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### Report No. 1:

*How terrorists came to hold key positions in NGOs promoting the Boycott Divestment and Sanction (BDS) campaign against the State of Israel; and how, through these NGOs, they exploit Western governmental funding, philanthropic foundations, financial platforms and civil society to advance their goal of dismantling the State of Israel.*



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## MAIN FINDINGS

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### **BDS: A Complementary Track to Terrorism**

1. Over the past several years, an organized and well-coordinated campaign to delegitimize the State of Israel and promote the BDS campaign against it has been taking place around the world, primarily in Western countries.
2. The campaign involves a network of non-governmental organizations, a number of which have close ties to designated terrorist organizations, most-prominently Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). Terrorist organizations see the “civilian” struggle against Israel – demonstrations, marches, fundraising, political lobbying and the so-called “peace” flotillas – as a complementary effort of their armed attacks against the State of Israel.
3. This approach is an evolutionary development in the tactics of the terror organizations against the State of Israel. The terror groups have realized that armed conflict is not perceived as legitimate by the majority of Western society. As a result, **Hamas and PFLP operatives have infiltrated and adopted seemingly benign NGOs in the Palestinian Authority, Europe, North America and South Africa, for the purpose of advancing their ideological goal: the elimination of the State of Israel** as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Moreover, it appears that terrorist organizations view NGOs in the West as a convenient means for raising funds which they could not otherwise obtain.
4. How does this system work? Convicted terrorist operatives who have served prison sentences currently hold senior positions in NGOs which delegitimize and promote the BDS campaign against Israel. In these positions, they recruit fellow terrorist operatives to their NGOs. Israeli courts have determined that some of the terrorist operatives listed in this report pose a concrete security threat.
5. **This method of concealing ties to terrorist organizations has often led Western authorities, especially in Europe, to view former and current terrorist operatives and the NGOs of which they are part of as legitimate civil society actors.** In this context, European parliamentarians have met with convicted terrorists for the purpose of advocating the release of Palestinian security





prisoners, including those convicted of terrorism for murdering civilians, as well as for the purpose of advancing boycotts against the State of Israel.

6. This report aims to expose the terrorists working for the anti-Israel BDS campaign, and reveal their methods and actions. The State of Israel calls upon Western countries, financial institutions, NGOs, and private philanthropic foundations to examine the activities of such NGOs and activists and terminate any funding granted to them.
7. In a series of recent research reports, the Ministry of Strategic Affairs exposed the deep ties between the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) campaign and Palestinian terrorist organizations. These reports reveal the aim of those who claim to promote a legitimate, non-violent campaign against the State of Israel.
8. In the first stage, a thorough review identified the 42 leading NGOs out of the nearly 300 organizations internationally which promote the delegitimization of, and the BDS campaign against, the State of Israel. The review showed that these organizations act as a network, with the various NGOs working closely together. Now, this report reveals an additional layer of ties – **between terrorist organizations and NGOs** in the Palestinian Authority, the Gaza Strip, the UK, Belgium, South Africa and the US. These ties appear in different forms: in the form of individuals who are active in both an NGO and a terror organization, in the form of joint public campaigns and in the form of financial ties.
9. This report is based on a variety of sources, including English and Arabic online sources, as well as social media accounts of terrorist organizations, BDS -promoting NGOs and key activists. It also includes information published by the Israel Security Agency (also known as the Shin Bet, hereinafter: ISA), as well as indictments and court decisions in terrorism cases and other reliable sources of information. For the purpose of readability, this study does not adhere to strict transliteration rules from Arabic.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. This report presents dozens of examples of significant ties between activists in NGOs, which delegitimize and promote boycotts of Israel, and Hamas and the PFLP. Hamas and the PFLP are designated terrorist organizations in the European Union, the US and Israel. These ties manifest themselves in the form of activists who were terrorists in the past and some even in the present, and who currently fill key positions in such NGOs; in joint activities and campaigns against the State of Israel; and in financial assistance to one another.
2. **Ideologically, both terrorist organizations and NGOs which delegitimize Israel do not accept the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish and democratic state, and oppose any normalization between Israel and its neighbors. This ideology manifests itself in ties between organizations. Namely, the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) which leads the international boycott movement, is comprised of 28 Palestinian organizations, foremost amongst them is the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces (PNIF), which include Hamas, the PFLP, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad all designated terror organizations.**
3. This report has found that **numerous members and terrorist operatives have become leading figures in NGOs which delegitimize and promote boycotts against Israel, while concealing or downplaying their terrorist past. Some continue to serve as members of terrorist organizations to this day.** Thus, members of Palestinian, North American and British NGOs which delegitimize Israel, present themselves as human rights activists, while withholding any mention of their ties to terrorist organizations.

For example:

A. **Mustapha Awad** – a PFLP operative trained by Hezbollah, who was recently sentenced by Israel to one year in prison for transferring funds between countries for terrorists and maintaining ties with terror organizations . Awad is an activist in the North American-based NGO Samidoun, which works in close coordination with the PFLP for the release of imprisoned Palestinian terrorists and supports the BDS campaign.



- B. **Muhammad Sawalha** – a former operative of the military wing of Hamas and in recent years a member of Hamas' political bureau and its representative in the UK. Sawalha maintains ties with Hamas and in 2017 participated in a senior Hamas delegation to Russia. Sawalha is deeply involved in the BDS campaign and anti-Israel activities in the UK, including establishing and leading a number of NGOs which promote BDS.
- C. **Leila Khaled** – a terrorist who hijacked TWA Flight 840 in 1969, and attempted a second airplane hijacking in 1970, who continues to maintain active ties to terrorists. These ties include coordinating between a PFLP command center in Syria and operatives in Jerusalem planning lethal attacks against Israelis. Khaled is a well-known figure in the BDS movement, even fundraising for the main BDS organization in South Africa (see below).
- D. **Salah Khawaja** – a former PFLP operative and current member of the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces, as well as being a BNC secretariat member. His most recent conviction was in 2016, when he was sentenced to one-year for training and maintaining contact with a hostile entity.
- E. **Khalida Jarrar** – a senior operative in the PFLP and former director and deputy director of the board at the Ramallah-based NGO, Addameer.
- F. **Shawan Jabarin** – a former senior PFLP operative who served, cumulatively, several years in prison. Jabarin is the General Director of Al-Haq, a Palestinian NGO which promotes BDS. Jabarin, who was described by the Israeli Supreme court in 2007 as “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” in light of his dual roles in an NGO and in a terrorist organization, has recruited other PFLP members to Al-Haq.
4. The preponderance of information shows that **this is a premeditated, coordinated and organized *modus operandi* of the terrorist organizations, which seek to “whitewash” their end-goal of eliminating the State of Israel by hiding behind the façade of “legitimate” human rights NGOs**, primarily in the Palestinian Authority, the UK and the US.
5. This method is another evolution in the tactics employed by terrorist organizations to attack the State of Israel by exploiting Western values. It derives from their realization that in today's day and age, civil society has a significant ability to influence democratic governments. **In their eyes, the path to mainstream**



acceptance requires adopting “legitimate” methods of action. As a result, terrorist organizations have embraced a new approach, at the basis of which is **waging a campaign against Israel in the public opinion and legal arenas, while cynically and deliberately exploiting human rights NGOs perceived in the West as “legitimate.”** To our understanding, terrorist organizations hope that in this way, they will co-opt civil society to push their governments to place pressure on Israel, with the aim of curtailing Israel's military and economic freedom of action.

6. Moreover, from the perspective of the terrorist organizations, **building ties with civil society in the West creates an opportunity for receiving financial aid, which they could not otherwise receive due to sanctions imposed on them by Western countries.** In this context, it should be noted that in recent years, the Israeli security services have revealed that Hamas has used international aid organizations operating in the Gaza Strip to receive funds intended for humanitarian assistance.
7. The report also examined financial and material ties between terrorist organizations and NGOs promoting delegitimization and boycott campaigns. These ties work in both directions. Thus, **terrorist operatives assist NGOs in fundraising, share human resources and jointly promote public campaigns, conferences, delegations and events, all while promoting the terrorist organizations’ radical message.**
8. **Some NGOs tied to terrorist organizations have received funding from European countries and European Union institutions, both in the past and in the present.** These NGOs are also funded by aid agencies which in turn are financed by Western governments (i.e. indirect governmental financing), and by private philanthropic foundations. In our estimation, **there is significant concern that government and private funds are being transferred to terrorist organizations, both directly and indirectly.**
9. The Ministry of Strategic Affairs intends to release an additional report in 2019 which will examine the direct and indirect governmental funding, as well as the funding of international aid organizations and private philanthropic foundations, to the NGOs discussed in this study and others. This following a recently published





study on the funding granted by European Union institutions to these organizations, which is estimated at millions of euros each year.

## Recommendations

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1. Hamas and the PFLP are carrying out a range of activities in Western countries to promote their radical agenda through civil society NGOs. This report raises the concern that some governmental and philanthropic funding to European, Palestinian and American NGOs may be used, directly or indirectly, in supporting activities of terrorist organizations. This is a significant concern particularly due to the fungible nature of such funds and the lack of transparency in which some NGOs, particularly Palestinian NGOs, account for the funds granted to them.
2. Therefore, the State of Israel calls upon governments, international aid organizations, philanthropic foundations and global financing and banking institutions to:
  - A. Examine the activities of NGOs which promote the agenda of terrorist organizations and ensure that no ties, either direct or indirect, exist between these NGOs and designated terrorist organizations (particularly Hamas and the PFLP.)
  - B. Immediately end all funding to NGOs with ties to such terrorist organizations, and conduct thorough examinations to ensure that funds granted in the past were not transferred to terror groups, in accordance with conventions and legislation for the prevention of terror financing.



## PART 1 - The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist organization

### Overview

1. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) is a designated terrorist organization in Israel (1986)<sup>1</sup>, the USA (1997)<sup>2</sup>, the European Union (2002)<sup>3</sup> and Canada (2003)<sup>4</sup>
2. The organization was established by George Habash and Mustafa Abu Ali in 1967. The PFLP has a Marxist, national-secular ideology, and was the first Palestinian organization to hijack passenger airliners in the late 1960s and 1970s. Ideologically, the PFLP views itself as part of the global axis-of-terror, as senior PFLP Central Committee member **Jamil Mazhar** stated: "We see ourselves as a fundamental part of the axis of resistance, which spans Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Iran."<sup>5</sup>
3. In 2001, the PFLP was responsible for the murder of then Israeli Minister of Tourism Rehavam Ze'evi. The PFLP carried out suicide terrorist attacks and shootings in Israel during the Palestinian terrorist campaign known as the "Second Intifada" (2000-2005), which claimed the lives of dozens of Israelis and injured hundreds more.
4. In 2005, members of a PFLP terrorist cell which planned to assassinate Israel's former Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, were arrested. Among the cell members was **Salah Hammouri**. He was released as part of the Gilad Shalit prisoner exchange in 2011 and currently is employed as a field worker at the NGO **Addameer**, which promotes the BDS campaign against Israel.<sup>6</sup>

Over the past few years, PFLP terrorist cell members, who planned or carried out terror attacks, including planning the abduction of Israeli soldiers, were arrested by

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Defense website, "Announcements on Terrorist Organizations, Unlawful Associations and Confiscation Orders", [http://www.mod.gov.il/Defence-and-Security/Fighting\\_terrorism/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.mod.gov.il/Defence-and-Security/Fighting_terrorism/Pages/default.aspx)

<sup>2</sup> Department of State, United States, "Foreign Terrorist Organizations", <https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm>

<sup>3</sup> European Union Legislation website, "Implementing Regulations", <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1548657999398&uri=CELEX:32002E0462>

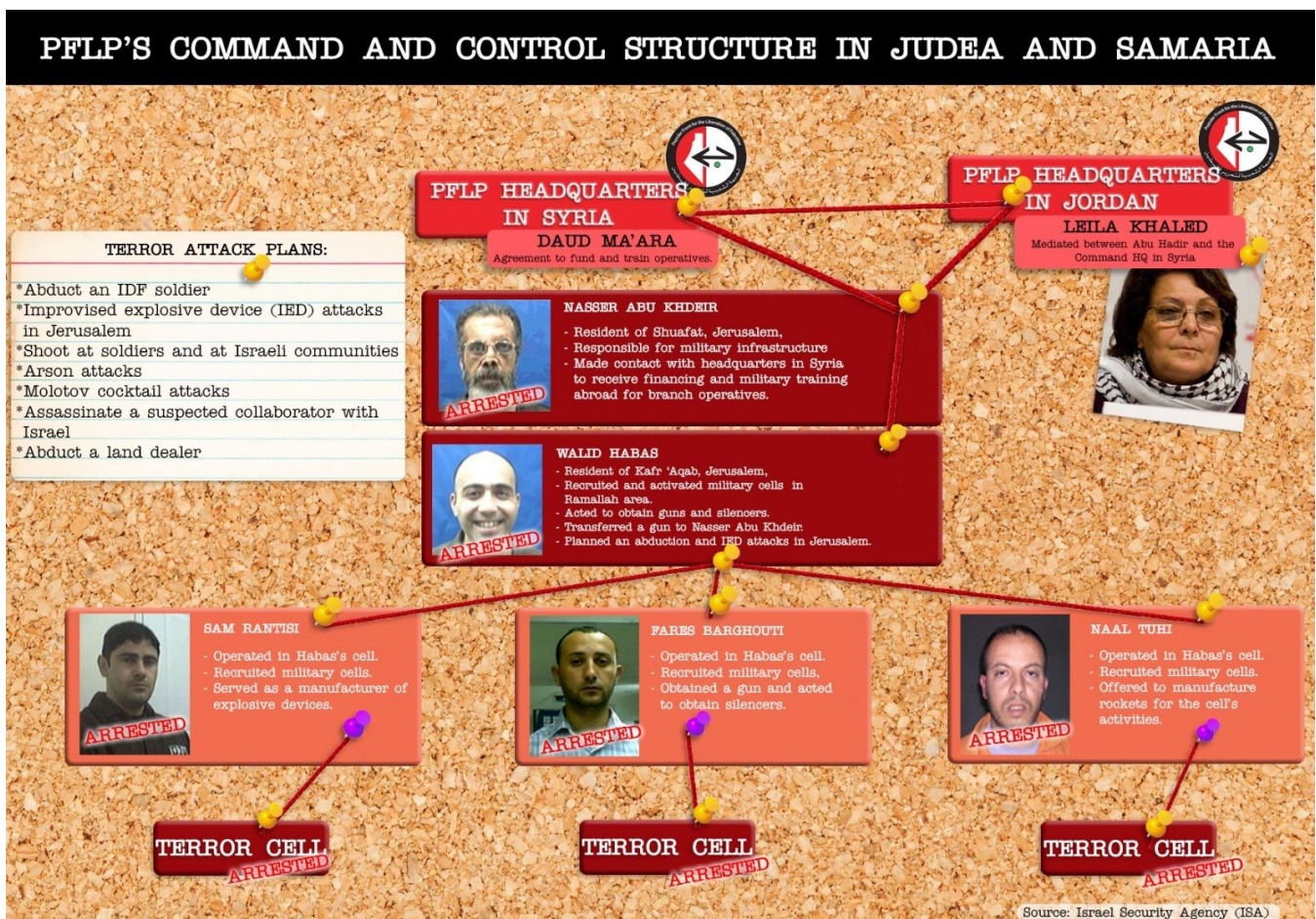
<sup>4</sup> Government of Canada website, "Listed Terrorist Entities", <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrtr/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt-lstd-ntts-en.aspx%20-%202042>

<sup>5</sup> Maan Agency website, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=955317>

<sup>6</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/prisoner/salah-hammouri>

the Israel Security Agency.<sup>7</sup> In 2011, a **senior PFLP activist, Leila Khaled**, served as mediator between the Syrian PFLP command center and a senior PFLP operative in Jerusalem who led a terror cell charged with carrying out terror attacks. It should be emphasized that **alongside her activity in the PFLP, Leila Khaled is also prominently involved in promoting anti-Israel boycotts in several arenas.**<sup>8</sup>

5. The military branch of the PFLP also took responsibility for additional terrorist attacks; chief amongst them the 2014 Jerusalem Har Nof Synagogue Massacre, in which five congregants and a police officer were murdered. Two of the terrorists were relatives of a PFLP operative who served 22 years in prison for stabbing a soldier, and was arrested several days before the massacre.<sup>9</sup>



<sup>7</sup> Israeli Security Agency website, details on the exposure of several terror cells:

<https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/NewItem091115.aspx>;  
<https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/NewItem260215.aspx>;  
<https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/NewItem040517.aspx>;  
<https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/shotef160712.aspx>;  
[https://www.shabak.gov.il/SiteCollectionImages/Hebrew/TerrorInfo/docs/students\\_terror210709.pdf](https://www.shabak.gov.il/SiteCollectionImages/Hebrew/TerrorInfo/docs/students_terror210709.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> Israel Security Agency website, "PFLP Military Infrastructure Exposed", June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011,

<https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/shotef270611.aspx>

<sup>9</sup> Aljazeera website, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, <https://bit.ly/2FKaX5Z>



6. In addition, the PFLP military branch in Gaza launched dozens of rockets toward Israel. The PFLP also participated in the violent border riots known as the Marches of Return (which began in March 2018). According **Leila Khaled**, the PFLP plays a role in the marches, with its operatives among those killed and injured.<sup>10</sup>
7. The PFLP has frequently expressed strong opposition to the Oslo Accords signed by Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, leading numerous campaigns to have them annulled.<sup>11</sup> **Leila Khaled** has expressed this viewpoint while visiting Germany (2016) as part of a tour of European countries, stating: “**Negotiations will be held only with knives and weapons**”.<sup>12</sup>
8. Recently, the German Foreign Ministry requested (December 2018) that the Palestinian Mission in Germany remove the following Facebook post encouraging terror. The post features a picture of Leila Khaled with the slogan: “Resistance is Not Terrorism”.<sup>13</sup>



9. The PFLP, its leadership and operatives, have been calling for boycotts of Israel for many years and oppose any and all normalization with Israel.<sup>14</sup> The PFLP views

<sup>10</sup> Al-Hadef website, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, <http://hadfnews.ps/post/47413>

<sup>11</sup> Maan website, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, <http://maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=520177>;

Maan website, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=617526>;

PFLP website, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/9619>;

Al-Watan website, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2015/09/30/784491.html>;

PFLP website, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://pflp.ps/english/2015/09/13/barakat-oslo-agreement-was-the-palestinian-bourgeoisies-declaration-of-bankruptcy-and-failure/>;

PFLP website, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/11400>

<sup>12</sup> Memri website, April 2016, <https://www.memri.org/tv/former-pflp-plane-hijacker-leila-khaled-germany-palestinian-people-proved-negotiations-it-will-be>

<sup>13</sup> German Bild website, <https://www.bild.de/politik/ausland/politik-ausland/auswaertiges-amt-empoert-palaestinensische-mission-verherrlicht-terroristin-59203754.bild.html>

<sup>14</sup> PFLP website, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://pflp.ps/english/2015/02/18/leila-khaled-on-bds-palestine-south-africa-and-the-struggle-for-liberation/>



boycotts against the State of Israel as a complementary effort to its armed struggle and has even praised the global BDS movement for advancing campaigns to boycott Israel.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Al-Watan website, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2018/10/26/1186114.html>;  
PFLP website, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/15351>;  
PFLP website, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/17253/>





## The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) and its ties to the PFLP and Hamas terrorist organizations

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The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) is the organization spearheading the international boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel. It does not recognize Israel's right to exist, opposes the peace process between Israelis and Palestinians, and works to boycott and isolate Israel.

The BDS National Committee is a coalition of 28 Palestinian organizations and associations. Foremost among them is the Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine (PNIF), itself a coalition of 12 Palestinian factions, including the designated terrorist organizations PFLP, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

The BDS National Committee has a cultural-academic arm, the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI). PACBI employs tactics of harassment and intimidation against artists, actors and other cultural figures who maintain ties with Israel .

The BDS National Committee has coordinators located throughout the world, including in Europe (Spain), the United States, South Asia (India), the Middle East and Latin America (Brazil).



## **A. Profile: BNC**

**1. Headquarters:** Ramallah, Palestinian Authority

**2. Year Founded:** 2007

**3. Areas of Operation:** Worldwide

### **4. Senior Officials:**

- A. Omar Barghouti – Co-founder of the BDS campaign
- B. Mahmoud Nawajaa – BNC General Coordinator
- C. Salah Khawaja – Member of the BNC Secretariat
- D. Haidar Eid – Member of the BNC Secretariat
- E. Zaid Shuaibi – BNC Arab World & Palestine Coordinator
- F. Abd al-Rahman Abu Nahel – BNC Gaza Coordinator
- G. Alys Estapé – BNC Europe Coordinator
- H. Garrick Ruiz – BNC USA Coordinator
- I. Pedro Charbel – BNC Latin America Coordinator

### **5. Activities:**

- A. On a global level, the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) views itself as the organization leading the worldwide BDS movement. It works unceasingly to demonize Israel as an apartheid state, equating it to the former South African regime.
- B. The BNC leads and coordinates Palestinian and international boycott campaigns in a wide variety of areas – cultural, academic, economic, governmental, labor unions and more.<sup>16</sup> To advance its campaigns internationally, the BNC has coordinators around the globe – from Southeast Asia to the Middle East and from Europe to the US and Latin America.
- C. BNC co-founder Omar Barghouti has stated: “No Palestinian will ever accept a Jewish state in any part of Palestine.”<sup>17</sup> Haidar Eid, BNC Secretariat member stated that his 2019 New Year resolutions are to “liberate Palestine, move to Haifa, and write a book on the defeat of Zionism.”<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> BNC website, “Campaign Areas”, <https://bdsmovement.net/campaigns>

<sup>17</sup> Omar Barghouti, May 2014, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYvpsGd8K4Y>

<sup>18</sup> Haidar Eid’s Twitter page, December 2018, <https://twitter.com/haidareid/status/1079610931573854208>



- D. **Academic and Cultural Boycott** – Co-founded by Omar Barghout in 2004, **The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI)** was founded prior to the establishment of the BNC in order to promote **academic and cultural boycotts** against the State of Israel, inspiring other organizations to do so as well. **Over the last several years, PACBI has adopted tactics of intimidation and threats against** artists who plan to perform in Israel. PACBI also serves as one of the BNC's fundraising arms in the US.
- E. **In the United States** - The BNC has a Regional Coordinator in the United States. The BNC's PACBI has a dedicated NGO in the US which promotes the academic and cultural boycotts of Israel, **the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI)**.

#### **The Palestinian BDS National Committee and its Ties to Terrorist Organizations**

1. The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) is a coalition of 28 Palestinian organizations, associations and unions.
2. **Foremost among them is the Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine, also known as the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces (PNIF).**<sup>19</sup> The PNIF is a signatory to the Palestinian "Call for BDS from 2005"<sup>20</sup> and to the 2007 founding BNC Conference, as well as subsequent BNC conferences.
3. The PNIF is a coordinating framework for 12 Palestinian national and religious factions, including the **designated terrorist organizations Hamas, PFLP and Islamic Jihad.**<sup>21</sup> Founded in 2000, its purpose was to lead and coordinate terrorist activities between its various member organizations at the onset of the "Second Intifada" terror campaign, in which over 1,000 Israelis were murdered and 6,000 injured.

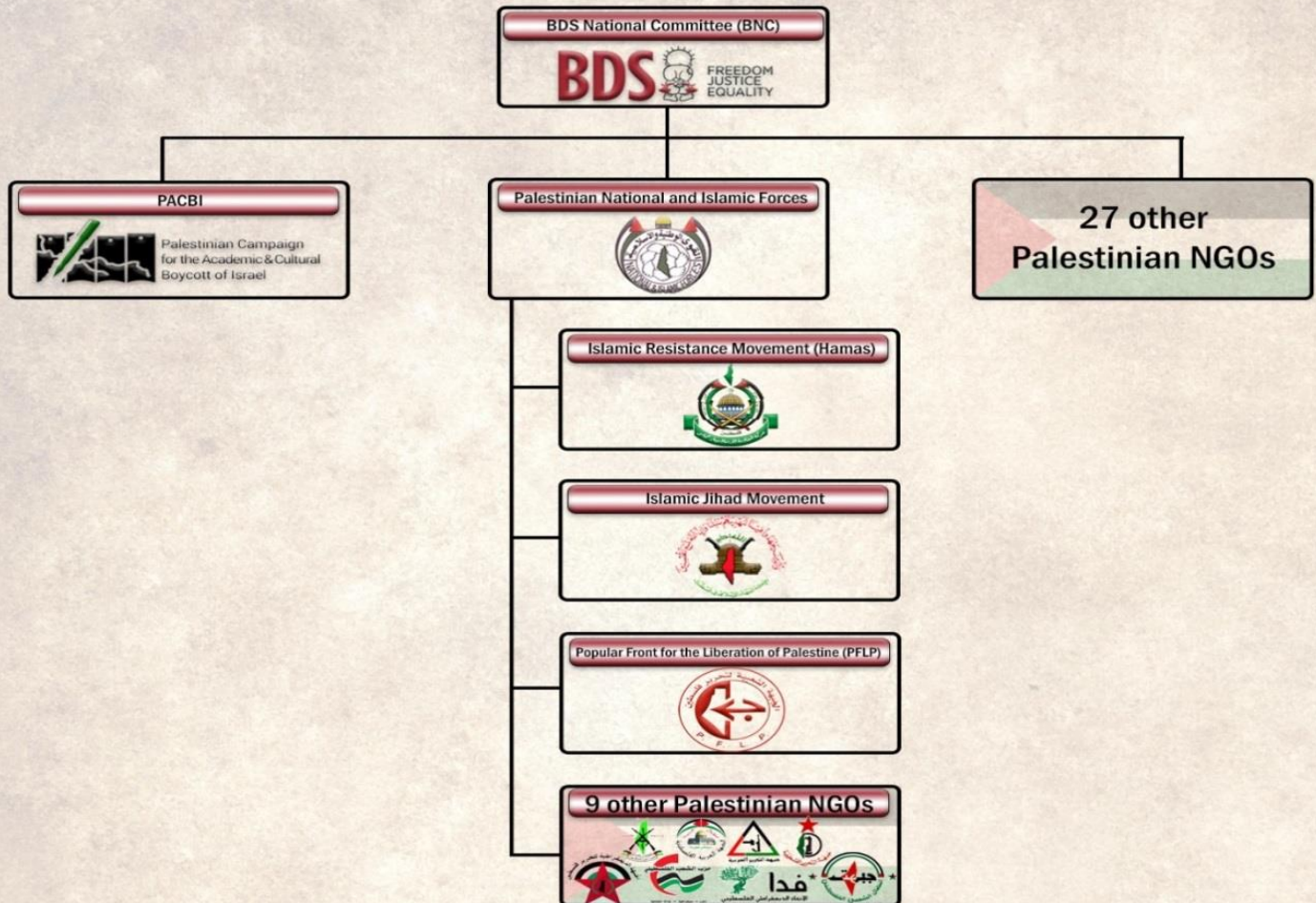
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<sup>19</sup> BNC website, "The Annual Conference", <https://bdsmovement.net/bnc>

<sup>20</sup> BNC website, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, <https://bdsmovement.net/call>

<sup>21</sup> Jerusalem Media & Communication Center ("Al Aqsa Intifada"), February 2001, <http://web.archive.org/web/20051027143846/http://www.jmcc.org:80/banner/banner1/bayan/>

## The BDS National Committee Coalition



4. Since its founding, The PNIF has consistently called for boycotts of Israeli products,<sup>22</sup> and it continues to regularly promote BDS. The PNIF has called for rioting at sensitive flashpoints against Israelis living in Judea and Samaria. Following the move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, PNIF increased its hostility toward the US, and it even considers US institutions in Judea and Samaria as legitimate targets for attack.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Institute for Palestine Studies, <http://www.palestine-studies.org/sites/default/files/mdf-articles/7936.pdf>

<sup>23</sup> News 24, May 2018, <https://bit.ly/2MFEFtM>

5. Along with its support for boycotts, PNIF consistently glorifies terrorists and their actions. For example, it held a rally in honor of the “Martyrs of Palestine”



Ashraf Na'alwa and Salah Barghouti, both of whom carried out murderous terror attacks in the end of 2018.<sup>24</sup>

*A call by the national and Islamic forces to hold a rally in honor of the murderers<sup>25</sup>*

Ashraf Na'alwa shot three Israelis, murdering two of them in October 2018. He was killed in a shootout with Israeli security forces two months later.

Salah Barghouti carried out a drive-by shooting in December 2018, wounding a married couple. As a result of this attack the mother, who was severely wounded in the 30<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy, was rushed to an emergency premature delivery. However the child did not survive the attack and passed away after several days.<sup>26</sup>

BNC Coordinator and Spokesman, Mahmoud Nawajaa, uploaded a post in which **he glorified the terrorist Na'alwa**: “What is the difference between Ashraf Na'alwa and Ashraf al-Ajrami [a former minister who appeared on Israel's Kan television channel condemning the violence]? **Al-Ajrami is not worth the torn shoe sole of Na'alwa.**”<sup>27</sup>

6. **The Palestinian National and Islamic Forces (PNIF) the lead coalition member of the BDS National Committee and PFLP**

<sup>24</sup> Facebook page of Shehab media agency,

<https://www.facebook.com/ShehabAgency.MainPage/photos/a.182662565109505/3118248571550875>

<sup>25</sup> Ibid

<sup>26</sup> Ynet, Documentation of the shooting in Ofra, December 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bdmXWlgSR4>

<sup>27</sup> Mahmoud Nawajaa's Facebook page, December 2018,

<https://m.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10156967843068185&id=725158184&set=a.10150438589023185&source=48>



The PFLP has several representatives in the PNIF, the lead coalition member of the BDS National Committee:

- A. **Salah Khawaja** is a member of the BNC Secretariat,<sup>28</sup> and a former PFLP operative who serves as a member of the **PNIF** leadership.<sup>29</sup> Since 1983, Khawaja was arrested on seven occasions due to his involvement in terrorist activities. His last incarceration was in 2016, when he was sentenced to one-year prison for contacts with a hostile entity.
- B. **Jamil Mazhar**, a senior PFLP official in the Gaza Strip and member of its Central Council, serves as the representative of PNIF in the Gaza Strip.



*Jamil Mazhar at a rally of the terrorist organization PFLP<sup>30</sup>*

In July 2018, as part of a conference held in Iran, Jamil Mazhar spoke in favor of terrorist violence (euphemistically dubbed “resistance”) and attacked the United States, declaring: “The Palestinian factions express solidarity with Iran against American bullying, and the inclusion of the factions on the terror list is proof of the justness of the resistance. We see ourselves as a fundamental part of the axis of resistance, which spans from Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Iran”.<sup>31</sup>

- C. **Abd al-Rahim Maluh**, Deputy Secretary-General of the PFLP, served as a representative of PNIF for many years.<sup>32</sup> He was arrested in 2002 and released in

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<sup>28</sup> Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, March 2016, [http://pacbi.org/atemplate.php?id=562&fbclid=IwAR2HLN7G4Ze4WPkGTcCkA\\_OdNbiftJNsmmiWWkHqOh3croVB-q3L2lwTPMg](http://pacbi.org/atemplate.php?id=562&fbclid=IwAR2HLN7G4Ze4WPkGTcCkA_OdNbiftJNsmmiWWkHqOh3croVB-q3L2lwTPMg)

<sup>29</sup> Paltimes website, <https://paltimes.net/post/184708>

<sup>30</sup> PFLP website, August 2015, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/11268/>

<sup>31</sup> Maan website, July 2018, <https://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=955317>

<sup>32</sup> Electronic Jawlan website, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, [http://www.jawlan.org/openions/read\\_article.asp?category=220&source=8&link=2348](http://www.jawlan.org/openions/read_article.asp?category=220&source=8&link=2348)



2007 after being charged with being a member of a terrorist organization and actively taking part in PFLP operations.<sup>33</sup>

- D. **Mahmoud Abu Tah**, from Ramallah, is a representative of PFLP in the PNIF, and was arrested in connection with the June 2017 terror attack in the Old City of Jerusalem, in which border policewoman Hadas Malka was murdered.<sup>34</sup>

7. **Palestinian National and Islamic Forces (PNIF), the lead coalition member of the BDS National Committee, and Hamas**

- A. Hamas is the most prominent actor within PNIF in Gaza. Senior Hamas figures have served as representatives of the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces Council since its inception.
- B. A senior Hamas official in PNIF was **Said Siyam**, the Minister of Interior who was responsible for founding Hamas' operational security force in Gaza, which violently overthrew Fatah in the Gaza Strip in 2007.<sup>35</sup>
- C. Today, **Ismail Radwan**, a senior Hamas figure, serves as the representative of Hamas in the PNIF.<sup>36</sup> Radwan was formerly a minister in the Hamas government and a spokesperson for the terror organization. He also serves as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hamas's Al-Aqsa Network. Radwan is **one of the most prominent spokespeople of the Hamas riots on the Gaza border**, which began in March 2018.

Radwan is known to have close ties with Ismail Haniyeh, head of Hamas' political bureau, and both frequently visit families of killed terrorists. Radwan participated in the Islamic Unity Conference **held in Tehran** (November 2018)<sup>37</sup>, in which he referred to Iranian aid, saying: **"Thank you very much to Iran,**

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<sup>33</sup> Al-Jazeera website, <http://www.aljazeera.net/encyclopedia/icons/2014/11/9/%D8%B9%D8%A8%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D8%AD%D9%8A%D9%85-%D9%85%D9%84%D9%88%D8%AD>;

Al-Hayat website, [http://www.alhaya.ps/arch\\_page.php?nid=47923](http://www.alhaya.ps/arch_page.php?nid=47923)

<sup>34</sup> Palestine al-Yawm website, <http://paltoday.tv/post/82956/%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%A>

<sup>35</sup> Palestinian media agency Wafa, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, [http://www.wafa.ps/ar\\_page.aspx?id=JFvEhka905117103aJFvEhk;Al-Jazeera website, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009](http://www.wafa.ps/ar_page.aspx?id=JFvEhka905117103aJFvEhk;Al-Jazeera website, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009);

[http://www.aljazeera.net/news/reportsandinterviews/2009/1/16/%D8%B3%D8](http://www.aljazeera.net/news/reportsandinterviews/2009/1/16/%D8%B3%D8;);

Hamas website, <https://hamas.ps/ar/martyr/463/%D8%B3%D8%B9%D9%8A%D8%AF-%D9%85%D8%AD%D9%85%D8%AF-%D8%B4%D8%B9%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%86-%D8%B5%D9%8A%D8%A7%D9%85>;

Al-Watan website, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2018/01/15/1116280.html>

<sup>36</sup> Gaza Culture Office website, <http://www.moc.ps/site/?p=3677>;

Al-Watan website, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2017/07/15/1067205.html>;

Kuwait media agency, <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ViewPics.aspx?id=1469187>

<sup>37</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, December 2018, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2018/12/H\\_310\\_18.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2018/12/H_310_18.pdf)

**which has supported and continues to support the resistance politically, materially, militarily and in the media.”<sup>38</sup>**

**Radwan has also expressed extremely inflammatory and anti-Semitic remarks over the years.** As a Hamas representative in the “Supreme National Authority for the March of Return and Breaking the Siege”, the NGO nominally in charge of the violent riots along the Gaza border that began in March 2018,<sup>39</sup> Radwan stated (November 2018): “Those cowards who coordinate and cooperate [with the State of Israel], and those who normalize [relations] with the occupation – they will burn in hell with the apes and pigs. Do you know who the apes and pigs are? They are the Jews, who God transformed into apes and pigs.”<sup>40</sup>



*Radwan in a mosque, kissing the body of a Hamas terrorist killed in a terror-tunnel collapse (2016)<sup>41</sup>*

- D. Hamas also has representatives in the PNIF's committee for prisoners: Abu Khamis Dbabash and Iyad Abu Fannouneh.<sup>42</sup> Abu Fannouneh is a Hamas operative from Bethlehem, who was expelled to Gaza in 2013, and has a program

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<sup>38</sup> Al-Araby British website, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/politics/2018/7/16>

<sup>39</sup> Palestinian Jerusalem media agency Quds Press, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018,

<http://www.qudspress.com/index.php?page=show&id=42561>;

Assabeel website, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://assabeel.net/news/2018/3/7/%D8%AA%D8%B4>;

Maan website, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=964416>

<sup>40</sup> Memri website, November 2018, <https://www.memri.org/tv/fmr-hamas-minister-radwan-collaborate-israel-hell-jews-apes-pigs>

<sup>41</sup> [Ismail Radwan's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/esradwan).

<https://www.facebook.com/esradwan/photos/a.373285966129767/503179939807035/?type=3&theater>

<sup>42</sup> Al-Watan website, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017,

<https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2017/11/28/1102669.html>;

Palestinian news agency Safa, <http://safa.ps/post/233996/%D9%81>



on Hamas' Al-Aqsa TV channel.<sup>43</sup> During his televised sermons, as well as those spread through his social media channels, he frequently spreads messages inciting terrorism.<sup>44</sup> Abu Fannouneh was also documented as having spoken on behalf of the PNIF prisoner's committee during the most recent Palestinian Prisoner Day (April 2018).<sup>45</sup>

- E. **Abdallah Yassin Fuqaha**, a PNIF representative and Hamas spokesman in Tulkarm, Fuqaha was arrested five times by Israeli security forces since the 1980s and served three years in prison (2007-2010).<sup>46</sup>

8. **Ties between the Palestinian National and Islamic Forces (PNIF), the lead coalition member of the Boycott National Committee, and the designated terrorist organization Islamic Jihad:**

- A. **Khaled al-Batsh serves as a senior leader in the Islamic Jihad.** He was arrested several times in the 1980s and 1990s by Israeli security forces and the Palestinian Authority. Al-Batsh has been leading PNIF in Gaza since 2007.<sup>47</sup> Over the years, al-Batsh has called for terror attacks and violence against the State of Israel. Moreover, he also stressed Iran's support for Palestinian terror, declaring: "All of Iran, with its commanders, army and fighters, stands alongside Palestine, alongside the Palestinian resistance and alongside every fighter." **In 2015, at the beginning of a new Palestinian terror-wave against the State of Israel, he called for the revival of suicide bombings.**<sup>48</sup>
- B. **Khader Habib**, a member of the Islamic Jihad leadership, has called for violence and jihad against the State of Israel over the years. At the beginning of 2015, he noted that "the Palestinian people will explode before the [Israeli] occupation like a volcano."<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> Memri website, October 2018, <https://www.memri.org/tv/hamas-gaza-cleric-iyad-abu-funun-tips-for-terror-aqsa-tv>

<sup>44</sup> Abu Fannouneh's Twitter page, December 2016, <https://twitter.com/IyadFanon>

<sup>45</sup> Maan website, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?ID=946461>

<sup>46</sup> Paldf website, March 2010, <https://www.paldf.net/forum/showthread.php?t=577704>

<sup>47</sup> Palestinian Jerusalem media agency Quds Press, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018,

<http://www.qudspress.com/index.php?page=show&id=42561>

<sup>48</sup> Palestinian Hr "Freedom & Information" website, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://www.hr.ps/news/page-80770.html>

<sup>49</sup> Palestine al-Yawm website, October 2015, <http://paltoday.tv/post/55336/%D8%AE%D8%B6%D8%B1-%D8%AD%D8%A8%D9%8A%D8>

Habib spoke **on behalf of PNIF** regarding the terror marches in Gaza (December 2018), and said that they would “continue until the liberation of Palestine and the complete end of the occupation.” He added: “We are telling our enemy [Israel] **that our jihad will cease only when the last settler and soldier get off this land.**”<sup>50</sup>

The following are a number of Islamic Jihad representatives in the PNIF in Judea and Samaria **who have been arrested for terrorism-related offenses over the years:**

- **Tareq Qa'adan**, a representative of PNIF and a senior Islamic Jihad member in the Judea and Samaria region. Due to his membership in a terrorist organization, Qa'adan has been arrested many times over the years and has served 12 years in Israeli prisons. He was recently released in May 2018.<sup>51</sup>
- **Ahmad al-'Uri**, a senior Islamic Jihad official in the PNIF and a spokesperson for the terrorist organization. He was arrested in 2016 by the Palestinian Authority's security forces.<sup>52</sup>



*Al-'Uri presents a gift from the Islamic Jihad to the family of terrorist Muhammad al-Asi of the Islamic Jihad, who planned an attack on a bus in Tel Aviv in 2012. Al-'Uri said that he was an exceptional person, a "jihadist fighter committed to the philosophy".<sup>53</sup>*

<sup>50</sup> Al-Araby British website, <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/politics/2018/12/3/%D8%A5%D8%B5%D8%A7%D8:> Habib also spoke at a march organised by the PFLP following Trump's announcement on recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Jordanian news agency, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

<http://petra.gov.jo/Include/InnerPage.jsp?ID=12202&lang=ar&name=external news>

<sup>51</sup> Al-Watan website, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.wattan.tv/ar/news/251654.html>;

Gulf website 24, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <https://24.ae/article/395719/>;

Maan website, April 2011, <http://maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=377502>;

Palestinian Islamic Jihad Al-Quds Brigades website,

<http://saraya.ps/post/22190/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%8A->

<sup>52</sup> Palestinian website Amad, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016,

<https://www.amad.ps/ar/Details/141819;%20https://www.fnpn.net/ar/?Action=PrintNews&ID=77338>





- **Mustafa Brijjiah**, Palestinian Islamic Jihad representative in the PNIF in Bethlehem. He has been arrested several times since 2003.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Palestinian website Voice of Prisoners, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <http://asravoice.ps/post/4265/%D8%A7%D>

<sup>54</sup> Palestine al-Yawm website, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, <http://paltoday.tv/post/27459/%D8%A3%>



## Samidoun and its ties to the PFLP terrorist organization

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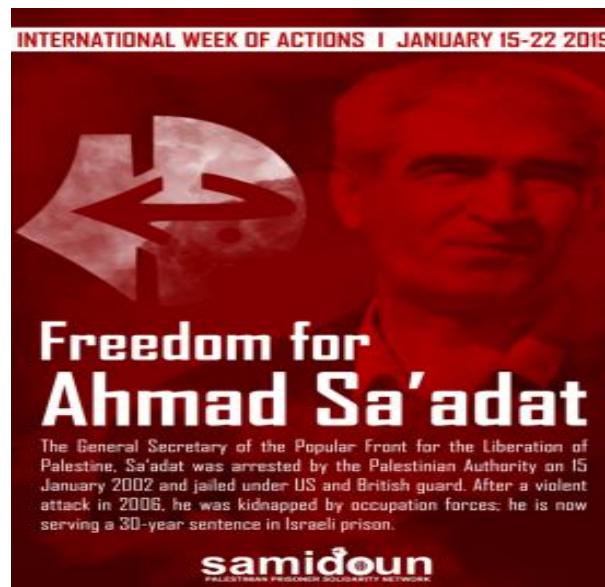
Samidoun, a leading promoter of BDS, is a North American-based NGO which labels itself “the Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network.” It has a wide network of ties with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization. There is strong reason to believe that the PFLP transferred funds to Samidoun activists in Europe for various uses and has even sent Samidoun activists for training with the terrorist organization Hezbollah in Lebanon

### **B. Profile: Samidoun**

1. **Headquarters:** USA
2. **Year Founded:** 2011
3. **Areas of Operation:** Lebanon, Canada, USA, Sweden, UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Greece and the Palestinian Authority
4. **Senior Officials:**
  - A. Charlotte Kates – International Coordinator
  - B. Mohammed Khatib – Europe Coordinator
  - C. Mustapha Awad – European Representative
  - D. Joe Catron – US Coordinator
  - E. Maram Saadi – Lebanon Coordinator
5. **Activities:**
  - A. Samidoun's mission is focused on pressing for the release of Palestinians arrested for their ties to terrorism and particularly to the PFLP terrorist organization.<sup>55</sup> The organization advocates for the release, among others, of PFLP General Secretary Ahmad Sa'adat, launching their most recent campaign for his release in January 2019.

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<sup>55</sup> Samidoun website, September 2018, <https://samidoun.net/category/take-action/page/2/>



*A poster calling for Sa'adat's release from the Samidoun website<sup>56</sup>*

- B. Samidoun is working to form a network of connections with leading BDS and anti-Israel organizations. Samidoun's International Coordinator Charlotte Kates is also a member of the American academic boycott organization USACBI, the BNC's Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) dedicated NGO in the US, and was one of the leaders of the Al-Awda branch in New York.<sup>57</sup>
- C. Samidoun has promoted the BNC's call to boycott the security company G4S due to its involvement in the construction of detention facilities in Israel.<sup>58</sup>
- D. Samidoun maintains contact with the organizers of the "March of Return and Breaking the Siege", which is led by Hamas, the Islamic Jihad and PFLP. Following the request of the organizers of the march, Samidoun asked their followers to send to operatives in Gaza video clips of them opposing the UN Security Council's intention to condemn Hamas (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018).<sup>59</sup>

<sup>56</sup> Samidoun website, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, [https://samidoun.net/2018/12/call-to-action-international-week-to-free-ahmad-saadat-15-22-january-2019/?fbclid=IwAR158dSBI\\_lpHTIc\\_CDXscHpPjKGyGKvGWn5XbihqO2fxgCzi8Ph3Vz\\_xT0](https://samidoun.net/2018/12/call-to-action-international-week-to-free-ahmad-saadat-15-22-january-2019/?fbclid=IwAR158dSBI_lpHTIc_CDXscHpPjKGyGKvGWn5XbihqO2fxgCzi8Ph3Vz_xT0)

<sup>57</sup> Campaign for Academic & Cultural Boycott of Israel website, May 2018, <https://usacbi.org/2018/05/letter-to-participants-in-jerusalem-chemistry-conference-calls-them-to-join-the-academic-boycott>; <https://usacbi.org/about-us/>;

Al-Awda website, <http://www.al-awda.org/convention/speakers.html>

<sup>58</sup> Samidoun website, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, <https://samidoun.net/2015/08/stop-g4s-a-call-to-the-global-boycott-movement-from-palestinian-political-prisoners>

<sup>59</sup> Samidoun website, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, <https://samidoun.net/2018/12/send-gaza-activists-your-videos-in-support-of-palestinian-resistance/>



## Samidoun and the PFLP

### 1. Operatives active in both organizations/ family ties

- A. Samidoun has two activists operating from Europe – **Mustapha Awad and Mohammed Khatib, both of whom belong to the terrorist organization PFLP**. In August 2018, the ISA disclosed that the PFLP recruited Samidoun activist Mustapha Awad, a Lebanese national, in 2010.<sup>60</sup>
- B. According to the ISA, **Awad was a member of a PFLP terrorist cell operating in Europe, and was in contact with terrorist operatives from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority.**<sup>61</sup>
- C. Khaled Barakat, a PFLP Central Committee member in Lebanon, (see more on Barakat below) arranged for Awad to begin his military training in 2015 in Lebanon with **Hezbollah**, a terrorist organization designated by in the USA, Canada and the Arab League (excluding Lebanon and Iraq), the Netherlands and Japan.<sup>62</sup> The military wing of Hezbollah is recognized as a terrorist organization by the European Union, UK, France and New Zealand. Awad also took part in a 2015 meeting in Germany with PFLP operatives, during which they discussed how to revamp the organizations activities.<sup>63</sup>
- D. It should be noted that **Awad transferred funds from Lebanon and Syria to Kahled Barkat, in Belgium, on at least two occasions during 2016-2017, additionally, he left his personal laptop and mobile phone with convicted terrorist Leila Khaled in Jordan** before attempting to enter Israel via the Allenby Bridge Border Crossing, where he was arrested (July 2018). **Awad was sentenced to 12 months in prison, as well as 12 months on probation, for membership in a terrorist organization, prohibited military training and use of property for terrorist activities.**<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> Israeli Security Agency website, "Arrest of Palestinian Residing in Belgium Accused of Recruiting and Operating in the PFLP Terrorist Organization", August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages>

<sup>61</sup> Lod District Court indictment of Mustapha Awad , 10.10.2018

<sup>62</sup> IDF Spokesperson's Unit English website, <https://www.idf.il/en/minisites/facts-and-figures/hezbollah/hezbollah-profile/>; BBC website, March 2016, <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-35789303>

<sup>63</sup> Lod District Court indictment of Mustapha Awad , 10.10.2018

<sup>64</sup> Ibid

- E. **Khaled Barakat, a member of the PFLP is married to Samidoun's International Coordinator, Charlotte Kates.**<sup>65</sup> Kates, a senior representative of the Samidoun NGO, and Barakat, a senior representative of a terrorist organization, manage campaigns together and appear together at conferences.<sup>66</sup>
- F. Barakat, as mentioned, is a Central Committee member of the PFLP and the Solidarity Campaign Coordinator for the release of PFLP General Secretary – Ahmad Sa'adat, one of the planners of the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Ze'evi. The PFLP campaign website uses elements identical to those on the Samidoun website.<sup>67</sup> In light of this, and in light of his connection with Charlotte Kates, it is likely that donations made through the Samidoun website benefitted Barakat and the PFLP.
- G. Barakat is presented on the Samidoun website and in the English-language media in general as a Palestinian writer and activist, **while in Arabic he is directly associated with the PFLP Central Committee.**<sup>68</sup>
- H. Barakat posted on his Facebook page (November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018) a video clip of the terrorist who murdered two Israelis in October 2018 and was eventually killed in a firefight with security forces in December 2018.<sup>69</sup>



Barakat wrote: "The self-sacrificing hero Ashraf Na'alwa"

<sup>65</sup> PFLP website, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/16308>;

Al-Akhbar newspaper website, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://al-akhbar.com/Arab/243216>

<sup>66</sup> Ibid.

<sup>67</sup> Free Ahmed Sa'adat website, <http://freeahmadsaadat.org/>

<sup>68</sup> Al-Quds News website, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <http://alqudsnews.net/post/114215/>; Paltoday website, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://paltoday.ps/ar/post/318311/>

<sup>69</sup> Khaled Barakat's Facebook page, expired link, [https://www.facebook.com/KRBarakat/?tn=%2Cd\\*F\\*FR&eid=ARCZP-7hFcy-c2D3PSmzSHShOpQCyUGZ9moDHjONiYeunKhZRBnK1AN7UZ5eyIcyjQZalR1N8E5FcS&tn-str=\\*F](https://www.facebook.com/KRBarakat/?tn=%2Cd*F*FR&eid=ARCZP-7hFcy-c2D3PSmzSHShOpQCyUGZ9moDHjONiYeunKhZRBnK1AN7UZ5eyIcyjQZalR1N8E5FcS&tn-str=*F)





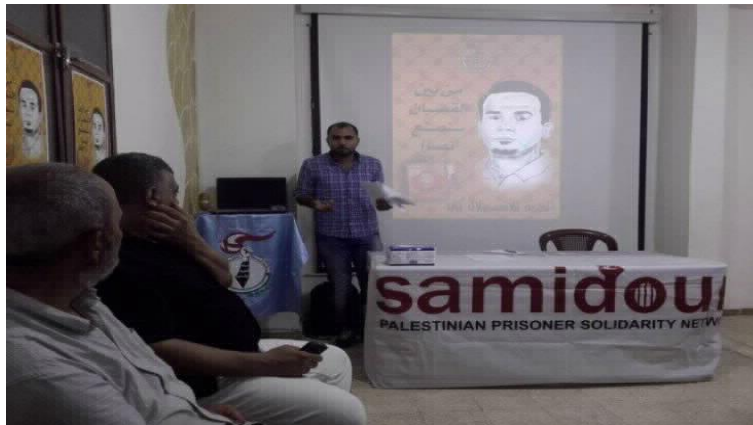
*Barakat and Kates representing Samidoun and the PFLP at an event in Denmark against the backdrop of the terrorist organization's flag (October 2018)<sup>70</sup>*

## 2. Joint campaigns between Samidoun and the PFLP

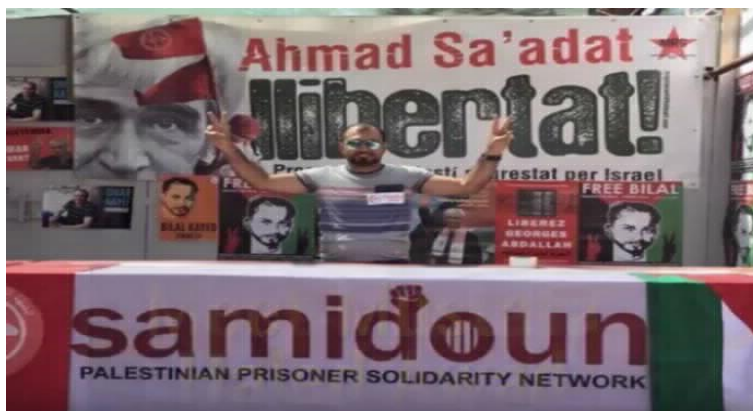
- A. Samidoun conducts intensive activities to promote the release of PFLP terrorists. This activity takes place in coordination and cooperation with the PFLP terrorist organization.
- B. Mustapha Awad, who was trained by Hezbollah and transferred terrorist funds to Belgium, represented Samidoun at the Shatila Refugee Camp in Lebanon, as part of Samidoun's campaign to release PFLP terrorist Bilal Kaid<sup>71</sup> (August 2016). Kaid, a member of the military branch of the PFLP, was arrested in 2002 and **was sentenced to 14 and a half years in prison** for being a member of the PFLP as well as for **two counts of attempted murder for taking part in two shooting attacks**.
- C. The judge noted in his July 2016 verdict that **Kaid was a central figure in the PFLP**, stating: "Kaid never stopped his activities in the organization, **but rather served as leader of the PFLP prisoners in Megiddo Prison, acting to promote the organization's objectives in prison.**" The judge added that Kaid was also active in the terrorist activities of the organization, and not just the running of daily operations: "**His actions are deeply militaristic, and were it not for the respondent's arrest, he would be free to complete these acts [of terror].**"

<sup>70</sup> Samidoun website, October 2018, <https://samidoun.net/2018/10/events-in-denmark-highlight-palestinian-prisoners-and-the-struggle-for-liberation/>

<sup>71</sup> Bilal Kaid belongs to the military branch of the PFLP. He was arrested in 2002 and sentenced to 14 years. A campaign for his release began due to the extension of his administrative detention.



*Mustapha Awad at a Samidoun gathering in Lebanon<sup>72</sup>*



*Awad against a backdrop of pictures of terrorist operatives and PFLP flags<sup>73</sup>*

- D. In September 2015, Samidoun, together with the Handala Center (The PFLP center for incarcerated and released prisoners), held a campaign in the Palestinian Authority and abroad in support of six PFLP terrorist operatives. Five of them appear on PFLP posters as members of the PFLP.<sup>74</sup>
- E. As part of Samidoun and the PFLP's joint activities with foreign diplomats for the release of terrorists, Charlotte Kates, Khaled Barakat and Mustapha Awad met with the South African Ambassador in Belgium (2016) and the South African Ambassador in Germany (2018).<sup>75</sup>

<sup>72</sup> United with Israel website, August 2018, <https://unitedwithisrael.org/watch-the-truth-about-mustafa-the-bds-activist/>

<sup>73</sup> ibid

<sup>74</sup> See PFLP website, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/113>

<sup>75</sup> Samidoun website, July 2018, <https://samidoun.net/2018/07/delegation-meets-with-south-african-ambassador-in-berlin-urges-international-support-for-palestinian-political-prisoners>



*Mustapha Awad, Khaled Barakat, Mohammed Khatib and with South African Ambassador in Belgium, Ellwyn Beck<sup>76</sup>*

### 3. Samidoun and its operatives' support of terrorism

- A. Charlotte Kates wrote an article in honor of the anniversary of the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001 assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister, Rehavam Ze'evi, quoting a PFLP senior operative who termed the murder "a symbol of heroism".<sup>77</sup> In her article, Kates even directs readers to the PFLP website, which glorifies the assassination.



*From the website of the PFLP,  
commemorating "the heroic act" of assassinating an Israeli minister.<sup>78</sup>*

<sup>76</sup> Samidoun website, May 2016, <https://samidoun.net/2016/05/samidoun-meets-with-south-african-embassy-on-palestinian-political-prisoners-g4s-boycott/>

<sup>77</sup> Charlotte Kates' Facebook page, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <https://www.facebook.com/charlotte.kates/posts/10106971068364999>

<sup>78</sup> PFLP website, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://pflp.ps/english/2016/10/17/october-17-resistance-continues-on-anniversary-of-historic-operation>

- B. Joe Catron, Samidoun's US Coordinator, expressed similar statements supporting terrorist acts and operatives. Catron sent Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah a public Twitter message: "Nasrallah my friend, attack, attack Tel Aviv".<sup>79</sup>



*Catron meeting with convicted terrorist and PFLP member Leila Khaled<sup>80</sup>*

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<sup>79</sup> Joe Catron's Twitter page, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, [https://twitter.com/jncatron/status/560384786200813568?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref\\_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.israellycool.com%2F2015%2F01%2F28%2Factivist-joe-catron-asks-hizbullahs-nasrallah-to-strike-tel-aviv%2F](https://twitter.com/jncatron/status/560384786200813568?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.israellycool.com%2F2015%2F01%2F28%2Factivist-joe-catron-asks-hizbullahs-nasrallah-to-strike-tel-aviv%2F)

<sup>80</sup> Joe Catron's Facebook page, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <https://www.facebook.com/jncatron/photos/a.344726739046178/344726745712844/?type=3&theater>: Catron also expresses anti-Semitic sentiments, for example posting on Twitter that "debating a Zionist is like diving into mud to wrestle a pig", January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <https://twitter.com/jncatron/status/687469297149554689>



## Addameer and its ties to the PFLP terrorist organization

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Addameer was founded by members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, many of whom were convicted of terrorist activity, with the mission to support and advocate on behalf of Palestinian prisoners. The NGO, which promotes the BDS campaign against the State of Israel, continues to maintain significant ties with the PFLP. These ties include members of the NGO who are simultaneously members of the PFLP, legal representation of PFLP members charged with terrorism offenses (some of whom also hold positions in the NGO), and joint campaigns with the PFLP.

### C. Profile: Addameer

1. **Headquarters:** Palestinian Authority, Ramallah
2. **Year Founded:** 1992
3. **Areas of Operation:** Palestinian Authority
4. **Key Officials:**
  - A. Sahar Francis – Director
  - B. Mahmoud Hassan – Legal Unit Manager
  - C. Ayman Nasser – Legal Unit Coordinator
  - D. Abdullatif Ghaith – Chairperson of Board of Directors & General Assembly
  - E. Khalida Jarrar – Director (1993-2006) and Deputy Director of Board of Directors & General Assembly (2006-2017)
5. **Activities:**
  - A. Providing legal representation for Palestinian prisoners and detainees, especially those affiliated with the terrorist organization PFLP.
  - B. The NGO has been an active proponent of the boycott campaign against the State of Israel (BDS) since 2005.<sup>81</sup>

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<sup>81</sup> BDS website, July 2005, <https://bdsmovement.net/call>





C. Addameer is active in the divestment campaign against security company G4S, due to its presence in Israel.<sup>82</sup>

6. **Governmental Sponsors up to 2017:** Norway, Human Rights & International Law Secretariat (Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands) and Ireland. Towards the end of 2017 the secretariat stopped funding Palestinian organizations; it is unclear at this time whether these countries continue to provide funding to Addameer.

7. **Known Grants From Governmental Sources, 2014-2017:** \$937,700

### Ties between Addameer and the PFLP

#### 1. Operatives with Dual Roles in Addameer and the PFLP:

- A. **Khalida Jarrar** – Deputy Director of Addameer’s Board of Directors until 2017, Jarrar is a senior member of the PFLP leadership and its representative in the Palestinian Legislative Council. Jarrar served as Director of Addameer from 1993 to 2006. While serving as Deputy Director of the Board of Directors, she served a year in prison due to her role in inciting acts of terrorism. Since 2017, Jarrar has been placed in administrative detention due to her role as **a senior member of the PFLP and her involvement in terrorist activities**.
- B. **Abdullatif Ghaith** – Chairperson of Addameer’s Board of Directors and one of its founders (1992)<sup>83</sup>, Ghaith also served as a member of the PFLP’s political bureau.<sup>84</sup> As a result of his activity to encourage PFLP terror, and his ties with PFLP terrorists abroad, he was placed under a travel ban in 2017.<sup>85</sup>
- C. **Ayman Nasser** – Addameer’s Legal Unit Coordinator, Nasser served a six-year prison sentence in the 1990s for **membership in the PFLP and for planting explosive devices**.<sup>86</sup> He was arrested again on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 due to his ongoing ties with the PFLP. An indictment was filed against him on multiple

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<sup>82</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/Campaign/StopG4S>

<sup>83</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/about/board-general-assembly>

<sup>84</sup> Maan website, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=221904>

<sup>85</sup> Israeli Services & Governmental Information website, Population & Immigration Authority, February 2017, [https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/news/exit\\_prohibition\\_for\\_activist\\_jat\\_sahadah](https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/news/exit_prohibition_for_activist_jat_sahadah)

<sup>86</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/about/our-staff>

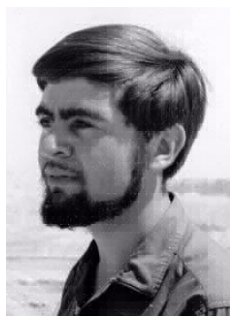


charges, including membership in the PFLP and operating on its behalf.<sup>87</sup> On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Nasser was convicted of membership in the PFLP and of being an operative of the PFLP public action committee.

Nasser was placed in administrative detention for a year in 2014. In the Judicial Order, the judge noted: "...should the respondent be released, he would pose a threat to the area's security. The respondent is a PFLP operative, with arrests in his past relating to activities which posed a threat to security. **I am satisfied that the respondent's detention is unrelated to his activity with a human rights NGO, but is rather due to his activities with the PFLP.**"

In September 2018, he was arrested once again, until March 2019, **due to his ongoing activity as a member of the PFLP.**

- D. **Yaqoub Oude** – Oude is an Addameer Board of Directors and General Assembly member who was a PFLP terrorist for decades.<sup>88</sup> Oude was involved in the Jerusalem Shufersal supermarket bombing in 1969, in which two Israelis (Leon Kanner and Eduard Jaffe) were murdered and nine others were injured. After searching the area, another unexploded explosive charge was found.<sup>89</sup> Oude was sentenced to three life sentences, but served only 17 years in prison after being released in a prisoner exchange deal in 1985 (Jibril Agreement).<sup>90</sup>



*Leon Kanner, murdered at age 20*



*Eduard Jaffe, murdered at age 21*

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<sup>87</sup> Addameer website, December 2014,

<http://www.addameer.org/ar/prisoner/%D8%A3%D9%8A%D9%85%D9%86-%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B5%D8%B1>

<sup>88</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/about/board-general-assembly>

<sup>89</sup> Israeli Social Security website (Bituach Leumi), Citizens – Victims of Terrorism,

<http://laad.btl.gov.il/Web/He/TerrorVictims/Page/Default.aspx?ID=37677>;

<http://laad.btl.gov.il/Web/He/TerrorVictims/Page/Default.aspx?ID=37678>

<sup>90</sup> PFLP website, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/7488/>

- E. **Salah Hammouri** – Addameer Field Researcher. Hammouri was arrested in 2005 for his involvement with a PFLP terrorist cell which planned to assassinate Israel's former Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. His involvement included contacting and recruiting military operatives of the PFLP, and directing two fellow members as to how to carry out terrorist attacks. The three obtained weapons and ammunition and began planning attacks all over Jerusalem. Hammouri was arrested in again August 2017 and was released a year later.



*Salah Hammouri holding a poster for the release of Mustapha Awad of Samidoun<sup>91</sup>*

- F. **Mahmoud Jaddah** - Addameer Board of Directors member, PFLP operative,<sup>92</sup> and a former member of the NGO DCI-P's (see below) Board of Directors.<sup>93</sup> Jaddah was imprisoned for 17 years, for carrying out terrorist shooting attacks in Jerusalem, Hebron and Tel-Aviv<sup>94</sup> and was released in the Jibril Prisoner Exchange Agreement in 1985. Jaddah was arrested again in 2006.<sup>95</sup>
- G. **Bashir al-Khairi** – Addameer Board of Directors member and former senior PFLP operative. Al-Khairi served 17 years in prison after which he was released in the Jibril Prisoner Exchange Agreement in 1985. He was subsequently arrested twice more, most recently in 2010. He is also a past president of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Cooperatives Union.

## 2. Operatives with Family Ties to Both Addameer and the PFLP:

<sup>91</sup> Samidoun website, December 2018, <https://samidoun.net/2018/12/belgian-palestinian-artist-mustapha-awad-sentenced-to-a-year-in-israeli-prison/>

<sup>92</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/about/board-general-assembly>

<sup>93</sup> Maan website, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=291498>

<sup>94</sup> Al-Jazeera website, February 2017, <https://www.aljazeera.net/news/alquds/2017/2/8/>

<sup>95</sup> Al-Riyadh website, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, <http://www.alriyadh.com/138925>



- A. **Yousef Habash** is an Addameer Board of Directors and General Assembly member.<sup>96</sup> Habash is the nephew of PFLP Founder, George Habash.<sup>97</sup> In 2001, Yousef Habash was arrested by the Palestinian Authority during a wave of arrests of PFLP members in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.<sup>98</sup> Yousef Habash was also member of the leading international BDS organization, the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC).<sup>99</sup>
- B. **Sumoud Sa'adat** – Field Researcher at Addameer. Sumoud is the daughter of PFLP Secretary-General Ahmad Sa'adat, who is currently imprisoned in Israel for the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Ze'evi.
- C. **Suha Barghouthi** – Board of Directors & General Assembly member at Addameer. Barghouthi is married to PFLP operative Ahmad Qatamesh.

### 3. Joint Campaigns:

Addameer is leading an international campaign for the release of its former Director and former Deputy Director of its Secretariat, **Khalida Jarrar**.

In addition, members of Addameer are working to release other terrorists. For example, Addameer Director **Sahar Francis** has represented Palestinian terrorists over the years, including known PFLP military branch operative **Bilal Kaid**, who was imprisoned in 2002 for 15 years.

### 4. Addameer and Its Support for Terrorism:

- A. In April 2015, an indictment was filed against **Khalida Jarrar**, Addameer's former Director and former Board of Director's Deputy Director. A series of security-related charges were filed against her, including active membership in the terrorist group PFLP and "incitement to abduct soldiers for the purpose of negotiations for the release of security prisoners, most prominently Ahmad Sa'adat, General Secretary of the organization." Jarrar agreed to a plea deal and was released from prison in June 2016.<sup>100</sup> Jarrar was rearrested and placed under administrative detention in July 2017. In the October 29, 2018 verdict on

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<sup>96</sup> Addameer website, <http://www.addameer.org/about/board-general-assembly>

<sup>97</sup> British Communist Party website, <http://archive.cpgb-ml.org/index.php?secName=proletarian&subName=display&art=434>

<sup>98</sup> Miftah website, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001, <http://www.miftah.org/Display.cfm?DocId=68&CategoryId=2>

<sup>99</sup> BDS France website, <https://www.bdsfrance.org/levident-place-de-bds-dans-le-forum-social-mondial/?print=print>

<sup>100</sup> Israeli law website Psak Din, "Military Charge Against Khalida Knaan Muhammad Jarrar", June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, <https://bit.ly/2S6OYfq>

extending her administrative detention, the judge noted that the defendant (Jarrar) is a senior PFLP operative in the West Bank. He also noted Jarrar's **involvement in terrorist activities and her close ties with other PFLP operatives in the West Bank. The judge added that a careful examination of the information in her case indicated that she posed a potential security threat.**



*Jarrar (left) gives a PFLP plaque to the mother of PFLP terrorist Muataz Washaha.*

*The plaque reads: "Beware of natural death... Do not die, but amidst a hail of bullets"<sup>101</sup>*

- B. **Khalida Jarrar** (in photo above) arrived in 2015 at the home of Muataz Washaha, an **operative of the PFLP military branch**, on the anniversary of Washaha's death. Jarrar gave his mother an honorary plaque on behalf of the PFLP.

Muataz Washaha and his brother, Fadi Washaha, were involved in a 2014 shooting attack. Fadi admitted to carrying out the terrorist attack with his brother, and even provided the improvised gun used to carry out the attack. Muataz Washaha was killed during an attempt by Israeli security forces to arrest him, which led to a standoff lasting several hours during which he refused to turn himself in to the authorities.<sup>102</sup>

During Jarrar's visit, she stressed that "in the end we will overcome the occupation, despite all its crimes".<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>101</sup> Quote from one of PFLP's founders – Ghassan Knafani.

<sup>102</sup> ISA website, "Two Shooting Attacks were Resolved in Judea and Samaria", March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, <https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/240314NewItem.aspx>

<sup>103</sup> PFLP website, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/10005>





## Al-Haq and its ties to the PFLP terrorist organization

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Al-Haq, an NGO which is one of the leaders of the campaign to promote boycotts and the delegitimization of Israel, is led by Shawan Jabarin, a former senior operative of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist group, who has served several prison sentences due to his terrorist activity.

Al-Haq has partnerships with a range of Palestinian and European NGOs which also promote BDS. Jabarin, Al-Haq's General Director, employs at the NGO other former PFLP operatives who have also served prison sentences.

### **D. Profile: Al-Haq**

1. **Headquarters:** Palestinian Authority, Ramallah
2. **Year Founded:** 1979
3. **Areas of Operation:** Judea and Samaria, the Netherlands, France, Northern Europe
4. **Senior Officials:**
  - A. Shawan Jabarin – Director
  - B. Nada Kiswanson –Representative in Europe
5. **Activities:**
  - A. Al-Haq maintains many ties with multiple self-described human rights NGOs, while encouraging them to promote boycotts against the State of Israel. For example, in March 2017, a group of French NGOs published a report together with Al-Haq entitled “The Dangerous Liaisons of French Banks with the Israeli Colonization”. The report includes recommendations for the French Government regarding the relationships between "French financial institutions with the Israeli banking system and the settlements".<sup>104</sup>

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<sup>104</sup> SCRIBD website, March 2017, <https://www.scribd.com/document/343328630/Les-liaisons-dangereuses-de-banques-franc-aises-avec-la-colonisation-israe-lienne-mars-2017>



B. Al-Haq, applies unceasing pressure on the UN's Human Rights Council to publish a blacklist of companies operating in Judea and Samaria.<sup>105</sup> It should be noted that Al-Haq (together with the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights and the Al Mezan Center for Human Rights) was involved in preparing the materials that led to the publication of the discredited UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict (also known as the Goldstone Report) following Operation Cast Lead in 2009, and continues to push for the prosecution of senior Israeli officials for alleged "war crimes".

C. Al-Haq also leads the legal effort to delegitimize Israel at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague.

6. **Governmental Sponsors:** European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands and Ireland

7. **Known Grants from Governmental Sources, 2014-2018:** Over \$3 million

### Al-Haq and the PFLP

#### 1. Operatives with Dual Roles in Al-Haq and the PFLP:

A series of senior officials in Al-Haq, including its General Director, were members of the PFLP and have served sentences of several years or more in Israeli prisons due to their membership in the terrorist group:

##### A. Shawan Jabarin

Jabarin, General Director of Al-Haq since 2006, served as a senior PFLP official in the past and at least until recently maintained close ties with PFLP operatives in Judea and Samaria. Jabarin was tried and convicted for his military activity in the PFLP and has served multiple prison sentences. In the 1990s, he was arrested several times due to his involvement as a senior official of the PFLP.

As a student at Bir Zeit University, Jabarin was a member of the PFLP student organization. Later he was involved in recruiting operatives and sending them for military training abroad, for which he was sentenced to 9 months in prison.<sup>106</sup>

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<sup>105</sup> Amnesty International joint statement, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <http://www.eccpalestine.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/MDE1575212017ENGLISH.pdf>

<sup>106</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/articles/Art\\_20478/H\\_027\\_13\\_330395193.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/articles/Art_20478/H_027_13_330395193.pdf)



In the 1990s, Jabarin was arrested several times as a senior PFLP operative. In 2007 Supreme court decision the judge presiding over his case described Jabarin as a **"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Some of his time is spent in conducting a human rights organization, and some as an operative in an organization which has no qualms regarding murder and attempted murder, which have no relation whatsoever to rights. Quite the opposite, they reject the most basic right of all, without which there are no other rights, that is, the right to life."** In a verdict regarding his appeal, in 2008, the court said it found credible evidence that Jabarin **"is one of the senior operatives of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine."**<sup>107</sup>...**We found the materials indicating the petitioner's involvement in terrorist activities to be substantive and reliable...** the petitioner's travel prohibition is... due to significant security concerns. Therefore, we find no reason to intervene on the respondent's decision prohibiting the petitioner from travelling abroad."<sup>108</sup>

Jabarin has employed several operatives of the PFLP in Al-Haq, all of which have served sentences in Israeli prisons on the grounds of terrorist activity.

#### B. Ziyad Muhammad Shehadeh Hmeidan

Hmeidan worked at Al-Haq from 1996 or earlier until 2017 as the Director of the Skills and Training Department.<sup>109</sup> He was arrested in 1996 and again between 2005-2007 for illegal military activity in the PFLP. The 2006 warrant for the extension of his administrative detention stated that Hmeidan **"was closely affiliated with terrorist operations in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.** The confidential evidence provided reliably demonstrates that the threat the respondent poses is yet to pass... Examination of the detainee's character shows that it is fair to assume that the threat the respondent poses will not decrease in the coming months."

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<sup>107</sup> Takdin website, Israeli Supreme Court of Justice Verdict 1520/09: Shawan Rateb Abdallah Jabarin, <http://www.takdin.co.il/Searchg/>

<sup>108</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/articles/Art\\_20523/H\\_085\\_13\\_1912371889.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/articles/Art_20523/H_085_13_1912371889.pdf)

<sup>109</sup> Participated in a conference abroad as the group's representative in May 2017. <http://labaribrahim.unblog.fr/2017/05/>



**C. Zahi Abdul Hadi Muhammad Jaradat**

Jaradat has been working for Al-Haq for several years and is responsible for operations, management, fundraising and the NGO's budget.<sup>110</sup> He was arrested several times in the past for military activities in the PFLP between 1988-1992.

**D. Majed Omar Daud Abbadi**

Abbadi worked at Al-Haq for several years until 2016 as Project and Planning Director.<sup>111</sup> He was arrested in the early 1990s for his activities in the PFLP.



*Shawan Jabarin and Ziyad Hmeidan*



*From right: Majed Abbadi,  
Shawan Jabarin and Zahi Jaradat*

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<sup>110</sup> Al-Quds website, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://www.alquds.com/articles/1536989930143132800/>; the article also mentions Director Jabarin and Addameer Director Sahar Francis, alongside other known actors in the delegitimization and boycott arena.

<sup>111</sup> Majed Omar Daud Abbadi's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/mjabbadi>



## Defense for Children International – Palestine and its ties to the PFLP terrorist organization

Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCI-P), an NGO which focuses on the treatment of Palestinian children, has had members of its board who were also members of the PFLP terrorist organization. The NGO promotes boycotts of Israel in coordination with NGOs in Europe and the USA.

### **E. Profile: Defense for Children International – Palestine**

1. **Headquarters:** Palestinian Authority, Ramallah
2. **Year Founded:** 2003
3. **Areas of Operation:** Judea and Samaria; USA
4. **Senior Officials:**
  - A. Khaled Quzmar – General Director
  - B. Shadi Jaber – Council Chairperson
5. **Activities:**
  - A. The NGO is a signatory to the 2005 Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS.<sup>112</sup>
  - B. The NGO has a network of ties with boycott-promoting NGOs in the Palestinian Authority as well as internationally, primarily in the US.
  - C. DCI-P is a member-organization of the umbrella group for Palestinian delegitimization and boycott-promoting NGOs known as the Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council (PHROC).<sup>113</sup>
6. **Governmental Sponsors:** Human Rights & International Law Secretariat (Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands), European Union.

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<sup>112</sup> BDSmovement website, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, <https://bdsmovement.net/call>

<sup>113</sup> Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council. PHROC includes prominent Palestinian member-organizations that promote BDS, such as Al-Haq, Badil, Addameer, PCHR. See:

BDS website, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, <https://bdsmovement.net/news/palestinian-civil-society-and-human-rights-organisations-mark-palestinian-prisoners%E2%80%9999-day-call/>;

BDS Berlin website, <http://bdsberlin.org/2015/09/11/joint-letter-to-un-secretary-general-terminate-contracts-with-g4s/>;

Al-Haq website, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/topics/wall-and-jerusalem/1232-human-rights-organisations-and-civil-society-call-on-the-international-community-to-take-immediate-action-to-stop-the-relocation-of-foreign-embassies-to-jerusalem-respect-international-law>



Towards the end of 2017 the secretariat stopped funding Palestinian organizations; it is unclear at this time whether these countries continue to provide funding to DCI-P.

**7. Known Grants from Governmental Sources, 2014-2017: \$1,104,700**

**DCI-P and the PFLP**

**Operatives with Dual Roles in DCI-P and the PFLP:**

- A. **Hassan Abed Aljawad** – A journalist and a PFLP leader in the Bethlehem region. Aljawad was a member of the DCI-P board until May 2018.<sup>114</sup>



*Abed Aljawad speaking for PFLP at an annual memorial ceremony held for terrorist Muataz Zawahra, who was a PFLP operative (2016)<sup>115</sup>*

- B. **Halima Abu Solb** – Served as a DCI-P board member until May 2018. She was tried for her connections to the PFLP in the late 1980s and sentenced to three years in prison.<sup>116</sup>
- C. **Mahmoud Jaddah** – Member of the PFLP and a former member of the DCI-P Council,<sup>117</sup> as well as a member of the Addameer board of directors.<sup>118</sup> As noted above, Jaddah was imprisoned for 17 years until his early release as a result of the Jibril Agreement in 1985.

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<sup>114</sup> Maan website, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=244392>;  
Maan website, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=840550>

<sup>115</sup> PFLP website, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/14131>;

Qudsn website, <https://www.qudsn.co/article/76283>

<sup>116</sup> Al-Watan Voice website, <https://pulpit.alwatanvoice.com/content/print/94200.html>;

Maan website, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=840550>

<sup>117</sup> Maan website, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, <http://www.maannews.net/Content.aspx?id=291498>

<sup>118</sup> Ibid.

- D. **Mary Rock** – A decade ago, Rock was one of the main candidates for PFLP leadership in the Bethlehem region. Rock was a member of the DCI-P board until 2018.<sup>119</sup>
- E. **Hashem Abu Maria** – Former Public Relations Unit Coordinator in DCI-P.<sup>120</sup> In an official statement issued by the PFLP, Abu Maria was described as “a comrade” and one of the leaders of the PFLP.<sup>121</sup> Zahi Jaradat of the NGO Al-Haq noted in his obituary that he knew Abu Maria from the battle in the field and from their time in prison.<sup>122</sup>



*Official PFLP poster praising Abu Maria following his death*

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<sup>119</sup> Al-Watan Voice website, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/content/print/32255.html>; Maan website, <http://www.maannnews.net/Content.aspx?id=840550>; Al-Watan Voice website, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/content/print/36243.html>

<sup>120</sup> Palestinian website for the DCI-P, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, [https://www.dci-](https://www.dci-palestine.org/)

[palestine.org/dci-palestine mourns the loss of hashem abu maria colleague and friend killed by israeli forces](https://www.dci-palestine.org/dci-palestine-mourns-the-loss-of-hashem-abu-maria-colleague-and-friend-killed-by-israeli-forces)

<sup>121</sup> PFLP website, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, <http://pflp.ps/english/2014/08/03/pflp-mourns-comrade-hashem-abu-maria-murdered-by-occupation-forces/>

<sup>122</sup> Zahi Jaradat's Facebook page, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152554913629076&set=pb.690394075-2207520000.1539766029.&type=3&theater>



## The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP) and its ties to the PFLP terrorist organization

The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP) operates in Brussels and is an umbrella organization for 42 European NGOs which promote delegitimization and boycotts against the State of Israel. The ECCP operates mainly within European Union institutions. The organization campaigns for the release of incarcerated terrorists, and has funded from its budget the activities of PFLP members.

### F. Profile: ECCP

1. **Country of Establishment:** Belgium
2. **Year Founded:** 1986
3. **Areas of Operation:** European Union Headquarters in Brussels
4. **Senior Officials:**
  - A. Aneta Jerska – Coordinator
  - B. Véronique De Keyser – President, former European Union Parliamentarian
5. **Activities:**
  - A. ECCP states on its official website that one of its aims is the “promotion of the BDS campaign and its objectives” as well as “the unconditional release of all Palestinian prisoners”.<sup>123</sup>
  - B. In early 2016, ECCP called to immediately end commercial relations between European governments and G4S security services, since, according to the NGO, the security company provides services and equipment to Israeli detention centers holding Palestinian prisoners.<sup>124</sup>

<sup>123</sup> ECCP website, <http://www.eccpalestine.org/about-us/> <http://www.eccpalestine.org/>

<sup>124</sup> ECCP website, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <http://www.eccpalestine.org/call-on-the-eu-to-end-its-contracts-with-g4s/>

C. The NGO frequently calls to suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement.<sup>125</sup>

### ECCP and the PFLP

1. **Joint Campaigns:** In February 2016, representatives of Samidoun, ECCP and PFLP member Leila Khaled met with European Union parliamentarians in Brussels as part of the campaign for the release of PFLP members including PFLP General Secretary Ahmad Sa'adat and senior PFLP member Khalida Jarrar.<sup>126</sup>



*From right: Mustapha Awad (Samidoun) – who has since been arrested for facilitating terror funding and for ties with Hezbollah, Aneta Jerska (ECCP Coordinator), Leila Khaled (PFLP) and Mohammed Khatib (Samidoun)*<sup>127</sup>

2. **Moreover, there are financial ties between ECCP and the PFLP.** For example, ECCP paid for the travel costs and participation of Daoud Mahmoud Daoud al-Ghoul, a terrorist operative and known member of the PFLP, at a conference in Brussels (2014). Daoud is known for his involvement in planning terrorist attacks against numerous Israeli and Jewish targets.<sup>128</sup> Six months later, al-Ghoul was arrested for his activities in support of the PFLP.<sup>129</sup>

<sup>125</sup> ECCP website, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <http://www.eccpalestine.org/eccp-letter-to-the-eu-ahead-of-eu-israel-association-council-meeting>; European website Free Palestine, fliers promoting the suspension of European-Israeli association, [http://freepalestine.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/No\\_association\\_factsheet\\_A4\\_2.pdf](http://freepalestine.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/No_association_factsheet_A4_2.pdf)

<sup>126</sup> Samidoun website, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <https://samidoun.net/2016/02/leila-khaled-urges-freedom-for-mohammed-al-qeeq-justice-for-omar-nayef-zayed-in-meetings-at-european-parliament>

<sup>127</sup> Samidoun (Kates and Khatib) held a conference in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Brussels (April 2014), in which Leila Khaled sent a video message. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/677640418948165/>

<sup>128</sup> ECCP website, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, <http://www.eccpalestine.org/eu-obligations-towards-east-jerusalem/>

<sup>129</sup> Samidoun website, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <https://samidoun.net/2016/11/palestinian-youth-activist-daoud-ghoul-released-from-israeli-prison/>



## BDS South Africa and its ties to the PFLP terrorist organization

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BDS South Africa is the leading anti-Israel boycott NGO in South Africa and plays a central role in the global BDS campaign against Israel. It disingenuously draws on South Africa's past under the apartheid regime as a model for the boycott campaign against Israel, a theme which reverberates with NGOs around the world. Leila Khaled, a renowned hijacker of a passenger airline and member of the PFLP terrorist group, acted as an official fundraiser for BDS South Africa.

### **G. Profile: BDS South Africa**

1. **Headquarters:** South Africa

2. **Areas of Operation:** South Africa, Global

3. **Senior Officials:**

- A. Muhammed Desai – Co-founder, Director and Board Member
- B. Kwara Kekana – Spokesperson, Campaign Manager and Board Member
- C. Farid Esack – Board Chairperson

4. **Activities:**

- A. BDS South Africa has invested great efforts in convincing South Africa's leading political party, the African National Congress (ANC), to support downgrading the Israel Embassy's status from diplomatic representative to liaison office. BDS South Africa operates in various arenas to boycott and delegitimize the State of Israel – in the cultural, academic, and economic arenas and in Christian circles.<sup>130</sup>
- B. For over a decade, BDS South Africa has been promoting Israel Apartheid Week in cities and universities across the country and the world.<sup>131</sup> This campaign has led to dozens of violent incidents against Jewish students on campus. Just recently, Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau condemned

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<sup>130</sup> BDS South Africa website, <http://www.bdssouthafrica.com/>

<sup>131</sup> BDS South Africa website, "Campaigns", <http://www.bdssouthafrica.com/israeli-apartheid-week/>





campus activity against Jewish students as a new form of antisemitism (2018).<sup>132</sup>

- C. BDS South Africa leads the boycott campaign against G4S security services in South Africa due to the company's presence in Israel, as part of the international campaign by BDS organizations.<sup>133</sup>
- D. During 2017, the NGO, together with other anti-Israel boycott and delegitimization NGOs, was the leading organizer of the Red Card Campaign, which aimed to promote the suspension of Israel from FIFA.<sup>134</sup>

### **BDS South Africa and the PFLP**

#### **5. Joint Campaigns:**

BDS South Africa has campaigned for the release of imprisoned PFLP terrorist operative Bilal Kaid.<sup>135</sup> Kaid, a member of the military branch of the PFLP, was arrested in 2002 and sentenced to 14 years in prison on two charges of attempted murder in terrorist attacks.

#### **6. Financial Ties:**

Senior PFLP member and airline hijacker Leila Khaled participated in fundraising campaigns for BDS South Africa in February 2015. Alongside members of the organization, Khaled raised funds for BDS South Africa's activities.<sup>136</sup>

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<sup>132</sup> MEE website, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/trudeau-bds-848286726>

<sup>133</sup> BDS South Africa website, "Campaigns", <http://www.bdssouthafrica.com/campaigns/>

<sup>134</sup> BDS South Africa website, "Campaigns", <http://www.bdssouthafrica.com/sports-boycott-2/>

<sup>135</sup> BDS South Africa, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <http://www.bdssouthafrica.com/post/joint-press-statement-global-call-grows-israel-release-palestinian-hunger-striker-bilal-kayed/>

<sup>136</sup> PFLP website, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://pflp.ps/english/2015/02/07/comrade-leila-khaled-south-africa-tour-continues-with-successful-fundraisers-in-pretoria-and-rustenberg/>; <https://www.facebook.com/events/312970982245657/>



*An official poster for a BDS South Africa fundraising event in Rustenburg, glorifying PFLP member Khaled, who helped raise funds for BDS South Africa.<sup>137</sup>*



*Terrorist Leila Khaled and BDS South Africa Board Chairperson Farid Esack at a fundraising event in Pretoria.<sup>138</sup>*

<sup>137</sup> Official poster for fundraising event in Rustenburg, South Africa,  
<https://www.facebook.com/bdssouthafrica/photos/a.893749080689243/893749207355897/?type=3&theater>

<sup>138</sup> BDS South Africa's Facebook page, Pretoria fundraising event, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015,  
<https://www.facebook.com/bdssouthafrica/photos/a.893734937357324/893734967357321/?type=3&theater>



## PART 2 - Hamas terrorist organization

### Overview

1. Hamas has been designated a terrorist group by Israel (1989)<sup>139</sup>, the United States (1997)<sup>140</sup>, Canada (2002)<sup>141</sup> and the European Union (2014).<sup>142</sup>
2. Hamas is an Islamist-Sunni terrorist group which aims to establish a Palestinian Islamic fundamentalist state in place of the State of Israel. Hamas defines itself (based on its charter, published in August 1988) as the “Palestinian offshoot” of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood.<sup>143</sup> It was founded by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and other Palestinian Islamist operatives in Gaza in December 1987.
3. Hamas includes a military wing and political bureau, and serves as the *de facto* ruler of the Gaza Strip. Much of Hamas’ leadership resides outside the Gaza Strip, mainly in Turkey and Lebanon. These senior Hamas operatives maintain ties with various countries and activists, primarily for the purpose of raising funds and resources for Hamas.
4. In the Palestinian Legislative Council elections held in 2006, Hamas won by a large majority of the Legislative Council votes (74 seats out of 132). Since the elections, Hamas has aimed to establish its standing as leader of the Palestinians. In 2007, the terrorist organization carried out a violent military coup in Gaza and forcibly drove the Fatah party from power in the Gaza Strip.
5. Under Hamas’ rule, rocket fire aimed at the State of Israel from the Gaza Strip dramatically increased to such a degree that three military operations (2008-2009, 2012, and 2014) were carried out to halt the rocket launches. Hamas’ efforts to upgrade its military capabilities continued throughout this time. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the United States put forward a precedent-setting resolution at the UN General Assembly condemning Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza for repeatedly firing rockets into Israel, for carrying out other violent activities, such as

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<sup>139</sup> Ministry of Defense website, Announcement on Terrorist Groups, Illegal Associations and Confiscation Warrants, [http://www.mod.gov.il/Defence-and-Security/Fighting\\_terrorism/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.mod.gov.il/Defence-and-Security/Fighting_terrorism/Pages/default.aspx)

<sup>140</sup> Department of State, United States, “Foreign Terrorist Organizations”, <https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm><sup>140</sup>

<sup>141</sup> Government of Canada website, “Listed Terrorist Entities”, <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrty/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt-lstd-ntts-en.aspx%20-%20202042>

<sup>142</sup> European Union Legislation website, “Implementing Regulations”, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2001:344:0093:0096:EN:PDF>

<sup>143</sup> The following is a link to Hamas’ mission statement, see: [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF\\_18894\\_1.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF_18894_1.pdf)



launching incendiary balloons, for the use of civilian infrastructure for militant activities and more. The resolution won a majority, but not by the margin necessary for its adoption (87 in favor, 58 against, and 32 abstentions).

6. Hamas blatantly violates the human rights of Palestinians in Gaza who dare to publicly criticize it, openly and brutally conducts extrajudicial killings of Palestinians accused of collaborating with Israel.
7. At the same time, Hamas has developed nominally “civilian” opposition tactics, such as flotillas, assisted by its operatives in the West. **Over the past year, Hamas has increased its efforts in the “civilian” sphere in the form of the “Marches of Return”. Hamas leverages international relief and boycott-promoting NGOs to gain international attention**, while endorsing the call for BDS.<sup>144</sup> The Marches of Return are financed by Hamas and include efforts to sabotage Israel’s border fence, plant explosive charges, launch incendiary terror kites toward Israeli communities and burn the farmlands on the Israeli side of the border. Most of the Palestinian casualties are members of Palestinian terrorist groups, mainly from Hamas (and some PFLP).



*A falcon sent from Gaza, its leg tied to a rope dipped in flammable liquid as it perches on a tree.<sup>145</sup>*

8. In order to enhance its fundraising capabilities and spread its propaganda, Hamas works together with civilian NGOs, mainly in Europe. These NGOs are run by Hamas operatives and maintain continuous ties with senior Hamas officials. Their ties to terror are known despite methodical attempts to conceal their connections over the years, and efforts to “keep a low profile” out of a fear of being exposed. These NGOs

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<sup>144</sup> Shehab News website, <http://shehabnews.com/post/40419>:

<sup>145</sup> Israel Nature & Parks Authority website, “Falcon with Incendiary Device at Gaza Envelope”, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.parks.org.il/new/baz-t/>



support Hamas' policy, and lead events, demonstrations and campaigns with the aim of delegitimizing the State of Israel and denying its right to exist.

9. This activity is in line with Hamas' strategy, as Political Bureau Chief Ismail Haniyeh stated (September 2018): "We must defend the Palestinian agenda in the humanitarian and global aspect as well. Today, many important opportunities exist, **including in the Western countries**, which can be relied on to build our strategy: **the boycott movement - the BDS, the marches, solidarity convoys...**"<sup>146</sup>
10. In the last two years, a broader group was established, named the **Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad**. This group is affiliated with Hamas and has therefore been criticized by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and his associates. The group's general secretariat frequently convenes in Lebanon, where its members are affiliated with Hamas, e.g. Majed al-Zeer, Zaher Birawi and Kamel Hawwash (of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, see below), who live and operate in the UK.<sup>147</sup> Al-Zeer and Birawi are recognized by the State of Israel as operatives of an association affiliated with Hamas.
11. The group's General Secretariat organized a conference that took place in Istanbul in February 2017, which produced the following concluding statement: "The conference appreciates the extraordinary role the global movements fulfill as they seek justice for Palestinians. The NGOs that apply political pressure, the human rights organizations, the ships sent to break the siege in Gaza, **the global boycott NGOs acting against the Zionist Occupation and those who demand prosecutions of the Occupation for war crimes are called upon by the Conference to increase their support.**"<sup>148</sup>
12. In addition, **Hamas takes advantage of its ties with international relief organizations, using NGO funds to promote its terrorist operations. In the past two years, two severe instances of the misuse of funds were revealed:**
  - A. World Vision is a well-established international Christian relief organization that has operations in the Palestinian Authority and the Gaza Strip. Hamas's military

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<sup>146</sup> Palestine al-Yawm agency's Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/paltodayps/videos/244736559541231/?t=1908>

<sup>147</sup> Al-Jazeera website, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, <http://www.aljazeera.net/news/arabic/2018/3/31>;

Al-Watan Voice website, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018,

<https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2018/09/14/1173633.html>

<sup>148</sup> Palestinians Abroad, <https://palabroad.org/page/view/247>





wing recruited Mohammed Halabi in 2005, and in 2010 Halabi became Regional Manager of World Vision in Gaza until he was arrested in 2016. During this time, Halabi took advantage of his position and transferred aid, equipment and relief packages sent by World Vision to Hamas, which were used to pay the salaries of Hamas operatives, and support the construction of terror tunnels and Hamas' military buildup. Approximately 60% of the NGO's Gaza branch's annual budget was transferred to Hamas.<sup>149</sup>

- B. In April 2018, American authorities announced that Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) – an NGO which conducts humanitarian activities around the world and has been receiving American Government funding for years – was fined 2 million USD following an investigation which found that between the years 2012-2016, the NPA transferred funds for Gazan youth empowerment projects, in which Hamas and PFLP operatives took part.<sup>150</sup>

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<sup>149</sup> ISA website, "Mohammed Halabi, Gaza Branch Manager of World Vision NGO, Arrested for Operating for Hamas Military Division", August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, <https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/Newitem100816.aspx>

<sup>150</sup> US Department of Justice, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/manhattan-us-attorney-announces-settlement-norwegian-not-profit-resolving-claims-it>



## The Palestinian Center for Human Rights and its ties to Hamas and the PFLP terrorist organizations

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The Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), based in Gaza, describes itself as "dedicated to protecting human rights, promoting the rule of law and upholding democratic principles."

The organization's Director-General, Raji Sourani, maintains close ties with Hamas, including providing legal assistance to the terrorist organization. PCHR's former deputy Chair of the Board was a senior official in the PFLP's military wing.

PCHR collaborates with both Palestinian and European NGOs which promote delegitimization and boycott of Israel.

### **H. Profile: PCHR**

1. **Headquarters:** Gaza
2. **Year Founded:** 1995
3. **Areas of Operation:** Gaza Strip, Palestinian Authority, the Netherlands, France, Scandinavia
4. **Senior Officials:**
  - A. Raji Sourani – Founder and Director General
  - B. Iyad al-Alami – Legal Unit Director
5. **Activities:**
  - A. On a weekly basis, PCHR calls on the international community to boycott products, prohibit the employment of Palestinians, and cease all investments within Judea and Samaria. The organization calls to use all available means, "including sanctions in order to end the occupation of the State of Palestine."<sup>151</sup>

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<sup>151</sup> PCHR website, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, <https://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=11623>



- B. PCHR is a member-organization of Palestinian Human Rights Organizations Council (PHROC). As part of PHROC, PCHR is a signatory on a petition addressed to the UN Secretary-General, calling on him to terminate contracts with G4S due to the company's presence in Israel.<sup>152</sup>
- C. PCHR, together with other Palestinian NGOs including Al-Haq, is active *vis a vis* the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the Hague. The PCHR worked to bring about the arrest of senior Israeli officials in the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and New Zealand for alleged war crimes.<sup>153</sup>
6. **Governmental Sponsors:** Human Rights & International Law Secretariat (Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands), and Ireland. Towards the end of 2017 the secretariat stopped funding Palestinian organizations; it is unclear at this time whether these countries continue to provide funding to PCHR.
7. **Known Grants from Governmental Sources, 2014-2017:** \$1.5 million

### PCHR, Hamas and the PFLP

#### 1. Operatives with Dual Roles in PCHR and the PFLP:

Jaber Wishah, Deputy Director of the PCHR Board until 2017,<sup>154</sup> **was in charge of the PFLP military wing**, was sentenced to two life sentences and served 15 years in prison (1985-1999).<sup>155</sup>

During his imprisonment, Wishah served three and a half years alongside terrorist Samir Kuntar, a PFLP terrorist who infiltrated Israel from Lebanon, kidnapping and murdering a father and daughter and shooting to death two policemen, in one of the most gruesome terror attacks in Israel's history.<sup>156</sup> Kuntar was released in a Hezbollah prisoner exchange in 2008 and was killed several years later. Wishah's mother, who had befriended Kuntar, set up a mourning tent where senior PFLP

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<sup>152</sup> BDS Berlin website, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, <http://bdsberlin.org/2015/09/11/joint-letter-to-un-secretary-general-terminate-contracts-with-g4s/>

<sup>153</sup> PCHR report, 2010, [http://pchrgaza.org/files/Reports/English/pdf\\_spec/PCHR-UJ-BOOK.pdf](http://pchrgaza.org/files/Reports/English/pdf_spec/PCHR-UJ-BOOK.pdf)

<sup>154</sup> PCHR Board of Directors, [https://pchrgaza.org/en/?page\\_id=10014](https://pchrgaza.org/en/?page_id=10014);

Jaber Wishah's end of term, April 2017, <https://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=8983>

<sup>155</sup> Gulf website Al-Bayan, <https://www.albayan.ae/one-world/1999-09-23-1.1078751>

<sup>156</sup> PFLP website, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, <http://pflp.ps/ar/post/12189>



officials came to console her. Wishah himself eulogized Kuntar saying he **“was an example for all the world’s dignitaries in the struggle against evil, and that there are thousands following in Samir’s footsteps today.”**<sup>157</sup>

## 2. PCHR and Its Operatives’ Support for Terrorism:

- A. **PCHR Director-General Raji Sourani and Director of the Legal Department and Legal Aid Program, Iyad al-Alami**, both maintained ties with Hamas (as of 2017). The two **provided legal aid and consultation to Hamas**, collecting materials and writing documents for the terror group’s use in legal proceedings against the State of Israel.
- B. **Sourani expressed praise for the “professional work” of Hamas**, stating that human rights NGOs operate under Hamas’ regime in a completely free manner.<sup>158</sup>
- C. **PCHR is deeply involved in the Hamas-led “Marches of Return”, on the Gaza border with Israel**. The NGO produces video clips, weekly updates, and reports against IDF activities.<sup>159</sup>

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<sup>157</sup> Wattan website, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, <https://www.wattan.tv/ar/news/158218.html>

<sup>158</sup> PIC (Palestinian Information Center) website, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, <https://www.palinfo.com/news/2013/10/27>

<sup>159</sup> PCHR website reports, <https://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=11603>; <https://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=11615>; <https://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=11292>; <https://pchrgaza.org/en/?p=11576>



## The Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) and its ties to Hamás terrorist organization

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The Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) is a British NGO that serves as an organizational and coordinating arm of Hamas in Europe. Its activists maintain ties with senior Hamas officials and promote Hamas' policy. The PRC has directed anti-Israel, pro-Hamas activities for the past two decades, including advocating a boycott of the State of Israel. Due to its close ties with Hamas, the PRC was declared an illegal association by the State of Israel.

### **I. Profile: PRC**

1. **Country of Establishment:** UK

2. **Year Founded:** 1996

3. **Areas of Operation:** UK, Scandinavia, Central Europe

4. **Senior Officials:**

- A. Majed al-Zeer – Director
- B. Ghassan Faour – Project Manager
- C. Salman Abu-Sitta – Founder

5. **Activities:**

- A. The PRC hosts the **Palestinians in Europe Conference**, which takes place each year (since 2003) in cities such as Paris, London, Milan, Berlin and Copenhagen. In these conferences, initiatives to delegitimize the State of Israel, such as flotillas, marches, and demonstrations, are discussed and planned. These meetings are used to coordinate campaigns in-line with Hamas' political agenda, such as the protests surrounding the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, and the campaign for the release of Palestinian security prisoners.
- B. The concluding statements of the last two conferences (2017, 2018) praised and supported the delegitimization and boycott campaigns against



the State of Israel, declaring: “We appreciate the role of international NGOs in the boycott campaign.<sup>160</sup> Everyone should bear in mind on the centenary of the notorious Balfour Declaration... We appeal to the world’s free people and human rights advocates, far and wide, to speak up for the legitimate Palestinian cause, boycott the Israeli occupation, rescind investments with Israeli institutions, and impose sanctions on such a colonizing entity.”<sup>161</sup>

## PRC and Hamas

### 1. Operatives with Dual Roles in the PRC and Hamas:

**In designating the PRC an illegal association in 2010 due to its ties to Hamas, Israel's Defense Minister cited the following individuals in the explanation of the decision:**<sup>162</sup>

A. **Majed al-Zeer, PRC Director-General.** Al-Zeer is a member of the Board of Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad, which convenes frequently in Lebanon.<sup>163</sup> It is the largest conference of Palestinians in the diaspora. Al-Zeer was interviewed for the Al-Aqsa TV channel, which belongs to Hamas (as confirmed by the United States Treasury Department) during one of the flotillas organized by Hamas (December 2018).<sup>164</sup>



*Al-Aqsa channel: Majed al-Zeer, Chairperson of Palestinians in Europe Conference, London  
(December 2018)*<sup>165</sup>

<sup>160</sup> Palestinian Al-Ouda Center, Concluding Statement of the 16<sup>th</sup> Palestinians in Europe Conference, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://prc.org.uk/ar/post/3849>

<sup>161</sup> Palestinian Al-Ouda Center, Concluding Statement of the 15<sup>th</sup> Palestinians in Europe Conference, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <https://prc.org.uk/ar/post/3667>

<sup>162</sup> ISA website, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, <https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/shotef271210.aspx>

<sup>163</sup> Al-Jazeera website, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, <http://www.aljazeera.net/news/arabic/2018/3/31>;

Al-Watan Voice website, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2018/09/14/1173633.html>

<sup>164</sup> United States Department of Treasury, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg594.aspx>

<sup>165</sup> Shehab Agency Facebook page, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018,



- B. **Ghassan Faour** – current PRC Project Manager. Faour served as a member of the Interpal Charity, which was declared a terrorism-related entity in both Israel and the US, for being a central element in Hamas' global fundraising efforts.<sup>166</sup>
- C. **Majdi Aqil** – Former PRC Board of Directors member. He was active in Interpal. He was imprisoned in Israel before moving to the UK after his release.
- D. **Arafat Madi Shukri** – Former Operational Manager of the PRC and Chairperson of the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza (ECESG), which was founded in 2007.
- E. **Zaher Birawi** (see separate chapter) – Former Chairperson of the PRC Board. Member of the General Secretariat of the Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad and leader of its boycott committee.
2. **Joint Campaigns:**
- A. The PRC, led by Majed al-Zeer, organizes the **Palestinians in Europe Conferences**. Though this conference is not officially overseen by Hamas, over the years, **many of its attendees were found to be affiliated with the terrorist group**.
- B. Examples of senior Hamas officials' ties to the group include **Ismail Haniyeh**, who participated and gave speeches at the PRC's conferences on a number of occasions:



*Ismail Haniyeh gave speeches over the phone and video calls (2006-2008).<sup>167</sup>*

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<https://www.facebook.com/ShehabAgency.MainPage/videos/1168357989986593/?t=297>

<sup>166</sup> British Endole website, People & Contacts, <https://suite.endole.co.uk/insight/company/03219238-the-palestinian-return-centre-ltd?page=people-contacts>;

The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF\\_11\\_172\\_1.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF_11_172_1.pdf)

<sup>167</sup> PRC website, Notification on the European Conference, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, <https://prc.org.uk/ar/post/254-البيان-الختامي-لمؤتمر-فلسطيني-ي-أوروبا-الرابع>;

PRC website, Haniyeh's Speech to the Palestinians, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, <https://prc.org.uk/ar/post/259-هنية-يخاطب-فلسطينيين-في-أوروبا-في-مؤتمر-هم-يهو-لندا-مصممون-على-النجاح-في-مواجهة-التحديات-ولن-ننكسر>;



### 3. PRC and Its Operatives' Support of Terrorism:

- A. The PRC was involved, via the ECESG, in planning the Mavi Marmara flotilla (May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010), in collaboration with the radical Turkish organization, IHH.<sup>174</sup>
- B. The PRC supported and advocated for the release of Dirar Abu Sisi from prison, who served as a weapons engineer for Hamas, with a specialty in rockets and anti-tank missiles. **Abu Seesi worked to upgrade the range and penetrability of thousands of rockets which were launched over the years against the State of Israel, killing dozens and terrorizing millions of Israeli civilians.** The indictment included a series of severe charges against Abu Sisi, including membership in a terror organization, providing services to an illegal association, conspiring to commit crimes, attempted murder and weapons-related offenses (attempts to develop illegal weapons).<sup>175</sup>

In May 2013, at the 11<sup>th</sup> conference in **Berlin**, the PRC held a panel on Palestinian prisoners, especially focusing on Dirar Abu Seesi. Among the speakers on the panel was **former convicted prisoner Majdi Aqil** of the PRC.



*The conference organizers set up a booth in Brussels calling for the release of the terrorist Abu Sisi<sup>176</sup>*

<sup>174</sup> IHH was recognized in Germany as a terrorist group less than a month after the Mavi Marmara flotilla incident, <https://www.verfassungsschutz.de/de/arbeitsfelder/af-islamismus-und-islamistischer-terrorismus/verbotene-organisationen-islamismus>

<sup>175</sup> ISA website, "Indictment Filed Against Darar Abu Seesi", April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, <https://www.shabak.gov.il/publications/Pages/shotef040411.aspx>

<sup>176</sup> PRC website, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, <https://prc.org.uk/ar/post/3009-الشبكة-الأوروبية-للدفاع-عن-الأسرى-الفلسطينيين-تشيد-بدور-مؤتمر-فلسطيني-أوروبا-الحادي-عشر-في-تفصيل-قضى>



## The Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) and its ties to Hamas terrorist organization

The Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) is one of the leading BDS and anti-Israel NGOs in the UK and in Europe, working closely with other NGOs to promote boycotts against the State of Israel.

The NGO has ties to Hamas operatives such as Muhammad Sawalha and Zaher Birawi, its leaders met with Ismail Haniyeh when he served as Hamas' Prime Minister in Gaza, and it maintains close ties with the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC), the organizational and coordinating arm of Hamas in Europe.

### **J. Profile: PSC**

**1. Country of Establishment:** UK

**2. Year Founded:** 1982

**3. Areas of Operation:** UK

**4. Senior Officials:**

A. Ben Jamal - Director

B. Hugh Lanning – Chairperson

**5. Activities:**

PSC focuses on promoting boycotts and demonstrations against the State of Israel and against international corporations operating within the country. For example:

- A. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the PSC organized a demonstration in support of the Hamas-led Marches of Return, together with Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA).<sup>177</sup> The demonstration included calls for an arms boycott against Israel.

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<sup>177</sup> PSC website, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/london-protest-free-palestine-stop-the-killing-stop-arming-israel/>





- B. Together with other anti-Israel NGOs in UK, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the PSC led the demonstrations on the Balfour Declaration's centenary, with the purpose of delegitimizing the Declaration.<sup>178</sup>
- C. The PSC is a member-organization of the ECCP (see below), and is a signatory on a letter addressed to European countries, calling to suspend the Association Agreement with the State of Israel and immediately terminate collaborations associated with the Horizon 2020 program.<sup>179</sup>
- D. The NGO called to boycott an Israeli culture festival in London, TLVinLONDON, which took place in 2017.

## PSC and Hamas

### 1. Operatives with Dual Roles in the PSC and Hamas:

Kamel Hawwash, PSC Board member and former Deputy Chairperson, is a General Secretariat member of the Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad, which, as noted above, is affiliated with Hamas.

### 2. Joint Campaigns:

- A. The PSC works with the PRC and its members. As described above, the PRC and several of its senior members and affiliates have been designated by Israel as illegal due to their connections to Hamas. In October 2017, the honorary President of the PSC, Betty Hunter, participated in the launching of the PRC's Balfour Apology Campaign.<sup>180</sup>
- B. Several days after the Hamas-led Marches of Return began, the PSC and its partners in UK accelerated their campaign against the import and export of military equipment to Israel. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the PSC organized a joint demonstration with Islamist anti-Israel groups in front of the British Prime Minister's residence in London.<sup>181</sup>
- C. Alongside the campaign in the UK and around the world, the Supreme Authority of the Marches of Return and Breaking of the Siege, in its Friday "concluding

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<sup>178</sup> PSC website, Student Activists for Palestine, <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/>

<sup>179</sup> PSC Letter to EU Countries, [http://www.eccpalestine.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Campaign\\_statement\\_endorsers22.pdf](http://www.eccpalestine.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Campaign_statement_endorsers22.pdf)

<sup>180</sup> Launch of Apology for Balfour Declaration Campaign, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <http://balfourcampaign.com/2017/10/25/balfour-apology-campaign-launched-at-house-of-lords-2/>

<sup>181</sup> Samidoun website, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://samidoun.net/event/london-free-palestine-stop-the-killing-stop-arming-israel/>



message" (November 2018), called for a global campaign that would prohibit arming Israeli forces (i.e. implement an embargo) as a response to its "crimes" against the participants of the Marches of Return. It also demanded that the leadership of the global Israel boycott campaign committee, as well as human rights organizations, take part in a humanitarian campaign to prevent "arming the Israeli occupation."<sup>182</sup>

### 3. PSC and Its Operatives' Support of Terrorism:

- A. Sarah Colborne, PSC's former Director, and other PSC members participated in the Mavi Marmara flotilla in May 2010.<sup>183</sup>
- B. "Miles of Smiles" is the name of aid convoys for Hamas that began to travel to Gaza in 2009. The General Coordinator for these convoys, Dr. Essam Yousef, is Deputy Chairperson of the British Interpal foundation, which was declared as illegal in both Israel and the US. To date, 34 convoys have arrived in the Gaza Strip (the most recent one was in June 2018).<sup>184</sup>

As part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Miles of Smiles delegation on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Hugh Lanning and Sara Colborne traveled to Gaza together with Muhammad Sawalha, Zaher Birawi and Essam Yousef – all operatives of British anti-Israel boycott promoting NGOs with close ties to Hamas.

- C. One of this delegation's highlights was a meeting in Gaza with Hamas Political Bureau Chief (then Prime Minister) – Ismail Haniyeh.

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<sup>182</sup> Shehab website, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <http://shehabnews.com/post/41693/>

<sup>183</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF\\_11\\_195\\_1.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF_11_195_1.pdf)

<sup>184</sup> Al-Watan Voice website, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2018/06/11/1151337.html>



*The leadership of British anti-Israel NGOs meet with Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh and other Hamas operatives <sup>185</sup>*

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<sup>185</sup> Harry's Place website, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, <http://hurryupharry.org/2012/06/27/the-palestine-solidarity-campaign-and-hamas/>



## Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA) and its ties to Hamas terrorist organization

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Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA) is a British NGO that plays a key role in the delegitimization and boycott campaign against the State of Israel in the UK. Its mission includes “Mobilising international condemnation for Israel's apartheid policies to be manifested through the boycott of Israel”.

Headquartered in Leicester, with branches in London, Bradford and Glasgow, FOA's founder was on board the violent Gaza-bound flotilla Mavi Marmara, and has met with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh while taking part in convoys with funds for Hamas to the Gaza Strip.

### **K. Profile: FOA**

**1. Country of Establishment:** UK

**2. Year Founded:** 1997

**3. Areas of Operation:** UK

**4. Activities:**

- A. FOA is leading the Hands-Off Al-Aqsa Campaign, whose purpose is to put the al-Aqsa Mosque on the global political agenda.<sup>186</sup>
- B. Together with PSC, FOA leads the Stop Arming Israel Campaign.<sup>187</sup>
- C. In addition, FOA calls for boycotting Israeli companies, such as Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, and Israeli produce originating from Judea and Samaria.
- D. FOA also calls for the boycott of foreign companies who maintain business relations with Israel, including Coca Cola, G4S, HP, McDonald's and Amazon.

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<sup>186</sup> FOA website, Al-Aqsa Campaign, <https://www.foa.org.uk/campaign/handsoffalqsa/>

<sup>187</sup> FOA website, Stop Arming Israel Campaign, <https://www.foa.org.uk/campaign/stoparmingisrael/>

E. FOA, together with other boycott and delegitimization NGOs (such as AMP, see more below), is part of the annual campaign called The Label Check, which promotes the boycott of dates imported from Israel.<sup>188</sup>

#### 5. Senior Officials:

**Ismail Patel** – FOA Founder. Patel was on board the violent Mavi Marmara flotilla on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.<sup>189</sup>



*Patel on board the Mavi Marmara flotilla in 2010.<sup>190</sup>*

6. Patel met with Ismail Haniyeh during the Miles of Smiles convoy to Gaza in 2011, a year after the Mavi Marmara flotilla incident.<sup>191</sup>



*Ismail Patel and Ismail Haniyeh<sup>192</sup>*

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<sup>188</sup> FOA Twitter page, May 2018, <https://twitter.com/FriendsofAlAqsa/status/998280038691766273>

<sup>189</sup> FOA YouTube channel, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YD7SNG8uS9o>

<sup>190</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF\\_11\\_178\\_1.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/pdf/PDF_11_178_1.pdf)

<sup>191</sup> Ibid.

<sup>192</sup> From the Christians United for Israel website, <https://www.cufi.org.uk/news/calls-to-investigate-corbyns-undeclared-donation-from-pro-hamas-group/attachment/friends-of-al-asqua-4/>



## American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) and its ties to Hamas terrorist organization

**American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) is one of the NGOs leading the BDS movement in the United States.**

**Leaders and senior members of AMP were involved, directly and indirectly, in providing funding assistance to Hamas. The funding activity took place through the Holy Land Foundation, which was the subject of US Treasury designations. As a result of this activity, and through the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), which a Federal court determined provided financial assistance to Hamas.**

### **L. Profile: AMP**

**1. Country of Establishment:** USA

**2. Year Founded:** 2005

**3. Areas of Operation:** USA

**4. Activities:**

A. AMP is an American NGO whose declared purpose is "educating the American public about Palestine".<sup>193</sup> Since 2015, American Muslims for Palestine has organized an annual Palestine Advocacy Day and Training weekend.<sup>194</sup>

**B. Central actions promoting boycotts against the State of Israel:**

I. On its official website, the NGO declares that it supports the boycott campaign – BDS.<sup>195</sup> The NGO explains that BDS is a powerful and strategic tool for isolating the State of Israel, gives its website users information on the legal status of the boycott campaign and lists the reasons for imposing a boycott on Israel.<sup>196</sup>

<sup>193</sup> AMP website, Statement of Principles, <https://www.ampalestine.org/about-amp/statement-of-principles>

<sup>194</sup> AMP website, <https://www.ampalestine.org/projects/palestine-advocacy-day-training>

<sup>195</sup> AMP website, <https://www.ampalestine.org/about-amp>

<sup>196</sup> AMP website, <https://www.ampalestine.org/what-bds-0>





- II. The NGO carries out campaigns with the aim of depicting the State of Israel as an apartheid state, and calls for an end to American aid to Israel.<sup>197</sup>
- III. AMP uses the holiday of Ramadan to promote a wide-scale campaign to boycott produce originating from Israel, and calls to purchase “Occupation-free” dates from the United States.<sup>198</sup>
- IV. AMP was involved in campaigns against G4S security services and Airbnb for their operations in Israel.<sup>199</sup>

#### 5. Senior Officials:

- A. Hatem Bazian – AMP National Board Chairman
- B. Osama Abuirshaid – AMP National Board Member and National Policy Director
- C. Salah Sarsour – AMP National Board Member

#### AMP and Hamas

1. In 2001, the U.S. Department of Treasury designated the **Holy Land Foundation** for maintaining ties with Hamas.<sup>200</sup> The US Government estimated that during 1995-2001, Holy Land Foundation **sent 12.4 million USD out from the United States with the purpose of donating funds, goods and services to the terrorist group Hamas.**<sup>201</sup> Five Holy Land Foundation officials were found guilty by a U.S. court on the charge of providing “material support to Hamas”.<sup>202</sup>

**Leading figures in the Holy Land Foundation joined AMP and hold senior positions in the organization:**

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<sup>197</sup> EI website, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, <https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/nora-barrows-friedman/bds-roundup-alice-walker-roger-waters-call-alicia-keys-cancel-tel-aviv>

<sup>198</sup> AMP website, Boycott Israeli Occupation Dates, <https://www.ampalestine.org/projects/boycott-israeli-occupation-dates>

<sup>199</sup> AMP website, <https://www.ampalestine.org/what-bds-0>

<sup>200</sup> U.S. Department of Treasury, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/terrorist-illicit-finance/Pages/protecting-charities\\_execorder\\_13224-e.aspx#h](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/terrorist-illicit-finance/Pages/protecting-charities_execorder_13224-e.aspx#h)

<sup>201</sup> U.S. courthouse verdict, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, p. 10, <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions%5Cpub%5C09/09-10560-CR0.wpd.pdf>

<sup>202</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-downs-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case>



- A. **Hussein al-Khatib** was an AMP National Board member (died September 2018)<sup>203</sup>. He had previously served as a Holy Land Foundation Regional Director.<sup>204</sup>
- B. **Salah Sarsour** is currently an AMP National Board Member.<sup>205</sup> According to an FBI report sent to the U.S. Department of Treasury in 2001, Sarsour's brother, during his detainment in Israel, related that Sarsour was involved in raising funds for Hamas via Holy Land Foundation.<sup>206</sup>
2. In 2004, a Federal court found the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP) guilty of providing financial aid to Hamas.<sup>207</sup> Leading figures of the Islamic Association for Palestine are now working in AMP in senior positions:
  - A. **Sufyan Nabhan**, current AMP National Board Member<sup>208</sup>, was formerly IAP's Michigan Regional Representative.<sup>209</sup>
  - B. **Osama Abuirshaid**, AMP National Board Member and the NGO's official National Policy Director.<sup>210</sup> In 2015, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services disqualified him from attaining citizenship *inter alia*, due to lack of disclosure of his past affiliations with IAP.<sup>211</sup>
  - C. **Rafeeq Jaber** was formerly IAP's President.<sup>212</sup> **Jaber currently handles AMP's finances and was a signatory on the financial reports of AJP Educational Foundation**, AMP's tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.<sup>213</sup> In September 2015, he signed a petition as a representative of the AMP.<sup>214</sup>

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<sup>203</sup> AMP website, Staff, <https://www.ampalright.org/about-amp/staff>

<sup>204</sup> See LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/hussein-khatib-42667029?trk=same-name-name>

<sup>205</sup> AMP website, Staff, <https://www.ampalright.org/about-amp/staff>

<sup>206</sup> FBI report, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, p. 48, [http://www.copleydc.net/cns\\_links/terrorism/fbi%20report.pdf](http://www.copleydc.net/cns_links/terrorism/fbi%20report.pdf);  
FDD report, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA18/20160419/104817/HHRG-114-FA18-Wstate-Schanzer-20160419.pdf>

<sup>207</sup> Chicago Tribune newspaper, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2004-11-11-0411110231-story.html>; BBC News website, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/4080499.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4080499.stm)

<sup>208</sup> AMP website, Staff, <https://www.ampalright.org/about-amp/staff>

<sup>209</sup> IAP website, Contact Details, <http://web.archive.org/web/20030407164156/http://www.iap.org/contactus.htm>

<sup>210</sup> AMP website, Staff, <https://www.ampalright.org/about-amp/staff>

<sup>211</sup> U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia verdict, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, p. 5,

<https://cases.justia.com/federal/district-courts/virginia/vaedce/1:2015cv01113/327963/13/0.pdf?ts=1450882920>

<sup>212</sup> IAP website, Contact Details, <http://web.archive.org/web/20030407164156/http://www.iap.org/contactus.htm>

<sup>213</sup> AMP tax report details for 2014, <https://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2014/271/365/2014-271365284-0ba3397f-9.pdf>

<sup>214</sup> Petition for Syria, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, <https://www.change.org/p/isna-leadership-president-secretary-gen-and-mailis-ash-shura-petition-to-isna-leadership-to-do-more-for-syria>

3. In 2006, the U.S. Department of Treasury froze the assets of an organization named "KindHearts", for being a successor organization of the Holy Land Foundation, and due to its having provided support to terror.<sup>215</sup> Dr. Hatem Bazian, one of AMP's founders and National Board Chairman, took part in the past in a KindHearts fundraising event.
4. Hatem Bazian, AMP's National Board Chairman, is also founder of **Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)**, the anti-Israel, BDS student organization which is active on over 200 university campuses in the United States. Rasmea Odeh, a PFLP terrorist responsible for the murder of two Israelis, was a speaker at the SJP national conference at San Diego State University in October 2015<sup>216</sup> and at other university campuses. <sup>217</sup>



Rasmea Odeh at the Students for Justice in Palestine national conference at San Diego State University in October 2015<sup>218</sup>

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<sup>215</sup> U.S. Department of Treasury, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/js4058.aspx>

<sup>216</sup> <https://twitter.com/nationalsjp/status/652910894104481792>

<sup>217</sup> For more information about the connection of Students for Justice in Palestine's with terrorist organizations see [http://jcpa.org/pdf/SJP\\_unmasked\\_2018\\_web.pdf](http://jcpa.org/pdf/SJP_unmasked_2018_web.pdf)



Hamas operatives active in NGOs in the UK:  
Muhammad Sawalha

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Muhammad Sawalha (AKA Abu Abada) was a member of Hamas' Political Bureau between 2013-2017. He served as a senior Hamas military official in Samaria in the late 1980s, during the period of Hamas' founding. After becoming wanted by Israel Authorities, Sawalha fled to Jordan using forged documents and then to the UK where he lives today.

Sawalha founded the Muslim Association of UK (MAB) and subsequently the British Muslim Initiative (BMI). He was a key figure in planning the Mavi Marmara flotilla in 2010, and in 2013 was declared by Israel's Defense Minister as an operative of an illegal association due to his ties to Hamas.

**M. Profile: Muhammad Kazem Rashid Maruf Sawalha (AKA Abu Abada)**

1. **Place of Birth:** Tubas, Palestinian Authority
2. **Year of Birth:** 1961
3. **Areas of Operation:** United Kingdom
4. **Activities:**
  - A. Sawalha is one of the founders of the Muslim Association of UK (MAB) and was its director until 2007. Currently his son, Obada Sawalha, serves as MAB Youth Director.<sup>219</sup> MAB is active in campaigns against the centennial of the Balfour Declaration as well as military trade with the State of Israel. Sawalha, together with other activists, left MAB and established the British Muslim Initiative (BMI), and now serves as its director.

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<sup>219</sup> Muslim Association of Britain YouTube channel, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHQ81aS-MG4>

- B. During 2009-2010, Sawalha was involved in organizing flotillas and convoys to the Gaza Strip. In a January 2010 interview, he stated that the coming convoy would be launched by sea in order to provoke a confrontation with Israel, declaring: “next time, the confrontation will be directly with the Zionist enemy itself on the high seas.” It should be noted that Sawalha participated in the preparations for the Mavi Marmara flotilla.
- C. Sawalha was involved in organizing the Global March to Jerusalem in 2012 and in leading the International Committee for Breaking the Siege of Gaza (ICBSG), until Zaher Birawi succeeded him (see below).
- D. Throughout his years of activity in UK, Sawalha continues to hold meetings with operatives of prominent anti-Israel NGOs.



*From right to left: Hugh Lanning, Ben Jamal, Kamel Hawwash, Muhammad Sawalha and Hafez al-Karmi at a demonstration in June 2018<sup>220</sup>*

### **Muhammad Sawalha and Hamas**

- A. Muhammad Sawalha (AKA Abu Abada) was designated by Israel's Minister of Defense in 2013 due to his ties to Hamas.

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<sup>220</sup> Andrew Kilmartin's Facebook page, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2139322336096762&set=a.774909872538022&type=3&theater>



B. Sawalha was a member of the Hamas Political Bureau during 2013-2017 and was in charge of the terror organization's foreign relations. As part of his position, he participated in a delegation of senior Hamas officials who met with the Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in Moscow (September 2017), thus revealing his continued ties with the terrorist organization.<sup>221</sup>



*Muhammad Sawalha was part of a senior Hamas delegation which met with the Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in Moscow in September 2017. The Hamas delegation was led by Mousa Abu Marzook, deputy head of Hamas' political bureau.*

C. In the late 1980s, Sawalha served as a senior Hamas military operative in Judea and Samaria. After he was exposed, he fled (1990) to Jordan before settling in the UK. Sawalha met with an American Hamas agent in UK (1993) and gave him a list of names of operatives that he could activate, including **Saleh al-Arouri**. Al-Arouri today serves as Deputy Head of Hamas' Political Bureau and is a key figure in developing the ties between Hamas, Iran and Hezbollah. The U.S. State Department has placed, on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a \$5 million reward for information regarding al-Arouri's whereabouts.<sup>222</sup>

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<sup>221</sup> Al-Resalah website, September 2017, <http://alresalah.ps/ar/post/168199>

<sup>222</sup> U.S. State Department Announcement, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/11/287330.htm>





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*The U.S. Department of State's Rewards for Justice Program wanted poster, offering rewards of up to \$5 million for information leading to the identification or location of Hamas leader Salih al-Aruri<sup>223</sup>*

**D. In 2004, it was disclosed that Sawalha is the Muslim Brotherhood's representative in UK.<sup>224</sup>**

<sup>223</sup> The U.S. Department of State's Rewards for Justice Program, [https://rewardsforjustice.net/english/salih\\_al\\_aruri.html](https://rewardsforjustice.net/english/salih_al_aruri.html)



## 5. Support for Terrorism

- A. At the peak of the wave of Palestinian terror against Israel in the early 2000s, Sawalha praised and glorified suicide bombings against Israeli civilians (2001). His statements of support for suicide bombings were broadcast as part of a program on the Qatari Al-Jazeera channel: “A ceasefire means turning the Palestinian Intifada into a non-violent movement in the style of Ghandi... **It is the Palestinian people’s right, while its lands are occupied, to fight using all means, including suicide bombings.**”<sup>225</sup>
- B. At a demonstration in London, he glorified rocket launchings by Palestinian terrorist groups against Israeli civilians, stating: “We come to celebrate the defeat of ‘the unbeatable army’, which was defeated by the rockets of the Palestinian resistance.”<sup>226</sup>

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<sup>224</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, Muhammad Sawalha, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2017/10/H\\_203\\_17.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2017/10/H_203_17.pdf)

<sup>225</sup> Al-Jazeera News website, June 2001, <https://www.aljazeera.net/home/print/0353e88a-286d-4266-82c6-6094179ea26d/ff116e5d-a51b-4bf0-805c-19ff4c53ba5b>

<sup>226</sup> YouTube video clip, 2012, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwJaxIcWeik>



## Hamas operatives active in NGOs in the UK:

Zaher Birawi

Zaher Birawi (AKA Abu Khaled), who moved to the UK in the 1990s, has close ties to Hamas and worked for several pro-Palestinian NGOs, including the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC), an NGO tied to Hamas. Birawi is a member of the secretariat of the Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad and a key activist in organizing flotillas to Gaza.

### N. Profile: Zaher Khaled Hassan Birawi (AKA Abu Khaled)

1. **Place of Birth:** Asira al-Shimaliya, Palestinian Authority

2. **Year of Birth:** 1961

3. **Areas of Operation:** UK

4. **Activities:**

- A. Birawi is involved in organizing and launching flotillas against Israel, including the infamous Mavi Marmara flotilla of 2010. In addition, Birawi was Lead Coordinator of the Global March to Jerusalem (2012) and Muhammad Sawalha's (see above) successor at the International Committee for Breaking the Siege of Gaza (ICBSG). In this framework, he served as coordinator and was in constant contact with flotilla organizers during their various stops on their way to Gaza in July and August of 2018.
- B. He heads the Council for European Palestinian Relations, which has been designated by Israel as an illegal association.<sup>227</sup> Birawi also serves as head of the **BDS Committee** established following the Istanbul Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad (February 2017).<sup>228</sup>
- C. Birawi served as chairperson of the Palestinian Forum in UK (PFB), which was founded "for the Palestinian diaspora in UK". Today, PFB is led by

<sup>227</sup> Council website, <http://europalforum.org.uk/ar/>;

[Israel Money Laundering & Terror Financing Prohibition Authority.](https://www.justice.gov.il/Units/HalbantHon/News/Pages/Ministry_of_defense_declaration8.1.13.aspx)

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<sup>228</sup> PPalestinians Abroad website, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <https://palabroad.org/post/view/330>;

Al-Arabi website, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/politics/2017/4>

**Hafez al-Karmi – a Hamas Political Bureau member in 2008<sup>229</sup> - and a signatory on an Islamic religious convention against normalization with the State of Israel (2017).<sup>230</sup> In April 2018, al-Karmi participated in a demonstration in front of a British government building against the backdrop of the Hamas-led Marches of Return, and demanded that the British Government apologize for the Balfour Declaration. He added: “**The British Government should assist the Palestinian people with its jihad and their fight to return to their land and homes.**”<sup>231</sup>**



*from left: Birawi and al-Karmi awarding a prize to Sarah Colborne (former PSC director).<sup>232</sup>*

<sup>229</sup> Paldf website, <https://www.paldf.net/forum/showthread.php?t=303206>

<sup>230</sup> Rabat Sunna Scholars Association website, <http://www.rabtasunna.com/t~4071>

<sup>231</sup> Shehab Facebook page, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.facebook.com/ShehabAgency.MainPage/videos/%D8%AF-%D8%AD%D8%A7%D9%81%D8%B8-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%83%D8%B1%D9%85%D9%8A-%D8%B1%D8%A6%D9%8A%D8%B3-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%86%D8%AA%D8%AF%D9%89/2602259403149797>

<sup>232</sup> Harry's Place website, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, <http://hurryupharry.org/2012/06/27/the-palestine-solidarity-campaign-and-hamas/>



### Zaher Birawi and Hamas

1. In 2010, Israel's Minister of Defense designated Zaher Birawi as a member of an illegal association, the PRC, due to the organization's ties to the terrorist group Hamas. **Birawi is still affiliated with Hamas today.**
2. Zaher Birawi served as the PRC's Chairman of the Board of Directors in the early 2000's.
3. Birawi declared the efforts of the Hamas-affiliated **National Commission for Return and Breaking the Siege** as complementary to the efforts of the International Committee for Breaking the Siege of Gaza.<sup>233</sup> When Birawi was interviewed in 2017 by *Youman Hamas - Felesteen*, a Hamas newspaper, he stressed that the real objective of the flotillas is to damage Israel in the diplomatic and PR spheres.<sup>234</sup>

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<sup>233</sup> Al-Alam website, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, <https://www.alalam.ir/news/3590136>

<sup>234</sup> The Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, [https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2017/09/H\\_186\\_17.pdf](https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/app/uploads/2017/09/H_186_17.pdf);  
Felesteen website, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, <http://felesteen.ps/starter/frontend/web/article/byrawy-hrkt-sfn-nshtt-lksr-hsar-ghzt-alsyf-almqbl>