Pro-Israel groups press Congress to help end ‘hateful content’ in UNRWA schools

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Several pro-Israel and Jewish organizations are urging U.S. legislators to pressure the United Nations to end hateful anti-Semitic content found in the curriculum of schools run by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

The letter to Congress—spearheaded by Hadassah and signed by more than a dozen leading Jewish and pro-Israel groups, including the Anti-Defamation League, B’nai B’rith, the Orthodox Union, the Zionist Organization of America, the Combat Anti-Semitism Movement and Christians United for Israel—calls on lawmakers to urge “U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres to shield students in U.N.-run schools from lessons steeped in anti-Semitism and supportive of violence.”

“It is critical that we stand together to demand systemic reform to educational materials used by … UNRWA before one more child is taught from textbooks riddled with hateful lessons,” the letter states.

It cited a recent [report by IMPACT-se](https://www.jns.org/report-reveals-unrwa-continues-to-anti-semitic-hate-incitement-in-schools/) that discovered how UNRWA staff have authored and disseminated educational content, which in some cases was “[more egregious](https://www.jns.org/us-lawmakers-reintroduce-bill-to-address-hate-violence-in-palestinian-schools/) than that of the Palestinian Authority.”

It further adds that “Guterres can play an important role to ensure transparency, accountability and oversight that will stop the decades-long practice of teaching children to hate.”

The letter comes as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken [announced](https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-restores-assistance-for-the-palestinians/) it is restoring $150 million in [aid](https://www.jns.org/bidens-push-for-restoring-aid-to-palestinians-faces-legal-hurdles-and-a-brewing-political-crisis/) to UNRWA that had been cut under the Trump administration.