**PA libel continues: Terrorist stabbers are “unarmed” victims of Israeli “executions”**

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Several Palestinian terrorists have carried out stabbing attacks in the last few days, injuring Israelis. Some of the terrorists were shot and killed during their attacks. The violent acts of terror have gone unaddressed by Palestinian leaders, and have even been denied by some. Instead, Palestinian leaders describe the perpetrators as victims and accuse Israel of carrying out "summary executions."

The official PA news agency WAFA announced that Israel is carrying out "summary executions and daily killing[s]" of "unarmed Palestinians," and claimed several "citizens" had been "executed... on pretexts and empty excuses." [WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

PA Minister of Justice Ali Abu Diyak chose to ignore and even deny the stabbings, calling Israel's response to the spike in terror attacks "a one-sided campaign" and categorizing the stabbings as "baseless excuses":

"[PA] Minister of Justice Ali Abu Diyak said... in a statement that he published: 'Israel is waging a one-sided campaign against our people, and is intensifying the crimes of murder and aggression. In less than a week, it has committed many crimes of summary executions'...

He [Abu Diyak] emphasized that most of the victims of these crimes are youth and children, and that the occupation is using the excuse that they tried to stab or throw rocks at the occupation soldiers, and other baseless excuses."

[WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

One of these allegedly "unarmed" citizens was a Jordanian terrorist who tried to stab Israeli border police officers at the Damascus Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs released footage of the attack in which terrorist Sa'id Al-Amru can be seen attacking the officers with a knife in each hand. [Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs YouTube channel, Sept. 19, 2016]

Official PA TV was quick to portray this as a deliberate "targeted" killing to deter other Arabs from coming to Jerusalem and "defending" it:

**Official PA TV host:** "The targeting of Jordanian Martyr Sa'id Al-Amru (i.e., terrorist stabber) is also a message against all of the calls to our Arab brothers to visit Jerusalem. [It is] an attempt to reduce these visits and in a sense prevent them, so that the Arabs will not defend Jerusalem and Palestine and the besieged Palestinian people that lives under the occupation."

[Official PA TV, *Good Morning Jerusalem*, Sept. 17, 2016

A PA official interviewed on the program supported this claim:

**Deputy Governor of Jerusalem District Abdallah Siyam:** "It is exactly a hijacking of Jerusalem, and an attempt to alter the nature... of Jerusalem. The occupation wants to accustom the [Arab] citizens to the idea that there is a permanent danger in Jerusalem and it would be better for you not to come to Jerusalem."

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Likewise, PA TV News stated Israel had "executed" the terrorist:

**PA TV newsreader:** "Occupation soldiers this afternoon executed the 28-year-old Sa'id Al-Amru, who holds Jordanian citizenship, in the area of the Damascus Gate [in Jerusalem] under the pretext that he tried to carry out a stabbing operation."

[Official PA TV News, Sept. 16, 2016]

Another terrorist stabber, Hatem Al-Shaloudi, can be seen on security camera footage pulling out a knife and stabbing an Israeli soldier [Israeli TV Channel 2, Sept. 17, 2016]:

As with the other stabber, PA TV claimed Israel had "executed" terrorist Hatem Al-Shaloudi "under the pretext that he had stabbed a soldier":

**Official PA TV newsreader:** "The occupation forces executed the 25-year-old young man Hatem Al-Shaloudi by shooting him with automatic weapons in the Tel Rumeida area in the center of Hebron, under the pretext that he had stabbed a soldier, lightly injuring him."

**Official PA TV reporter:** "The chain of Israeli crimes against residents of the Hebron district has not ended. Especially [not] the summary executions there, as the occupation army continues its intentional policy of killing Palestinian residents, using the same pretexts and excuses."

 [Official PA TV News, Sept. 17, 2016]

The official PA daily even sowed doubt about the attack, stating that Israel "claimed as usual" that a stabbing had taken place:

"The occupation army claimed, as usual, that young Al-Shaloudi stabbed a soldier at Tel Rumeida."

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

The PA libel that Israel deliberately "targets" and "executes" innocent Palestinians without justification has been repeated constantly in recent days by PA and Fatah leaders. PA Minister of Justice Ali Abu Diyak referred to Israel's killing of two stabbers, Amir Jamal Al-Rajabi and Muhannad Jamil Al-Rajabi, as "organized state terror and additional proof that Israel is continuing to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity."

Amir Jamal Al-Rajabi and Muhannad Jamil Al-Rajabi were two terrorists, who on Sept. 19, 2016, stabbed and wounded an Israeli border police officer near the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. The two terrorists were shot and killed by Israeli officers during the attack.

The PLO Department for Jerusalem Affairs stated that the killing of terrorist Al-Shaloudi was an example of Israel's "summary executions" that constitute "organized Israeli terror." [WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

The Palestinian National Council, which is the legislative body of the PLO, encouraged Palestinians to "defend" themselves, and to "escalate the popular struggle":

"The Palestinian National Council (i.e., legislative body of the PLO) called on our people to defend itself from the Israeli terror... In a press release by its chairman, Salim Al-Za'anoun, the council yesterday [Sept. 17, 2016] called on the Palestinian factions and forces, associations, and unions to escalate the popular struggle against the occupation, its aggression, and its crimes."

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

[Palestinian Media Watch](http://www.palwatch.org/) has documented that terms like "popular struggle," "popular resistance," and "peaceful uprising" are used by Palestinian leaders to refer to many forms of "resistance," including the use of violence. Referring to the Palestinian terror wave in November 2015, which at the time had already murdered 14 Israelis and wounded 167 in 65 stabbings and 8 shootings, PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas announced on PA TV that it was a "[peaceful uprising](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=16437)." Similarly, a Fatah spokesman stated in December 2015, during the terror wave, that Fatah was leading the "[popular resistance](https://www.palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=1095&doc_id=17181)" in "the Jerusalem uprising."

The Jerusalem branch of the Fatah Movement emphasized in a statement two days ago that "the occupation forces are targeting the blood of the Palestinians and doing as they please with it..." and warned that this would have "serious consequences," possibly alluding to an escalation of the violence. Fatah Movement Secretary in Jerusalem Adnan Ghaith repeated the libel that Israel targets Palestinians deliberately:

"Our Palestinian people has turned into a direct target for summary executions and cold-blooded murder for the occupation forces, who carry out crimes before the eyes and ears of the entire world, without anyone acting to stop these racist crimes."

 [WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

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In another statement, Fatah also implicitly threatened to use violence against Israel. The head of the Information Committee of the Fatah Mobilization and Organization Commission Munir Al-Jaghoub "warned" Israel against "continuing the executions," stating that Fatah would "not agree to make do with counting the Martyrs":

"Head of the Information Committee of the Fatah Mobilization and Organization Commission Munir Al-Jaghoub said that the level of the fascism and terror that Israel has reached today only proves to us all that it is only specializing in the cold-blooded execution of Palestinians... [He] warned the occupation government against the continuation of the murders, arrests, and executions. He said: 'The Fatah Movement - as a faction that represents the first line of the many members of the Palestinian people that believes in popular resistance - will not agree to make do with counting the Martyrs (Shahids) who are falling as a result of the acts of the criminal occupation.'"

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Sept. 20, 2016]

These PA libels - that [Israel fabricates stabbing attacks](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=16088) and "[executes unarmed Palestinians](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=15985)" for no reason were also heard during the terror wave that started last year in September and continued with numerous stabbings, shootings, and car ramming attacks in 2016, and which had murdered 40 people (36 Israelis, 1 Palestinian, 2 Americans and 1 Eritrean) and wounded hundreds by July 2016.

***The following are longer excerpts of the reports mentioned above.***
***A list of the Palestinian terror attacks between Sept. 16 and 20, 2016 are listed below:***

**Official PA TV newsreader:**"The occupation executes three residents (i.e., terrorists who carried out stabbing and car ramming attack) of occupied Jerusalem and Hebron, and the [PA] presidential office calls for urgent international involvement."

**Official PA TV reporter:** "Occupation soldiers shot at a Palestinian car near the settlement of Kiryat Arba, which is located on the [Hebron] district's land, under the pretext of a car ramming operation being carried out. This led to the Martyrdom-death (Istish'had) of young Firas Muhammad Al-Khaddour and the wounding of his sister (sic., fiancée)...
 In another incident, Young Muhammad Kayed Al-Rajabi (i.e., terrorist stabber, wounded 1) became a Martyr (Shahid) when he was shot by occupation soldiers, which led to his Martyrdom-death in the Tel Rumeida region in the center of Hebron, under the pretext that he carried out a stabbing operation..."

 **Official PA TV newsreader:** "In occupied Jerusalem, Occupation soldiers this afternoon executed the 28-year-old Sa'id Al-Amru, who holds Jordanian citizenship, in the area of the Damascus Gate [in Jerusalem] under the pretext that he tried to carry out a stabbing operation...
 Official [PA] Palestinian Government Spokesman Yusuf Al-Mahmoud... said that the executions of three citizens by the occupation forces in Hebron and Jerusalem, among them a Jordanian citizen, over the last several hours emphasizes that Israel is continuing the chain of vile crimes that it is carrying out and that are considered war crimes, crimes against humanity, and in violation of international law."

[Official PA TV News, Sept. 16, 2016]

**Official PA TV host:**"The targeting of Jordanian Martyr Sa'id Al-Amru (i.e., terrorist stabber) is also a message against all of the calls to our Arab brothers to visit Jerusalem. [It is] an attempt to reduce these visits and in a sense prevent them, so that the Arabs will not defend Jerusalem and Palestine and the besieged Palestinian people that lives under the occupation. How do you understand this message?"
 **Deputy Governor of Jerusalem District, Abdallah Siyam:** "It is exactly a hijacking of Jerusalem, and an attempt to alter the nature... of Jerusalem. The occupation wants to accustom the [Arab] citizens to the idea that there is a permanent danger in Jerusalem and it would be better for you not to come to Jerusalem."

 [Official PA TV, Palestine This Morning, Sept. 17, 2016]

**Official PA TV newsreader:**"The occupation forces executed the 25-year-old young man Hatem Al-Shaloudi (i.e., terrorist stabber), by shooting him with automatic weapons in the Tel Rumeida area in the center of Hebron, under the pretext that he had stabbed a soldier, lightly injuring him."

**Official PA TV reporter:** "The chain of Israeli crimes against residents of the Hebron district has not ended. Especially [not] the summary executions there, as the occupation army continues its intentional policy of killing Palestinian residents, using the same pretexts and excuses."

 [Official PA TV News, Sept. 17, 2016]

Headline: "The [PA] Minister of Justice: The executions of the Al-Rajabi Martyrs is proof that Israel is continuing to commit war crimes and conduct organized terror"

"[PA] Minister of Justice Ali Abu Diyak said that the crime of the executions of child Martyr (Shahid) Amir Jamal Al-Rajabi (17) and Martyr Muhannad Jamil Al-Rajabi (21) (i.e., terrorist stabbers, wounded 1) next to the Ibrahimi Mosque (i.e., Cave of the Patriarchs) in Hebron today (Monday) [Sept. 19, 2016] is organized state terror, and additional proof that Israel is continuing to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity...

The minister of justice added in a statement that he published: 'Israel is waging a one-sided campaign against our people, and is intensifying the crimes of murder and aggression (sic., Israel is responding to an escalation in Palestinian terror attacks). In less than a week, it has committed many crimes of summary executions; occupation forces killed Martyr Muhammad Abd Al-Fattah Sarahin (i.e., wanted terrorist), who was shot and died as a Martyr in his house in the town of Beit Ula last Thursday [Sept. 15, 2016], and after him came a procession of Martyrs on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday young Muhammad Thalaji Kayed Al-Rajabi (18) (i.e., terrorist stabber, wounded 1) in the Tel Rumeida region in the center of Hebron, and Martyr Firas Musa Muhammad Al-Khaddour (18) (i.e., terrorist who carried out a car ramming attack, wounded 3) from Bani Na'im that is next to the entrance to the settlement of Kiryat Arba in Hebron, died as Martyrs.'

He continued: 'Likewise, the young Jordanian Sa'id Hayel Al-Amru (28) (i.e., terrorist stabber) died as a Martyr... He entered Palestine in order to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque on Thursday, and died as a Martyr on Friday, Sept. 16, at the Damascus Gate in occupied Jerusalem. Afterwards Hatem Abd Al-Hafiz Abd Al-Rahim Al-Shaloudi (25) (i.e., terrorist stabber, wounded 1) died as a Martyr last Saturday in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron.

Abu Diyak clarified that the West Bank has turned into a scene of constant crime by the occupation forces. He emphasized that most of the victims of these crimes are youth and children, and that the occupation is using the excuse that they tried to stab or throw rocks at the occupation soldiers, and other baseless excuses."

[WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

Headline: "The Department for Jerusalem Affairs: The summary executions are organized Israeli terror"

"The PLO Department for Jerusalem Affairs said: 'The summary executions being carried out by the occupation authorities are organized Israeli terror...' The department, in its announcement that was published today, Monday [Sept. 19, 2016], warned against the danger inherent in the Israeli occupation authorities continuing their criminal and racist violations against Jerusalem and the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and their carrying out additional crimes through the incessant perpetration of summary executions, which were expressed this morning in the shooting of a young man from Jerusalem (i.e., terrorist stabber Hatem Al-Shaloudi, wounded 1) in the Herod's Gate region of Jerusalem, which caused him to be seriously wounded."

[WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

Headline: "Fatah: We stand before Israeli fascism that is only specializing in the execution of Palestinians"

"The Fatah Movement held Israel responsible for the clear policy of murder and summary executions of Palestinians. [Fatah added that] through [this policy] it (i.e., Israel) seeks to turn the relationship between the occupation and the defenseless Palestinian citizen into a relationship of blood and murder, which is based on the terrorist fascism from which every occupation soldier who serves the criminal government of [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu feeds.

Head of the Information Committee of the Fatah Mobilization and Organization Commission Munir Al-Jaghoub said that the level of the fascism and terror that Israel has reached today only proves to us all that it is only specializing in the cold-blooded execution of Palestinians at checkpoints, roads, and gates of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Munir Al-Jaghoub warned the occupation government against the continuation of the murders, arrests, and executions. He said: 'The Fatah Movement - as a faction that represents the first line of the many members of the Palestinian people that believes in popular resistance - will not agree to make do with counting the Martyrs (Shahids) who are falling as a result of the acts of the criminal occupation.'

Al-Jaghoub added: 'We view with severity Israel's return to the method of daily arrests, blocking routes to the traffic of [Palestinian] citizens, and preventing their arrival to their homes and workplaces. [This is] a policy that is no less racist and terrorist than all of the murders that are being committed against us. The escalation that Israel is striving for in all areas of our life will only drag the region into a logic of force and resistance [by the Palestinians] against the logic of murder and racist occupation [by Israel].'"

[Ma'an, independent Palestinian news agency, Sept. 20, 2016]

Headline: "Hatem Al-Shaloudi - the third Martyr in Hebron within 24 hours"

"Hatem Abd Al-Hafiz Abd Al-Rahim Al-Shaloudi, a 26-year-old young man, died as a Martyr (*Shahid*) yesterday morning [Sept. 17, 2016] [when he] was shot by the occupation forces next to the Jabel Al-Rahma Mosque, the entrance to the Tel Rumeida neighborhood in the center of Hebron. Local sources and witnesses conveyed that the occupation soldiers shot a round of bullets towards the Martyr and prevented Red Crescent teams from reaching the site... The occupation army claimed, as usual, that young Al-Shaloudi stabbed a soldier at Tel Rumeida... Martyr Al-Shaloudi is the fourth Martyr in less than 24 hours."

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

*The picture, reprinted from the AFP News Agency, shows the knife used by Al-Shaloudi with the following caption in the official PA daily: "Martyr Al-Shaloudi's blood"*

Headline: "The National Council calls to fight the occupation's terror and its aggression against our people"

"The Palestinian National Council (i.e., the legislative body of the PLO) called on our people to defend itself from the Israeli terror that is being carried out alongside the shameful international silence regarding the crimes of the occupation government, the settlements, and the summary executions, the last instance of which was the execution of young Hatem Al-Shaloudi yesterday morning [Sept. 17, 2016].

In a press release by its chairman, Salim Al-Za'anoun, the council yesterday called on the Palestinian factions and forces, associations, and unions to escalate the popular struggle against the occupation, its aggression, and its crimes. [He added that this is] a natural right, guaranteed by the UN Convention, UN General Assembly resolutions, the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907, and the other conventions and laws, as part of the legitimate right of self-defense."

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

*PMW Note: PA leaders and officials have legitimized Palestinian violence by quoting UN resolution 3236 which "recognizes the right of the Palestinian people to regain its rights by all means." The PA interprets "all means" as including violence against civilians, but has chosen to ignore the continuation of the resolution which states that the use of "all means" should be "in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations..." The UN Charter prohibits targeting civilians, even in war. Chapter 1, Article 1, opens by saying that "international disputes" should be resolved "by peaceful means."*

Headline: "Fatah in Jerusalem: The occupation does as it pleases with the blood of the Palestinians"

"The Jerusalem branch of the Fatah Movement emphasized in its statement today, Monday [Sept. 19, 2016], that the occupation forces are targeting the blood of the Palestinians and doing as they please with it in an intentional and direct manner, which is something that will have serious consequences. The statement comes after the summary executions and daily killing that the [Israeli] security forces have carried out against unarmed Palestinians (i.e., terrorists attacking with knives or in car ramming attacks), as seven citizens were executed within a week on pretexts and empty excuses, the last of which was the targeting of young Ayman Al-Kurd (i.e., terrorist, wounded 2) this morning.

Fatah Movement Secretary in Jerusalem Adnan Ghaith said that our Palestinian people has turned into a direct target for summary executions and cold-blooded murder for the occupation forces, who carry out crimes before the eyes and ears of the entire world, without anyone acting to stop these racist crimes."

[WAFA, official PA news agency, Sept. 19, 2016]

*One of the seven Palestinians referred to was Muhammad Abd Al-Fattah Sarahin, a wanted Palestinian terrorist who was killed while resisting arrest on Sept. 15, 2016. Israeli special forces arrived at Sarahin's home in Beit Ula northwest of Hebron to arrest him, and when he tried to escape the forces shot and killed him. PMW has been unable to verify the nature of his crimes.*

Headline: "Calls for unity against the escalation of the executions and settlement by the occupation"

"The Fatah Movement called to our people to unify and unite against the worsening Israeli aggression, the massacres and crimes against our young people particularly in Hebron and Jerusalem, and emphasized that what the occupation state is committing is organized state terror whose goal is to blow up the situation, an Israeli attempt to force a security solution instead of a political solution, and a response to the international efforts to end the occupation and implement international law.

[Fatah] Movement Spokesman Osama Al-Qawasmi yesterday [Sept. 19, 2016] in a press statement... emphasized that the fact that Israel is executing Palestinians at checkpoints is simply the literal carrying out of the orders of the politicians and rulers of Tel Aviv...

Secretary-General of the Palestinian Liberation Front and PLO Executive Committee member Dr. Wasel Abu Yusuf emphasized that the summary executions that are being carried out by the occupation soldiers in the West Bank and occupied Jerusalem will not break the desire of our people to defend its land and support Jerusalem.

Abu Yusuf described the executions as desperate attempts to suppress the popular resistance, and he emphasized that these attempts to murder the young Palestinian men and women in cold blood reveal the Israeli racism and fascism and their goal to break the strength of the resistance. Likewise, he said that these executions constitute a strong incentive for those rising up among our people to continue in the path of the struggle and to deter the terrorist settlers."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, Sept. 20, 2016]

***PMW Note: The rate of terror attacks by Palestinians against Israelis increased again in mid-September 2016. The following are some examples:***

September 16:

**Sa'id Al-Amru** - 28-year-old Jordanian journalist who attacked Israeli border police officers with a knife in each hand, trying to stab them at the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City on Sept. 16, 2016. The officers shot and killed Al-Amru, and found additional knives on his person as well. Jordan condemned the officers' killing of Al-Amru and denied that he tried to carry out a terror attack. However, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented security camera footage of the incident clearly showing Al-Amru trying to stab the officers.

**Muhammad Kayed Al-Rajabi**  - 15-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed and wounded an Israeli soldier at the Jilbar checkpoint in Hebron on Sept. 16, 2016. In response Israeli soldiers shot and killed Al-Rajabi.

**Firas and Raghad Al-Khaddour** - Palestinian terrorists, an engaged couple, who carried out a car ramming attack against 3 Israeli youth, injuring them, at the entrance to Kiryat Arba on Sept. 16, 2016. Firas was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers and Raghad was injured and transferred to an Israeli hospital. Raghad left a will stating her reason for participating in the attack was that her sister, Majd Al-Khaddour, was killed at the same junction on June 24, 2016, when she carried out a car ramming attack.

September 17:

**Hatem Al-Shaloudi** - 25-year-old Palestinian terrorist who stabbed and injured an Israeli soldier in Hebron on Sept. 17, 2016. Al-Shaloudi was shot and killed in response by Israeli soldiers. Security camera footage of the incident clearly shows Al-Shaloudi stabbing the soldier.

September 19:

**Ayman Al-Kurd** - 20-year-old Palestinian terrorist with Israeli resident status who stabbed and wounded 2 Israeli police officers near Herod's Gate of Jerusalem's Old City on Sept. 19, 2016. One of the officers shot and wounded Al-Kurd.

**Amir Jamal Al-Rajabi and Muhannad Jamil Al-Rajabi** - Two Palestinian terrorists and relatives, aged 18 and 21 respectively, who on Sept. 19, 2016, stabbed and wounded an Israeli border police officer next to the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. The two terrorists were shot and killed by Israeli officers during the attack.