

PMW Incitement Watch ***The PA during the peace talks, July – August 2010***

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US State Department on Israeli-Palestinian peace talks:

"After completing the first round of proximity talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders both parties are taking some steps to help create an atmosphere that is conducive to successful talks, including **President Abbas's statement that he will work against incitement of any sort...**"

[Washington D.C. May 9, 2010]

Introduction

The start of the proximity talks in May 2010 created hope for the renewal of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman and Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas declared that the PA would fulfill its commitments, with special focus on stopping incitement.

Findings

However, the first four months, May-August, brought no changes in the quality of the messages being transmitted from the Palestinian Authority and Fatah to Palestinians. An examination of the Palestinian leaders' statements, official media, children's programs and PA and Fatah- controlled events reveals the following: The conditions, principles and expectations set by the US and the Quartet for accepting the Palestinian Authority as a partner in the peace process continue to be violated by the Palestinian Authority.

Contrary to the PA's moderate statements to the West, its statements to its people in Arabic continue to delegitimize Israel's existence, deny Israel's right to exist, define the conflict with Israel in religious terms, promote hatred through demonization and libels, and glorify terror and violence:

- The PA continues to teach on PA educational TV that Israeli cities across the entire country, including Jaffa and Haifa, are Palestinian cities.
- The official PA media deny Israel's right to exist by using terminology that refers to Israel as "Palestinian Interior" and "the homeland occupied in '48."
- Maps used by the PA still erase and replace Israel with "Palestine."
- The conflict with Israel is defined by PA-appointed political and religious leaders not as territorial but as a religious conflict, sometimes even as *Ribat* – religious war.
- The PA continues to demonize Israelis and Jews:
PA daily: Israel spreads drugs among Palestinian youth. PA TV and daily: Israel killed Arafat
- The PA continues to honor terrorists and glorify violence:
PA TV: "The Martyr who bears arms threatens the enemy."
PA summer camps teach kids "the culture of resistance [violence], the culture of stones and guns"



Map of "Palestine" erases all of Israel, displayed at Fatah event.

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 31, 2010]

Note: All sources and quotes appear in the report. Emphasis in quotes added by PMW.

The Report

1 - PA Non-recognition and de-legitimization of Israel's existence

a. Terminology presents Israel as occupied "Palestine"

Terminology chosen by the official PA media is intended to reinforce the denial of Israel's existence and of its right to exist. Israel is referred to by euphemisms that deny Israel's legitimacy or existence, including: "occupied Palestine," "the 1948 occupied Palestinian Interior," "Interior Palestine," "occupied in 1948," "48 territories," "the occupied homeland," and others. At other times Israeli cities are referred to as "Palestinian cities," as if no State of Israel existed. This language appears throughout official PA media, including news reporting, stories on culture, sports, politics, etc.

1- PA TV host describes Israeli city Jaffa as an "occupied area in the occupied territories."

Host: "Of course, you're all longing to know lots of things about Ramadan in those days, in parts of the **occupied areas in the occupied territories**. Today we'll learn about **Jaffa** in those days during Ramadan."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 22, 2010]

2- During the month of Ramadan, PA TV broadcast a special daily quiz program from refugee camps in Lebanon and in Syria, in which residents were asked to name five cities "in Palestine" or "the countries sharing borders with Palestine" in order to win \$100 cash prizes. The PA TV host gave cash prizes to those who defined Israeli cities such as Jaffa, Haifa, Acre, Ramle, and others as Palestinian cities and to those who disregarded the existence of Israel as a neighboring country. Referring to Israel, the host said, "All of Palestine is occupied." The cash prizes were offered by Palestine Investment Fund which partners on some projects with USAID and the US-government agency Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The following are transcripts from this PA TV program, The Cedar and the Olive Tree, whose purpose was to reinforce the message that the Palestinian Authority does not recognize the legitimacy and jurisdiction of Israel anywhere.

PMW is citing a number of examples, including messages that recur, to demonstrate the use of repetition as one method of political indoctrination used by the Palestinian Authority and PA TV.

The following are transcripts from different days:

Host: "Name five cities in Palestine and we'll give you a prize."

Teenage Girl: "**Haifa, Acre, Ramallah, Jaffa, and Jerusalem.**"

Host: "You win a prize of \$100 offered by Palestine Investment Fund."

[Note: Haifa, Acre, Jaffa and Jerusalem are cities in Israel. The girl was rewarded \$100 US for the "correct answer".]

Host: "Can you name five cities in Palestine?"

Woman: "I'm here for a visit; I don't know."

Host: "You don't know five cities in Palestine?"

Woman: "No."

Host: "You mean you haven't heard of Jerusalem?"

Woman: "I've heard of Jerusalem."

Host: "But not Gaza? Ramallah?"

Woman: "And also occupied Palestine."



Host: "Palestine is completely occupied, and we want it liberated. Say the names after me: **Jerusalem, Gaza, Ramallah, Haifa, Jaffa, Bethlehem.**"

[Note: Jerusalem, Haifa, and Jaffa are cities in Israel. The woman was handed \$100 for correct answers.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 11, 2010]

Host: "Haifa is a Palestinian city; can you name other Palestinian cities?"

Man: "Haifa, Jaffa, Acre, Nazareth, Gaza, Ramle, Hebron, Bethlehem."

[Note: Haifa, Jaffa, Ramle, Acre are cities in Israel. Other residents gave similar answers and received \$100 for correct answers.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 12, 2010]

Host: "I want you to name five Palestinian cities."

Woman: "Ramallah, Jerusalem, Haifa, Acre, Gaza."

Host: "I want you to name five Palestinian cities that you've visited." *Woman:* "Nahariya, Acre, Jenin, Gaza."

[Note: Jerusalem, Nahariya, Haifa and Acre are cities in Israel. Other residents gave similar answers and received \$100 for correct answers.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 13, 2010]

Host: "Can you tell me which countries share a border with Palestine?"

Man: "In the north - Lebanon and Syria; in the east - Jordan; in the west - the Mediterranean; in the south - Egypt and the Sinai."

[Israel was not cited as a bordering country, yet it was the "correct" answer and he was awarded \$100.]

Host: "Can you name four Palestinian cities?"

Woman: "Acre, Haifa, Jaffa, Nablus, Ramallah."

[Note: Acre, Haifa and Jaffa are cities in Israel. The woman received \$100 for a correct answer.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 16, 2010]

Host: "Which countries share borders with Palestine?" *Man:* "Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt."

[Note: Israel was not cited as a bordering country yet the host rewarded him with the \$100.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 18, 2010]

Host: "Name three Palestinian cities."

Woman 1: "Haifa, Jaffa, Acre." **[Note: all are cities in Israel.]**

Host: "Which countries surround Palestine?"

Woman 2: "Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt."

[Note: Israel was not cited as a bordering country. Both received \$100 for "correct answers."]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 19, 2010]

Host: "Which countries share borders with Palestine?" *Man:* "Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Syria."

[Note: Israel was not cited as a bordering country yet the host gave him \$100.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 22, 2010]



On Aug. 20, six different people were asked to name five cities in Palestine. Their answers were:

1. Acre, Jaffa, Haifa, Gaza, Ramallah
2. Gaza, Jericho, Haifa, Jaffa, Acre
3. Acre, Haifa, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Jenin
4. Acre, Haifa, Jaffa, El-Bireh, Nablus
5. Jaffa, Haifa, Acre, Jerusalem, Bethlehem,
6. Acre, Haifa, Lod, Nazareth, Ramallah

[Note: The respondents received \$100 each for portraying Israeli cities Haifa, Jaffa, Lod, Nazareth, Jerusalem and Acre as Palestinian cities.]

[PA TV (Fat), Aug. 20, 2010]

Host: "Can you name five Palestinian cities?" Woman: "Haifa, Jaffa, Acre."

[Note: Haifa, Jaffa and Acre are cities in Israel. The respondent received a \$100 prize.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 23, 2010]

Host: "Do you know which countries share borders with Palestine?"

Woman: "Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and the Mediterranean."

[Note: Israel was not cited as a bordering country yet the host gave her \$100.]

Host: "Can you name three cities on the Palestinian coast?" Woman: "Acre, Haifa, Jaffa."

[Note: All are cities on Israel's coast. In all cases, the respondents received \$100 for "correctly" defining Israeli cities as Palestinian cities.]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 30, 2010]

3- PA Minister of Tourism defines goal as "end to Israel"

"[PA Minister of Tourism, Khuloud] Daibes, said: 'This day [Festival for Tourism and Cultural Heritage] is meant to bring joy to people's hearts and to preserve the Palestinian heritage. Moreover, it is part of the popular resistance whose goal is to **bring about an end to Israel.**'"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 1, 2010]

4- A PA TV cultural program discussing art work glorifying the bus hijacking that killed 37 Israeli civilians in 1978 describes the attack as having taken place "on the Palestinian coast." The bus was hijacked along Israel's coast near Haifa and driven to the Tel Aviv area:

TV Host: "Fadwa Touqan wrote a poem and dedicated it to Dalal Mughrabi [terrorist who led the bus hijacking] and her colleagues, who died as *Shahids* (Martyrs) on the **Palestinian coast** [i.e. Israel]."

The program discusses the genre of posters, especially those of the PLO.

Artist Amer A-Shmouli:

"The poster supports the continuation of the revolution and glorification and honoring of the *Shahids* (Martyrs)."

The poster shown features several female terrorists, including Dalal Mughrabi. The inscription says: "Women fighters for the homeland," and also "March 8th – International Women's Day."



[PA TV (Fatah), July 5, 2010]

5- PA daily describes Galilee region in Israel as "the Palestinian Galilee":

In an article about a Palestinian music CD:

"From Nazareth, Ma'alia and Tarshiha **in the Palestinian Galilee**... to Rahat in the south, the Center has succeeded in gathering different musical creations."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 9, 2010]

6- PA TV broadcasts song denying Israel's right to exist:

In part of a children's program showing children visiting Bethlehem, PA TV chose to play in the background a song referring to "My homeland Palestine" with the words "Do you know what happened in '48? [Year of Israel's creation] They took everything..." The music video of the song is the longest running video for children broadcast on PA TV. It ran repeatedly for more than 10 years during 1998 to 2009. During 2010 the song has been used in a children's program.

"My homeland, my land is very pretty. It has forests, stone houses and a sea My homeland, my land is very pretty. It has hills, lemon and olive trees I live in my village. My village in my homeland. My homeland is so pretty... The smell of a fig tree. The aroma of jasmine..."

Do you know what happened in '48? [Year of Israel's creation]

They took everything. They burned the room. The houses they broke.

The forests they destroyed. The village they erased. The names they changed.

They changed the names. My homeland, her name is Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah), music video broadcast repeatedly 1998-2009, song Aug. 8, 2010]

7- PA daily news story, Israeli Arabs are "Palestinians of the Interior":

Headline: "**Palestinians of the Interior** [i.e. Israeli Arabs] participate in the protest strike... The Supreme Supervisory Committee of the Arab public in the **Palestinian Interior** [i.e. Israel] yesterday published an announcement..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 6, 2010]

8- PA daily news story, Israel is "Palestinian Interior":

"[Israel] extended the military order prohibiting the Chairman of the Islamic Movement in the **Palestinian Interior** [i.e. Israel], Sheikh Raed Salah, from entering any part of the city of Jerusalem until Sept. 29, 2010..."

In response, the spokesman for the Islamic Movement in the **Palestinian Interior**, Adv. Zahi Nujidat, publicized an announcement on behalf of the movement..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 9, 2010]

9- PA daily news story, Israel is "Palestinian Interior" and "the 1948 territories":

"The Islamic Movement in the **[Palestinian] Interior** [i.e. Israel]: The Al-Aqsa Mosque is currently in the sights of the Israeli sniper... The Islamic Movement **in the 1948 territories** [i.e., Israel] published an announcement yesterday concerning the violation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 23, 2010]

10- PA daily: Israeli internet media is in "the occupied homeland":

Headline: "The so-called 'peace team' concludes its participation at the festival in Vancouver, Canada"

"Internet media sources **in the occupied homeland** [i.e. Israel] said that the Palestinian-Israeli peace team, which comprises both nationalities, reached second place in the football Peace Festival which recently concluded in Vancouver, Canada. The sources alleged that the team was represented by Arab and Jewish players."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 15, 2010]

11- PA daily sports section, on return of Israeli Arab team to “occupied Palestine”:

“The [Israeli-Arab city] Sakhnin United team returned Monday evening to **occupied Palestine** [i.e. Israel], following the conclusion of its training camp in Brasov, Romania... On a different note, the directorate of the team signed an agreement with the Arab Bank [Note: the correct name is: “The Arab Israel Bank”] in **occupied Palestine** [i.e. Israel], to sponsor the club’s football team during the 2010-2011 season.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 30, 2010]

12- PA TV News broadcast: Israel is “the 1948 occupied Palestinian Interior”:

News reporter: “The city of Nazareth, in **the 1948 occupied Palestinian Interior** [i.e. Israel], welcomed some 40 businessmen and business women from the Nablus district.”

[PA TV (Fatah), July 18, 2010]

13- PA daily calls Israeli Arab prisoners “1948 prisoners”:

“**The 1948 prisoners** [euphemism for Israeli Arabs in Israeli prisons for terror offenses] called to the Hamas negotiators not to give up on them and to demand they be included in any future [prisoner exchange] deal.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 20, 2010]

14- PA daily calls Israeli football league “lower league of the Palestinian homeland occupied in ‘48”

“Some of the [football] teams and clubs which play in the lower league of the **Palestinian homeland occupied in ‘48** [i.e. Israel] have accused [the Israel Football Association] of racism and favoritism towards the Hebrew clubs.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 29, 2010]

15- PA TV presents Israeli city Haifa as situated on “the Palestinian coast” and under “occupation”:

PATV host [referring to an artistic initiative involving water from all over the world]: “This idea occurred to you based on the fact that Palestine has no sea – or, we have a sea, but we can’t get to it, as a result of **the occupation.**”

This visual of the Israeli city Haifa is shown.

PA TV reporter: “**This [Haifa] is the Palestinian coast,** overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. We are still prevented from reaching it and vacationing in its waves.”



[PA TV (Fatah), July 18, 2010]

16- PA columnist de-legitimizes Israel as a foreign “implant” created by world nations to prevent Arab and Muslim development:

Article by columnist, Fayyad Abd Al-Karim Fayyad:

“[At the end of the 19th century] the Committee of Union and Progress, which was a perfect tool of the Zionist movement and of the Freemasons, executed directly by the Dönme Jews, carried out perfectly the role given it immediately after the First Zionist Congress [1897] and the publication of the Campbell Conference recommendations: to act to permanently end the Islamic Caliphate, to crush the Ottoman state (the ‘sick man’), and **to create a foreign body in the Arab region, which is Israel...** At this conference, the nations of the world were divided into three categories: the First World, which is Europe, North America, and Australia, and they are the lords of the world; the second category, which is the neutral and friendly

states and nations - Russia (prior to the Bolshevik Revolution), China, Japan and the peoples of eastern Asia; and the third group were categorized as enemies who would not be permitted progress in science, growth, development, unity, and decadence. These are the Arabs and the Muslims, into whose region **a foreign body had to be implanted** in order to prevent them from unifying and in order not to allow them to develop. **The specifications for the required [foreign] body sat well with the Zionist proposal to establish Israel** upon the land of Palestine, close to the Suez Canal.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 22, 2010]

17- PA daily refers to Israel as “‘48 occupied land”:

“[PA] Minister of Prisoners’ Affairs, Issa Karake... visited the home of the Palestinian *Shahida* (Martyr)... Her body is still being held in the numbered military cemetery [i.e., Israeli cemetery for terrorists] within **‘48 occupied land** [euphemism for Israel].”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 30, 2010]

18- PA daily report describes Arab Member of Knesset as representing “our Arab population in the ‘48 territories”:

“Chairman of the Arab Democratic Party, Member of Knesset Taleb A-Sanaa,... conveyed to [Hamas] Member of Parliament Abu Tir [imprisoned by Israel] the good wishes of our Arab population in **the ‘48 territories** [i.e. Israel], and their identification with him... Member of Knesset A-Sanaa and [Hamas] Member of [Palestinian] Parliament Abu Tir discussed the deportation [order against Abu Tir] and Israel’s attempt to empty Jerusalem of its original inhabitants, to Judaize it and to seize control of the Al-Aqsa Mosque.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 31, 2010]

b. PA maps deny Israel’s existence

US President Obama has called the use of maps that present a world without Israel a security threat to Israel:

“I will never compromise when it comes to Israel's security... Not when there are maps across the Middle East that don't even acknowledge Israel's existence.”

[June 4, 2008, AIPAC Conference]

Yet all the official PA maps in offices, websites, schoolbooks, and those appearing on official PA TV since the start of the proximity talks continue the PA policy of defining all of Israel as “Palestine”:

1- PA Ministry of Youth and Sport displays map of Palestine that erases Israel (1):



[Website of PA Ministry of Youth and Sport,
<http://www.mys.gov.ps/> accessed July 29, 2010]

2- PA Ministry of Youth and Sport displays map of Palestine that erases Israel (2):

[Website of PA Ministry of Youth and Sport,
<http://www.mys.gov.ps/> accessed July 29, 2010]



3- PA Ministry of Youth and Sport displays map of Palestine that erases Israel (3):

[Website of PA Ministry of Youth and Sport,
<http://www.mys.gov.ps/> accessed July 29, 2010]

4- Fatah presents gift plaque with map of “Palestine” that erases Israel:

PA TV Program: In a Fighter’s Home, filmed in the home of prisoner Khaled Shabaneh. Fatah presented to the prisoner’s family a plaque with a map representing “Palestine” that erases all of Israel with picture of the prisoner.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2010]



5- PA TV displays map of “Palestine” that erases Israel (1):

*PA TV Program: At Their Workplaces
Subject: The Boys’ and Girls’ Institute, which aims to raise national awareness. In one of its offices, is shown a woodwork sculpture of a map of “Palestine” that erases Israel.*



[PA TV (Fatah), July 8, 2010]

6- PA TV displays map of “Palestine” that erases Israel (2):

Today’s Personality focused on an artist and glass engraver. A map erasing Israel engraved on glass is shown.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 11, 2010]



7- PA TV displays map of “Palestine” that erases Israel (3):

During the course of a TV interview, a square in Tubas is shown with a sculpture that depicts “Palestine” as if it encompasses all of Israel.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 13, 2010]



8- PA TV displays map of “Palestine” that erases Israel (4):

During the third month of the Israeli-Palestinian Proximity Talks, Palestinian Authority TV chose to rebroadcast a children's educational program showing a giant map that teaches children that Israel does not exist.

Every episode of the PA TV children's program *Chicks* includes a few moments devoted to teaching children about places in "Palestine." The map used by PA TV for this purpose is named "Palestine," and includes Israel as well as the Palestinian areas. Additional text on the map in English reads: "Explore your country;" and in Arabic: "My country is beautiful." The program was broadcast earlier this year and the old episodes were broadcast twice daily in July.



[PA TV (Fatah), July 27, 28, 29, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 2010 twice daily]

9- PA TV displays map of “Palestine” that erases Israel (5):

A PA TV news report on an event marking the first anniversary of the death of Samir Ghosha, Secretary General of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (PPSF) includes a shot of the movement's symbol, showing a map of Palestine which incorporates Israel.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 27, 2010]



10- Fatah office has map covered by Palestinian flag symbolizing political jurisdiction over all of Israel.

Text: “Fatah bureau in Qalqilya welcomes Tawfiq A-Tirawi”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 31, 2010]



11- PA TV Program: “Raise your voice” on PA summer camps.

Guest: Fathi Khader of the Ministry for Youth and Sports, and Muhammad Tawam, project organizer. The program showed drawings by children; and one chosen drawing included a map of the Palestinian areas and all Israel, covered by a Palestinian flag.

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 1, 2010]

c. As part of its denial of Jewish history, Fatah refuses to accept Israel as a Jewish state

1- “Advisor to the Prime Minister [Fayyad] on national affairs, Omar Al-Ghoul: ‘Netanyahu’s impossible conditions... come back to the policy of oppressive occupationist dictates. He still insists **that the Palestinian authority recognize the Jewishness of the State of Israel** – which would mean withholding civic rights from the Palestinians inside the Green Line [i.e., Arab Israeli citizens] and nullification of the right of return of the Palestinian refugees. **This is something which the Palestinian leadership, and any Palestinian resident who believes in the peace option, does not accept.**”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 24, 2010]

2- “The Palestinian National Liberation Movement, **Fatah, emphasized that it will not recognize a ‘Jewish State’** and that the Palestinian people continues with the negotiations battle, maintaining its principles, and will not submit to Netanyahu’s conditions.... Movement spokesman, Ahmad Asaf added: ‘Recognition of the Jewishness of Israel not only contradicts international law, but also constitutes an approval for the expulsion of millions of Palestinians from their land and their homes in their historical homeland, and this is something which will never happen.’”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 31, 2010]

d. PA denies Israel’s history in order to deny Israel’s right to exist

Denying Israel’s more than 3,000 years of history and connection to the Land of Israel, especially to Jerusalem, is a backbone of PA ideology, and cited regularly as a basis for the denial of Israel’s right to exist. The denial of Israel’s history continues to be expressed by religious, political and academic leaders:

1. The PA routinely denies Jewish history in Jerusalem referring to the Jewish Temple as “the alleged Temple”:

a. *Former PA Prime Minister, Ahmad Qurei (Abu Alaa) denies existence of Jewish Temple:*

“Qurei added that the greatest catastrophe threatening the peace endeavor, and the region as a whole, is the excavations that Israel has carried out, and continues to carry out, under the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, and the fact that [Israel] continues in its illegal activity in attempting to build **the alleged Temple** in the place of one of the most important holy places in Muslim history and in Muslim life as a whole.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 1, 2010]

b. “Archaeologists in Jerusalem announced yesterday that they had discovered in the holy city a fragment of a 3,400-year old clay tablet, with an Accadean inscription on it ... It was discovered in an area south of the Sanctified Jerusalem Square [The Temple Mount Square] which the Jews claim was built over **the alleged Temple.**”

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 13, 2010]

c. *Secretary of the Fatah Jerusalem office, Omar Shadi:*

“They [Israel/the Jews] are trying to seize control first of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and also to establish their **false Temple**, claiming that Al-Aqsa was built upon its ruins, and this throughout history has been a false matter and a fictitious matter.”

[PA TV (Fatah), July 20, 2010]

d. *PA TV News:*

"Extremist Jews persist in their efforts to invade the courtyard of the Al-Aqsa Mosque under the pretext of the so-called anniversary of the destruction of **the alleged Temple.**"

[PA TV (Fatah), July 20, 2010]

2. PA religious, political and academic leaders deny Jewish connection to Jerusalem and other holy sites.

As part of the PA's demonization of Israel, Israel is said to carry out the "Judaization" of Jerusalem. The PA claims that the purpose of the "Judaization" is to oust Palestinian citizens from the city and to alter what the PA claims is the exclusive Palestinian right to the city.

- a. *Senior PA religious leader, former Supreme Religious Justice, calls all Muslims to defend the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem from "Judaization". Defending Jerusalem from Jews is mandatory, he teaches, "since it is part of the faith of the Muslim nation." He also repeats the ongoing Palestinian Authority denial of the history of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem:*

"Former Supreme Religious Justice and Chairman of the Islamic-Christian Council for Jerusalem and the Holy Places, Sheikh Tayseer Rajab Al-Tamimi, warned of a plan by the occupation authorities... the so-called Jerusalem Municipality and extremist Jewish groups, to Judaize the Islamic neighborhood adjacent to the Al-Aqsa Mosque... He emphasized that the Al-Aqsa Mosque is a red line, and that Muslims are forbidden to remain silent in the face of steps to destroy it and to **Judaize the city of Jerusalem, since it is part of the faith of the Muslim nation**, according to a Divine command from beyond the seven firmaments... He called upon our Palestinian people wherever they are to come [to the Mosque] in order to pray in it, to halt the plots that are being hatched against it, and not to allow extremist Jewish groups, who seek to establish the alleged Temple in its place, to rule over it."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 1, 2010]

- b. "Member of the PLO Executive Committee and head of the Department for Jerusalem affairs, Ahmad Qurei, Abu Alaa, called for an Islamic Arab summit conference in order to **defend Jerusalem against Judaization.**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 22, 2010]

- c. *PA Minister of Culture, Mufti of Palestine, and President of Al-Quds University: :*

"The Al-Quds Open University in the Ramallah district yesterday celebrated the publication of the encyclopedic volume of the university's journal, which deals with Jerusalem ..." [*Participants at the ceremony included, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash - Minister of Religious Affairs; Siham Barghouti - Minister of Culture; Sheikh Muhammad Hussein - Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine; Dr. Hana Issa - senior official of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, responsible for Christian affairs; Dr. Younes Amr, President of the university, and lecturers at the university.*]

"[Minister of Culture] Barghouti said: 'We at the Ministry [of Culture] and at the universities are partners in collating, studying and inscribing the true version of the history and culture of Jerusalem.' She drew attention to the fact that the Israeli activities do not end with an attempt to harm the character of the holy city, but attempt to erase and to steal its cultural heritage. [The Mufti] Hussein stated that regardless of the occupation's actions, **Jerusalem will remain Arabic-Islamic...** [President of Al-Quds University] Amr drew attention to the fact that **the Jews' connection to Jerusalem is no more than the connection of a military occupation.**"

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 20, 2010]

d. *PA officials: Jerusalem is only Islamic:*

“Director of the Religious Affairs department in Tubas, Sheikh Muhammad Jihad Al-Kilani ... emphasized that the occupation’s plans are doomed to failure, and that our people, which is standing firm and carrying out *Ribat*, will [continue to] stand firm, putting down roots in its land and clinging to its principles and the capital of its state, Jerusalem. **He added that regardless of how hard the occupation tries, and what tools it uses, Jerusalem will continue to rebel against the erasing [of its identity], the Judaization...** Maisar Al-Nabwani, director of the General Directorate for Women’s Action [in the PA Ministry of Religious Affairs], emphasized in a speech she delivered in the Nablus district... **that Jerusalem is a completely Islamic city.**”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 14, 2010]

e. *Minister of Religious Affairs denies Jewish rights in Cave of Patriarchs:*

“Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Minister of Religious Affairs, toured the Sacred Site of Abraham [the Cave of the Patriarchs] in Hebron. He walked through its corridors and learned of the arbitrary steps taken by the occupation authorities, manifesting themselves in [their] creating difficulties in reaching [the Cave] and praying in it ... Habbash demanded that the occupation authorities leave the Cave of the Patriarchs alone, since **it belongs to Muslims alone**, and they [Israel] have no right to continue laying their hands upon it and continuing to control it.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 1, 2010]

f. *Al-Aqsa sermon: Palestinians’ roots in the land of Israel since 7,500 B.C.E:*

“Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, Chairman of the Supreme Islamic Council in Jerusalem and preacher at the Al-Aqsa Mosque... emphasized that **the inhabitants of Palestine have roots in this land originating earlier than 7,500 B.C.E...** He said, ‘We have never been foreigners in our city. **The foreigners are those who accuse us of being foreigners.**’”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 3, 2010]

g. *Former PA Prime Minister, Ahmad Qurei (Abu Alaa), claims Jerusalem in danger:*

Headline: “Qurei: **Jerusalem is endangered by Judaization** and Israel is perpetuating itself as a colonialist enterprise by surrounding the holy city with a settlement belt”

“Yesterday... a meeting was held under the auspices of the UN... Ahmad Qurei, head of the Department of Jerusalem Affairs and a member of the PLO Executive Council, emphasized in his opening speech that the status of Jerusalem and its sanctity, from the perspective of the Palestinians and Muslim and Christian Arabs, is in danger. He claimed that the city is now exposed to dangers that will lead to a catastrophe whose results we cannot imagine... Qurei said that Israel continues to change the city’s religious, cultural and historical landmarks, through its pursuit of confiscating land, building settlements on it, and razing homes, in addition to continued excavations and creating tunnels beneath the holy city, which places the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in danger of collapse... Qurei added that the greatest catastrophe threatening the peace endeavor, and the region as a whole, is the excavation that Israel has carried out, and continues to carry out, under the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, and the fact that [Israel] continues in its illegal activity in attempting to build the alleged Temple in the place of one of the most important holy places in Muslim history and in Muslim life as a whole.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 1, 2010]

e. PA: Conflict with Israel is religious, not territorial

The PA continues to define the conflict with Israel as not merely territorial, but as a religious conflict with Israel. The term Ribat – religious war – is used less than in previous months, although the conflict is still defined within a religious context.

a. PA official: The Palestinian people are in a religious war – they are “carrying out Ribat”:

“Director of the Religious Affairs department in Tubas, Sheikh Muhammad Jihad Al-Kilani ... emphasized that the occupation’s plans are doomed to failure, and that **our people, which is standing firm and carrying out Ribat [religious war]**, will [continue to] stand firm, putting down roots in its land and clinging to its principles and the capital of its state, Jerusalem. He added that regardless of how hard the occupation tries, and what tools it uses, Jerusalem will continue to rebel against the erasing [of its identity], the Judaization... Maisar Al-Nabwani, director of the General Directorate for Women’s Action [in the PA Ministry of Religious Affairs], emphasized in a speech she delivered in the Nablus district... that Jerusalem is a completely Islamic city...”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 14, 2010]

b. PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas says Jerusalem is Allah’s land and “victory will come,” defining conflict over Jerusalem as religious:

“We welcome today, with great honor, the [Islamic holy] Day of the Journey and the Flight... which established the close connection between the symbols of Islamic faith at the holy mosque in Mecca, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is upon the land of the Journey and the Flight – the blessed land of Palestine... The oppressor will not last in Jerusalem; the oppression will not endure. Victory will come, Allah willing. **This land is Allah’s best land, for which He chooses the finest of His believers**, as it is written in the words of the Prophet [Muhammad].”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 11, 2010]

c. PA Minister of Religious Affairs warns: Without Jerusalem “there will be no peace”
PA Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

“The anniversary of the Journey and Flight [Muhammad’s journey to Jerusalem and flight to heaven, according to Muslim tradition] and its connection to Palestine, represent proof of the sanctity of our cause. He [PA Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash] clarified that Jerusalem is a part of our belief and our religion and taking Jerusalem lightly is taking our religion lightly...: ‘The position of the leadership is a firm position, just as our faith is firm. To make light of Jerusalem is to make light of our faith. Jerusalem is the capital of the Palestinian state. **There will be no peace, nor stability in the region, without Jerusalem.** It is not possible for anyone to sign a document relinquishing it.’”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 8, 2010]

d. PA Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash:

“Jerusalem is faith, religion, history, present and future. The anniversary of the Journey and the Flight strengthens the truth of this land. Jerusalem, for us, is life, it is the homeland, it is the state. **It is not possible for us to relinquish even a single grain of the land of Jerusalem... there is no peace without Jerusalem.**”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 11, 2010]

e. **Former PA Chief Religious Justice:**

“Dr. Tayseer Al-Tamimi, former [PA] Chief Justice of the religious court of Palestine and Chairman of the Islamic-Christian Council for Jerusalem and the Holy Places, said that **all land (and structures) in the city of Jerusalem are Islamic trusts**... He demanded of the Arab and Islamic nation, including its leaders and its people, to fulfill their obligation in defending Jerusalem and its holy places, which are subject to extensive Judaizing and Israelizing activities through confiscation of its land and extensive establishment of settlements upon it. He also called upon them to support its [Arab] citizens... in order to oppose the plans of the Israeli occupation authorities, which aim to force [Muslims] to leave and to expel them by carrying out acts of suppression and crimes of ethnic cleansing, with flagrant violation of all the laws of monotheistic religions as well as all international laws and covenants.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 9, 2010]

f. **PA Minister of Religious Affairs, Mahmoud Al-Habbash in Friday sermon in a mosque in Sanaa, Yemen, broadcast on PA TV:**

“We come to you from there – from Jerusalem and from the Jerusalem surroundings, **from the land of Ribat [religious war]**, the land which Allah blessed forever... Today the Palestinian people in Jerusalem stand alone. They want to see the Arabs and the Muslims at their side; they want to see all the Arabs and all the Muslims coming to Jerusalem, emphasizing its status and its identity, and telling the usurpers: ‘You have no place here.’ Telling the occupiers, ‘This is not your place, but ours. This is not your city, but ours.’ Our religion demands this. Our faith demands this of us.”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 27, 2010]

g. **PA TV News telephone interview with Minister of Religious Affairs, Mahmoud Habbash.**

Habbash: “For our part, **we view the Ibrahimi Mosque [Cave of the Patriarchs], like the Al-Aqsa Mosque, as an absolute Islamic right**; none of the Israelis have any right to it. The problem between us and the Israelis is not a problem over religion or tenets of faith; it is not a religious problem or one concerning the fulfillment of religious ceremonies, but rather a problem with the occupation.”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 1, 2010]

h. **Senior PA religious official: Religious war must continue**

“Preacher in the Al-Aqsa Mosque and First Deputy of the Chairman of the Supreme Islamic Council in Jerusalem, Sheikh Yousuf Jum’a Salameh, participated in the international congress organized by the Muslim World League in Mecca... Sheikh Salameh delivered a speech at the congress in which he explained what is happening in Jerusalem: ... [including] excavations beneath the Al-Aqsa Mosque and an attempt to divide it and to destroy it in order to build the alleged so-called Temple in its place. Sheikh Salameh called upon Muslims to oppose these Israeli steps and to act to stop them. **He said that the residents of Jerusalem must be helped to continue the Ribat [religious war] over their land**, since they contend with these Israeli measures daily, on behalf of the Arabic and Islamic nation.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 17, 2010]

2 - Demonization, hate promotion, Antisemitism and libels

a. Terminology demonizes Israel as “the Zionist enemy,” “Jewish entity,” “racist” and “terrorist”

Terminology and visual pictures chosen by the official PA media demonize Israel, Israelis and Jews. Terms like “Zionist enemy” and “racist” are used as well as accusations of “fraud,” “deception,” “violence,” “killing,” “torture,” and being “terrorist,” “colonialist,” “gangs,” etc. Israel’s history is called: “mythology, nonsense and lies.”

1- PA TV shows painting of armed religious Jews with Palestinian skulls

A painting of Jews wearing prayer shawls and with rifles, sitting around a table filled with skulls, and other images demonizing Jews was shown on PA TV while the following text denying Israel’s right to exist was narrated:

“At the beginning of the 20th century, the European colonialists – especially Britain – found that their interests fit the aspirations of the developing World Zionist Movement, and they began to offer their patronage and support, not only with promises, but with all means that would allow this **racist movement** [Zionism] to realize its primary goal: the establishment of a **Jewish entity** upon the land of Palestine, at the expense of the authentic Palestinian Arab nation... The Palestinian National Authority was established on some of the Palestinian areas, seeking to establish an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, on condition that its capital would be Jerusalem. However, the **oppressive Zionist enemy** never missed an opportunity to shatter the Palestinian dream.”



[PA TV (Fatah), July 28, 2010]

2- PA daily honors prisoner who murdered 3 Israelis by publicizing his statements calling Israelis “Nazis” who did things “worse than gas chambers” and his wish for Israel’s destruction.

“Occupation forces arrested [Prisoner] Basem [Al-Khandaqaji] on Nov. 2nd, 2004, following the Carmel Market operation [terror attack], in which three Israelis were killed and a little less than 50 others were injured. His father told *Al-Hayat al-Jadida*: ‘When Basem was arrested, we thought the detention wouldn’t last long... He was given three life sentences, and he began his new path in prison.’ When the judge asked him to say something after the sentence was passed, Basem gave a moving political and human speech. He said, ‘In the past, you [Israelis] were the number one victim... I wasn’t born then; it was the tragedy of my people that was born. You turned from victim into a monster; **you didn’t use gas chambers, but rather things that were worse than them. You killed and annihilated generations from among my people ...**’ When the judge asked him if he was guilty, Basem answered: ‘Address that question to the Israeli leaders; concerning the massacre that they carried out against a defenseless people. **You are the new Nazis upon the earth**, and hopefully we will enjoy the destruction and ruin that you will bring upon your own people because of your barbarism.’”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 17, 2010]

3- PA TV broadcasts reading of poem: “The Martyr who bears arms threatens the enemy”

PA TV broadcast a poem read by a daughter of terrorist prisoner Ata Abd Al-Ghani:

“We walked on thorns. We walked – a boy, a girl, and an old man. I saw a girl walking in the refugee camp. I asked her, ‘Where is your brother?’ She said: ‘He died as a *Shahid* (Martyr).’ She asked me, ‘Where is your father?’ I told her, ‘He was given a life sentence. The *Shahid* (Martyr) who bears arms threatens **the enemy**.”

[PA TV (Fatah), July 29, 2010]

4- PA Official: The Israeli enemy lost the ability to destroy the Palestinian brain

“Jenin district governor, Qadura Mussa, yesterday honored ten artists in numerous spheres, from the Jenin district... He said that with the development of the information revolution, the **Israeli enemy** is not able to blur Palestinian identity by destroying the Palestinian brain.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 6, 2010]

5- PA Minister of Religious Affairs, Mahmoud Al-Habbash: Israel is “our enemy”

Friday sermon broadcast on PA TV; in the audience is member of Fatah Central Committee, Tawfiq Al-Tirawi:

“Our **enemy** [Israel] is not interested in seeing us united. Our **enemy** does not wish to see us strong. It wants to see us divided. Division is weakness... Unity is what will strengthen the ranks and will give us the strength in dealing with our **enemy**.”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 6, 2010]

6- Member of Fatah Revolutionary Council speaks of “contending with Israeli enemy”:

“The Fatah movement in the Salfit administrative region held ceremonies in Salfit and in Marda to honor those who had passed the matriculation examinations... Member of the [Fatah] Revolutionary Council, Bilal Azril, said during the ceremony held in Marda... that knowledge is one of the ways of struggle and contending with the **Israeli enemy**.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 10, 2010]

7- PA TV Host:

“Following the occupation of 86% of the territory of Jerusalem since 1967, the **Israeli enemy** has penetrated the heart of the Arab neighborhoods of the city.”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 15, 2010]

8- Advisor to PA PM calls Israel “racist apartheid government”

“Omar Hilmi Al-Ghoul, advisor to the Prime Minister [Fayyad] on national affairs... [said] It is necessary to sway the [**Israeli**] **government of organized terror** by means of real pressure, in order to force it to desist immediately from its aggressive and lunatic decisions ... Al-Ghoul said that the decisions of the **racist apartheid government** represent explicit defiance of the decisions of international legitimacy [i.e., that are internationally accepted].”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 22, 2010]

9- PA daily: Israel always carries out “unforgivable crimes”

“Since the establishment of the Hebrew state upon the ruins of the catastrophe of the Palestinian Arab nation in 1948 and until now, there has been no Israeli government that did **not carry out unforgivable crimes** against the disaster-stricken [Palestinian] people. But the present most extreme rightist government in the **Israeli organized-terror state** specializes in inventing methods for theft, Judaization, and confiscation of Palestinian land and rights.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 22, 2010]

10- PA TV song performance: “The Zionist’s day will come” and “racist terrorist Zionist enemies” will be humiliated

Guest on PA TV, hip-hop artist, sings: “Oh Gaza of heroes! **The Zionist’s day will come**, oh Gaza! We shall continue our struggle, oh heroes of the Palestinian resistance. With your faith you will humiliate the **racist terrorist Zionist enemies**, oh *Shahids* (Martyrs) of Gaza who fought against the enemy. Your souls will be a symbol; your names are inscribed on every wall.”

[PA TV (Fatah), July 18, 2010]

11- PA TV host: Israel “acts with violence, killing and torture”:

PA TV host: “From the time of the **Haganah gangs** until those **gangs** became a state which claims to be democratic but acts with **violence, killing, and torture...**”

[PA TV (Fatah), July 23, 2010]

12- PA daily: Zionism rests upon negating the Palestinians’ rights to independence:

“Writer and political commentator Antoine Shalhat, director of the ‘Israeli arena’ unit at the Madar Center [The Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies, in Ramallah]... stated that Zionism rests upon two principle ideas: the idea of negating the existence of the Palestinians’ right to an independent national entity ... and the idea of reliance upon an external [political] power. [He asserted] this by noting **the sources of racism in Zionist thought**, and the contradiction between its actions and morality.”

[Al-Ayyam, July 22, 2010]

13- PA daily: The “extremist Jewish” government relies on the nonsense and lies of mythology:

“The benefit of **mythology, its nonsense and its lies**, has not been lost on the theoreticians of the Zionist movement, since the earliest origins of its growth, in the second half of the 19th century. What is happening right now in Jerusalem is no more than the result of this mythology which is slanted for political purposes, and which is aimed at expelling the Arab residents - regardless of their religion, Muslims, Christians or whatever else - from their native land. For this purpose, the extremist Jewish groups recruited all their political, mythological and terrorist ability, along with fraud, deceit and deception, in order to achieve their colonialist aims...”

However, these Zionists forget that their mythology has its mirror-image among members of the other religions - Muslims and Christians. In addition, they have forgotten, or have tried to forget, that which is more important than all the misleading mythologies and plots: the belonging to the homeland, the ground, the rights, the culture and the history, which cannot be undermined or defeated by any mythology or policy, no matter what ammunition of death, killing and forgery they possess.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 27, 2010]

14- PA daily accuses Israel of murdering children

“Netanyahu’s wife, Sara, was heartbroken over the decision to expel 400 children of foreign workers (oh dear!), and asked the heartless Minister of the Interior, Eli Yishai, to halt the steps to expel the children of these foreigners. The Israelis are now putting on a show of compassion and mercy... As far as the Palestinian people are concerned, **[Israel] kills and detains its children**, humiliates its adults, causes its women to abort, destroys its homes and seizes its land, without any weeping or feeling any guilt complex.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 16, 2010]

15- In the culture section of the official PA daily: Jews crucified “Palestine” and “caused blood to flow from its body”

“In the poetry of Mahmoud Darwish we often encounter a symbol ... of the cross. This is because the Arab poet, who lived on occupied land [Note: he was an Israeli citizen and lived in Israel], felt that he himself, his people, and his land were crucified. The cross is a symbol that is closely connected with ancient Palestine. The Jews prepared a cross upon this land two thousand years ago, to kill Jesus, who represents the return to justice. What has happened to Palestine in modern times is similar, to a great extent, to the story of the Cross: **Palestine has been torn in the hands of the Zionists, and the Jews have crucified it and caused blood to flow from its body.**”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 17, 2010]

16- Senior PA official Abbas Zaki: Zionist lobby and AIPAC control President Obama

“Abbas Zaki, member of the Fatah Central Committee and President Mahmoud Abbas’s representative... Zaki delivered a speech in which he conveyed greetings from President Mahmoud Abbas... He spoke about the pressures being exerted on the Palestinian leadership to cooperate with attempts to acquire legitimacy for Netanyahu, his government, his crimes, and the violations and the plots to Judaize Jerusalem which he is carrying out... He noted that this American pressure is being exerted [on Palestinians] because of their own [American] needs in anticipation of mid-term elections. And despite **the position of Obama, who wants to do something, but is controlled by the Congress, the Zionist lobby, and AIPAC.**”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 16, 2010]

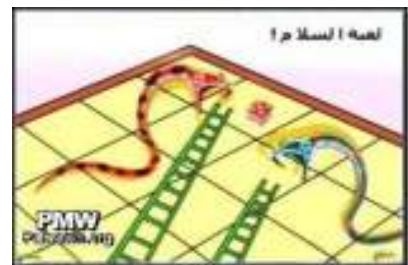
b. Demonization of Israel and Jews in visual images

PA TV continues to display cartoons that demonize Jews and Israelis.

1- PA demonization: Snakes with the Star of David threaten peace seekers

PA TV broadcast a caricature from the Saudi Ukaz depicting a “snakes and ladders” playing board entitled “The Peace Game.” Fanged snakes with Stars of David on them are prepared to bite whoever climbs a ladder to peace.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 4, 2010]



2- PA demonization: Jew eating the Dome of the Rock

PA TV broadcast a caricature from the Jordanian Al-Dustur depicting a demonic Jew eating an ice-cream cone in the shape of the Dome of the Rock.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 1, 2010]



3- PA demonization: Jew eating the Dome of the Rock

PA TV broadcast a caricature from the UAE paper Al-Bayan depicting a Jew eating the Dome of the Rock.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 6, 2010]



4- PA demonization: US is ruled by Jews

PA TV broadcast a caricature from the UAE paper Al-Bayan showing the Statue of Liberty holding a menorah, symbolizing so-called Jewish rule over America.

[PA TV (Fatah), July 8, 2010]



c. Libels and lies about Israel and Jews

The PA disseminates numerous libels to demonize Israel and the Jews.

1- Libel: The Jews killed Arafat

For years the PA has promoted the libel that Israel poisoned former PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. Even during the peace talks it continues.

a. *Khaled Musmar, member of the PLO's Palestinian National Council (PNC):*

"[In 2003] Israel, with the support of the new American administration of President Bush, imposed an oppressive siege on our symbol, the late Yasser Arafat, **until they got him with poison**, since they weren't able to kill him using their tanks, which besieged his home in Ramallah. The details of the story are known to everyone, young and old, among our Palestinian people and throughout the world."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 10, 2010]

b. "Is this [dismantling of the PA] not what the Jews wanted of Arafat? But **he held his ground, despite the poisoning** and the trap [which they set for him]!"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 17, 2010]

c. *Nashat Al-Aqatsh, lecturer at Bir-Zeit University:*

"In the past [Israel claimed] no Palestinian partner existed, and **they [Israel] killed the late Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat.**"

[PA TV (Fatah), July 27, 2010]

2- Libel: Israel spreads drugs among Palestinians

The libel that Israel intentionally spreads drugs has been prevalent in the PA for a long time, and was expressed again in July at a seminar held by the PA Ministry of Social Affairs, when Israel was accused of spreading drugs among Palestinian youth in order to destroy them:

a. "Under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Affairs, a day seminar [was held in] Izariyeh, about the drugs plague. [PA] Jerusalem governor Adnan Hussein said: 'Unfortunately, the number of [drug] addicts and users in the city of Jerusalem and its environs is more than 15,000. **This is part of the systematic attack of the occupation state [Israel], which seeks to destroy the [younger] Palestinian generation, to drown it in a cycle of violence and alienation from national identity, and to wage war against morality and good character.**' Executive Director of the Administration for Social Affairs, Badran Badir ... called to invest additional efforts in order to diminish the scope of this phenomenon, which is impacting on our people and on its strength, and which the occupation [Israel] is exploiting for its own purposes."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 8, 2010]

b. "They [Israeli authorities] spread corrupting elements **by spreading drugs among the [Palestinian] young people** and expelling them from their places of work, which brought

about a rise in the unemployment rate and made the taxes more burdensome, thereby forcing them to leave the city.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 22, 2010]

3- Libel: a Jew set fire to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in 1969

The Palestinian Authority often libels Israel by attributing to it crimes committed by others. The fire in the Al-Aqsa Mosque in 1969 was started by a deranged Australian Christian. But the Palestinian Authority for years has attributed it to Israel.

- a. “Secretary General of the Islamic-Christian Council for Jerusalem and the Holy Places, Dr. Hassan Khater, said that more than four decades have passed since **the crime of arson against the Al-Aqsa Mosque by the occupiers**. He stated that the flames which were kindled at the end of the 1960s with the purpose of causing the foundations of Al-Aqsa to collapse, continue to burn to this very day, and have intensified and spread such that their dangers and their influence reach the entire holy city.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 22, 2010]

- b. Headline: “At symposium on the subject of Jerusalem on the 41st anniversary of arson against the Mosque – Jerusalem residents: The Al-Aqsa arson continues through Judaization and settlement”

“Religious personalities emphasized that the arson to which the Al-Aqsa Mosque is subjected still continues, even though 41 years have passed since the cursed day of the fire in it, **kindled by a Jewish extremist**, whom Israel claimed later on was insane. These personalities, who participated in the cultural symposium held by the Supreme Islamic Council yesterday in the hall of the National Hotel in Jerusalem, stated that **the Al-Aqsa Mosque is still subject to aggression**... Sheikh Ikrima Sabri said: ‘We must commemorate this day every year and keep it alive, and document **this crime, carried out by the occupation** which is destined to disappear, Allah willing. It must be noted that what happened was a political plot and conspiracy, meant to Judaize the city of Jerusalem.’”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 22, 2010]

- c. “The anniversary of the fire in the Al-Aqsa Mosque, **kindled by an Australian Jew** on yesterday’s date [Aug. 21st] in 1969, has arrived, while the Mosque is being targeted and subjected to extensive and planned attacks.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 22, 2010]

- d. Program: “Palestine This Morning” had a discussion about the 41st anniversary of the fire in Al-Aqsa Mosque, started by “**the Jew Michael Rohan**”.

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 22, 2010]

- e. “The [Palestinian] National Council marked the 41st anniversary of the arson in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli extremists, calling upon the world to defend the Mosque and the city of Jerusalem from **the danger of Judaization** and occupation which hovers over it.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 22, 2010]

4- Libel: Israel and the Jews plan to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque:

For years the PA has claimed that Israel is planning and in the process of destroying the Al-Aqsa Mosque and other Muslim holy sites.

a. *Former PA Prime Minister, Ahmad Qurei (Abu Alaa):*

“Qurei added that the greatest catastrophe threatening the peace endeavor, and the region as a whole, **is the excavations that Israel has carried out, and continues to carry out, under the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock**, and the fact that [Israel] continues in its illegal activity in attempting to build the alleged Temple in the place of one of the most important holy places in Muslim history and in Muslim life as a whole.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 1, 2010]

b. “[Ahmad] Qurei [Abu Alaa - former PA Prime Minister and former Chairman of PA Parliament]... noted that this August saw an unprecedented escalation by Israel in acts of Judaization in Jerusalem... Likewise [it is apparent] in the actions which are being carried out in order to complete the ‘archaeological’ excavations there... **all with the aim of strangling the Al-Aqsa Mosque.**”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 18, 2010]

c. “Preacher in the Al-Aqsa Mosque and First Deputy of the Chairman of the Supreme Islamic Council in Jerusalem, Sheikh Yousuf Jum’a Salameh, participated in the international congress organized by the Muslim World League in Mecca... Sheikh Salameh delivered a speech at the congress in which he explained what is happening in Jerusalem: ... [including] **excavations beneath the Al-Aqsa Mosque and an attempt to divide it and to destroy it in order to build the alleged so-called Temple in its place.**

Sheikh Salameh called upon Muslims to oppose these Israeli steps and to act to stop them. He said that the residents of Jerusalem must be helped to continue the *Ribat* [religious war] over their land, since they contend with these Israeli measures daily, on behalf of the Arabic and Islamic nation.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 17, 2010]

d. “The Al-Aqsa Institute for Religious Trusts and Heritage said yesterday, in an urgent announcement that it publicized, that vast and diverse forces of **the occupation army are holding extensive training in what appears to be preparation for large-scale events that will take place at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.** Teams from the Al-Aqsa Institute visited the [training] site, located in the Ben-Shemen forest. The Al-Aqsa Institute teams noted concentrations of large forces of the Israeli army and police, and vehicles belonging to the Special Forces. Inside what resembled a camp, they had built a model of the Dome of the Rock, and alongside it a model of the alleged Temple... Spokesman for the Islamic Movement in the Palestinian Interior [PA euphemism for Israel], Adv. Zahi Nujidat, said in response: ‘It is no secret that the Israeli establishment dreams day and night of building the alleged Temple in place of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. On the ground, the said establishment is causing actual damage to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and this ‘training’ exposes the ideas, the intentions and the foundations behind the plots that are being fashioned against the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the corridors of the Israeli establishment.’”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 22, 2010]

5- Libel: Israel is attempting to erase Arabic appearance of Jerusalem:

“The Islamic-Christian Council for Support of Jerusalem and the Holy Places yesterday exposed the details of **an Israeli plan to change the landmarks of the Al-Buraq Wall square** (the Western Wall square)... At a press conference held yesterday at its offices in

El-Bireh, the Council warned of the danger posed by the plan and its ramifications for the character of the Old City and the Islamic and Christian holy places, and the Arabic appearance of Jerusalem. It noted that the aim of the plan is to blur and **to change the landmarks of the Al-Buraq Wall square and to turn it into the largest Jewish house of worship in the world.**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 20, 2010]

6- Senior PA religious official: Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque subject to "Israeli massacre"

"Sheikh Dr. Yousuf Jum'a Salameh, preacher at the Al-Aqsa Mosque... denounced the new Israeli plan aimed at changing the features of the Al-Buraq square in the holy city. He stated that the city of Jerusalem as a whole, and **the area of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in particular, are being subjected to an Israeli massacre aimed at changing the facts and falsifying history.**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 21, 2010]

7- PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas joins libel: Israel attempts to expel Arabs

"This blessed Jerusalem is currently subject to the most serious violations and the harshest aggression... we perceive in it [Israel's expulsion of four Hamas officials] as a **prelude to the forced expulsion of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, whose aim is to change the geographical and demographic situation in the holy city...** We know that this expulsion is simply the prelude to the expulsion of others... The oppressor will not last in Jerusalem; the oppression will not endure. Victory will come, Allah willing. This land is Allah's best land, for which He chooses the finest of His believers, as it is written in the words of the Prophet [Muhammad]."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 11, 2010]

8- Libel: Israel tortures Palestinians imprisoned in Israeli prisons

a. *PA Minister's speech on behalf of PM Fayyad libels Israel as committing torture*

"**Minister of Prisoners' Affairs Issa Karake**, once again accused Israel of granting legitimacy to the crime of torturing Palestinian and Arab prisoners and detainees, and of sadistic behavior aimed at forcibly extracting and falsifying the detainees' admissions, as revenge. Karake said this yesterday **on behalf of the Prime Minister, Dr. Salam Fayyad**, during the opening session of the International Day of Support of Victims of Torture conference. The conference was held in El-Bireh by the Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of victims of torture, in cooperation with the UN, under the title, 'Documentation of the Torture – Towards an Effective National Plan.' Karake, a former prisoner, took the opportunity of **drawing the attention of the international community to the participation of Israeli Members of Parliament, doctors, judges, and civic and political sectors in carrying out the criminal torture and making it legal.**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 1, 2010] [*Note: The Red Cross visits Palestinian prisoners regularly and has neither documented nor accused Israel of any of these recurring PA accusations.*]

b. *Cover of official PA report filled with libels about Israel's supposed "torture" of Palestinian prisoners.*

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 11, 2010]

c. "[*Former prisoner and specialist in prisoners' affairs, Abd Al-Nasser*] Farawneh said that there are a number of testimonies confirming that **prisoners are used as guinea pigs**, and that



they are given strange injections which cause them difficulties and a number of side effects.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 21, 2010]

d. **Headline: “Ministry of Prisoners’ Affairs: The Israeli security services use torture, officially and as anchored in [its] law”**

“When the prisoner reaches the interrogation room, the occupation forces use barbaric methods against him. He is tortured with the most despicable means: struck on his arms and legs, struck with plastic clubs on his body, his head and his sexual organ, and with the belts worn by the interrogators... The prisoners are subjected to burns and scorching with the butts of cigarettes, and are struck with electrical wires...

If one of them happens to close his eyes, he is struck on his face or has his ear poked with a toothpick. Also, [the prisoners] are forced to undress so that they will suffer from the severe cold, in addition to being forced to remain in the rain in the winter. In the summer, they are forced to stand under the burning sun for long hours, without being permitted to drink water. And if they are brought water, it is hot water which is impossible to drink... The torture is not only physical; there is also mental torture.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 11, 2010]

e. *PA Ministry of Prisoners’ Affairs:*

“The fact that the **occupation continues to abuse prisoners** foretells the explosion that is going to take place... In this report we cite some of the acts of suppression carried out by the special forces of the occupation’s prison services, with the aim of torturing and abusing thousands of Palestinian and Arab prisoners, who suffer pain, denial [of rights] and mental and physical torture.”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 18, 2010]

9- Libel from PA Ministry of Prisoners’ Affairs– Israel trades in body parts

a. “Minister of Prisoners’ Affairs, Issa Karake... said that hiding the bodies of the *Shahids* (Martyrs) is part of the Israeli government’s evasion of responsibility and concealment of war crimes which were carried out against the *Shahids*, whether by field executions, abuse of their bodies, **and trade or theft of their organs.**”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 30, 2010]

b. **PA TV News item on the return of the body of terrorist Mashour Al-Arouri, which had been held by Israel for 35 years:**

Reporter: “The Israeli occupation once again proves its ability to invent methods of torture and terror against residents by means of an ongoing series of crimes, from when the occupation retained the bodies of the *Shahids* (Martyrs) and **stole their organs.**”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 15, 2010]

[Mashour Al-Arouri: Member of the DFLP. In 1976 he infiltrated Israel from Jordan as part of an armed unit. They encountered IDF forces and were killed in the confrontation.

He was buried in the cemetery for enemy combatants, and his body was returned to the PA in August 2010, in the wake of an appeal to the Israel Supreme Court.]

10- The PA falsely accused Israel of attacking the Muslim cultural and historical heritage in Jerusalem:

“[In a graduation ceremony held in Ramallah, the Minister of Religious Affairs emphasized] the importance of courses for preserving manuscripts, in order to preserve the cultural and historical heritage [in Jerusalem], in light of the powerful **Israeli attack on our history and**

identity. ... He added: ‘Despite the ongoing and unceasing Israeli attempts to Judaize Jerusalem, to blur its Arab and Islamic history and culture, and to enforce a new reality... we are holding out and remain upon this land.’”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 1, 2010]

11- The following picture, filmed by PA TV in a Palestinian school, sums up the systematic PA demonization:

A PA TV report on a photography course in a Palestinian school for the deaf showed a bulletin board that included a number of pictures. One of the pictures shows a Palestinian flag shaped as a human figure, dropping a Star of David into the garbage.

Text on picture: “Keep your flag clean.”

[PA TV (Fatah), July 23, 2010]



12- A new libel against Israel

Background: Israel found some 300 fake new tombstones in an area of an old and non-functioning Muslim cemetery situated in a corner of a park in Jerusalem. Investigating, Israel discovered that the “tombstones” had been placed on the ground in an attempt to encroach on the lands of the park. This article followed Israel’s removal of the fake tombstones.

“Sheikh Kamal Al-Khatib, Deputy Head of the Islamic Movement [northern branch] in the Palestinian Interior [euphemism for Israel] said: ‘The Israeli establishment is carrying out an attack against the Palestinian people, the living as well as the dead’... In response to the question of whether the graves which had been destroyed would be rebuilt, Sheikh Al-Khatib said: ‘Yes; under no circumstances shall we accept and agree to the crime of the destruction... Even if it was occupied in 1948, this is Palestinian-Arabic-Islamic land, and thus it will remain.’”

[Al-Ayyam, Aug. 19, 2010]

3 - Glorification of terror and violence

The US has strongly condemned the Palestinian practice of honoring terrorists:

State Department Spokesperson Philip Crowley: “We also strongly condemn the glorification of terrorists. Honoring terrorists who have murdered innocent civilians, either by official statements or by the dedication of public places, hurts peace efforts and must end.” (April 8, 2010).

Ignoring the American request, the PA continues to glorify terror by honoring and praising terrorists. In addition, PA leaders continue to praise and defend the right to armed struggle while describing the present talks and negotiations as temporary.

a. Praise for violence and death in battle

1- Martyrdom death glorified on PA TV

PA TV broadcast a scene from a play marking the anniversary of the deaths of three Arabs who were executed by the British in 1930 for attacking British soldiers and murdering Jews in the 1929 riots. The play shows three prisoners in the orange uniforms of those awaiting execution, gazing towards the sky a moment before they ascend the gallows. A narrator reads:



"Now that we are at the gateway to eternity, we offer our souls and our blood to redeem the sacred homeland, for beloved Palestine. We turn in supplication to all Palestinians – that **they should not forget our dripping blood** and our souls which will flutter in the heavens over this beloved land. **We welcome death with complete joy and happiness.**

We shall place the heroes' noose around our necks most willingly, to redeem you, Palestine."

The play also featured a song lauding the value of death:

"They were three men who competed over death. Their feet were raised high above the hangman's head.

They became a symbol of heroism and honor for the land. [This] is the day of the three.

The three, oh land, are waiting **who will be the first to give his life for you."**

[PA TV (Fatah), July 11, 2010]

2- Song glorifying the use of weapons and dying in battle repeatedly on PA TV:

A dance and song named "My weapon has emerged," broadcast six times on PA TV, glorified weapons and Martyrdom death. It was first shown on PA TV in June 2010 when it was played at a PLO cultural festival. A troupe of dancers hold rifles aloft while singing "**My weapon has emerged...There is no force in the world that can remove the weapon from my hand.**" The song and dance was broadcast four times in July. Once, PA TV also invited the Palestinian composer Mahdi Sardaneh who sang the words prior to the showing of the dance on TV.

"From my wounds, my weapon has emerged.
Oh, our revolution, my weapon has emerged.

There is no force in the world that can remove the weapon from my hand.

My weapon has emerged. My weapon has emerged...
This revolutionary people has sacrificed and offered
in order to live in freedom!

My weapon has emerged. My weapon has emerged...
**He who offers his blood doesn't care
if his blood flows upon the ground...**

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

My weapon has emerged. My weapon has emerged."

[PA TV (Fatah), broadcast live June 4, 2010,
and rebroadcast on June 24, July 9, July 13, July 16, July 20]



3- A song celebrating Fatah's 1978 terror attack killing 37 Israeli civilians in a bus hijacking was played in honor of the Fatah movement at a Fatah event. Dalal Mughrabi who led the terror attack is also honored:

"No one outshines the Fatah member He
mounts his machine gun on the tripod
His eyes are to Al-Aqsa [Mosque] - the Fatah member...

They got off the boats near the shore
[to hijack an Israeli bus in 1978]

[Squad leader] **Dalal** [Mughrabi] fights and battles the
soldiers [37 Israeli civilians were killed]

Be safe, you defiant, oh Fatah member!

...

They went [ashore] as **birds of prey**, the heroic Al-Saika (PLO unit)
The men of Yasser [Arafat], Al-'Asifa (PLO unit)
The enemy's army fled trembling.
Let's hail Fatah!"

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 4, 2010]

4- Qadura Faras, Member of Fatah and Chairman of the Prisoners' Club:

"I want to say to the prisoners that they fought for a pure aim – the freedom and independence of their people, and the liberation of Muslim and Christian holy places from the Zionist thief... **There is nothing more true than these [prisoners], who resisted the occupier using weapons.**" [*The Prisoners' Club is an NGO authorized by the PA Interior Ministry since 1996.*]

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 29, 2010]

5- PA TV broadcast call for violence against the Jews

PA TV chose to broadcast these words recited by the grandmother of terrorist prisoner Khaled Abd Al-Rahman, as she was awarded a gift from Fatah:

"Your rifle, Khaled, [is like] **an arrow that slaughters, and prevents the Jews from coming and going.** Your rifle, Khaled, emerges alone and wages **war with the Jews** so they will not come to my house. **Shoot your rifle and cause the Jews to go away.**"

[PA TV (Fatah), July 7, 2010]

6- PA TV broadcast boy's comments on the messages of violence he understood from the Sixth Fatah Conference

"I hope that there will be more conferences like the Sixth Fatah Conference [in August 2009]. These conferences are important for us because it makes us aware of leadership and that **we will be combatants and wage resistance (violence) against the Israelis.**"

[PA TV (Fatah), July 8, 2010 and July 15, 2010]

7- PA TV news: PA scouts convince Palestinian refugees in Syria of the importance of Jihad

Feature on visit by Palestinian Scouts youth movement to refugee camps in Syria:

Participant, about age 12, in scout uniform: "We [Palestinians from the West Bank] came and made them [Palestinian refugees in Syria] understand the idea that **we will resist, and carry out Jihad**, of course, so that they will realize their dream and return to Palestine. Allah willing, they will return soon."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 27, 2010]

8- Lebanese snipers opened fire for no reason on Israeli soldiers who were within Israeli territory, and killed an Israeli officer. The UN corroborated Israel's story. The PA media ignored the facts and chose to defend the unprovoked murder. Two examples:

- a. "What happened was a **deliberate and pre-planned provocation** [by Israel], whose aim was not just an exchange of fire, which may be contained. **Israel is looking for a front for its next war.** It needs this war in order to restore honor to its army and its deterrent power, following the failure it faced on board the Turkish ship *Marmara*. As usual, prior to its next war there must be military and media provocations."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 5, 2010]

- b. Headline: "Fatah - **Lebanon valiantly defended its sovereignty**"

"The **Fatah movement emphasized its position in support of the Lebanese government and the Lebanese people in their defense of their sovereignty and their land.** Fatah movement spokesman Ahmad Asaf praised the Lebanese position and the decision by the Lebanese leadership concerning the Israeli military activities on its territory, and Lebanon's ability to stand up to the **aggression and provocative activities of the occupation army.** Asaf added: 'The aggressive Israeli acts in the north and the south will lead the area into a new cycle of violence and actions and reactions, which will benefit only the extremists in the Israeli government.' Asaf emphasized the support of Fatah and the Palestinian people for Lebanon and the decisions of the Lebanese state in all matters concerning defense of its borders and of the Lebanese people, whatever the size of the sacrifice involved. He said that these heroic positions would cause the Israeli occupation to think a thousand times before harming the sovereignty of sister Lebanon."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 5, 2010]

9- PA summer camps teach kids "the culture of resistance [violence], the culture of stones and guns"

"Dr. Husam Bilawi, coordinator of the National Committee for Summer Camps [in the Salfit region], conveyed to those present the good wishes of the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports and Chairman of the National Committee for Summer Camps, Mussa Abu Zaid, to the successful students and to the children who were participating in the summer camps... Bilawi added that 'for its activity the National Committee for Summer Camps appeals to and seeks guidance in the legacy of the *Shahid* (Martyr), the commander, the symbol, Yasser Arafat, who died as a *Shahid* for the sake of this diverse culture, which unites **the culture of resistance, the culture of stones and guns,** the culture of knowledge and scholars, the culture of national unity, and the culture of *Shahada* [death for Allah] for the sake of the homeland and the nation. We follow in his footsteps."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 12, 2010]

10- Mahmoud Al-Aloul, member of the Fatah Central Committee, speaking to students on behalf of Abbas:

"We wish you [outstanding students] success, in order that you will be prepared for the stages yet to come, and in order that you will complete your studies and join your people in addressing additional challenges in which you are required to take part. The first challenge is the continued building of the homeland, the building of society in the service of your people. Certainly, **you are required to take part in further challenges, a major part of which is to stand against the occupation and its violations, the continuation of the struggle and the resistance [violence],** for the realization of the hopes of this people, the realization of the hopes of the *Shahids* (Martyrs), and the realization of the hopes of Yasser Arafat in an appropriate manner."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 4, 2010]

b. Glorification of terrorists as heroes and role models

1- The death of Palestinian terrorist Muhammad Daoud Oudeh (Abu Daoud), one of the planners of the Munich Olympic massacre in 1972 in which 11 Israeli athletes were murdered, received extensive media coverage in the official PA media, and he was glorified by PA leaders as a hero and Martyr.

"President Mahmoud Abbas sent a telegram of condolences yesterday over the death of the great fighter Muhammad Daoud Oudeh (Abu Daoud), who died just before reaching 70. The telegram of condolences read: 'The deceased was one of the prominent leaders of the Fatah movement and lived a life filled with the struggle, devoted effort, and the enormous sacrifice of the deceased for the sake of the legitimate problem of his people, in many spheres. He was at the forefront on every battlefield, with the aim of defending the [Palestinian] revolution.

What a wonderful brother, companion; tough and persistent, relentless fighter." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 4, 2010]

2- PA Minister gave an honorary award to Palestinian mother for having four sons in Israeli prisons. The following is an excerpt from the article about the Minister awarding the mother "the Shield of Resoluteness and Giving" in the official PA paper:

"Issa Karake, Minister of Prisoners' Affairs, awarded the Shield of Resoluteness and Giving to the Khansa of Palestine [reference to a woman in the earliest period of Islam who sent her four sons to battle and rejoiced when they all died as Martyrs], Um Yousuf Abu Hamid, inscribed with the names of her four sons who are imprisoned in the Israeli occupation's prisons. He emphasized, 'The Palestinian mother is a central partner in the struggle, by virtue of what she has given and continues to give. It is she who gave birth to the fighters, and she deserves that we bow to her in salute and in honor.'



This [was said] during a visit yesterday by [Minister] Karake and a delegation from the Ministry of Prisoners' Affairs, human rights organizations, and released prisoners, to the home of the Abu Hamid family in the Al-Am'ari refugee camp. [Karake] joined the meal breaking the [Ramadan] fast with the mother of the four prisoners who were sentenced to several life terms, as well as a fifth *Shahid* (Martyr) who was caught and executed on the spot by the Israeli special forces, having killed an Israeli intelligence officer and having wounded soldiers. **Karake praised the Abu Hamid family as a model of willpower and of the struggle for the independence of Palestine...** It should be noted that the Abu Hamid family is one of the fighting families of Palestine... All of the family's younger generation have been arrested, and four sons are still in prison: Nasser Muhammad Yousuf Naji Abu Hamid, sentenced to seven life terms and another 50 years; Nasr Muhammad Yousuf Naji Abu Hamid, sentenced to five life terms; Sharif Muhammad Yousuf Naji Abu Hamid, sentenced to four life terms; and Muhammad Muhammad Yousuf Naji Abu Hamid, sentenced to two life terms and 30 years. This is in addition to their Martyr brother, Abd Al-Mun'im Muhammad Yousuf Naji Abu Hamid, who died as a Martyr on May 31st, 1994."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 28, 2010] [Note: The four sons are serving life sentences for the following crimes:
Nasser Abu Hamid - 7 life sentences + 50 years - commander in Fatah's military wing, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, in Ramallah. Convicted of killing seven Israeli civilians and 12 attempted murders.

Nasr Abu Hamid - 5 life sentences - Member of terror faction of Fatah, Tanzim, and convicted of involvement in two terror attacks and arms dealing.

Sharif Abu Hamid- 4 life sentences - a member in one of the brothers' units carrying out terror attacks against civilians and soldiers. Accompanied a suicide bomber to his attack in March 2002.

Muhammad Abu Hamid - 2 life sentences + 30 years - involvement in terror attacks.]

3- PA TV news reporter calls terrorist “one of the most important leaders of the Palestinian revolution”

PA TV news feature on the funeral of Muhammad Daoud Oudeh in the Al-Yarmouk refugee camp near Damascus:

PA TV reporter: "Palestinians were surprised this morning at the announcement of the death of **one of the most important leaders of the Palestinian revolution**, Muhammad Daoud Oudeh (Abu Daoud), **who engineered the Munich Operation** and was one of the most important of Israel's most wanted in the 1970s."

Samir Al-Refai, member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council: "Abu Daoud, one of the *Shahids* (Martyrs) of the Fatah movement, a leader, a *Shahid*, who sacrificed ..." Abu Amad Hamdan, Secretary of Fatah branch in Syria: "... We learned from him the principles of the revolution and the struggle."

Unidentified participant at the funeral: "We say to him: 'We will follow the path, brother Abu Daoud; Allah willing, we will complete the path together with the proud Fatah, Allah willing.'" Another funeral participant: "We are participating in the funeral of a great man and a great leader in the Palestinian national struggle."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 4, 2010]

4- PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas praises planner of Munich Olympic massacre: “He was at the forefront on every battlefield”

a. "President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday held a telephone conversation with the family of the *Shahid* (Martyr) fighter Muhammad Oudeh (Abu Daoud), member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council and former head of the movement's Supervisory Committee, and expressed his condolences over [Oudeh's] death.

During the conversation the President noted [Oudeh's] life filled with the struggle, his devoted effort, and the enormous sacrifice of the deceased for the sake of the legitimate problem of his people, in many spheres. **He was at the forefront on every battlefield**, with the aim of defending the [Palestinian] revolution."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 5, 2010]

b. **Fatah glorifies planner of Munich Olympic massacre: "Generations of fighters... were educated by him... He will always remain our ideal and a role model for the generations to come."**

"He began his life as a regular individual and concluded it with **giant stature**.' Thus Abbas Zaki, member of the Fatah Central Committee, described the *Shahid* (Martyr) commander Abu Daoud who parted from his brothers and from his people two nights ago, after a life spent in struggle under the flag of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fatah) and under the flag of the PLO... He spent his life as a fighter for the liberation of this homeland and for the return of its dispersed children to it. He joined Fatah upon its establishment, and directed many fighting operations against the Israeli occupation. **Generations of fighters and people of struggle were educated by him...** Zaki described the late commander thus: 'He started his life as a regular individual and concluded it with giant stature.' Speaking to WAFA news agency, he added: 'We have lost a man on the level of the Arab region and on the level of the world revolutionary movement, by virtue of his noble actions and his glorious history. Bestowing this honor in every place, inside the homeland and outside of it, does justice to this mighty man.'

Dr. Samir Al-Refai [Secretary of the Fatah branch in Syria] said: 'With the fall of Abu Daoud as a *Shahid* **we have lost a man who is worth all other men together**, but we have already become accustomed to this road being a long one, full of *Shahids*, commanders and fighters.' He added: '**Abu Daoud is one of the symbols of the Fatah movement.** He lived his life wounded, and his wounds testify to his path of struggle and to his continuous struggle on behalf of his people and the homeland. **He will always remain our ideal and a role model for the generations to come.**'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 5, 2010]

c. ***PA official paper glorifies planner of Munich Olympic massacre Abu Daoud: "His name shone brightly in the German city of Munich in 1972..."***

"After a short period, the bloody events of September occurred. As a result, the most prominent field organization in the history of the security wings – 'Black September' - was formed. In its [Black September terror group's] ranks were many distinguished men and women, headed by the Panther of Palestine, Salah Khalaf, 'Abu Iyad.' Abu Daoud was one of his prominent assistants. **His [Abu Daoud's] name shone brightly in the German city of Munich in 1972, where the Olympics took place.** Oh, how these events evolved into a violent drama of the most tragic kind... May Allah have mercy on this great Fatah fighter and patriot, Abu Daoud."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 6, 2010]

d. ***Fatah opens official mourner's tent for Daoud, planner of Munich Olympic massacre***

"The Fatah movement in the Jenin region yesterday opened **a mourners' tent for the deceased fighters Muhammad Oudeh Daoud (Abu Daoud)**, member of the movement's Revolutionary Council and Chairman of its Supervisory Committee, and the Shi'ite authority, Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah. The mourners' tent, at the [Fatah] movement's office in Jenin, was visited by the Jenin Regional Governor, Qadura Mussa; regional commander Radi Asida, commanders of the security apparatuses and directors of the governmental and non-governmental institutions."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 8, 2010]

5- PA official daily calls terrorist murderer "heroic" on its front page:

The front page of the PA's official daily featured an obituary notice by the Fatah movement, Yatta branch, announcing the death of "the fighter" Mahmoud Yousuf Mahmoud Abu Araam, father of "the heroic prisoners Khalil and Muhammad Abu Araam."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 24,

2010] [Note: Khalil Abu Araam is serving seven life sentences, having been part of the unit responsible for the murder of five Israelis in shooting attacks. Muhammad, his brother, was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment.]

6- PLO dedicates meeting to murderer of four in terror attack

"The [PLO Revolutionary] Council emphasized, in an announcement that was published at the conclusion of the fourth sitting – **the sitting named after the commander Shahids (Martyrs) Hazem Qamsiyyeh, Muhammad Odeh, and Ramadan Al-Battah...**"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 24,

2010] [Note: Ramadan Al-Battah was given four life-sentences for murder of Israelis in a terror attack.]

7- PA praise for terrorist planner of Munich Olympics massacre Al-Hindi

a. PA daily: Munich Olympics massacre “one of many shining stations”

Terrorist planner of the Munich Olympics massacre, Amin Al-Hindi, in which PLO terrorists murdered 11 Israeli athletes, was referred to in the PA daily:

"On Wednesday I felt sad to the point of choking, because my friend **Amin Al-Hindi, a national leader** with a full resume, returned to Gaza to be buried in its ground... Amin Al-Hindi, gentle as a morning breeze, was strong inside and as unyielding as granite rock. Perhaps this quality - the power raging beneath the calm surface - is what turned him into one of the prominent members of Fatah in Germany, and led him in the direction of the difficult tasks which require quiet people of this sort, who don't like tumult and who make full use of all the wisdom, imagination and planning [ability] that Allah has given them for the purpose of completing their difficult tasks... Everyone knows that **Amin Al-Hindi was one of the stars who sparkled at one of the stormiest points on the international level - the operation that was carried out at the [Olympics] sports stadium in Munich, Germany, in 1972. That was just one of many shining stations.**"



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 20, 2010] [Note: Amin Al-Hindi was one of the senior planners of the murders of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972]

b. PA leaders honor terrorist with “official military funeral “

"The Palestinian leadership, along with President Mahmoud Abbas, parted yesterday from the body of the Fatah leader and fighter patriot Amin Al-Hindi. This was at an impressive **official military funeral** that was held at the [PA] headquarters to bid farewell to the *Shahid* (Martyr)... Present at the headquarters for the farewell ceremony and for the official military funeral, along with the **President [Abbas]**, were **Prime Minister Dr. Salam Fayyad; Secretary General of the Presidential office, Al-Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim; members of the PLO Executive Council and of the Fatah Central Committee; several ministers**, commanders of security forces, senior civic and military personnel, as well as relatives of the deceased. The body of Al-Hindi, which was wrapped in shrouds, arrived draped with the Palestinian flag and was borne on the shoulders of his [metaphorical] sons - officers of the Guard of Honor at the presidential headquarters. A **red carpet** was laid out for the arrival of the body, and the **military band played** the final farewell melody. A squad from the Guard of Honor fired **21 shots**. **President Abbas and the participants at the funeral cast a final parting look at the body, and laid wreaths.** Afterwards, the President and those present read the opening *sura* [of the Quran] for the elevation of his pure soul."

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 19, 2010] [Note: Amin Al-Hindi was one of the senior planners of the murders of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972]

c. Headline: “Announcement of the death of a great national leader”

"Adv. Ghassan Al-Shak'a, member of the PLO Executive Council and head of the Foreign Relations Department, together with all the department's officials, hereby inform the Palestinian people and the world of the passing of **the great national fighter and leader Amin Al-Hindi** (Abu Fouzi). **On behalf of the honored President Abbas, we convey condolences** to the family of the deceased and to the Palestinian

people over the passing of a person whose death is mourned by the nation, who was **one of the pillars of the Palestinian struggle, and whose bravery represented the embodiment of dignity and glory in the history of the Arab nation.**"

[*Al-Ayyam*, Aug. 19, 2010]

[*Note: Amin Al-Hindi was one of the senior planners of the murder of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972*]

- d. **Headline:** "The President [Abbas] and the leadership participate in the funeral of Al-Hindi, and receive condolences on the death of the deceased at the headquarters in Ramallah"

"Secretary General of the Presidential office, Al-Tayeb Abd Al-Rahim, delivered a speech in which he **praised the qualities of the deceased.** He emphasized that the loss of [rank] Al-Hindi is a great loss to the Palestinian people, who are bereaved of a prominent national leader. Abd Al-Rahim noted that the deceased had been taught by the founders of the Palestinian dream, and was a member of the founding generation of the [Palestinian] revolutionary movement. He also said that [Hindi] had taught men who would continue to wave the flag of the state and of independence. The Secretary General of the Presidential office said: **'We shall continue in the path of the *Shahid* (Martyr) Yasser Arafat and his fellow *Shahids*, such as [rank] Amin Al-Hindi,** until the realization of the dream of establishing an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 19,

2010] [*Note: Amin Al-Hindi was one of the senior planners of the murders of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972*]

8- PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas sent his personal greetings and condolences to families of terrorists.

- a. **PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas glorifies terrorist, sending "Good wishes, love and esteem" to terrorist responsible for murder of seven Israelis**

Secretary of the PLO Executive Committee, Yasser Abd Rabbo speaking in the home of terrorist prisoner Ahmad Barghouti, serving seven life sentences for planning suicide bombings that murdered seven Israelis in a series of terror attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in 2002, to the family of the terrorist:

"I am honored to be here today, and I am honored that a short while ago I met with **Mahmoud Abbas and he also conveys to you his good wishes, his love and his esteem.** This is our way; there is no other. This homeland must be liberated, and we want to remove every remnant of the occupation and of settlement. As Yasser Arafat said: 'Whether they want it or not.'"

[PA TV (Fatah), July 29, 2010]

- b. **PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas glorifies terrorist:**

"President Mahmoud **Abbas** sent a telegram of condolence to the Al-Shara' family in Jordan for the death of the fighter, released prisoner Fuad Hussein Abdallah Al-Shara'. The President said in his telegram: 'We share in your sorrow and convey our condolences on the parting of the fighter, the released prisoner Fuad Al-Shara', for the mercies of Allah after **a life of struggle, full of dedicated activity in the realm of the national and overall Arab struggle,** over the course of which he sacrificed many years of his life to imprisonment in the occupation's jails.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 22,

2010] [*Note: Al-Shara' was arrested in 1979 after attempting to enter Israel to carry out a terror attack.*]

9- PA Ministry of Prisoners' Affairs honors suicide terrorist with home visit to family

"PA] Minister of Prisoners' Affairs, Issa Karake... visited the home of the Palestinian *Shahida* (Martyr) Ayyat Muhammad Lutfi Al-Akhras, who died a Martyrs' death on March 29th, 2004 in the Dehaishe refugee camp."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 30, 2010] [Note: Ayyat Al-Akhras carried out a suicide terror attack in a Jerusalem supermarket, killing two Israelis. The correct date was March 29, 2002.]

10- When Hezbollah's religious leader Grand Ayatollah Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah died in July, PA leaders, including PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas himself, and PA media praised and glorified him. Fadlallah was on the U.S. list of wanted terrorists and one of his final acts included authorizing a fatwa (Islamic religious ruling) sanctioning suicide attacks on U.S. troops and Israel. In addition Al-Jazeera reported: "The CIA accused Fadlallah of responsibility for the bombing that destroyed the Marines' barracks near the Beirut airport in 1983, in which hundreds of U.S. soldiers were killed."

a. PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas sends condolences on death of Hezbollah religious leader Fadlallah

"President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday sent a condolence telegram to the President of the Republic of Lebanon, Michel Suleiman, and to the Fadlallah family, on the death of the religious scholar Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah. The President wrote in the telegram: 'As we convey to you, on behalf of our [Palestinian] people and on my personal behalf, sincere feelings of participating in your sorrow and condolences from your brothers, we ask of Allah, who alone has the power and the ability, to cover your dearly deceased with his mercy and that he should rest in Paradise, and that he should fill your hearts with patience and comfort, your government, your people - who are brothers to us - and to his [Fadlallah's] family.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 5, 2010]

b. PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas sends emissary to Beirut on death of Hezbollah religious leader, Fadlallah

PA TV news host: "Azzam Al-Ahmad, member of the Fatah Central Committee, as the emissary of President Mahmoud Abbas, at the head of the PLO delegation, presented condolences in Beirut on behalf of the Palestinian leadership and people for the death of the late religious leader, Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 11, 2010]



11- PA official daily paper honors terrorist who founded the suicide terror tactic, in crossword puzzle:

Clue: *Shahid* (Martyr) of Palestine, known as "the Engineer" Solution: **Yahya Ayyash**

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 1, 2010] [Note: Yahya Ayyash was the first Hamas suicide bomb builder, and seen as founder of Palestinian suicide terror. Attacks he launched killed dozens of Israelis, injuring hundreds.]

12- PA summer camps and sports tournaments named after terrorists.

For years, PA has named events and locations after terrorists to glorify them as heroes and role models for children and society. In July 2010, several summer camps were named after terrorists:

a. **PA Ministry of Welfare inaugurated summer camp named after terrorist Dalal Mughrabi**

"The Ministry of Welfare in Ramallah yesterday inaugurated the fourth integrative camp for special needs participants, and in Bethlehem the second **camp named after Shahida (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi**... [who led bus hijacking leaving 37 civilians killed] At the headquarters of the 'Light of the Generations' youth association in Bethlehem, the second summer camp named after *Shahida* Dalal Mughrabi commenced - with the support of the National Committee of Summer Camps [General Coordinator of the committee is the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports] and the One Voice Palestine - Ramallah institute, whose aim is to train young leaders in the eastern rural area of the Bethlehem district. The opening was attended by Chairman of the Sub-Committee in Bethlehem, Abd Al-Nasser Al-Sharif; Secretary of the Fatah movement – Bethlehem branch, Yousuf Al-Aref; Chairman of the Rural Council, Dar Salah; Khalil Mubarak, chairman of the association, Ibrahim Mubarak, counselors Muhammad Khalil (camp director), Amna Salah, Jihad Mahmoud, Nour Yousuf, Nada Salah, Muhammad Abu Haniyeh, and Suad Khader, and volunteers Rawan Mahmoud and Ghadir Khaled. Seventy girls from the village of Dar Salah and nearby villages participated."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 29, 2010] [*Note: Dalal Mughrabi led the worst terror attack in Israel's history in 1978, when she and other terrorists hijacked a bus and killed 37 civilians, 12 of them children.*]

b. **Headline: "Light of the Generations' Association concludes the second [summer] camp named after Shahida (Martyr) Dalal Mughrabi"**

"Mahera Al-Jamal [representative of the National Committee of Summer Camps] spoke about the active role of the National Committee in supporting and sponsoring such camps, and she delivered greetings from the General Coordinator, Mousa Abu Zaid [Mousa Abu Zaid is also the PA's Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports, -Ed.] ... **Secretary of Fatah in Bethlehem, Yousuf Al-Aref said that naming such summer camps after the Shahida Dalal Mughrabi strengthens the sense of belonging and citizenship among Palestinian girls.** ... The 'Freedom Flotilla' group at the camp put on a play named 'Dalal [Mughrabi] the Legend,' which was well-liked by the audience and received applause, while the 'Tel Al-Rabi'a [Tel Aviv] and Jerusalem' group presented an impassioned folkdance. The song *Returning to My Country* moved those present; they expressed their admiration with a standing ovation. A participant in the camp, Batul Khader, concluded the camp by inviting the audience to join in the song, "We are not terrorists."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 5, 2010]
[*Note: Dalal Mughrabi led the worst terror attack in Israel's history in 1978, when she and other terrorists hijacked a bus and killed 37 civilians, 12 of them children.*]

c. **Boxing tournament named after terrorist Hassan Ali Salameh:**

PA TV sports news: "Tomorrow, Friday, the Palestinian Boxing Association will be holding **the Shahid (Martyr) Hassan Ali Salameh Youth and Men's Tournament** at the Shari'a school in Hebron."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 5, 2010]
[*Note: Hassan Ali Salameh was Commander of operations of the "Black September" terror group. He planned the murders of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972.*]

d. **PA ministry sponsors camp named after terrorist Abu Jihad:**

“Opening of **Shahid (Martyr) Abu Jihad camp** in Aqaba [village near Tubas, in Jenin district]”

“Salam Daraghme, spokeswoman for the Youth and Sports Administration in Tubas, conveyed to us that **the Shahid (Martyr) Abu Jihad camp has opened in Aqaba, under the auspices of the Youth and Sports Ministry**. Present at the opening ceremony were the head of the Youth and Sports Administration in the Tubas region, Arafat Al-Masri; General Director of Youth Affairs in the Youth and Sports Ministry, Walid Atatreh, and principal of the Aqaba Boys’ High School, Marwan Salameh. In his lengthy speech, **head of the Youth and Sports Administration in the Tubas district, Arafat Al-Masri, emphasized the role of these camps in refining and nurturing the youth’s skills and abilities, and in training young leaders who will in the future fill a role** [on the national level].”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 8, 2010] [Note: Abu Jihad headed PLO’s military wing, and was responsible for the deaths of dozens of Israeli civilians. Among other attacks, he directed the worst terror attack in Israel’s history, in which 37 were killed in a 1978 bus hijacking.]

e. **Headline: “In the presence of [Jibril] Rajoub [Fatah Central Committee member] - successful conclusion to the Second Palestine Boxing Tournament for youth and men in Hebron”**

“The tournament [was] held at the Shari’a School for Boys in Hebron, and was **named by the Palestinian Boxing Association after Shahid Ali Hassan Salameh, the ‘Red Prince.’**”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Aug. 9, 2010] [Note: Ali Hassan Salameh was commander of operations of the “Black September” terror group. He was one of the planners of the murders of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972]

f. **Summer camp named after terrorist involved in Munich Olympics massacre**
Headline: “Folktales at **Mahmoud Al-Hamshari [summer] camp**”

“The Ministry of Culture organized a folktales event at the summer camp at the **Mahmoud Al-Hamshari** School in the Tulkarem district, which was attended by the Director of the Ministry of Culture, Abd Al-Fatah Alkam.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 20, 2010] [Note: Mahmoud Al-Hamashri was involved in the murders of the Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics.]

g. **Summer camp named after terrorist Abu Ali Mustafa**

“The Palestinian Women’s Committee in the town of Arabeh, in the Jenin district, in cooperation with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, yesterday concluded the activity of the 9th [summer] **camp named after Shahid (Martyr) Abu Ali Mustafa**, with a mass gathering at which the camp’s participants were honored.”

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 19, 2010] [Note: Abu Ali Mustafa – General Secretary of the terror organization “Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine” (PLFP). Planned numerous terror attacks against Israeli civilians during the Palestinian terror war (the “Intifada”).]

h. **PA Boxing Association holds championship named after terrorist**

“Under the auspices of the Boxing Association, the Palestine Championship... for men and boys will commence next Friday, July 30, 2010, in the hall of the Shari’a Boys’

School in Hebron. The championship will begin immediately after the Friday prayers, with the participation of more than 14 clubs from all regions of the homeland. **The Palestinian Boxing Association has decided to name the championship after the *Shahid* (Martyr) Ali Hassan Salameh, the ‘Red Prince.’**”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 24, 2010] [Note: Ali Hassan Salameh was commander of operations of the “Black September” terror group. He was one of the planners of the murders of 11 Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympics in 1972.]

13- PA TV broadcasts pictures of a PA town square’s honoring of a terrorist:

The town square in the West Bank town of Madama features a monument honoring “the heroic Martyrdom-Seeker,” Omar Muhammad Ziyada and his “heroic Herzliya operation” – a suicide bombing on June 11, 2002, which killed a 15-year old girl and injured 16 others in Herzliya. The monument shows pictures of the suicide terrorist and of former PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. The text above the terrorist’s picture is a verse from the Quran:

“Fight them, and Allah will punish them by your hands, lay them low and give you victory over them, and heal the hearts of a believing people.” [Quran, 9, 15]

Below the picture of the terrorist are the words:

“**The heroic *Shahada*–Seeker** (Martyrdom-Seeker, PA term of honor for suicide terrorists) Omar Muhammad Ziyada (Abu Samed) who carried out **the heroic Herzliya operation** on June 11, 2002”



[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 15, 2010]

14- PA Town Square honors Saddam Hussein

The monument in the square [of Beit Rima] shows pictures of Arafat and Saddam Hussein. Over the picture of Saddam Hussein is an inscription which reads, “Long live the nation, long live Palestine.” Under the photograph: “**The *Shahid* (Martyr) leader, Saddam Hussein.**”

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 26, 2010]



c. Cessation of violence is temporary

In addition to this ongoing terror glorification, the PA has repeatedly apologized to its population since the start of the proximity talks in May 2010 for having acquiesced to the US demand to cease violence – called the “armed struggle.” In May, senior PA and Fatah leader, Nabil Shaath, made speeches justifying the cessation of violence, which he stressed was due to current conditions: “At the present time [the armed struggle] is not possible, or is not effective,” “[it] has become undesirable now,” “international conditions do not permit us,” “the inability to engage in the armed struggle.” The idea that violent resistance is suspended only temporarily was repeated by PA Chairman Abbas and a Fatah spokesman during July. Abbas mentioned “the rejection of armed resistance right now”:

1- Interview with Ahmad Qurei (Abu Alaa), former Palestinian Authority Prime Minister, head of the PLO's Jerusalem Department, on the conflict with Israel:

Qurei: "All the options are open, as I see it. Negotiations, political activity, popular activity and [armed] resistance - and we must continue with it."

Question: "Today, what is the [best] option, in your opinion?" Qurei: "All of the above."

Question: "Including [armed] resistance?"

Qurei: "I see and analyze. And if it [resistance] gives me [benefit] without costing me, yes." [*Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* (London), reprinted in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 5, 2010]

2- Interview with Jibril Rajoub, Fatah Central Committee member: violence against Israel is a valid option:

PA TV Interviewer: "You've talked about Fatah's armed struggle, its past, etc. Everyone knows that today there is an approach in Fatah that says 'no' to the armed struggle at this stage..."

Jibril Rajoub, Fatah Central Committee member: "**At the [Sixth Fatah] Conference, we affirmed the struggle in all its forms, including resistance and the armed struggle...** We agreed on it unanimously about both the movement's aims and its principles, **including the resistance and the armed struggle.** The [armed] struggle, as we see it, is not an aim; it is not a hike or a pleasure cruise. [Armed] resistance has circumstances, considerations, and factors - whether national, regional or international. It must cause pain to the occupation; it must be connected to a political platform."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 6, 2010]

3- PA Chairman Abbas: "If you [Arab states] will fight Israel, we [Palestinians] are in favor"

"[President Abbas said]: '**Fatah and Hamas are not far apart** in terms of politics and security, in terms of agreement on the 1967 borders and **the rejection of armed resistance right now.** But Hamas goes as far as a dangerous agreement to temporary borders, which is not acceptable.' [He added:] 'We are unable to confront Israel militarily, and this point was discussed at the Arab League Summit in March in Sirt (Libya). **There I turned to the Arab states and I said: 'If you want war, and if all of you will fight Israel, we are in favor. But the Palestinians will not fight alone because they don't have the ability to do it.'**' He [Abbas] said: 'The West Bank was completely destroyed and we will not agree that it will be destroyed again,' in addition to 'the inability to confront Israel militarily.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 6, 2010]

4- Fatah spokesman says "Fatah will not restrain itself for long"

"Fatah spokesman, Osama Al-Qawasmi ... said that the situation in the occupied territories is in danger of exploding as a result of the Israeli settlement policy, which is gathering speed. **He emphasized that Fatah will not restrain itself for long** concerning these provocative steps... He emphasized that the Palestinian people, having remained resolute in the face of all international plots against the composition of its national identity and against its presence upon its land, will not submit to and accept the policy of dictates and establishing facts on the ground, which Israel is trying to enforce... Al-Qawasmi emphasized that the **Fatah movement will not stand by idly** in the face of these Israeli provocations and threats [the continued building in East Jerusalem]. He warned that the situation is no longer tolerable, owing to the Israeli policy which is targeting the land, the people, and the places that are holy to Islam and to Christianity."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 1, 2010]

5- PA Minister: Violence and war still an option

Friday sermon by Mahmoud Al-Habbash, PA Minister of Religious Affairs at the mosque at Mahmoud Abbas's offices in Ramallah. PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas was in the audience:

"Jerusalem is not just a city. Al-Aqsa is not just a mosque. Jerusalem is the key to peace, and Jerusalem can ignite a thousand and one wars. **Unless the issue of Jerusalem is solved, so that it returns to its owners; unless Jerusalem will be Palestinian, as it was throughout history, the capital of the Palestinian state and the capital of the Palestinian people, the place which is the object of heartfelt longing and which all Muslims aspire to reach; unless Jerusalem is like that way, there is no peace. There is no peace without Jerusalem. There is no stability without Jerusalem.** If Jerusalem is dishonored, if Jerusalem is disgraced, if [Jerusalem] is lost, **it may leave the door open to all possibilities of struggle, all possibilities of war. The term 'war' cannot be erased from the lexicon of this region as long as Jerusalem is occupied,** as long as Jerusalem is disgraced, as long as the residents of Jerusalem are being targeted. It's not possible; Jerusalem has to return to its owners. And we are its owners."

[PA TV (Fatah), Aug. 20, 2010]

Conclusion

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on April 23, 2009, in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs:

"We will only work with a Palestinian Authority government that unambiguously and explicitly accepts the Quartet's principles: A commitment to non-violence, recognition of Israel, and acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the Road Map."
["Phase I of Road Map: "All official Palestinian institutions end incitement against Israel."]

Examining the Palestinian Authority leaders' statements, its education of youth, and its controlled media during the first four months of the proximity talks, it is clear that the Palestinian Authority has not complied with the conditions indicated by the Secretary of State, nor has it fulfilled its commitment to "work against incitement of any sort."

In the first four months since the start of the proximity talks, not only has the PA failed to "unambiguously and explicitly" accept these conditions, but it has done the opposite. The Palestinian Authority continues to "unambiguously and explicitly" deny Israel's existence, incite to hatred, and glorify terror and violence.