

23 March 2017

Copthorne Tara Hotel

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Dear Mr. Braudi,

RE: <u>Potential criminal implications of hosting an event</u> <u>that glorifies terrorism</u>

It has been brought to our attention that the Palestinian Authority Mission to the UK is planning to show a film glorifying Marwan Baghouti in your hotel this evening.

Marwan Barghouti is a **terrorist** convicted of the murder of five people, including four Israeli's and a Greek priest.

Noting the planned screening, we would like to bring to your attention that paragraph 1 of the Terrorism Act 2006 prohibits "direct or indirect encouragement or other inducement to them to the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism". Subsection (3) of that paragraph includes glorification of acts of terrorism as incitement.

We would also like to point out, that the event was previously scheduled to be held at the Mayfair Hotel, but as a result of our highlighting the problematic and potentially criminal repercussions of the screening, the Mayfair Hotel decided to cancel the event.

Should the event take place as scheduled, it is our intention to submit a formal complaint to the Metropolitan Police against you as the Manager of the Hotel for being an accomplice to the offence.

Obviously, the fact that a previous venue already cancelled the showing of the film glorifying the terrorist would tend to show particular intent to commit the offence.

As a respectable and law-abiding hotel, we can only assume that the PA mission to the UK failed to disclose the true nature of the film to the hotel manager, and that as a result the hotel garreed to host the event.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Hirsch, Adv.
Palestinian Media Watch
Director of the Legal Dept.