

FUNDING HATE EDUCATION





HOW BRITISH TAXPAYERS ARE FUNDING HATE EDUCATION AND VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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Foreword

The TaxPayers' Alliance monitors spending by both central and local government to ensure that taxpayers are getting good value for money. With taxes at record levels, taxpayers have a right to expect that their money is carefully spent by all government departments and agencies, not forgetting the European Union, to which British taxpayers contribute over £10 billion a year.

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In the first of a series of papers analysing the effectiveness of expenditure on overseas aid, we look at the effects of British aid spending in the Palestinian territories. We reveal disturbing evidence showing how British taxpayers' money has been spent helping to fund hate education and promote violence in the Middle East.

It is especially worrying that Palestinian children are often the main targets of this destructive propaganda. Messages of murder and martyrdom appear in children's television programmes, radio and TV broadcasts, a school football tournament, and of course, school textbooks. These are the textbooks that UK-funded teachers are using right across the Palestinian territories.

What hope is there for peace when children are being instructed to kill? How will the cycle of violence in the Middle East cease when the next generation of potential suicide bombers is being trained?

The millions that have been donated to the Palestinian Authority every year have unwittingly helped further the aims of extremists wishing to carry out attacks in the Middle East and in the West.

Our donations can contribute to a stable peace in the region. We need to use our influence to ensure that hate education is stopped and instead the next generation are taught to appreciate how conflict can be resolved peacefully. 'Education for Mutual Understanding' helped the Northern Ireland peace process and a similar model can work in the Middle East.



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Introduction

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- When Hamas took over at the head of the Palestinian government in April 2006, Britain and the European Commission halted direct aid payments.¹ Since then aid to Palestine from both Britain and the EU has been restored through two main channels. The British contribution adds up to **£47.5 million** over the last year:
 - **Direct funding from the British government.** Britain has donated **£15 million** to the Temporary International Mechanism, the new financial arrangement designed to bypass Hamas, since it was founded in June 2006.² The Department for International Development has also given **£3 million** to the Palestinian Authority to help pay off the Authority's debts.³



¹ BBC News, "EU suspends aid to Palestinians", April 2006 downloaded from http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/4887226.stm on 10/8/2007

² Department for International Development, "Country Profiles – Asia – Palestinian Authority", downloaded from <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/countries/asia/palestine.asp> on 8/8/2007

³ British Embassy, Jakarta, "UK Leads the way in resuming direct aid for Palestinian Government", July 2007

- **Funding through the European Commission.** The European Commission donated €340 million to Palestinian causes in 2006.⁴ This represented 0.28 per cent of the €121 billion European Union budget in 2006.⁵ Around **£29.5 million** of this will have been paid by the UK, i.e. 0.28 per cent of Britain's £10.5 billion gross contribution to the EU budget.
- Through the new aid spending, part of the £47.5 million donated by Britain is helping to fund hate education and promote violence in the Palestinian territories. It is doing this in three ways:
 - **Funding the Palestinian education system.** The Palestinian authorities have produced textbooks that promote martyrdom, support the execution of apostates and support insurgents fighting British troops in Iraq.
 - **Funding the Palestinian Authority directly.** Direct financial support has effectively given the Palestinian Authority more money to spend on, among other things, hateful propaganda.
 - **Freeing up resources by funding services Palestinian authorities would otherwise be expected to provide.** Bypassing the Palestinian authorities by paying directly for basic services that a government would usually be expected to provide has actually left a greater proportion of the budgets of the Palestinian authorities free to be spent on propaganda and violence.



⁴ European Union External Relations, "The EU & the Middle East: Position and background", downloaded from http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/mepp/faq/index.htm on 8/8/2007

⁵ European Union, "Budget in Figure- EU Budget 2006", downloaded from http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/publications/budget_in_fig/dep_eu_budg_2006_en.pdf 8/8/2007

1. Funding the Palestinian education system

There have been longstanding concerns about Palestinian textbooks, often bought with money from outside donations, indoctrinating Palestinian children.⁶ Responding to these concerns over the content of Palestinian textbooks, the EU Heads of Department argued, in 2002, that only textbooks published before 2000 contained incendiary material.⁷ It didn't take long, however, before any reforms to the Palestinian education system were shown to be superficial. As the examples on the following pages reveal, Palestinian textbooks have promoted martyrdom, called for the execution of apostates and celebrated the "brave resistance" in Iraq (*Exhibit 1.1, Exhibit 1.2 and Exhibit 1.3*).

Despite the evidence cited, the Palestinian education system continues to be funded by outside donors under the Temporary International Mechanism, established in June 2006, to which Britain has so far contributed £15 million. In fact, printed as part of the introduction to all new 12th grade textbooks published for the 2006-07 school year was a message of thanks from the Palestinian Ministry of Education to Belgium for its help in introducing the new curriculum (*Exhibit 1.4*). The top right-hand covers of the textbooks display the Palestinian Authority logo. This logo can be seen in front of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, showing the link between British taxpayers' money and the publication of the textbooks (*Exhibit 1.5*).

These examples of Palestinian Authority textbooks are from the last year. The date can be seen in the letter of thanks signed by the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Education and Higher Education of September 2006 (*Exhibit 1.4*), which is printed within each of these textbooks. The date of the letter is written in Arabic (highlighted in yellow at the bottom). The back cover also shows that the textbook was printed in Nablus in 2006 (*Exhibit 1.6*).

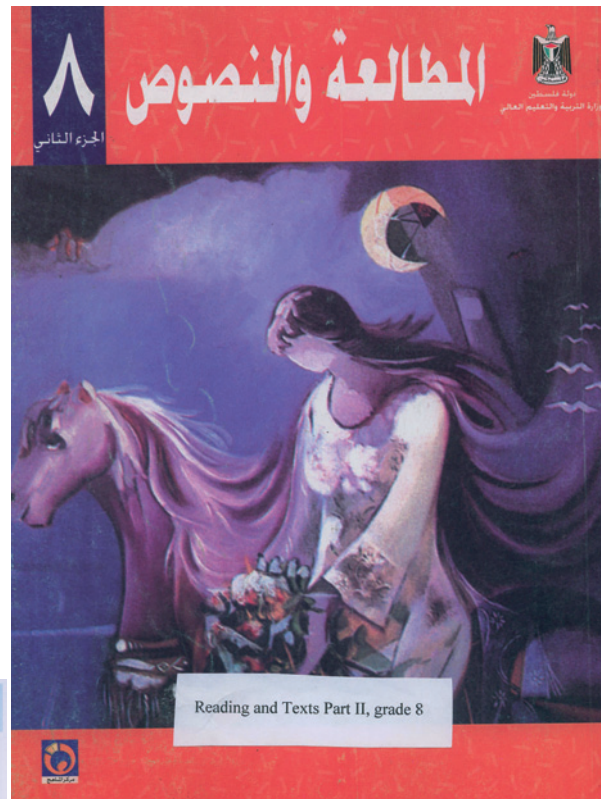
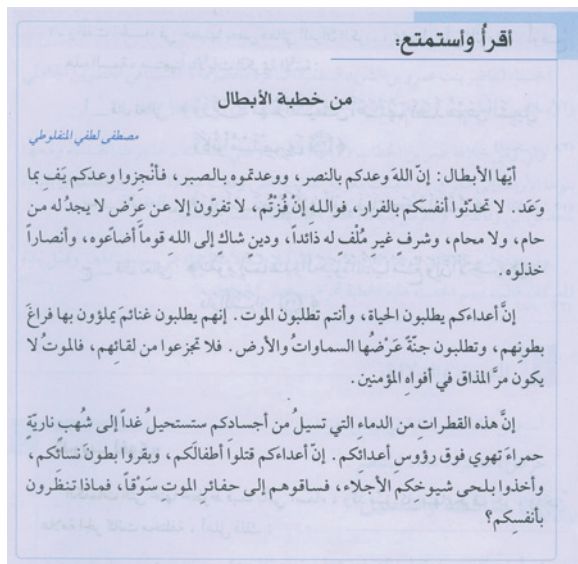
On Wednesday 15 August 2007, further evidence of extremist indoctrination of children within the Palestinian education system has emerged. In a school in Tulkarem (West Bank) this week, a soccer tournament was named after Ziyad Da'as. Da'as planned the attack in which a gunman opened fire at a Bat Mitzvah in Hadera in January 2002, killing six and wounding 30 (*Exhibit 1.7*).

If British aid to the Palestinians contributes to a cycle of violence by funding the Palestinian education system then it is seriously undermining our foreign policy objective of a "just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East".⁸ It could also have the effect of endangering Britons by increasing hatred of the UK in the Middle East.

⁶ CMIP, "The Palestinian Authority School Books and Teachers' Guide", March 2001, downloaded from <http://www.edume.org/reports/1/toc.htm> on 14/8/2007

⁷ EU Heads of Mission, "Palestinian Schoolbooks", May 2002 downloaded from http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/mepp/faq/heads_%20mission_schoolbooks.pdf on 10/8/2007

⁸ Foreign and Commonwealth Office, "Middle East Peace Process", July 2007, downloaded from <http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1007029394617> on 14/8/2007

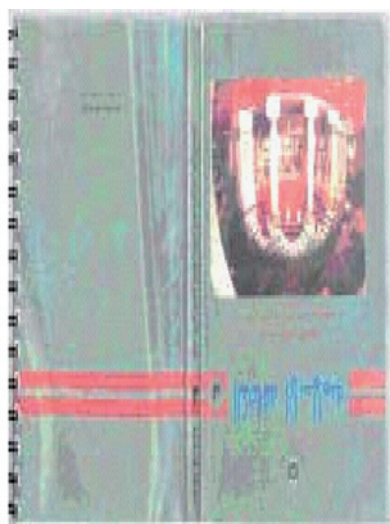
Exhibit 1.1: Reading and Texts⁹

Translation:

"O heroes, Allah has promised you victory.... Do not talk yourselves into flight... Your enemies seek life while you seek death. They seek spoils to fill their empty stomachs while you seek a Garden [Paradise] as wide as are the heavens and the earth... death is not bitter in the mouth of the believers. These drops of blood that gush from your bodies will be transformed tomorrow into blazing red meteors that will fall down upon the heads of your enemies." (page 16)

⁹ PA schoolbook, Reading and Texts Part II, Grade 8, p. 16, Palestinian Media Watch report

Exhibit 1.2: "Islamic Culture", issued by the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Education, 2003 ¹⁰



Translation:

"The nation should support the ruler in anything that prompts progress... In external matters [the nation should assist] through Jihad, while in the domestic arena it should help through... industrial, agricultural, moral, and social revival... and by adhering to the religious laws..." (page 104)

"Jihad is an Islamic term that equates to the term war in other nations. The difference is that Jihad has noble goals and lofty aims, and is carried out only for the sake of Allah and for His glory... [By contrast] wars by other nations are mainly waged because of wickedness, aggression, love of domination, expanding influence, looting properties, murder, and the fulfillment of ambitions and desires, such as the war that the Western countries waged to exploit Islamic countries for imperialistic purposes, to control their Muslim citizens and to rob their resources and richness..." (page 208)

"The logical reason for executing a person who abandons Islam is the following: There is nothing in Islam that comes in contrast to human nature. Whoever joins Islam after recognizing its truth and after tasting its sweetness and then abandons it - is in fact rebelling against truth and logic. Like any other regime, Islam has to protect itself therefore this punishment [execution] awaits the person who abandons it, because he is spreading doubt about Islam..." (page 155)

¹⁰ The Middle East Media Research Institute, "2003 Palestinian Authority Textbook Calls for Jihad and Martyrdom", November 2003 downloaded from <http://www.memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=sr&ID=SR2203> on 9/8/2007

Exhibit 1.3: "History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century"¹¹


تاريخ العرب والعالم
في القرن العشرين

History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century, grade 12

حرب الخليج الثالثة (احتلال العراق عام ٢٠٠٣م)

رغم التعاون الإيجابي الذي أبداه العراق مع لجنة التفتيش عن أسلحة الدمار الشامل، الأمر الذي أكده رئيس مفشي الأسلحة بالعراق في تقريره أمام مجلس الأمن الدولي، إلا أن واشنطن كانت تصر على التهديد بالحرب بصرف النظر عن موافقة مجلس الأمن، وأبدت كثير من الدول الكبرى معارضتها للجوء إلى الحرب ضد العراق، مثل: روسيا، وفرنسا، والصين، إذ أكد الرئيس الفرنسي شيراك أن الحرب أسوأ الحلول للأزمة العراقية، كما اجتاحت العالم مظاهرات صاخبة تندد بالحرب كان أبرزها في فلسطين، ومصر، وإسبانيا، وإيطاليا، وفرنسا، والدنمارك، وبريطانيا.

وجه الرئيس الأمريكي جورج بوش الابن إنذاراً للرئيس العراقي عام ٢٠٠٣م، أمهله فيه ٤٨ ساعة لمغادرة العراق، وإلا واجه حرباً لنزع أسلحته، وقد رفضت جامعة الدول العربية هذا الإنذار، وتجاهلت الولايات المتحدة وبريطانيا المواقف الرسمية والشعبية، وبدأت بتوجيه ضرباتها العسكرية يوم الخميس بتاريخ ٢٠/٣/٢٠٠٣م ضد المواقع والمنشآت العراقية، واندفعت قواتها نحو المدن العراقية بمشاركة قوات عسكرية من جنسيات مختلفة، فسقطت بغداد، ولم يستسلم العراقيون لهذا الاحتلال، بل استطاعوا تنظيم أنفسهم والبدء في مقاومته بأسلحة تحرير العراق، وتمكنت القوات الأمريكية من القبض على الرئيس العراقي صدام حسين تمهيداً لمحاكمته، وشكلت حكومة جديدة في ظل تصاعد حدة المقاومة العراقية ضد استمرار الاحتلال.

اختبر نفسي

س١: أكمل الفراغ في العبارات الآتية:

أ- كانت حرب الخليج الأولى عام ١٩٨٠م بين و.....

ب- قامت بصرب المفاعل النووي العراقي عام ١٩٨١م.

ج- سبب حرب الخليج الثانية عام ١٩٩٠م اجتياح القوات العراقية ل.....

د- احتلت الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية العراق عام.....

س٢: بماذا تفسر:

— صدور قانون الإصلاح الزراعي في العراق عام ١٩٥٨م؟

— اهتمام العراق بقدراتها العسكرية؟

— انخفاض الدخل القومي العراقي بعد عام ١٩٩١م؟

س٣: أوضح الدور الذي قامت به الحكومة العراقية لتنمية القطاع الصناعي.

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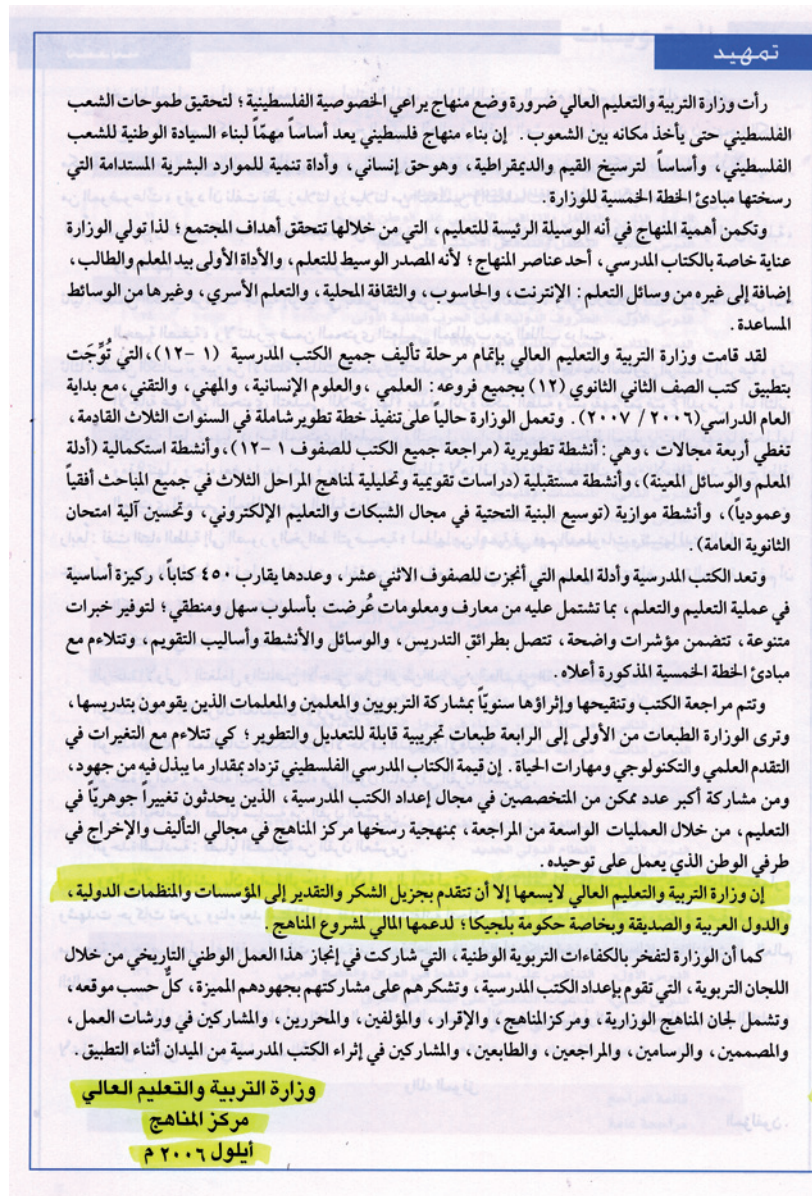
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Translation:

"The U.S. and Britain... stormed Iraqi cities with the participation of military forces from different countries and Baghdad fell. The Iraqis did not surrender to this occupation but succeeded in organizing themselves and a brave resistance to liberate Iraq began." (page 147)

¹¹ "History of the Arabs and the World in the 20th Century", p. 147, via Palestinian Media Watch

Exhibit 1.4: Message of thanks from the Palestinian Ministry of Education, September 2006¹²



Translation:

"The Ministry of Higher Education thanks from the bottom of its heart the international institutes and organisations and the friendly Arab states, and especially the Belgian government, for their monetary support of the curriculum project."

¹² Message of thanks from the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the Curriculum Development Centre, September 2006. This message was printed as part of the introduction to all new 12th grade textbooks published for the 2006-07 school year

Exhibit 1.5: Palestinian Authority logo, as seen on the cover of the textbooks



Exhibit 1.6: Back cover of Palestinian Authority textbooks, printed in Nablus in 2006 ¹³



¹³ Scan provided by Palestinian Media Watch

Exhibit 1.7: School football tournament named after murderer¹⁴

In a school in Tulkarem (West Bank) in August 2007, a soccer tournament was named after Ziyad Da'as. Da'as planned the attack in which a gunman opened fire with an M-16 rifle at a Bat Mitzvah in Hadera in January 2002, killing six and wounding 30. He was also behind the kidnapping and murder of two Israelis in Tulkarem in 2001. Da'as, a Fatah-Tanzim city commander, was killed by Israel in August 2002.

Significantly, the article below indicated that the tournament took place in a Palestinian school and that the school administration was thanked "for providing the means for its success." It should also be noted that in reporting the story, the newspaper glorified the terrorist as "one of the brave people of the Palestinian resistance." The daily Al Hayat Al Jadida is owned by the Palestinian Authority, and is therefore indirectly funded by British taxpayers.

Excerpt from the article:

Headline: "The team named after the Shahids (Martyrs) of the Southern Quarter wins the tournament cup named after the Shahid Ziyad Da'as."

"This tournament...commemorates one of the brave people of the Palestinian resistance, whom the Israeli occupation forces assassinated in cold blood..."

The committee that organized the tournament thanked the administration of the school... for hosting the tournament in the school yard and for providing the means for its success...

At the end of the tournament, the viewers indicated that the tournament was in a level to suitably commemorate the brave Shahid (Martyr), the mercy of Allah be upon him, Ziyad Da'as, and that an annual tournament should take place on the anniversary of his death."

¹⁴ Al Hayat Al Jadida, August 15, 2007

2. Funding the Palestinian Authority directly

Following the Hamas takeover of Gaza and the establishment of a new government by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Britain was one of the first countries to resume direct financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority. The first donation, announced this July, is a payment of £3 million to allow the Palestinian Authority to pay off some of its debts.¹⁵ This direct aid gives the Palestinian Authority more money to spend as it wishes.

The assumption underlying this new funding decision is that without Hamas the Palestinian Authority can be trusted with taxpayers' money. However, the current Fatah-led Palestinian Authority also has a record of promoting martyrdom and violence and funding hateful propaganda, as the examples below show (*Exhibit 2.1 – Exhibit 2.8*).

There is therefore no reason to believe that the Palestinian Authority can be trusted to spend British taxpayers' money. Indeed, funding the Palestinian Authority in this way means that the British government is furthering the aims of extremists who wish to carry out attacks in Britain.



¹⁵ British Embassy, Jakarta, "UK Leads the way in resuming direct aid for Palestinian Government", July 2007

Exhibit 2.1: Ibrahim Mudayris, Head of the association for learning Quran by heart, PA Ministry of Endowments & Religious Affairs, Friday sermon, Palestinian Authority TV, 13 May 2005 ¹⁶

"Where did Great Britain disappear? Where did the Czar's Russia disappear? Where did Nazi Germany? Where did all those forces disappear? With Allah's will, He will get rid of the USA like he got rid of them. We [Muslims] have ruled the world [in the past] and a day will come, by Allah, and we shall rule the world [again]. The day will come and we shall rule America, the day will come and we shall rule Britain. We shall rule the entire world."

Exhibit 2.2: Suleiman Satari, "Friday Sermon", Palestinian Authority Television, in the presence of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, November 2006 ¹⁷

"Destroy the Infidels and the Polytheists! Your [i.e. God's] enemies are the enemies of the religion! ... count them and kill them to the last one, and don't leave even one."

Exhibit 2.3: Sheikh Ikrima Al Sabri, Mufti of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Authority, "Friday Sermon", Palestinian Authority Radio, August 2001 ¹⁸

"We are counting upon you our Lord... that you will protect Al-Aqza from the occupation... Allah! Destroy the occupation and its supporters and its collaborators! Allah! Destroy America and its supporters and its collaborators! Allah! Destroy Britain and its supporters and its collaborators!"

Exhibit 2.4: Palestinian Authority pre-school education programme, 22 October 2004 ¹⁹

Girl: *"If a boy comes in front of your house where a tree is planted, and cuts it down, what would you do?"*

Tarabisho – a talking puppet: *"I have two trees in front of my house?"*

Girl: *"If a little boy cuts them down, what will you do to him?"*

Tarabisho: *"What I'll do to him?"*

I'll fight him and make a big riot,

I'll call the whole world and make a riot.

I'll bring AK-47s [assault rifles] and the whole world,

I'll commit a massacre in front of the house".

¹⁶ Ibrahim Mudayris, Head of the association for learning Quran by heart, PA Ministry of Endowments & Religious Affairs, Friday sermon, Palestinian Authority TV, 13 May 2005. Translation supplied by Palestinian Media Watch

¹⁷ Suleiman Satari, *Friday Sermon*, Palestinian Authority TV, November 2006

¹⁸ Sheikh Ikrima Al Sabri, Mufti of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Authority, *Friday Sermon*, Voice of Palestine, August 2001

¹⁹ PA TV, 22 October 2004. Translation supplied by Palestinian Media Watch

Exhibit 2.5: Hasan Khader, Founder, Al Quds Encyclopedia, Palestinian Authority TV, educational programme, 12 February 2007 ²⁰

"Mohammed said in his Hadith: 'The Hour [Resurrection] will not arrive until you fight the Jews, and the rock and the tree will say: 'Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!'"

Exhibit 2.6: Palestinian Authority TV, regular religious programme of Sheik Imad Hamato, 3 November 2006 ²¹

"When a man sees one of his brothers being killed for Allah, a person with no head, no legs, his body completely burned. Intestines outside, fingers are gone... The most difficult thing which we fear is what the Shahids [Martyrs] wish for most of all. They ask Allah: 'Oh God, bring us back [to earth] to be killed by the Apach, so the planes will blow us up, that our heads will be cut off.... We shouldn't forget that Allah, praise him, in blessing the blood of the Shahid, He forgives him from the first gush of blood. And he sees his place in Paradise. He is shielded from the Great Shock and marries 72 Dark-Eyed Maidens [virgins]."

Exhibit 2.7: Friday Sermon from Beit Hanun, Gaza Strip, Palestinian Authority TV, 10 November 2006 ²²

"We ask of Allah that he should repay their deception in their throats for what they did and kill them one by one ... They are the Jews, they are the Jews. We ask of Allah that he gives us the ability to defeat them... We don't want to be killed by our own people. We want to kill the Jews and that they should kill us. If they kill us, the Garden [Paradise] is ours, please God. If we kill them, Paradise is ours... Allah take the Jews and those who serve [help] them [repeats 5 times.] ... Kill them one by one, don't leave even one, show them a black day, make their children orphans and their wives widows, turn their wives into widows..."

²⁰ Hasan Khader, Founder, Al Quds Encyclopedia, Palestinian Authority TV, educational programme, 12 February 2007. Translation supplied by Palestinian Media Watch

²¹ Palestinian Authority TV, regular religious programme of Sheik Imad Hamato, 3 November 2006. Translation supplied by Palestinian Media Watch

²² Friday Sermon from Beit Hanun, Gaza Strip, Palestinian Authority TV, 10 November 2006. Translation supplied by Palestinian Media Watch

**Exhibit 2.8: Ahmad Bahar, Acting Speaker of Palestinian Legislative Council,
Palestinian Authority TV, 20 April 2007 ²³**

"Our people was afflicted by the cancerous lump, that is the Jews, in the heart of the Arab nation... America is on its way to disappear, America is wallowing [in blood] today in Iraq and Afghanistan, America is defeated and Israel is defeated, and was defeated in Lebanon and Palestine... Make us victorious over the infidel people... Allah, take hold of the Jews and their allies, Allah, take hold of the Americans and their allies... Allah, count them and kill them to the last one and don't leave even one."

²³ Ahmad Bahar, Acting Speaker of Palestinian Legislative Council, from Hamas, Palestinian Authority TV, 20 April 2007. Translation supplied by Palestinian Media Watch

3. Freeing up resources by funding services Palestinian authorities would otherwise be expected to provide

International donors, through the Temporary International Mechanism, take responsibility for financing a number of services delivered by the Palestinian authorities:

- Goods and services for health and education;
- Utilities such as electricity, water and sanitation;
- Allowances to public sector workers and the poorest Palestinians.²⁴

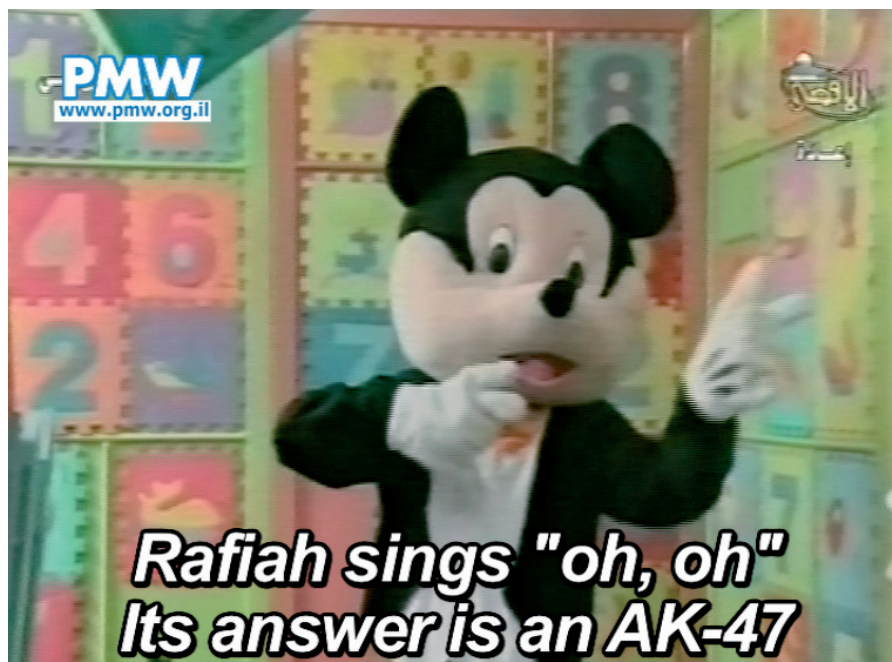
These are services that otherwise the Palestinian authorities, either the Palestinian Authority itself in the West Bank or Hamas in Gaza, would be expected to provide. If these services are funded by the international community more of their budget is free for spending on propaganda and violence such as the fighting seen earlier this year between different Palestinian factions.

One particularly dismal example of how the Palestinian authorities spend their money is provided on the following pages (*Exhibit 3.1 and Exhibit 3.2*).

Foreign aid should not be showered around without regard to its effects on the political situation in the Middle East. British taxpayers should not be called upon to do the job of the Palestinian government when it spends its own money on funding propaganda towards children and internal and external violence.

²⁴ Department for International Development, "Country Profiles – Asia – Palestinian Authority", downloaded from <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/countries/asia/palestine.asp> on 8/8/2007

Exhibit 3.1: Farfour, children's character from the television programme
"Tomorrow's Pioneers"



From the Associated Press:

"Hamas TV on Friday broadcast what it said was the last episode of a weekly children's show featuring "Farfour," a Mickey Mouse look-alike who had made worldwide headlines for preaching Islamic domination and armed struggle to youngsters.

"In the final skit, Farfour was beaten to death by an actor posing as an Israeli official trying to buy Farfour's land. At one point, Farfour called the Israeli a "terrorist".

"Farfour was martyred while defending his land," said Sara, the teen presenter. He was killed "by the killers of children," she added.

*The weekly show, featuring a giant black-and-white rodent with a high-pitched voice, had attracted worldwide attention because the character urged Palestinian children to fight Israel. It was broadcast on Hamas-affiliated Al-Aksa TV."*²⁵

²⁵ Associated Press, "Farfour Mouse dies in last episode", June 2007, downloaded from <http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1183053066461&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull> on 10/8/2007

Excerpts from the final episode of Farfour ²⁶

[Text] "Farfur in Interrogation"

Israeli interrogator: "Sit down, Farfur... Farfur, we want to buy the land, we will give you a lot of money. You will get a lot of money, and we will take the documents."

Farfur: "No!! We will not sell our lands to terrorists!"

Interrogator: "Farfur!!! I want you to give me the documents, give me the documents!"

Farfur: "I'm not giving the documents! Not giving! Not giving!"

Interrogator: "Farfur!!! [Visual: interrogator beats Farfur] Farfur! Hand me the documents. Farfur! Hand me the documents, Farfur!"

Farfur: "I am not handing them to criminals, to terrorists!"

Interrogator: "You call us terrorists, Farfur?!"

[Visual: interrogator beats Farfur again]
Take this! Take this! Take this! Take this!"

Farfur: "Stop! Stop!"

Saraa: "Yes, our children friends, we lost our dearest friend, Farfur. Farfur turned to a Martyr while protecting his land. He turned into a Martyr at the hands of the criminals, and murderers. The murderers of the innocent children... [Talking to a child caller] You saw that the Jews let Farfur die as a Martyr. What do you want to say to the Jews?"

Shaimaa, 3 years old, on the phone: "We don't like the Jews because they are dogs! We will fight them!"

Saraa [sarcastically]: "No, the Jews are good, oh Shaimaa'. The Jews are our friends, and we play with them, isn't it so?"

Shaimaa': "They killed Farfur!"

Saraa': "That's right, oh Shaimaa'. The Jews are criminals and enemies, we must expel them from our land."

[Hamas, Al-Aqsa TV June 27, 2007]



²⁶ Palestinian Media Watch bulletin, 1 July 2007

Exhibit 3.2: Farfour replaced by Nahoul the Bee

After an international outcry Hamas cancelled the Farfour show. However, they both cancelled the show by having Farfour 'martyred' and have since replaced him with Nahoul the Bee, who says:

*"I want to continue on the path of Farfur, the path of Islam is the solution. The path of heroism, the path of martyrdom, the path of jihad warriors. In the name of Farfur, we shall take revenge on the enemies of Allah, the murderers of the prophets, the murderers of innocent children, until Al-Aksa will be liberated from their filth."*²⁷



²⁷ Ben-David, C. "Snap Judgment: Child's play", Jerusalem Post, August 2007 downloaded from <http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1185893697526&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull> on 13/8/2007

Conclusion: how to avoid funding the next generation of suicide bombers

At the launch of a report on Palestinian textbooks, Senator Hillary Clinton said:

*"I am very concerned with these findings. Ever since we first raised this issue some years ago there still has not been an adequate repudiation of incitement by the Palestinian Authority. It is even more disturbing that the problem appears to have gotten worse. These textbooks don't give Palestinian children an education, they give them an indoctrination."*²⁸

Funding this kind of indoctrination of children in Palestine not only hurts the chances of our desired outcome, a peaceful solution in the region, but could also encourage attacks on British soil as hatred is directed not only at Israel but also at the UK. According to a recent poll, a majority of the Palestinian population support terrorist attacks against Britain, with 65 per cent saying they supported Al Qaeda actions in the US and Europe.²⁹

It doesn't have to be this way and our donations can help build understanding instead of hatred. The Palestinian Authority's signing up to the Quartet Principles is due, in no small part, to donor pressure. The problem is not that we give aid to Palestine, which is vital for a people with few other sources of income, but that we focus our resulting influence solely on the question of how the Palestinian Authority itself treats Israel.

We need to broaden our priorities and do all we can to ensure that the Palestinian Authority is preparing the Palestinian population for peace. The very best of treaties will not be able to guarantee peace in the medium to long term if a generation of Palestinians are growing up indoctrinated to hate Israel and the non-Muslim world. There is a clear precedent for this in Northern Ireland where the Government introduced, in 1989, a programme called Education for Mutual Understanding.³⁰ The objectives of that scheme were that it should enable pupils:

"to learn to respect and value themselves and others; to appreciate the interdependence of people within society; to know about and understand what is shared as well as what is different about their cultural traditions; and to appreciate how conflict may be handled in non-violent ways."

If our donations can encourage principles like those to be put at the heart of the Palestinian Authority's engagement with its people, to replace the hate education we see today, then British taxpayers might be getting rather better value for their money.

²⁸ Clinton, H. R., "Senator Clinton Joins with Palestinian Media Watch to Release New Report on Continuing Anti-Israel Bias in Palestinian Textbooks", February 2007 downloaded from <http://www.senate.gov/~clinton/news/statements/record.cfm?id=269046> on 13/8/2007

²⁹ Fafo – Institute for Applied International Studies, "Palestinians support the cease-fire but actions against Israel still seen as legitimate as long as occupation prevails", December 2005 downloaded from <http://www.fafo.no/nyhet/pal-Dec05-pressrelease.pdf> 14/8/2007

³⁰ Smith, A. & Robinson, A. "Education for Mutual Understanding: The Initial Statutory Years", University of Ulster, Coleraine, 1996, <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/csc/reports/mutual.htm>

Appendix 1: Government response to an early draft of this paper



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Dear James

Thank you for your letter of 26 September to David Milliband about a Taxpayers' Alliance report on DFID's work in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). I am replying as the Minister responsible for these issues.

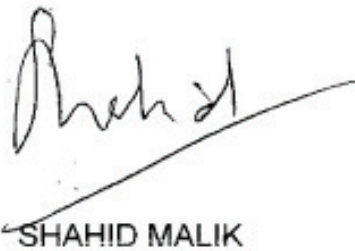
The UK Government takes seriously any concerns over the use of UK and European Community (EC) aid. We go to extreme lengths to ensure that aid is not used to promote terrorism. You highlight three allegations in the report. First, the authors suggest that the Temporary International Mechanism (TIM) funds Palestinian Authority (PA) textbooks that advocate extremism. The TIM, however, actually supports Palestinian front line health services, pays allowances for government workers and poor Palestinians, and helps to maintain water, sanitation and electricity services. It does not fund the production of school-textbooks.

Second, the report says that direct aid from DFID 'contributes to the budget that funds hate education'. The UK does not provide bilateral funding to the Ministry of Education. The £3 million that we have allocated in direct assistance is earmarked to pay off debts to the private sector only. DFID will check that all invoices submitted by the PA are for legitimate services and goods provided by suppliers. We do not intend to pay any invoices for the production of school textbooks.

Third, the report suggests that donor funding for essential services allows the PA to spend money on 'propaganda and violence'. The Government appointed by President Abbas in June 2007 has publicly committed to the three principles set out by the Middle East Quartet (EU, US, UN and Russia). These are non-violence, recognition of Israel

and acceptance of previous peace agreements. We are satisfied that the Government is committed to pursuing a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shahid Malik', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

SHAHID MALIK

Appendix 2: TaxPayers' Alliance rebuttal of the Government's response

Shahid Malik, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for International Development (DFID), who responded to this report on behalf of the government, had three main arguments, none of which stand up to scrutiny:

1. The Temporary International Mechanism (TIM), which Britain contributes to, does not fund Palestinian Authority (PA) textbooks that advocate extremism, it "actually supports Palestinian front line health services, pays allowances for government workers and poor Palestinians, and helps to maintain water, sanitation and electricity services."

A DFID news release on 11 August 2006 noted that "1. The Temporary International Mechanism follows an original proposal by the UK and France and early technical work by the Department for International Development. The European Union established the Temporary International Mechanism to support the basic needs of the Palestinian people including health, *education*, social affairs, fuel and utilities" [emphasis added].

Even if education spending is restricted to paying teachers, the textbooks show us what they are teaching. So long as the Palestinian education system is working with hateful materials any funding of it contributes to radicalising young Palestinians. Teachers themselves are a highly radicalised group. In recent teachers' association elections a Hamas affiliate won 63 per cent of the vote in Gaza and 61 per cent in the West Bank.

2. The £3 million in direct aid allocated by DFID does not contribute to the budget that funds hate education but is earmarked to pay off debts to the private sector.

While Mr Malik is right that the £3 million is earmarked to pay off debts to the private sector it seems rather myopic to see that as the end of the issue. Reducing the Palestinian Authority's (PA) debt by £3 million will ease pressures within its budget and allow for more spending on all other PA priorities including education using hate-filled textbooks. While the DFID may not intend to pay any invoices for school textbook production, by contributing to the PA budget they still make a very concrete contribution to hate education in the Middle East.

3. The Government appointed by President Abbas in June 2007 has publicly committed to non-violence, recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous peace agreements.

Mr. Malik suggests that we should not be troubled by donations to the Palestinian Authority as they have committed to the Middle East Quartet's three principles: non-violence, recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous peace agreements. While President Abbas' acceptance of these principles is undoubtedly a good thing, a nominal commitment to non-violence is meaningless if the Authority he heads combines making that commitment with running an education system that indoctrinates future generations of Palestinians into a violent and hateful attitude towards Israel and the wider non-Muslim world. Beyond that, by funding services that the government would otherwise be expected to provide, international aid also frees up resources for Hamas, a movement that has not signed up to these principles.

The Palestinian Authority may be pursuing peace at the negotiating table but if they continue to use their education system to teach hate to future generations of Palestinians they sow the seeds of future conflict. At the same time they promote the view, among Palestinians, that Israel's existence is not a given. A map of Israel and Palestine with the entire area covered in the Palestinian flag was shown on Palestinian Authority TV the very day after the leadership pledged to negotiate towards a peaceful settlement by the end of next year at the Annapolis peace conference. As John F Kennedy said "Peace is in the minds and hearts of people and not in the treaties that nations sign". We cannot judge the Palestinian Authority's commitment to a peaceful future in the Middle East solely on the strength of their pledges to, and dialogue with, the West.

Exhibit A1: Palestinian Authority map of Palestine without Israel



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