

Open letter to the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs: Fatah promotes terror

Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) calls on Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs to reassess Denmark’s relationship to Fatah due to Fatah’s ongoing terror support

- Responding to Palestinian Media Watch documentation, Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs Kristian Jensen admitted he “opposes” a Fatah official’s terror glorification. However, the minister continues to view Fatah as “moderate” because the official, he believes, did not speak “on behalf of Fatah, the PLO, the Palestinian Authority or the Palestinian government.” [Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jan. 22, 2016]
- This PMW report corrects the Danish minister’s mistake. It documents that numerous senior Fatah leaders, Abbas’ advisors, Mahmoud Abbas himself, the Fatah Central Committee headed by Mahmoud Abbas, and official Fatah media are all actively supporting and glorifying the current terror. Neither Fatah, nor any of its leaders, have condemned even one murder of an Israeli during the last 5 months of terror. To the contrary, they have glorified the terror and the terrorists.
- PMW welcomes the statement by the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs indicating that were Fatah, its leaders and the PA glorifying terror, Denmark would “reassess” its categorization of Fatah as “moderate.”

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PART 1

***1. Letter from Palestinian Media Watch
to Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark Kristian Jensen***

Dear Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark Kristian Jensen,

This letter and report is in response to your recent answer to Question S507 asked by MP Søren Espersen in Danish Parliament regarding statements published by PMW made by Abbas Zaki, a member of the Palestinian Fatah Central Committee, in which he glorified terror against Israelis, stating that “Allah loves our young people with rocks and knives.” You described Zaki’s words as “a sad example of inflammatory rhetoric” that you “oppose,” adding, however, that you would not reassess whether Fatah remains a “moderate” partner for Denmark because Zaki is:

“A Fatah member residing in Lebanon, who is not considered to have spoken on behalf of Fatah, the PLO, the Palestinian Authority or the Palestinian government... The statement does not give the government any reason to reconsider the assessment of Fatah and the movement’s leader, President Abbas.” [[Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#), Jan. 22, 2016, the question and answer appear at the end of this report]

However, this report shows that your refusal to “reconsider the assessment” of Fatah as “moderate” is based on wrong information. Not only does Zaki reside in the PA, but more importantly, Fatah has not been a moderating voice during this current terror campaign. On the contrary, Fatah and its senior leadership are actively promoting terror against Israelis, including the unequivocal glorification of those who have killed and injured Israelis in terror attacks.

Accordingly, PMW welcomes your statement implying that Denmark would “reassess” and take action if senior Fatah officials, the PLO, or the PA were shown to engage in hate speech, encourage terror attacks, and glorify terrorists. This document shows that a reassessment by the Danish government is warranted.

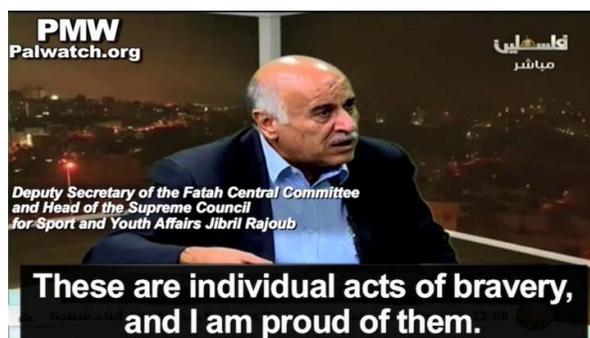
2. Documentation of Fatah actively promoting terror – in brief

The following are brief examples of Fatah actively promoting terror (additional and detailed documentation appears later in the report):

Jibril Rajoub, Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee promotes terror

Jibril Rajoub is Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee. He is also Head of the Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association, and Chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee. Several times, Rajoub has endorsed and praised the terror attacks against Israelis and lauded the terrorists carrying them out:

Jibril Rajoub: "These are individual acts of bravery, and I am proud of them. I congratulate everyone who carried them out. I say to you, we are proud of you... Whoever confronts, fights, dies as a Martyr, is arrested or injured – his identity is known. What I mean is that the fighter, the prisoner, or the Martyr, they are assets to the entire Palestinian people... The international community does not agree to a bus exploding in Tel Aviv. But the international community does not ask what happens to a settler or soldier in the occupied territories at the wrong time and in the wrong place. No one asks about him! Therefore, we want to fight in such a way that the world and the international community will remain by our side." [Official PA TV, Oct. 17, 2015]



Jibril Rajoub: Murderers are “heroes and a crown on the head of every Palestinian”

Jibril Rajoub: “Yesterday in Hebron, they escorted 17 Martyrs to burial. This is of course a source of pride for all of us. I say that whoever carried out individual acts of heroism, we in the Fatah movement bless and encourage them. We consider them heroes and a crown on the head of every Palestinian. At this point, when there is



weakening and frustration, there is a group of people, beginning with our brother Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2) and ending with the last Martyr... There is a competition between individuals. This is one of the issues we need to address – **are we for or against it? I say that we in the [Fatah] Central Committee have discussed this matter, and we are in favor.**" [Official PA TV, Jan. 2, 2016]

Fatah Central Committee promotes and endorses terror

Very significantly, in the above statement about attacks carried out by individuals, Rajoub expressed the Fatah Central Committee's support for the terror when he stated that **"we in the [Fatah] Central Committee have discussed this matter, and we are in favor."**

It must be stressed that the Fatah Central Committee is Fatah's governing body and headed by Mahmoud Abbas.

Official Fatah TV promotes murder

Official Fatah TV broadcast a music video calling for murder of Israelis: "Besiege them in all their neighborhoods, Drown them in a sea of blood, Kill them as you wish"

"Pick up your weapon and advance,
Jerusalem is calling in pain
Come on, strike them, you have the
strength
Turn your anger into the fire of Hell...
**Besiege them in all their neighborhoods
Drown them in a sea of blood
Kill them as you wish**" [Fatah-run Awdah
TV, Jan. 4, 2016]



Fatah's official Facebook page and Twitter account promote terror

Fatah's official Facebook page and Twitter account have been a central part of this terror campaign, glorifying the terror almost daily. From the outset, Fatah has been glorifying murder using numerous posts, including the following examples which visually express Fatah's explicit promotion of stabbing murders:



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



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



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



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

Fatah has also glorified several murderers on its Facebook page, among them Muhammad Halabi who stabbed 2 to death in the Old City of Jerusalem, Nashat

Melhem who shot and killed 3 in Tel Aviv, and Bashar Masalha who killed 1 in Tel Aviv-Jaffa:

Fatah brought soil from the Al-Aqsa Mosque to the grave of terrorist Muhannad Halabi, who murdered two in the Old City of Jerusalem "so that the dead body of Martyr Muhannad Halabi can hug the soil for which he died a Martyr." [Fatah Twitter account, Oct. 8, 2015]

**Fatah glorified Tel Aviv murderer of 3:
"Congratulations and may Allah receive you in Heaven"**

Abbas' Fatah movement posted an uncensored version of the picture of dead terrorist Nashat Melhem lying in a pool of blood. It also praised the killer of 3 as a "Martyr" and congratulated him on its official Facebook page. Nashat Melhem was a 29-

year-old Israeli Arab terrorist who carried out a shooting attack, killing 3 Israelis and wounding 8 others in Tel Aviv on Jan. 1, 2016:



Text: "Nashat Melhem died as a **Martyr (Shahid)** after an armed confrontation in the courtyard of a mosque in Umm Al-Fahm on blessed Friday, **congratulations and may Allah receive you in Heaven**"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Jan. 8, 2016]

Fatah honored murderer who killed 1 and injured 11 in an attack in Tel Aviv-Jaffa Fatah's official Facebook page posted a drawing of a knife held over the PA map of "Palestine" that includes all of Israel and the PA areas, with the name of the murderer written on it.

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

[Official Fatah Facebook page, March 9, 2016]



Official Fatah anniversary celebrations in Bethlehem promote terror

Another example of Fatah showing itself as a terror promoting organization was seen in January this year, when Fatah held a march in Bethlehem to mark its 51st anniversary. To celebrate, Fatah had children parade in the streets of Bethlehem wearing suicide belts and carrying knives, guns and RPGs, alongside Fatah flags. [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 8, 2016] (All photos are from Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Jan. 7, 2016)



Fatah Central Committee members promote and glorify terror

As was shown above, in the words of Deputy-Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub, the Fatah Central Committee is “in favor” of “attacks by individuals” against Israelis. The following are statements by three members of the Central Committee corroborating this Fatah support for terror. (More statements by these and additional members of the Central Committee appear later in the report.)

Sultan Abu Al-Einein, Fatah Central Committee member and advisor to Mahmoud Abbas, promotes terror

One Fatah Central Committee member who also serves as an advisor to Mahmoud Abbas, Sultan Abu Al-Einein, likewise promotes terror. Abu Al-Einein blessed the terrorists from the current terror campaign, saying: **“We bow before every drop of blood that has dripped from our children and women... and every... Martyr's mother, who... when they notified her of his death as a Martyr, she let cries of joy loose to the Heavens.”** [Falestinona, website of Fatah's Information and Culture Commission in Lebanon, Jan. 16, 2016] Abu Al-Einein also glorified a terrorist who killed 1 and wounded 11 as “Martyr”: **“We loved you, while you sowed life for all Palestinians”** [Sultan Abu Al-Einein's Facebook page, Oct. 19, 2015] He has openly declared his total support for the terror campaign, saying that he “supports, with all his might, the uprising and intifada... aimed at defending the Al-Aqsa Mosque” from “defilement” and “Judaization.” [Falestinona, Oct. 14, 2015]

Abbas Zaki, Fatah Central Committee member and advisor to Mahmoud Abbas, promotes terror

Abbas Zaki is a member of the Fatah Central Committee. He is close to Mahmoud Abbas and has travelled internationally as Abbas' personal emissary. Zaki stated that **the murderers of four Israelis are “giants and leaders”** and went on to say that **“whoever succeeded in killing, this is a big thing.”** He added that such a terrorist **should have “an institution named after him, and a statue [made] of him.”** [Official PA TV, Oct. 31, 2015]



Mahmoud Al-Aloul – member of Fatah Central Committee and Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization encourages terror
Fatah official Al-Aloul encouraged Palestinian youth to “make the country a hell for the enemies”

Shortly after the murders of 4 Israeli civilians in two separate attacks on Oct. 1 and 3, 2015, Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul addressed Palestinian youth on his Facebook page, encouraging them to "rise up against the enemies":

Mahmoud Al-Aloul:

"#Resist_boycott_rise up (literally "make intifada")

“More resistance and escalation against the occupation everywhere. Let us make the country a hell for the enemies... all the members of the Shabiba (i.e., Fatah youth and student movement) are potential Martyrs for the beloved Palestine.”

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

Al-Aloul called to “continue attacks” against Israelis

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

#let's_continue_the_attacks"

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

Fatah glorifies and honors the terrorists of the current terror campaign

Fatah leader sponsors sporting event after murderer of two

As an unequivocal expression of support for murder, Fatah continues to honor and glorify the killers of the current terror campaign. For example, Jibril Rajoub, Central Committee member mentioned above, who is also Head of the Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the PA Olympic Committee, **sponsored a table tennis tournament,**

named after murderer Muhannad Halabi, who murdered two people and stabbed a woman and her baby in October 2015. Rajoub mentioned Halabi by name when he described the “heroes” who constitute “a crown on the head of every Palestinian.” [Official PA TV, Jan. 2, 2016]



Mahmoud Abbas denies murdering Israelis is wrong. Terror campaign is a “popular peaceful uprising”

Finally, Abbas himself has not been a moderating influence. Abbas has not condemned even one terror attack during this entire violent period, and worse still, he has justified these attacks by claiming they were part of a “popular peaceful uprising”: **“We want peaceful popular uprising, and that’s what this is. That’s what this is.”** [Official PA TV, Nov. 16, 2015] Abbas made this statement after Palestinians had carried out 65 stabbing attacks, 8 shooting attacks, and 8 car ramming attacks, in which a total of 14 Israelis were murdered and 167 were wounded.

Not even when US Vice President Joe Biden urged Abbas to condemn a terror attack in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, where a Palestinian stabbed a US citizen to death and injured 11 Israelis, did Abbas comply. He “offered condolences,” but never condemned the attack. [*The Jerusalem Post*, March 10, 2016]

Abbas’ frequent referral to all the terror attacks as part of the Palestinian “peaceful” or “nonviolent” “uprising” may have been what has led the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs and other international spectators to wrongly conclude that Abbas is against the current wave of terror attacks against Israelis.

PLO leader: Murdering Israeli civilians is “national duty”

A statement which expresses the Fatah and PLO leaders’ attitude towards the current terror campaign was made by PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Ismail, who defined the killing of Israelis as a “national duty.” In a conversation about the murder of a young Israeli couple, which took place while their 4 children watched from the back seat of the car, Ismail said the following: “There is no need to return to the argument and dispute about who carried out the operation (i.e., the killing)... There is no need to announce it and boast of having done it. **One fulfills his national duty voluntarily, as best as one can.**” [Official PA TV, Oct. 6, 2015]



This attitude is representative of the PA’s and Fatah’s approach throughout this terror campaign. The Fatah leadership has not condemned the terror, but has presented it as patriotic and a legitimate part of the Palestinian “struggle” and “resistance.” Killing soldiers or civilians anywhere is presented as a **“national duty.”**

Fatah proud of its leading role in the current terror campaign

Finally, Fatah is proud of its leading role in the current terror campaign. Several Fatah leaders have specifically mentioned Fatah's central role in the terror campaign.

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

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

Amal Hamad, Fatah Central Committee member:

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

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

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

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

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

3. Summary and conclusions

In summary, it is imperative that this hate speech, violence promotion and terror glorification be condemned – by you, the Danish government, and other members of the international community who wish to see peace in the Middle East. Denmark and other supporters of the PA have a unique position as financial donors to the PA to demand that the PA, including Fatah as the ruling party in government, honors the commitments it has made in the past: to stop incitement and to renounce terror. The PA’s donors have tremendous potential influence to demand a change in the messages and policies that PA and Fatah leaders transmit to Palestinians.

When Rajoub, the Deputy-Secretary of Fatah’s Central Committee, which is headed by Mahmoud Abbas, refers to the the murder of Israelis as “individual acts of heroism” and publicly says on official Palestinian Authority TV that the Fatah Central Committee supports them, it must not be ignored by the international community.

In your answer to MP Søren Espersen, you indicated that if “Fatah, the PLO, the PA, or the Palestinian government” were actively supporting the terror campaign, the Danish government would reassess its attitude toward them.

The documentation in this letter and report shows that the Danish government must “reconsider its assessment” of Fatah, the PA, and Mahmoud Abbas, and take the necessary steps when dealing with a political governmental body that openly supports terror as Fatah does.

PART 2

1. Documentation of Fatah actively promoting terror – in detail

PMW documentation shows that the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs is misinformed and that the Fatah movement and its officials are not “moderate” but support violence and glorify terror.

The following are longer excerpts of the statements above and additional representative examples documenting that Fatah and its leaders, including Mahmoud Abbas, have endorsed the current wave of terror attacks, glorified and applauded the terrorists who have carried out attacks and murdered and injured Israelis, and that these Fatah leaders continue to promote violence and attacks against Israelis. The examples will also demonstrate that the Fatah Movement as such promotes violence and terror, using its official Facebook page and Twitter account to do so, as well as other outlets where it publicizes its announcements, and at events organized by the movement. Moreover, not one PA or Fatah leader has condemned even a single attack or murder of Israeli civilians, regardless of where it took place.

Information on all terrorists mentioned in the following appears at the end of the report. All emphasis in bold has been added by PMW.

Fatah Central Committee members promote violence and attacks and praise terrorists

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Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub: “Yesterday in Hebron, they escorted 17 Martyrs to burial. This is of course a **source of pride for all of us**. I say that **whoever carried out individual acts of heroism, we in the Fatah movement bless and encourage them. We consider them heroes and a crown on the head of every Palestinian**. At this point, when there is weakening and frustration, there is a group of people, beginning with our brother Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2) and ending with the last

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

2. Fatah official Jibril Rajoub sponsored tennis tournament named after terrorist Halabi, killer of 2

Headline: "Martyr Muhannad Halabi Tournament: 'Ahli Al-Khalil is the Palestine Cup table tennis champion'"
"Vice President of the Palestine Table Tennis Association, Radwan Al-Sharif, crowned the Hebron Al-Ahli Club team as the Palestine Cup Champion for 2015 – the Martyr (Shahid) Muhannad Halabi Tournament. This was after its



overwhelming victory in the final match between the team and the Al-Quds team which ended in a score of 1:3. The championship was held on Friday [Dec. 18, 2015] under the patronage of [Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee and Chairman of the Palestinian Football Association] Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestine Olympic Committee, and took place in the Martyr Yasser Arafat Center for Youth in Bethlehem."

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

3. Fatah official Jibril Rajoub on Palestinian terror attacks: They are "acts of bravery, I am proud of them"

Official PA TV program *Topic of the Day*, hosting Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub

Deputy Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee and Head of the Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs, Jibril Rajoub: "Clearly these are **individual operations (i.e., terror attacks); however, they comprise bravery and composure.** ... This is the Palestinian behavior in the field that comprises a high willingness to sacrifice. You see [an Israeli] soldier with a rifle fleeing [a Palestinian] with a knife or even one with nothing, or [an Israeli] scared in front of a Palestinian, only because he is Palestinian. I believe the [feeling of] security of this soldier, this racist, will obviously be shaken... **These are individual acts of**

bravery, and I am proud of them. I congratulate everyone who carried them out. I say to you, we are proud of you... Whoever confronts, fights, dies as a Martyr, is arrested or injured – his identity is known. What I mean is that the fighter, the prisoner, or the Martyr, **they are assets to the entire Palestinian people.** ... The international community does not agree to a bus exploding in Tel Aviv. But the international community does not ask what happens to a settler or soldier in the occupied territories at the wrong time and in the wrong place. No one asks about him! Therefore, we want to fight in such a way that the world and the international community will remain by our side."

[Official PA TV, Oct. 17, 2015]

4. Fatah official Jibril Rajoub to Palestinian attackers: “You are heroes, we bless you, you are a crown on our heads”

“And from here we say to the 145 Martyrs (Palestinians killed during the current wave of terror, most while carrying out attacks –Ed.) – **You are heroes and we bless you and strengthen your families, and say to you: You are a crown on our heads, until the Hour [of Resurrection]**

comes. And Allah will lengthen the lives of your family members, on the principle that Allah will honor them through you, so that they will see the establishment of the Palestinian state, which is our hope and aspiration.”

[Fatah-run Awdah TV, Jan. 6, 2016]



Abbas Zaki is a senior Fatah official, member of the Fatah Central Committee, speaks in Fatah’s name and represents PA and Fatah Chairman Abbas

The information about Abbas Zaki in the answer of the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kristian Jensen, which the minister used to dismiss the question whether the Danish government should reassess its evaluation of the Fatah Movement as “moderate” and the Danish government’s relationship with this movement, is wrong:

Abbas Zaki is a member of the Fatah Central Committee, the most senior body within Fatah, headed by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas. Zaki was elected for his current term on the committee in 2009. Since then Zaki has also held the position as Fatah Commissioner of Arab and China Relations. Abbas Zaki is therefore not an insignificant member of the party as indicated by the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs; rather Abbas Zaki is a member of the core leadership of the Fatah party

ruling the e PA. Abbas Zaki does not live in Lebanon either as stated in the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs's answer. Zaki used to be the PA's representative to Lebanon but finished his posting there in 2009. Abbas Zaki's own website states that he works in an office in Ramallah in the PA. [www.abbaszaki.plo.ps]

Moreover, Abbas Zaki is a close associate of Mahmoud Abbas, has delivered speeches in his name on several occasions, and traveled on his behalf. All this indicates Zaki's seniority in the PA government and Fatah leadership, thereby making his statements and positions on various issues all the more significant.

The following are two examples of Zaki representing PA and Fatah Chairman Abbas:

- Abbas Zaki traveled to Iran to arrange a visit there for PA and Fatah Chairman Mahmoud Abbas:
"Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki stated to a local radio station that he will 'head a delegation to Iran,' as part of the efforts to strengthen ties with it [Iran], and in order to organize President Abbas' visit. He said that "the development of our ties with Iran is an inevitable step if we want to confront the Israeli occupation." [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Aug. 16, 2015]

- In October 2014, Zaki was part of a Fatah delegation to Sudan and spoke there on behalf of the PA and Abbas.
"**The Fatah delegation** that left for Sudan last Thursday to participate in the fourth conference of the Sudanese National Congress [party] concluded its visit today. **The delegation was led by Fatah Central Committee Member and Commissioner of Arab Relations and Relations with China Abbas Zaki** and [Fatah] Revolutionary Council member Dhiab Ayyush. Samir Abd Al-Jabbar, ambassador of the State of Palestine in Sudan, was also present at the conference. Last Thursday [Oct. 23, 2014], the Sudanese National Congress party held its fourth conference, attended by thousands of party members and officials and headed by the party chairman, President Omar Al-Bashir... **The conference opened with a speech by [the representative of] Palestine, which was given the honor of being the first to speak. In his speech, Abbas Zaki addressed those present and the participating guests. He greeted the Sudanese leadership and people, and delivered the greetings of [PA] President Mahmoud Abbas to President Omar Bashir.**" [WAFA, official PA news agency, Oct. 27, 2014]

The following are statements made by Abbas Zaki glorifying terrorists and their attacks, the first being the one the Danish minister “opposed” as “inflammatory rhetoric”:

1. Fatah official Abbas Zaki stated that Allah loves the young Palestinians with rocks and knives:

Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki: “This is a year of challenge. We must challenge [the occupation] without fear... or by the sacrifices being made now by **our young people, with rocks and knives**, through which Palestinians have once again imposed a new parameter in the equation of the struggle... We are now witnessing a phenomenon called peaceful popular resistance. How? **These young people, youth, believed in Allah and Allah loved them and took them to Him, but their funerals are greater than those of the leaders** and the sympathy for them is great.” [Official PA TV, Dec. 29, 2015]

2. Fatah official Abbas Zaki praised young Palestinians for heeding PA call: “They succeeded in making Israel worry, with rocks and knives”:

Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki: “From where did the reaction come when [PA President] Mahmoud Abbas and the political leadership announced that we cannot take it any longer, in other words, that we will not agree to a PA without authority and an occupation without cost [to Israel]? **Who took action? The young from the Oslo generation who are in the prime of their youth did, [those] whom Allah chose and loved. They chose the path of Martyrdom (*Shahada*). Yes, they marched of their own will on the illuminated path to Paradise. They succeeded in making Israel worry, with rocks and knives**, and in imposing a curfew on several parts of our occupied land, the so-called State of Israel.” [Facebook page of Fatah Central Committee member Abbas Zaki, Jan. 4, 2016]

3. Fatah official Abbas Zaki: Murderers of 4 are “giants and leaders... Whoever succeeded in killing, this is a big thing” - terrorists will have “institutions named” after them

Member of Fatah Central Committee, Abbas Zaki: “They [the **Martyrs**] are **giants and leaders** who have written the future of the region. These Martyrs of the Al-Aqsa [Mosque] have outshined the political leadership and scared Israel... **Raed (i.e., terrorist who stabbed 1)** is not [just] a Martyr from [the town of] Sa’ir, or the Hebron district. Raed is **just like Iyad Al-Awawdeh (i.e., terrorist who stabbed 1), Alaa Abu Jamal (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2), and Muhannad Halabi (i.e., terrorist who murdered 2)**. These are **pioneers**. Raed is one of the greatest pioneers... I believe that, **Allah willing, something will be built and named after him [Raed]**. When Palestine is

liberated, Allah willing, **he will have at least an institution named after him, and a statue [made] of him...** Everyone who loves Palestine and wants Israel to be scared, should salute [all] the deceased - whether they were Martyrdom-seekers, or Martyrs. **Whoever succeeded in killing, this is a big thing**, and whoever succeeded in at least scaring the Israeli pedestrian is also a Martyr." [Official PA TV, Oct. 31, 2015]

Sultan Abu Al-Einein is PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas' advisor on NGOs and member of the Fatah Central Committee. He has publicly expressed support for the wave of terror repeatedly:

1. **Abbas' advisor blessed terrorists: "We bow before every drop of blood that has dripped from our children and women... and every... Martyr's mother, who...when they notified her of his death as a Martyr, she let cries of joy loose to the Heavens"**

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

Abbas' advisor Sultan Abu Al-Einein (in interview): "What is being carried out daily against our Palestinian people is what stirs the emotions of our people in the street and what causes them to seek a knife. **In my opinion, those seeking knives today will seek rifles and weapons tomorrow** due to this [Israeli] terror. **If the power and pace of the uprising wane a bit, that does not mean it has been stopped, but rather that it is preparing for stronger waves of rage against the Zionist enemy...** I call on all of the Palestinian political powers, without exception, to provide material support to this activity, even just a little... the activity needs leadership in the field in order to develop, so that it will have the means to develop itself in conflict, in a way that will **make the Israeli enemy's presence on our land costlier and more painful, as Palestinian mothers cannot remain the only ones who cry...** **We in the Fatah movement are proud of all the Martyrs** (i.e., includes terrorists killed during their attacks), regardless of their [political] affiliation, and we will not allow their families to be harmed, as these Martyrs are our children just as they are their children, and we will rehabilitate their homes, which the Israeli occupation destroys, regardless of the cost...

Blessings to all of our Martyrs, to the residents of Jerusalem who had the honor of igniting the first spark of this activity, to all those who followed in their footsteps in the rest of the homeland, and to the residents of the Hebron district, who have sown fear in all of this cancerous Israeli body. (Many of the terrorists have come from the Hebron district -Ed.) We bow before every drop of blood that has

dripped from our children and women, and bow the head before every Martyr and Martyr's mother, who carried her child in her belly and brought him up until he became a young man, and when they notified her of his death as a Martyr, she let cries of joy loose to the Heavens. "

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

2. Abbas' advisor Abu Al-Einein about terror wave: "We want the popular uprising to become an all-out uprising, so that it will... hurt the Israeli enemy"

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

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

3. Abbas' advisor Abu Al-Einein glorified terrorist who killed 1 and wounded 11 as "Martyr": "We loved you, while you sowed life for all Palestinians"

Video and text posted on the official Facebook page of Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein. The video contained footage taken from security cameras of a terror attack in the Be'er Sheva central bus station on Oct. 18, 2015.

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

How many messages of sacrifice are showing in this scene? **Armed soldiers throwing down their weapons out of fear of Muhannad's knife, others**

seeking a wall or fence out of fear of you, hero that you are. We loved you, Muhannad. We loved you, while you sowed life for all Palestinians. We and the whole world saw soldiers flee, despite being armed with their weapons, the moment Martyr Muhannad [Al-Okabi] fell upon them, when he was 'defenseless' or 'pulling out a knife.' Thus **he created another rung on the ladder of Palestinian praise, and has won the medal of honor as a Martyr whose name is engraved on every Palestinian's chest.**

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

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

4. Abbas' advisor Abu Al-Einein "supports, with all his might, the uprising and intifada... aimed at defending the Al-Aqsa Mosque" from "defilement" and "Judaization"

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

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

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

5. Abbas' advisor Abu Al-Einein called for Palestinians to arm themselves "and confront the settlers," saying this is Fatah's official position

Headline: "Abu Al-Einein: 'My call to arm the citizens reflects the position of the Fatah movement'"

"[Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and] Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein stated: 'The revocation of [my] VIP document (the holder of a Palestinian VIP travel document is entitled to international passage free of fees, and VIP treatment –Ed.) because of **my recent call to arm the [Palestinian] citizens** in view of the settlers' arrogance, is an honor for me. This step means nothing when Palestinian blood is spilled.'

Abu Al-Einein added that his call to arm the [Palestinian] citizens in order to confront the settlers and the occupation is the [Fatah] movement's position, even if 'some' do not like it.

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

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

6. Abbas' advisor Abu Al-Einein honored terrorist stabber who killed 2, calling the attack "heroic"

Image and text posted on Facebook page of Advisor to PA Chairman Abbas on NGOs and Fatah Central Committee member Sultan Abu Al-Einein:

"Page in honor of Jerusalem and saluting those within it

The lions of Allah in Jerusalem are protecting it
Kiss their foreheads, and do not forget their hands"

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

The last thing the **Martyr** wrote on his Facebook page, 21 hours before he



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

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

Mahmoud Al-Aloul – member of Fatah Central Committee and Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization

1. Fatah official Al-Aloul encouraged Palestinian youth to die as "Martyrs," fighting "against the enemies"

Shortly after the murders of 4 Israeli civilians in two separate attacks on Oct. 1 and 3, 2015, Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul addressed Palestinian youth on his Facebook page, encouraging them to **"rise up against the enemies,"** calling the youth **"potential Martyrs for the beloved Palestine"**:

"#Resist_boycott_rise up (literally "make intifada")

#General_mobilization_Fatah's_Shabiba [student movement]

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

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

2. Fatah official Al-Aloul called to "continue attacks" against Israelis

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

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

3. Fatah official Al-Aloul promoted dying for the Al-Aqsa Mosque

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

"O, Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades (i.e., Fatah military wing),
Revolution, honor, victory and generosity,

My blood will be shed for Al-Aqsa

My blood will rebel until our return"

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

4. Fatah official Al-Aloul honored terrorist stabbers, one of whom murdered 2, as “Martyrs” and “moons above the foreheads of the free men”

Text and image published on Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul's Facebook page

“Martyr (*Shahid*) after Martyr

Our Martyrs are moons above the foreheads of the free men

[From right to left:]

Martyr Muhannad Shafiq Halabi (murdered 2 –Ed.)

Age: 21

Martyr Fadi Samir Alloun

(stabbed 1 –Ed.)

Age: 19

Martyr Hudhaifa Othman Suleiman

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

Age: 18”

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



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

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

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

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

Jamal Muhaisen – member of Fatah Central Committee since 2009 and Commissioner for Diaspora Branches (of Fatah), also member of the PLO Central Committee

1. Jamal Muhaisen supported “increase in uprising,” “every measure taken against settlers” is “legitimate and legal” – a few days after brutal murder of 2 parents in front of their children

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

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

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

Fatah Central Committee member Jamal Muhaisen **participated in a rally honoring Palestinian terrorist murderer Muhannad Halabi**, and **“saluted the soul of [the] Martyr, who detonated the Jerusalem intifada,”** Ma’an news agency reported. The Fatah official supported the murders committed by Halabi and other shooting and stabbing murders, saying that Palestinian young men have the “right” to cause “Israeli women to cry”:

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

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

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas launched and supports the terror campaign

Palestinian Authority and Fatah Chairman Mahmoud Abbas has himself encouraged violence and endorsed the current Palestinian terror wave, and has not condemned a single terror attack. He has repeatedly described the numerous killings of Israelis as “peaceful uprising”, and refrained from condemning even one attack or one murder. Not even when US Vice President Joe Biden urged Abbas to condemn a

terror attack in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, where a Palestinian stabbed a US citizen to death and injured 11 Israelis, did Abbas comply. He “offered condolences,” but never condemned the attack. [*The Jerusalem Post*, March 10, 2016]

Abbas incited to violence already in September 2015, when he called on Palestinians to “protect” Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque against the Jews’ “filthy feet.” Abbas vowed that “blood that has been spilled for Jerusalem... is clean and pure blood spilled for Allah” and promised Palestinians that “every Martyr will reach Paradise.” The numerous terror attacks that followed were launched in response to this call, among others:

In the following statement, made at a meeting with “activists for the defense of the Noble Sanctuary” (i.e., the Temple Mount) and broadcast on official PA TV News, Abbas endorses actions that will get Palestinians killed while confronting Israel. Abbas not only encourages Palestinians to become Martyrs for Allah, and use “everything in our power to protect Jerusalem” against the Jews’ “filthy feet,” but also explains to Palestinians that this is something good and admirable because whoever dies or gets injured doing so is “blessed,” his blood is “spilled for Allah,” and he will “reach Paradise”:

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

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

Along the same line of religious persuasion, Abbas has also justified violence and the murder of 4 as “protection of holy sites.” After ongoing Palestinian riots, which had included shootings, stabbings, and throwing of rocks and Molotov cocktails - as well as the murder of 4 Israeli civilians - Abbas justified it all as legitimate defense of holy sites:

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

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

With this argumentation, Abbas attacked Israel's defense measures against Palestinian terror:

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

Abbas made these statements on Oct. 6, 2015, less than a week after Palestinian terrorists murdered 4 Israeli civilians.

After 5 months of attacks, Abbas has not yet condemned even one attack against Israelis, but has only in vague terms, when addressing international forums, stated that he is against "bloodshed." Abbas has repeatedly expressed support for the attacks, which he whitewashes by describing them as a "popular" or "nonviolent" "uprising," or "resistance" with "peaceful means." However, the "uprising" is a terror wave and the "peaceful means" include throwing of rocks and Molotov cocktails, car rammings, stabbings, and even shootings, in 325 attacks, which have resulted in 34 Israelis murdered and 397 Israelis injured (as of March 13, 2016, *Source: "Wave of terror 2015/16" http://mfa.gov.il*)

One example is the following where Abbas referred to stabbings, shootings, and car rammings that had killed 14 as "[peaceful popular uprising](#)":

*Official PA TV News broadcast
Excerpt from PA Chairman
Mahmoud Abbas' speech at the
Palestine Prize ceremony*

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas:
"No one called for this uprising (i.e.,
Oct. - Nov. 2015 terror campaign)
and no one asked for it. It stemmed
from the hearts of the young who
have seen everything with their own
eyes. They have seen the

oppression, the settlements and they have seen the attacks by the herds of settlers, and therefore **they have done what they have done** (i.e., 14 killed by stabbings and shootings). **We said to everyone that we want peaceful popular uprising, and that's what this is. That's what this is.** However, the aggression of firing bullets has come from the Israelis."

[Official Palestinian Authority TV, Nov. 16, 2015]



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

- 65 stabbings
- 8 shootings

- 8 car rammings

Total killed: 14

Total wounded: 167

[Between Oct. 1 - Nov. 13, 2015,

Source: "Wave of terror October-November 2015," <http://mfa.gov.il>]

The day after 15-year-old Palestinian terrorist Morad Adais stabbed 38-year-old Israeli woman to death in front of her children, in her home in the town of Otniel, south of Hebron, Abbas proclaimed: "We are against spilling of blood" and maintained that the Palestinian "resistance" is "peaceful," thus presenting the many shooting and stabbing attacks in which dozens of Israelis have been murdered and wounded as "peaceful".

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

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

It is this rhetoric - Abbas' frequent referral to all the terror attacks as part of the Palestinian "peaceful" or "nonviolent" "uprising" - that has led the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs and other international spectators to wrongly conclude that Abbas is against the current wave of terror attacks against Israelis.

Close associates of Abbas have also reiterated his categorization of attacks with knives and guns as "peaceful uprising":

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

"Fatah Central Committee member and Fatah Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization **Mahmoud Al-Aloul emphasized the support of Fatah and [PA] President Mahmoud Abbas for the peaceful popular uprising as one of the types of resistance.**

Al-Aloul said today, Tuesday [Feb. 9, 2016], in an interview with Radio Mawtini: '**President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian leadership**

support the peaceful popular uprising being waged by the people in order to achieve its freedom and the basic national principles – independence, return [of refugees], and freedom,' and added that the Israeli occupation left us no choice but to carry out a popular uprising against it."

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

Again the term “peaceful uprising” is used to refer to 5 months of attacks with dozens of Israelis murdered.

The Fatah Movement promotes violence and attacks and praises terrorists

The following are representative examples of statements and actions by the Fatah Movement, promoting violence and terror and glorifying terrorists during the 5-month Palestinian terror campaign, by means of its Facebook page and Twitter account, other outlets where it publicizes its announcements as well as Fatah events.

1. Official Fatah TV broadcast a music video calling for murder of Israelis: “Besiege them in all their neighborhoods Drown them in a sea of blood, Kill them as you wish”

“Pick up your weapon and
advance, Jerusalem is calling in
pain
Come on, strike them, you have
the strength
Turn your anger into the fire of
Hell...
**Besiege them in all their
neighborhoods
Drown them in a sea of blood
Kill them as you wish”**



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

2. At a Fatah rally in Bethlehem, children and youth paraded dressed in toy suicide belts, brandishing toy weapons and real ones such as rifles, machine guns, knives and axes. Present at this celebration were top Fatah and PA officials, including Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul, Head of the General Intelligence Services Majed Faraj, and Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Rula Ma'ay'a. [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 8, 2016] (All photos are from Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Jan. 7, 2016)



3. Fatah brought soil from Al-Aqsa to grave of murderer who stabbed 2 to death in Jerusalem "so that the dead body... can hug the soil for which he died a Martyr"

Fatah brought soil from the Al-Aqsa Mosque to the grave of terrorist Muhannad Halabi, who murdered two in the Old City of Jerusalem "so that the dead body of Martyr Muhannad Halabi can hug the soil for which he died a Martyr." [Fatah Twitter account, Oct. 8, 2015]

4. Fatah glorified Tel Aviv murderer of 3: "Congratulations and may Allah receive you in Heaven"

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



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

5. Fatah opened mourning tent for heroic Martyr” terrorist who killed 3 in Tel Aviv

Photos and text posted on the official Facebook page of the Fatah Movement on Jan. 10, 2016

Posted text: “The Martyr Riyadh Naif - Jalazone refugee camp branch of the Fatah movement opened a mourning tent for the heroic Martyr (*Shahid*) Nashat Melhem”

The pictures show the mourning tent.
[Official Fatah Facebook page, Jan. 10, 2016]

6. Fatah glorified murderer of US citizen in Tel Aviv-Jaffa

Fatah celebrated the murder of Taylor Force, an American tourist who was visiting Israel and the injuring of 11 Israelis in an attack in Tel Aviv-Jaffa. Fatah’s official Facebook page posted a drawing of a knife held over the PA map of “Palestine” that includes all of Israel and the PA areas, with the name of the murderer written on it.

Text on arm: “The heroic Martyr (*Shahid*)”
Text on map is name of murderer: “Bashar Masalha”
[Official Fatah Facebook page, March 9, 2016]



7. Throughout the terror campaign, Fatah has promoted violence and continued attacks through cartoons and other visuals

Fatah: Stab the Israelis!

Right at the beginning of the terror campaign, Abbas' Fatah movement warned Jews of stabbings in this cartoon, and thus made clear what actions it expected from Palestinians:



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

[Official Facebook page of the Fatah Movement, Oct. 4, 2015]

Fatah: Stabbing Israelis is “a symphony of love for Jerusalem”

Cartoon tweeted by Fatah at the beginning of the terror wave showed a masked man playing a knife as a violin, using a key for bow on the backdrop of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. The cartoon warns Israelis of more stabbing murders. It appeared on Fatah's official Twitter account with the following text:

"A symphony of love for Jerusalem. If the occupation wants to hear it again and again, it should continue invading Jerusalem, attacking our noble women and desecrating our Noble Sanctuary (i.e., the Al-Aqsa Mosque plaza) and our Jerusalem."

[Fatah Twitter account, Oct. 12, 2015]



Fatah glorified the knife: "We'll be victorious or die"

Abbas' Fatah movement continued and still continues to glorify stabbing attacks. The image above, showing a [masked man brandishing a knife](#) and holding up two fingers in a V for "Victory" was posted on the official Facebook page of the Fatah Movement with the text: "We'll be victorious or die." [Official Facebook page, Oct. 23, 2015]





Text on photo: “#so_what”

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Nov. 7, 2015]

8. Fatah glorified murderer who stabbed 2 Israelis to death by posting “new picture” of terrorist on its Facebook page

Posted text: "They asked Allah to have mercy on his soul – a new picture of Martyr (*Shahid*) Muhannad Halabi during his visit to the Ibrahimi Mosque (i.e., Cave of the Patriarchs). It should be noted that the Martyr died as a Martyr during a stabbing operation (i.e., terror attack in which Halabi killed 2 Israelis) that he carried out in occupied Jerusalem."

[Official Fatah Facebook page, Jan. 14, 2016]



9. Fatah honored killers of 3 as “giants of history” and “a symbol”

Headline: "Fatah movement honors the Jerusalem Intifada’s Martyrs in an impressive ceremony in the Hebron district"

"Fatah’s Hebron Center branch held a central ceremony yesterday [Feb. 3, 2016] in honor of the relatives of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) in the Hebron district who ascended to Heaven during the popular uprising, the 'Jerusalem

Intifada,' called the 'Loyalty to Martyrs Rally.' The ceremony took place in the Is'ad Al-Tufula hall, which belongs to the Hebron municipality.

The ceremony began with the recital of verses from the Quran, the reading of the [Quranic] Al-Fatiha sura for the Martyrs' souls, and standing for the Palestinian national anthem, with an impressive presence of the Martyrs' relatives. **Secretary [of Fatah's Hebron Center branch] Imad Kharwat and all the members of the branch's committee** received the attendees, and [Fatah] Central Committee member and Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization Mahmoud Al-Aloul and Hebron district Governor Kamel Hamid participated in the rally...

In the welcoming speech **Secretary Imad Kharwat praised the Martyrs** and their relatives and said: **'The Martyrs are the giants of history, and they are greater and more honorable than all of us together. They are a symbol for us in Palestine, and are "the honor."**

In the speech for the Fatah Movement, Commissioner for Mobilization and Organization Mahmoud Al-Aloul said: 'I salute you, Martyrs' relatives and our sisters here in Hebron. Everyone here is witness to your benevolence, and at this opportunity we stand as a sign of loyalty to those who have experienced difficult trials, trusted in Allah, and gone to defend their honor with great will power. They are the ones who were witness to the occupation's crimes, and many of them were executed in cold blood, and the occupation still continues to perpetrate its crimes on our land and to wreak havoc...'

Al-Aloul noted that the Palestinian people have been taught that this land is holy, and that the symbol Yasser Arafat died as a Martyr, defending Jerusalem, and for that they acted. **They are the pride of this nation, and they have brought glory to the Arab and Islamic nation...**

Hebron district Governor Kamel Hamid stated in his speech: 'I salute you and bless you in the name of our leadership and President Mahmoud Abbas. **I salute the Martyrs who watered the ground with their pure blood**, and bless this pleasant gathering, which has brought together the most honorable people in order to renew the promise and oath to the Martyrs and our prisoners...'

He also said: 'This intifada will continue until we realize our legitimate dreams, as this is what the Martyrs have died for, and because of this there are still injured who are recovering.' ... At the end, the attendees, the secretary and members of the Hebron Center [Fatah] branch, branch member and head of Martyrs and prisoners' affairs Najwa Amr, and branch member and head of women's affairs Sahr Al-Ja'abari, honored the families of all the Martyrs of the popular uprising in the district, **including the families of Martyrs Muhannad Halabi, Baha Alyan... and Hassan Manasrah**, and the relatives of child prisoner Ahmad Manasrah."

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

Fatah proud of its leading role in the current terror campaign

Finally, Fatah is proud of its leading role in the current terror campaign. Several Fatah leaders have specifically mentioned Fatah's central role in the terror campaign.

The following are examples of Fatah leaders who have openly spoken about Fatah's involvement in and support for the "uprising":

Fatah spokesman: Abbas is leading the "popular uprising"

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

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

Amal Hamad, Fatah Central Committee member:

"I say that if one has a responsible national feeling, one is supposed to thank Fatah for its resolve, and for its ability to say 'No!' to the Americans, 'No!' to the occupation, 'No!' to all regional, Arab and international pressures... **We are still leading the popular uprising, with true resistance, 80 percent of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) are Fatah people. If so, the movement is deeply rooted...**"

[Official PA TV, March 1, 2016]

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

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

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

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

"The Palestinian National Liberation movement **Fatah emphasized today** [Dec. 31, 2015], on the 51st anniversary of its Launch (*Intilafa*), **three months after the outbreak of the popular uprising, that it will continue the**

struggle with uncompromising determination until our people obtain their goals: freedom and independence.

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

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

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

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

Fatah official: Fatah is leading the "mass uprising," i.e., terror wave

"Fatah Central Committee member and Commissioner of Arab and China Relations Abbas Zaki said yesterday in an interview with Radio Mawtini:

'...**the Fatah movement draws its strength from its people, and noted that its fingerprints are clearly evident in the popular Palestinian uprising**, whose goal is to protect the inalienable national rights and obtain freedom and independence.

Zaki added that ' Hamas needs to understand that **Fatah is carrying the flag of victory, through the national measures [it takes], and that the fact that it is currently leading the mass uprising is the best proof of this.**"

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 30, 2015]

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

"Secretary of the Tulkarem branch of the Fatah movement Muayyad Sha'aban emphasized that the Fatah movement and the Palestinian people adhere to the principles for which the Palestinian revolution broke out...

[Sha'aban] emphasized that **the Fatah movement will continue to be the guardian of the national project** and the spearhead of the protection of the Palestinian people's rights, **[as it has been] since the Launch (*Intilafa*, Fatah's establishment in 1965), the Stone Intifada (i.e., Palestinian wave of violence and terror against Israel, 1987-1993), and the second Intifada (i.e., PA terror campaign 2000-2005), and **culminating with its leading of today's popular uprising in the Palestinian arena.**"**

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

Fatah official: Fatah is participating and has “sacrificed Martyrs” during terror wave

"Fatah Central Committee member and head of [Fatah] Mobilization and Organization Commission in the southern districts (i.e., Gaza Strip) Zakariya Al-Agha... in a speech he gave at a well-attended rally held by Fatah yesterday [Jan. 17, 2016] evening... he noted that **Fatah is always in the center of Palestinian affairs and in the field... He also noted that during its participation in the popular uprising against the Zionist occupier and its settler herds, Fatah has sacrificed Martyrs (*Shahids*) and wounded.** Al-Agha clarified that the popular uprising, which the Israeli occupation is trying to bring to an end, will continue as long as the occupation continues with its daily actions and attacks. He noted that it will not stop as long as the occupation remains on the Palestinian land."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 18, 2016]

"... Fatah Central Committee member Mahmoud Al-Aloul made this statement during an organizational meeting of the [Fatah] Movement's frameworks north and west of the Ramallah and El-Bireh district. The meeting was held yesterday [Feb. 12, 2016] by Fatah's Birzeit branch, with the participation of District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh Laila Ghannam...

Al-Aloul added that the Fatah Movement will continue its political struggle and its struggle in the field, and will continue to defend national goals. **He added that Fatah was the first to wage a mass confrontation during the current popular uprising on Sept. 29 [2015], and that it has led all the confrontations throughout the homeland, and that most of the Martyrs (*Shahids*) and injured came from within it.** Likewise, it will carry its national and moral responsibility for the rest of our people's sectors that were harmed as a result of the occupation, particularly the Martyrs' families, as was stressed by the meeting with the families of Jerusalem's Martyrs, recently held by President Mahmoud Abbas...

[District Governor of Ramallah and El-Bireh] Dr. Laila Ghannam praised, in a shortened speech, the pioneering role of the Fatah movement in all areas of the struggle and the services. Likewise, she stated that Fatah is the leader of the national project and the one who built the foundations of the Palestinian state, and that the Palestinian Authority is a national achievement, which cannot be separated from the project's leader, the Fatah Movement... **Ghannam praised Fatah's role in leading the popular uprising since its beginning...**"

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

2. Descriptions of terrorists who have been honored by Fatah

The following is further information on the terrorists and their attacks mentioned in this report. They are listed according to the order in which they appear in the report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

who favor coexistence and living together..."

Fadi Alloun stabbed and injured Israeli citizen Moshe Malka (15) near the Old City in Jerusalem on Oct. 3, 2015. He fled and was shot dead by Israeli police.

The Henkin murders - Israelis **Naama and Eitam Henkin** (also an American citizen) were murdered in a shooting attack on Oct. 1, 2015, on the road between Itamar and Elon Moreh in the West Bank. Their four children, aged 9, 7, 4, and 4 months, were also in the car and witnessed the murders, but were not physically injured.

Five suspects in the murder, members of a Hamas terrorist cell, were arrested by Israel and confessed to the murders. The leader of the group, Ragheb Ahmad Muhammad Aliwi, has served time in an Israeli prison for security related crimes.

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

Jerusalem line 78 bus terror attack - On Oct. 13, 2015, two Palestinian terrorists, **Baha Alyan** (22) and Bilal Ghanem (23) boarded Israeli bus no. 78 in Jerusalem's Armon Hanatziv neighborhood with a gun and a knife and attacked passengers, killing Israelis Haviv Haim (78) and Alon Govberg (51), and wounding 4 Israelis. Alyan was shot and killed by an Israeli security guard at the scene and Ghanem, a Hamas terrorist who served time in Israeli prison in 2013-2014, was wounded. Two weeks after the attack on Oct. 27, a 3rd victim in the attack, Richard Lakin (76), died from his wounds.

Ahmad Sha'aban – a 23-year-old Palestinian terrorist, resident of East Jerusalem, who stabbed a 72-year-old woman outside the Jerusalem central bus station on Oct. 14, 2015. Sha'aban injured the woman and tried to board a bus with passengers in order to continue his attack. He was shot and killed by an Israeli policeman who was at the scene.

Pisgat Ze'ev stabbing attack - On Oct. 12, 2015, two Palestinian terrorists, **Hassan Manasrah** (15) and Ahmad Manasrah (13), stabbed Yossef Ben Shalom (21) in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood of East Jerusalem, and then repeatedly stabbed Naor Ben Ezra (13) who was riding his bike. Hassan Manasrah was killed while fleeing the scene and Ahmad Manasrah was shot by Israeli police and hospitalized. Both victims of the attack were seriously injured. The terrorists, who were cousins, came from the nearby Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Hanina.

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

Muhammad Nimr – Palestinian terrorist who ran toward Israeli security guards near the Damascus Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem with a knife in his hand on Nov. 10, 2015. He was shot and killed by one of the security guards.

Mutaz Awisat – 16-year-old Israeli Arab terrorist who drew a knife when he was stopped by Israeli soldiers who wanted to search him in Jerusalem on Oct. 17, 2015. Awisat was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

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

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

3. Question S507 asked by MP Søren Espersen to the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs Kristian Jensen, and the minister's answer

The following is an English translation of the question S507 asked by MP Søren Espersen to the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs Kristian Jensen and the minister's answer:

DANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Date January 22, 2016

Question S 507 of January 15, 2016 to the Minister for Foreign Affairs [Kristian Jensen (Venstre – Denmark's Liberal Party)] asked by MP Søren Espersen (Danish People's Party).

Question:

“Would the Minister for Foreign Affairs comment on the New Year's greeting issued by a member of the Fatah leadership, Abbas Zaki, on Dec. 29, 2015 on the PA's official TV [station], and which (in the English translation) states:

“This is a year of challenge. We must challenge [the occupation] without fear... or by the sacrifices being made now by our young people, with rocks and knives, through which Palestinians have once again imposed a new parameter in the equation of the struggle... We are now witnessing a phenomenon called peaceful popular resistance. How? These young people, youth, believed in Allah and Allah loved them and took them to Him, but their funerals are greater than those of the leaders and the sympathy for them is great.” And would the Minister for Foreign Affairs in his comment to this confirm that Fatah by the Danish government is to be viewed as a “moderate movement” with who we should cooperate?”

Answer:

“The statement cited in the question is a sad example of inflammatory rhetoric that I [Minister for Foreign Affairs Kristian Jensen] strongly oppose, regardless of whoever phrases the statement. So does the EU, which is a key message of the Council's conclusions on the Middle East peace process, which we adopted on Jan. 18 this year [2016]. In this case, the issue is a statement by a Fatah member residing in Lebanon, who is not considered to have spoken on behalf of Fatah, the PLO, the Palestinian Authority or the Palestinian government. The statement does not give the [Danish] government any reason to reconsider the assessment of Fatah and the movement's leader, President Abbas. In the highly tense situation between Israelis and Palestinians in recent months, he has emphasized the need to maintain the nonviolent approach from the Palestinian side and has in that respect maintained the vital security cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian authorities.”

Link to Danish Parliament website:

<http://www.ft.dk/samling/20151/spoergsmaal/S507/index.htm>