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Special Report: the Palestinian Education System Praises the Terror Attack in Neve Yaakov

On January 27th, Friday night, there was a **terror attack in Jerusalem (Neve Yaacov) in which seven people were murdered and three injured**. The terrorist, Alkam Hayri, was a 21-year-old Palestinian from East Jerusalem. He drove to the neighborhood, and after the Sabbath Eve services at Ateret Avraham synagogue he opened fire at the people outside the synagogue and those nearby.

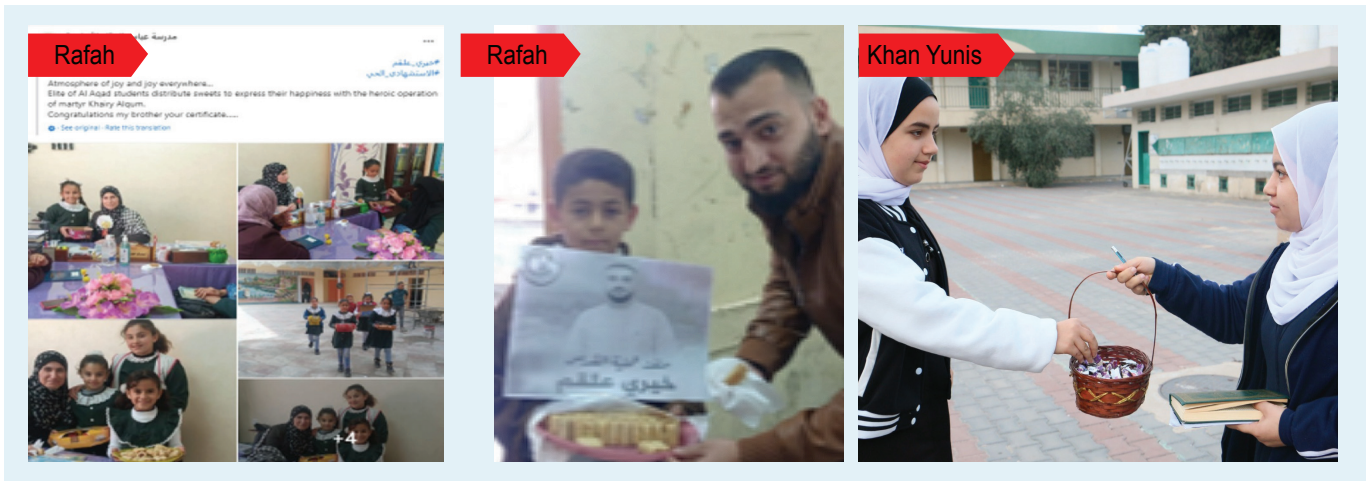
Following this attack, **the Palestinian schools across the Palestinian Authority and the Gaza Strip, conducted special “educational” activities glorifying the terrorist and his actions. This is a regular reaction, seen in Palestinian schools after terror attack against Jews in Israel.** After the last attack, **students and teachers from kindergartens and schools** took part in the celebrations which included handing out sweets, parades, ceremonies, and even putting on school plays which imitate the attack and encourage others to follow this path. Below are several notable examples of the activities that took place in Palestinian educational institutions following the attack.

- **Children in elementary schools and kindergartens were holding up the picture of the terrorist to praise him.**¹



1. Posted on the Facebook pages of Palestinian educational institutions and from Shahab News Agency in the following links: bit.ly/3YmphGn, bit.ly/3YBu86L, bit.ly/3jmMj11, bit.ly/3wMSLS1, <https://t.me/ShehabTelegram/341907>. The publication of photos in this report is subject to the provisions of section 27A of the Copyright Law, 5747 - 2007.

► Students and teachers handing out sweets to celebrate the attack.²



► Formal ceremonies honoring the terrorist, and include plays that imitate his terror attack.³



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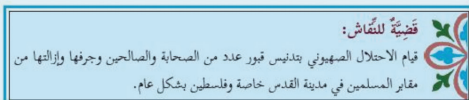
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Jews control the world. With the title Cultural Colonialism, which attack the nation and its belief (History, vol. 1 Grade 11, 2020, pg. 9)

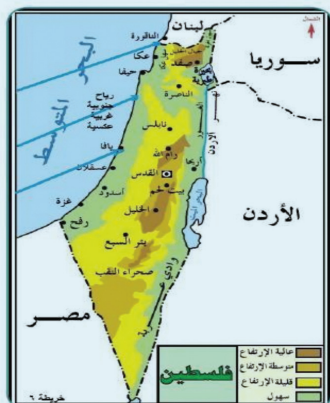


أخطر أشكال الاستعمار؛ لأنه يهاجم روح الأمة ومعتقداتها.

A description of the Jews and the "Zionist occupiers" as desecrating the graves of Muslim leaders, by removing them from their graves (Islamic Education, vol. 2, 5th grade, 2020, p. 71).



A map showing the map of Palestine, without mentioning the Jewish cities (Geography, 12th grade, 2019, p. 39)



The contribution of the Palestinian educational system to encourage antisemitism and systematic incitement against Jews, is also expressed in its official educational contents. The Palestinian learning materials are written by the Palestinian Curriculum Development Center which is under the Palestinian Ministry of Education of the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah. These materials have been radicalized significantly and rewritten between 2016-2018. They are used by schools in the Palestinian Authority and Gaza, including in UNRWA schools and private schools in East Jerusalem. A research conducted by Impact-SE,⁴ shows how these materials are brutally antisemitic (according to the IHRA definition). They promote the demonization and dehumanization of Jews, deny the right of the Jewish People to self-determination, as well as encourage Jihad and glorify and justify terror. In the pictures on the left are several examples:

Like many other Palestinian children, Mohamed Aliwat, an 8th grade student from East Jerusalem was taught and exposed to these books and materials. On Saturday morning (January 28) he committed a terror attack in Jerusalem, shooting at a group of Jews coming back from synagogue, injuring a father and son. He did that after he left a note expressing his desire to die while carrying out an attack against Jews, ("God, or Victory or Martyrdom"). Prior to the attack he told his mother she is going to be proud of him.⁵

It is important to notice that on December 14, 2022, a decision was passed by the European Parliament which strongly

condemned the Palestinian Authority for the teaching of hatred, incitement of violence and promotion of antisemitism in their education materials, that "are not in line with the values of the Union and are a major obstacle to the resolution of the conflict."⁶ It should be emphasized that **the European Union financially supports the salaries of some of the employees of the Palestinian education system, who teach and write the materials.** Therefore, as part of the decision, the parliament also emphasized that it reiterates its position that the books supported by the Union funds must meet the standards of peace, tolerance, coexistence and non-violence, and mentioned that this funding will be suspended if presented clear and well-founded evidence of misuse of the transferred education budgets. **However, the European Union is still a central factor in the financing of the Palestinian education system.**

4. IMPACT-se. (May 2021). The 2020–21 Palestinian School Curriculum Grades 1–12. https://www.impact-se.org/wp-content/uploads/PA-Reports_-_Updated-Selected-Examples_May-2021.pdf

5. Eichner, I. (January 29, 2023). The curriculum of the 13-year-old terrorist's school: "Cut the necks of the enemy soldiers". Ynet. <https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/bysdyz42j>

6. European Parliament. www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2022-0443_EN.pdf

The Palestinian media praises the terrorist acts

Expressions of joy, incitement and encouragement for the continuation of the violence were also widespread among Palestinian media officials following the series of attacks that took place last week. For example, the Palestinian journalist, Latifeh Abdellatif, who works with Middle East Eye and Al Jazeera and has 200,000 followers on social networks, published on her private pages immediately after the attack on Saturday evening that "the youth of Palestine should not relax (from all the enthusiasm)", and added a video of children dancing and laughing. Also, cartoons were circulated, boasting the age of the 13-year-old pet who carried out the attack in the City of David.⁷ Moreover, fireworks were set off in the Palestinian streets as a sign of joy.



7. The Left image was posted on Latifeh Abdellatif's Instagram page ; The image in the middle was drawn by Dr. Alaa Lekte. The right image was retrieved from Halabi, E. (January 28, 2023). Fireworks and sweets after the attack, the terrorist: 21 years old from East Jerusalem, whose grandfather was murdered. Ynet. <https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/syai00ownj>. The publication of photos in this report is subject to the provisions of section 27A of the Copyright Law, 5747 - 2007.

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