

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
The Secretary-General
The United Nations
New York, NY 10017
U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

UN Watch is alarmed to see that no less than three United Nations agencies are funding a Palestinian organization which glorifies the terrorist Baha Alyan who shot and stabbed Richard Lakin, the 78-year-old American-Israeli peace activist whom you yourself visited in his hospital bed in October, and who later died from his wounds.

According to *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, “Dozens of female activists and mothers took part in a chain of readers to commemorate Martyr Baha Alyan [...] in the presence of the Martyr’s parents. The activity was held in Ibn Rashed square in the center of Hebron, by the Rural Women's Development Society...” (Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, March 22, 2016, as translated by Palestinian Media Watch.)

The organizer of this sickening commemoration of a murderer, the “Rural Women's Development Society,” acknowledges on its website that its funders include three UN agencies: UNDP, the United Nations Population Fund and the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). (See <http://rwds.ps/about-rwds/donors-and-partners/>.)

We urge you to condemn the UN funding of this terrorism-supporting organization, and to take immediate action to end it.

Sincerely,



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