

# UNRWA STAFF INCITEMENT AND ANTISEMITISM

## FOLLOW-UP REPORT TO UNRWA DONOR STATES AHEAD OF MANDATE RENEWAL

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### Introduction

Ahead of the upcoming United Nations General Assembly vote on the renewal of UNRWA's mandate, UN Watch calls on all donors—including the EU, Germany, the UK, Sweden, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Canada, the Netherlands, Spain and France—to reconsider their contributions to the agency. UNRWA not only faces severe allegations of corruption at the highest levels, as revealed by a recently-leaked UN ethics report,<sup>1</sup> but also radicalizes Palestinian youth by indoctrinating them with an ideology that denies Israel's existence, crude antisemitism, and the glorification of terrorism.

Between September 2015 and April 2017, UN Watch published five separate reports exposing a total of 90 UNRWA staff and school Facebook pages containing antisemitism and terrorist incitement. Regrettably, although UNRWA received our reports and is well-aware of the issues, it continues to employ school teachers, principals and other staffers who support terrorism and antisemitism. This report exposes 10 new examples of such UNRWA staff Facebook pages in Lebanon, Gaza and Syria.

Our research is well-known to UNRWA which has fundamentally failed to address the issue. Our 2015 reports were reported on by major media such as London's *Sunday Times*. Regrettably, the response of then-UNRWA spokesman Chris Gunness was to lash out at UN Watch, and to deny or downplay the problem. Only after months of sustained media attention did the UN spokesman in New York announce quietly that a few employees had been suspended.<sup>2</sup> The identities of the perpetrators, or the duration of their suspensions, were never disclosed.

Following the publication of our February 2017 report, UNRWA came under fire for its culture of hate from various international media outlets, including *Wall Street Journal* TV, Europe's highest-circulation newspaper *Bild*, and Switzerland's *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *SonntagsZeitung* and *Basler Zeitung*. Citing UN Watch's report, Swiss Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter took the floor in parliament to condemn UNRWA, stating that his ministry had "opened discussions with UNRWA about the cases mentioned."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Swiss suspend payments to Palestinian refugee agency*, SWISSINFO (July 30, 2019), [https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/unrwa\\_swiss-suspend-payments-to-palestinian-refugee-agency/45129342](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/unrwa_swiss-suspend-payments-to-palestinian-refugee-agency/45129342).

<sup>2</sup> *UNRWA suspends employees after UN Watch exposed incitement to anti-Semitic violence*, UN WATCH, Oct. 22, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> *Swiss FM condemns UNRWA teacher's incitement in 'strongest terms', but defends organization*, UN WATCH (March 7, 2017), <https://unwatch.org/swiss-fm-condemns-unrwa-teachers-incitement-strongest-terms-defends-organization/>.

In response, UNRWA immediately went on the defensive and into denial mode. In two separate statements, the agency attacked *Bild* for an “apparent attempt to undermine – on false premises – efforts to preserve the dignity of 5.3 million people,” referring to the Palestinians classified by UNRWA as refugees.<sup>4</sup> UNRWA issued statements claiming that it “takes allegations of neutrality violations with the utmost seriousness,” and publicly condemned “all forms of racism.” UNRWA further asserted it would “take disciplinary action where appropriate,” but again refused to detail whether any disciplinary measures had been or would be taken and against whom.

In April 2017, UN Watch emailed its report directly to UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl, but never received any response.

In a 1 December 2018 fact-sheet titled “UNRWA and neutrality” posted on UNRWA’s website, an apparent reaction to our reports, UNRWA touted a new mandatory online training course for employees on social media and neutrality.<sup>5</sup>

However, whatever disciplinary action or social media training UNRWA has undertaken plainly was not effective. Today’s UN Watch report shows that the conduct continues unabated, and even includes posts by a teacher featured in our last report, Mohammed Alsayyed (Profile L1).

That UNRWA employees continue to publicly display Facebook posts which celebrate radical Islamic terrorism and incite antisemitism demonstrates that UNRWA is failing to take the issue seriously, and that its employees know that.

The promotion of racial hatred and violence by UNRWA staff constitutes a gross breach of UNRWA employees’ neutrality obligations as enshrined in the UN Charter and in UN and UNRWA Staff Rules and Regulations.

Even more alarming than the Facebook posts themselves, however, is the fact that UNRWA systematically hires and employs racist staff and places the education of impressionable Palestinian youth in their hands.

In this regard, it is noteworthy that the international norm for dealing with racism among teachers is zero tolerance. Indeed, in other jurisdictions educators are routinely fired for incitement to antisemitism, in cases comparable or even less severe to those published by UNRWA teachers, as demonstrated by the examples below:

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<sup>4</sup> *Statement by Chris Gunness About Article in Bild Published on 3 February 2017*, UNRWA (Feb. 4, 2017), <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-chris-gunness-about-article-bild-published-3-february-2017>; *Statement on Neutrality*, UNRWA (Feb. 4, 2017), <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-neutrality>.

<sup>5</sup> *UNRWA and Neutrality*, UNRWA (Dec. 1, 2018), [https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/unrwa\\_neutrality\\_factsheet\\_2018\\_final\\_eng.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/unrwa_neutrality_factsheet_2018_final_eng.pdf).

- **United Kingdom, May 2019** – Computer-science lecturer at the University of Essex dismissed for antisemitic posts on Facebook, including Holocaust denial and opposition to formation of a Jewish society on campus.<sup>6</sup>
- **Australia, February 2019** – Lecturer at Sydney University fired for showing students an image of the Israeli flag with a swastika on it.<sup>7</sup>
- **United States, January 2019** – English teacher in Seattle fired for spreading antisemitic messages at school.<sup>8</sup>
- **Canada, November 2018** – Principal of girls' school in Canada fired for putting on modern adaptation of Merchant of Venice which exaggerated the antisemitic sentiment in the original play and was highly offensive to Jewish students.<sup>9</sup>
- **Canada, March 2017** – Teaching assistant at Canada's Ryerson University fired for antisemitic remarks at local mosque, including a call to "purify Al-Aqsa Mosque from the filth of the Jews."<sup>10</sup>
- **United States, February 2017** – Pre-school teacher in Arlington, Virginia, fired for antisemitic tweets, including a tweet stating that not enough Jews died in the Holocaust.<sup>11</sup>
- **United Kingdom, October 2015** – IT teacher Mahmudul Choudhury banned from the classroom for life after he posted praise for Hitler's murder of Jews on Facebook.<sup>12</sup>

If UNRWA is committed to basic norms of education in its schools, it would not turn a blind eye to gross and systematic incitement to hatred and terror by its teachers.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.timesofisrael.com/uk-lecturer-accused-of-anti-semitism-holocaust-denial-is-dismissed/>.

<sup>7</sup> Aaron Bandler, *Australian University Fires Lecturer for Adding Swastika to Israeli Flag on Lecture Slide*, JEWISH JOURNAL (Feb. 15, 2019), <https://jewishjournal.com/news/world/293990/australian-university-fires-lecturer-for-adding-swastika-to-israeli-flag-on-lecture-slide/>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://mynorthwest.com/1251609/seattle-school-teacher-fired-anti-semitism/>?

<sup>9</sup> Headmistress sacked after 'anti-Semitic' Merchant of Venice offends parents, The Telegraph (Nov. 1, 2018), <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/11/01/former-british-private-school-head-fired-new-role-anti-semitic/>.

<sup>10</sup> Ron Csillag, *Ryerson Fires Teaching Assistant Who Made Anti-Semitic Remarks at Mosque*, CJNI March 1, 2017), <https://www.cjnews.com/news/canada/ryerson-fires-teaching-assistant-made-anti-semitic-remarks-mosque>.

<sup>11</sup> <https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2017/02/22/pre-school-teacher-fired-after-anti-semitic-tweets/>

<sup>12</sup> *Nazi-Sympathizing Teacher Banned From Teaching For Life by Secretary of State*, CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTISEMITISM (Oct. 16, 2015), <https://antisemitism.uk/nazi-sympathising-teacher-banned-from-teaching-for-life-by-secretary-of-state-following-proceedings-instigated-by-campaign-against-antisemitism/>.

We commend UNRWA donors, including Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium and New Zealand, for acting quickly to suspend funds to the organization in response to the recent corruption scandal involving Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl and other senior UNRWA officials.<sup>13</sup> Just as these donors demanded accountability from UNRWA over corruption, donors should demand accountability from UNRWA on neutrality violations in the form of support for terrorism and antisemitism.

## Methodology and Scope of Research

This report is based on information that has been displayed publicly on Facebook, obtained by searching for UNRWA-related key words. Because many Facebook users restrict their posts from the public, UN Watch was not able to examine most UNRWA staff profiles. Furthermore, because UNRWA does not provide a list of their staff, UN Watch researchers limited their review to Facebook users who specifically identified themselves as UNRWA employees.

Accordingly, UN Watch cannot and does not represent that UNRWA neutrality breaches on social media are confined to the examples detailed in this report. The opposite is true. In our assessment, the scope of neutrality breaches by UNRWA staff is significantly higher than that reflected in these 10 cases or in the 90 other cases exposed in our previous reports. If one counts the additional UNRWA employees who publicly endorse or share the offending material, hundreds of UNRWA employees are implicated. Moreover, the report does not cover UNRWA employees who incite racism or violence in the classroom, but who do not post this information to their Facebook profiles.

Were UNRWA itself to examine its employees, on and off Facebook, it can reasonably be estimated that thousands of UNRWA employees would be implicated.

## About UNRWA

In November this year, the General Assembly will vote whether to renew UNRWA's mandate for another three-year term, as the current mandate is set to expire on June 30, 2020.<sup>14</sup> Since the organization was established in December 1949 pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 302(IV),<sup>15</sup> the General Assembly has repeatedly renewed UNRWA's mandate.

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<sup>13</sup> *Switzerland, Netherlands suspend funds to UNRWA following leak of damning ethics report*, I24 NEWS (July 30, 2019), <https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/1564487765-switzerland-suspends-funds-to-unrwa-following-leak-of-damning-ethics-report>; *Tovah Lazaroff, Belgium Suspends UNRWA Funds Following Reports of Ethical Misconduct*, JERUSALEM POST (Aug. 4, 2019), <https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Belgium-suspends-UNRWA-funds-following-reports-of-ethical-misconduct-597561>; *New Zealand suspends funding to UN aid agency for Palestinians*, JTA (Aug. 27, 2019), <https://www.jta.org/quick-reads/new-zealand-suspends-funding-to-un-aid-agency-for-palestinians>.

<sup>14</sup> *Who We Are*, UNRWA (last visited Sep. 4, 2019), <https://www.unrwa.org/who-we-are>.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

As set out in its founding resolution, UNRWA is a UN agency devoted exclusively to the provision of services to Palestinians displaced as a result of Israel's 1948 War of Independence *and their descendants*.<sup>16</sup> Although originally intended to be a temporary aid agency, as noted, its mandate has been repeatedly renewed. UNRWA's main areas of operation include education, health care and social services.<sup>17</sup> UNRWA is funded almost entirely by donations, mostly from governments which, in 2018, supplied about 95% of its budget.<sup>18</sup>

The organization is headed by Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl, now at the center of a major corruption scandal. Deputy Commissioner-General Sandra Mitchell and Chief of Staff Hakam Shahwan quit the organization in July as news of the scandal broke.<sup>19</sup>

Today, UNRWA provides benefits to approximately 5.5 million people designated as refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.<sup>20</sup> According to UNRWA, the organization operates 721 schools with over 526,000 students and 22,475 educational staff, out of approximately 30,000 total staff.<sup>21</sup> One of UNRWA's main stated objectives is to provide basic education to Palestinian youth, to enable them to obtain necessary skills and to impart key values such as dignity and tolerance.<sup>22</sup>

While UNRWA provides important services to the Palestinian population, it is viewed increasingly as "part of the problem," in the words of Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis:

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<sup>16</sup> UNRWA's mandate is broader than that of the UN Refugee Agency which services all other refugees, defined as those fleeing armed conflict or persecution themselves and not including their descendants. See 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, Article I; and 1967 Additional Protocol Relating to Status of Refugees, Article I; see also UNHCR website, available at <http://www.unhcr.org/refugees.html>.

<sup>17</sup> *What We Do*, UNRWA (last visited Sep. 4, 2019), <https://www.unrwa.org/what-we-do>.

<sup>18</sup> *2018 Confirmed Pledges to UNRWA's Programmes*, UNRWA (last visited Sep. 4, 2019), [https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/list\\_of\\_2018\\_pledges\\_by\\_all\\_donors.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/list_of_2018_pledges_by_all_donors.pdf); *Government and EU Pledges to UNRWA's Programmes in 2018 as of 31 December 2018*, UNRWA (last visited Sep. 9, 2019), [https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/pledges\\_of\\_government\\_and\\_eu\\_overall\\_ranking.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/pledges_of_government_and_eu_overall_ranking.pdf).

<sup>19</sup> UN Watch Demands UNRWA Chief Resign, UN WATCH (July 31, 2019), <https://unwatch.org/un-watch-demands-unrwa-chief-resign/>.

<sup>20</sup> *Where We Work*, UNRWA (last visited Sep. 4, 2019), <https://www.unrwa.org/where-we-work>.

<sup>21</sup> *What We Do: Education*, UNRWA (last visited Sep. 4, 2019), <https://www.unrwa.org/what-we-do/education>.

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*



“For a long time, the UNRWA was the solution to this problem, but today it has become part of the problem. It supplies the ammunition to continue the conflict. By supporting the UNRWA, we keep the conflict alive. It’s a perverse logic.”<sup>23</sup>

UNRWA is regarded by some as an impediment to peace because it exacerbates the refugee problem, for example by treating the descendants of those displaced in 1948 as refugees. Questions have been raised about the neutrality of UNRWA facilities and staff.<sup>24</sup> UNRWA came under heavy criticism during the 2014 military conflict between Israel and Hamas when Hamas weapons were found in its schools in Gaza.<sup>25</sup> As recently as October 2017, Hamas terror tunnels were found under UNRWA schools.<sup>26</sup> Hamas operatives have also recruited students from UNRWA schools and served as the chair of UNRWA’s teachers’ union in Gaza.<sup>27</sup> In June 2019, Hamas endorsed the new leadership of that union.<sup>28</sup> In a media report about that event, UNRWA expert Asaf Romirowsky commented that “teachers and administrators at UNRWA schools use the educational platform as a springboard for terrorist ideologies and incitement.”<sup>29</sup>

Astonishingly for a UN humanitarian agency, part of UNRWA’s budget is expressly devoted to anti-Israel advocacy. As UNRWA’s former General Counsel James Lindsay recently explained, 16% of UNRWA’s budget “falls under ‘Support Services,’ including ‘Protection.’ This broad category encompasses activities such as ensuring the safety of women, children, and the disabled, but also promoting ‘the rights of Palestine refugees under international law, through the monitoring and reporting of violations and by engaging in private and public advocacy,’ principally with regard to alleged Israeli

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<sup>23</sup> “Minister: ‘UN aid agency is part of the problem in the Middle East’”, SWISSINFO (May 17, 2018), [https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/palestinian-refugees\\_minister---un-aid-agency-is-part-of-the-problem-in-middle-east-/44124956](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/palestinian-refugees_minister---un-aid-agency-is-part-of-the-problem-in-middle-east-/44124956)

<sup>24</sup> Alexander Joffe and Asaf Romirowsky, *The UN’s Refugee Industry*, NATIONAL POST (Nov. 24, 2016), <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/asaf-romirowsky-and-alexander-joffe-the-united-nations-refugee-industrial-complex>; Tal Bashan, *The Problem with UNRWA*, JERUSALEM POST (Sep. 4, 2014); David Horowitz, *The trouble with UNRWA*, TIMES OF ISRAEL (July 31, 2014), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/the-trouble-with-unrwa/amp/>; Jenifer Rubin, *Is the U.N. making the Palestinian ‘refugee’ problem worse?* WASHINGTON POST (May 23, 2012), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/post/is-the-un-making-the-palestinian-refugee-problem-worse/2012/05/23/gJQAxW0BkU\\_blog.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/post/is-the-un-making-the-palestinian-refugee-problem-worse/2012/05/23/gJQAxW0BkU_blog.html).

<sup>25</sup> David Horowitz, *The trouble with UNRWA*, TIMES OF ISRAEL, July 31, 2014, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/the-trouble-with-unrwa/amp/>.

<sup>26</sup> *Israel’s UN Envoy blasts discovery of Gaza tunnel under UNRWA school*, TIMES OF ISRAEL (Oct. 29, 2017), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israels-un-envoy-blasts-discovery-of-gaza-tunnel-under-unrwa-school/>.

<sup>27</sup> *What’s Wrong with UNRWA and Why it Must be Reformed*, UN WATCH (Jan. 21, 2018), <https://unwatch.org/whats-wrong-unrwa-must-reformed/>.

<sup>28</sup> Eliana Rudee, *Hamas endorsement of UNRWA elections underscores the agency’s inherent flaws*, JNS (June 14, 2019), <https://www.jns.org/hamas-endorsement-of-unrwa-education-elections-underscores-the-agencys-inherent-flaws/>.

<sup>29</sup> *Id.*

actions.”<sup>30</sup> Thus, the UN Development Assistance Framework for Palestine 2018-2022 allocated over \$1.5 million to UNRWA for its anti-Israel advocacy.<sup>31</sup>

This shows that the UNRWA teacher antisemitism and terrorist incitement is a symptom of a systemic problem with the agency.

### **Incitement to Terrorism and Antisemitism Continues to be Pervasive Among UNRWA Staff on Social Media**

Universal values of tolerance and respect certainly do not include incitement to terrorism and antisemitism. Yet today this type of material continues to be found in UNRWA staff Facebook profiles. Since 2015, UN Watch has exposed 100 examples of such posts by UNRWA staff, including the examples in this report. As noted above, UN Watch did not conduct a comprehensive review of UNRWA staff Facebook profiles because of privacy limitations and lack of resources. Were UNRWA to conduct such a review, many more cases would surface.

Examples from this report include:

- **Mudalalah Louz (G1)**, a Gaza school principal whose Facebook profile picture depicts four men violently destroying Israel by piercing the Israeli flag with the spear-shaped flagpole of the Palestinian flag, and who teaches school children that Israeli cities like Jaffa and Acre are part of Palestine.
- **Mohammed Al-Ajrami (G3)**, the Deputy Director of UNRWA’s Gaza office who identifies himself as a member of the PFLP terrorist group, endorses and glorifies PFLP terrorists, and encourages children to pursue a path of terrorism in the fight for Palestine - “Teach your children that the Land can be won back only with a rifle.”
- **Mohammad Alsayyed (L1)**, an assistant head teacher in Lebanon who advocates to eliminate Israel, condones knife and car ramming attacks, and celebrates the terrorist-murderer Marwan Barghouti convicted for his role in terror attacks that killed five Israelis.
- **Nuhad Askoul (L2)**, an UNRWA English teacher who advocates for replacing Israel with Palestine through “armed resistance,” *i.e.*, terrorism.
- **Tayseer Hadeed (S2)**, a civil engineering designer at UNRWA who posts classic antisemitism and venerates terrorists such as Sirhan, the Palestinian assassin of

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<sup>30</sup> James G. Lindsey, *UNRWA Funding Cutoff: What Next?*, THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE (Sep. 6, 2018), <https://unwatch.org/swiss-fm-condemns-unrwa-teachers-incitement-strongest-terms-defends-organization/>

<sup>31</sup> United Nations Development Assistance Framework State of Palestine (2017), [https://www.undp.org/content/dam/papp/docs/Publications/UNDP-papp-research-undaf\\_2018-2022.pdf](https://www.undp.org/content/dam/papp/docs/Publications/UNDP-papp-research-undaf_2018-2022.pdf)

Robert Kennedy and Abdullah Barghouti, the Hamas bombmaker responsible for killing 67 Israelis and injuring hundreds more during the second intifada.

- **Raed Wadi (S3)**, an UNRWA medical officer who endorses rocket attacks against Israeli civilians, honors terrorists like Omar Abu Laila who stabbed an Israeli soldier to death, stole his rifle which he then used to shoot and kill an Israeli father of 12, and encourages further terrorism.

These UNRWA posts are shocking in and of themselves and, of course, should be immediately removed. Yet improper use of social media is merely a symptom of a much deeper problem which must be remedied—the fact that UNRWA employs racist and terror-supporting staff to educate impressionable Palestinian children in the first place.

### **UNRWA Staff are Blatantly Violating UN Rules**

These Facebook posts constitute a gross violation of UN and UNRWA internal policies concerning staff neutrality and impartiality.

Article 101(3) of the UN Charter states that the “paramount consideration” in employing staff is “securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity.” The quality of “integrity” is central to the UN Staff Rules and Staff Regulations, which require staff members to “uphold the highest standards of . . . integrity.” This includes, but is not limited to, “probity, impartiality, fairness, honesty and truthfulness in all matters affecting their work and status.”<sup>32</sup> This value is again reflected in Regulation 1.2(f) requiring staff to remain neutral and impartial, especially with respect to public pronouncements.

Moreover, UNRWA’s own International Staff Regulations expressly incorporate this UN “neutrality rule” for its staff, stating in Regulation 1.4 that staff must “avoid any action and in particular any kind of public pronouncement which may adversely reflect on their status or integrity, independence or impartiality which are required by that status.”<sup>33</sup> As recognized by UNRWA on its website, neutrality is defined as not taking sides in hostilities or engaging in “controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.”<sup>34</sup>

The incendiary Facebook posts by UNRWA personnel supporting, glorifying and legitimizing murderous anti-Israel terrorism and antisemitism is a gross violation of this

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<sup>32</sup> *UN Staff Regulation 1.2(b)*, UN HR PORTAL (Last visited Sep. 10, 2019), <https://hr.un.org/handbook/staff-rules>.

<sup>33</sup> *Area staff regulations*, UNRWA (Jan. 1, 2018), [https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/area\\_staff\\_regulations\\_effective\\_01jan2018.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/area_staff_regulations_effective_01jan2018.pdf).

<sup>34</sup> *UNRWA and neutrality*, UNRWA (Dec. 1, 2018), [https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/unrwa\\_neutrality\\_factsheet\\_2018\\_final\\_eng.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/unrwa_neutrality_factsheet_2018_final_eng.pdf); see also *OCHA on Message: Humanitarian Principles*, UN OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, June 2012, available at [https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/OOM-humanitarianprinciples\\_eng\\_June12.pdf](https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/OOM-humanitarianprinciples_eng_June12.pdf).



duty of neutrality. These UN employees are openly taking sides in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and engaging in political, racial, religious or ideological controversies.

### **UNRWA May Also be in Violation of its Neutrality Obligations**

As a UN humanitarian agency, UNRWA itself may also be in violation of these paramount principles of neutrality. Indeed, on its website, UNRWA proclaims that “neutrality is essential for implementing [its] mandate” to “assist and protect Palestine refugees.”<sup>35</sup> UNRWA further represents that “it has a legal framework for operations that requires neutrality of” staff, third parties, facilities and beneficiaries and notes donor conditions relating to neutrality.<sup>36</sup> This is followed by a list of UNRWA’s “processes and mechanisms” to ensure staff neutrality, including interviews, meetings, monitoring and investigations. But none of this directly addresses the problem of incitement to antisemitism or terrorism (whether online or in the classroom).<sup>37</sup>

While some of the UNRWA staff Facebook posts exposed by UN Watch in the past have since been removed, this fails to address the core problem of UNRWA employing antisemitic and terrorist-supporting teachers in the first place. We are not aware that UNRWA has dismissed any of the staff featured in our previous reports or that it has undertaken a comprehensive review of UNRWA staff social media profiles for inciting material.

UNRWA’s responses show that it is doing the bare minimum to look good—to give the appearance of taking action—while ignoring the magnitude of the problem and its more serious underpinnings: the fact that UNRWA continues to hire and employ these individuals. UNRWA’s failure to take meaningful action on this issue, particularly after having been supplied with documented examples, at the very least renders it complicit in its staff members’ misconduct.

### **Donors Must Act to Ensure UNRWA’s Compliance with Neutrality**

At a minimum, donors like the EU, the UK, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Sweden have a duty to ensure that UNRWA lives up to its obligations as a UN humanitarian organization, including its duty of neutrality, and that it implements its obligations for social media training and accountability for its staff.

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<sup>35</sup> *UNRWA and neutrality*, UNRWA (Dec. 1, 2018), [https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/unrwa\\_neutrality\\_factsheet\\_2018\\_final\\_eng.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/unrwa_neutrality_factsheet_2018_final_eng.pdf).

<sup>36</sup> *Id.*

<sup>37</sup> *Id.*

***Recommendations and Call to Action for Donors:***

In light of the foregoing, UN Watch urges donors to:

- (a) Demand that UNRWA adopt a zero-tolerance policy for employees who incite racism or murder—whether on or offline—by immediately terminating them; and to prominently post on its website these and other actions it is taking to root out this insidious conduct by UN staff;
- (b) Demand that UN Secretary-General António Guterres and UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl immediately condemn their employees' incitement to terrorism and antisemitism;
- (c) Demand that UNRWA conduct a thorough investigation of its facilities and put an immediate stop to all antisemitic or terrorist-inciting activities and images found there;
- (d) Demand that UNRWA undertake a comprehensive review of the social media profiles of all UNRWA staff for content that violates UN and UNRWA neutrality;
- (e) Work with UNRWA to implement effective monitoring and controls to ensure the neutrality of UNRWA facilities and staff and make public its activities in this regard;
- (f) Establish, in concert with other like-minded donor states, an independent, international commission of inquiry with the mandate to examine the nature and extent of incitement to antisemitism and terrorism among UNRWA teachers and other staff, and to recommend remedial action;
- (g) Demand that UNRWA be in full compliance with its neutrality obligations prior to releasing any further funds to UNRWA; and
- (h) Determine and disclose which of the people identified in UN Watch's reports as having posted antisemitism and terrorist incitement on their Facebook profiles is still employed by UNRWA.

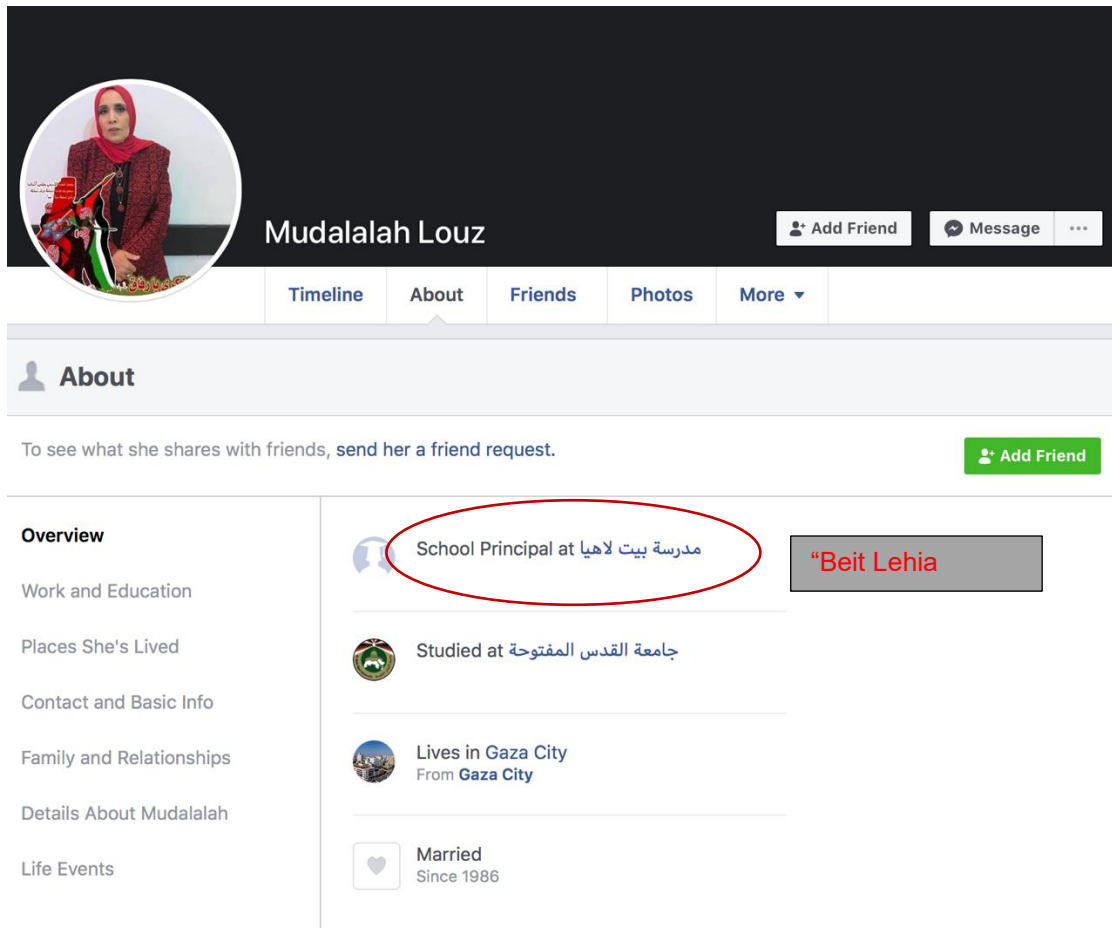
## **I. INCITEMENT BY UNRWA STAFF IN GAZA**

G1 – Mudalalah Louz, Principal at UNRWA

G2 – Mohamed Matar, UNRWA Employee

G3 – Mohammed Al-Ajrami, Deputy Director of UNRWA Office

## G1: MUDALALAH LOUZ, PRINCIPAL AT UNRWA SCHOOL THAT TEACHES SCHOOLCHILDREN TO DESTROY ISRAEL



**Mudalalah Louz**<sup>1</sup> lists herself as the principal at UNRWA's Beit Lahia School in Gaza.<sup>2</sup>

Mudalalah Louz's Facebook profile picture includes a banner that appears to call for the violent destruction of the State of Israel (post. G1.1). She also posted photos of elementary school students participating in a school ceremony in which Israel is replaced by Palestine (see post G1.2).

<sup>1</sup> Mudalalah Louz, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited July 30, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008174260908&lst=100001900823610%3A100008174260908%3A1557731146&sk=timeline>.

<sup>2</sup>The Beit Lahia school was adopted in 2010 by an Abu Dhabi foundation as part of UNRWA's "Adopt a School" initiative. See *Khalifa Bin Zayed Foundation First to Adopt a School in Gaza*, UNRWA (May 12, 2010), <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/khalifa-bin-zayed-foundation-first-adopt-school-gaza>.

## Post G1.1: Wiping Israel Off the Map<sup>3</sup>

**Mudalalah Louz**  
November 29, 2018 · 🌐

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**Salwa Alzaanin**  
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**Shadya Hmaid**  
منوره يا غاليه 🇵🇸  
See Translation · 3w

**Rahma Sayma**  
إنسانة فاضلة بكل ما تعني الكلمة... مخلصه محبة للخير... لك مني كل الاحترام والتقدير ودمت بخير وعافية 🇵🇸  
See Translation · 3w · Edited

**“Long live the anniversary comrades”**



The inflammatory banner beneath Mudalalah Louz’s profile picture depicts four men in keffiyehs physically destroying Israel as a Jewish state. The two men on the right appear to be placing chains around the State while the other two men, armed with automatic weapons, pierce the blue Star of David with the flagpole of the Palestinian flag in the shape of a spear, replacing it. The Star of David is both an iconic Jewish symbol and also represents the Israeli flag. Thus, the image depicts Palestine destroying and taking over Israel.

The text at the top reads “We have been carrying this Land [Palestine, as depicted without Israel] on our shoulders for seventy years [a reference to the number of years since the State of Israel’s formation]. When we fall, it does not fall. We shall

never let it fall.”

“We have been carrying this Land on our shoulders for seventy years. When we fall, it does not fall. We shall never let it fall.”

<sup>3</sup>Mudalalah Louz, FACEBOOK (Nov. 29, 2018, 9:21 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2256638737951913&set=a.1396307623985033&type=3&theater>.

## Post G1.2: Teaching Students that Palestine will replace Israel<sup>4</sup>



The destructive message in Mudalalah Louz's cover photo is passed on to her students. This photo shows a group of schoolchildren marching behind their young leader who is adorned with a crown that says "freedom," and a map of Palestine that erases Israel, labeling the entire territory as "Palestine." The students behind the line leader carry hearts inscribed with the names of cities, including cities located in the State of Israel's pre-1967 borders, such as Jaffa and Acre. Thus, the students are being taught that to achieve freedom, they must eliminate Israel and replace it with Palestine, as Jaffa (near Tel Aviv) and Bethlehem (in the West Bank) are equally Palestinian.

<sup>4</sup> Mudalalah Louz, FACEBOOK (Nov. 14, 2018, 11:37 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2246606112288509&set=ecnf.100008174260908&type=3&theater>.



## G2: MOHAMED MATAR, UNRWA EMPLOYEE, PEDDLES LOUIS FARRAKHAN'S ANTISEMITIC 9/11 CONSPIRACY THEORIES



**Mohamed Matar**<sup>5</sup> is an UNRWA employee in Gaza. He shared a video clip from the antisemitic leader of the Nation of Islam, Louis Farrakhan, promoting antisemitic 9/11 conspiracy theories including that “there were many Israelis and Zionist Jews” involved in the 9/11 attacks (post G2.1). The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) describes Farrakhan as “an antisemite who routinely accuses Jews of manipulating the U.S. government and controlling the levers of world power.”<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Mohamed Matar, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited July 30, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008103309764&lst=100001900823610%3A100008103309764%3A1557823930&sk=timeline>.

<sup>6</sup> Louis Farrakhan, SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER (last visited August 7, 2019) <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/individual/louis-farrakhan>.

## Post G2.1: Sharing Louis Farrakhan's Hateful 9/11 Conspiracy Theories<sup>7</sup>



Mohamed Matar shared this clip of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan accusing Jews and Israelis of perpetrating the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, and calling them “thieves,” “liars” and “murderers.”<sup>8</sup> The text of the post presents the video as “the truth of what happened on September 11.”

Some quotes from the Farrakhan video shared by UNRWA's Mohamed Matar are excerpted below:

“Now we know now that the crime that they say is at the root of terrorism was not committed by Arabs or Muslims at all ... Listen, but if it was not Muslims then who? ... it is now becoming apparent that there **were many Israelis and Zionist Jews in key roles in the 9/11 attacks.**

“Now look, if they can prove me wrong like I said, I paid with my life, since they want to kill me anyway, prove me

wrong. **We're dealing with thieves and liars and murderers.**

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“We know that the World Trade Center building was insured by its owner, Larry Silverstein, right before the attack, and in the insurance clause, there was a clause that if the buildings were damaged by terrorist acts, Mr. Silverstein would get paid. **And guess what? Mr. Silverstein got 4.8 billion dollars.**

“We know that an Israeli film crew dressed as Arabs were filming the Twin Towers before the first plane went in. **In other words, these Israelis had foreknowledge of the attacks.**

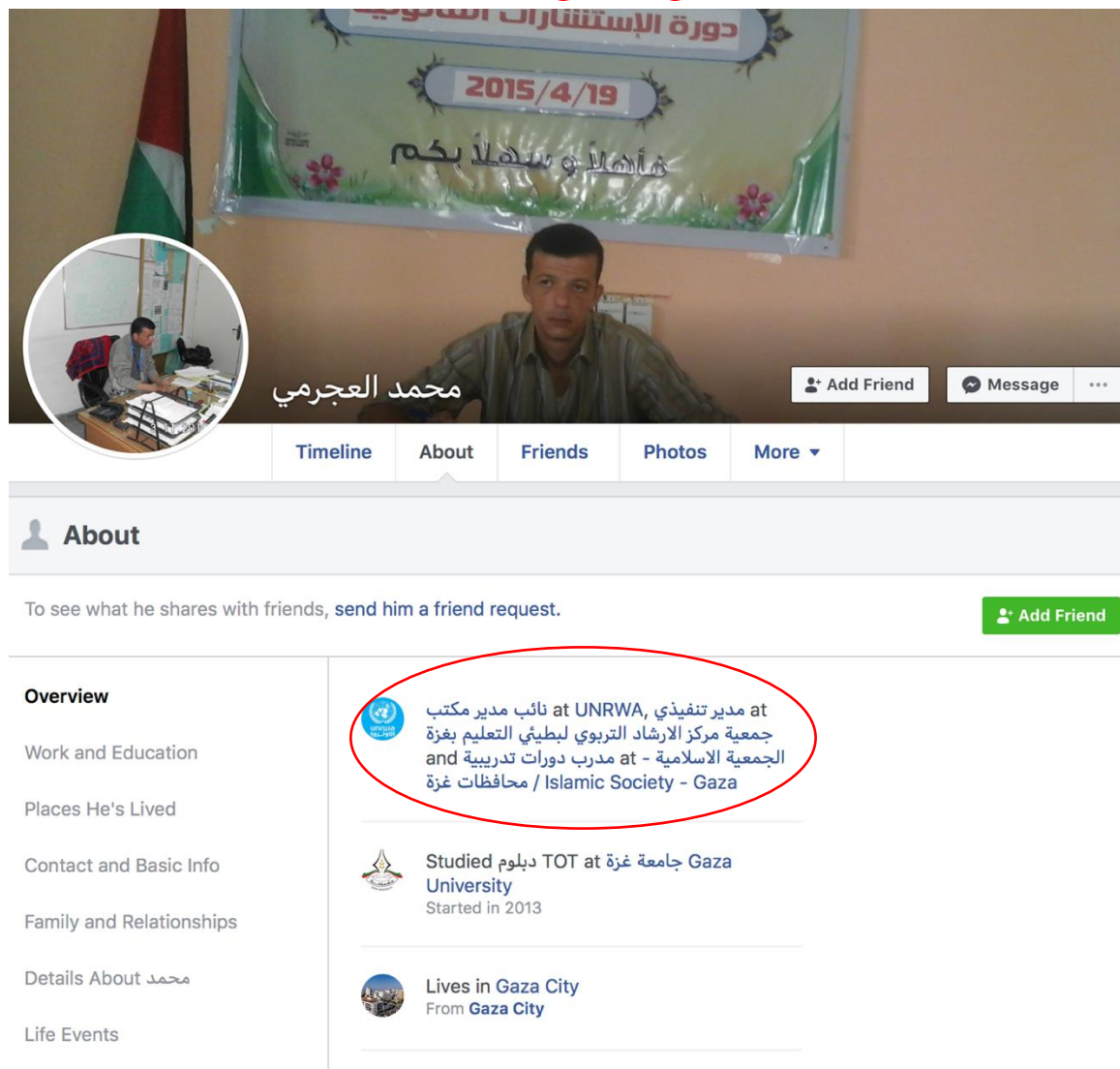
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<sup>7</sup> Mohamed Matar, FACEBOOK (April 11, 2016), [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1918904301722995&id=100008103309764&\\_tn=-R](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1918904301722995&id=100008103309764&_tn=-R).

<sup>8</sup> Jessica Chasmar, *Louis Farrakhan: 'Israelis and Zionist Jews' played key roles in 9/11 attacks*, *THE WASHINGTON TIMES*, <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/mar/5/louis-farrakhan-israelis-and-zionist-jews-played-k/>.

**“We know that many Jews receive the text message not to come to work on September 11th. Who sent that message that kept them from showing up?”**

### G3: MOHAMMED AL-AJRAMI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UNRWA OFFICE, GLORIFIES PFLP TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE



**Mohammed Al-Ajrami**<sup>9</sup> lists himself as the Deputy Director of the UNRWA Office in Gaza. His Facebook page is replete with inflammatory posts, many of which express support for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist group, including posts glorifying specific PFLP attacks and terrorists (G3.1, G3.2, G3.3) and a post encouraging children to pursue terrorism (G3.4). The PFLP is designated as a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union, among others.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Mohammed Al-Ajrami, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited Aug. 6, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025099176177&lst=100000260702744%3A100025099176177%3A1564393544&sk=timeline>.

<sup>10</sup> Foreign Terrorist Organizations, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE (last visited August 7, 2019), Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/25, OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, (Jan. 8, 2019),

## Post G3.1: Glorifying PFLP Terror Attacks<sup>11</sup>



محمد العجرامي  
June 28 · 🌐

إنه ليوم قريب عليك أن تقرأ التاريخ جيداً يا ترامب الحقير نحن من أطلق النار على نتنياهو و قتلنا أخيه و أعدمنا رجبام زئيفي و خطفنا الطائرات و لنا الكثير من العمليات النوعية . و سنبقى وراء العدو في كل مكان فإن رحل وديع حداد فرفاقه كثر

The day shall come soon.  
You must read history well, vile Trump.  
We are the ones who opened fire at Netanyahu, killed his brother, assassinated Rehavam Ze'evi, hijacked airplanes and carried out numerous sophisticated attacks.  
We shall chase the Enemy everywhere.  
Wadi' Haddad might be gone, but his comrades are many.

This post depicts President Trump being arrested by soldiers with the insignia of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The accompanying text lists some of the PFLP's most famous terrorist attacks, including the 2001 assassination of then-Israeli Minister of Tourism Rehavam Ze'evi, possibly implying that Trump is next on the list. The post also celebrates the hijacking of an Air France flight in 1976 resulting in the murder of Prime Minister Netanyahu's brother Yonatan. In that incident, the hijackers held 103 hostages in Uganda before Israeli commandos initiated a dramatic rescue led by Yonatan Netanyahu who was killed. The final line of the post recalls PFLP military wing leader Wadi Haddad who spearheaded the PFLP's campaign of airline hijacking.<sup>12</sup>

Alarmingly, Mohammed al-Ajrami identifies himself as a PFLP member by personally taking credit for these attacks, when he writes "we are the ones that...[carried out the attacks]."

<https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/>; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32019D0025&from=EN>

<sup>11</sup> Mohammed al-Ajrami, FACEBOOK (June 28, 2019, 8:41 AM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=433247570855212&set=a.107840573395915&type=3&theater>

<sup>12</sup> Raymond H. Anderson, *Wadi Haddad, Palestinian Hijacking Strategist, Dies*, NEW YORK TIMES (April 2, 1978), <https://www.nytimes.com/1978/04/02/archives/wadi-haddad-palestinian-hijacking-strategist-dies-directed-first.html>



## Post G3.2: Celebrating PFLP Terrorists<sup>13</sup>



محمد العجرمي

June 3 · 🌐

تعجز الكلمات أحيانا بالتعبير عن الشكر و خصوصا عندما تكون هذه الكلمات موجهة لأصحاب الوفاء والإخلاص ... ولا يسعني إلا أن أتقدم بأصدق كلمات الشكر لرفاقنا الأوفياء إدارة صفحة الشهيد : وديع حداد على هذه اللفتة العظيمة ... وبهذه المناسبة أتقدم لجميع شعبنا في جميع بقاع الأرض بأحر التهاني و التبريكات بمناسبة حلول عيد الفطر السعيد , و أخص بالذكر أسرانا البواسل و على رأسهم أميننا العام القائد صاحب الوعد الصادق : أحمد سعدات (أبو غسان ) أملأ أن نحتفل العام القادم سويا بالعيد و قد فك أسرك معلمنا القائد الرفيق : أحمد سعدات .

"Words sometimes fail to express gratitude, especially when those words are addressed to true, committed people. All I can do is extend the sincerest words of gratitude to our true comrades, the administrators of Martyr Wadi' Haddad's page, for this great gesture. On this occasion, I wish to extend the warmest wishes and congratulations on Eid al-Fitr to our nation all around the world, especially to our brave prisoners, and in particular to our Secretary-General, the Leader and the one who has given the true promise, Ahmad Sa'adat (Abu Ghassan), hoping that when we celebrate the Eid together with you next year, our teacher, the Commander, Comrade Ahmad Sa'adat, you would have already been released."

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This post, in celebration of the holiday of Eid al-Fitr, exalts both Wadi Haddad, architect of the PFLP's airplane hijacking strategy, and Ahmed Sa'adat—the current PFLP leader who is serving a thirty-year jail sentence in Israeli prison for his many acts of terrorism.<sup>14</sup> The image accompanying the text includes weapons, PFLP insignia, and a young girl looking out towards the Old City of Jerusalem and the Dome of the Rock. In the text on

<sup>13</sup> Mohammed al-Ajrmi, FACEBOOK (June 3, 2019, 3:42 AM),

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=416557662524203&set=a.107840573395915&type=3&theater>

<sup>14</sup> Efrat Weiss, *Israel sentences PFLP leader to 30 years in prison*, YNET (Dec. 25, 2008),

<https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3644555,00.html>



the image, Mohammed al-Ajrami refers to himself as a “comrade” of Wadi Haddad, again identifying himself as a PFLP member.

Translation of the text on the image:

[center] Long live the path of Wadi' Haddad  
The revolutionist comrade  
Muhammad al-'ajrami

[right] May every year find you in good health  
May every year find us true to the promise  
May every year find us in revolution, generation after generation  
May every year find us closer to the Homeland and liberation

Courtesy of your comrades of the Martyr Wadi' Haddad's page

### Post G3.3: Lionizing PFLP Terrorist Leila Khaled<sup>15</sup>



This post honors PFLP terrorist Leila Khaled, famous for her role in airplane hijackings in 1969 and 1970 and applauds terrorism.<sup>16</sup> Leila Khalid is depicted holding an automatic weapon in a map that erases Israel. The text on the image promotes terrorism and violence—"The history of glory was written with a gun." The post itself is a poem encouraging children to choose a path of violence and terrorism—"The gun is our honor. Never, o son, throw it away."

<sup>15</sup> Mohammed al-Ajrami, FACEBOOK (May 4, 2019, 11:59 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=398654547647848&set=a.107840573395915&type=3&theater>.

<sup>16</sup> David Lerner, *Palestinian Hijacker Leila Khaled Barred Entry to Italy from Amman*, HA'ARETZ (Nov. 29, 2017),

## Post G3.4: Inciting Children to Terrorism<sup>17</sup>



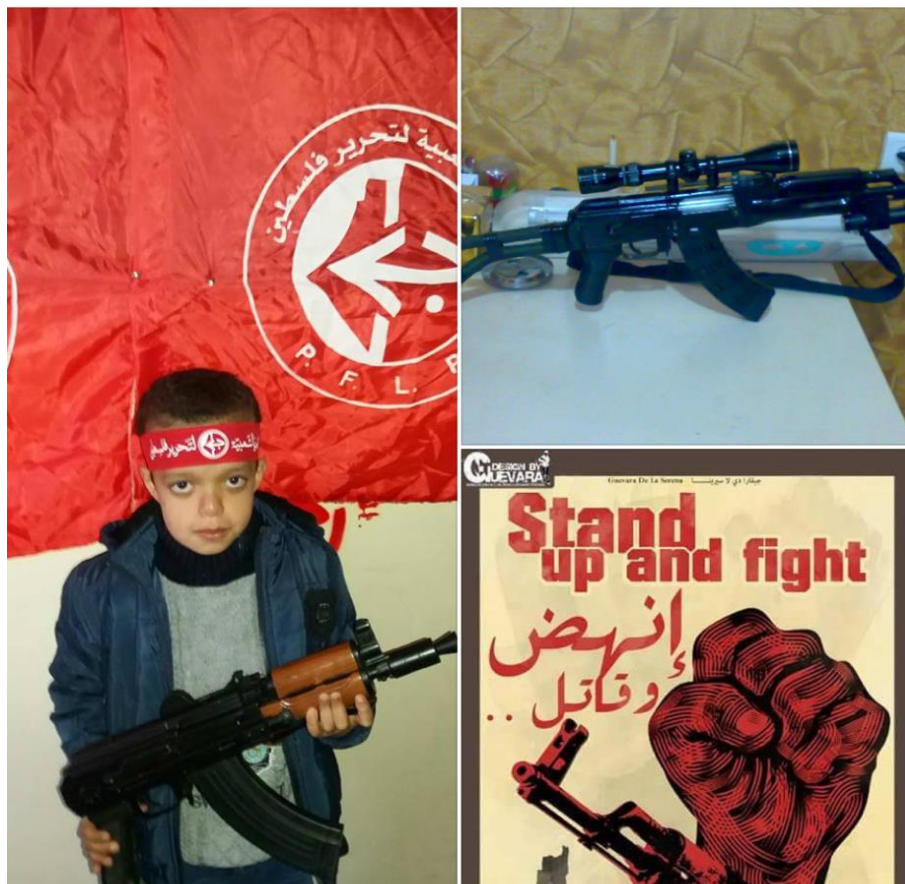
محمد العجرمي is with Ahmad Sada and 88 others.

March 30 · 🌐

قال عمر بن الخطاب : علموا أولادكم السباحة و الرماية و ركوب الخيل .  
و بمناسبة ذكرى الأرض أقول لكم : علموا أولادكم إمتشاق السلاح و البندقية , علموهم أن  
ما أخذ بالقوة لا يسترد بغير القوة ... علموهم أن الأرض لن تعود بغير البندقية .  
#علموهم\_أنه\_يستحال\_أن\_يكون\_ثمن\_دماء\_شهداءنا\_بعض\_التفاهات\_الإغاثية

“Omar bin al-Khattab said ‘Teach your children swimming, shooting and horseback riding.’

On the occasion of the Land Day, I say to you ‘Teach your children to pull out their guns and rifles. Teach them that what has been taken by force can only be won back by force. Teach them that the Land can be won back only with a rifle.’”



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This post even more blatantly incites Palestinian children to violence and terrorism. One of the photos is of a child with a PFLP headband holding an automatic rifle; there is also

<sup>17</sup> Mohammed al-Ajrmi, Facebook (March 30, 2019, 1:29 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=378911466288823&set=pcb.378916082955028&type=3&theater>.

a PFLP banner in the background. Another picture is of a clenched fist with an automatic rifle, the map of Israel in the background and the slogan “stand up and fight,” implying the fight for Palestine is carried out through violence.

The text in the accompanying post begins by citing a famous Hadith attributed to Omar ibn al-Khattab, calling upon parents to teach their children swimming, archery, and horseback riding. Al-Ajrami adds his own call for parents to “teach your children to pull out their guns and rifles... Teach them that the Land can be won back only with a rifle.” Al-Ajrami, a senior UNRWA employee, is directing children to take up guns.

## **II. INCITEMENT BY UNRWA STAFF IN LEBANON**

L1 – Mohammed Alsayyed, Assistant Head Teacher at UNRWA

L2 – Nuhad Askoul, English Teacher at UNRWA

L3 – Khaled Assad, Site Engineer at UNRWA

## L1: MOHAMMED ALSAYYED, ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER AT UNRWA SCHOOL, CELEBRATES 'LAND DAY' VIOLENCE



**Mohammad Alsayyed**

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- Work and Education
- Places He's Lived
- Contact and Basic Info
- Family and Relationships
- Details About Mohammad

 Teacher for 24 years & Assistant Head Teacher for 4 years at UNRWA

 Studied Finance and Accounting at [Lebanese University](#)  
Attended from 1978 to 1982

 Lives in [Tripoli, Lebanon](#)  
From [Tripoli, Lebanon](#)

**Mohammed Alsayyed**,<sup>18</sup> included in our April 2017 report, still lists himself as an Assistant Head Teacher at UNRWA. In a post celebrating “Land Day,” Alsayyed glorified terror and violence (post L1.1). He has also posted content denying Israel’s right to exist and advocating terrorism (post L1.2).

<sup>18</sup>Mohammad Alsayyed, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited August 7, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/mohammad.alsayyed.12/about?lst=100000260702744%3A100002105812253%3A1564488495>.



## Post L1.1: Inciting and Glorifying Terrorism; Claiming all of Israel as Palestine<sup>19</sup>



Mohammad Alsayyed shared a post.

March 31 · 🌐

🌳 ٣٠ آذار ١٩٧٦ فجر جديد لنضال أهلنا داخل الخط الأخضر وتأكيد على هوية الأرض الفلسطينية من الجليل إلى النقب ومن النهر إلى البحر.  
رحم الله شهداء يوم الأرض وكل شهدائنا الأبرار 🌹🌳

"March 30, 1967 [marked] a new era in the struggle of our people within the Green Line, and confirmed the Palestinian identity of the land between the Galilee and the Negev, the River and the Sea.  
May God have mercy on the martyrs of the Land Day and on all our righteous martyrs."



يوم الأرض الفلسطيني هو يوم يحييه الفلسطينيون في 30 آذار من كل سنة، وتعود أحداثه لأذار 1976 بعد أن قامت السلطات الإسرائيلية بمصادرة آلاف الدونمات من لأراضي ذات الملكية الخاصة أو المشاع في نطاق حدود مناطق ذات أغلبية سكانية فلسطينية، وقد عم اضطراب عام ومسيرات من الجليل إلى النقب<sup>[1]</sup> وأندلعت مواجهات سفرت عن سقوط ستة فلسطينيين وأصيب واعتقل المئات<sup>[2][3][4][5]</sup>. يعتبر يوم الأرض حدثاً محورياً في الصراع على لأرض وفي علاقة المواطنين العرب بالجسم السياسي لإسرائيلي حيث أن هذه هي المرة الأولى التي ينظم فيها لعرب في فلسطين منذ عام 1948 احتجاجات رداً على لسياسات الإسرائيلية بصفة جماعية وطنية فلسطينية<sup>[6]</sup>



أحمد علي شرقاوي

March 29

رحم الله شهداء يوم الأرض وكل الشهداء على درب تحرير فلسطين

May God have mercy on the martyrs of the earth day and all the martyrs on the

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The above post post included several images, three of which are enlarged below:

<sup>19</sup> Mohammad Alsayyed, Facebook (March 31, 2019, 7:44 AM), <https://www.facebook.com/mohammad.alsayyed.12/posts/2235041229909382>.

Image L1.1.1

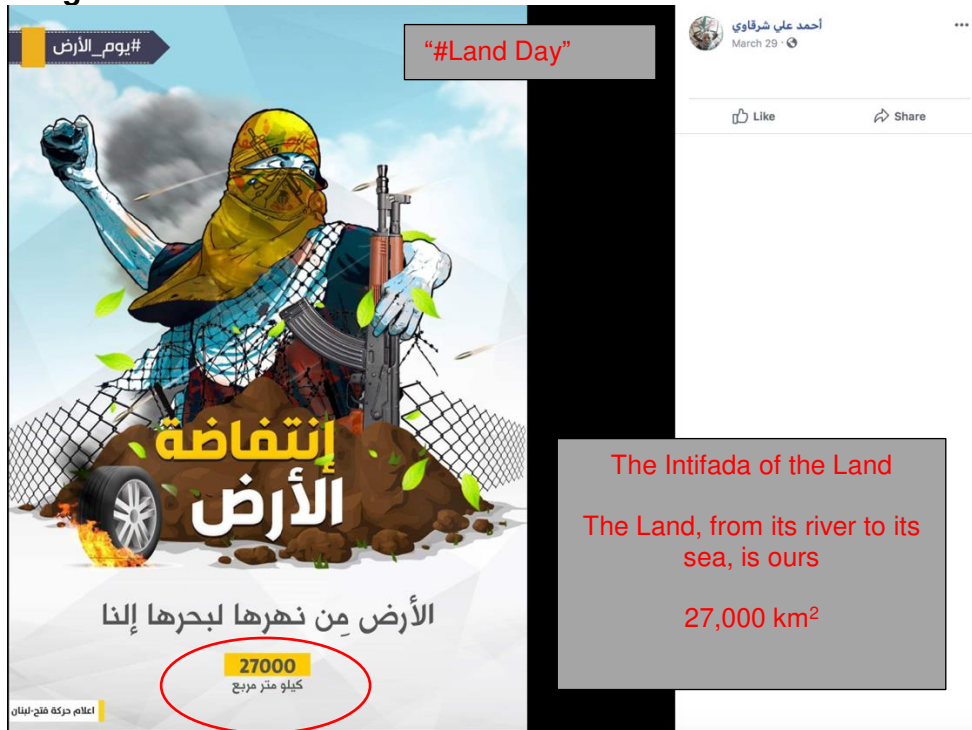
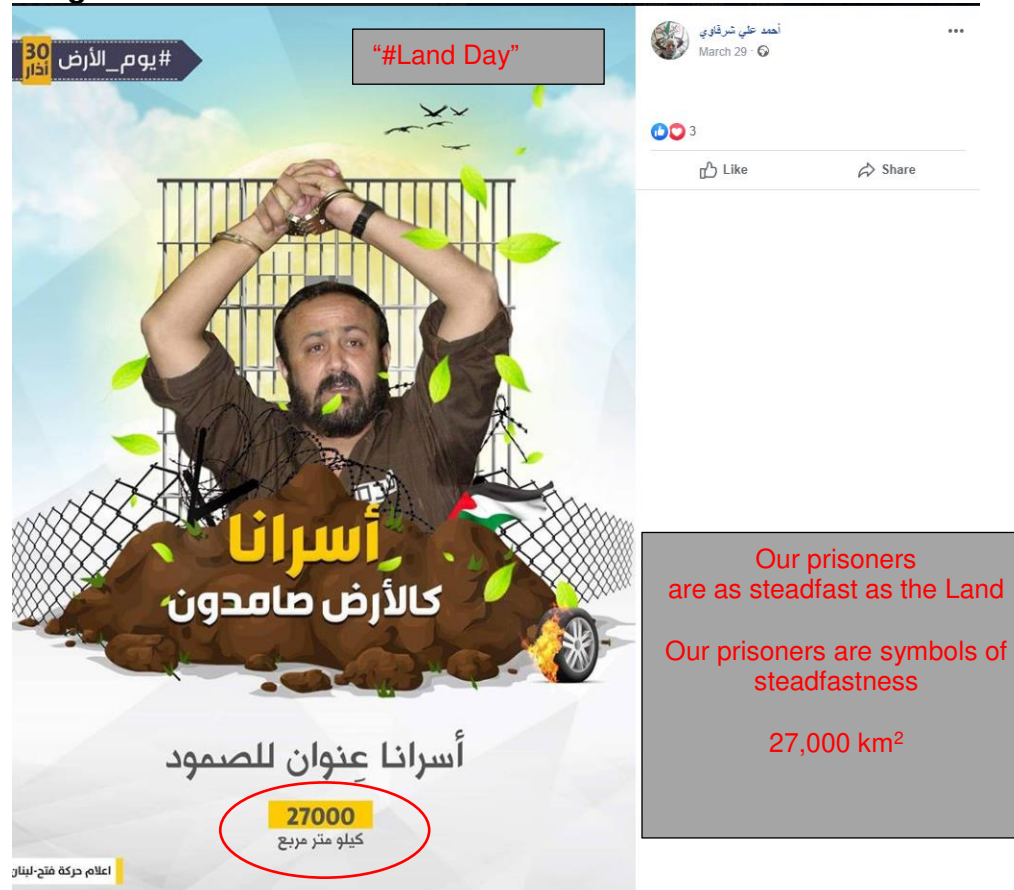


Image L1.1.2



### Image L1.1.3



This post celebrates Land Day, an annual day protesting Israel's alleged theft of Palestinian land. Mohammed Alsayyed's takes the opportunity in this post to "confirm the identity of the Palestinian land from Galilee to the Negev and from the River to the Sea," meaning to advocate for the elimination of Israel.

This irredentism is further evident in Images L1.1.1, L1.1.2, and L1.1.3 each of which include the number "27000," a commonly understood reference to the 27,000 Square Kilometer area of the entirety of the land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River which includes the State of Israel.<sup>20</sup> The clear implication is that Israel has no right to exist and the Jewish people have no right to self-determination in the State of Israel.

In addition to rejecting Israel's right to exist, this post also glorifies violent terrorism. Image L1.1.1 depicts a Palestinian with various symbols of terrorism, including an automatic weapon, fist raised holding a rock, and a burning tire. He is perched in exactly the same place where Image L1.1.2 has the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque, as if he is raising his weapons in defense of these Muslim holy sites. The caption reads: "The Intifada of the Land; The Land, from its river to its sea, is ours; 27,000 km."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>20</sup> PA teaches kids that 'Palestine is 27,000Sq. km.' which includes all of Israel, PMW (June 28, 2016), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Id4d3GSDaC0>.

Image L1.1.2 depicts these sites with a Palestinian flag being raised on an automatic weapon which serves as the flagpole and a similar caption. Another image in the series, L1.1.3, depicts Marwan Barghouti, an infamous Fatah terrorist, who is now serving five life sentences for masterminding three shooting attacks that killed five people. The image honors and reveres him with the caption “our prisoners are symbols of steadfastness.”

The images and text are each inflammatory in their own right. However, together they send a message that terrorism is justified in defense of Palestinian land, which includes the territory of the State of Israel.



## Post L1.2: Advocating violence and terrorism<sup>21</sup>



**Mohammad Alsayyed** shared a memory.

April 26 · 🌐

فلسطين التي ذهبت سترجع مرة أخرى. 🌹  
الشاعر أبو سلمى 🌹

“Palestine, that has been gone, will come back.  
Poet Abu Salma”



2 Years Ago  
See Your Memories >



**Mohammad Alsayyed**

April 26, 2017 · 🌐

تؤلمني الشمس ونور القمر  
تؤذي النجوم ومن نقل الخبر  
هو العمر حكايات وما شهد البصر  
عيوننا ترحل كل يوم للوطن  
تنهمر الدموع من المآقي والمقل ...

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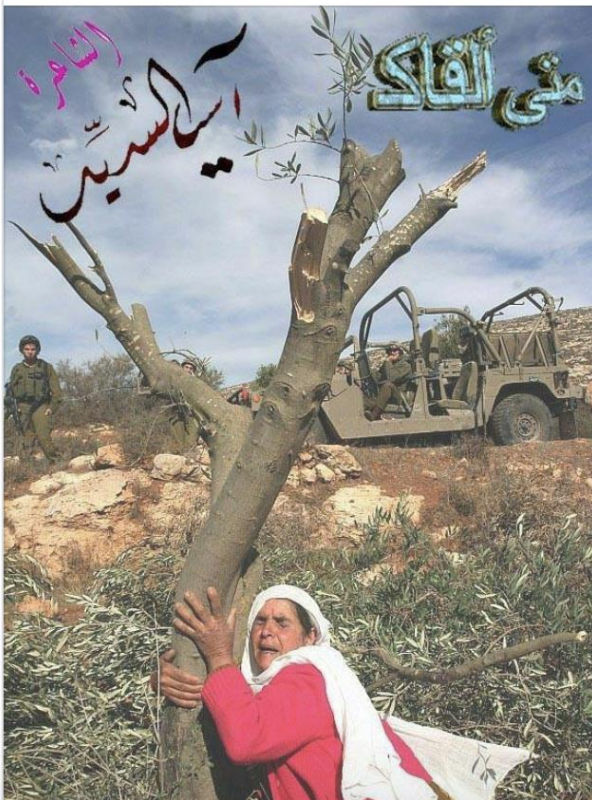


Image L1.2.1



This post shares a number of images together with a quote from the Palestinian poet Abu Salma.<sup>22</sup> The shared memory (from April 26, 2017) incites children to violence and terrorism by celebrating Palestinian knife and vehicular attacks for bringing back “Palestinian manhood.”

Our manhood was regained, through a knife in the hand of a girl.  
Our story is back.  
A knife stabs a settler,  
A driver runs over the occupier.

The poem accompanying the image also yearns for “the times of the rifle” and for “stones, that long to be thrown.”

In addition, the above Image L1.2.1 contains a poem titled “This is our Palestine: From the River to the Sea” next to a map which appears to erase Israel. The poem reinforces the map claiming the entire territory as Palestine with lines:

From the River,  
To the Sea,  
From the Galilee,

<sup>21</sup> Mohammed Alsayyed, FACEBOOK (April 26, 2019, 10:41 PM),  
(<https://www.facebook.com/mohammad.alsayyed.12/posts/2275240605889444>)

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.poemhunter.com/abdelkarim-al-karmi/>



To the Negev,  
Palestine remains ours.

The translated text of the shared post:

[Memory – poem:]

The sun hurts me, and so does the moonlight.  
The stars hurt me, and so do bearers of news.  
Our life is but stories and what the eye sees.  
Our eyes travel every day to the Homeland.  
Tears flow out of our eyes.  
**Our hands carry stones, that long to be thrown**, to be kissed,  
The soil of our land longs to be plowed, to be sown.  
Our fathers mourn the ruins of the homeland.  
The smiles of their children and grandchildren,  
Bring tidings of hope.  
O times of challenge, break the cycle of waiting,  
Break the cycle of laziness.  
**O times of the rifle**, come back and say,  
“Go forward, fear not!  
Go forward, despair not!  
Our guns rusted out.  
Our throats went silent.  
Our trenches collapsed.  
Our manhood is dead.

In the dark prison, a wind of heroism has blown,  
On the prison's walls, pictures of manhood were drawn.  
A prisoner, missing his family, recalls the warmth of his wife,  
**Our manhood was regained, through a knife in the hand of a girl.**  
**Our story is back.**  
**A knife stabs a settler,**  
**A driver runs over the occupier.**

Prisoners with empty stomachs,  
They have declared a food fast,  
They have declared a speech fast.

In the [Church of] Holy Sepulchre, they promised a revolution  
That shall defeat the occupier.  
They promised a revolution,  
That shall defeat the occupier.

That is our Palestine  
From the River to the Sea

Everything here is calling our names,  
And there, in that corner,  
Lay the remains of a souls,  
A pulse,  
And a longing, whispering to us.  
Here,  
Eyes get wet,  
A tender night's dream,  
Sorrow drives us to you.  
Your echo remains until today,  
You are not a fragment of our imagination,  
You are not a shadow.  
You are not an old tale of the desert.  
Wherever I am, anytime, you are there.  
A homeland that makes us sad,  
The day drew back,  
The night spread its power,  
Taking away our homeland from inside us.  
The voices faded away,  
The calling ceased.  
The voices of the passerby grew hoarse.  
**From the River,  
To the Sea,  
From the Galilee,  
To the Negev,  
Palestine remains ours.**

A poem by 'isam al-Nibali

## L2: NUHAD ASKOUL, ENGLISH TEACHER AT UNRWA, ADVOCATES VIOLENCE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL



**Nuhad Askoul**<sup>23</sup> lists himself as an English Teacher at UNRWA. He openly advocates for violence against Israel. Several of his posts feature maps that erase Israel, replacing it with Palestine, including post L2.1.

<sup>23</sup>Nuhad Askoul, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited August 7, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/nuhad.askoul.1/about?lst=100004373944981%3A100024767722852%3A1556788384>.

## Post L2.1: Advocating terrorism to conquer “all Palestine”<sup>24</sup>



Nuhad Askoul

December 22, 2018 · Edited ·

الوحدة الوطنية الفلسطينية و المقاومة الشعبية المسلحة  
ضمانة لمسيره العودة فاتحين الى كل فلسطين

“Palestinian national unity and a popular, armed resistance guarantee a conquerors’ return to all of Palestine.”

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This post advocates for “armed resistance” in order to return to “all” of Palestine. The image depicts a map that erases Israel, replacing it with the Palestinian flag next to a victory sign and the word “steadfast,” implying that one must be steadfast to achieve the goal of returning to Palestine and eliminating Israel. By use of the phrase “armed resistance,” the text of the post expresses clear support for terrorism.

<sup>24</sup> Nuhad Askoul, FACEBOOK (Dec. 22, 2018, 8:46 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=335437073958547&set=a.127448398090750&type=3&theater>

### L3: KHALED ASSAD, SITE ENGINEER AT UNRWA, SHARES VIDEO OF STABBING ATTACKS AND CALLS FOR THE KILLING OF ISRAELIS

Khaled Asaad  
(وَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَنْتَظِرُ)

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**Overview**

- Work and Education
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- Details About Khaled

 **Site Engineer at UNRWA**  
July 25, 2017 to present

 Studied Civil and Environmental Engineering at Beirut Arab University  
Attended from 2010 to 2015

 Lives in Tyre, Lebanon  
From Palestine, Texas

KhaledAsaad4 (Twitter)  
Khaled Asaad (Instagram)

**Khaled Asaad**<sup>25</sup> lists himself as a Site Engineer at UNRWA in Lebanon. In addition to venerating martyrdom (post L3.1) and glorifying Hamas terrorist Sheikh Ahmed Yassin (post L3.3), Asaad also shared a video which includes footage of a terrorist stabbing (post L3.2). In one post, Asaad explicitly calls for the killing of Israelis (post L3.4).

<sup>25</sup> Khaled Asaad, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last viewed August 7, 2019), [https://www.facebook.com/khaled.asaad.5220?\\_tn=%2CdC-R-R&eid=ARDSLInhXnizXEILhco\\_IX2e4-VRw6bjMyKAvtOYVguPOLQzKpP4bxIRZVm0F3sbRT\\_EknHEFWR1Ze2Z&hc\\_ref=ART2NHnxcU9f0s5HUzfrsTWimD7jcBsG\\_1cNc9p7AnTulVditlpNvejZz9SGAX1D8Wc&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/khaled.asaad.5220?_tn=%2CdC-R-R&eid=ARDSLInhXnizXEILhco_IX2e4-VRw6bjMyKAvtOYVguPOLQzKpP4bxIRZVm0F3sbRT_EknHEFWR1Ze2Z&hc_ref=ART2NHnxcU9f0s5HUzfrsTWimD7jcBsG_1cNc9p7AnTulVditlpNvejZz9SGAX1D8Wc&fref=nf).

**Post L3.1: Sharing Video Footage of Swastikas and Terrorist Attacks<sup>26</sup>**  
**Image L3.1.1**



**Image L3.1.2**



<sup>26</sup> Khaled Asaad, Facebook (July 20, 2019, 11:07 PM), [https://www.facebook.com/khaled.asaad.5220/videos/631055270734817/?\\_tn=%2CdIC-R-R&eid=ARBVaVTLvvg3ZCfioxVnIYGInVcnpw3DDgQGR8qV\\_eKI9WWfQEYEPGHQMYIkXqS6IUfH0TW\\_QbhjtFwji&hc\\_ref=ARRoNe8P9rqxoQXLP7WxR5aJJRIVt3meN0XeGFnKwyYaDf1j4i-1uqrUOLAFEZYFYUg](https://www.facebook.com/khaled.asaad.5220/videos/631055270734817/?_tn=%2CdIC-R-R&eid=ARBVaVTLvvg3ZCfioxVnIYGInVcnpw3DDgQGR8qV_eKI9WWfQEYEPGHQMYIkXqS6IUfH0TW_QbhjtFwji&hc_ref=ARRoNe8P9rqxoQXLP7WxR5aJJRIVt3meN0XeGFnKwyYaDf1j4i-1uqrUOLAFEZYFYUg).



**Image L3.1.3**

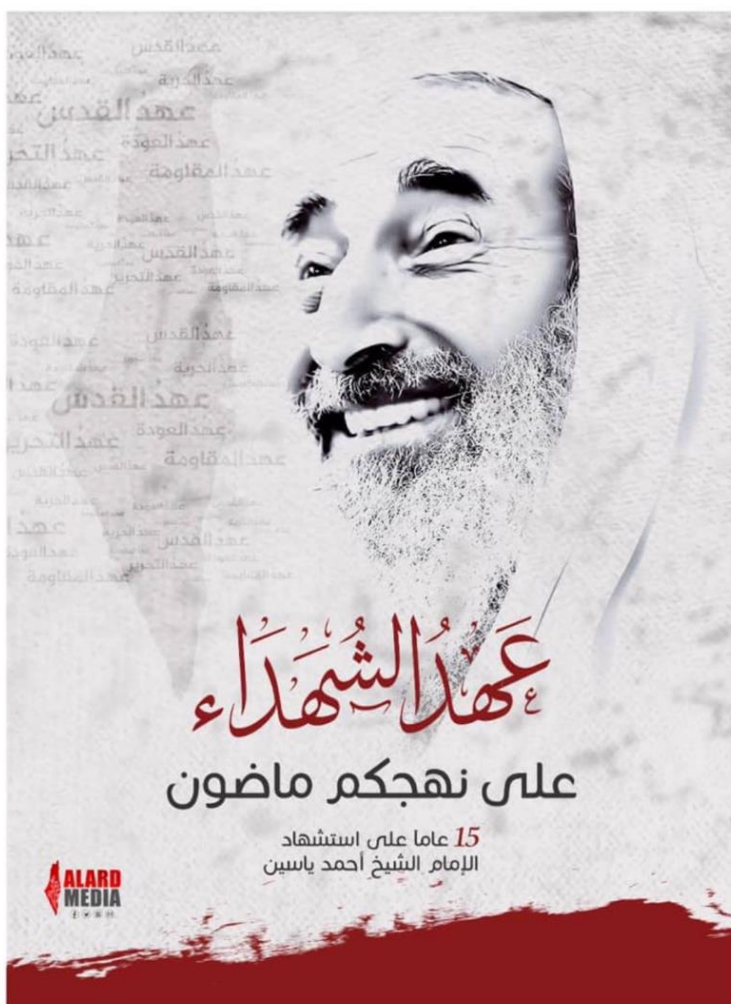


The above screenshots were taken from a video shared by Khaled Asaad on July 20, 2019.

A number of the images glorify violence, including Image L3.1.1, which depicts Palestinian militants loading a rocket launcher; and Image L3.1.2 which shows footage of what appears to be a Palestinian terrorist stabbing an innocent Israeli man.

Image L3.1.3 is overtly antisemitic as it places a swastika over the American and Israeli flags, thereby endorsing Nazism.

## Post L3.2: Glorifying Hamas Terrorist Sheikh Ahmed Yassin<sup>27</sup>



**Khaled Asaad**  
· March 22 · 🌐

الشيخ #أحمد ياسين  
في مثل هذا اليوم 22 مارس 2004، اغتال الإحتلال الشيخ أحمد ياسين عن طريق قصفه بثلاثة صواريخ، أطلقها مقاتلات جوية، عقب تأديته صلاة الفجر بالقرب من منزله شرق مدينة غزة.  
رغم إصابته بالشلل التام وفقدان البصر في عينه اليمنى والضعف الشديد في العين اليسرى فإن القوة الروحية والمكانة الأدبية التي يتمتع بها جعلت منه واحدا من أهم رموز العمل الوطني الفلسطيني  
ولد الشيخ ياسين في 28 يونيو عام 1936، في قرية الجورة قضاء المجدل وعقب تهجير الفلسطينيين من أراضيهم، لجأ ياسين مع أسرته إلى قطاع غزة. وتعرض ياسين في شبابه، لحادثة كسر في فقرات العنق، أثناء ممارسته الرياضة، أدت إلى إصابته بشلل في أطرافه. وعمل مدرسا للغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية، في مدارس غزة، وأصبح فيما بعد من خطباء المساجد المشهورين في القطاع. وقد تبنى منذ صباه، أفكار جماعة الإخوان المسلمين التي تأسست في مصر على يد الأستاذ حسن البنا.  
واعترضته قوات الإحتلال عام 1983 وصدر بحقه حكم بالسجن 13 عاما.  
لكنها أفرجت عنه، عام 1985 في عملية تبادل للأسرى وأعدت اعتقال ياسين، عام 1989، وحكمت عليه بالسجن مدى الحياة، إضافة إلى 15 عاما  
ولكن أطلق الإحتلال سراح ياسين، في عملية تبادل أخرى في أكتوبر عام 1997  
وفي 22 مارس 2004 اغتال الإحتلال الشيخ ياسين، عن طريق قصفه بثلاثة صواريخ أطلقها مقاتلات جوية، بعد خروجه من صلاة الفجر في مسجد المجمع الإسلامي، القريب من منزله بحي الصبرة شرق مدينة غزة.  
وقتل مع الشيخ ياسين، 7 فلسطينيين بعضهم حراسه الشخصيين، بالإضافة إلى بعض المصلين.  
Sheikh #Ahmed \_ Yassin  
On this day, 22 March 2004, the occupation

Write a comment... 🗨️ 📷 🎵 🔄

This post exalts the founder of the Hamas terror group, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin on the anniversary of his death, describing him as “one of the most important symbols of Palestinian national action.” Next to the image of Sheikh Yassin is a map that erases Israel, implying that all of the territory belongs to the Palestinians and denying Israel’s right to exist. The caption reads “We stick to your path, 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of the Leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.”

<sup>27</sup> Khaled Asaad, FACEBOOK (March 22, 2019, 7:16 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=560472067793138&set=a.106770463163303&type=3&theater>

The full text of Khaled Assad's post is translated below:

Sheikh #Ahmed Yassin


On this day, March 22, 2004, the Occupation assassinated Sheikh Ahmed Yassin by firing three missiles at him from fighter aircrafts after he had performed morning prayers near his house east of Gaza City.

Although totally quadriplegic, blind in his right eye and extremely weak-sighted in the left, his spiritual power and the moral position he enjoyed made him one of the most important symbols of Palestinian national action.

Sheikh Yassin was born on June 28, 1936 in al-Jura, a village near al-Majdal. When Palestinians were driven out of their lands, Yassin fled with his family to the Gaza Strip. When he was young, Yassin sustained a spinal injury while performing sport, rendering him a quadriplegic. He worked as an Arabic language and Islamic education teacher in Gaza schools, and later became one of the most prominent mosque preachers in the [Gaza] Strip. As a young man, he adopted the ideology of the Islamic Brotherhood Movement, founded in Egypt by Hassan al-Banna.



The occupation forces arrested him in 1983 and sentenced him to 13 years in jail. However, he was released in 1985 in exchange for [Israeli] prisoners. Yassin was rearrested in 1989 and sentenced to life imprisonment and additional 15 years. However, the Occupation released Yassin in another prisoners' exchange deal in October 1997. On March 22, 2004, the Occupation assassinated Sheikh Yassin by firing three missiles at him from fighter aircrafts, as he was leaving al-Mujamma' al-Islami Mosque near his house in al-Sabra neighborhood, east of Gaza City, after he had performed the morning prayers. Seven Palestinians were killed along with Sheikh Yassin, some were his bodyguards while others were worshippers.

### Post L3.3: Calling to eliminate Israel<sup>28</sup>

 **Khaled Asaad** shared a post.  
March 30 · 🌐

هنا باقون... وسنقتلکم من أرضنا  
#يوم\_الأرض

“Here we stay... and we shall eradicate you from our land.”



In this post, Khaled Asaad states “we shall eradicate you [Israel; Israelis] from our land.” This is a bald call to battle against Israel. The inflammatory images further incite against Israel, as they depict violent clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians and show Palestinians praying in protest outside the Dome of the Rock. Palestinians frequently use the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock to incite terrorism against Israelis.

<sup>28</sup> Khaled Asaad, FACEBOOK (March 30, 2019, 1:14 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/khaled.asaad.5220/posts/564287514078260>.

The wave of Palestinian terrorism in 2015-16 was incited by claims that Israel was taking over the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Likewise, two weeks of violent clashes in July 2018, including a terror attack in which three members of a Jewish family were slaughtered, were incited by claims that Israel was trying to take over the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

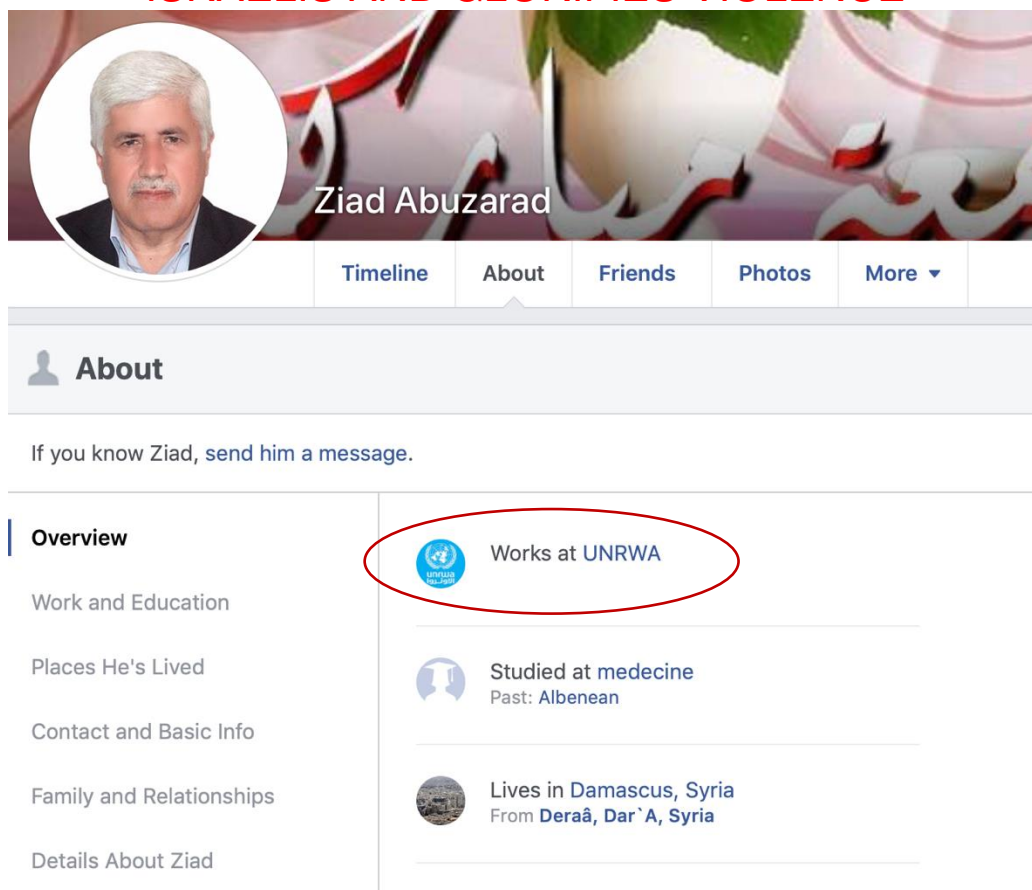


### **III. INCITEMENT BY UNRWA STAFF IN SYRIA**

- S1 – Ziad Abuzarad, UNRWA Employee
- S2 – Tayseer Hadeed, Civil Engineering Designer at UNRWA
- S3 – Raed Wadi, UNRWA Medical Officer
- S4 – Majed Mohammad, UNRWA Employee



## S1: ZIAD ABUZARAD, UNRWA EMPLOYEE, DEHUMANIZES ISRAELIS AND GLORIFIES VIOLENCE



**Ziad Abuzarad**<sup>29</sup> lists himself as an employee of UNRWA. He has posted content that compares Israelis to “wild beasts and hyenas” (post S1.1), as well as content that incites children to violence (post S1.2).

<sup>29</sup> Ziad Abuzarad, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited Aug. 8, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/ziad.abuzarad/about?lst=100000260702744%3A100006239385264%3A1565180323>.

## Post S1.1: Dehumanizing Israelis<sup>30</sup>



... This video footage, shared by Ziad Abuzarad, appears to depict a violent clash between Palestinian protesters and Israeli security forces. The text accompanying the video calls Israelis “murderers and criminals” and questions whether they are really “humans,” or “wild beasts and hyenas.” As scholars have explained, such dehumanization is often a prerequisite for mass violence.<sup>31</sup>

[Screenshot:] “Breaking news: The Israeli ambassador protests against the posting of this video. Please post it as broadly as possible.”

73,777 Views

**Abu Anas**  
March 29

أهؤلاء من جنس البشر ام هم الى الوحوش والضباع اقرب؟  
الى متى سيبقى ظلم الصهاينة واعوانهم وخدمهم يحاربون ابناء فلسطين المغتصبة؟  
العيب ليس فيهم فهم قتلة ومجرمون ولكن العيب فيمن قادنا الى الذل والعار وممن خانوا الآه  
والإسلام والتاريخ في بيع فلسطين من اجل كرسي سيهوي بهم الى قعر جهنم

“Are those humans or are they actually closer to wild beasts and hyenas?”

Until when shall the unjust Zionists and their agents and servants fight the people of raped Palestine?


They cannot be blamed as they are murderers and criminals. The ones to blame are those who led us to humiliation and disgrace, and those who betrayed God, Islam, and history by selling Palestine in return for positions that will take them down to the bottom of Hell.”

<sup>30</sup> Ziad Abuzarad, FACEBOOK (March 31, 2019, 12:25 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/ziad.abuzarad/posts/2240020272882597>.

<sup>31</sup> Johannes Steizinger, *The Significance of Dehumanization: Nazi Ideology and Its Psychological Consequences*, *POLITICS, RELIGION & IDEOLOGY* (Jan. 24, 2018), <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21567689.2018.1425144>.

## Post S1.2: Inciting Children to Violence<sup>32</sup>

**Ziad Abuzarad** shared a post. **Image S1.2.1** \*\*\*  
March 18 · 🌐

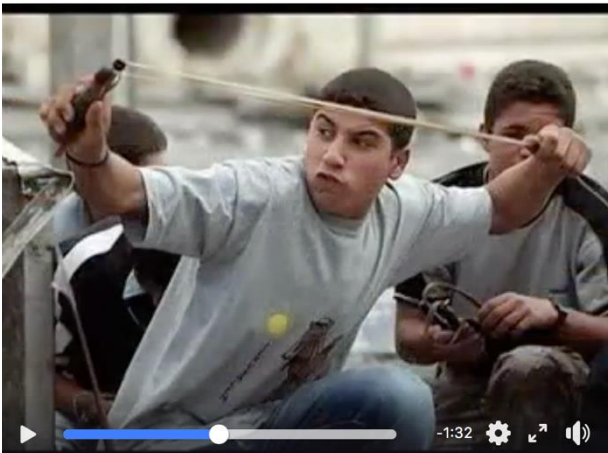


مدينة حيفا وقراها ▶ لينا عمورة  
March 17


قالوا لاجئين... قلنا ثوار مناضلين  
قالوا بلا وطن.. قلنا لن يطول الزمن  
قالوا تبغون المستحيل.. قلنا الأمانة ننقلها من جيل إلى جيل

"They said [describing us] 'refugees'; we said 'revolutionary fighters.'  
They said 'They are without a homeland'; we said 'It will not be long [before we have one].'  
They said 'You want the impossible'; we said 'It is a commitment we pass on from generation to generation.'"


**Ziad Abuzarad** shared a post. **Image S1.2.4** \*\*\*  
March 18 · 🌐




**Ziad Abuzarad** shared a post. **Image S1.2.2** \*\*\*  
March 18 · 🌐



**Ziad Abuzarad** shared a post. **Image S1.2.3** \*\*\*  
March 18 · 🌐



**Ziad Abuzarad** shared a post. **Image S1.2.5** \*\*\*  
March 18 · 🌐

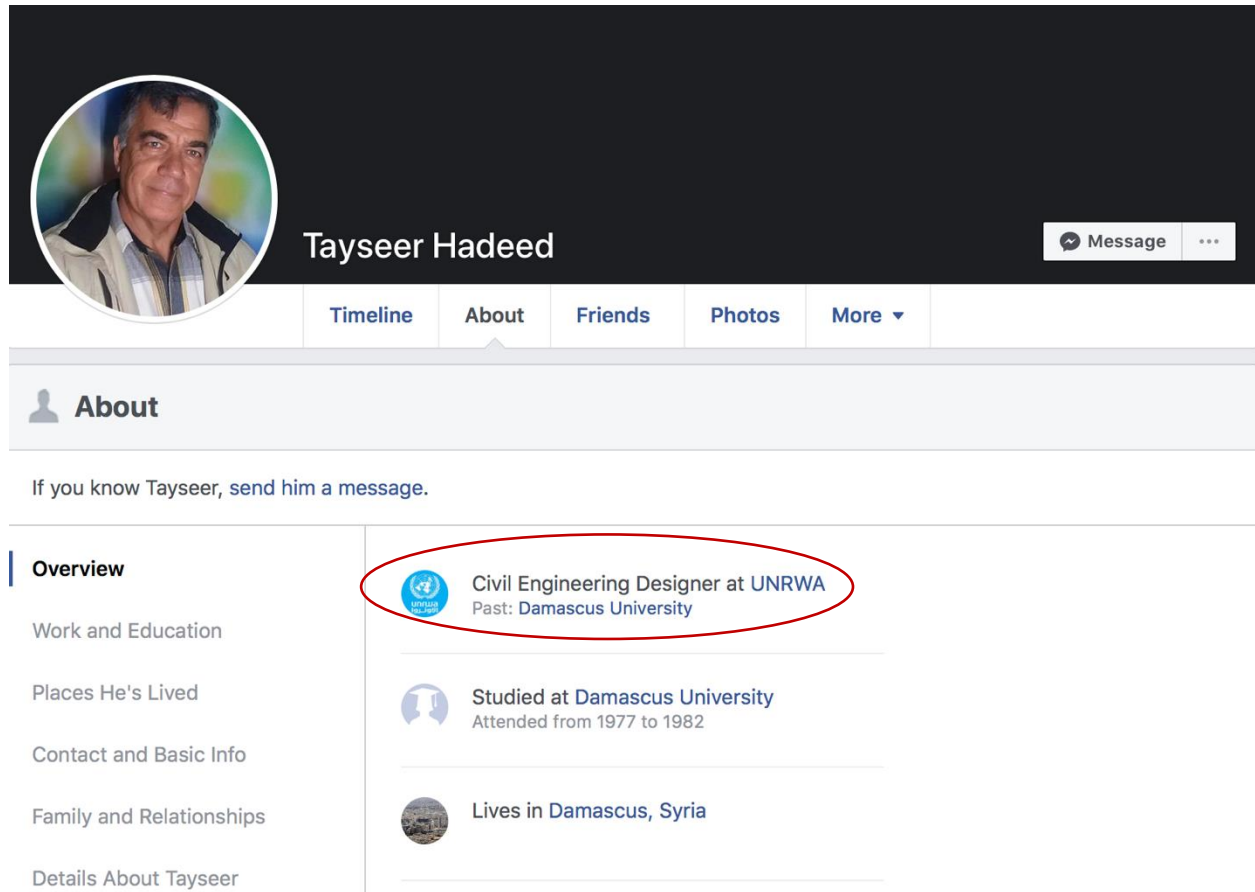


<sup>32</sup> Ziad Abuzarad, FACEBOOK (March 18, 2019, 7:52 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/ziad.abuzarad/posts/2232804726937485>.

The above video shared by Ziad Abuzarad is mostly comprised of violent footage, typified by the man with an axe in Image S1.2.2. The other screenshots above highlight just a few of the numerous instances in which children are seen committing violent acts in the video. Image S1.2.3 shows a child throwing what appears to be a Molotov cocktail, while Images S1.2.4 and S1.2.5 show children using slingshots. The text glorifies these children, calling them “revolutionary fighters;” encourages further violence, implying the violent attacks by these “revolutionary fighters” will achieve a homeland for the Palestinians; and stresses the importance of indoctrinating children into this cycle of violence by stating “it is a commitment we pass on from generation to generation.”

Thus, the images of children in the video along with the text of the post venerating them, encourages other children to follow a path of terrorist violence.

## S2: TAYSEER HADEED, CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGNER AT UNRWA, CELEBRATES PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS AND POSTS ANTISEMITIC TROPES



**Tayseer Hadeed**<sup>33</sup> lists himself as a Civil Engineering Designer at UNRWA. In addition to a post glorifying Sirhan Sirhan, the man responsible for the assassination of Robert Kennedy in 1968 (post S2.1), his posts contain overt antisemitism (post S2.2) and share support for terrorists (post S2.3 and S2.4).

<sup>33</sup>Tayseer Hadeed, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited Aug. 11, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/tayseer.hadeed/about?lst=100000260702744%3A100004355863740%3A1565250712>.



## Post S2.1: Venerating Kennedy Assassin Sirhan Sirhan<sup>34</sup>

Tayseer Hadeed shared a post. April 30 · 🌐



Yarmouk media network شبكة اليرموك الإعلامية April 29 · 🌐

52 عاماً في سجون الاميركية  
أقدم أسير فلسطيني في التاريخ وما زال أسيراً ...  
الأسير سرحان بشاره سرحان، اعتقل في شهر ٧/١٩٦٨، وما زال معتقلاً في السجون الأمريكية بتهمة اغتيال السيناتور روبرت كينيدي، شقيق الرئيس جون كينيدي، رداً على دعم أمريكا لإسرائيل بالأسلحة والطائرات وإنتقاماً لهزيمة حزيران عام ١٩٦٧، سرحان بشاره سرحان من قرية الطيبة شرق رام الله. الحرية للأسير المنسي من ذاكرة شعبه وتنظيماته

**“52 years in US jails**  
The longest-serving Palestinian prisoner in history is still behind bars.  
The prisoner Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was arrested in July 1968 and is still serving a term in a US prison on charges of assassinating Senator Robert Kennedy, brother of President John Kennedy. [The assassination] was in retaliation for the United States' supplying Israel with weapons and aircraft and a revenge for the defeat in the June 1967 [Six-Day] War.  
Sirhan Sirhan hails from the village of Taybeh, east of Ramallah.  
Freedom to the prisoner forgotten by his people and their [political] organizations.”

This post clearly expresses solidarity with Sirhan Sirhan, the assassin who, on June 4, 1968, the anniversary of the Six-Day War, killed Robert Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.<sup>35</sup> The post justifies the assassination as “retaliation” for US support of Israel during the Six-Day War. In addition, Hadeed venerates Sirhan Sirhan as “the longest-serving Palestinian prisoner in history” and calls for his release by writing “freedom to the prisoner...”

<sup>34</sup> Tayseer Hadeed, Facebook (April 30, 2019, 7:08 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/100004355863740/posts/1213352705486580?s=100000260702744&sfns=mo>

<sup>35</sup> Colleen Shalby, *The assassination of Robert Kennedy, as told 50 years later*, LA TIMES (June 4, 2018), <https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-na-robert-f-kennedy/>.



## Post S2.2: Recycling antisemitic Tropes<sup>36</sup>



This image depicts a stereotypical Ultra-Orthodox Jewish man smiling as he stabs a Palestinian child who is lying in a pool of blood and holding a Palestinian flag. American President Donald Trump looks on and does nothing. This image recycles the classic antisemitic blood libel in which Jews are accused of killing children—here, Palestinian children.<sup>37</sup> In this case, the religious Jewish man is interchangeable with the State of Israel, projecting classic antisemitism onto the Jewish State. Aside from being overtly antisemitic, the cartoon is also anti-American as it accuses the US, represented by President Trump, of complicity in Israel's alleged crimes.

<sup>36</sup> Tayseer Hadeed, FACEBOOK (May 27, 2019, 6:52 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/tayseer.hadeed/posts/1233733186781865>.

<sup>37</sup> What does 'blood libel' mean? BBC (January 12, 2011), <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-12176503>.

## Post S2.3: Glorifying Hamas Terror Commander Abdullah Barghouti<sup>38</sup>



Tayseer Hadeed shared a post.

July 24 at 11:39 PM · 🌐



تاريخ فلسطين

July 21 at 7:03 PM · 🌐

Like Page

#الأسطورة\_الفلسطيني

هذا الرجل محكوم عليه 5200 سنة سجن  
السجن المؤبد 67 مرة ، بدأ حياته كيميائي وتعثرب 5000 دولار ديون لما كان عنده 18 سنة ، درس  
الهندسة الإلكترونية في كوريا بعد إتقان لغتها ، تعلم 5 لغات ، تعلم الجودو والكاراتيه ، استطاع كسب  
أموال طائلة ، أجاد اختراق شبكات الإتصال الهاتفية وشبكات الإنترنت ، أصبح محترف في جميع  
الدوائر الإلكترونية ، أجاد صناعة المتفجرات بجميع أنواعها و أحجامها ، تعلم كل هذه المهارات  
لتحرير وطنه فلسطين ، خطط وأدار عمليات ضد الصهاينة في (3) سنوات أدت لمقتل (67)  
صهيونياً وإصابة (500) ، يقضي فترة محكوميته في السجون الصهيونية في العزل الإنفرادي عقب  
مكالمة أجراها مع إذاعة محلية في غزة من داخل سجنه مما استدعى تدخل قوات الشاباك وجعلها في  
حالة غليان وغضب وفتح تحقيق في كيفية تمكنه من إجراء المكالمة من داخل السجن.  
من مؤلفاته وهو داخل السجن : أمير الظل..الماجدة..فلسطين العاشقة و المعشوق..المقدس  
وشياطين الهيكل المزعوم..المقصلة..مهندس على الطريق  
#عبدالله\_البرغوثي /أمير الظل

See Translation

“This man was sentenced to 5,200 years in prison, 67 life terms. He started his life as a mechanic, and carried \$5,000 USD of debt when he was 18. He studied electronic engineering in Korea after he had mastered the language. He learned five languages, learned judo and karate and was able to earn big sums of money. He was very good at hacking telephone lines and the Internet, and was an expert in all [types of] electrical circuits. He mastered the manufacturing of all types and sizes of explosives, and acquired all those skills in order to liberate his homeland, Palestine. He planned and oversaw operations against the Zionist for 3 years, in which 67 Zionists were killed and 500 were injured. He is serving his sentence in solitary confinement in an Israeli prison, as a punishment for a telephone call he made from prison to a local radio station in Gaza. [The incident] called for the involvement of Shabak, caused stir and anger and led to the initiation of an investigation into how he was able to make a call from inside the prison. Some of the books he wrote while in prison: *The Prince of Shadow*, *The Glorious Woman*, *The Loving and Beloved Palestine*, *the Jerusalemite*, *The Devils of the Alleged Temple*, *The Guillotine*, and *An Engineer on the Road*.

The above post celebrates  
Hamas bombmaker Abdullah

Barghouti for his role in terror attacks “in which 67 Zionists were killed and 500 injured.” Abdullah Barghouti’s bombs were used in the suicide bombings at Hebrew University, Sbarro Pizza, Moment Café, and Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall, among others.<sup>39</sup> He is described as an intelligent and successful person who “learned five languages,” “earned

<sup>38</sup> Tayseer Hadeed, FACEBOOK (July 25, 2019, 12:39 AM), [https://www.facebook.com/tayseer.hadeed/posts/1278901612265022?\\_tn=-R](https://www.facebook.com/tayseer.hadeed/posts/1278901612265022?_tn=-R)

<sup>39</sup> Abdullah Barghouti – Hamas Bomb-Maker, OSEN LAW (last visited Aug. 11, 2019), <https://www.osenlaw.com/content/abdullah-barghouti-hamas-bomb-maker>

big sums of money,” “was very good at hacking telephone lines and the Internet,” and “mastered the manufacturing of all types and sizes of explosives.” Moreover, all of this was fully justified according to Hadeed, as it was done “in order to liberate his homeland, Palestine.”

## Post S2.4: Endorsing Lebanese Terrorist Georges Abdallah<sup>40</sup>



Tayseer Hadeed shared a post.  
May 19 · 🌐

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The purpose of this post is to publicize to “millions of free people” in “all the ends of the Earth” who Georges Abdallah is. Abdallah was a leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions who was responsible for the 1982 Paris killings of American military attaché Charles Ray and Israeli diplomat Yakov

Georges Ibrahim Abdallah جورج إبراهيم عبدالله  
April 20 · 🌐

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الاسم: جورج عبدالله  
المحطة: القبيات، عكار، لبنان  
المهنة: مدرس  
الهوية: عربي، مقاوم  
العمر: ٣٥ عاماً في سجون الاحتلال (الفرنسي)  
التهمة: رفض الاعتراف بالكيان الغاصب والاعتذار عن أفعال المقاومة  
الشعار: لم أندم، لم أساوم، سأبقى أقاوم  
المطلوب: وصول هذا المنشور إلى كل أقاليم الأرض، لكي يعرف العالم كله من هو جورج عبدالله  
\* إضغط مشاركة فهناك ملايين الأحرار لا يعرفون جورج عبدالله بعد !

“Name: Georges Abdallah  
From: Al-Qoubaiyat, Akkar, Lebanon  
Profession: Teacher  
Identity: Arab, resistance man  
Age: 35 years in the (French) Occupation's prisons  
Charges: Refusing to recognize the rapist entity [Israel] and to apologize for acts of resistance  
Slogan: I will never express remorse, will never bargain and will always resist  
What needs to be done: This post should reach all the ends of Earth, so that the whole world would know who Georges Abdallah is

\* Click 'share' because there are millions of free people who still do not know who Georges Abdallah is!”

<sup>40</sup> Tayseer Hadeed, FACEBOOK (May 19, 2019, 11:53 AM),  
<https://www.facebook.com/100004355863740/posts/1227426267412557?s=100000260702744&sfns=mo>

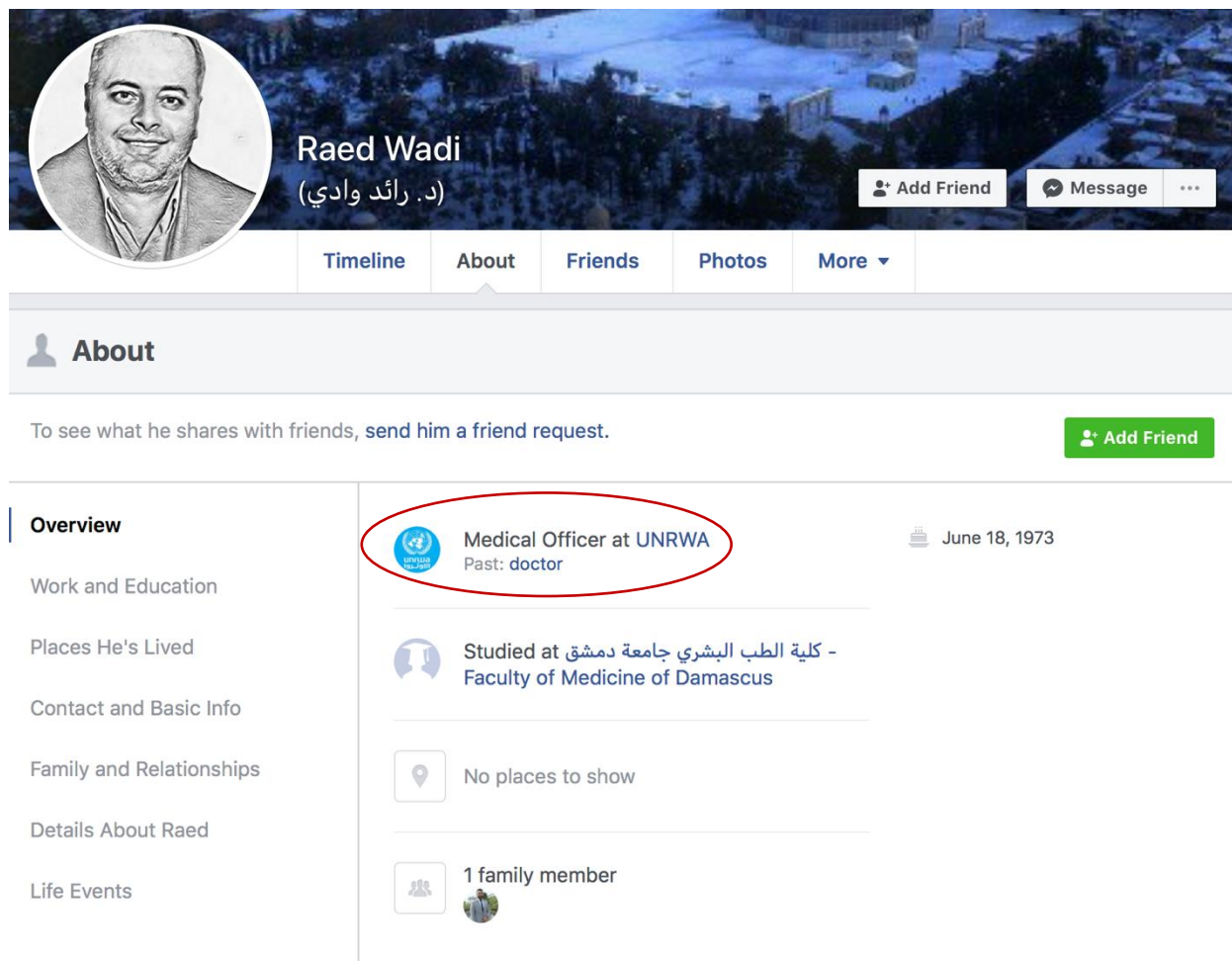
Barsimentov.<sup>41</sup> Hadeed describes Abdallah as an “Arab, resistance man,” true to his slogan of “I will never express remorse, will never bargain and will always resist.” Thus, Hadeed endorses Abdallah’s brand of violent resistance and seeks to share it with the world as a model to follow.

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<sup>41</sup> *Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, the unpardoned terrorist*, FRANCE 24 (Dec. 29, 2011), <https://www.france24.com/en/20111229-georges-ibrahim-abdallah-unpardoned-terrorist>.



### S3: RAED WADI, UNRWA MEDICAL OFFICER, SHARES SUPPORT FOR HEZBOLLAH TERRORIST AND KILLER OF INNOCENT RABBI



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook profile for Raed Wadi. The profile picture is a circular portrait of a man with a beard. The cover photo is a dark, aerial view of a city at night. The name 'Raed Wadi' is displayed, followed by '(د. رائد وادي)' in Arabic. Below the name are buttons for 'Add Friend' and 'Message'. The navigation tabs include 'Timeline', 'About', 'Friends', 'Photos', and 'More'. The 'About' tab is selected, showing a message: 'To see what he shares with friends, send him a friend request.' and an 'Add Friend' button. The 'Overview' section lists 'Medical Officer at UNRWA' with a UNRWA logo, 'Past: doctor', and a birth date of 'June 18, 1973'. Below this, it says 'Studied at كلية الطب البشري جامعة دمشق - Faculty of Medicine of Damascus'. There is also a section for 'No places to show' and '1 family member'.

**Raed Wadi**  
(د. رائد وادي)

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**Overview**

Work and Education

Places He's Lived

Contact and Basic Info

Family and Relationships

Details About Raed

Life Events

Medical Officer at UNRWA  
Past: doctor  
June 18, 1973

Studied at كلية الطب البشري جامعة دمشق -  
Faculty of Medicine of Damascus

No places to show

1 family member

**Raed Wadi**<sup>42</sup> lists himself as an UNRWA medical officer. He has shared posts on Facebook that honor Palestinian terrorist Omar Abu Laila (post S3.1) and Hezbollah operative Sami Shihab (post S3.2).

<sup>42</sup> Raed Wadi, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited Aug 11, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/Dr.raed.wadi/about?lst=100004373944981%3A1297696053%3A1557824229>.

## Post S3.1: Celebrating Palestinian Terrorist Omar Abu Laila<sup>43</sup>



Raed Wadi shared a post.

March 21 · 🌐

وصية الشهيد عمر أبو ليلي البسيطة بقلبه و يده الطاهرة .... أمعن التأمل بها لتعرف من هم شهداء فلسطين .... على كل قيادات و مستثمري الانقسام الفشلة أن يمعنوا النظر ..... الى مخابرات السلطة المنحطين ..... شعب أكبر منكم جميعا ..... سحقا لكم ..... ارحلوا عنا

"The simple last will of martyr Omar Abu Laila [written] with his heart and pure hand. Have a good look at it, so that you know who the martyrs of Palestine are. All leaders and all the wretched advocates of division should take a good look too. To the despicable Palestinian Intelligence Service: Our people are above you all. To hell with you. Leave us alone."



اسماعيل السنداوي ابو مجاهد

March 20

وصية الشهيد، الفقراء هم من يحملون راية الجهاد والمقاومة، إلى جنات النعيم ابن سلفيت، رضى الله عنك

The will of the martyr, the poor are the ones who carry the banner of jihad and resistance, to the gardens of bliss ibn Salfit, God

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This post includes two images glorifying the Palestinian terrorist Omar Abu Laila who stabbed an Israeli soldier to death and stole his weapon which he then used to shoot and kill father-of-12, Rabbi Achiad Ettinger on March 17, 2019; and a copy of Abu Laila's will.<sup>44</sup> The larger image shows Abu Laila next to a map that erases Israel with a caption referring to Abu Laila as a "martyr" and a "resistance man." The text at the bottom of the image incites others to follow Abu Laila, saying "men's shoulders were created so that they carry guns on them."

In his text accompanying the images, Wadi further praises Abu Laila as a "martyr of Palestine," and calls on his followers to read Abu Laila's will which was written with "his heart and pure hand." The will expresses Abu Laila's hope of becoming a "martyr."

<sup>43</sup> Raed Wadi, FACEBOOK (March 21, 2019, 2:57 AM), <https://www.facebook.com/Dr.raed.wadi/posts/10214147763070217>.

<sup>44</sup> Jacob Magid, *Father of 12 succumbs to injuries from Sunday terror attack*, TIMES OF ISRAEL (March 18, 2019), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/father-of-12-injured-in-sunday-terror-attack-dies/>

## Post S3.2: Glorifying Hezbollah Terrorist Sami Shihab<sup>45</sup>





**Raed Wadi**  
 May 7 · 🌐

العتال

#ناقل\_الصواريخ\_الى\_غزة

تحية للقائد اللبناني في حزب الله سامي شهاب الذي لولاه لما وصلت صواريخ كورنت و سام 6 و فجر 5 ليد المقاومة لتدك بها معاقل بني صهيون. سامي هاني شهاب "لبناني"، و اسمه الحقيقي محمد يوسف أحمد منصور، وله اسمان حركيان هما "أبو زور" و "منير". حيث كانت الصواريخ تنقل مفككة من السودان لصحراء سيناء ليعيد سامي شهاب و مجموعته تركيبها و تمريرها للقطاع عبر الأنفاق. اعتقلته السلطات المصرية وتم تحريره من السجن بداية عام 2011. سماه السيد حسن نصر الله #العتال و اليوم نرى عتالته تتساقط في قلب فلسطين المحتلة .

"The porter  
 #The\_Carrier\_of\_Missiles\_to\_Gaza  
 Cheers to the Lebanese commander in Hezbollah, Sami Shihab. Had it not been for him, Kornet, Sam-6 and Fajr-5 missiles would never have reached the hands of the Resistance to be used to attack the strongholds of Zionists. Sami Hani Shihab is a Lebanese, and his real name is Muhammad Yusuf Ahmed Mansour. He has two noms de guerre, 'Abu Zour' and 'Munir'. Missiles used to be transported disassembled from Sudan to the Sinai Desert, where Shihab and his group would reassemble them and smuggle them to the [Gaza] Strip through tunnels. Egyptian authorities arrested him and he was released at the beginning of 2011. Mr. Hassan Nasrallah named him #the\_porter, and today we see his cargo land in the heart of occupied Palestine.  
 #The\_Carrier\_of\_Missiles\_to\_Gaza"

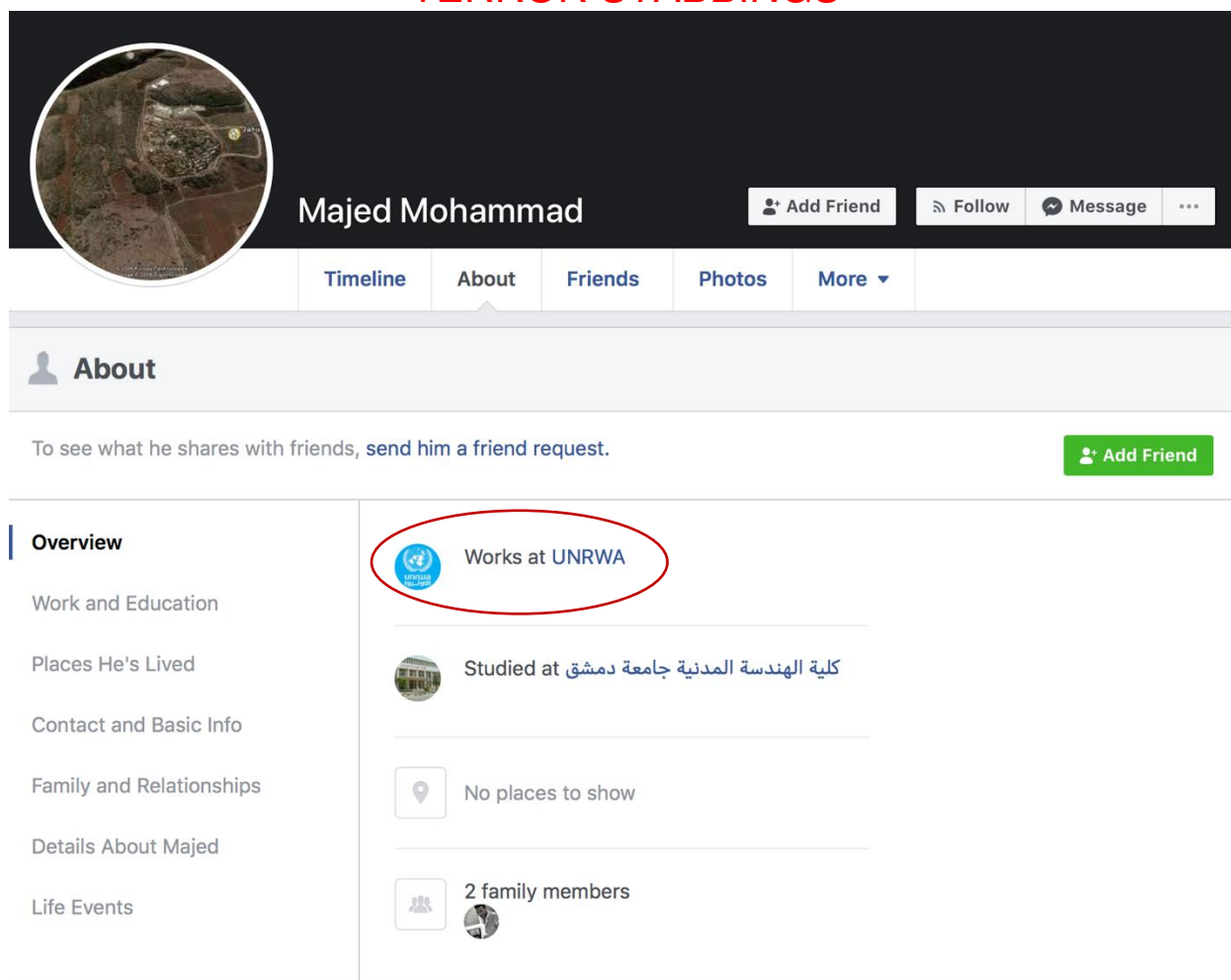
This post celebrates Hezbollah operative Sami Shihab and advocates terrorist attacks against Israel. Shihab oversaw the smuggling of weapons to Gaza through Egypt and the planning of terrorist attacks at resorts frequented by Israeli tourists.<sup>46</sup> This post begins by honoring Shihab for his weapons smuggling to Gaza. It concludes with further admiration for Shihab whose "cargo" (*i.e.*, deadly rockets and missiles) now land in Israel, which Wadi refers to as "occupied Palestine." Thus, not only is Wadi posting praise and support for rocket attacks which target innocent Israeli civilians, but he is

<sup>45</sup>Raed Wadi, FACEBOOK (May 7, 2019, 12:28 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10214459614426306&set=a.10202227095340974&type=3&theater>

<sup>46</sup> Sami Shihab, a Hezbollah operative who escaped from an Egyptian prison, participated in a Hezbollah rally in Beirut, MEIR AMIT INTELLIGENCE AND TERRORISM INFORMATION CENTER (Feb. 20, 2011), <https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/17952/>

also rejecting Israel's right to exist by referring to undisputed parts of Israel bordering Gaza as "occupied."

## S4: MAJED MOHAMMAD, UNRWA EMPLOYEE, SHARES ADMIRATION FOR ADOLF HITLER AND SUPPORT FOR TERROR STABBINGS



**Majed Mohammad**


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 Works at UNRWA

 Studied at كلية الهندسة المدنية جامعة دمشق

 No places to show

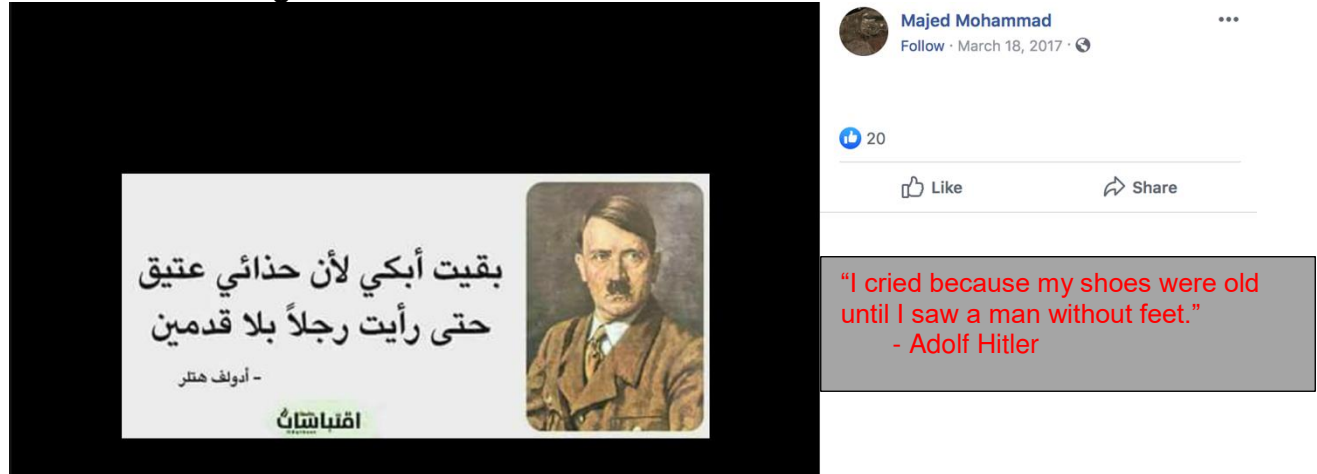
 2 family members

**Majed Mohammad**<sup>47</sup> lists himself as an UNRWA employee in Syria. He has posted content that expresses clear admiration for Adolf Hitler (post S5.1) and encouragement for those who commit stabbing attacks (post S5.2).

<sup>47</sup> Majed Mohammad, FACEBOOK PROFILE (last visited Aug. 11, 2019), <https://www.facebook.com/majed.ali.14289/about?l=100000260702744%3A100002125804193%3A1565341537>.



#### Post S4.1: Sharing Admiration for Adolf Hitler<sup>48</sup>



In a sign of reverence for Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, who orchestrated the mass murder of six million Jews, Mohammad shares a photo of Hitler alongside one of the dictator's alleged quotes seeking to portray him as a benevolent humanitarian.

<sup>48</sup> Majed Mohammed, FACEBOOK (March 18, 2017, 8:28 PM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1305819026165612&set=a.1305819109498937&type=3&theater>.

## Post S4.2: Posting Incitement to Terrorism and Violence<sup>49</sup>



This post depicts a young individual holding a knife in the shape of the map of Israel and making a victory sign. The caption reads: “Not everyone who knows the way has the courage to walk in it,” a clear message of incitement for stabbing attacks which are characterized as “courageous.”

<sup>49</sup> Majed Mohammad, FACEBOOK (Sep. 11, 2017, 12:39 AM), <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1481373871943459&set=ecnf.100002125804193&type=3&theater>.