely come

#The_[hunger_]strike_of_dignity

#The_[hunger_]strike_of_freedom_and_dignity"

The image shows terrorist prisoners Muhammad Naifeh, who was involved in numerous terror attacks, and Hatem Al-Jayousi, who was involved in the murder of 6.

Text on image: "The promise and loyalty to the heroic leaders

Hatem Al-Jayousi Abu Karim

Muhammad Naifeh Abu Rabia"



[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 17, 2017]

Fatah's parliamentary faction called terrorist Barghouti "a shining and renewing flame of struggle" and praised him and the other imprisoned terrorists

Headline: "The Fatah parliamentary faction: Marwan Barghouti is still a shining and renewing flame of resolve and struggle"

"The Fatah parliamentary faction said in a statement for the 15th anniversary of the arrest of leader, [PA] Parliament member, prisoner, and Fatah Central Committee member Marwan Barghouti (i.e.,

terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered): **'Prisoner Barghouti, who has begun his 16th year in prison, still constitutes a shining and renewing flame of struggle, and together with his comrades is heading an epic of resolve and heroism in the face of the captivity, the jailors, the occupation's injustice, and the ongoing oppression of our heroic prisoners and our people everywhere.'**

The Fatah faction sent its regards and pride to leader Parliament member Barghouti and to all of the heroic male and female prisoners who will begin a new epic of resolve and heroism in a few days when they go on a hunger strike against the Israeli occupation and its racist policy of oppression, which denies the rights of the prisoners and the rights of our Palestinian people."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 16, 2017]

Fatah's youth movement Shabiba produced a music video which honors 4 terrorists, including Dalal Mughrabi who led murder of 37:

Abu Iyad – Planner of Olympic Massacre - 11 athletes murdered

Abu Jihad - planned attacks - 125 murdered

Marwan Barghouti – planned attacks - 5 murdered

Dalal Mughrabi - led murder of 37, 12 of them children

"Our Shabiba is the Shabiba of the Elder (i.e., Yasser Arafat)

We are walking in your path, no matter what will be...

Abu Iyad lives and is not dead, his soul is with us, we will not forget him

Abu Jihad lives and is not dead, an idea never dies...

Fatah is my organization, O mother of the self-sacrificing fighters...

To Marwan Barghouti, the Shabiba sends its greatest greetings

Do not think that we have forgotten the blood that was spilled

O Jaffa, Dalal [Mughrabi] liberated your land"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 17, 2017; Facebook page of Fatah Deputy Chairman Mahmoud Al-Aloul, April 16, 2017]

Bombing of Israel's National Water Carrier - 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.

Official PA daily credits arch-terrorist Abu Jihad with numerous terror attacks

Headline: "29 years since the death as a Martyr of commander Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad'"

"Today, Sunday [April 16, 2017], is the 29th anniversary of the death as a Martyr (*Shahid*) of commander Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad,' the general leader of the revolution forces and the engineer of the first Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel, 1987-1993), who was assassinated by the Israeli Mossad (i.e., Israeli Secret Intelligence Service) in his home in Tunisia...

Among the military operations that Abu Jihad planned were the operation to blow up the Zohar reservoir (i.e., near Beit Hanoun in Gaza) in 1955; the operation to blow up the Israeli National Water Carrier pipelines (Eilabun tunnel) [parentheses in source] in 1965; the operation at the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv and the killing of 10 Israelis (sic., 11) in 1975; the operation to blow up a truck bomb in Jerusalem (15 murdered –Ed.) in 1975; the operation to kill Albert Levy, the senior sapper, and his assistant, in Nablus (sic., in Jerusalem) in 1976; the Dalal Mughrabi operation, in which more than 37 Israelis were killed, in 1978; the operation to shell the Eilat Port in 1979 (sic., 1978, apparently refers to foiled ship bombing; [and] the Katyusha fire on the northern settlements [in Israel] in 1981.

Israel also held the Martyr responsible for the capture of 8 Israeli soldiers in Lebanon, and their exchange for 5,000 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners and 100 of the detainees of the territory occupied in 1982. In addition, he planned the infiltration of the headquarters of the Israeli military governor in Tyre and its bombing, leading to the deaths of 76 officers and soldiers, including 12 senior officers, in 1982; he led the war of attrition during the years 1982-1984 in southern Lebanon;

and [he planned] the Dimona Reactor operation in 1988, which was the principle reason for his assassination."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 16, 2017]

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 killed by the terrorists during the attack.*

Attack with truck bomb (sometimes called **the refrigerator bombing**): *Attack in Jerusalem in 1975 with a truck carrying a refrigerator filled with explosives. 15 people were killed and 77 wounded. The attack was orchestrated by Arafat's advisor and Fatah Revolutionary Council member Ahmad Jabarah Abu Sukkar.*

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.

Coastal Road Massacre - *In March 1978, a group of Fatah terrorists from Lebanon led by Dalal Mughrabi hijacked a bus on Israel's Coastal Highway. Confronted by the Israeli army, the terrorists murdered many of the passengers on the bus, in total 37 civilians, 12 of them children, and wounded more than 70. The attack, orchestrated by arch-terrorist Abu Jihad (Khalil Al-Wazir), is known in Israel as the Coastal Road Massacre.*

Eilat 1978 foiled attack - *A Fatah ship carrying explosives, the Agios Dimitros, 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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

Fatah official glorifies Abu Jihad at conference honoring the arch-terrorist

Headline: "Ramallah: Conference regarding the life of Martyr Khalil Al-Wazir on the anniversary of his death as a Martyr"

"Dozens of philosophers, interested parties, **members of the PLO Executive Committee and the Fatah Central Committee, and [PA] ministers participated yesterday [April 15, 2017] in a conference regarding the life and history of national commander Martyr (Shahid) Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad'** at the Mahmoud Darwish Museum in Ramallah, organized by the Khalil Al-Wazir Institute... **Fatah Central Committee member [and Fatah Commissioner for Arab and China**

Relations] Abbas Zaki spoke about Abu Jihad's role in realizing the national unity. He noted that **'The Martyr was a great man and a consensus figure in the eyes of all the members of our people. He was a philosopher and a fighter with patience and a pure heart. He had no enemy other than the occupation, and he knew how and when to confront the occupation.'** Zaki added that 'Abu Jihad, who was buried in Damascus in a funeral that included almost a million people, was Allah's gift to Palestine and the Martyrs, and a source of authority for all of the faithful and loving.' He also emphasized that 'Abu Jihad' has indeed passed on in his body, but will remain forever in memory."

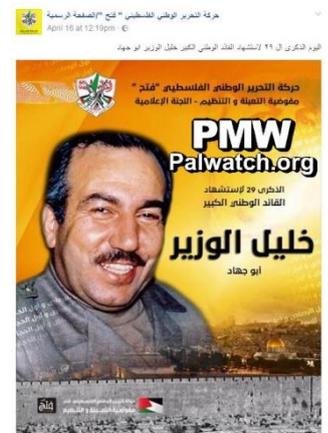
[Official PA daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, April 16, 2017]

Fatah remembers "outstanding national leader Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad,'" responsible for the murder of 125

Image and text posted on the official Fatah Facebook page

Posted text: "Today [April 16, 2017] is the 29th anniversary of the death as a Martyr (*Shahid*) of outstanding national leader Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad' (i.e., terrorist who planned attacks in which 125 were murdered)" The image shows a picture of terrorist Abu Jihad, and above him the Fatah logo that includes a grenade, crossed rifles, and the PA map of "Palestine" that presents all of Israel as "Palestine" together with the PA areas. The image also includes a picture of the Dome of the Rock.

[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 16, 2017]



Op-ed in official PA daily praises terrorist prisoners as "heroes who have sacrificed their souls"

Excerpt of an op-ed by Omar Hilmi Al-Ghoul, regular columnist of the official PA daily

"The most basic rights of the members of the Martyrs' people and mainly our people are: first, to honor them through their burial with their names in graves befitting them and their heroic struggle; second, to document their heroic acts in the annals of the national liberation struggle; third, to pursue their Israeli murderers everywhere possible in order to try them as war criminals; fourth, to resist the Western capitalist blackmail that calls the heroes of the Palestinian people 'terrorists' - the same heroes who have sacrificed their souls in order to defend the freedom, independence, peace, self-determination, and the guarantee of the right of return of the members of their people."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 16, 2017]

PA Prime Minister expresses support for terrorist prisoners, including Barghouti who planned murder of 5

Headline: "Hamdallah to the prisoners: We are standing beside you in the [hunger] strike battle on the way to freedom"

"Palestinian [PA] Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah emphasized that his government is working on all levels to provide the prisoners' cause with the legal and international momentum and support it deserves.

For Palestinian Prisoner's Day **Hamdallah conveyed a greeting and appreciation to the female and male prisoners in the Israeli occupation's prisons**, and emphasized the Palestinian leadership's diligence in presenting the prisoners' suffering in order to guarantee the end of the occupation, the breaking of its chains, and their unconditional release.

He added: 'We are again feeling the suffering of the prisoners and the cruelty of the occupation, but at the same time we feel pride and honor in the resolve of the prisoners' movement and its sacrifice. We, the leadership and the people, stand united behind you and raise our heads high before the battle of freedom (i.e., a prisoner hunger strike that began on April 17, 2017) that you are waging under the leadership of fighter Marwan Barghouti (i.e., terrorist who orchestrated three shooting attacks in which 5 were murdered) and his brothers from all the factions of national and Islamic activity.' Hamdallah also called on the

Palestinian people and all of the national activists and institutions to increase their solidarity [activities] so that the prisoners' message will reach all parts of the world."

[Donia Al-Watan, independent Palestinian news agency, April 16, 2017]

Fatah Facebook post glorifies Abu Jihad, responsible for the murder of 125

Posted text: "Tomorrow [April 16, 2017] is the 29th anniversary of the death as a Martyr (Shahid) of leader Khalil Al-Wazir 'Abu Jihad' (i.e., terrorist who planned attacks in which 125 were murdered)"

The image shows a drawing of terrorist Abu Jihad.

Text on image: "The first bullet (i.e., reference to terrorist Abu Jihad)"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, April 15, 2017]



Bethlehem Education Directorate organizes event at elementary school in honor of terrorist murderer

Headline: "The Bethlehem Education Directorate launched the events of the week of solidarity with the prisoners"

"The Bethlehem Education Directorate (i.e., under the PA Ministry of Education) has launched the events of the week of solidarity with and support for the prisoners sitting in the Israeli occupation's prisons to mark Palestinian Prisoner's Day, which is on April 17.

The Al-Khader Elementary School for Girls organized **events of solidarity with the prisoners in the presence of Director of the Bethlehem Education Directorate Sami Marwah, Director of [PLO] Commission of Prisoners and Released Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake, Mayor of Al-Khader Is'haq Sbeih, and senior [released] prisoner of Al-Khader Rizq Salah (i.e., terrorist, murdered 1)**... The solidarity events at the Al-Khader Elementary School for Girls included much art and heritage, and the dedication of a wall relief for the prisoners and its signing, in addition to the **honoring of released prisoner Rizq Salah.**"

[Official PA daily, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, April 15, 2017]