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America and the Palestinian Authority

US Foreign Policy Misled by PA: Funding conditions imposed by US are consistently violated

*More than a year after the Annapolis conference,
the Palestinian Authority continues to mislead donor countries.
In English, it talks peace, but in Arabic, it:*

- *denies Israel's existence*
- *incites hatred*
- *promotes terror and glorifies terrorists*

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Executive Summary

The Annapolis Conference in November 2007 created hope for the renewal of a peace process after years of Palestinian Authority (PA)-supported terror. PA Chairman and Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas assured Israel and the world in English that there had been a sincere change.

However, in Arabic the Palestinian Authority, Fatah leaders and the Abbas-controlled official PA media are no more peaceful towards Israel than they were during the Arafat era. In fact, during the 12 years of PMW's existence, there has never been a period of such intense demonization of Israel, continuous hate promotion, terror glorification, and open denial of Israel's existence by the PA (Fatah) and the Abbas-controlled media than what we have witnessed in 2008 - 2009.

US Funding of the Palestinian Authority

The US has recently approved \$900M in aid to the Palestinian Authority, to be allocated as follows:

- \$300M for urgent humanitarian aid;
- \$400M for economic reform, private projects and other projects in the West Bank;
- \$200M for budget shortfalls of Abbas's government.

No money is going to Hamas, and US officials insist that the money cannot be used to support terror or terror organizations.

"We have worked with the Palestinian Authority to install safeguards that will ensure our funding is only used where and for whom it is intended, and does not end up in the wrong hands," said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

It is clear, however, that US leaders continue to be misled by the moderate messages that Abbas and the PA espouse in English, and ignore the systematic hate promotion directed at Palestinians in Arabic. The \$200M earmarked for the Abbas government will directly support the regime and its infrastructures – including the PA media controlled by Abbas's office – that deny Israel's existence and call for its destruction, indoctrinate children and adults with hate messages, promote terror and glorify terrorists.

This report shows that in its own Arabic media, aimed at a Palestinian audience, the Palestinian Authority is clearly violating the expectations and conditions of US funding.

1. Denial of Israel's existence, calls for Israel's destruction:

Examples:

- a. Muhammad Dahlan, a senior PA official, stated plainly on official PA TV: " I want to say for the thousandth time, in my own name and in the name of all of my fellow members of the Fatah movement: We do not demand that the Hamas movement recognize Israel. On the contrary, we demand of the Hamas movement not to recognize Israel, because the Fatah movement does not recognize Israel, even today."

[PA TV March 17, 2009]

- b. A PA TV educational geography program has been broadcast regularly since August 2007, and most recently in January 2009, teaching there is no Israel and all of Israel is "Palestine:"

"... another section in Palestine ...Ashkelon in the south, until Haifa, in the Carmel Mountains. Haifa is a well-known Palestinian port... To its north, we find Acre. East of Acre, we reach a city with history and importance, the city of Tiberias, near a famous lake, the lake of Tiberias [Kinneret- Sea of Galilee]. Jaffa, an ancient coastal city, is the bride of the sea, and Palestine's gateway to the world."

Note that all of these are Israeli cities, spread over the entire country.

c. Official PA schoolbooks describe a Middle East without Israel:

"Coastal states differ in terms of their access to water sources, such as...: states located on sea coasts with accesses to two seas, for example: Palestine and Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea."

[Physical Geography and Human Geography, Grade 12, p. 105]

"Palestine has a long coast facing the Mediterranean sea and a short coast on the Gulf of Aqaba."

[Health and Environment Studies, Grade 8 (2003), p. 130]

Note that the Israeli city of Eilat is on the Gulf of Eilat (Aqaba).

"... The Tiberias Lake [Sea of Galilee], in Palestine"

[Physical Geography, Grade 5, p. 25]

c. Israel is painted over in the colors of the PLO flag in PA government Census Bureau announcements. These announcements were aired on PA TV (Fatah) - often several times a day - during and after the Annapolis conference at the end of 2007. Maps similar to this one continue to appear on official web sites in 2009 [see below].



2. Hatred is actively promoted as policy for children and adults. Hate videos, libels and lies remain a backbone of PA TV.

Examples:

a. The official PA newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, has propagated a long-standing blood libel against Israel, falsely accusing Israel of conducting horrific Nazi-like medical experiments on Palestinian prisoners:

"Many of the male and female inmates received injections from needles they had not seen before, and which caused their hair and facial hair to fall out permanently ... others lost their sanity, or their mental condition is constantly deteriorating... and some are suffering from infertility." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 4, 2008]

b. Another wild accusation concerns the deployment of "supernatural rats" against Arab residents of Jerusalem's Old City:

"... [Israeli] settlers have been bringing chests filled with rats and releasing them in the Old City's [Arab] neighborhoods... the [Arab] residents' efforts to counter this infestation have failed, especially since cats run away from these rats because of their size and ferocity... All of the conventional efforts to kill them have not succeeded... which compels Jerusalem's [Arabs] today to face the dangers of settlement and the infestation of rats..." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 18, 2008]

- c. PA TV has been broadcasting a music video from 2007 to February 2009, with the repeated refrain, "My enemy, my enemy." Israel is called a "*snake, coiled around the land.*" The hate video denies Israel's right to exist and anticipates Israel's destruction: "*You have no choice, O enemy, but to leave my country.*"

3. The PA openly glorifies not only past but current terrorists, venerating terrorist murderers – even those who have murdered since Annapolis.

Examples:

- a. The suicide terrorist in the Israeli city of Dimona, the killer of the eight Jerusalem yeshiva students, arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh and other terrorists were all glorified as Palestinian heroes in official PA newspapers and television in 2008.
- b. In February 2009 the PA glorified the terrorist who murdered three civilians and seven Israeli soldiers in a 2002 ambush. The terrorist and his action were praised as "the hero of the Intifada... [doing] what tens of brigades and platoons, and hundreds of missiles and heroic stories, failed to do." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 17, 2009]
- c. On March 11, 2009, PA TV broadcast a special program commemorating and celebrating the 30th anniversary of the most deadly terror attack ever carried out in Israel – a bus hijacking that left 37 civilians dead. The program opened with the narrator glorifying this attack as "one of the most important and most prominent special operations, executed by the Palestinian revolution by sea, on the coast between Haifa and Tel Aviv. This operation, carried out by a team of heroes and led by the heroic fighter Dalal Mughrabi...."

4. Far from distancing itself from earlier Arafat ideologies, the PA leadership continues to advocate Israel's destruction.

Example:

PA Fatah MP: "*It doesn't mean that we don't want the 1948 borders [i.e. destroy Israel], but in our current political program, we [Fatah] say we want a state on the 1967 borders...*" [PA TV Aug. 25, 2008]

Contrary to the perception that Hamas alone preaches terror, violence and denial of Israel's right to exist, this **PMW Special Report** documents that the PA-Fatah leadership and media promote the same message. In contrast to the moderate message that it conveys to the English-speaking world, the Palestinian Authority's Arabic-language world continues to be imbued with hate promotion and promises of Israel's expected destruction.

The US is directly funding the responsible government frameworks.

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1. Denying Israel's right to exist, rejecting Israel's existence and advocating its destruction

There is no greater danger to peace and no greater hate promotion than for Palestinian children to be taught to deny Israel's right to exist. PA TV educational programs for children actively demand that children not only deny Israel's **right** to exist, but even deny the existence of Israel altogether.

Palestinian children are taught that Israeli cities covering the entire country -- including Haifa in the North, Jaffa (part of Tel Aviv), coastal Ashkelon and Ashdod, and Eilat in the south, are all Palestinian cities. "Palestine's" borders are said to be Lebanon and Syria, when in fact this could be true only if Israel did not exist. When an Israeli Arab girl on a TV phone-in for children identified her city of residence as "Be'er Sheva", Israel's largest southern city, the PA TV host corrected her: "Occupied Be'er Sheva." Video clips sing about a "Palestine" that erases Israel and about a future when the Israeli cities Jaffa and Haifa will be "liberated."

Hundreds of maps have appeared on PA TV during this renewed "peace" period since Annapolis. On every single one of them, Israel is replaced by "Palestine". These maps denying Israel's existence included an official PA government advertisement that ran daily for months, featuring a painted Palestinian flag covering all of Israel from top to bottom. It is inconceivable that children growing up with this systematic denial of Israel's legitimacy and existence will ever accept Israel as a legitimate state and neighbor.

The following are representative examples from among many more:

[Note: In this section of the report, all the cities the Palestinian Authority define as "Palestinian cities" are Israeli cities inside the 1949 borders.]

1. Abbas's PA TV children's programs teach children to see a world without Israel:

Child Host: "List three Palestinian ports... we have the Haifa port, Jaffa, Ashkelon, Eilat, Ashdod & Gaza." [Note: All are Israeli cities except Gaza.]

Child Host: "What is the size of the state of Palestine?"

(On phone) Haidar: "27,000 sq. km."

[Note: The size of the West Bank and Gaza is 6,220 sq. km. The figure of 27,000 sq. km. Includes all of Israel.]

Child Host: "Name three countries bordering Palestine."

(On phone) Muhammad: "Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt."

[Note: Only Israel borders Lebanon.]

Child Host: "The Palestinian borders overlook two important seas. What are their names?"

(On phone) Lama: "The Mediterranean and the Red Sea."

[Note: The Red Sea borders Israel's southern tip.]

Child Host: "What's the name of the only sweet-water lake in Palestine?"

On phone, Ayyam: "The Tiberias Sea [the Sea of Galilee or the Kinneret]."

[Note: The Sea of Galilee is in Israel.] [PATV (Fatah), Sept. 1, 2008]

2. Children recite on Abbas's PA TV:

Child: "My name is Asraa and I'm from the occupied Safed [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Rama and I'm from the occupied Safed [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Hiyam and I'm from the occupied Safed [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Raad Salim and I'm from the occupied Acre [Israeli city]."

Child: "My name is Arhaf from occupied Haifa, [Israeli city]. I hope that Palestine will return and that we will defend it."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 21, 2008]

3. Child: "I'm from Beer Sheba [Israeli city]."

Host: "From the occupied Beer Sheba ... of course, from the occupied Negev [Israeli desert]. We bless all our children of the Negev and I'm very happy that our children from the occupied areas in Palestine are calling, those [areas] which Israel occupies."

[PA TV (Fatah), July 21, 2008]

4. Quiz on PA TV (Fatah):

Host: "Sally, where are you from?"

Sally: "From Acre [Israeli city]."

Host: "Wherever you're from, they are all Palestinian cities. The Jezreel Valley [Israeli region] is thought to be "the breadbasket of Palestine." [PA TV (Fatah) Sept. 6, 2008]

5. Host: "Yesterday's riddle: O bride of Palestine, the most beautiful in the garden, O you who sit on the shore waiting for time to return. Don't cry, my dear, beautiful daughter of Canaan ... And the answer is: Yaffo." [Israeli city – part of Tel Aviv]

Host: "Which Palestinian city is called 'the flower of Galilee'? The possibilities are: Tiberias, Nazareth, Acre." [All are Israeli cities]

Answer: "Nazareth."

[PA TV (Fatah) Sept. 15, 2008]

6. All Israel is Palestine on PA TV fashion show:

"[These are] the garments of Beer Sheba [Israeli city] and the Negev desert [in Israel], the southern part of Palestine, the desert of Palestine....

The garments of Beit Jibrin [Israeli town], this Palestinian archaeological town, which the occupation has transformed into an Israeli tourist village and changed its name from Beit Jibrin into Guvrin, those are the garments with its decorations that testify to its [the town's] past.

The garment of Galilee [in Israel], northern Palestine, Safed, Tiberias, Acre, Nazareth [all are Israeli cities] - this dress is one of the most beautiful dresses in Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah) April 10, 2008]

7. In a documentary film, A Palestinian youth pledges to liberate Dir Yassin (West Jerusalem) by blood:

The time of the Annapolis summit marked the return of an educational documentary depicting all of present-day Israel as stolen "occupied Palestine." All Israeli cities, including Jaffa, Acre and Haifa, are referred to as Palestinian cities. A Palestinian youth interviewed on the program pledges to return to West Jerusalem and redeem it with his own blood.

"Ask whomever you wish. Go ask any child, 'Which city are you from?'... He will tell you from Jaffa, Haifa, this village or that city... i.e. He belongs [only] temporarily to the place where he resides, his place of refuge."

Towards the end of the program, a youth pledges to liberate Jerusalem even by violent means:

"My answer to [Israelis] is that I am of the fourth generation and I have not forgotten. I have a dream, to arrive at Dir Yassin [in West Jerusalem]. This is a dream of mine. I hope to redeem it by blood." [PATV (Fatah) April 28, 2008]

8. Israel is presented as "Palestine", and in a music video broadcast for several months after Annapolis, a pledge is made to liberate it:

"We will liberate the Land of religions...
The land is Arab in history and identity
Palestine is Arab in history and identity..."

"From Jerusalem and Acre, from Haifa and Jericho and Gaza and Ramallah, from Bethlehem and Jaffa, from Beer Sheba and Ramle, from Nablus to the Galilee, from Tiberias to Hebron..."

[Note inclusion of Israeli cities from the entire country]

[PA TV (Fatah), October 2007–January 2009]

9. Israel is erased and "Palestine" is in its place all across Israel, from Ashkelon to the Sea of Galilee and back to Jaffa. This educational documentary has been broadcast dozens of times since August 2007, most recently on Jan. 21, 2009:

"The West Bank and Gaza have another section in Palestine which is the Palestinian coast that spreads along the [Mediterranean] sea, from ...Ashkelon in the south, until Haifa, in the Carmel Mountains. Haifa is a well-known Palestinian port. [Haifa] enjoyed a high status among Arabs and Palestinians especially before it fell to the 'occupation' [Israel] in 1948. To its north, we find Acre. East of Acre, we reach a city with history and importance, the city of Tiberias, near a famous lake, the lake of Tiberias [Kinneret- Sea of Galilee]. Jaffa, an ancient coastal city, is the bride of the sea, and Palestine's gateway to the world

[PATV (Fatah), August 2007–January 2009]

10. Child TV Host: "What is the name of the desert in Palestine?"

Nahad: "The Negev desert" [southern Israel]

Host: "Correct answer."

[PATV (Fatah), Sept. 18, 2008]

11. Child TV Host: "Which of the Palestinian cities is named after the Roman ruler, the Emperor Tiberias?"

Child: "Tiberias." [Israeli city]

Host: "Your answer is correct."

[PATV (Fatah), Sept. 20, 2008]

12. Abbas's PA TV children's programs teach children to see a world without Israel:

Child host quizzes children:

- "Where is Ein Harod [Israeli town]? - In Palestine.

- Good. Which mountain is the tallest in Palestine? And where is it located?

- Mount Meron [in Israel].

- That's half an answer, where is it located? In Nablus, Hebron or Galilee?

- In the Galilee [in Israel].

Correct answer. The tallest mountain in Palestine is Mount Meron, in the Upper Galilee, east of the mountain is the city of Safad [Israeli city], the capital of northern Palestine."

[PA TV (Fatah), Sept. 9, 2008]

13. Israel replaced by "Palestine" (covered by the PLO flag) in PA official government Census Bureau announcements

A public service announcement of the National Census, broadcast for several months on PA TV, showed "Palestine" as the map of Israel painted over with the colors of the flag of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The announcements were aired right through the Annapolis conference.



Text: "Our land brings us together... and the census unites us..."

[PA TV, November-December 2007]

(The image on right of the Palestinian flag flying over the map of Israel still appears today on the PA website, along with logos of Western donors.)

14. A music video for children summarizes the essence of PA ideology, and the motivation for the continuing hatred and war against Israel, in the words: "Israel took everything in 1948."

"My homeland, my land is very pretty. It has forests, stone houses and a sea
My homeland, my land is very pretty. It has hills, lemon and olive trees
I live in my village. My village in my homeland. My homeland is so pretty...
The smell of a fig tree. The aroma of jasmine...
Do you know what happened in '48? [*Year of Israel's creation*]
They took everything. They burned the room. The houses they broke.
The forests they destroyed. The village they erased. The names they changed
They changed the names. My homeland, her name is Palestine."

[PA TV, 1998-2008, repeatedly]

2. Hate promotion among children and adults and demonization of Israel - PA hate media

PA–Fatah media continue to actively promote hatred, as Jews and Israelis are demonized through malicious libels - including such lies as the assertion that Israel intentionally spreads AIDS and drugs among Palestinians, conducts Nazi-like medical experiments on Palestinian prisoners, and is planning to destroy the Al Aqsa Mosque.

The following are representative examples from among many more:

2.1 Libels and Lies

a: PA libel: Israel spreads AIDS and drugs

Palestinian Chief Religious Justice, Tayseer Al-Tamimi:

"The AIDS issue needs to receive due attention in order to raise Palestinians' awareness of the danger - in particular, since we neighbor a society [Israel] where the disease is widespread and which acts to transmit [AIDS] to Palestinian society. The occupying authorities, especially in Jerusalem, are working to spread drugs and drug addiction, without a doubt." [PATV (Fatah), Dec. 2, 2007]

"Israel exports AIDS and other sexual diseases... Alongside us there's a country [Israel] that exports this disease to us." [PA radio (Fatah), Feb. 17, 2008]

b: PA libel: Israel's supernatural rats chase away Jerusalem's Arabs

"...one of the most amazing things that we've read during this month is that [Israeli] settlers have been bringing chests filled with rats and releasing them in the Old City's [Arab] neighborhoods; they breed and have become a major curse... the [Arab] residents' efforts to counter this infestation have failed, especially since cats run away from these rats because of their size and ferocity... All of the conventional efforts to kill them have not succeeded, because they seem to be immune to poison and they breed in the sewers. It is known that

this female rat gives birth seven times a year, each time giving birth to 20 babies; which compels Jerusalem's [Arabs] today to face the dangers of settlement and the infestation of rats..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 18, 2008]

"Large numbers of [Israeli] settlers have been bringing huge cages full of rats and releasing them onto the streets and alleys of the Old City [Jerusalem]...in order to turn the [Arab] residents' life into a living hell, forcing them to leave..."

[*Al-Ayyam*, July 17, 2008]

c: PA libel: Israeli tanks and soldiers deliberately target Palestinian children

A PA TV video clip shows an Israeli tank deliberately targeting and shooting a Palestinian boy. The video is a fraud.

[PATV (Fatah), May 15, 2008]

d: PA libel: Zionists target pregnant women

"We saw how they [Zionists] stab bellies of pregnant women, slaughter infants and eat life in cold blood. They targeted children and the wombs of women so this people won't reproduce."

- Dr. Mutawakil Tahalk, Head of Palestinian Writers Union and Former PA Deputy Minister,
[PATV (Fatah), March 4, 2008]

e: PA libel: Israel conducts Nazi-like experiments on prisoners

"Abu Al-Hajj [Director of the Abu-Jihad Center for Prisoner Affairs in Al-Quds University] referred back to the period of the British Mandate and its usual method of execution - using the hanging noose that is on display in the museum ... Fahd Abu Al-Hajj went on to mention the subsequent method employed by the Israeli Occupation, in which they finish off by instigating slow death, which the prisoners suffer at the hands of the prison authorities. He added that as a result of this method, 226 prisoners have died as *Shahids* (martyrs) in the prisons... Abu Al-Hajj pointed to the fact that... clinic doctors in Israeli prisons are using the prisoners as guinea pigs under the pretense of 'treatment.'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 6, 2008]

f: PA libel: Israel commits Holocaust against Palestinians

Palestinian exhibit depicts children in "Israeli" crematorium



"*The National Committee for Defense of Children from the Holocaust* opened its activities with a Holocaust exhibit. The exhibit includes a large oven and inside it small children are being burned. The picture speaks for itself."

[*Al Ayyam*, March 20, 2008]

Children's performance: Stop the Israel's Holocaust.

[*Al Hayat Al Jadida*, March 20, 2008]



Another part of the exhibit was a black platform with the words in Arabic and English, "Stop the Israel's Holocaustists."

g: PA libel: Israel committed a Holocaust against the Palestinians in 1948

In 2008, a new Palestinian libel has surfaced in which the State of Israel is portrayed as having being founded through Nazi-type atrocities. In the new PA version, the Zionists are accused of burning people alive, subjecting Palestinians to a *Selektion* for deportation or execution, running forced labor camps to serve the Israeli military, and committing mass murder with death pits.

This new allegation is made in the PA media based on a study written by Fatah MP Issa Karaka. He claims that these new findings, discovered 60 years after the founding of the State of Israel, were never published before because "... researchers have only been documenting the period starting with the 1967 occupation. Meanwhile, a more important and more brutal period is being ignored when Zionist militias were committing crimes against humanity."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 4, 2008]

All of these libels are based on atrocities the Nazis performed on Jews in the Second World War. However, there is no historical record of any such conduct on the part of the State of Israel, nor have any such accusations ever been leveled against Israel, until this latest "research."

Burning people alive

"The Zionist militias employed every means of extermination – murder, demolition, rape and burning people alive."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 10, 2008]

Zionist Nazi-like Selection for Death or Deportation.

Fatah MP Issa Karaka: "During the 1948 war the Zionist militias set up internment camps for the civilian population that was detained after being exiled from their villages. These camps were like the camps set up by Nazi Germany during WWII. . . It has been proven that their *modus operandi* was ... to separate them into three groups according to whether they were intended for deportation, execution or detention."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 4, 2008]

Palestinians in forced labor camps

Fatah MP Issa Karaka: "The Palestinian prisoners were used for forced labor work by the Israeli military leadership ... They were forced to labor in every capacity that was thought to strengthen Israel's economy and military capabilities."

[*Al-Quds Daily*, May 5, 2008]

Israeli death pits

"They lined the men up in rows of seven or eight. They told them to dig a deep ditch in the cemetery. ... The first row of men stood in front of the hole and were shot to death. Then they asked the second row to bury them and in this manner [killed them] all row after row."

[PA TV, April 10, 2008]

As stated, there is no historical basis or record of such events, nor have any such accusations ever been leveled against Israel until this latest PA "research" by a Fatah MP.

2.2 Hate through videos and demonization

a: PATV hate video: My Enemy (2007–2009)

PA TV has been broadcasting a music video for over a year with a repeating refrain: "My enemy, my enemy." Israel is called a "snake, coiled around the land." The hate video denies Israel's right to exist and anticipates Israel's destruction: "You have no choice, O enemy, but to leave my country." PA TV first aired this music video in 2004, and resumed its broadcast in October 2007. It was broadcast daily for months – right through the Annapolis Conference - and continues to be aired in 2009.

The following is the text of the PA TV hate video (October 2007-February 2009):

"My enemy. O my enemy. Stop your crimes. Treaty breaker! Treacherous!...

If you pull out my eyes, my heart will see. If you cut off my hands, my chest is knives and swords.

My enemy! O imperialism! This homeland is ours. (x2)

This land will be tilled only by our hoes. (x2)

Whenever the tension rises, whenever this land weeps, (x2) the flower will return to grow in our house.

My enemy. O, my enemy, stop your crimes. Treaty breaker! Treacherous!...

My enemy! Oh snake, around the land you are coiled.

We, noble, courageous, on the day of ruin [battle], shall stand.

You have no choice, O enemy, but to leave my country, and my children will return."

b: PA TV hate video: Fight Jews for mother's honor, 2002-2009

"Not so fast, not so fast, O Zion! My mother's tears – how they are degraded! Not so fast, not so fast, O Zion! My mother's tears – how they are degraded! Even if they [Jews] gathered from the world, your debt remains open with me! Even if you decreed my death, the pure stone is my answer!"

c: Demonization: History professor, Adnan Ayash: Jews are worse than smallpox

"There are diseases like smallpox, that can be eradicated, but the disease that was inflicted on the Palestinian people and the Arab nation in general, that's the Jewish disease, the Zionist disease, which is a cancerous disease, that started with occupying and taking over lands in 1904... Those (Jews), from 1904 to 1947, reached 605,000. That's the cancer that spreads over the lands."

[PA TV (Fatah), June 5, 2008]

d: Demonization: Israelis "stab bellies of pregnant women"

Dr. Mutawakil Taha, Head of Palestinian Writer's Union, Former PA Deputy Minister:

"We saw how they [Zionists] stab bellies of pregnant women, slaughter infants and eat life in cold blood. They targeted children and the wombs of women so this people won't reproduce."

[PA TV (Fatah), March 4, 2008]

3. Honoring and glorifying terror

The PA openly glorifies past and present terrorists. The rejection of violence, the flagship of the Annapolis event, has been only an English-language message by the Palestinian Authority. Through its controlled media, the PA has continued to glorify terrorist murderers – even those who have murdered since Annapolis. Suicide bombers and mass murderers are actively honored and cast as role models for young children. The act of describing such bombers as *Shahids* – martyrs who have died for the sake of Allah - elevates them to the highest status in Islam. The image of the *Shahid* is celebrated as the epitome of heroism in Palestinian society, and is presented as a model worthy of emulation for society as a whole, particularly the youth. This policy is reflected throughout the Fatah-controlled media. In February 2009 the official PA daily newspaper praised and glorified the terrorist who murdered three civilians and seven Israeli soldiers in a 2002 ambush as "having carried out the most successful military action, alone... he is the hero of the Intifada... [doing] what tens of brigades and platoons, and hundreds of missiles and heroic stories, failed to do." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 17, 2009]

All post-Annapolis terrorists have all been glorified as Palestinian heroes in official Palestinian Authority newspapers and television, including the suicide terrorist in the Israeli city of Dimona, the killers of the eight Yeshiva students in Jerusalem, arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh.

In December 2007, right after the Annapolis Conference, PA TV broadcast a special program honoring 17-year-old Ayyat Al-Akhras, the youngest girl suicide terrorist. In the program Akhras was repeatedly called a hero, and her act described as heroic and a source of pride for Palestinians.

3.1. Murderers since Annapolis deemed heroic

The PA's three newspapers, including the official *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* under President Mahmoud Abbas's control, use the term *Shahids* to describe the suicide bombers responsible for the attack in Dimona on Feb. 4, 2008, that killed an Israeli woman.

a: **"The executors of the operation died as shahids... one Israeli was killed and 11 were wounded in an attack on a shopping center in Dimona"**

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 5, 2008]

"Dimona: An Israeli woman was killed in a suicide attack in a shopping center. The two bombers died as shahids."

[*Al-Ayyam*, Feb. 5, 2008]

"Two shahids and an Israeli woman killed in a bombing attack in Dimona."

[*Al-Quds*, Feb. 5, 2008]

b: **The attack in Beit Kachal (Dec. 28, 2007) in which two young Israeli men were murdered:**

"Referring to the terrorist murderer who was killed in the attack: "A youth became a shahid and a second was seriously wounded..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Dec. 29, 2007]

c: **An attack in a high-school for religious studies in Kfar Etzion (Jan. 25, 2008):**

"Israeli sources revealed the identities of the two Shahids who executed the attack on Etzion near Bethlehem..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 29, 2008]

"The authorities of the occupation continue to hold on to the bodies of the shahids who executed the attack on the settlement 'Kfar Etzion' south of Bethlehem..."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Jan. 29, 2008]

d: **Murderer of eight high school students**

The PA official daily glorifies the murderer of the eight high school Yeshiva) students in Jerusalem as a "groom" on the way to his "wedding," and laments that Israel did not allow more people to participate in his funeral - wedding.

Headline: "Jerusalem groom, **Abu-Dahim**, leaves without his wedding procession"

"The residents of the town of Jabal Mukbar were surprised by the sounds of loudspeakers blasting from the [mosque] minarets announcing that the Jerusalem groom, the *Shahid*, [*Islamic Martyr*] Ala'a Abu-Dahim [murderer of the eight Yeshiva students] has gone without their participation in his wedding procession... Every day, these past seven days, everyone was in a state of anticipation... preparing themselves for the wedding procession. At five o'clock in the morning the loudspeakers of the mosque minarets announced the shocking news to the thousands who were waiting, that the groom was buried in the morning without a celebration and without a wedding procession... frowning faces...expressing their sorrow for having been

denied [the right] to participate in the groom's procession and to accompany him to the town's cemetery... The occupation soldiers sneaked in hours before dawn and led several adults to the cemetery... They wanted a quiet wedding without music, thinking that this way Jerusalem would forget its groom... But the wedding will not end this way... it will last three consecutive days in which [the town of] al-Sawahra will welcome all of those who come to congratulate the groom and will hang his portrait embracing the nation's [Palestinian] flags."

[*Al Hayat-Al Jadida*, March 14, 2008]

3.2 Past terrorists also deemed heroic

a: Palestinian TV, Dec. 23, 2007, on 17-year-old female suicide bomber Ayyat al-Akhras:

PA TV Host to terrorist's father: "Father of the *Shahida* [Martyr] Ayyat al-Akhras. You and your cause deserve the greatest respect. Ayyat was very young (age 17) when she was martyred. In our opinion, Ayyat is a hero, and we want to hear more and remember this martyr, since we hold her memory dear in our hearts".

Father: "[Ayyat's] goal was to study journalism, to promote her Palestinian cause around the world."

PA TV Host: "Through Ayyat's heroic act [suicide terror] she succeeded in reaching the entire world."

b: Palestinian daily honors Sbarro terrorist- who killed 15 (seven children) as "heroic"

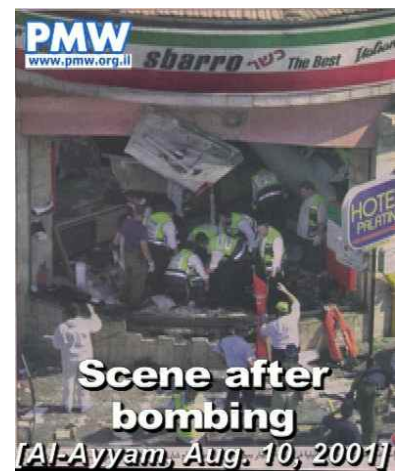
On Aug. 9, 2001, a suicide terrorist entered the Sbarro pizza shop in the center of Jerusalem and detonated his bomb, killing 15 people, including seven children. Five members of the same family were wiped out. The woman who helped plan the attack and drove the terrorist to the site, a university student named **Ahlam Tamimi**, was sentenced to 16 terms of life imprisonment in Israel. In prison, she married a male terrorist murderer, her cousin **Nizar Tamimi**. Continuing the current trend in the Palestinian Authority media to honor past and present terrorists, the Palestinian daily *Al Quds* published an interview with the Palestinian poet, Mutawakil Taha, who wrote a book honoring the terrorist couple. He described them as "the two great heroic prisoners **Nizar Tamimi** and **Ahlam Tamimi**."

In its introduction, the Palestinian daily cited the importance of his work:

"The work of the Palestinian poet, Dr. Mutawakil Taha, has a clear presence and influence on the Palestinian and Arabic culture and literature."

Mutawakil Taha:

"Two years ago I wrote the book "Ahlam ibn al-Nabi" about the two great heroic prisoners Nizar Tamimi and Ahlam Tamimi, of whom we are proud."



[*Al-Quds*, April 7, 2008]

3.3 PA lauds terrorists / mass murderers as heroes

a. Thaer Hamed - killed 10 in an ambush

The terrorist responsible for the murder of three civilians and seven Israeli soldiers in a 2002 ambush was praised in an article by editor-in-chief of the official PA daily, Hafez Barghouti, published in February 2009. The terrorist, Thaer Hamed, hid on a hill and shot and killed the seven Israeli soldiers, one after the other, as they emerged from a building below. He then shot and killed an Israeli paramedic and two civilians in the area. The article praises Hamed as "the hero of the Intifada", and goes on to compare it to the Hamas kidnapping of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, which is described as "a military action that was successful by any military yardstick." It says that the sniper Hamed is "made of the same stuff as those who carried out the capture of Shalit."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 17, 2009]

b. Samir Kuntar - crushed the head of four-year-old Eynat Haran; Dalal Mughrabi - led a bus hijacking that killed 37

As part of an exchange, Palestinian prisoners and bodies were released by Israel on July 16, 2008. Among them were Samir Kuntar, who in murdered four Israelis and crushed the head of four-year-old Eynat Haran, as well as the body of Dalal Mughrabi, who in 1978 led a bus hijacking in which 37 people were killed.

Commenting on the release of the Palestinian prisoners, the PA's official newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, controlled directly by Mahmoud Abbas, reported:

"[Official Fatah spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman] said that the Fatah movement sends warm blessings to Hezbollah, to all the resistance [terror forces], and to the Lebanese nation and the Palestinians for their historic victory over the Israeli arrogance,, in their victorious July War [2006 Lebanese War].

"And on the return of the heroes of freedom, the heroes and the Martyrs, headed by the great **Samir Kuntar** and the Martyr fighter **Dalal Mughrabi**, who led the most glorified Sacrifice action in the history of the Palestinian-Israeli struggle. [This "most glorified" bus hijacking was the worst terror attack in Israel's history. Thirty-seven Israeli vacationers, including 12 children, were murdered.]

"He emphasized that the Fatah party... vows to the Palestinian people that Fatah will continue to struggle in the way of the pure Martyrs, until the state is liberated and the Palestinian state is established with Jerusalem as the capital. The Fatah movement turns on this day, that abounds with sincere blessings to Hezbollah ...

"The battle against the theft of Palestine is the battle of all the fighters and all the Arab

nations. Blessings to the free heroes and their head, the heroic fighter **Samir Kuntar**, and blessings to the spirit of the heroic **Dalal Mughrabi** and to the friends of the heroes."

"President Mahmud Abbas congratulated yesterday's exchange of prisoners and bodies of Martyrs. The president sent blessings to **Samir Kuntar's family**."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, July 17, 2008]

During the days following the release, PA media repeatedly and throughout its range of programs made room for praise of the terrorists:

PA TV host addressing brother of Kuntar:

"First of all a thousand blessings, on the release of the heroic leader **Samir Kuntar**."

[PATV, July 7, 2008]

Hani Al-Masri, writer and political commentator:

"This deal includes heroes, like **Samir Kuntar**, who committed heroic acts, in which Jews and soldiers were killed."

[PATV, July 5, 2008]

The following picture of Kuntar and the Palestinian flag covering the map of Israel was repeatedly shown on PA TV in the days after the release:



[PATV, July 7, 2008]

c. Arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh lauded by PA daily as "an extraordinary hero ... a beacon of light!"

Senior Hezbollah terrorist Imad Mughniyeh has been placed on a pedestal of glory in various articles in the official Palestinian Authority-Fatah daily. Western countries have expressed virtually unanimous relief that the terrorist, wanted by 42 countries and on the FBI's Most Wanted list, was killed by a car bomb in Damascus on Feb. 12, 2008. The Palestinian Authority, on the other hand, has been using the media under its control to mourn his death.

One article by a senior Fatah leader, former Deputy Minister of Culture Ahmad Dahbur, describes Mughniyeh as an "extraordinary hero... unequalled Hezbollah commander ... a beacon of light." His killing is called a "murder in broad daylight... a tragedy that has hurt every Lebanese, every Palestinian, every Arab, and every free man on the face of this earth." The revenge for his death will be more terror and eventually Israel's destruction.

Among his many international terror attacks, Mughniyeh was responsible for the killing of 241 American soldiers of the peacekeeping force in Lebanon in 1983.

***Hajj Radwan [Imad Mughniyeh]** by Ahmad Dahbur, former undersecretary of the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Culture, senior journalist for Fatah-controlled Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, in his daily column.*

"The treacherous Zionist enemy will never permit us to lessen our revenge towards him, or to stray from our confrontation against him, until he is wiped off this land, which is saturated with the blood of the *Shahids*. And what is the fall of the Knight of Lebanese Resistance, Hajj Imad Mughniyeh, if not one of the signs of **the nation's Jihad - persistent and definitely unstoppable until the Zionist Project [Israel] will be defeated**... From the time he joined the Fatah as a youth, and until he later became a unequalled Hezbollah commander, when **his name became a beacon of light shining from The Lebanese July Victory** [Second Lebanon War, 2006]...

"It makes no difference whether the Zionist bat camouflages himself by hiding in the dark, or whether the crazy hyenas take pride in the crime, because the enemy announces his criminal presence with such language that it is as if he is caught with a smoking gun. **The criminal's hands are still covered in blood, when he gives us more reasons to intensify our hatred towards him, though we do not lack reasons for this [hate] in the first place.** This rage and hatred will rage with even further resistance [euphemism for 'terror'] and with a blow of death... **every free man partakes in Hajj Radwan's (Mughniyeh's) glory**...

"Indeed the thing that consoles [us] is what we hear of the *Mujahideen's* [Jihad fighter's] pledge to the combatant *Shahid* [martyr], that they will avenge his blood... as either victory or *Istishhad* [Death as a *Shahid*].

"If there is any reason to give the enemy [Israel] advice, we advise the pack of hyenas not to rejoice, because in war - the scale tips at times to one side and at times to the other. They are treacherous and they will retreat, and the resistance will retaliate and prevail... And from Lebanon to all the Arabs – 'Hail the victory of the Mujahideen!'"

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 14, 2008, emphasis by PMW]

Heading: A delegation of the Lawyers Association arrived at the house of mourning for the Shahid Imad Mughniyeh.

"A delegation of close to 30 lawyers from the Islamic Association of Lawyers paid a visit to the mourning house of the outstanding military commander of the Lebanese resistance, Imad Mughniyeh, which is being overseen by the National and Islamic Forces in Gaza City. In its

speech, the delegation emphasized that the murder of Mughniyeh was a crime of organized state terror, which violates all international and human conventions and rules."

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 17, 2008]

"The Fatah's military wing - the *Ahmoud Abu Al Rish Martyrs Brigades* - accepted responsibility yesterday for the attack on the Israeli military post... shooting two missiles... They announced that the action is in dedicated to the memory of the Martyr Imad Mughniyeh.

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Feb. 14, 2008]

4. PA Political and Religious Leadership – hatred in Arabic

PA Fatah leaders continue to present all of Israel as Palestine, violence as the way to defeat Israel, and any truce as temporary. Mahmoud Abbas himself, in an interview to the Jordanian daily *Al-Dustur*, gives no hint that the PA has permanently distanced itself from the classic Arafat hate ideologies:

Abbas: "Now we are against armed conflict because we are unable. In the future stages, things may be different." [*Al-Dustur*, Feb. 28, 2008]

In the same interview, Abbas also brags that in spite of US pressure, he had refused to accept Israel's identity as a Jewish state.

Another PA Fatah leader, MP Najat Abu Bakr, explained in a PA TV interview that the negotiations today with Israel to seek withdrawal to the 1967 borders constituted Fatah's "*current political program*" but that the goal remains the 1948 borders -- meaning the destruction of Israel. She added that the PA was in a religious war with Israel "*until Resurrection*."

At the PLO Central Committee's meeting in January 2008, Abbas took his place in front of two maps of "Palestine" that erase all of Israel.

4.1. PM Mahmoud Abbas – in Arabic

The following are statements of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas to the Jordanian daily *Al-Dustur*:

"Now we are against armed conflict because we are unable. In the future stages, things may be different... "

(Concerning the demand to accept the Jewishness of the State of Israel:) "We rejected this proposal at the Annapolis conference last November in the USA, and the conference was almost aborted because of it..."

(Concerning "resistance" – i.e., terror:) "I was honored to be the one to shoot the first bullet in 1965 [Fatah terror against Israel began in 1965], and having taught resistance to many in this area and around the world, defining it and when it is beneficial and when it is not... we had the honor of leading the resistance. We taught everyone what resistance is, including the Hezbollah, who were trained in our camps [i.e. PLO camps in the 60s and 70s]."

(On recognition of Israel:) "I don't demand that the Hamas movement recognize Israel. I only demanded that of the [Palestinian] national unity government that would work opposite Israel in recognition of it. And this I told to Syrian President Bashir Assad, and he supported this idea."
[*Al-Dustur*, Feb. 28, 2008]

Similarly, Abbas participated in the PLO Central Committee's meeting [in November 2008] with the PLO symbol, which places the Palestinian flag over the map of Israel, prominently displayed in the background. This symbolizes that all of Israel is, or will someday be, "Palestine."



PLO Central Committee meeting [Front page of *Al-Ayyam*, Nov. 24, 2008]

4.2 Other PA political and religious officials (MPs, party leaders, etc.)

Najat Abu Bakr, member of Palestinian Legislative Council, is very direct regarding the PA's long-term plan:

"It doesn't mean that we don't want the 1948 borders [all of Israel], but in our current political program, we [Fatah] say we want a state on the 1967 borders... We [Palestinians] were created on this land in order to liberate it, to live on it, to continue as people of *Ribat* [Religious war]. We are on the land of *Ribat* and must remain [on it] until Resurrection."

[PA TV, Aug. 25 2008]

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Along the same lines, Fatah leader Ahmad Dughmush has mentioned Israeli cities among those about to be "liberated":

"Palestine is our dream. Brothers, O Fatah's loyal masses, the land is thirsty [for martyr blood] ... Jaffa, Haifa and Acre [Israeli cities] are calling. [The Palestinian cities] Ramallah, Jerusalem, Nablus and Gaza: "When will we meet and break the chains?" To Jerusalem march millions of Martyrs."

[PA TV, Jan. 8, 2008]

PA Fatah Deputy Minister for Prisoners, Ziad Abu Ein:

"We want to return to [Israel's cities] Lod, Ramle, Jaffa and Haifa. Let everyone hear, this is our land, this is our country, these are our villages, and we will return to them. The Palestinian won't accept any paradise except his own paradise, in his home in [Israeli cities] Bet She'an, Ashkelon, in Lod, Ramle. We will return, Allah willing, to the land that is seeking its people."

[PA TV, May 13, 2008]

Below, PA Prime Minister Salaam Fayad accepts an award - the certificate is adorned with a map of Palestine covering all of Israel.



[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, June 8, 2008]

Politicians and other officials (the "legitimate leadership") are strong opinion formers and influencers. The following were statements by **Najat Abu-Bakr, Fatah, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council**:

"This enemy [Israel] constantly commits new holocausts, everywhere and at all times".

"This enemy [Israel] was born of massacres, a segregation mentality, marginalizing, killing and destroying. Due to this Zionist mentality, we are like a pen of sheep from which a wolf grabs a sheep every day. If we haven't been reached by this wolf-like mentality, it will soon reach us."

"This world, which is ruled by the Zionist lobby everywhere and in all the media, this is the lobby that rules us now, the greatest power, or the greatest Satan in the world, America, is the one that supports this policy." [PA TV March 3, 2008]

Contradictory to Abbas's vow at Annapolis to fight terrorism, the PA representative in Lebanon, Abbas Zaki, proudly reports on Fatah's continued armed operations:

"Shame on anyone who says that Fatah put down its weapons! Since June 14 [Hamas takeover] until today, Fatah's Al-Aqsa brigades [executed] 220 operations, which are 30% of the [total] operations." [PA TV, Jan. 7, 2008]

Similarly, a Palestinian leader of Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party supports the terror war being fought against the US and British forces in Iraq. The following is from an interview with Mahmoud Ismail, member of the PLO Executive Committee, aired on the official PA (Fatah) TV channel:

"We, [however,] take pride in this [Arab nationalist] language because we are the authentic Arabs who believe in our Arabism, our faith, our cause, our nation, in our right to struggle and to resistance [euphemism for terror] in all possible ways in all the occupied lands, in Palestine, Lebanon, the Golan and Iraq..." [PATV (Fatah), Feb. 26, 2008]

Alongside the PA politicians and political leaders, the official religious leaders carry enormous weight in Palestinian society and are equally strong influencers of public opinion. PA religious leaders continue to put forward the "fact" that the relationship with Israel is that of *Ribat* - a religious war. Thus the Mufti of Palestine, Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, declares that Allah has honored the Palestinians with religious war against Israel:

"We are still suffering from this oppressive occupation, and we hope it will disappear, Allah willing. We are in *Ribat* [religious war] on this blessed land, and we are the owners of this holy land. It is a great honor bestowed by Allah to be part of the chain of the *Ribat*, which continues until Resurrection."

[PA TV, June 6, 2008]

5. Conclusions

The messages conveyed in these programs broadcast on PA TV, published in official newspapers and professed by Palestinian leaders, including Abbas himself, stand in stark contrast to the image and the message that the Palestinian Authority presents to the world in the wake of the Annapolis summit. The PA is once again resorting to duplicity, and conveying dual and irreconcilable messages. When addressing Israel and the world in English, Abbas promises a peaceful solution, while in Arabic his media and leadership convey a clear message:

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Terrorism is glorified, hate is promoted, and present-day Israel is “occupied Palestine,” which will be liberated through blood and violence.

It is tragic that well-intended funding by the US and other western donor countries is used for PA TV and media hate promotion. **It is incumbent upon all those who fund the Palestinian Authority to immediately cease funding until the hate and terror promotion of the PA ends.** Otherwise, these countries will bear responsibility for the wars to come.