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Incitement and hate speech against Israel didn't start with Israel's victory in the 1967 war and the subsequent establishment of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria. It didn't even start with Israel winning statehood in 1948. Institutional incitement by Arab authorities in Mandatory Palestine in 1920, 1929 and 1936 is a matter of record and includes intentionally-initiated blood riots.

In 1920, following false rumors that the Jews were planning to destroy the Al-Aqsa mosque (a claim echoed in today's Palestinian propaganda), Haj. Amin el Husseini, the Grand Mufti (supreme Muslim religious leader) of Jerusalem, instigated Muslim riots against Jews which resulted in hundreds of deaths. He was tried and convicted by the British Mandatory authorities in April 1920 of inciting these riots.

In 1929, on similar grounds, incited mobs attacked the Jewish areas of Jerusalem. In Hebron, where Jews had lived since ancient times, the Arab mobs murdered sixty and wounded fifty of the Jewish inhabitants. A British committee of inquiry held the Mufti and several local Arab leaders responsible.

During WW2, al-Husseini, who had close ties with the Nazi leadership in Germany, had a daily one-hour program in Arabic on Radio Berlin in which he broadcast Nazi propaganda against the Jews and the Allied forces.



Adolf Hitler hosts Grant Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini, Berlin, 1941;
Source: Heinrich Hoffmann collection

Al-Husseini in one of his Arabic broadcasts:

"Arabs, rise as one man and fight for your sacred rights. Kill the Jews wherever you find them. This pleases God, history, and religion. This saves your honor. God is with you" (1 March 1944).

Al-Husseini's vitriol contributed to anti-Jewish feelings that led to pogroms in Iraq (Farhud) and other Arab countries. He institutionalized Nazi-type hate speech against Jews and, later on, against Israel, that echoes in Palestinian incitement to this day.

Seventy years later, the Palestinian ruling party, Fatah, showed its affinity to Nazi propaganda was alive and well when it posted on its official Facebook page the cover of a Nazi German children's book from 1936. Translation of text: *"... trust no Jew"*



Official Facebook page of the Fatah movement, 29 October 2015

Similarly, PA Chairman Mahmud Abbas revived the old medieval libel of well-poisoning, in a speech to the EU Parliament (23 June 2016)



"Just a week ago, some rabbis rose up in Israel and explicitly announced and demanded of their government that it poison the water in order to kill the Palestinians."

- Indiscriminate attacks by Palestinians have claimed the lives of over 1,500 Israelis since the 1990s.
- The climate of hate pervading Palestinian society plays a central role in encouraging terrorist attacks and “lone-wolf” terrorist attacks in particular.
- Much of the blame can be laid at the door of the Palestinian Authority (PA) itself. The PA’s most senior government officials are actively engaged in nourishing a culture of hate – indoctrinating children and young adults to hate Israel and Jews and to view terrorists as heroes and role models.
- Attacks on Jews, far from being condemned, are rewarded by the PA in an organized system of monetary compensation.
- Antisemitic political cartoons are published on mainstream Palestinian websites and official media outlets.
- The PA educational system, official television and social media, religious institutions, even summer camps, reinforce the message of hatred.

Some of the methods may be new, but the messages of hate and the calls to violence have been around for a hundred years.



Incitement kills

Between September 2015 and October 2017, thousands of terrorist attacks were committed against Israelis by Palestinians: 59 Israelis were murdered, and over 800 injured in stabbing, car ramming, and shooting attacks by Palestinians.



Dafna Meir Z"L



Murad Bader Abdullah Adais

Fifteen-year-old Murad Adais, who murdered Dafna Meir (38, mother of 6) on 17 January 2016, confessed during questioning that programs on Palestinian TV demonizing Israel influenced his decision to carry out the attack.

Unfortunately, the PA leadership is very involved in such incitement. PA Pres. Abbas' address on official PA TV, on 16 September, 2015:



"We bless every drop of blood spilled for the sake of Jerusalem. This blood is clean, pure blood, shed for the sake of Allah, Allah willing. Every martyr will reach Paradise, and all the wounded will be rewarded by Allah.... The al-Aqsa Mosque and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher are ours. They are all ours, and they [the Jews] have no right to defile them with their filthy feet."

Rebranding terrorists as role models

The PA systematically glorifies the murderers of Jews, portrays them as heroes and provides their families with financial incentives.

Following the 4 March 2016 car ramming attack against Israeli soldiers at the Gush Etzion Junction, in which the perpetrator was killed, PA President Abbas sent a letter of condolence to her family.

[translated from Arabic]:



Source: MEMRI

*Distinguished Al-Sabatin family,
With great sorrow and deep anguish, we received the news of the death of the martyr Amani Hosni Al-Sabatin.*

We consider her to be with Allah... as a martyr who quenched the land of Palestine with her pure soul.

I beseech Allah the Exalted and the Omnipotent to bestow upon this martyr his many mercies and may she rest in Paradise.

Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine [sic]

PA President Abbas's advisor, Sultan Abu El-Einein, praised the murderer Muhand al-Okabi (21) from the Beer-Sheva Central Bus Station attack (18 October 2015) on Facebook, 19 October 2015 [PMW website]:



“O Muhand, we love you for giving your life for every Palestinian... Muhand receives the Medal of Honor as a martyr, his name engraved on the chest of every Palestinian.”

As many as 31 schools have been named after Palestinian terrorists who targeted and murdered Israeli civilians.

At least three schools were named after the Terrorist Dalal Mughrabi, glorifying her memory:

- The Dalal Mughrabi High School for Girls – Gaza
- The Dalal Mughrabi High School for Girls – Al-Shuyokh, Hebron
- The Dala Mughrabi Elementary School for Girls – near Hebron

The terrorist Dalal Mughrabi – led the most lethal attack in Israel's history, known as the Coastal Road Massacre, in 1978, when she and other Fatah terrorists hijacked a bus on Israel's Coastal Highway, killing 37 civilians (including 12 children), and wounding over 70.



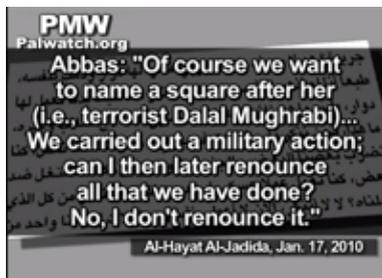
Picture of the bus after the hijacking and murder of passengers by Mughrabi's squad

Doublespeak

Hate speech is often conveniently 'lost in translation'

Palestinian leaders often **praise perpetrators of terrorist attacks** before an Arabic-speaking audience, while expressing the expected sentiments of **'sorrow and regret'** when speaking before an international audience in English.

Pres. Abbas in an interview (Al-Hayat Al-Jadida newspaper, 17 January 2010)



translated from Arabic by PMW

However, Pres. Abbas in English (Israeli Channel 2 News, 19 March 2011):



Use of lies and, when put on the spot - deny, deny, deny

- Israelis are Nazis who do things “worse than gas chambers” (Official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 17, 2010).
- “The plague [of AIDS] is a political problem that is nurtured by Israel” (Jabbar Burquan, head of the Anti-Drug General Authority, 2 June 2010).

And yet, in his public remarks, after a meeting at the White House with US President Obama, President Abbas stated: *“All I can say in front of you, Mr. President, is that we have nothing to do with incitements against Israel, and we’re not doing that”* (President Obama’s Whitehouse Archives, 9 June 2010).

Spread the blame - find unsuspecting sponsors

PA’s hate speech is sometimes sponsored by the UN and unwitting members of the International community.

Following exposure by “Palestinian Media Watch”, US Ambassador to UNESCO David Killion condemned the PA for its duplicity and called on UNESCO to end funding of a PA children’s magazine that glorified jihad and applauded Hitler for murdering Jews:

*“UNESCO must let the PA know that **this double-speak, using a message of peace for the international community, and another message for domestic consumption that teaches hatred, is unacceptable.** I count on you... to investigate whether UNESCO funding is... being used to sponsor this Palestinian magazine; and, if so... to end the international community’s financing of such hatred ...”* (Dec. 22, 2011).

On October 2017, Belgium announced that it has put on hold two projects related to the construction of Palestinian schools, for an amount of 3.3 million euros, after finding out that an elementary PA public school near Hebron whose construction was funded by Belgium was named 'Dalal Mughrabi Elementary School', after the terrorist that led the 1978 coastal highway bus attack mentioned above.



Plaque announcing Belgium's funding of the construction of the Dalal Mughrabi Elementary School.

Financial incentives to terror

The PA spends a significant amount – 6.9% of their annual budget on salaries to terrorists and their families, money that could be invested in improving the lives of the civilian population In 2016:

- Approx. \$136 million to imprisoned terrorists and former convicts
- Approx. \$177 million to families of shaheeds (literally “martyrs;” terrorists killed while attacking Jews)
- These two figures are equivalent to 29.6 % of the aid received by the PA from foreign donors
- Individual monthly salaries to imprisoned terrorists range from \$400 to \$3,500 (depending on the length of the prison sentence); the average monthly salary of a Palestinian worker in the West Bank is about \$640.



Muhammad Dhamiri
age 23, Tulkarem

“I don’t have a job and life is hard. If I stab a Jew, I’ll go to prison and get a monthly allowance from the Palestinian Authority.”



Muhammad Saffi
age 21, Jalazun

“...they told me all we have to do is throw some bombs and get arrested, and then we’ll get salaries from the Palestinian Authority.”



Hosni Najjar
age 28, Hebron

“I knew if I wanted to get a monthly allowance, I had to do something that would put me in prison for at least five years, and I really need the money.”

PA's education to hate

Palestinian children learn early on that attacking Israelis is somehow a noble cause. They grow up surrounded by streets, football stadiums and summer camps proudly named after Palestinians who murdered innocent Israeli civilians. In school, kindergarten children put on plays about attacking Jews and being killed as martyrs.



UNRWA Nuseirat, Gaza school play, April 19, 2016

Palestinian summer camps look more like military training camps - instead of sports and nature trips, the activities include learning how to use weapons and conduct operations against the (Jewish) enemy.



Summer camp in Gaza

Palestinian textbooks and official PA TV children's programs abound with examples of hostility towards Jews and denial of Israel's existence.

PA school textbooks

Between the years 2000-2006 the PA introduced a new curriculum and published over 250 books for grades 1-12 in various subjects. Since then, the key sentiments regarding Israel and the Jews have not been altered:

- Demonization of the Jews and delegitimization of Israel
- Rejection of a peaceful solution to the conflict
- Education towards the ideal of Jihad and martyrdom to achieve the 'liberation of Palestine' (all of it, not just the West Bank and Gaza).
- Teaching children that they will someday return to their "rightful homes" all over Israel, effectively replacing the Jews.

Publication of the textbooks was partly financed by European countries that were apparently unaware of the radical texts included.

Lessons in religion

Killing of Jews is presented as a precondition of the End of Days:

"...[It is told] that the Prophet said: The End of Days will not take place until the Muslims fight the Jews, and the Muslims will kill them to a point that a Jew will hide behind a rock or a tree, and then the rock or the tree will say: 'O Muslim, O God's servant, there is a Jew behind me, so come and kill him'."

Faith, Grade 11 [Shar'i stream] (2013) p. 94

This well-known Islamic hadith has appeared in cartoon form on many school Facebook pages:

مقاتلة اليهود والانتصار عليهم : فقد بشر الرسول ﷺ بنهاية ظلم اليهود على هذه الأرض المقدسة ، وإزالة فسادهم واحتلالهم لها ؛ عن أبي هريرة ؓ أنّ النبي ﷺ قال : « لا تقوم الساعة حتى يقاتل المسلمون اليهود ، فيقتلهم المسلمون ، حتى يخثب اليهودي من وراء الحجر أو الشجر ، فيقول الحجر أو الشجر : يا مسلم ، يا عبد الله ، هذا يهودي خلفي فعال فاقطله إلا الغرق ، فإنه من شجر اليهود »⁽¹⁾ .



Lessons in geography

Palestinian geography text book - wipes Israel off the map:

"I learn [that]: The land of the Levant [Bilad al-Sham in Arabic] presently comprises the following states:

1. Palestine
2. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
3. The Republic of Lebanon
4. The Syrian Arab Republic"



History of the Ancient Civilizations, Grade 5 (2004) p. 30

Palestine replaces Israel in the region:



Facebook Page Jericho High School for Girls, October 2, 2012

PA TV in the service of hate

'Educational' programs on the official PA TV station often discuss the 'ultimate goal' of liberating all of 'Palestine', denying the right of Israel to exist and calling upon young Palestinians to do the 'honorable thing' and kill Jews, even at the cost of their own lives.



Palestinian public TV, 3 July 2013

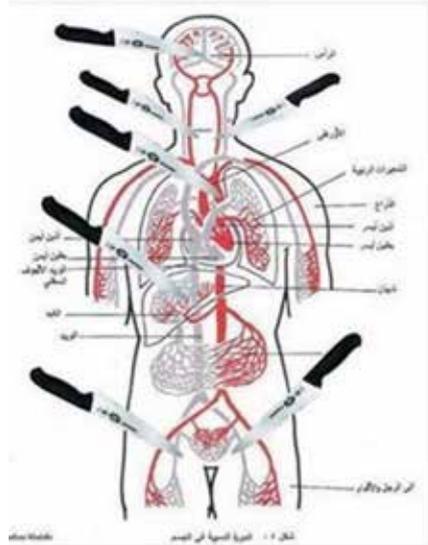
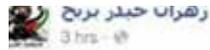


Nassur, the bear puppet, on Hamas TV Children's program 22 September, 2009

Palestinian Social Media - 'inspiration to kill'

Social media emerges as a platform for Palestinian incitement and calls for violence against Jews and Israel. Inciting content has increased on the Facebook & Twitter accounts of Palestinian organizations and individuals - praising the attacks and urging more of the same.

Would-be terrorists are being taught, with videos and graphic instructions, how to stab and cause maximum damage, how to create various types of bombs and more.



An Anatomical chart, showing which parts of the body to aim for when stabbing a victim. Facebook 8 October 2016

Palestinian social media has been flooded with hashtags including "Poison the Knife before You Stab" and "Slaughtering the Jews".



A cartoon of a terrorist attacking a Jew with a meat cleaver, with the hashtag #Slaughtering_the_Jews. Twitter, 8 October, 2015

Too many Palestinian children are taught to honor suicide bombers and to seek 'martyrdom' through Jihad, as seen in this Palestinian children's song:

When We Die as Martyrs

When we die as martyrs, we will go to heaven
Don't say we are young; this life has turned us into adults.
Without Palestine, what meaning is there to childhood?

Even if they give us the entire world
No, no, we won't forget her
My country and my blood are for her sake.
Without Palestine, what meaning is there to childhood?

Children, you have fulfilled your religious obligation
There is no God but Allah
And the martyr is God's favorite.
You have taught us the meaning of manhood.

Oh, Allah, protect Islam and the Muslims
Oh, Allah, save the children of Palestine.



Palestinian children handing out candies in a display of joy, following a suicide attack in Israel (4 February, 2008)

In contrast, the **Israeli yearning for peace** was expressed in songs such as "I was born to Peace," written in honor of the historic peace agreement with Egypt:

"i was born to peace"

I was born to peace - let it arrive
I was born to peace - let it come
I was born to peace - let it appear
I want, I want to be in it already.

I was born to the dream
And in it I see that peace will come;
I was born to the desire and the belief
That here, it has come after 30 years.

I was born to a people 2000 years old
That has a land and it has a piece of heaven
And it sees, watches the day unfold
And it's a beautiful moment, a moment of peace

PA ignores its formal obligations to end incitement

One of the PA's core obligations under the terms of the Oslo Accords is to end anti-Israel incitement. PA's failure to condemn violence, magnified by its own contribution to venomous rhetoric, has led to a dangerous rise in anti-Israel public sentiment that periodically bursts out in lethal waves of terror.

In sharp contrast, the Israeli leadership has renounced hate speech and violence against anyone, including Palestinians. The Knesset (Parliament) has enacted special legislation to enable the swift removal of hate speech from social media, and Israeli law protects victims of hate crimes, whether they are Israeli citizens or Palestinians.

The culture of hate fostered by Palestinian leaders bodes ill for the future. Intense emotions exist on both sides of the conflict. But there is a huge difference between feeling anger and frustration, and encouraging a societal norm in which hatred of the other plays a large part.

In Israeli society, peace is an important core value, inculcated in the children by their parents in every generation. The desire for peace has been expressed in Jewish writings and liturgy for thousands of years, and the aspiration for peace is an integral element of the Zionist ideal which envisages Israel living in peace and cooperation with all its neighbors.



Efrat Mayor Revivi and Palestinian mukhtar Abu Taleb plant a tree on the road between the two communities. February 07, 2012. Photo by Gershon Elinson FLASH90

Many sectors of Palestinian society are being influenced by a campaign of hate - praise of terrorists, official support of violent acts, education from an early age to despise and fear the Jews and Israelis, and hate speech - promoted by official organs of the Palestinian Authority. Tragically, the prime victims are the Palestinians themselves, particularly the young. In schools and mosques, in speeches and on Facebook, Palestinian children and teenagers are called upon to participate in acts of violence, many times with lethal outcomes. Their own leaders deny them the option of pursuing a normative life.

A better future for the children - Jewish and Palestinian alike - will come only when both sides long for peace; when both sides teach their children tolerance, respect, good neighborliness, desire for life. When both sides condemn violence and prejudice and aspire to live side-by-side in peace and prosperity.

While this booklet was being prepared for printing, the Fatah-controlled PA and Hamas (an organization internationally designated as a terrorist organization) were engaged in discussions to share governing powers over the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. Hamas, which frequently carries out attacks against Israeli civilians and has the express aim of destroying Israel, clearly will not help the PA leadership adopt pragmatic positions that will lead to reconciliation and peace with Israel.