

With an introduction by
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter

Arafat's Culture of Hatred & Violence

*Anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred in the
Palestinian Authority's media, schools, summer
camps, religious sermons and officials' speeches*



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May Alisa's memory be for a blessing,
and may her many righteous deeds serve as
a source of inspiration for people everywhere.

***“If you do a content analysis of the
Palestinian Authority’s media, it is
worse than the Nazis’ propaganda.”***

—Raanan Gissin, Spokesman for the Prime Minister of Israel
Philadelphia Inquirer, March 26, 2001

About the Zionist Organization of America

The Zionist Organization of America is the oldest, and one of the largest, pro-Israel organizations in the United States. Founded in 1897 to support the re-establishment of a Jewish State in the ancient Land of Israel, its presidents have included such illustrious Jewish leaders as Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. The ZOA was instrumental in mobilizing the support of the U.S. government, Congress, and the American public for the creation of Israel in 1948.

With a national membership of more than 50,000 and active chapters throughout the United States, the ZOA today works to strengthen American-Israeli relations, through educational activities, public affairs programs, support for pro-Israel legislation on Capitol Hill, and by combating anti-Israel bias in the media.

The *Jerusalem Post* recently called the ZOA “one of the most important and influential Jewish groups in the U.S. today.” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has written: “The Zionist Organization of America, under the leadership of Morton Klein, has done important work in explaining Israel’s case to the American public, media, and Congress. The ZOA has performed a vital service by exposing and challenging the PLO’s violations of the Oslo accords; by documenting and combating anti-Israel media bias; and by helping Americans understand the shared values and mutual strategic interests that are the basis of U.S.-Israel friendship.”

In recent years, the ZOA has led a number of important pro-Israel campaigns. It mobilized significant Congressional opposition to the nomination of Strobe Talbott, a harsh critic of Israel, for Deputy Secretary of State. The ZOA’s protests led to the resignation of John Roth, who had compared Israel to the Nazis, from the post of research director for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. When anti-Israel extremist Salam al-Marayati, director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, was nominated to the U.S. government’s National Commission on Terrorism, the ZOA led the successful campaign to have his nomination withdrawn. The ZOA exposed and protested the anti-Israel statements and activities of Joseph Zogby, an extremist who had been hired as a senior aide to Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk; within four weeks, Zogby left his State Department position. The ZOA initiated the establishment of Peace Accord Monitoring Groups in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, to which more than 50 Members of Congress belong. The ZOA played an important role in securing passage of legislation which tightened the linkage between U.S. aid and Palestinian Arab compliance with the Oslo accords. The ZOA also initiated the first-ever Congressional legislation concerning American victims of Palestinian Arab terrorism—requiring the State Department to provide regular reports to Congress on efforts to catch the killers.

The ZOA also sponsors important educational and cultural programs in Israel. ZOA House is the premier cultural center in Tel Aviv, and is visited by over 40,000 people each month. The ZOA’s Kfar Silver school, on a 500-acre campus near Ashkelon, has provided education and vocational training for more than 50,000 new Jewish immigrants and others, and has a current student body of over 1,000. The ZOA’s youth division, Masada, sponsors one of the largest programs for sending young Jews to visit Israel.

Introduction

by United States Senator Arlen Specter

The promotion of hatred and violence is pervasive in the Palestinian Authority's media, schools, summer camps and religious sermons. The Palestinian Authority deliberately disseminates messages filled with anti-Semitic and anti-Israel hatred with the clear aim of promoting violence against Israel and the Jewish people. These teachings foster an environment of hostility and violence, not peace and conciliation.

Clearly, the Palestinian Authority has not observed their obligation under the Oslo Accords to terminate the messages promoting anti-Israel and anti-Jewish hatred. Instead, the Palestinian Authority is raising an entire generation of Palestinian children to despise Jews and Israel with textbooks that urge the young people to engage in violence against the people of Israel. The calls to fight and eliminate Israel through holy war and martyrdom for Allah appear frequently in the school textbooks.

The Palestinian Authority's media reinforces this message in hate-filled broadcasts with the explicit aim to promote violence. Palestinian television broadcasts a continuous flow of violent images with messages glorifying the children in the streets as martyrs participating in Jihad. These teachings send a direct message to the Palestinian people to pursue the destruction of Israel. We cannot tolerate this

behavior by a society that claims to be committed to pursuing the peace process.

The continued promotion of hatred by the Palestinian Authority is unacceptable, as it not only violates the spirit of the peace process but also the letter of the Oslo Accords. In signing the 1995 Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza, the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority agreed to use their respective educational systems and media to support the peace process. Notwithstanding that commitment, the Palestinian Authority has filled the school textbooks and broadcast media with the most vitriolic condemnation of Israel and the Jewish people.

These messages of hatred and violence are absolutely intolerable if there is to be any chance of peace in the region. Without a foundation of trust in the hearts and minds of the Palestinian people, the peace process is doomed to failure. The Palestinian Authority should be held to the commitment it made in the peace process, not the least of which is to use the media and school textbooks in a way that will contribute to peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

It is my hope that this publication will enable people to understand the situation, and they will join in the campaign to terminate the hate-filled messages disseminated by the Palestinian Authority.

Foreword

Arafat's Culture of Hatred and Violence

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The Oslo accords signed by Israel and the Palestinian Arabs required the transformation of Yasir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization from a terrorist organization to an organization that promotes peace with Israel.

The accords specifically obligate the PLO's Palestinian Authority to "abstain from incitement, including hostile propaganda." (Oslo II, Article XXII [1]) But it is more than just a provision in a treaty. Arafat was supposed to end hostile propaganda in order to begin to transform the hearts and minds of the Palestinian Arabs, so that they would stop hating and murdering Jews.

Instead, Arafat has been sending Palestinian Arabs the same message of bigotry that he was sending them before the Oslo accords were signed. The PA has created a culture of hatred and violence comparable to the culture of anti-Jewish hatred created in Nazi Germany during the 1930s. And in the recent waves of violence, we have seen the bloody results of Arafat's incitement.

The PA uses its official television, radio, newspapers, school textbooks, summer camps, and religious sermons—which are its primary means of communicating with the Palestinian Arabs—to promote anti-Jewish hatred and glorify violence.

This report begins with a survey of the hatred and incitement just prior to, and during, the most recent waves of mass Palestinian Arab violence. But Arafat's culture of hatred did not evolve overnight. It has been operating at full intensity since the signing of the Oslo accords in September 1993. This report therefore also examines some of the central themes in the culture of hatred as they have been promoted in recent years.

As we review Arafat's culture of hatred and assess its impact, we must always remember the words of the noted historian Paul Johnson (in his book *A History of the Jews*): "One of the principal lessons of Jewish history has been that repeated slanders are sooner or later followed by violent physical deeds."

*A recent cartoon
in Arafat's official
newspaper
Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah:
Jews as worms,
destroying peace.*



I. The Hatred That Incited the Latest Violence

The latest Palestinian Arab violence against Israel erupted at the end of September 2000. Here is a sampling of the incitement promoted in the PA media during the weeks preceding the violence:

July 20, 2000 - “Knives and rifles”: the official PA daily *Al-Hayat al-Jadidah* publishes a threat by the PA-appointed governor of Khan Yunis, Sakhr Basiso, declared that the PA “will use all available means from the kitchen knife to the



*A one-year-old
Israeli child
injured in a
Palestinian
Arab attack*

Kalatchnikov rifle [to achieve] the ultimate purification of the land”. It also publishes a threat by Yasir Arafat’s wing of the PLO, Fatah, “announced a general call-up in its ranks as a preparation for the next stage. The movement announced the opening of registration for boys until the age of 16, for weapons training.” (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, July 20, 2000)

That same day’s edition publishes a notice from Arafat’s Fatah movement announcing “a general call-up in its ranks as a preparation for the next stage,” with “the opening of registration for boys until the age of 16, for weapons training.”

July 21, 2000 - “Satan’s agents”: The official PA Television repeatedly broadcasts

military parades and video clips of violence against Israeli soldiers. The announcer describes the Israeli soldiers on screen as “Satan’s agents” and “enemies of mankind.”

That day’s edition of the PA newspaper *Al Hayat Al Jadidah* publishes a statement by the PA Mufti, Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, threatening “massacres and rivers of blood” if “Jewish prayer” takes place on the Temple Mount.

July 23, 2000 - “Eternal struggle”: The PA Television program “Good Morning Jerusalem” features an artist with a painting of Jesus between two Israeli soldiers. The artist tells the viewing audience: “Our struggle today against the Other is an eternal struggle; one can say that it began 2,000 years ago and it continues until today. I portray this with the figure of Jesus who came to the world with the gospel of justice, and the Other Side did what they did to him, and the Palestinian demands the same justice, and they deal with us the same way.”

July 24, 2000 - “Jewish murderers”: The official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* publishes an article in its issue headlined, “Nazareth: The City Where the Jews Murdered the First Palestinian of Her Sons.” The article declares: “Nazareth became famous as the place where Jesus grew up ... The Jews tried to attack the city many times in order to disperse the people of Nazareth and uproot them, just as they obliterated many Arab villages ... The forces of the Zionist occupation did not succeed in altering the face of the Palestinian Nazareth, and that she did not forget and will not forget her first son that the Jews betrayed and handed him over to the Roman emperor, and persisted until he was taken out to be killed.”

July 28, 2000 - “Kill the Jews”: PA Television broadcasts a speech by the Islamic preacher Dr. Ahmad Yusuf Abu Halbiah, in which he proclaimed: “The resurrection of the dead will not occur, until you battle with the Jews and kill them!”

August 2000 - “Jewish rapists”: In August, PA Television begins daily broadcasts of a 10-minute film in which actors portraying Israeli soldiers murder Palestinian Arab men and then savagely rape and beat their wives and daughters.

August 6, 2000 - “Destroy Israel”: PA Television broadcasts a speech by the Secretary-General of the Movement for the Islamic Struggle,” in which he declared: “The end of the Zionist entity is a Koranic necessity, there is no place for [Israel] no matter how long it takes.”

August 9, 2000 - Sheikh Yusef Abu Sneina declares in his August 9, 2000 sermon at the Al Aksa mosque, which is broadcast on PA Television: “Muslim Palestine is one and cannot be divided. There is no difference between Haifa and Nablus, Lod and Ramallah, Jerusalem and Nazareth or Gaza and Ashkelon. Palestine is *wakf* land that belongs to Muslims throughout the world and no one has the right to give it up or to forsake it. Whoever does this is a traitor to the trust and is nothing but a criminal whose end shall be in hell.”

August 11, 2000 - “War against Jews”: PA Television broadcasts a speech by the Islamic preacher Dr. Ahmad Yusuf Abu Halbiah, in which he announced: “O, our Arab brothers, O our Muslim brothers, don’t leave the Palestinians alone in their war against the Jews!” and “Let me take this opportunity to speak about the Jews, about their cunning ways, their heresy, their jealousy and their attempts to get you to lose your way.”

August 11, 2000 - “The hour of confrontation”: The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* publishes a pledge by PA police commander Ghazi Jabali: “The Palestinian police will be leading, together with all other noble sons of the Palestinian

people, when the hour of confrontation arrives.”

August 16, 2000 - “Expect to die”: The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* publishes a threat by Abu Ali Mustafa, secretary-general of the Popular Front Movement: “We want to die as sacred martyrs and to sacrifice our souls for our



Teenage Palestinian Arab girl learning how to use an automatic weapon at a Palestinian Authority training camp

homeland. The settlers should expect to die, and we will yet see who will suffer the fire of war and the coming battle.”

The same day’s newspaper also publishes a statement by Mohammed Dahlan, chief of the PA Security Forces in Gaza: “We will reach an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital even if it is by blood.

August 18, 2000 - “Jews are enemies”: PA Television broadcasts a speech by a Muslim religious preacher proclaiming: “Allah decreed that in our lives, we are to humiliate the Jews sooner or later. The Muslims and the Arabs must stand behind the sons of the nation of Palestine, for they are the vanguard against the enemies of Allah. And by Allah’s life, the Jews are the enemies of Islam.”

Also on August 16, Arafat's Minister of Communications, Imad Falouji, threatens "We are capable of blowing up Israeli cities" and warns that the Palestinian Arabs would strike at "Israel's heart." (Arutz 7, Aug.16, 2000)

August 22, 2000 - "Israel's crimes": The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, commenting on the anniversary of the fire set at the Al Aksa mosque in Jerusalem in 1969 by a mentally deranged Australian Christian, tries to incite anti-Jewish hatred by claiming that Israel was actually the culprit in the arson attack: "The crime of the Al Aksa fire was carried out with the planning and knowledge of the Tel Aviv government. The evidence and the fire's residues pointed toward the involvement in the crime of an entire group, and the above-mentioned Jew [the Australian Christian] had accomplices."

August 24, 2000 - "Violence is near": The PA's *Al Hayat Al Jadidah* publishes a threat by PA Justice Minister Frieih Abu Middein that "Violence is near and the Palestinian people are willing to sacrifice even 5,000 casualties."

August 28, 2000 - "All of Palestine": On the PA Television children's show "The Bird's Garden," the host announces: "Today I have chosen a truly beautiful picture for you, a picture of the map of Palestine. [The host displays a map of Israel, from Metullah to Eilat, excluding the Golan.] Let us all look at it together. A drawing of Palestine. Truly beautiful. It has Akko [Acre], Haifa, Jaffa, Tiberias, Tulkarm, Shechem [Nablus], Ramallah, Gaza, Khan Yunis, Hebron, Jerusalem and Jenin. Palestine is so beautiful! You can also see the Dead Sea, here. You can see how beautiful our country is, how beautiful it is. And to all our cherished friends on the map, be they from Akko, Haifa, Jaffa, Nazareth, Jenin, Tulkarm, Ramallah, Jerusalem ... or from everywhere, to all: welcome!"

August 30, 2000 - "This is my land": PA Television begins re-broadcasting a film

clip for children that appeared dozens of times in the past but was taken off the air due to Israeli pressure. The clip defines all of Israel as Palestine, and the Israelis as those who 'took everything in 1948.' The clip, called "This is My Land, its Name is Palestine," is enchanting. It opens with a few young children building 'Palestine' with Lego-like game blocks. They 'build' houses and 'plant' trees; the atmosphere is one of joy and happiness. The children are singing: 'My box in my room/ My room in my house/ my house in my neighborhood/ my neighborhood in my country/ my country is very beautiful/ it has homes and oranges and neighbors and trees...' Then the song suddenly stops, the music changes, and an 'earthquake' causes the houses to tremble and fall.

A young girl then says in a sad and solemn voice: 'Do you know what happened in 1948? They took every single thing! They emptied the room, they smashed the house, they torched the forest, they changed the



A cartoon in Arafat's official newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah: The Jew as the Angel of Death.

names, changed the names... This is still my land, it is a beautiful land, the name of my land is Palestine.' The clip ends with the children presenting themselves in turn, noting their name and town: Kafr Kassem, Jerusalem, Haifa, Jaffa and other places in Israel.

II. Textbooks

The textbooks cited below are published by the Palestinian Authority, and are currently used in the PA's school system.

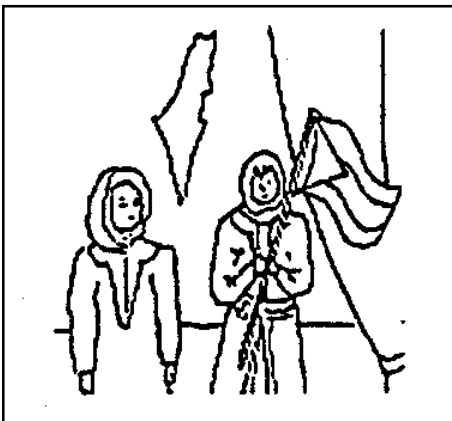
* **“Liberate through blood”**: From a poem titled “Bayonets and Swords”: “In your left hand you carried the Koran, and in your right an Arab sword. Without blood not even one centimeter will be liberated. Therefore, go forward crying, ‘Allah is great’.” The text then adds: “The poem represents a reality lived by Palestinians. Explain this.”

—*Reader and Literary Texts for Eighth Grade*, p. 135

* **“Drive out the Jews”**: “Know, my son, that Palestine is your country, that its pure soil is drenched with the blood of Martyrs. Why must we fight the Jews and drive them out of our land?”

—*Our Arabic Language for Fifth Grade*, pp.64-66

* **“Jihad is a religious duty”**: “Determine what is the subject, and what is the



A woman waving a Palestinian Authority flag. In the background is a map of “Palestine” in place of all of Israel. (National Palestinian Education for First Grade, #509, p 11)

predicate, in the following sentence: ‘The *jihad* is a religious duty of every Muslim man and woman.’”

—*Our Arabic Language for Fifth Grade*, #542, p.167

* **“Die as a Martyr on the battlefield”**: “The Muslim sacrifices himself for his faith and fights a *jihad* for Allah. He does not know cowardice because he understands that the time of his death is already ordained, and that his dying as a Martyr on the field of battle is preferable to dying in bed.”

—*Islamic Education for Eighth Grade*, #576, p.176

* **“Martyred *jihad* fighters are the most honored”**: “Martyred *jihad* fighters are the most honored people, after the Prophets.”

—*Reading and Literary Texts for Tenth Grade*, #607, p. 103

* **“The *jihad* fighter sacrifices himself”**: “*Jihad* with one’s life: This is by fighting enemies. This is the highest level of *jihad* because the *jihad* fighter sacrifices himself in accordance with Allah’s way for the sake of his religion and to defend his nation.”

—*Islamic Education for Seventh Grade*, #564, p.107

* **“Gather for war with red blood”**: From a poem titled “Palestine”: “My brothers! The oppressors have crossed the borders, therefore we must wage *jihad* and redeem our land. Are we to let them steal its Arab nature? Draw your sword, let us gather for war with red blood and blazing fire. Death shall call and the sword shall be crazed from much slaughter. O Palestine, the youth will redeem your land.”

—*Reader and Literary Texts for Eighth Grade*, pp. 120-122

* **“Jews are evil”**: “Why do the Jews hate Muslim unity and want to cause division among them? Give an example of the evil attempts of the Jews, from events happening today.”

—*Islamic Education for Seventh Grade*, p.19

* **“The Zionist enemy”**: “Complete the following blank spaces with the appropriate word: ‘The Zionist enemy _____ civilians with its aircraft.’”

—*Our Arabic Language*,
Part 2, for Third Grade, p.9

* **“The fanaticism of the Jews”**: “Write in your exercise book: An event showing the fanaticism of the Jews in Palestine against Muslims or Christians.”

—*Islamic Education for Ninth Grade*, p. 182

* **“Jews kill Muslims and Christians”**: “The Jews have killed Muslim and Christian inhabitants of Palestine, whose inhabitants are still suffering oppression and persecution under racist Jewish administration.”

—*Islamic Education for Ninth Grade*, #589, p.182

* **“Jews are treacherous”**: “One must beware of the Jews, for they are treacherous and disloyal.”

—*Islamic Education for Ninth Grade*, p.79

* **“Jews are the enemies of the Prophets”**: “Learn from this lesson: I believe that the Jews are the enemies of the Prophets and the believers.”

—*Islamic Education for Fourth Grade*, Part 2, p.67

* **“Jews foment wars”**: “Lessons to be learned: One must beware of war between brothers, which the Jews try to foment, and of the trap that they set for the Muslims.”

—*Islamic Education for Ninth Grade*, p.94

* **“Jews are evil racists”**: “ ‘Racism’: Mankind has suffered from this evil both in ancient as well as in modern times, for, indeed, Satan has, in the eyes of many people, made their evil actions appear beautiful...Such a people are the Jews.”

Islamic Education for Eighth Grade, p.95



Palestinian Arabs smashing a synagogue that was under construction near the Israeli town of Beit El.

* **“The Jews fought Mohammed”**: “The Jews adopted a position of hostility and deception towards the new religion [Islam]. They called Mohammed a liar and denied him; they fought against his religion in all ways and by all means, a war that has not yet ended until today, and they conspired with the hypocrites and polytheists against him, and they are still behaving in the same way.”

—*Islamic Education for Seventh Grade*, p.125

* A map titled “Our Country, Palestine,” which shows “Palestine” replacing all of Israel, appears in *Palestinian National Education for Second Grade*, #519, p.2.

* A map titled “Map of Palestine Before and After the War of 1967,” defining pre-

1967 Israel as “The Arab lands conquered before 1967,” appears in *Modern Arab History and Contemporary Problems*, Part 2, for Tenth Grade, #613, p.66.

* Maps of the Middle East omitting Israel and showing “Palestine” in its place appear on pp. 81, 84, 88, 89, 103, 107, 109, 110, 120, 122, and 124 of *Social and National Education for Fifth Grade*, Part A, #549.

* Maps of the Middle East omitting Israel and showing “Palestine” in its place appear on pp. 12, 20, 23, 36, 48, 50, 53, 55, 61, 66, 72, 73, 80, 81, 88, 90, 115, and 124 of *Geography of the Arab Homeland for Sixth Grade*, #557.

* A “Map of the Arab Homeland,” showing “Palestine” in place of Israel, appears in *Palestinian National Education for Fifth Grade*, #550, on p.6 and again on p. 20.



Official emblem of the Palestinian Authority's "Az-Ramla" High School for Girls in Gaza, depicting all of Israel as "Palestine"

The PA's New Textbooks:

In September 2000, the PA Ministry of Education issued fourteen new textbooks for use in grades 1 and 6. The books used previously for all other grades (including the books cited in this report) continue to be used.

Palestinian Media Watch, which analyzed the new books in detail, found:

No mention of peace: “The new Palestinian schoolbooks make no attempt to educate for peace and coexistence with Israel. Indeed, the opposite is true. The peace process is not even referred to in the schoolbooks. The Oslo Accords are mentioned once, but are not defined as a peace process, rather as a point in time connected to the PLO’s ‘liberation army forces’ entering ‘Palestine’.”

Israel de-legitimized: “The books continue to instruct de-legitimization of Israel. Israel is defined as foreign to the Middle East and is categorized as a colonialist conqueror, which occupied ‘Palestine’ in 1948 ... Israel is mentioned only in contexts that breed contempt, such as having expelled and massacred Palestinians.”

No Israel on the maps: “The books continue to teach non-recognition of Israel. Israel’s name does not appear on any map and Israel’s place on the maps is marked ‘Palestine’.”

All of Israel is “Palestine”: “Every reference to Israeli cities, regions, and geographic areas identifies them as part of ‘Palestine’.”

No tolerance for Jews: “A chapter in *National Education for Grade Six* is dedicated to “Tolerance,” yet the PA schoolbook does not mention Jews or Israelis in the entire chapter. A prominent picture shows a Christian shaking hands with a Muslim.”

III. Summer Camps

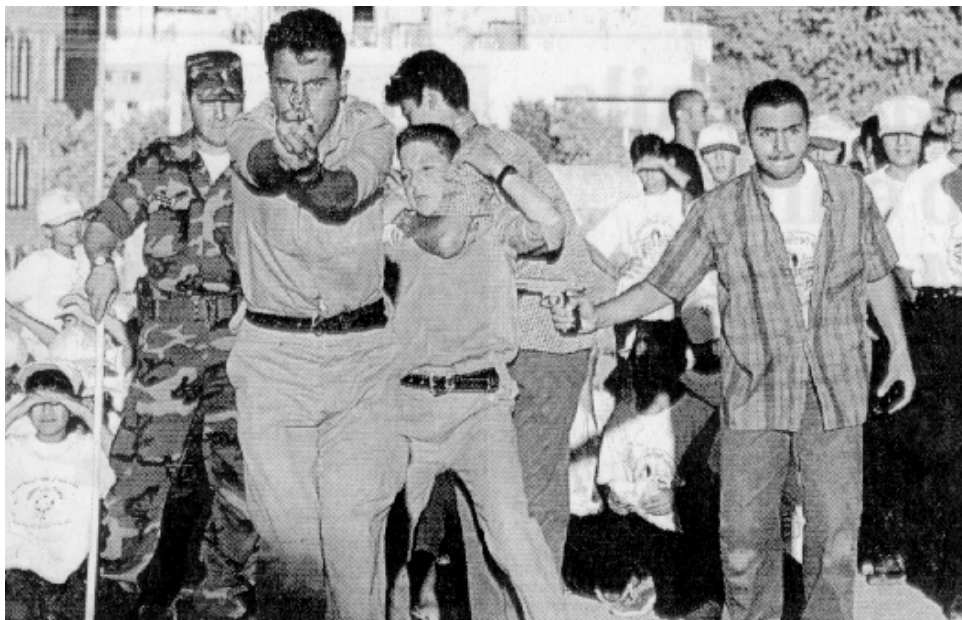
* **Weapons Training for Arab Children:**

According to Palestinian Media Watch, “The official summer camps of the P.A. in no way resemble what one would expect to find in a summer camp. There are no counselors in shorts teaching basketball. Rather in the PA summer camps the counselors wear army uniforms, and the children undergo weapons training. The official Palestinian Authority newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, (July 18, 2000) described their summer camps as follows:

‘Maru’an Barood, aged 13, who is wearing an Army uniform consisting of camouflage pants... speaks with great enthusiasm after he completed special training on taking apart and re-assembling a weapon: ‘We train in order to defend ourselves and our motherland against any Israeli attack, and in order to defend our independent Palestinian state. We want peace but the

Israelis don’t want peace’. Abu-Jasser, aged 14, says, ‘We are undergoing military training in order to defend our motherland Palestine, chase out the settlers, and return Jerusalem to us, because it is our eternal capital’...

Brig. General Salim El-Wadia, who is responsible for the “Political Education” in the Gaza Strip said: ‘We organize these camps within the framework of the general training program ... and this includes military training. We tell them [to the boys] that there will not be peace without the return [of millions of Arab ‘refugees’ from around the world] without the freeing of prisoners [Arab terrorists jailed in Israel], and without the establishing of an independent Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem. We want peace, while the Israelis only want co-existence that will impede our independence, our honor, and



Youths at a Palestinian Authority summer camp being trained in how to kidnap an Israeli soldier

our sovereignty.’ Next to the report is a picture of young children learning how to use automatic weapons.” A PA Television broadcast on July 16, 2000 showed a skit performed at a PA summer camp for girls. In the skit, an Arab man tells his daughter how the Jews, whom he calls “dogs,” are “stealing our land.” When the man goes out to plough his field, he is confronted by a group of armed Jews who beat him to death and take his land.

*** Cities in Pre-1967 Israel Are “Palestine”:** According to Palestinian Media Watch, “Twice this week, the emcee of the PA children’s television program ‘A Garden of Birds’ displayed drawings of what she defined as ‘Palestine’ for the five and six year olds that included all of Israel as part of Palestine. In one she displayed the map and this is how she described it: ‘I have chosen a beautiful picture today, the map of “Palestine”...It has Acre, Haifa, Jaffa, Tiberias...Jerusalem. Palestine is so beautiful. Our country is so beautiful. You see how beautiful our country is...To all our dear viewers who are on the map, whether from Acre, Haifa, Jaffa, Nazareth ... welcome!’ (July 18, 2000) The cities she listed are within pre-1967 Israel.

“In a second program, a similar map of ‘Palestine’ is completely fettered in chains, which encircle the entire country several

times. The emcee tells the children: “We have a very nice drawing ... it has a man, and some real pretty things...a drawing of the map of Palestine with chains and shackles on it. Allah willing my dear [children], these chains will be freed and Palestine will remain ours forever.”

* The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* described, on July 18, 2000, a PA educational program called “Know Your Country”:

“The Ministry of Youth and Sport organized a trip yesterday for [campers] from ages 5 to 12 ... They visited the city of Acre [in Northern Israel]...and they heard explanations about the hardship that the Palestinians of Acre are suffering ... During the trip the children sang nationalistic Palestinian songs which aroused the anger of Jewish guards at the site ... Later on, the children met with their counterparts from summer camps from within the area of the Green Line [Israeli Arab children] ... in a manner that emphasized the happiness of the Palestinian children ... The children also visited Caesarea, Nahariya, [both Israeli cities within the pre-1967 borders] Sebastia, and Jericho, in order to increase the educational identity of the Palestinian child. The camp is run under the framework of the educational program entitled ‘Know Your Country’.”

IV. Religious Sermons

The chief Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, is the most senior Muslim religious authority in the city. He is appointed by the PA, and he has under his jurisdiction numerous religious preachers. The sermons they deliver each Friday at the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem are broadcast over PA Radio.

*[Note: The examples below are from the period prior to September 2000. For the most recent examples of religious sermons by Sabri and other preachers inciting violence, see Section I of this report, **The Hatred That Incited the Latest Violence.**]*

“Suicide bombings legitimate”: Sheikh Sabri said that Palestinian Arab suicide bombings against Israelis are justified as “a response to the occupation.” (Reuters, March 19, 2000)

“Enemies of Islam”: Shikah Abu Sneinah, in his sermon at the Al Aqsa mosque on January 15, 1999, declared: “Our struggle in Palestine is an ideological struggle between Islam and the enemies of Islam.” (Palestinian Media Watch, Jan.19, 1999)

*** “Encourage martyrs”:** Sheikh Sabri, commenting on efforts to pressure Israel to surrender the bodies of Hezbollah terrorists, said: “To have a grave with the name of the martyr and the date of the battle encourages people to follow his path. Honoring martyrs is very important for political reasons.” (*Jerusalem Times*, July 3, 1998)

*** “America is the chief of the terrorists”:** Excerpts from Sheikh Sabri’s September 12, 1997 sermon at the Al Mosque mosque, which was broadcast on PA Radio: “O Muslims, we must raise our voices against

America, its ally Britain and all the infidel nations ... America is the chief of the terrorists. O Allah, destroy America, her agents and her allies! Cast them into their own traps, and cover the White House with black!” (Israel Gov’t Press Office, Sept.14, 1997)

*** “O Allah, destroy America”:** Excerpts from Sheikh Sabri’s July 11, 1997 sermon at the Al Aksa mosque, which was broadcast on PA radio: “O Allah, destroy America, for she is ruled by Zionist Jews ... Allah will paint the White House black! ... Allah shall take revenge on behalf of his prophet against the colonialist settlers who are sons of monkeys and pigs ... Forgive us, Mohammed, for the acts of these sons of monkeys and pigs who sought to harm your sanctity.” (Israel Gov’t Press Office, Sept.14, 1997)

*** “The Jews are devious”:** Sheikh Sabri declared in a sermon at the Al Aqsa mosque: “There is no one that can deny the Jews act deviously, as the Koran itself shows, and no one knows when they will be stopped ... We must rise up against the occupation with all our might to achieve what we want.” (*Jerusalem Post*, June 14, 1996)

*** “Liberate Jerusalem by jihad”:** Sheikh Sabri said: “Jerusalem is under occupation and the Moslems of the world should liberate it by *jihad* and put it under Islamic and Arabic authority.” (*Jerusalem Post*, May 3, 1995)

*** “Israel will be destroyed”:** In a March 1995 sermon at the Al Aqsa mosque, Sheikh Sabri said: “Muslims I am sure that Israel will eventually be destroyed and that the settlements will be your spoils.” (Associated Press, March 6, 1995)

V. Recent Incitement

Once the mass Palestinian Arab violence against Israel began at the end of September 2000, the official PA media —television, radio, and newspapers— continually incited additional violence by publishing and broadcasting appeals to kill Jews, as well as false accusations designed to whip up hatred against Jews and Israel.

In addition to the specific quotes listed below, PA television and radio broadcasts maintained a steady drum-beat of war-like pronouncements, such as repeatedly announcing the names of Palestinian Arabs who were killed and praising them as “holy martyrs” and “stars of the blessed intifada”; giving the times and locations of the funerals; graphic descriptions of the wounded, such as “occupation bullets

leaders, including then-Prime Minister Ehud Barak, were characterized as “war criminals.”

What follows is a sampling of the incitement broadcast by the PA media during the first months of the violence.

September 29, 2000: PA Radio broadcast a sermon from the Al Aqsa mosque, in which the preacher urged his audience to “eradicate the Jews from Palestine.” (PMW) Members of the audience then engaged in mass rock-throwing against Israeli police in the Temple Mount plaza outside the mosque, and against Jews worshipping at the adjacent Western Wall. This was the first instance of mass rioting in the recent waves of violence. (*Washington Post*, 10/04/00)



*From a cartoon in Arafat's official newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah:
A Jew's hands dripping with Arab blood*

pierced his eye”; and playing martial music, such as patriotic marching tunes with Islamic lyrics emphasizing the need for martyrs. To further legitimize violence against Israelis, the PA media routinely referred to all Israeli self-defense actions as “aggression” or “massacres,” and Israeli

October 3, 2000: The director-general of the PA Information Ministry, Hassan Al-Kashef, writing in his daily column in the Palestinian Arab newspaper *Al Ayyam*, stated: “The only way to impose our conditions is inevitably through our blood. Our national duty is to continue the confrontation, continue the intifada, continue to sacrifice our martyrs so that the blood of our martyrs and injured will not have been spilled in vain.” (MEMRI)

October 8, 2000: *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published a Fatah announcement, also read aloud on PATV, declaring: “The Fatah movement calls for its brave sons who stand at the front lines in all the disturbances to continue their great struggle and even to increase it ... The Fatah movement gives its blessings and support to the guns of Fatah.” (IMRA)

October 10, 2000: *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published an interview with the highest

ranking Muslim religious authority in Egypt, Sheikh Mohammed Tantawi, calling for “*jihad* against what is called ‘Israel’!” (MEMRI)

October 13, 2000: PA Television broadcast a sermon by Dr. Ahmad Abu Halabiya, given in a mosque in Gaza, declaring: “Have no mercy on the Jews, no matter where they are, in any country. Fight them, wherever you are. Wherever you meet them, kill them.” (IRIS)

October 19, 2000: A PA Television broadcast conducted conversations with 2nd grade school children. An interviewer asked a child who had thrown rocks at Israelis, “You threw stones at the army and injured your leg. Will you throw again?” Child: “Yes”. Interviewer: “You aren’t afraid to die?” Child: [embarrassed, hesitant] Interviewer: [indicates “No” to the child by shaking her head in the negative] Child: “No.” (PMW)

October 24, 2000: Sheikh Col. Nader Al-Tamini, Mufti of the PLO’s Palestinian Liberation Army, said in a television debate on the Qatari Arabic cable news channel Al-Jazeera, which is broadcast in the PA territories, that “there can be no peace with the Jews because they suck and use the blood of Arabs on the holidays of Passover and Purim.” (MEMRI)

October 27, 2000: PA Television broadcast schoolgirls reciting the “Song of the Martyr”: “I will take my soul in my hand and toss it into the abyss of death. And then either life that will gladden friends or death that will anger the enemy. The honorable soul has two objectives: Achieving death and honor.” (The poem appears in 5th, 6th and 12th grade PA school books.) (PMW)

October 27, 2000: An editorial in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* by its editor in chief, Hafez Barghouti, said that parents who discourage their children from throwing rocks at Israelis are committing “the most severe transgressions...These destructive,

abominable individuals harm us more than the bullets of the occupation, because they constitute a fifth column.” (PMW)

October 31, 2000: PA Television broadcast archival footage intended to give the false impression that Israel was bombing houses in the Jerusalem Arab suburb of Beit Jala. The Israeli Army spokesman called the



An Israeli mother, Mrs. Sima Gal, hospitalized along with her one-year-old daughter, Miriam, after a Palestinian Arab rock-throwing attack

broadcast “incitement whose purpose is to inflame the region.” (IDF)

November 1, 2000: PA Television broadcast interviews (not live, but edited) with young Palestinian Arab women—one at a demonstration saying “All we ask is that the Arab countries stand by our side, give us weapons, and we, on our own, will prevail—we’ll kill them on our own, murder them, slaughter them, all of them, we ask only for weapons, and we won’t spare a single Jew,” and a group of high school girls, speaking during recess, saying, “We want all the Arab countries to arm us with weapons, then we’ll see who will win, us or the Jews. We want neither medical aid nor money. We need only weapons.” (PMW)

November 2, 2000: *Al Hayat - Al Jadidah* interviewed the father of a Palestinian Arab killed while attacking Israelis, 23 year-old

Mohammed Hiza Halas, reporting: “[He has] great pride that his progeny has become a Martyr With regard to his mother, she says that her offspring wished to become a Martyr and she anticipated it.” The same day, PA Television broadcast an interview with a teacher, standing next to students, saying: “Our blood is a sign of our fighting for our precious Palestine.” (PMW)

November 3, 2000: PA Radio repeatedly broadcast a statement by Arafat’s #2 man, Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) saying “the Intifada will continue until the Palestinians reach their goals.” (MW)

November 6, 2000: PA Radio’s senior commentator, Yousef al-Kazzaz, asserted on the air: “We threw the Israelis out of Lebanon, and we will throw them out of Hebron.” Another commentator said: “Palestinian blood will defeat occupation, settlements, and Judaization and siege and bullets and tanks and missiles.” A statement from the Fatah Shabiba (Youth) Movement



Palestinian Arabs throwing rocks and firebombs at Israelis in Hebron

was read aloud, which stated: “Carrying out the intifada is an effort to achieve the goals of freedom and independence for our people.” (MW)

The same day’s edition of *Al Hayat - Al Jadidah* interviewed young Palestinian

Arabs wounded while attacking Israelis, and reported: “The wounded 11-year-old, Amr Qarut, wants to win the honor of a Martyr’s death... and he insists on continuing the [violent] struggle.” ... “The wounded Sa’ed Awad Allah [aged 11], from the Jaballiya [refugee] camp said: We are all potential Martyrs for Jerusalem and the Homeland” (PMW)

November 8, 2000: *Al Hayat - Al Jadidah* interviewed young Palestinian Arabs wounded while attacking Israelis, and reported: “What pushes our children and youth to the arenas of death?... [Ramadan Saadi Abd Rabbo, an injured 13-year-old, said:] ‘my goal is not to be injured, but rather something higher: Martyrdom.’” It also reported: “The Martyr Wajdi [aged 14, said] to his father: ‘I will bring you a Shahada (Martyrdom) that you will be proud of for the rest of your life’. His mother says: ‘My son is not my son only, he belongs to his noble Palestinian people. One of his friends said that the last words of the Martyr, that he repeated over and over, spoke of the significance of Martyrdom and on becoming a Martyr.’” (PMW)

November 8, 2000: The 7:00 a.m. news roundup on PA Radio began with a song whose lyrics included: “The voice of the rocks above the voice of the thieves / The eyes cry with yearning, the small hands hold a stone, daring the aggressors”. (MW)

November 9, 2000: *Al Hayat - Al Jadidah* interviewed the father of a young Palestinian Arab killed while attacking Israelis, and reported:

“[He] sacrificed his son (aged 18) in order to redeem the homeland and Jerusalem. He stated that becoming a Martyr is a tremendous source of pride and a medal on his chest... he added that his son always spoke about martyrdom and his desire to become a Martyr.”

It also reported: “The Martyr Muhammad Abu Tahoun wrote down his final words on his notebook:

‘The Martyrs will attain Paradise, and I will be with them, Allah willing.’”

And: “The Martyr Wajdi Al-Hattab (9th grade) responded to the call of Allah and achieved the Martyrdom that he yearned for, so that it would clear the way for the liberation of Al Aksa and Palestine from the defilement of the occupation. He would

of the region, but wants to control the region.” He also said: “The United States is the real enemy, the first and the most direct with its capital, its weapons in blood and protection.”

November 25, 2000: *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published a statemet by PA Minister of Supplies Abu Ali Shahin: “The intifada is a



Palestinian Arab rioters on the march

always say to his friends: ‘When I become a Martyr, give out Kannaifa [sweet cake]. He always spoke about his uncle who became a Martyr in southern Lebanon, and yearned to become a Martyr like him and [now] he attained what he yearned for. He reached the highest levels with Allah. [Wajdi’s gym teacher relates:] Wajdi asked me to give out Kannaifa if he becomes a Martyr. His classmates swore that they would continue in the path of Martyrdom until the liberation of Jerusalem.’” (PMW)

November 13, 2000: PA Radio broadcast a call by Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin urging Arabs to “transform the Intifada into an armed struggle against the Israeli conquest.” (*Ha’aretz*)

November 23, 2000: In an interview on PA Radio, PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein said: “We have to close Israel inside a ghetto. She does not feel like part

liberation movement, and therefore all means may be used in order to accomplish its goal.” (MEMRI)

November 27, 2000: On PA Radio, a “Special Ramadan Show” authored by PA Broadcasting Corporation director Radwan Abu Ayyash, called on listeners to “purify the Holy Land for the Zionist presence.” (MW) Discussing the importance of the Muslim month of Ramadan, PA Mufti Sheikh Sabri said on PA Radio that Mohammed’s first major military victory, the Battle of Badr, took place in Ramadan, as did Mohammed’s conquest of Mecca and the 1973 Arab invasion of Israel. (MW) *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published a statement by the head of the PA’s National Guidance Directorate, Othman Abu Gharbiyya, “The intifada will not stop halfway. It will continue until it accomplishes the goals of our people.” (MEMRI)

November 30, 2000: *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* reported: “A 12 year old boy who died in the fighting named Karam, so yearned for his own Martyrdom, that he wrote his own “death announcements” on the walls of his own home ... Prior to his being injured... Karam announced his own death on the walls of his home and attributed to himself Martyrdom and its honor, in his handwriting on the walls. The notice read: ‘The Al-Kard family announces the death of its courageous Martyr Karam Fat’he Al-Kard...”

December 2, 2000: *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published a column declaring: “We must choose a battlefield that will cause them death and fear and preserve our sons... We must choose the place, the time and the method which will not only leave them

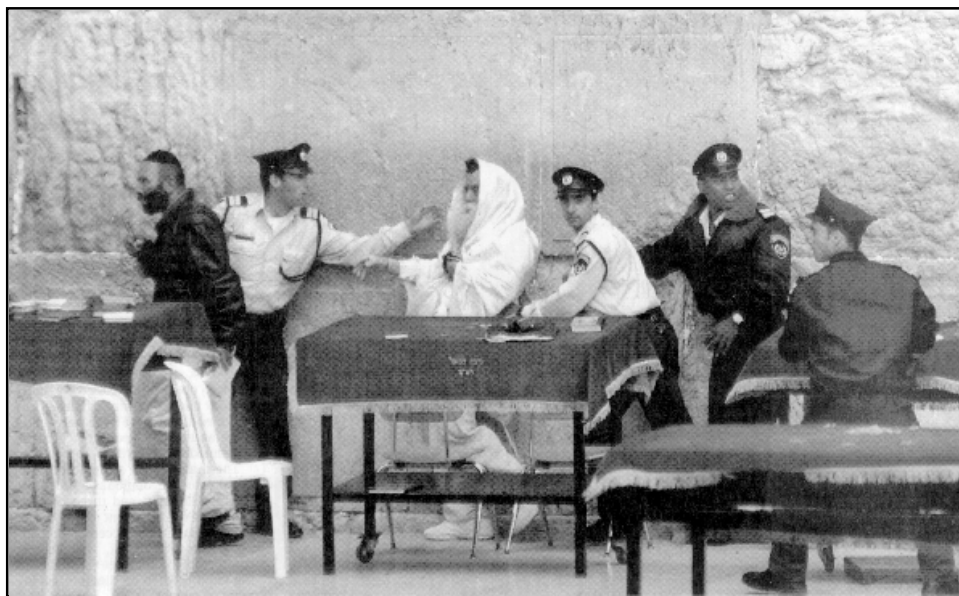
sleepless, but will cause them every form of pain and fear... We must take the battle to the enemy’s land, if we may use this term, in the knowledge that all of Palestine is under occupation... Let us carry the battle into Palestine occupied since 1948...” (PMW)

December 14, 2000 - The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* publishes a four-page insert with a detailed daily schedule for mob violence against Israelis. One day was designated “General Escalation Day,” featuring “expanded resistance activity and confrontation in the villages.” The daily schedule is introduced with the words, “The intifada leadership reiterates its promise to strengthen national unity and continue along the common course: blood of the martyrs until success.”

Key to sources cited in this section:

MEMRI = Middle East Media
Research Institute
PMW = Palestinian Media Watch

MW = Michael Widlanski, Hebrew University
IDF = Israel Defense Forces Spokesperson
IRIS = Information Regarding Israel’s Security



*Jewish worshippers being evacuated from the Western Wall
because of rock-throwing attack by Palestinian Arabs from the Temple Mount above*

VI. Mass Media

The PA's official television station, radio station, and newspapers are filled with hate-filled statements by Yasir Arafat and other Palestinian Authority officials. These are not merely statements criticizing Israeli policies; they are venomous attacks on Jews, Judaism, and Jewish history.

From statements made by Palestinian Arab parents and children to the media, it is clear that the PA media are having a significant impact:

On October 27, 2000, PA Television showed schoolgirls singing, "I will take my soul in my hand and toss it into the abyss of death / And then either life that will gladden friends or death that will anger the enemy / The honorable soul has two objectives: Achieving death and honor."

On October 29, 2000, the *New York Times* described a Palestinian Arab mother asking her 2 year-old son what he wants to be when he grows up, and the child answered, "A martyr." It also quoted a Palestinian Arab father, speaking of his teenage sons who throw rocks at Israelis and who "all yearn for just one thing: to be martyrs for Palestine." The father added: "I pray only that God will choose them."

On November 2, 2000, a teacher appeared on PA Television alongside her students and said, "Our blood is a sign of our fighting for our precious Palestine." In that same day's edition of the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, the father of an Arab youth killed while attacking Israelis was quoted as saying that he has "great pride that his progeny has become a martyr," and the youth's mother was quoted as saying that "her offspring wished to become a martyr and she anticipated it."

On November 6, 2000, the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* quoted a "wounded 11 year-old, Amr Qarut," as saying that he



*From a cartoon in Arafat's official newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah:
A five-star (five-skull) Israeli General*

"wants to win the honor of a martyr's death...and he insists on continuing the struggle." It also quoted "the wounded Sa'ed Awad Allah, aged 11," as saying: "We are all potential martyrs for Jerusalem and the homeland."

On November 8, 2000, the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* quoted a wounded 13 year-old, Ramadan Saadi Abd Rabbo, saying: "My goal is not to be injured, but rather something higher: Martyrdom."

(a) Use of Classic Anti-Jewish Stereotypes

* **"Protocols of the Elders of Zion proves Jews seek to conquer the world":** The PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* claimed, on January 25, 2001, that the *Protocols of the*

Elders of Zion lays out the secret plan of Israel and world Jewry to “hold the reins of most of the newspapers” in order to “have the means to propel and to influence.”

* **“Israel acts according to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*”:** “‘Netanyahu’s — Plan’ completely matches the foundations of the greater Zionist plan which is organized according to specific stages that were determined when the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was composed and when Herzl along with Weizmann traveled around the world in order to determine the appropriate location for the implementation of this conspiracy,” according to an article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Nov. 30, 1997.

* **“The Jews seek to conquer the world.”** The PA’s Minister of Agriculture, Abdel Jawad Saleh, told the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Nov. 6, 1997 that “We must expose the Zionist-Colonialist plot and its goals, which destroy not only our people but the entire world.”

“These Zionists are not fit to establish a nation or to have their own language or even their own religion. They are nothing more than a hodgepodge.”

* **“Israel is Shylock”:** “We do not want Shylock-style banks that empty our pockets, but national banks; we have had enough of the Shylock of the lands and settlements,” said Hafez al-Barghouti, editor of the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, in a column on Nov. 5, 1997.

* **“The Judaized Congress.”** An article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Nov.18, 1997 by its editor, Hafez al-Barghouti, referred to the United States

Congress as “the Judaized Congress.”

* **“Netanyahu’s Talmudic arrogance.”** On Nov. 4, 1997, the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published an official biweekly communiqué from Yasir Arafat’s Fatah movement, which referred to Prime Minister Netanyahu’s “outdated Talmudic arrogance and his absolute belief that he is the spoiled child of Brooklyn’s nymphs.”

* **“The Jews spread death and spill blood.”** An article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Oct.31, 1997 condemned “those who spread death and murder and spill blood, and who are said to be our cousins and, like us, ‘the children of Abraham,’ despite the fact that Abraham did not immigrate to Poland, did not visit New York and New Jersey, and did not live in Russia.”

* **“Israel has a Talmudic quarrel-mongering mentality.”** The Israeli government exhibits “a Talmudic quarrel-mongering mentality,” according to an article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Oct. 29, 1997. The column also referred to Prime Minister Netanyahu’s “blood-sucking lips.”

* **“The Jews live by the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.”** “These Zionists are not fit to establish a nation or to have their own language or even their own religion. They are nothing more than a hodgepodge,” according to an article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Sept. 2, 1997. Another article in the same issue claimed: “The Jews live by the Talmud and the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The conflict between Muslim and Jews is an eternal conflict, similar to the conflict between mankind—the Muslims, and Satan—the Jews, and how unfortunate the Palestinians are that they have to serve as the Muslims’ avant garde in the eternal battle of the Muslims and all the nations against the ‘nation of Jews.’” (quoted in *Ma’ariv*, Sept. 12, 1997)

* **“Chewing of the peace by the teeth of the Talmud.”** “Netanyahu’s claws of hatred dive into our Palestinian blood in search of oxygen-rich blood cells [with] fangs of hatred and the chewing of the peace by the teeth of the Talmud,” declared a position paper by Arafat’s Fatah faction of the PLO, published in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Oct. 18, 1997.

* **“The Jews are like Satan.”** “The conflict between the Jews and the Muslims resembles the conflict between man and Satan,” according to an article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Sept. 1, 1997.

* **“An enemy which bares its Jewish fangs.”** On Aug. 6, 1997, the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published an article which urged the PA to “protect its people and itself from an enemy which bares its Jewish fangs from the four corners of the earth.”

* **“Jews are stingy.”** “Generosity is an Arab custom and stinginess is a Jewish custom,” according to an article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Aug. 5, 1997.

* **“Zionism’s Talmudic offensive.”** “Zionist racism reaches its peak with this Talmudic offensive, which tears the pages of the Koran, and which offends the Master of Prophets, Mohammed, and the Blessed Virgin,” said Hasan Al-Kashef, director-general of the PA’s Ministry of Information, in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on July 7, 1997.

* **“Jesus was the victim of the roots of Talmudic extremism.”** “Jesus was the victim of the roots of Talmudic extremism, which is currently waving a national flag, wearing a helmet of a national army and employing state-run terrorism by means of armed settlers and an army,” said Hasan Al-Kashef, director-general of the PA’s Ministry of Information, in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on July 7, 1997.

* **“Israel is a demon.”** Arafat called Israel “a demon” that swallows up everything.” (*New York Times*, Aug. 7, 1996)

(b) Libelous Accusations

* **“Israel bring drugs into Palestinian society”:** PA cabinet minister asserted that the Israeli authorities are working hard on



A Palestinian Arab rock thrower aims at his target

bringing drugs into the Palestinian society.” Her accusation was broadcast on PA Television on July 23, 2000.

* **“Israel causes cancer among Arab women and children”:**

Yasir Arafat’s wife Suha, at a press conference with Hillary Clinton, accused Israel of “daily and intensive use of poisonous gas,” causing “cancer and other horrible diseases” among Palestinian Arab women and children. She claimed Israel had “poisoned our air with poisonous gases” and caused Palestinian Arab women and children to suffer “cancer and other horrible diseases”. Mrs. Arafat also claimed that Israel has contaminated 80% of Palestinian Arab water sources with “chemical materials.” (Reuters, Nov. 11, 1999)

* **“The Jews plan to destroy Al Aqsa Mosque.”** Speaking at the Muslim Summit in Teheran, Iran, on Dec.10, 1997, Arafat said: “I am ringing the bell of danger to warn against the Jewish plan to build the Temple of Solomon in the place where today stands Al Aqsa Mosque, after removing the mosque.” He added: “Rescuing Jerusalem from the devil of invasive settlements and from the danger of Judaization obliges us to take serious and urgent actions to protect the city and prevent the Israeli plan...to protect it from the danger of invasive Judaization, which aims at eliminating its Islamic and Arab identity, obscure its historic and cultural heritage, and sully the lofty holy and religious sites.”

* **“Israel spreads Mad Cow disease.”** Maher al-Dasouqi, director of the Palestinian Authority’s Committee for Consumer Protection, declared: “Citizens must be vigilant regarding chocolate from England, especially ‘Cadbury’s,’ which is very popular in Palestinian markets, since milk used in the production of all types of



*From a cartoon in Arafat’s official newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah:
A Jewish octopus strangles the dove of peace*

[Cadbury’s] chocolate was infected with ‘mad cow disease.’ The sale of this chocolate is forbidden in England, but it was smuggled into the Palestinian regions by Israeli merchants...” Dasouqi’s allegation was published in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Dec. 8, 1997.

* **“Israel poisons Arab food.”** Israel is distributing “spoiled goods and food supplies” among the Palestinian Arabs, said Abd al-Fatah Hamid, director of the Control and Inspection Department of the PA’s Ministry of Supplies, to the Palestinian Arab newspaper *Al Ayam* (Oct.29, 1997). “This is one of Israel’s means in its war against Palestinian society,” Hamid asserted.

* **“Israel will create artificial earthquakes to destroy Al Aqsa.”** “In order to establish the Temple in place of the Al Aqsa Mosque,” Israel will use “the creation of artificial earthquakes that can be triggered from afar which will undermine its foundations and will destroy it,” according to the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Oct. 26, 1997.

* **“Israel is trying to harm Arab males’ virility.”** Abdel Hamid al-Qudsi, Deputy Minister of the PA’s Ministry of Supplies, declared: “Israel is distributing food containing material that causes cancer and hormones that harm male virility and other spoiled food products in the Palestinian Authority’s territories in order to poison and harm the Palestinian population. We absolutely feel that it is an organized plan and conspiracy which is under the auspices of the Israel Defense Forces. This is a planned and initiated war against the Palestinian people.” (*Yediot Ahronot*, June 25, 1997)

* **“Israel uses Russian prostitutes to spread AIDS among Arabs.”** Israel “brought Russian Jewish girls with AIDS to spread the disease among Palestinian youth,” according to Abdel Razek Al-Majeeda, head of the Palestinian General Security Service in Gaza, quoted in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, May 15, 1997.

* **“Israel infects Arab children with AIDS.”** “The Israeli authorities infected by injection 300 Palestinian children with the HIV virus during the years of the intifada.” —Nabil Ramlawi, the PLO representative to the United Nations in Geneva, *Jerusalem Post*, March 17, 1997

(c) **Attempts to De-Legitimize
Judaism and Jewish History**

* **“Jews never had any connection to Jerusalem.”** In a statement issued Dec. 10, 1997, the PA’s Ministry of Information claimed that archaeological excavations in the Old City have found “Umayyad Islamic palaces, Roman ruins, Armenian ruins and others, but nothing Jewish.” The Ministry also falsely claimed that “there is no tangible evidence of any Jewish traces/remains in the old city of Jerusalem and its immediate vicinity.”

* **“The Tombs of Rachel and Joseph are actually Muslim sites.”** The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published an article in its issue of Dec. 1, 1997, which declared: “I call to be alert and to treat the Tomb of Joseph and the Tomb of Rachel as dunams of Palestinian land which must be liberated, and to treat Joseph and Rachel as just two people who died, like anyone else who dies.”

Similarly, the Israeli daily *Ha’aretz* quoted Palestinian Authority officials as saying that “Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem is the traditional tomb of the Cushite servant of Mohammed.” (*Ha’aretz*, Oct. 9, 1996)

* **“The Western Wall is not a Jewish holy site.”** The Arafat-appointed Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, who is the PLO’s senior religious authority for the city, said: “The Al-Buraq Wall [Western Wall] and its plaza are a Muslim religious property, and the Israeli government’s decisions do not affect it...The Al-Buraq Wall is part of the Al Aqsa Mosque. The Jews have no relation to it.” (*Al Ayam*, Nov. 22, 1997)

Arafat’s Minister of Religious Affairs, Hassan Tahboob, said: “The Al-Buraq wall is Muslim property and it is part of the Al Aqsa Mosque, of course.” Tahboob said that in accordance with a Muslim religious court decision in 1929, Jews “are allowed to pray towards the Wall,” but they must remain “two meters [six feet] away from the

Wall” and not touch it. (Interview with the Israeli news agency IMRA, Nov. 23, 1997)

Yasir Arafat himself remarked: “That is not the Western Wall at all, but a Moslem shrine.” (*Ma’ariv*, Oct. 11, 1996)

* **“The Jewish brain is cowardly.”** An article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on July 27, 1997 asserted that “the

“There is no tangible evidence of any Jewish traces or remains in the old city of Jerusalem and its immediate vicinity.”

Jewish brain is cowardly” and referred to “the baseness of this reactionary and cruel American Jewish world.”

* **“The settlers are monkeys and pigs.”** “The colonialist settlers are the descendants of monkeys and pigs,” declared the senior PLO religious authority, Mufti Ikrama Sabri, in a sermon at the Al Aqsa Mosque on July 11, 1997, broadcast on the official PA radio station Voice of Palestine.

* **“The Jews never lived in ancient Israel.”** A program broadcast on Palestinian Authority Television in June 1997 featured Palestinian Arab historian Jarid al-Kidwa, who claimed that “all the events surrounding Kings Saul, David and Rehoboam occurred in Yemen, and no Hebrew remnants were found in Israel, for a very simple reason—because they were never here.” Al-Kidwa said: “Most of the Khazars [a Turkish tribe that converted to Judaism in medieval times] are the Ashkenazic Jews who arrived in Palestine. As Allah is my witness, in my blood flows more of the Children of Israel and the ancient Hebrews than in the blood of Ariel Sharon and Benjamin Netanyahu.”

According to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* (July 6, 1997), Al-Kidwa also said: "The stories of the Torah and the Bible did not take place in the Land of Israel—they occurred in the Arabian peninsula, primarily in Yemen. The identity of our father Ibrahim [Abraham] who is mentioned in the Koran is clear. From the Koran's description of him it arises that he lived in the southern Hejaz [Saudi Arabia], near Mecca."

*** "Jerusalem was never a Jewish city."**

"Jerusalem is not a Jewish city, despite the biblical myth implanted in some minds...There is no tangible evidence of Jewish existence from the so-called 'Temple Mount Era'...The location of the Temple Mount is in question...it might be in Jericho or somewhere else." (Walid M. Awad, Director of Foreign Publications for the PA's Ministry of Information, interviewed by the IMRA news agency, Dec. 25, 1996.)

*** "Abraham was not a Jew."** "Abraham was neither Jewish nor a Hebrew, but was simply an Iraqi. The Jews have no right to claim part of the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, Abraham's resting place, as a synagogue. Rather, the whole building should be a mosque." (Yasir Arafat, quoted in the *Jerusalem Report*, Dec. 26, 1996)

*** "There never was a Jewish Temple in Jerusalem."** "The people of Israel realize perfectly well that they have no temples or ruins near Al Aqsa Mosque. According to the Koran, the people of Israel lived somewhere to the west of Bethlehem...they were living in Bethlehem and not in Jerusalem." (Sheikh Ismail Jamal, the PA's Director of the Islamic Wakf in Jericho, quoted in the *Chicago Jewish Sentinel*, May 18, 1995)

(d) Denying or Distorting the Holocaust

PA officials and publications regularly invoke the Holocaust as part of their

promotion of hatred against Jews and Israel. In some instances, they compare Israeli behavior to the Nazis' behavior, or allege that Israel is even more brutal than the Nazis. At the same time, PA spokesmen frequently claim that the Holocaust is a hoax, fabricated by world Jews in order to gain sympathy and financial compensation and to justify the creation of the State of Israel. PA officials have also publicly defended Holocaust-deniers in other countries.

*** PA Television: "No Auschwitz":** On the PA Television program "Pages From Our History" on November 29, 1999, an Arab historian, Dr. Issam Sissalem, said: "Lies surfaced about Jews being murdered here and there, and the Holocaust. And, of course, they are all lies and unfounded claims. No Chelmno, no Dachau, no Auschwitz! They were disinfection sites."

*** *Mein Kampf* a best-seller:** An Arabic-language edition of Adolf Hitler's autobiography, *Mein Kampf*, with an introduction praising Hitler as "a great man," has become a best-seller among the Palestinian Arabs. (Agence France Presse, Sept. 8, 1999)

*** "The Holocaust and the Lies":** On February 18, 1999, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published a crossword puzzle which gave as its clue, for 7-across, "Jewish Center for eternalizing the Holocaust and the Lies." The "correct answer" was "Yad VaShem."

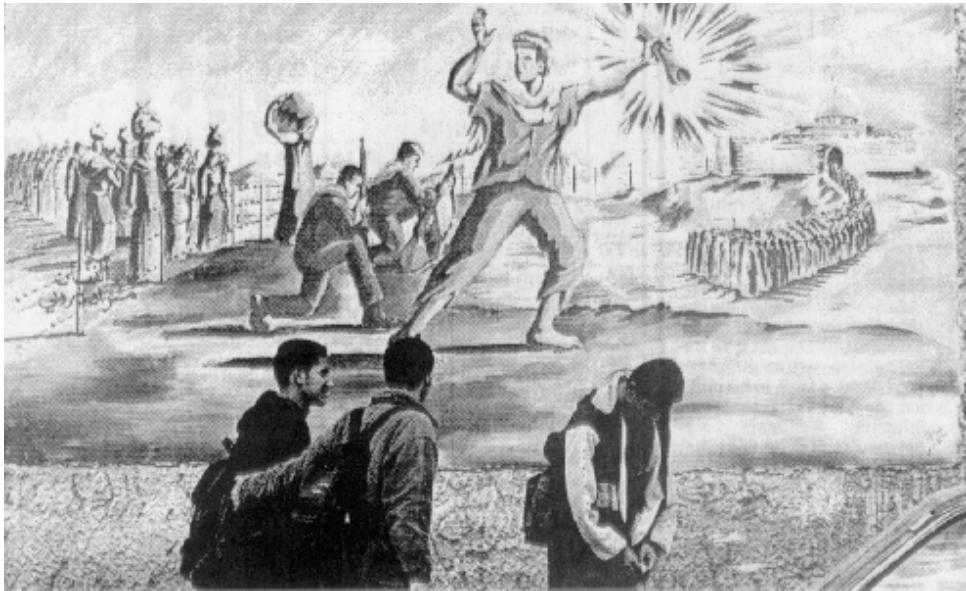
*** "The Lie of the Holocaust":** On December 8, 1998, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published an article by Dr. Samir Sahda, General Secretary of the PA's Desk of the National Institutions, in which he contended that "Israel convinced the world of the lie of the massacre and racism which they [the Jews] were exposed to in Germany, and [thus] gained the world public opinion."

*** PA's Newspaper Calls the Holocaust "a Deceitful Myth":** Excerpts from a July 2, 1998 article entitled "The Jews and the

Media Monopoly” in the official Palestinian Authority newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*:

“Everywhere, the Jews have been the subjects of hatred and disdain because they control most of the economic resources upon which the livelihoods of many people

communications media under their control exploited this in the best possible way, and then the show started. They began to disseminate frightful pictures of mass executions and invented the shocking story of the gas ovens, where Hitler allegedly burned them. Newspapers began to fill up



Mural on a wall in the Palestinian Authority-controlled city of Tulkarm, glorifying an Arab conquest of Jerusalem

are dependent. The clearest example of this is Shakespeare’s play ‘The Merchant of Venice’, in which the merchant Shylock represents the image of the greedy, cunning, evil, and despised Jews. And yet, how have the Jews succeeded in brainwashing American and European public opinion and changing the image of the Jew to that of a wise, brave, ingenious and creative person to whom the world’s eyes are turned?

“There is no alternative but to say that the success of the Jews is not coincidental but rather the result of long years of planning and a great investment of effort in order to obtain their wretched control over the world’s media...The winds began glowing in their favor when the campaign of persecution against them was begun by Hitler the Nazi...the international Jewish

with pictures of Jews cut down by Hitler’s bullets and of Jews being led to gas ovens. In these pictures, they focused on women, children and old people and have exploited this to arouse sympathy for themselves when demanding financial compensation, donations and grants from all over the world.

“The truth is that the persecution of the Jews is a deceitful myth which the Jews have labeled the Holocaust and have exploited to get sympathy. The most credible of historians have challenged the Jews to bring convincing evidence to prove it. The Historical Studies Association, based in Los Angeles, announced a grant of \$50,000 to whomever could bring compelling proof that the Jews were murdered in gas chambers, but the Jews resorted to pressure

and allegations of anti-Semitism to silence these voices. And even if it is possible that Hitler's assault against the Jews hurt them a little, the fact is it did them a clear service whose fruits they are reaping until today..."

*** PA Officials Lead Public Rally on Behalf of Holocaust-Denier:** PA Communications Minister Imad al-Falouji and PA general-secretary Ahmed Abdel-Rahman were among the leaders of a rally by prominent Palestinian Arabs in support of Roger Garaudy, who was on trial in Paris for denying the Holocaust, which is a criminal offense in France. Garaudy has said that the Nazis committed some "pogroms" against Jews, but that there was no genocide and the Nazis did not kill six million Jews.

At the pro-Garaudy rally, in Gaza on January 19, 1998, Minister Falouji said: "We condemn the trial of the Muslim writer Roger Garaudy and we ask all believers in human rights and freedom of expression to

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back him." Abdel-Rahman said that films and books about the Holocaust "have told what happened to the Jews in an unbelievable and exaggerated manner, so why not give Garaudy the right to state his point over the issue?" (Reuters, Jan. 19, 1998)

*** "Israel is as brutal as, or more brutal than, the Nazis."** In a statement issued Dec. 10, 1997, the PA's Ministry of Information said that Israeli police checks of identity

cards of some Arabs entering Jerusalem "should remind the Europeans of Nazi occupation by Nazi soldiers surrounding churches and places of worship during the second World War. Israeli practices in many aspects are equal with, if not more brutal than, those practiced by occupying Nazi soldiers dealing with French-Dutch citizens during the second World War. Everyone can visualize this because it has been shown in war films and documented in museums all over the world."

*** "The Nazism of the occupation."** An article in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Dec. 8, 1997, said that Arab rock-throwing attacks against Israelis "show the world the Nazism of the occupation at the end of the 20th century."

*** "No more than 400,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis."** "It is well-known that every year the Jews exaggerate what the Nazis did to them," said the moderator of a cultural affairs program on Palestinian Authority Television, during an Aug. 25, 1997. "They claim there were 6 million killed, but precise scientific research demonstrates that there were no more than 400,000."

*** "Zionists forged Holocaust claims."** On Sept. 3, 1997, the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* featured an article by Palestinian Arab author Nabil Salam, which declared: "Since its establishment, the racist Zionist entity has been implementing various forms of terrorism on a daily basis which are a repetition of the Nazi terror. This proves the shared roots of Nazi and Zionist thought. This also explains the cooperation between the Jews and Nazis during World War II, through which was revealed the forged claims of the Zionists regarding the alleged acts of slaughter perpetrated against the Jews during the same period." (Quoted in the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*, Sept. 12, 1997)

*** "Netanyahu acts in the style of the German armies."** An article in the PA

newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* on Aug. 17, 1997 charged that Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu is acting “in the European style of the German armies so that he will be able to impose greater Israel and establish their superiority of the Hebrew race.”

* **“Israel’s birthday is Palestine Holocaust Day.”** In an address to the PLO’s Palestinian Council in Ramallah on May 10, 1997, the eve of Israeli Independence Day, Arafat said that the anniversary of the creation of Israel is “Palestine Holocaust Day” and “the Palestinian people were subjected to the worst holocaust in history.” (*Ha’aretz*, May 11, 1997)

* **“Israel holds Palestinian Arabs in one big concentration camp.”** On April 22, 1996, the Palestinian Authority distributed a document titled “Statement Issued by the Ministry of Information on the Palestinian Prisoner’s Day.” It said:

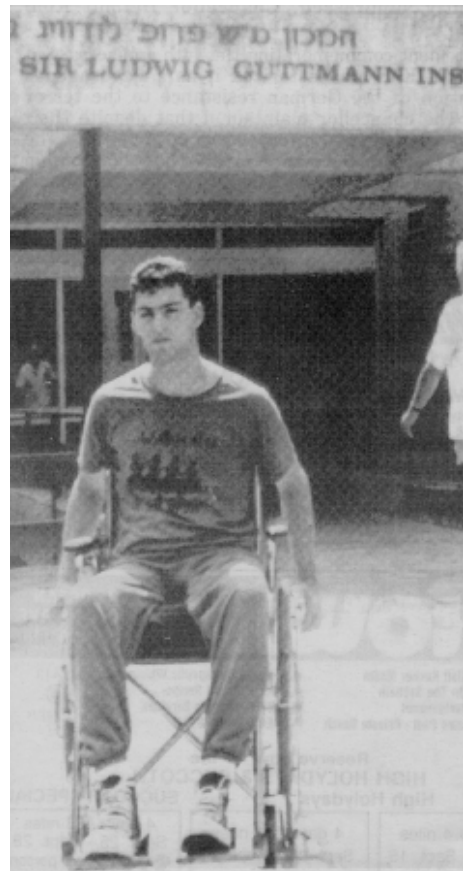
“While the Israeli government is speaking about the atrocities committed against the Jews at Auschwitz, Birkenau and Dachau concentration camps, the violations against the human rights of the Jewish individual, and the tragic consequences of the massacres and collective punishment, it [the Israeli government] is directly involved these days in weaving plots and causing two major catastrophes to their neighbors.”

The document accused Israel of persecuting Palestinian and Lebanese Arabs, then referred to “the inhumane legacy” of the Holocaust and adds: “As a Palestinian people we are still experiencing the legacy of this catastrophe, being applied against them by the ancestors of those Jews who have suffered one day its consequences. Our homeland was transformed into a big concentration camp...”

* **“Zionists were partners with the Nazis in the Holocaust.”** Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), the number 2 official in the PLO and architect of the Oslo accords, authored

and has refused to retract a book claiming that “the Zionist movement was a partner in the slaughter of the Jews.” The book is entitled *The Other Side: The Secret Relationship Between Nazism and the Zionist Movement*. The book also claims that the Nazis may have really killed less than one million Jews. (*Jerusalem Post*, Jan. 26, 1995)

* **“Israel is comparable to the Nazis.”** The Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin reported on Dec. 2, 1994: “Nabil Ramlawi, the PLO representative to U.N. groups meeting [in Geneva], said that Palestinian resistance to the Israelis was similar to the European fight against the Nazis during World War II.”



*Dan Cohen, a 20-year-old Israeli,
permanently crippled by
Palestinian Arab rock-throwers*

On Jan. 24, 1996, PLO official Affif Safiah declared at a Jerusalem gathering, "Israel must apologize to the Palestinian people for its conduct in the past, just as Germany apologized to the Jewish people for hunting them down in Europe." (*Yediot Ahronot*, Jan. 25, 1996)

On Jan. 4, 1996, by PA Justice Minister Freih Abu-Medein, who told Israel Radio: "Israel did not hesitate to receive reparations from the government of Germany but it

refuses to pay reparations to the victims of the *intifada*."

On Aug. 7, 1997, PA Health Minister Riyad al-Zaanoun said that Israel's use of blockades to help capture terrorists was comparable to the actions of the Nazis. "I wonder how Jews who suffered collective punishment from the Nazis can practice such punishments on the Palestinian people," al-Zaanoun said. (Associated Press, Aug. 8, 1997)



From a cartoon in Arafat's official newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*:
An Israeli soldier eating an Arab while roasting other Arabs over coals on a barbecue

VII. Glorifying Murderers

As part of their effort to encourage hatred of Israel and Jews, Arafat and the PA regularly issue statements or take actions to publicly glorify those who have murdered Jews.

* **“Courageous” killer:** The PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* published (Sept.3,2000) a glowing feature story about the “hero” and “courageous warrior” Mahmoud Abu-Hanud, who is responsible for attacks that killed 19 Israelis and 3 Americans (Mrs. Leah Stern of New Jersey, 14 year-old Yael Botwin of Los Angeles, and 16 year-old David Boim of New York). Abu-Hanud was recently wounded in a shootout with Israeli soldiers, in which three Israelis were killed; he escaped to PA-controlled Nablus. The PA’s *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* quoted young Palestinian Arab women saying their dream is to marry Abu-Hanud, “a legend of the struggle against the occupation.”

* **“Warrior, struggler”:** PA Television broadcast a program on August 31, 2000, called “Panorama,” which presented a play glorifying the late Dalal Maghribi, one of the leaders of the Palestinian Arab terrorist squad that carried out the 1978 Tel Aviv highway massacre, killing 37 Israelis and Ms. Gail Rubin of New York, niece of then-U.S.Senator Abraham Ribicoff. The host of the PA program declared: “Dalal is a symbol of Palestine...in this play we enlighten the viewer as to the function of the Palestinian woman as a warrior, a struggler...a builder of Palestinian society...we stand by Dalal, she is a part of Palestinian awareness.”

* **Hero’s burial:** Sufian Jabarin was one of those responsible for the bombing of a bus in Jerusalem in August 1995, in which four people were killed, including Joan Davenny, a teacher at the Ezra Academy in

Woodbridge, Connecticut. In addition, more than one hundred people—including U.S. citizens— were injured. When Jabarin’s body was handed over by Israel to the Palestinian Authority, the PA gave him a “hero’s burial” with full honors, complete with “Palestinian policemen fir[ing] shots in the air as his body was lowered into the ground.” (*Jerusalem Post*, June 30, 2000)

“Courageous commandos”: The PA newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah* (in an article reprinted in the Arab weekly *Jerusalem Times* on May 5, 2000) asserted that “In the 1970s, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine [a faction of the PLO] executed courageous commando missions against Israel.” Those “courageous missions” included an attack on the Istanbul airport on August 11, 1976, killing four people, including Harold Rosenthal of Philadelphia, an aide to U.S. Senator Jacob Javits; an attack on Israel’s Lod Airport, on



Palestinian Arab marchers flash the “V” for victory sign at the funeral of a terrorist

May 30, 1972, in which 23 people were killed, including 11 U.S. tourists from Puerto Rico; an ambush of a tourist bus in Israel on February 23, 1970, killing Mrs. Barbara Ertle of Grandville, Michigan, wife of the Reverend Theodore Ertle; and an ambush of an Israeli bus on December 27, 1969, killing U.S. tourist Leon Holtz, of Brooklyn, New York.

“A holy martyr”: The PA newspaper *Al Hayat Al Jadidah* on Nov.27, 1983 praised the Arab terrorist who murdered 241 Americans in Beirut in 1983—an article by editor Hafez al-Barghouti said the attack was “a bold action that was carried out by a holy martyr who suckled from his mother’s bosom the pure *Jihad* tradition.”

Prayers at the killer’s tomb: The Speaker of Arafat’s Palestine National Council, Salim Zanoun, recited prayers at the tomb

Yasir Arafat’s wife Suha, appearing on official Palestinian Authority television, praised Palestinian Arab suicide bomber Mohi a-Din a-Sharif as a “great fighter, our saintly brother.”

of Abu Jihad in Damascus, Syria (*Jerusalem Post* July 1, 1999). Abu Jihad masterminded numerous terrorist attacks, including the 1978 attack in which Gail Rubin of New York was murdered; the Munich Olympics massacre in September 1972, in which 12 people, including David Berger of Cleveland, were murdered; and the May 1980 Hebron massacre, in which six Jewish worshippers, including U.S.citizens Zvi Glatt and Eli Haze’ev, were murdered.

“Holy martyr”: Arafat permitted a mass “memorial service” at Bir Zeit University, near Ramallah, for “the holy martyr” Khalil Sharif, on October 30, 1997. Sharif was involved in the attacks in which David Boim and Yael Botwin were murdered. Arafat also permitted Bir Zeit University to hold three days of mourning for Sharif.

*** Arafat honors killer of Israeli policeman:** Arafat announced on August 19, 1999, that he has bestowed the “Jerusalem Decoration” upon Khalil Al-Ra’i, in honor of Al-Ra’i’s “struggle.” Al-Ra’i was convicted in 1974 of murdering Israeli policeman Moshe Carmeli.

*** Arafat aide praises killer of Americans:** The Speaker of Arafat’s Palestine National Council, Salim Zanoun, recited prayers at the tomb of Abu Jihad (Khalil Wazir) in Damascus, Syria (*Jerusalem Post* July 1, 1999). Abu Jihad was responsible for planning numerous terrorist attacks, including the March 1978 Coastal Road massacre in Israel, in which 37 people were murdered, including Gail Rubin of New York (niece of U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut); the Munich Olympics massacre in September 1972, in which 11 Israeli athletes—including American-Israeli citizen David Berger of Cleveland—and a German policeman were murdered; and the May 1980 Hebron massacre, in which six Jewish worshippers, including U.S.-Israeli citizen Eli Haze’ev, were murdered.

*** Arafat’s wife praises terrorist:** Yasir Arafat’s wife, Suha Arafat, said in a speech on Palestinian Television in honor of International Children’s Day: “I would like to comfort ourselves and the Palestinian nation on the loss of a great fighter, our saintly brother, Mohi a-Din a-Sharif.” (*Arutz 7 - April 9, 1998, quoting from a cassette of Mrs. Arafat’s remarks made by the “Peace for Generations” organization.*) PA Cabinet Minister Faisal Husseini delivered the official public eulogy at the funeral on April 2, 1998, for Muhi a-Din a-

Sharif, and Mrs. Arafat paid a condolence visit to Sharif's family and praised the bomb-maker as "a Palestinian martyr." (*Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin*, April 6, 1998)

Sharif, who was killed in an internal Hamas dispute, was connected to the August 21, 1995 Jerusalem bus bombing, in which four people, including Connecticut school teacher, Joan Davenny were murdered. On March 13, 1996, Israel asked the PA to extradite Sharif; the PA ignored the request. Sharif was subsequently involved in additional attacks, including the bombing in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda marketplace on July 30, 1997, in which 16 people, including Mrs. Leah Stern, an American-Israeli formerly of New Jersey, were killed; and the bombing on Ben-Yehuda Street in downtown Jerusalem on September 4, 1997, in which five people, including Yael Botwin, a 14 year-old American-Israeli schoolgirl formerly of California, were killed.

*** Arafat's newspaper praises killer of Americans:** Arafat's official newspaper, *Al Hayat Al Jadidah*, praised the Arab terrorist who murdered 241 Americans in Beirut in 1983. It published an article by its editor, Hafez al-Barghouti, in its November 23, 1997 edition attacking the United States as "a blood-spilling cowboy." Barghouti wrote that "This is the same mentality which caused the Marines who enter Beirut and to run away from it [in 1983], after one bold action was carried out by a holy martyr who suckled from his mother's bosom the pure *ji*h*ad* tradition."

*** Arafat aide praises bomb-maker:** Marwan Barghouti, chairman of Arafat's Fatah movement for the Judea-Samaria regions, called the late Hamas bomb-maker Yiyhe Ayyash "a martyr." In an interview with the Israeli news agency IMRA on November 6, 1997, Barghouti was asked why Arafat and representatives of Arafat's Fatah movement take part in memorial services for Ayyash and other terrorists. He

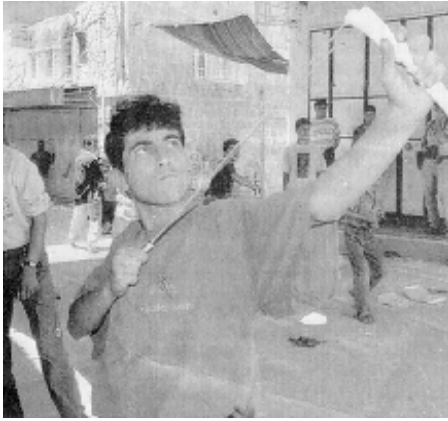
replied that "it is a tradition" and "we appreciate these people as persons and individuals and consider them martyrs."

*** Arafat leads rally for "martyred fighter":** Arafat personally presided over a memorial rally for "the martyred fighter, Salah al-Qidwa," in Gaza on November 3, 1997. PLO Executive Committee member Zakaria al-Agha, speaking at the rally on behalf of Arafat, declared "we still remember the martyrs and still follow their path." Amad Hils, Secretary-General of the Higher Committee of Arafat's Fatah movement, told the rally that Yiyhe Ayyash and Imad Aql (the first commander of Hamas's military wing) were "holy martyrs."

*** Memorial rally for killer of Americans:** Arafat permitted a mass "memorial service" at Bir Zeit University, near Ramallah, for "the holy martyr" Halil Ibrahim Toufik Sharif, on October 30, 1997. Sharif was involved in the May 1996 drive-by murder of David Boim, an American-Israeli teenager; Sharif was also one of the three suicide bombers who carried out the attack on Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Street on September 4, 1997, in which five people were killed, including a 14 year-old American-Israeli schoolgirl, Yael Botwin. Arafat also permitted Bir Zeit University to hold three days of official mourning for Sharif, during which all classes were suspended.

*** Salaries for jailed terrorists:** Jawad al-Tibi, chairman of the Social Affairs Committee for Arafat's Palestinian Legislative Council, visited Arab terrorists in Israeli prisons on October 30, 1997. Tibi announced that his committee "will act to implement the Legislative Council's decision, which states that each prisoner should receive an income identical to that of a soldier."

*** Memorial rallies for Islamic Jihad leader:** Arafat permitted the Islamic Jihad terrorist group to hold a mass public rally



*Palestinian Arab uses a slingshot
to attack Israelis*

in Gaza on October 31, 1997 to commemorate the “martyrdom” of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shikaki. An official representative of Arafat’s Fatah faction of the PLO, Fareeh al-Gharabli, spoke at the rally and urged unity between the PLO and “the Islamic forces and factions.” Jamil al-Majdalawi, representing the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO faction, told the rally that Shikaki was “a holy martyr.” At the rally, Islamic Jihad spokesman Ramadan Shalah declared that “the option of resistance is legitimate,” and Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin urged the audience to “follow the path of the holy martyrs.” Their statements were published in the official Palestinian Authority newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*.

Arafat also permitted 3,000 students at A-Najah University, in PLO-controlled Nablus, to hold a memorial rally for Shikaki. Islamic Jihad spokesman Ramadan Shalah told the rally by telephone that the group “will continue its *jihad* against the Zionist enemy. His statement was published in the official Palestinian Authority newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*.

* **Fatah rally for “martyrs.”** The youth wing of Arafat’s Fatah movement held a public memorial service to commemorate “the martyrdom of Osama al-Najjar and Anwar Asleih,” two Fatah Hawk terrorists.

The rally, held in Khan Yunis (Gaza) on November 3, 1997 was attended by PLO Executive Committee member Zakaria al-Agha and the deputy chairman of the PA’s Political Guidance Directorate, Mazen Izz al-Din.

* **Hebron rally for Islamic Jihad “martyr.”** Arafat permitted a mass rally at the Islamic University of Hebron in commemoration of the “martyrdom” of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shikaki, on November 3, 1997. Representatives of Arafat’s Fatah movement and another PLO faction, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, spoke at the rally. Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Shalah, addressing the rally by telephone, “renewed the oath to the martyrs to follow their path.”

* **Arafat aide praises Islamic Jihad leader:** Hani al-Hasan, a senior adviser to Arafat, praised Fathi Shikaki, leader of the Islamic Jihad terrorist group, as “a giant among giants of the Palestinian people, one of the giants of the nation” and “the teacher of generations.” Shikaki and Islamic Jihad were responsible for the April 1995 bombing in Kfar Darom in which Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow was killed. (*An Nahar*, Oct. 29, 1996 —from Israel Gov’t Press Office, Nov.27, 1996)

* **Arafat praises bomb-maker:** Arafat publicly praised Yiyha Ayyash, the master Hamas bomb-maker who killed at least 60 Israelis, as “a martyr” (*Jerusalem Post*, July 28, 1996) and as “the struggler, the martyr.” (*New York Times*, January 8, 1996)

* **Arafat names public square after bomb-maker:** In February 1996, Arafat named a public square in Jericho after Yiyhe Ayyash.

* **Arafat praises bus hijacker:** Arafat publicly praised terrorist Dalal Maghribi as “one of the heroes...She commanded the group that established the first Palestinian republic in a bus. This is a Palestinian woman...the woman we are proud of.”

Maghribi's group carried out the 1978 Tel Aviv Coastal Highway massacre, in which 37 people, including American Gail Rubin of New York, were murdered. (*Jerusalem Post*, August 3, 1995)

* **Arafat praises bus attacker:** Arafat wrote a letter to an imprisoned Hamas terrorist Sheikh Abdelhadi Gheinam, calling

him "my brother the holy Sheikh Abdelhadi Gheinam, I recognize your participation in the struggle to free Palestine. Because of you, Palestine is free." Gheinam carried out the July 6, 1989 terrorist attack on bus #405, on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, in which 15 people were killed, including an American woman, Rita Levine of Philadelphia. (*Ha'aretz*, October 5, 1994)

*From a cartoon in
Arafat's official
newspaper
Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah:
The Jew as the Devil*



VIII. Promoting War Against Israel

* **“The settlements must be erased”:**

A broadcast on the Palestinian Authority’s official “Voice of Palestine” radio station, May 31, 1999, declared: “The settlements must be erased from the face of the earth.”

* **“Employ all means”:** Longtime Arafat aide Hanan Ashrawi urged the Palestinian Arab masses to “employ all means of protest” against Israel. (Arutz 7, June 1, 1999)

* **“Ignite the land under their feet”:**

A leaflet distributed by Arafat’s Fatah faction of the PLO on May 31, 1999, threatened: “We will ignite the land under their feet until they leave our land forever.” (Associated Press, June 2, 1999)



*Palestinian Arab brandishing a knife:
Who will be the next victim?*

* **“Intensify the confrontations”:** Samir Shehada, the PA official in charge of organizing anti-Israel demonstrations, vowed on May 31, 1999: “We will intensify the confrontations against the settlements and the settlers.” (Arutz 7, June 1, 1999)

* **“Ready to fight a new battle”:** In a speech in Ramallah on March 19, 1999, Arafat threatened: “We carried out the longest *intifada* in history...They should know we can start it again if they try to prevent us from exercising our rights,” and “We, the Fatah and PLO, are ready to fight a new battle of Karameh every single day,” referring to a battle between Israel and PLO terrorists in 1968. (Agence France Presse, March 19, 1999)

* **“The rifle is a means of life” :** Othman Abu Gharbiya, adviser to Arafat and head of the PA’s National Guidance Directorate, at a ceremony in Gaza: “We are right to believe that the rifle is a means of life and not death.” (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, March 1, 1999)

* **“Explode with force”:**

From the biweekly communique of Arafat’s Fatah faction, published in the PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, Dec. 21, 1998: “It is impossible to struggle against the settlements, the confiscation of land and cold-blooded killings via negotiations. There is no alternative but a struggle that will smash the Israeli

aggression and emphasize the readiness of our people to explode with force against any aggression...”

* **“Our rifles are ready”:** Arafat, to his Fatah faction, on November 15, 1998: “Our rifles are ready, and we are ready to raise them if they stop us from praying in the holy city of Jerusalem.” (*Jerusalem Post*, Nov. 16, 1998)

* **“The path of *jihad*”:** Speaking at the funeral of an Arab terrorist in Gaza on June 4, 1998, Ahmad Hils, secretary-general of Yasir Arafat’s Fatah movement in Judea-Samaria, said: “The path of *jihad*, struggle, and heroism continues to be the only way to liberate Palestine and to establish our independent state with Jerusalem as its capital, and so it will be in the future.” (Quoted in the Palestinian Authority-affiliated newspaper *Al Ayyam*, June 25, 1998.)

* **“To fight, to resist”:** In an interview with the Israeli news agency IMRA on May 17, 1998, Marwan Barghouti, chairman of Arafat’s Fatah movement in Judea-Samaria, was asked about recent Palestinian Arab demonstrations in which models of Israeli towns in the territories were exploded:

IMRA: “Blowing up models of settlements is in order to encourage people to resist the settlements?”

Barghouti: “Yes. And I think that we have the legitimacy to resist the settlement policy.”

IMRA: “To blow up settlements?”

Barghouti: “To fight, to resist the settlements.”

IMRA: “So that would include blowing them up.”

Barghouti: “Everything. Because the settlement policy is terrorism. We have the right to fight against the terrorism.”

* **“Become a martyr”:** On Egyptian Orbit TV on April 18, 1998, Arafat declared: “I envy the martyrs and I hope to become one of them.”

* **“Burn the ground under their feet”:** In a statement published in the official Palestinian Authority newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* on April 16, 1998, Arafat sent this message to his people: “O my dear ones on the occupied lands, relatives and friends throughout Palestine and the diaspora, my colleagues in struggle and in arms, my colleagues in struggle and in *jihad* ... Intensify the revolution and the blessed *intifada* ... We must burn the ground under

the feet of the invaders.”

* **“Swear by the blood of the *jihad*”:** Also on April 16, 1998, Arafat’s official Voice of Palestine radio station broadcast a speech by Marwan Barghouti, chairman of Arafat’s Fatah movement in Judea-Samaria, in which he said: “The rifle of Fatah, the rifle carried by the Palestinian people which ignited the

“The rifle of Fatah, the rifle carried by the Palestinian people which ignited the revolution, will not be buried...Brothers and sisters, I swear, I swear, I swear by the blood of the *jihad* and the blood of our nation’s martyrs.”

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* **“Suicide bombings are legitimate”:** The PA-appointed Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, said in March 1998: “I believe suicide bombings are a response to the occupation...If Israel does not respond to peaceful initiatives to solve the problem with the Palestinians, then it is legitimate to fight against it as a sort of self-defense.” (Reuters, March 19, 1998)

* **“March as warriors of *jihad*”:** From a song sung by children on the program “The Children’s Club,” broadcast on PA Television on February 13, 1998: “Each and every part of your soil I have drenched with all my blood. And we shall march as warriors of *jihad*. O my exalted martyr, you are my example.”

* **“Convoys of martyrs”:** On the 80th anniversary of Balfour Day —the 1917

British declaration endorsing the establishment of a Jewish national home in the Land of Israel— Mazen Izz Al-Din, chief of the PA's National Guidance Directorate said on PA Television: "Our people is capable of erasing the political implications of the Balfour Declaration through convoys of martyrs." (Arutz 7 radio, Nov. 6, 1997)

* **"There will be severe clashes"**: "If a solution is not found to the situation and the political process is not returned to its course, there will be severe clashes between us and the Israelis . All options are open before us." —Jibril Rajoub , head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Forces, in a television interview (Middle East Broadcasting Corp., June 20, 1997)

* **"Ready for sacrifices"**: Abbas Zaki, member of the PA legislative council and the Fatah central committee: "There is a plan which was prepared by the Palestinian leadership with the aim of confronting



From a cartoon in Arafat's official newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*:
Former Prime Minister Ehud Barak,
wielding a bloody axe, mutilates an Arab

Israel's intransigence. The Palestinian people is ready for a confrontation and is prepared to make additional sacrifices. The people are in a state of preparedness." (*Al-Sharq al-Awsat*, June 16, 1997)

* **"React via all means"**: "The policy of settlements and land confiscation constitutes organized state terror against the Palestinian lands. The Palestinian people have the right to react to settlement terror via all means." —from a statement issued by Fatah after an emergency meeting on June 14, 1997, broadcast on PA Radio on June 14, 1997. (*Israel Government Press Office*)

* **"Revolutionary violence"**: From a lead editorial in the Fatah organization's newspaper (cited in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, June 4, 1997): "Only the uprising of the masses and the *intifada* in the Palestinian homeland in September 1996 enabled the Palestinians to hope for international and Arab support. It is this *intifada* which compelled the Israeli side to implement the Oslo Accords. What distinguished this *intifada* was its official nature. Palestinian security forces took part side by side with the masses. Only once the flow of blood began and Israelis died at the hands of the security forces' gunfire did Netanyahu understand that his assumption that the Palestinians and Arabs did not have other options was baseless. Only then did he understand that he must get used to new realities. Revolutionary violence, which enjoys international legitimacy as a struggle against occupation, is the option that must be put on the discussion table. This is the option that will bring about a breakthrough in the current impasse and breathe new life into the agreements."

* **"All options are open"**: "All options are open for defending the land of the Palestinian people." —PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, at a forum in Khan Yunis. (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah*, April 30, 1997)

* **"With blood and fire"**: "I now see the walls of Jerusalem, the mosques of Jerusalem, the churches of Jerusalem. My brothers! With blood and with spirit we will redeem you, Palestine! Yes, with blood and with spirit we will redeem you, Palestine!"

—Arafat, addressing a crowd in Tulkarm, broadcast on PA Radio on April 28, 1997. (*Israel Government Press Office*)

* **“I will kill”**: From a poem read on the PLO’s Voice of Palestine on May 22, 1997 during the morning news program “A New Day.” It was read as part of a series of “Songs of the Homeland.” The same poem was read on the Voice of Palestine during the Sept. 1996 riots. “O our beautiful, precious land imprisoned in a cage and surrounded by wolves, My shaded garden, the cruel tormentors have destroyed you, and the dogs have settled in you, O Jerusalem, O my city, With my notebook and pencil and the fire of my rifle I will shatter the cage, I will kill the wolves and plant the flag, The dogs will not bark in the heroic cities.” (*Israel Government Press Office*)

* **“Ready to sacrifice again”**: “We did not pay with the dear blood of thousands of martyrs so that the Israeli government could establish settlements on our land in the name of peace. We have sacrificed in the past and we will be ready to sacrifice again in the future for the sake of liberating our land and returning it to the bosom of the Palestinian nation and for the sake of establishing an independent Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem.” —from a statement issued by the PA cabinet in Nablus on May 16, 1997 (PA Radio, May 17, 1997)

* **“We know only one word: *jihad*”**: Speaking at a rally in Dehaishe, near Bethlehem, on October 21, 1996, Arafat said: “We know only one world, *jihad*, *jihad*, *jihad*. Whoever does not like it can

drink from the Dead Sea or from the Sea of Gaza.” (*Yediot Ahronot*, Oct. 23, 1996)

* **“Prepare the stones”**: Arafat to a delegation of Hebron Arab notables urging the use of violence: “Have you run out of stones in Hebron? Prepare the stones.” (Israel Radio, Oct. 21, 1996)



A recent Palestinian Arab riot

* **“Ready in every way”**: Arafat in an October 10, 1996 speech before the Palestinian Council: “Negotiations have achieved nothing up until now. As a consequence, we must be ready in every way to confront all possibilities. You must understand what I mean by this.” (*Near East Report*, Oct. 21, 1996)

* **“Mass confrontations”**: Arafat, in an interview with the Palestinian newspaper *Al-Ayyam*, called for “mass confrontations in all cities and villages to confront the Israeli aggression against Al-Aksa mosque.” (cited in the *New York Times*, Oct. 4, 1996)

* **“Kill and be killed”**: Arafat to Palestinian security forces in Gaza on September 24, 1996: “They will fight for Allah, and they will kill and be killed, and this is a solemn oath...Our blood is cheap compared with the cause which has brought

us together and which at moments separated us, but shortly we will meet again in heaven... Palestine is our land and Jerusalem is our capital.” (*Ma’ariv*, Oct. 4, 1996)

* **“Return to armed struggle”**: On August 30, 1996, Muhammad Dahlan, a senior Gaza PA security official, said: “The Palestinian Authority does not exclude the return to the armed struggle, and it will then use its weapons.” (*Jerusalem Report*, Nov. 28, 1996)

* **“Use all means”**: On August 6, Arafat called Israel a “demon” and urged Arabs to use “all means” at their disposal to fight Israel. (*New York Times*, Aug. 7, 1996)

* **“Rise up with all your might”**: PA Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Sheikh Ikram Sabri in a sermon at Al-Aqsa Mosque: Palestinians should “rise up with all their might against the occupation.” (*Jerusalem Post*, June 14, 1996)



*Palestinian Arab rioters
making the “V” for victory sign*

* **“We have 30,000 men”**: Arafat threatening Israel with violence: “If Israel rejects our demands there will be a reaction and we have a 30,000 man armed force.” (Israel Radio, June 7, 1996)

* **“All acts of violence will return”**: PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath at a symposium: “If the negotiations reach a dead end, we shall go back to the struggle and strife, as we did for 40 years. It is not beyond our capabilities

... If and when Israel will say, ‘That’s it, we won’t talk about Jerusalem, we won’t return refugees, we won’t dismantle settlements, and we won’t retreat from borders,’ then all the acts of violence will return. Except that this time we’ll have 30,000 armed Palestinian soldiers who will operate in areas in which we have unprecedented elements of freedom” (*Jerusalem Post*, March 15, 1996)

* **“From the small *jihad* to the great *jihad*”**: Selim Zaanoun, acting chairman of the Palestinian National Council, at Arafat’s inauguration: “We are returning to Palestine, and we are passing from the small *Jihad* to the great *Jihad*.” (*Jerusalem Post*, Feb. 13, 1996)

* **“Sacrifice the last boy and girl”**: “The Israelis are mistaken if they think we do not have an alternative to negotiations. By Allah, I swear they are wrong. The Palestinian people are prepared to sacrifice the last boy and the last girl so that the Palestinian flag will be flown over the walls, the churches and the mosques of Jerusalem.”

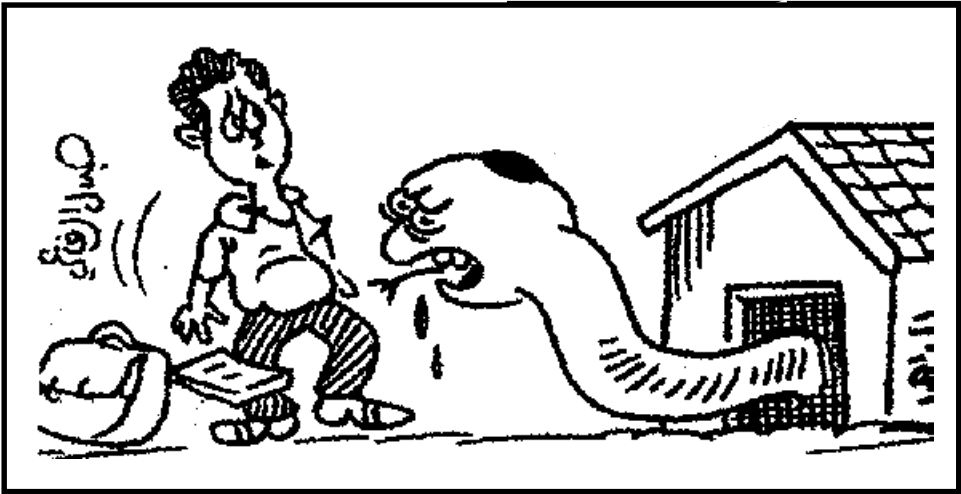
—Arafat, speech on August 6, 1995 at a party celebrating the birth of his daughter, quoted in the *Jerusalem Post*, Sept. 7, 1995

* **“Soul and blood”**: Arafat in a speech in Gaza: “The soul and the blood we shall sacrifice for thee Palestine.” (*Jerusalem Post*, Aug. 3, 1995)

* **“The weapon of *jihad*”:** Speaking to Arab laborers in Gaza in January 1995, Arafat said: “All of us are willing to be martyrs along the way, until our flag flies over Jerusalem, the capital of Palestine. Let no one think they can scare us with weapons, for we have mightier weapons—the weapon of faith, the weapon of martyrdom, the weapon of *jihad*.” (*Parade* magazine, June 25, 1995)

alternative but that called for by the Islamist Palestinian opposition—the military option.” (*Agence France Presse*, May 1, 1995)

* **“No option other than *jihad*”:** The Gaza Arab newspaper *Al Watan*, reported on February 28, 1995, that PA cabinet minister Nabil Sha’ath said: “In response to a



*From a cartoon in Arafat's official newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadidah:
The Jew depicted as a large, menacing snake, wearing a yarmulke,
with blood dripping from its mouth*

* **“*Jihad* via deaths”:** In a speech at Al Azhar University in Gaza on June 19, 1995, Arafat said: “The commitment still stands and the oath is still valid: that we will continue this long *jihad*, this difficult *jihad*...via deaths, via battles.” (*Jerusalem Post*, Aug. 3, 1995)

* **“Liberate Jerusalem by *jihad*”:** The PA-appointed Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, said: “Jerusalem is under occupation and the Moslems of the world should liberate it by *jihad* and put it under Islamic and Arabic authority.” (*Jerusalem Post*, May 3, 1995)

* **“The military option”:** Faisal Hussein in an interview with the Egyptian weekly *Al-Arabi*: “If Israel continues to undermine the path to peace there will be no other

question on steps the Palestinian Authority might take to confront Israeli measures, Sha’ath stressed that the Palestinian Authority is waging a struggle at the negotiating table. If it becomes certain that the negotiations process with Israel is ending in failure, there will be no option other than *jihad*.”

* **“A nation of *jihad*.”** In a speech relayed by telephone to a rally in Hebron, and broadcast on the PA’s Voice of Palestine Radio on February 14, 1995, Arafat said: “Our nation is a nation of sacrifice, struggle, and *jihad*.”

* **“Until the last martyr”:** Arafat in a speech on the 30th anniversary of Fatah’s founding: “We are going to continue the Palestinian revolution until the last martyr

to create a Palestinian state” and “We are all seekers of martyrdom...I say to the martyrs who died, to the martyrs who are still alive, we hold to the oath, we hold to the commitment to continue the revolution...” (PA Television, Jan. 1, 1995)

* **“Our people’s *jihad*.”** In a 1994 speech to the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Arafat said: “The glorious Islamic solidarity together with our people’s *jihad* is an additional inducement for the realization of our hopes.” (Israeli Government Report, November 27, 1996, quoting the PA Radio, December 15, 1994)

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* **“Continue with *jihad*”:** At a rally in Gaza, Arafat declared: “Our people will continue with its *jihad*.” (*Ha’aretz*, Nov. 22, 1994)

* **“Continue the war”:** Arafat in a letter to Saddam Hussein: “The Palestinian people will continue their war until the establishment of a state whose capital will be Jerusalem.” (*Yediot Ahronot*, July 24, 1994)

* **“We sanctify the weapons”:** Jibril Rajoub in a lecture at Bethlehem University: “We sanctify the weapons found in the possession of the national factions which are directed against the occupation ... If there are those who oppose the agreement with Israel, the gates are open to them to intensify the armed struggle.” (*Yediot Ahronot*, May 27, 1994)

* **“The *jihad* will continue”:** In a speech in a Johannesburg mosque on May 10, 1994, Arafat said: “The *jihad* will continue,

and Jerusalem is not for the Palestinian people, it is for all the Muslim people ... You have to come to fight and to start the *jihad* to liberate Jerusalem.” (*Ha’aretz*, May 23, 1994)

* **“Return to the armed struggle”:** Jibril Rajoub: “We shall distribute weapons to the Palestinian residents and return to the armed struggle.” (*Yediot Ahronot*, March 4, 1994)

* **“The *intifada* is continuing”:** Arafat during a speech in Gaza: “The heroic *intifada*, which has entered its seventh year, is an extension of the 29-year old Palestinian revolution and will go on relentlessly ... It is continuing, continuing, continuing.” (Associated Press, Jan. 7, 1994)

* **“Revolution until victory”:** Arafat in a radio address: “It is a revolution until victory, until victory, until victory.” (Algiers, PA Radio, Dec. 31, 1993)

* **“We have not given up the rifle”:** Faisal Hussein in a speech at Bir Zeit University on November 22, 1993: “Everything you see and hear today is for tactical and strategic reasons. We have not given up the rifle. We still have armed gangs in the areas and if we do not get our state we will take them out of the closet and fight again.” (*Ma’ariv*, Nov. 24, 1993)

* **“Continue the struggle”:** Voice of Palestine report: “Yasser Arafat stressed the continuation of struggle until the Palestinian flag is hoisted over Jerusalem’s walls.” (PA Radio, Oct. 24, 1993)

* **“Only a stone’s throw away”:** Arafat in a speech on Jordanian TV: “Palestine is only a stone’s throw away for a small Palestinian boy or girl.” (Jordanian TV, Sept. 13, 1993)

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