

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

## ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM AS POLICY IN THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

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# A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to determine to what extent, if any, antisemitism and racism directed at Jews, (distinct from anti-Zionism), is prevalent in Palestinian society and/or is being promoted by the official PA structures. The report surveys Palestinian Authority<sup>1</sup> media outlets during the years 1998-2001 to review the PA's ongoing political, cultural, religious, educational and academic discourse, as expressed in print and broadcast journalism<sup>2</sup>. In addition, formal education is examined through official Palestinian Authority schoolbooks<sup>3</sup> to see whether these hateful themes are taught in formal educational settings.

## Summary of Findings

**The Palestinian Authority has adopted a policy of antisemitism and racism - distinct from its anti-Zionism - that vilifies and demonizes Jews as Jews:**

- Jews are portrayed by their nature, as inherently inferior to Muslims and Arabs. Jewish behavior is demonized, Jewish traditions and history are denied. Prominent religious leaders define Jews as the enemy of God - often calling for the killing of Jews as a mandatory fulfillment of the command of Allah.
- The Jews are accused of bringing antisemitism and persecution upon themselves through their evil behavior.
- This comprehensive anti-Jewish racism manifests itself throughout Palestinian culture, in official political documents and statements, in formal education through schoolbooks, and more informally through televised programming. It is also expressed in movies, plays, literature, and even in daily crossword puzzles.
- These antisemitic and racist policies also find religious expression in sermons in Mosques broadcast on PA television every Friday, in religious lessons on television and in newspapers. In religious teachings sanctioned by the Palestinian Authority, Jews are labeled as inferior and as the enemy of God, and the killing of Jews is described as an act of faith. This religious-based racism and antisemitism, is defined as a required act of reverence, and is of particular consequence in Palestinian

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<sup>1</sup> Nearly all quotation and graphics cited in this report are from official Palestinian Authority sources. The PA Television cited is official PA television - "PBC". Nearly all newspaper sources are from Al Hayat Al Jadida, whose staff is paid directly from the PA payroll. The schoolbooks are all PA Ministry of Education publications. Some of them are based on Jordanian schoolbooks, but today are all published in the PA. The PA has refused all requests by numerous governments to eliminate the antisemitism from the books. Today, it is the PA which is solely responsible for the content of these works.

<sup>2</sup> All references taken from to Palestinian Authority newspapers and television are from the research of PMW - Palestinian Media Watch. [www.pmw.org]

<sup>3</sup> All references to Palestinian Authority schoolbooks are taken from the report of the Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace [www.edume.org]

society – one in which the Islamic religion is seen by the vast majority of the population as God's word to be followed unconditionally.

- Some of the most abhorrent and effective tools used by antisemites throughout history are now being mimicked and integrated into Palestinian political and cultural expression. Forgeries and distortions of Jewish Tradition, some that closely parallel Nazi depictions of Jews, are routinely promoted. The long-debunked The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, an infamous antisemitic forgery invoked by antisemites during the twentieth century to justify the demonization and murder of Jews, is regularly cited in PA political writings as providing historic and objective insight into Jewish/Israeli political behavior.
- The Holocaust is routinely denied, minimized or maligned, by leading Palestinian historians on televised educational programming and by regular opinion writers in the newspapers. Jews are portrayed as manipulators who invented the "Holocaust myth" for exploitation and profit. Though nothing in history is comparable to the Nazi genocide of Jews, there is a striking similarity between the PA's portrayal of Jews as inherently inferior, and Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda prior to World War II (1933-1939). A member of Israel's Knesset, Holocaust survivor, Yoseph Lapid, has noted this similarity: "There is another purpose, [in the Arab depictions of Jews] and it is exactly the purpose the Nazis had, which is: to present the Jew as subhuman, as an animal, as a mouse, as a spider, to justify his destruction. This is how the Nazis prepared the path for the destruction of the Jews. First, they were depicted as animals, and, afterwards, these dangerous animals had to be destroyed..."<sup>4</sup>

## Conclusions

Racism is the defining of another racial, religious or ethnic group as inferior and deserving the loss of basic human rights, persecution and even destruction. There is clear evidence, that the Palestinian Authority has developed - distinct from a political program of anti-Zionism - its own unique policy of presenting and reinforcing racist and antisemitic stereotypes of the Jewish people. In pursuing this policy, the PA draws from the full reservoir of classic racism and antisemitism, supplementing with its own original forms of hatred, and incorporates this hateful imagery into the developing Palestinian identity. The Palestinian Authority openly defines Jews as inferior and deserving destruction. Tragically, Palestinian society is among the most racist societies of our time.<sup>5</sup> No other society since the Nazi Third Reich, has so frequently and pervasively seen its public platforms used to define Jews as inferior and to justify their death only because of their identity.

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<sup>4</sup> Knesset May 22, 2000

<sup>5</sup> Palestinian leaders often cite as an indication that Israel is racist, a statement made by the spiritual leader of the Shas political party, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. In a private lecture after a Palestinian terrorist attack, he called for the killing of Arabs. However, there is no symmetry between this incident and PA racism, and as a point of reference, it is instructive to make the comparison. Yosef's statement was not a public event on Israeli television. Still, when the Israeli press was informed of the statement they immediately reported it and condemned it. Within hours, Israeli politicians from the right and left also condemned Rabbi Yosef. Later that same day, Yosef himself issued a clarification that he was referring to terrorists and not all Arabs. His statement has never been repeated. The anti-Jewish racism and calls for the murder of Jews is done prominently on PA television. It is never condemned. It is repeated on a weekly basis. The lecturers are not ostracized and continue to appear on PA television openly preaching racism and murder. The comparison between Israeli society's rejection of a racist statement and the Palestinian's continued calls to murder the 'inferior' Jews, is very telling of a deeper truth. Israeli society abhors racism and rejects those who would justify it. The PA's racism is actively being woven into the very fabric of Palestinian society.

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- Blow them up in Tel-Aviv and in Netanya ... blessings to he who shot a bullet into the head of a Jew..."
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# ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM AS POLICY IN THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

## Chapter 1:

### **Jews are inferior by nature. They possess defective and evil traits**

Collective labeling or defaming of an entire ethnic group's nature as inferior is the essence of racism. This racism blends with antisemitism in Palestinian society. Jews are defined as treacherous, Allah's enemies, monkeys and pigs, corrupt, deceitful, unfaithful and much more. PA ideology maligns and distorts Jewish tradition. Educators, academics, and politicians pervert Judaism, describing it as inherently evil and as a root cause of "treacherous behavior" of Jews today. The PA uses forgeries and distortions of Judaism to justify teaching that the Jewish religion is inherently racist and evil.

The following are some examples:

#### **1. Jews are Allah's enemies, a cursed nation, monkeys, pigs, calf and idol worshippers**

*"All weapons must be aimed at the Jews, Allah's enemies, the cursed nation in the Koran, who Allah describes as monkeys and pigs, worshippers of the calf and idol worshippers...Koran says clearly that the worst enemies of the Moslem Nation are the Jews, may Allah fight them... 'There will not be found [anyone] more hostile to the believers than the Jews and the idolaters.' ... It is shameful for us to die as cowards... They will not be deterred except by the color of blood of their filthy people. They will not be deterred unless we willingly and voluntarily blow ourselves up among them... Allah shall make the Moslem subjugate the Jew."*<sup>6</sup>

#### **2. The Torah and Talmud teach to destroy and kill non-Jews**

Arafat Advisor, historian Jarir Al-Kidweh, on Educational Television:

*"... It is not alien to them to execute the savage and horrid deeds of occupation. The commandments of their Torah or their Talmud say that we are goyim, that is, non-Jews, [they] view all non-Jews as barbarian or as their servants, void of any human rights, and [one] may destroy them and may kill them."*<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Madi, Friday preacher of the Palestinian Authority. PA Television, August 3, 2001.

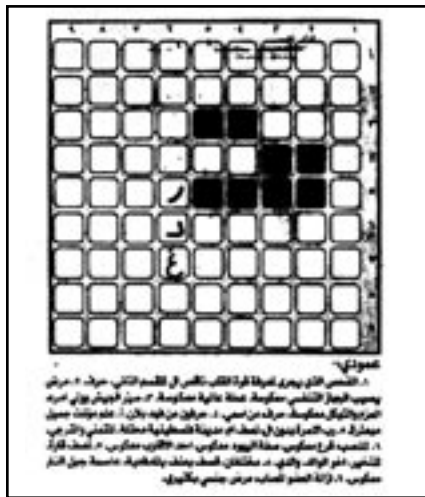
<sup>7</sup> PA Television March 2, 2001

### 3. The Talmud and Judaism teach that non-Jews are animals to be killed

*"Finally we succeeded and they see our humanity, and they see us as people!! And that's after we were snakes, frogs, crocodiles and at times to be killed, and at times it was a religious commandment, as taught by the writers of the Talmud and its followers ...."*<sup>8</sup>

### 4. Israelis murdered children and sliced open pregnant women's bellies, in the name of Judaism

*"...Most of the barbaric horrors were done by the 2 groups, the "Irgun" and the "Stern" [Lechi]. They mercilessly murdered children, women and old people. They sliced open pregnant women's bellies and took out the fetuses claiming that it is a commandment of the God of Israel, commanded to the nation of Israel..."*<sup>9</sup>



### 5. Palestinian crossword puzzle:

**Treachery is a Jewish character trait**

*Crossword Puzzle clue :*

*Jewish character trait*

*Solution: "Treachery"*

[Al-Quds, Dec. 20, 2000]

### 6. Passover teaches the Jews to kill, steal, and adopt Nazi - like racist superiority

The following text perverting the meaning of the Jewish holiday of Passover is one example of a systematic defamation of Jewish tradition in the PA, portraying Judaism as inherently evil. These excerpts are taken from a full-length article distorting the meaning of Passover. *"The Jews until today keep the rituals of Passover, which has become a part of their tradition, and one of the major components of the Jewish thinking, from which they derive their attitude to foreigners... and this is directed first and foremost to Egypt and to the others, the "goyim" [gentiles] afterwards. Most of the Israelis believe in Passover. Except for a very small number, they are heading towards religious*

8 Al Hayyat al-Jadida March 12, 2001

9 Igeret Alrai, Official PA Publication, al-Hayyat al-Jadida.Feb.14, 2000

*fundamentalism, whose culture is taken from the Torah. Here we pause for a moment, in light of the Israeli brutal attack on our nation at Passover, which starts this week, to understand these religious rituals and their significance in order to understand the racist behavior of the Israelis against the Arabs. This holiday has various meanings: In order for the Jews to live as free men it may be necessary for them to destroy an entire nation, and this is [the meaning of] the holiday... murdering foreigners [for Jews] is a Godly virtue that should be emulated. Didn't Baruch Goldstein massacre in the Hamechpela Cave [in Hebron] in the name of Jewish Ritual Law? There is nothing in history more horrible than the theft, the greatest crime in history, that the Jews did on the night of their exodus [from Egypt]. This thievery was done by a refugee nation who had been well treated guests for 430 years. In other words, robbing others is not only allowed, it is considered holy. Especially since this thievery was done under the direct command of God, the God of the Jews...and the meaning is that thievery of those who are not Jews is permissible and it is permissible to steal from those who are kind to you as gracious hosts. The Jews are God's nation who must live as free men, even if it means destruction of all other nations. The idea supports the Jew's tendency to see himself as superior, a tendency that Hitler wanted to strengthen in the Germans, and it ended in a world Holocaust...This is the meaning of the Passover holiday, that Israelis celebrate this month every year and reminds them that it is permissible to kill foreigners and to rob them and their superiority over the other nations and we pay the price every day in our children's blood for this racist tendency...as long as the policy of Israel is drawn from this evil spirit."*<sup>10</sup>

#### **7. Corruption is in the nature of the Jews all over the world**

*"Corruption is in the nature of the Jews all over the world, to the point where only rarely do you find corruption that Jews are not behind. Their intense love of money and its accumulation is common knowledge, and the way they get it does not interest them and they are liable to exercise degradation and the most lowly of methods in order to achieve their goals, as long as the persons involved are not Jewish...there are many examples of this, especially the breaching of contracts and constitutions and causing civil war. Did not Allah say about them: 'Every time that they make an agreement a group among them abrogates it.' ... They concentrated all their concern on sprouting their calculating mentality because they believe that the secret of their survival is embedded in their takeover of the economies of the various countries which opened their doors to them and gave them refuge from the expulsion and harassment..."*<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Al Hayyat al-Jadida April 15, 2001

<sup>11</sup> Nasser Ahmad, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Nov. 7, 1998

## **8. The Jew is a Shylock - greedy, evil and loathsome. Jewish media control hides the truth**

*"The Jews were the object of hatred and contempt everywhere, due to their control over most of the economic resources, on which people's jobs were dependent, and the most prominent example for this is the play "The Merchant of Venice" by the English playwright Shakespeare, in which Shylock, the merchant, portrays the image of the greedy, crafty Jew who is evil and loathsome. If so, how did the Jews succeed in brainwashing the American and European public opinion to change the image [of the Jew] to an understanding, brave, genius, diligent and creative person, whom the world looks up to? There is no escape from saying that the success of the Jews was not incidental but rather a result of long years of planning and the investment of enormous efforts in order to achieve the repulsive control over the world media..."<sup>12</sup>*

## **9. Palestinians are aware of the odious nature of their antisemitism and attempt to conceal it**

There is evidence that the Palestinians are aware of the odious nature of their racism and antisemitism and they try to hide this from the English speaking world. One clear example was when antisemitic slurs were used in the official column of Yassir Arafat's Fatah organization, which is published regularly in the official PA daily Al Hayat Al Jadida. However, when the Fatah translated the article for its official English-language web site, it omitted the Antisemitic slurs.

### **The following text shows the Antisemitic slurs in the original Palestinians Arabic**

*"When Netanyahu breaks an agreement signed by Peres or Rabin, this is expected, and fits Allah's description of the children of Israel's nature, as it is stated: "though one signs an agreement another will break it." ... [However] that Barak broke the agreement that he himself signed at Sharm-el Sheikh is characteristic of one who lends with interest, who is wise with his victim as is necessary..."<sup>13</sup>*

*When this article was published a few days later on Fatah's English language web site, the two racist slurs: "Allah's description of the children of Israel's nature" the "the characteristic of one who lends with interest" were both omitted. The English language text was altered so that the non-Arabic speaking world wouldn't be cognizant of their overt antisemitism.*

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<sup>12</sup> Sayf Ali Al-Jarwan: Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July 2, 1998

<sup>13</sup> Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Feb. 20, 2000

## **10. The Jews are deceitful... heretics... Satan. Their Torah is lies**

*"...The Jews are used to deceit...they fake the facts and changed the laws of Allah may He be exalted.. the Torah was brought down while it contained guidance towards the path of righteousness and light, just as every book which Allah brought down...Those who do not rule according to the rules of Allah, are heretics, and those who switch the laws of the Allah and change them - they are the heretics... [the Jews] switched the law of Allah may He be exalted, returned Allah his laws, and by this rebelled on His ruling and religion and way, and therefore they merit to be heretics and to be banished from the Allah's mercy... This is what Allah may He be exalted and raised, brought down, and what the Torah stipulated as guidance for the way to righteousness and light, religion and equality, religion of belief in Allah, religion which obliques justice and prohibits the indecent, and they faked the words of Allah and changed their religion and laws and they are the wicked. And whomever does not rule according to what Allah brought down, whomever rebelled against this... is in a rebellion against Allah, and is a descendant of Abelis [ghost], the descendant of the Satans, and he is worthy of receiving the punishment of the oppressors...This is the Torah that Allah brought down, there is guidance of righteousness and light, there is justice... but the Jews changed this in the past and change it today, a most severe change, and the Torah that is found today has no path of righteousness and has no light... Later they changed this Torah to an expression of the History of the Jews, and the history is full of guilt and crimes...the whole Torah is based on this: the strengthening of the belonging of the land to the Jews and the connection of their history, a history full of crimes and guilt, and Allah will protect us from the failure, they changed the grace of Allah into heresy and faked this Torah..."<sup>14</sup>*

## **11. The Jews are like Sparta and need war to survive**

*"The historian Arnold Toynbee said tens of years ago and repeated it often...that the Hebrew state is afraid of lack of war because it is a caricature of Sparta, paralleling Greek culture. ...the comparison is now simple: the end of war for Jews is the end of their history."<sup>15</sup>*

## **12. Jews are monkeys, swine and donkeys**

*"The courageous over the infidels, make war for Allah and are not afraid... This is the depiction of the Army of Allah that will come at Allah's decree, from here or from there, to liberate these lands from the defilement of the Jews, for Allah was angry with them in his book and called them once 'monkeys', once 'swine', and once 'donkeys'."<sup>16</sup>*

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<sup>14</sup> PA Television Religious Class, December 17, 1998 & February 16, 1999

<sup>15</sup> Al- Hayyat al-Jidida Feb. 13, 2001

<sup>16</sup> Dr. Muhammed Madi, Palestinian Television, March 30, 2001

### **13. Jews are crafty and mean**

*"My brothers the believers, at this opportunity, while we are still speaking of the Jews, of the Jews' craftiness, of the Jews' meanness, and of their assiduousness to deflect you from your path, and to distance you from your rights..."<sup>17</sup>*

### ***Palestinian Schoolbooks teach children about inherently inferior Jewish traits:***

#### **14. Treachery and disloyalty are character traits of the Jews [a]**

*"One must beware of the Jews, for they are treacherous and disloyal."*

[*"Islamic Education for Ninth Grade"* p. 79]

#### **15. Treachery and disloyalty are character traits of the Jews [b]**

*"Treachery and disloyalty are character traits of the Jews and therefore one should beware of them."*

[*Islamic Education for Ninth Grade* p. 87]

#### **16. Battle with the Jews is the struggle against "falsehood":**

*"Oh, our Arab brethren... Oh, our Moslem brethren... Don't leave the Palestinians alone in war against the Jews...even if it has been decreed upon us to be the vanguard... Jerusalem, Palestine and Al-Aqsa, the land that Allah blessed and its surrounding areas will remain at the center of the struggle between Truth and Falsehood, between the Jews and the non-Jews on this sacred land, regardless of how many agreements are signed, regardless of how many treaties and covenants are ratified. For the Truth is in the Koran, as verified by the words of the prophet Mohammed, that the decisive battle will be in Jerusalem and its environs: "The resurrection of the dead will not occur until you make war on the Jews..."<sup>18</sup>*

#### **17. Jews sign an agreement and others will abrogate it - as inherent in their character**

*"Lt. General Salim Alwadiya, Abu Salaam, the Assistant Director for political direction for National Education... emphasized that when we raised arms in 1965 [PLO's establishment] and the modern Palestinian revolution started, we had a purpose. He pointed out that the purpose has not changed and is the liberation of Palestine [i.e. in place of Israel]... He further points out that this is the character of the Jews that whenever some sign an agreement others abrogate it and he brought proof from the Koran."<sup>19</sup>*

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<sup>17</sup> Shiekh Yuosouf Abu Sheina, Palestinian Television, September 8, 2000

<sup>18</sup> Dr. Ahmed Yousuf Abu Halabiah, Palestinian Television, August 11, 2000

<sup>19</sup> Al-Hayat al-Jadida Jan. 20, 2000

## 18. The Talmud is racist

The following forgery appears in an 11th grade Palestinian schoolbook teaching that the Talmud is racist:

*"...In the Jews' second book, the Talmud...the following text [appears]: "We [the Jews] are God's people on earth...[God] forced upon the human animal and upon all the nations and the races that they serve us, and He spread us through the world to ride on them and hold their reigns. We must marry our beautiful daughters with kings, ministers and lords and enter our sons into the various religions, thus, we will have the final word in managing the countries. We should cheat them [the non-Jews] and arouse quarrels among them, then they fight each other... Non-Jews are pigs who God created in the shape of man in order that they be fit for service for the Jews, and God created the world for them [the Jews]."*"<sup>20</sup>

The creation of revolting Talmudic forgeries in order to present Judaism as repugnant is a common antisemitic deceit. Note the striking similarities between the above Palestinian Authority "Talmudic" texts and the following "Talmudic" Nazi text:

*"What is the Talmud? In the Talmud it is written that only the Jew is human. Gentile peoples are not called human but animals. Since we Jews see gentiles as animals we call them only Goy."*<sup>21</sup>

## 19. There is no historical "Land of Israel"

An integral part of the attack on Jewish tradition is the denial of Jewish history, especially Jewish history in the land of Israel. According to PA teaching, Jews fabricated their history. Thus, ignoring the hundreds of thousands of references to the "Land of Israel" in Jewish prayer, literature and documents, a senior Palestinian historian teaches:

*"...In 1927 they named the region "the Land of Israel."*<sup>22</sup>

## 20. The Biblical Nation of Israel were Arabs, not ancestors of Jews today

*"[Minister of Labor Rafik] Al-Natashe explained that ...the Hebrews of the Bible have no connection whatsoever to the Jews [today], since the Hebrews descend from Arabs who migrated to Palestine... As regards Zionism and its emergence, he noted that the original inventors of Zionism were radical Christians who wanted to be rid of the Jews..."*<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> The Contemporary History of the Arabs and the World, p. 120

<sup>21</sup> The Poisonous Mushroom, Julius Stricher, 1938, (Stricher was the editor of the Nazi publication, Der Shtrumer)

<sup>22</sup> Dr. Issam Sissalem, PA TELEVISION Nov. 9, 2000

<sup>23</sup> Al Hayat Al Jadida, Aug. 11, 1999

## **21. There was no Holy Temple in Ancient Jerusalem**

*"...They imagine that some temple [existed] here, what temple, what temple?? And what remnants?... This is one great invention which is worthy of no response of mine other than ridicule. This is our land and our homeland, and anyone who wants to have himself a temple, in America there are expanses, he can build there and in Europe, let the Americans take him in, and the Europeans. But this land is our land."*<sup>24</sup>

## **22. Jews have no rights to the Western Wall of the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem**

*"The sheik Yussef Juma'a Salame, the deputy minister of holy places and religion, and the preacher at the Al-Aqsa mosque, condemned the words of President of Israel, Moshe Katzav, with respect to letting the Jews pray in the Al-Aqsa mosque... which belongs solely to the Moslems and to which no-one else even has one centimeter of rights - and the Jews don't have any right to what they call the "wailing wall", since this wall is inseparable part of the Al-Aqsa mosque..."*<sup>25</sup>

## **23. The Jewish Bible is false, it teaches religious lies**

*"I want to salute our nation in Jerusalem who stand firm, Moslems, and Christians and all the national and Islamic forces who managed in the strength of their faith to repel these racists and were successful in destroying the racist political plan which is wrapped in religious lies based on false Biblical stories..."*<sup>26</sup>

## **24. Jews were never in the Land of Israel**

Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, the PA-appointed Mufti of Jerusalem: *"There is not a single stone in Palestine that proves the Jewish existence [in the land]."*<sup>27</sup>

## **25. Fabricated Jewish traditions "explain" the Jews "wail" at the Wailing Wall**

Recently the Sheikh Ikrama Sabri, the PA-appointed Mufti of Jerusalem, responded to a viewer's question on Palestinian television as to why the Jews pray in the direction of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. He did not simply state the truth - that the Jews are praying in the direction of the Western Wall of the destroyed Holy Temple. Rather, he stated that the Jews call the "Western Wall" the "Wailing Wall" because of the following bizarre reasons:

*"... The Jews call this the Wailing Wall for two reasons. The first, the overt [reason] is that they cry because they lost one of the Ten Commandments [tablets], and they lie and claim that the Commandment [tablet] was lost in the*

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<sup>24</sup> Jerusalem Through the Course of History, Dr. Issam Sissaleem, PATELEVISION April 17, 2001

<sup>25</sup> Al-Kuds April 12, 2001

<sup>26</sup> Jamal Zakot, PATELEVISION July 29, 2001

<sup>27</sup> Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Oct. 15, 2000

area around Al-Aqsa. This is why religious Jews are apprehensive of entering the Temple Mount, because of the fear that they might step on a paving stone underneath which may be the lost commandment [tablet]..."<sup>28</sup>

**Educational and religious programming maligning Jewish traditions have been a part of PA broadcasting for years, as seen in these examples from 1998:**

**26. The Jews' Bible is lies to steal "Palestine" from the Arabs**

*"...Their Bible [of the Jews] today, has no light and no teachings. Their Bible today, is just a bunch of notes that were written down by people who lie about God, his prophets and his bible...those who do these kinds of things are the descendants of Ivlis, meaning the descendants of the Satans...they fabricated a Jewish history book full of promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He will give them the land of Palestine..."<sup>29</sup>*

**27. Jews are not a nation, Judaism is not a religion "in the full sense of the word"**

Television Program: "Palestine - History and Heritage" Historian Jarir Al Kudwa, Arafat's Advisor for Educational Affairs:

*"The naked truth - Judaism is not a religion in the full sense of the word and it is not a nationality at all...Judaism is not a nationality even though they want to confuse between nationality and Judaism as one thing...imagine, the Jews...6000 houses of worship on the conquered land called Israel... The Jews have no pure race, what we now call Jews or Israelis or Zionists... should we make a calculation of the original Jews or Children of Israel today, it would be like a dot in the sea, as if pouring a cup of water into the sea...The Religion of Moses is a religion, apparently it is the Islamic religion, and some researchers, some research that was published find in the Torah which, when translated correctly, its texts show that it is a continuation of Islam..."<sup>30</sup>*

**28. The Western Wall was built - not by Jews - but by "forefathers" of the Palestinians**

Television Program: "Palestine - History and Heritage" [Panel: Historian Jarir Alkudawa, Arafat's Advisor for Educational Affairs and Historian Salim Almobayyed] *"Alkudwa: ... Unfortunately, in 1967 after the Israelis conquered Jerusalem they flattened the [Western Wall] area to serve them for prayer etc.. Almobayyed: To the east is the Alburack wall, that the Jews call the Wailing Wall, but it is in truth a wall that was built previously built by our forefathers the Canaanites. What was left the Sultan Suliman built,*

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28 Palestinian Television, January 11, 2001

29 Religion class on PA TELEVISION Nov. 3, 1998

30 Palestinian Television, Nov. 3, 1998

*and the bottom three rows are Roman. Those who claim it is from the Temple, are only the Jewish Archeologists."*<sup>31</sup>

## **Chapter 2:**

### **'Blood Libels', 'Poison Wells' and "Protocols" in the PA, portraying Jews as evil, racist, scheming and worthy of hatred**

The PA often uses classical antisemitic sources to justify and promote hatred of Israel among its population and beyond. Israel, it claims, is following the principles set down in the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion". This infamous forgery is used by antisemites to incite to hatred and violence against Jews

#### **1. "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" - guide Israeli policy [a]**

In its special weekly "Political - National Education" page, the "Protocols" are used to explain Israeli polic. Note the citing of precise 'quotes' from protocols 2 and 12: *"Moral and psychological preparation is very important for the Jews and is important source of strength in the "Hebrew State"... The use of disinformation remains one of the bases of emotional support and morale among the Israelis and propaqanda played an important role in the psychological prodding of world political leaders to support Zionism... The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" did not ignore the importance of using propaqanda to promote the Zionist goals. In the second protocol is written: "Through the media we have the means to propel and to influence." In the twelfth protocol: "Our government will hold the reins of most of the newspapers, and through this we will have in our hands the highest capability to cope with the public opinion."*<sup>32</sup>

#### **2. "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" - guide Israeli policy [b]**

*"Remember the history, oh Arabs!" "...I focused on important dates in the world of the Zionism and the Arabs: "*

*1. In 1897 the first Zionist Congress was held in Basel... "2. In 1907 the actual immigration operation began... "3. In 1917 the woeful declaration of Balfour was made... "6. In 1947 the U.N. confirmed the Partition Plan by Resolution, and the Jews received a "legitimate" right, recognized by the world, to establish a national homeland for the Jews in a part of Palestine. ... "9. In 1977 the visit which shocked the Arab Nation occurred, the President of Eqypt visited Israel. What is left after that?... "Every ten years, a vital aim is achieved.*

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<sup>31</sup> PA Television, Dec. 1, 1998.

<sup>32</sup> Al-Hayyat Al-Jadida, Jan. 25, 2001

*These are the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, of a century, from 1897 till 1997. They have planned and accomplished. Every ten years, another aim was achieved, proving their continuity and their power. "And we, oh Arabs, couldn't understand during these years."*<sup>33</sup>

### **3. "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" Zionists control America - [c]**

*"Bill Clinton's [attention to the Middle East was] not out of love for the region, but due to his leaning towards the racist state foreign to it, the State of Israel, who couldn't exist without continued American effort who diligently fulfilled the Protocols of Zion ... [Clinton] was weak in his stance with the Israelis during the peace process discussions and he weakened to the maximum surrender to the Zionist pressure groups who control the American government policy."*<sup>34</sup>

### **4. Jews strive for political power to control the world**

Whereas the Protocols fabricate a 'Jewish Conspiracy' to control and rule the world, the PA often depicts Jews as acting to control the world without explicitly citing the "Protocols". Moreover, they readily fabricate quotes to portray Jewish leaders as seeking Jewish control and power by any means, even by allegedly causing World War II:

*"Nachum Goldman, president of the World Jewish Congress said in Montreal Canada in 1947: The Jews could have gotten Uganda, Madagascar or other countries to make a Jewish homeland - but the Jews didn't want anything except for Palestine... only because Palestine is the junction between Europe, Asia and Africa and is the real center of political strength in the world, and the strategic center for the army for control of the world. "...Rabbi Rabinovitch said in his speech in the International Rabbinical Committee which took place in Budapest in 1952: "I can promise you without a doubt, that within 10 years, every Zionist will turn into a master and every non-Zionist will turn into a slave. You remember our propaganda campaign and our success that we attained in 1930, and the results were a arousing hostilities between America and Germany, and this campaign caused the start of WWII."*<sup>35</sup>

**These PA teachings of Jewish control of the world have been promoted for years:**

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33 Dr. Jasem Hamid Al Quds, July 10, 2001

34 Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Feb. 18, 2001

35 Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Jan. 31, 2000

## **5. The Jewish money and media lead the world**

*"The Jewish money and media are the leaders of the nations and continents. But this should not worry the Islamic nation, nor cause surrender to this situation. For Allah has promised that they will be degraded and suffer..."<sup>36</sup>*

## **6. The Jews control the media**

*"The Zionist media acts freely on the television stations of the west. More than that, they use the west for their own purposes, in order that they broadcast about the perfect Jew ..." <sup>37</sup>*

## **7. The Jews make business out of their hardships**

*"...They should learn their lesson from history. Especially them. They made business of blood, they made business of the Holocaust. And they made business of Dreyfus in the 19th century, one man was exiled and They made business, and they made more business, and they cried and don't stop crying, even over the wall of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, [Western Wall of the Temple] which is an integral part [of Al-Aqsa] according to proof from the United Nations..." <sup>38</sup>*

**Hatred of Jews and Israel are often interchanged, as in the following article entitled:**

## **8. "Hatred of Israel as a Yardstick of Patriotism"**

*"...It is proper that the call to hate Israel continue to be a medal worn on the chest of every Arab, and I repeat my position that it should be regarded as a measurement of patriotism and as a certificate of greatness and nobility. We are not oblivious to the grand reputation the singer Shaaban Abdul Rahim earned himself, and the [record] sales of his single hit declaring his hatred of Israel. These words of his brought about, from the depths of Egypt, the eruption of a volcano of hatred, abhorrence and bitterness that had been continuously accumulating for half a century... "I was not pleased to learn of the [Egyptian] reaction relayed to the Israeli authorities, who protested over the fact that a pharmacy owner hung a sign over the door of his pharmacy: "No Dogs Or Jews". He had removed the sign when he encountered the negative reactions to such a sign, but he hung it again with the outbreak of the intifada...The position of hate is natural, and it is an expression that must be understood..." <sup>39</sup>*

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36 Sheik Hayan Al-Idrisi, Voice of Palestine Radio, Nov. 20, 1998

37 Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Sept. 22, 2000

38 Issam Sissalam PATELEVISION April 17, 2001

39 Fahmi Huwaidi, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 16, 2001

***Hatred of Jews is promoted in Palestinian society not only via political and religious leaders, but also through important cultural mediums. The following text from a Palestinian play echoes sentiment expressed by Palestinian leaders. Note that though the topic is Israel, the hatred is directed at Jews.***

### **9. Allah will take revenge upon the cursed Jews**

*"The Al-Tufakh Road Block - A One Act Play, by Bahai Sharaab*

*"Scene One - A couple straighten the remnants of their home, which was destroyed by the Zionist occupation army...*

*"Abu Mahmud: '...Allah will take revenge upon the cursed Jews. Oh Allah, how long will this destruction and death continue?'*

*"Um Mahmud: 'May Allah take them and destroy them. We don't have a day of quiet and joy in this life...'*

*"Abu Mahmud: 'Wait, where is the Key?'"*

*"Um Mahmud: 'Key? What key?'*

*"Abu Mahmud: 'The key to our honor and glory, they key to our house in Jaffa. Look in the ruins...'*

*"Um Mahmud: 'Oh, this is because of the cursed Jews. Only Allah can overcome them... "*

*[Later] "The lights turn off, quiet prevails. From within the quiet rises a distant voice: ...Oh, my son, this is the key to our house in Jaffa! Hide it near your chest. Nourish it with your love and your blood. Guard it as you guard your life. Oh, oh, the Jews, the Jews. Since the day we met them, we can not sleep...*

*"Scene Two: [A description of children taking cover behind barricades, holding stones, slingshots and fire bombs ready to fight Israelis; including Mahmud, son from Scene One.] " 'Mahmud: Being here will allow me to take revenge against the cursed Jews. Revenge! I must have revenge...' " <sup>40</sup>*

### **10. Antisemitic stories from foreign newspapers**

The PA translates stories and articles from foreign newspapers with antisemitic and anti-Israeli themes. The following is from a Russian language newspaper.

*"The Taiga forest in Russia lay across the expanse. One of the hunters there was Perkovy Biqshir. One afternoon a helicopter landed in the village. Beside the pilot was a dark-skinned man curly-haired man named Buria. Buria approached the head of the village and took a white paper out of his bag on which the following was written: "The government of Israel is interested in uniting the Jewish families... There is one here, Perkovy Bogshir". It turns out that Perkovy's is the son of a Russian woman and a Jewish father. The grandfather, in his youth was just a rebel*

*but now, as he approaches the age of 100 years, he is one of the major players in the Zionist groups and lives in Israel. He wanted to see his grandson Perkovy. "The village head said that they couldn't let his great hunter go to which Buria answered decidedly that if he isn't let out for this endeavor, he will be in for big trouble, especially in anything that is concerned with the marketing of furs. Under such pressure, the village head was forced to let Perkovy go."*

The story continues that the Russian reached Israel, had his money and clothing stolen by Israeli officials at the airport, and he was forced to sell his gold teeth to survive...

### **Other Lies and Libels in the Palestinian Authority**

*Long before the 'big lie' of the "Protocols", Jews were accused of heinous crimes, from poisoning the water supplies to ritually murdering non-Jewish children and using their blood to bake Passover matzah. While most of the libels described here are directed at Israelis - not at all Jews - nevertheless, this material is included within the "Protocols" section because the PA hateful characterization of Israeli Jews is reminiscent of the medieval 'blood libels' and 'poison wells' libels that targeted Jews in the past. Suha Arafat's libelous charge, made while standing next to then-U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton, that Israel was poisoning Palestinians, is consistent with standard PA tactics. Similarly, Yasser Arafat himself, at the recent Davos Economic Forum, publicly accused Israel of using ammunition tipped with depleted uranium and other prohibited weapons.*

### **A series of Palestinian "medical" reports:**

#### **11. Israel is using nerve gas**

*"Medical sources reported yesterday evening that more than 40 residents were injured in a strange occurrence of hysteria and nervous collapse as a result of their inhaling poison gas, fired for the first time by the Israeli occupation forces on defenseless residents. Medical specialists are of the opinion that it is nerve gas, prohibited by international law."<sup>41</sup>*

#### **12. Israel is using extra lethal bullets**

*"Senior medical sources related yesterday that the occupation forces used a new kind of lethal bullets against innocent residents... The new bullets have sharp metal wings and they fly at great speeds..."<sup>42</sup>*

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<sup>41</sup> Al Ayyam, Feb. 13, 2000, and a similar report in Al Quds

<sup>42</sup> Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Oct. 28, 2001

### **13. Israel is causing "deformed births" by using depleted uranium**

*"Authoritative medical sources revealed that there is an increase in the average number of deformed births in the Shafaa hospital in Gaza. They do not deny the possibility that this phenomenon is associated with depleted uranium."*<sup>43</sup>

### **14. Israel drops Poisoned candies for children from helicopters**

*"In a new step aimed to kill more children, the occupation forces threw large quantities of poisoned candies in front of 2 schools last night... Salem Ahmed, first aid officer said that when he collected ten pieces of these unwrapped candies he felt the rubber glove on his hand melting, in addition to experiencing breathing difficulties, strong headache, dizziness..."*<sup>44</sup>

*Throughout the Middle Ages, enemies of the Jews falsely accused Jews of committing murders as a method of increasing hatred and violence against them. This approach has been adopted by the PA. One Example:*

*An Arab woman was stabbed to death by an Arab who mistook her for a Jew. Though the murderer already had confessed, the PA paper, as well as the PA Deputy Minister of Religion, blamed the murder on a Jew.*

### **15. "Extremist Jew" accused of murder committed by an Arab [a]**

*"Naila Hamdan Karain, age 47, of Silwan [in Jerusalem] tell as a martyr in the neighborhood of Musrara, after being stabbed by an extremist Jew in the settlement neighborhood [West Jerusalem]..."*<sup>45</sup>

### **16. "Extremist Jew" accused of murder committed by an Arab [b]**

*Sermon by: Deputy Minister of Religion, Yusset Juma'a Salame:*

*"These days we hear of the murder of our people daily. The crime of the stabbing of the young woman yesterday in the city Jerusalem, is a link in the chain of the continuous acts of stabbing against all sectors of our people. These repeated attacks prove the level of hostility and hatred against our people who stand in Jerusalem and its environs..."*<sup>46</sup>

### **17. Israel plans to conquer Arab States [a]**

*The portrayal of Israel as an ongoing threat to peace with a plan to expand by conquering Arab states is an often repeated lie. This is exemplified in a particularly venomous video clip in which actors portray an Israeli teacher in a classroom of Jewish children wearing kippot (religious skullcaps) in front of the Israeli flag, is teaching: "The Land of Israel from the Nile to the Euphrates"*<sup>47</sup>

*The video clip is shown as if were an actual classroom in a Jewish school. The actors speak Hebrew.*

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43 Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Jan. 31, 2001

44 Al-Hayat Al-Jadida May 22, 2001

45 Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, 2/12/99

46 Voice of Palestine Radio, 2.12.99

47 Palestinian Television, Feb. 14, 2001

## **18. Israel plans to conquer Arab States [b]**

*"The Palestinians see the Israeli flag as a symbol of the huge Jewish state, that lays between the Nile and the Euphrates according to the Zionist dream: Two blue stripes represent the 2 rivers and between them is the State symbol"*<sup>48</sup>

## **Chapter 3: Jew's evil nature and behavior brought antisemitism on themselves**

Palestinian writers, cognizant of the persecutions and antisemitism the Jews have suffered throughout history, are quick to blame the Jews for bringing these misfortunes upon themselves due to their evil nature and behavior. Zionism itself is explained, not as a Jewish movement of return to their historic homeland, but as a European movement to rid Europe of the "burden" of its Jews.

### **1. Balfour is Hitler with colonies, while Hitler is Balfour without colonies**

*"The difference between Hitler and Balfour was a simple one: the former [Hitler] did not have colonies to which to send the Jews and therefore he destroyed them, whereas Balfour's plan... Palestine turned into one of his colonies and then he began to send the Jews there. Lord Balfour is Hitler with colonies, while Hitler is Balfour without colonies. They both wanted to get rid of the Jews and took advantage of the Zionist plan... Zionism turned itself into an important position in the defense of the West's interests in the region, [by] ridding Europe of the burden of her Jews..."*<sup>49</sup>

A section in a PA 11th grade history book likewise teaches "the appearance of the Zionist Movement" by explaining the need of Europeans to be free of Jews because of the dangers the minority posed for European society. In doing so, the schoolbook cites odious justifications for antisemitism as historical facts:

### **2. Jews of Europe were hated because of their hostile Jewish belief towards Christianity.**

*"The causes for the appearance of the Zionist movement...Christian European society's hatred of the Jews exists since ancient times, and the Jews, who were dispersed all over Europe by the Romans, remained within themselves in their values which were included in their first book [the Bible]. Soon this was accompanied by the racist seclusion that the Talmud called*

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<sup>48</sup> Al-Ayyam May 14, 2000

<sup>49</sup> Saker Abu Faher, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Dec. 6, 1998

for, with behavior that aimed to corrupt and destroy the society's in which they lived. There are a number of reasons that caused the Europeans to persecute the Jews, everywhere they were:

1. The Bible is full of texts that support the Jews' tendency to racial and religious zealotry, and they respond with the spirit of hatred toward the other nations... The Jews of Europe were hated because of their hostile Jewish belief towards Christianity, and their seclusion, they did not join the western societies and continued to view them with suspicion. Another reason for the hatred towards them was their taking over the economy...

2. The Jews' feeling of racial, religious, cultural and political superiority and their contact with the nations of the world from this perspective, was the important impetus for the nations' persecution towards them.

3. The profiteering and money-changing trades in which they specialized had an influence on the hatred of the nations of the world towards them." ...

### **3. Jews work in the night to evade paying taxes**

"The Jew, from the beginning of history, has worked in banks and distribution and another non-taxed fields. They work in the night and evade paying taxes, and they search for investments with quick return, far from the rule of the state - this is their best field of knowledge. Therefore they always search for independence and amenities within the closed neighborhoods that are unique to them - they have all of their needs there: schools, markets, etc... The reason the Jews were persecuted in the west, before they established themselves a homeland in Israel, was their excellence in acquiring wealth quickly and building their own groups. Since they were closed in among themselves and not one of them joined in the customs and special ceremonies, and didn't bring to any other group their monetary profits, rather they kept the profits among themselves and their blood brothers..."<sup>50</sup>

**The teaching that Jews caused hatred and antisemitism is not new in the PA. The messages already appeared in 1998:**

### **4. Jews were persecuted because of their ugly deeds and their wickedness.**

"If we take a look at history, we discover to what degree the Jews were exposed to loss and expulsion the world over, as a result of their ugly deeds and their wickedness. This is after their issues were discovered and their responsibility for the destruction of the land and its people caused its people [of the land] to start a war of annihilation against them and whoever survived were dispersed around the world."<sup>51</sup>

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50 [Interview with Marwan Dawdin, Jordanian negotiator with Israel, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida June 1, 2000

51 Nasser Ahmad, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Nov. 7, 1998

## Chapter 4: Jews are the enemy of God (Allah) and Islam

During the last 2000 years, religious-inspired bigots preached that Judaism was an illegitimate religion; that oppressing of the Jews was theologically sanctioned; often seen as a core article of faith. The Palestinian Authority's religious ideology has redefined the Israeli - Palestinian conflict from a struggle against Zionism into an existential religious crusade against Jews on behalf of Allah. In sermons and religious lessons that are broadcast every Friday on official Palestinian television and radio, and through religious lessons appearing in PA newspapers and broadcast on television by the Palestinian Authority, religious leaders define four essential principles of their religious ideology:

- **Jews are the enemy of Allah.**
- **Islam is fighting a mandatory religious war against the Jews.**
- **The killing of Jews is a religious obligation.**
- **Palestinians are the vanguard in this war against the Jews, and all Islamic nations are obligated to assist in this war.**

### 1. Jews are Allah's enemy

*"...The Muslims and Arabs must stand behind the Palestinian nation, which is the vanguard in the war against Allah's enemies. By the living Allah, the Jews are Islam's enemies in this lifetime..."*<sup>52</sup>

### 2. Jews are Hostile

*"My dear brothers, so continues the struggle between the Muslims and the Jews from the past, both near and far, in the present and in the future. And in this matter the word of Allah will be fulfilled: (Koran, Sura 5,84) 'There will not be found [anyone] more hostile to the believers than the Jews and the idolaters.'"*<sup>53</sup>

### 3. Humiliate the Jews

*"...Allah decreed upon us in this lifetime to humiliate the Jews sooner or later..."*<sup>54</sup>

### 4. The oppressive country [Israel] will be terminated

*"How will Palestine return?... Allah will support whom He loves. 'Allah loves whoever battles for him' (Koran, Sura 61,4). Therefore, there is no escape from a Jihad [religious war] for the sake of Allah ... Palestine will return if we will know who is the enemy and who is the friend, and the games of world Jewry... A Jewish Woman said: 'I cry for this. In our holy books [it is written]*

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<sup>52</sup> Dr. Ahmed Yousuf Abu Halabiah, Palestinian Television, Aug. 18, 2000

<sup>53</sup> Dr. Muhammed Ibrahim Madi, Palestinian Television, April 13, 2001

<sup>54</sup> Shiekh Yuosouf Abu Sheina, Palestinian Television, Sept. 8, 2000

*that when a state for the Jews is established in Palestine, it will not last more than 67 years'. In other words - the year 2022. And I beg Allah to bring an end to the country of the oppressor in America, and the country of the oppressor Israel in Palestine, by that date...Therefore, it is our hope that this oppressive country [Israel] will be terminated, as in the words of Allah..."<sup>55</sup>*

**Even the charge of decide against the Jews, which was renounced by the Vatican is rekindled by the Palestinians:**

#### **5. The Jews are responsible for Jesus' killing**

*[Nazareth] was famous as the place where the Messiah was born and raised... Their native Palestinian tongue is the language of the people of Nazareth, to the point where you feel when you speak with them that the time and strength of the Zionist occupation has not managed to change the face of Palestinian Nazareth and it has not forgotten and will not forget the first son whom the Jews betrayed and turned over to the Caesar and insisted on taking him out to be killed"<sup>56</sup>*

#### **6. The Jews are still killing Jesus**

*"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth...and a child for a child. This is Hamurabi's law that Judas usurped at the beginning of the third millennium in order to crucify the Messiah at least 3 times and to run after him until the last tree in the Galilee."<sup>57</sup>*

#### **7. Jews should convert to Islam and it will bring peace**

During many periods throughout history Jews were given choice either to covert to another religion or be murdered. Recently they were presented with a similar offer during an official religious sermon on PA television in August 2001, as the preacher urged them *"return to the true Islamic religion and they won't be any problems between us..."*

*"We will tell them the words of Allah: If you improve your path-you will improve yourselves...and return to the true Islamic religion and there won't be any problems between us and them. But whomever comes as a conqueror to our holy sites, and does not come under Allah's religion, in the end he'll go back from where he came... We do not only expect a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, but Moslem Caliphs who keep the ways of the Prophet [Muhammad] and whose capital is Jerusalem..."<sup>58</sup>*

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55 Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Maadi, Friday Sermon, Palestinian TELEVISION, May 4, 2001

56 Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Jan. 24, 2000

57 Al-Hayat al-Jadida Feb. 27, 2000

58 Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Madi, Friday preacher of the Palestinian Authority. PA television, Aug. 3, 2001

**From PA schoolbooks:**

### **8. Jews are the enemies of the Prophets and the believers**

*"I learn from this lesson:*

*I believe that the Jews are the enemies of the Prophets and the believers."*

[Islamic Education, Part Two for Fourth Grade p. 67]

*"In many cases these Jews acted according to their known cunning and deceit, and they incite wars [between Arab tribes]..."*

[Islamic Education for Ninth Grade p. 78]

*"[The student should] connect between the greedy aspirations of the Jews in Muslim countries and their hatred towards the Islamic faith."* [Islamic Education for Ninth Grade P. 179]

## **Chapter 5:**

### **Jews should be killed and fought against; as individuals and as a nation as a whole**

Directives to kill Jews for Allah are part of the religious language of PA religious teaching:

**1. It is mandatory to slaughter Jews...it is forbidden to have mercy in your hearts for the Jews in any land... Any place that you encounter them - kill them.**  
*"The Jews are the Jews. There never was among them a supporter of peace. They are all liars... They are terrorists. Therefore it is necessary to slaughter them and murder them, according to the words of Allah... it is forbidden to have mercy in your hearts for the Jews in any place and in any land. Make war on them anyplace that you find yourself. Any place that you encounter them - kill them. Kill the Jews and those among the Americans that are like them... The Jews only understand might. Have no mercy on the Jews, murder them everywhere..."*<sup>59</sup>

### **2. The tree and the stone will say: a Jew is behind me - kill him**

The invoking of Islamic sources are used by Palestinian religious leaders to defend and even demand the killing of Jews. Numerous times in recent months, Palestinian religious leaders have taught publicly that a particular Hadith (Islamic traditions attributed to Mohammed) ordering the killing of Jews, is an authoritative directive of Islam today, expressing Allah's will that obedient Muslims kill Jews:

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59 The preacher Dr. Ahmed Yousuf Abu Halabiah, a member of the Palestinian Sharianic (Islamic religious law) Rulings Council, and Rector of Advanced Studies, the Islamic University, Palestinian Television, Oct. 13, 2000

*"The Day of Resurrection will not arrive until the Muslims make war against the Jews and kill them, and until a Jew hiding behind a rock and tree, and the rock and tree will say: 'Oh Muslim, Oh servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!'"*<sup>60</sup>

**A Palestinian religious leader described how he encouraged a 14-year-old to anticipate killing of Jews:**

**3. Blow them up in Tel-Aviv and in Netanya ... blessings to he who saves a bullet in order to shoot it into a Jew's head..."**

*"Call the Jihad fighters for Allah to fill the land of Palestine with their pure blood - and then the Jews will see our wonder. A youth said: 'Oh, Sheikh, I am 14 years old. I have 4 more years and then I will go to blow myself up among Allah's enemies, I will blow myself up among the Jews.'" I said to him, 'Allah should let you merit Martyrdom and let me merit Martyrdom'... "We will blow them up in Hadera, we will blow them up in Tel-Aviv and in Netanya in the righteousness of Allah against this riff-raff, we will fight against them and rule over them until the Jew will hide behind the trees and stones and the tree and stone will say: 'Muslim! Servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, kill him...' "We will enter Jerusalem as conquerors, and Jaffa as conquerors, and Haifa as conquerors and Ashkelon as conquerors, we are certain that the victory is quickly coming... As we bless anyone who rises against a soldier, we bless all those who educate their children to Jihad and to Martyrdom, blessings to he who saves a bullet in order to shoot it into a Jew's head..."*<sup>61</sup>

**4. Blessed is he who dons a vest of explosives and goes among the Jews**

Two weeks after 21 Israelis were murdered by a suicide bomber at a discotheque the following was preached in the Friday religious sermon on PA television:

*"Blessed is he who fights Jihad in the name of Allah, blessed is he who [goes on] raids in the name of Allah, blessed is he who dons a vest of explosives on himself or on his children and goes in to the depth of the Jews and says: Allah Akbar, Blessed be Allah. Like the collapse of the building upon the heads of the Jews in their sinful dance-hall, I ask of Allah that we see the Knesset collapsing on the heads of the Jews."*<sup>62</sup>

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60 Dr. Muhammed Madi, Palestinian Television, March 30, 2001, April 13, 2001 Aug. 3, 2001; Sheik Muhamed Abd Lafi, Al-Hayyat Al-Jadida April 27, 2001

61 Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Madi, Friday preacher of the Palestinian Authority. PA television, August 3, 2001

62 Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Madi, Friday Sermon, Palestinian TELEVISION, June 8, 2001

## **Other examples of the directives to fight and kill Jews**

### **5. The battle with the Jews...will not come without the victory of the believers over the descendants of the monkeys and pigs**

*"The battle with the Jews will surely come... the decisive Muslim victory is coming without a doubt, and the prophet spoke about in more than one Hadith and the Day of resurrection will not come without the victory of the believers [the Muslims] over the descendents of the monkeys and pigs [the Jews] and with their annihilation." <sup>63</sup>*

*"We the Palestinian nation, our fate from Allah is to be the vanguard in the war against the Jews until the resurrection of the dead, as the prophet Muhammad said: 'The resurrection of the dead will not arrive until you will make war against the Jews and kill them...' We the Palestinians are the vanguard in this undertaking and in this campaign, whether or not we want this..." <sup>64</sup>*

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### **6. The inevitable result will be the victory of the Muslims over the Jews.**

*"Remember: The final and inevitable result will be the victory of the Muslims over the Jews." [Our Arabic Language for Fifth Grade p. 67]*

**Prayers for Israel's destruction and the punishment of the Jews, said to be predetermined by Allah, are common:**

### **7. Palestinian religious leaders lead their people in prayers for the Destruction of the Jews [a]**

*"Who is responsible for the loss of Palestine... and [for] deceitfully labeling it Israel?... The Prophet [Muhammad] soothes us with many Hadiths that Palestine shall return to its former days... [Later] "We must prepare a foothold, for the coming army of Allah, by divine predetermination. May it be Allah's will, this oppressing state shall pass, Israel shall pass. This oppressing state, America, shall pass, the oppressing state Britain, shall pass, [those] that brought this catastrophe [Naqba] of this nation..." <sup>66</sup>*

63 Sheikh Muhammed Abd Al Hadi La'afi, Responsible for Religious Teaching and Instruction in the Office of the Wakf in the official P.A. newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 18, 2001  
64 PATELEVISION July 28, 2000

65 Sheikh Muhammed Abd Al Hadi La'afi, Responsible for Religious Teaching and Instruction in the Office of the Wakf in the official P.A. newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 18, 2001

66 Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Maadi, Friday Sermon, Palestinian TELEVISION, June 8, 2001

## **8. Palestinian religious leaders lead their people in prayers for the Destruction of the Jews [b]**

*"The victory is coming, the victory is coming, the victory is coming! Allah show us your marvels against the Jews! Show them a black day, like the day of A'ad and Tha'mud! [tribes that were defeated and destroyed]. Because they boasted to us of their strength! Show us the prince against them, show them a black day! Allah, transform them into the Moslems' spoils of war! Allah, transform them into our spoils of war!"*<sup>67</sup>

## **9. Palestinian religious leaders lead their people in prayers for the Destruction of the Jews [c]**

*"Allah, strengthen us... show us your power on them... Allah, take the Jews..."*<sup>68</sup>  
*"Allah, show us your wondrous capabilities on the Jews. Allah, show us on the Jews a day like A'ad and Tha'mud! [tribes that were destroyed] Allah, transform them into spoils of war for us and all Moslems!" [The preacher signs off his sermon] "Allah, make for them [the Jews] a black day, like the day of A'ad and Tha'mud! [tribes that were destroyed] Allah, make for them a black day, like the day of A'ad and Tha'mud! Allah, make for them a black day, like the day of A'ad and Tha'mud!"*<sup>69</sup>

# **Chapter 6: The Holocaust - a Jewish myth**

Abuse of the Holocaust is another aspect of the broad defamation of Jews and Israelis that is a common in the Palestinian Authority. It characterizes the Jewish people's connection to the Holocaust as a money making "hen that lays golden eggs". The PA validates Holocaust deniers and repeats the charge that today's Israelis are comparable to Nazis while Palestinians are the ones suffering a Holocaust.

## **1. Six million Jews cremated in the Auschwitz is a lie for propaqanda**

Article entitled: "MARKETING ASHES" *"The issue of the Holocaust rises again. It defies disappearing over its half-century because the Zionist propaqanda has converted it into a means to produce political and economic benefit... A recently published book by an American researcher, discusses the Holocaust. Employing scientific and chemical evidence, it proves that the figure of six million Jews cremated in the Nazi Auschwitz camps is a lie for propaqanda, as the most spacious of the vaults in the camp could not have held even one percent of that number... The question now discussed in the halls of the universities and the renowned publishing houses in the world's capitols, is: has this hen reached its*

<sup>67</sup> Dr. Muhammed Madi, Palestinian Television, April 13, 2001

<sup>68</sup> *ibid.*, March 30, 2001

<sup>69</sup> Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Madi, Friday preacher of the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian television, Aug. 8, 2001

expiration date, which lays golden eggs for the Jews everywhere?... Of course there are those who claim that the Jews actively participated in directing European feelings against them [to resist assimilation] When Zionism cannot find an enemy to separate and repel the Jews, it invents such an enemy, and so was the case with the Holocausts. Its need for it [Holocaust] is imperative... We are concerned that these dramatic cries regarding the Holocaust, whether for or against, are intended to cover up the corresponding Holocaust, that which Zionism is now producing with missile and tank, against the Arabs in Palestine."<sup>70</sup>

## 2. The Holocaust is a lie... Dachau, and Auschwitz were cleansing sites

"...Lies surfaced about Jews being murdered here and there, and the no Dachau, no Auschwitz! [They] were cleansing sites and unfounded claims. No Chelmno, no Dachau, no Auschwitz! [They] were cleansing sites.... What I am saying is they began to publicize in their propaganda media that they were persecuted, murdered and exterminated... Committees acted here and there to establish this entity [Israel-E'd.], this foreign entity, implanted as a cancer in our country, where our fathers lived, where we live, and where our children after us will live. They always portrayed themselves as victims, and they made a Center for Heroism and Holocaust. Whose heroism? What Holocaust? It is our nation which is Heroic, the holocaust was against our people... We were the victims, but we shall not remain victims forever..."<sup>71</sup>

## 3. Israeli snakes spread their venom of Holocaust lies

"...This right [of the Austrian nation after Heider's winning the election] got shaken or tried to immediately shake it when the Israeli snakes spread their venom in the cloak of the Holocaust lies and started to threaten calamity and catastrophe if the extreme right wing [chosen by the Austrians] got into the government."<sup>72</sup>



## 4. Crossword Puzzle: The Holocaust is a lie

Clue:

The Jewish Center for Externalizing the Holocaust and the lies

Answer: Yad Veshem

[Al-Hayat Al Jadida, Feb. 18 1999]

70 Hiri Manzour, official PA daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Apr. 13, 2001

71 Educational program "Pages From Our History" Dr. Issam Sissalem, history lecturer, Islamic University Gaza, Palestinian expert on Jews and Judaism, PA TELEVISION Nov. 29, 2001

72 Al-Hayat al-Jadida quoting Alhalidge Feb. 7, 2000

**5. The Jews transformed their "burnt bodies" into a hen laying golden eggs**  
*"The Jews transformed what people think is the smoke of their burnt bodies into gold. The Nazi rooster, they already transformed it to a hen laying golden eggs. And all of Liberman's attempts and tens of letters of Europeans and Americans who tried to warn us of this extortion, Zionism succeeded in dispersing in the west a type of Nazi phobia..."*

**6. Jewish Holocaust exaggerating has exceeded all limits**

*"Many of the enlightened and the politicians of Europe and America have already been disgusted by the extortion of the Jews and it is quite clear that they have a deep tendency to be free of the yoke of memory which is mixed with terror, especially after it has been known that the Jewish explanation exaggerating the Holocaust, has exceeded all limits and reached a level of imagination of things that could never happen."<sup>73</sup>*

**Holocaust denial has been expressed in the PA media for years, as is reflected the following articles since 1998:**

**7. Jews fabricated the story about gas ovens and a Holocaust to arouse admiration**

*"The winds blew in their favor, when the persecution against them by the Nazi Hitler started...then the show began. They began to distribute horrific pictures of mass shooting being committed against them and to fabricate the shocking story about gas ovens, which, according to them, Hitler would burn them [the Jews]. Newspaper columns began to fill up with pictures of Jews being cut down by Hitler's machine guns, and of Jews being led to the gas ovens. In these pictures they concentrated on women, children and the elderly. And they took advantage of this in order to arouse admiration for them, while they demand a monetary compensation, grants and contributions from all over the world. The truth is that the persecution of the Jews is a false fable that the Jews called the disaster of the "Holocaust"...and took advantage of it in order to arouse admiration... And although it is possible that Hitler's attack against the Jews hurt them slightly, it also serviced them to the point where still today they reap the benefits and it was the main door to her winning the American and European admiration and to realizing their dream and their plans... When we survey the news agencies, the newspapers, the journals and the world television stations, which the Jews control in the West, it becomes clear to us the extent of their media influence in the world [and their control] of a number*

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73 Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Sept. 19, 2000

*of world news agencies, French and British newspapers, and among them the Times newspaper which Zionism control by means of its buyout by the Jewish millionaire of Australian citizenship, Robert Murdoch..."*<sup>74</sup>

#### **8. The list of "Great" Europeans are Holocaust deniers and a Nazi officer**

This Palestinian daily presents a paper published by a research center which gives prominence and support to "great" Europeans who withstood the lies of "world Zionism". This list includes two prominent Holocaust deniers, a Nazi officer in World War II, and the leader of an extremist right wing political party.

*"The Zaid center...published a new research paper titled: "These are the people who challenged Israel in the last 50 years". This research surveys the honored... Europeans - leaders, politicians, and thinkers - against world zionism and Israel... Five of the most famous personalities who were known for their opposition to the Zionist pressure - the French leader Charles de Gaulle, past general secretary of the UN and the president of Austria, Kurt Waldheim [a Nazi officer] and the famous English historian David Irving [a Holocaust denier], the new Austrian leader Yorq Heider and the writer and thinker Frenchman Roger Grudie [a Holocaust denier]. "The center points out at the beginning of the paper which was defined as an historical paper for the Arab reader, and in it a thanks, appreciation and recognition to these people and others, among those who defend the rights and justice in the world..."*<sup>75</sup>

#### **9. Israel far worse than the Nazis**

*"Father Yosef Jabaran Sa'ada: "With these actions they have been far worse than the actions of Nazism during the second world war. However, the difference is that they do it now after many laws, agreements and conventions have been published to protect man even in war ..."*<sup>76</sup>

Palestinian Ministry of Information March 18, 2001 Web Site:

*"If the Israeli occupation siege continues on the occupied Palestinian territories, the camps will turn into concentration camps similar to those the Nazis created for the Jews with one difference, the Palestinians were not driven by trains to concentration camps, Jewish soldiers came and encircled Palestinian areas turning them into such camps..."*

*"We are concerned that these dramatic cries regarding the Holocaust, whether for or against, are intended to cover up the corresponding Holocaust, that which Zionism is now producing with missile and tank, against the Arabs in Palestine..."*<sup>77</sup>

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74 Sayf Ali Al-Jarwan: Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, July, 2 1998

75 Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Feb. 6, 2001

76 Al-Hayyat al-Jadida Jan. 15, 2001

77 Hiri Manzour, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Apr. 13, 2001

## **Chapter 7: Antisemitic Caricatures**

The racist depictions of Jews found in written texts are reflected in the themes of Palestinian caricatures. The Jews are drawn as inferior, as Satan, as distorted and dehumanized, as dangerous animals. Just as historians and academics malign Judaism verbally, symbols of Jewish tradition are maligned in political cartoons. PA newspapers also commonly include offensive caricatures that they have gleaned from other Arab newspapers.

Caricature No. 1

**Jews as inferior race**



The text on old man: "the 20th century"

The text on the young man: "the 21st century"

The text above the dwarf Jew with kippa (skullcap) and Star of David: "the disease of the century"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Dec. 28, 1999]

Caricature No. 2  
The Jew is Satan



Pope to Jew: "Peace on Earth"  
Jew to Pope: "Colonies upon Earth"

[official PA daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida March 22, 2000]

Caricature No. 3  
The distorted Jew



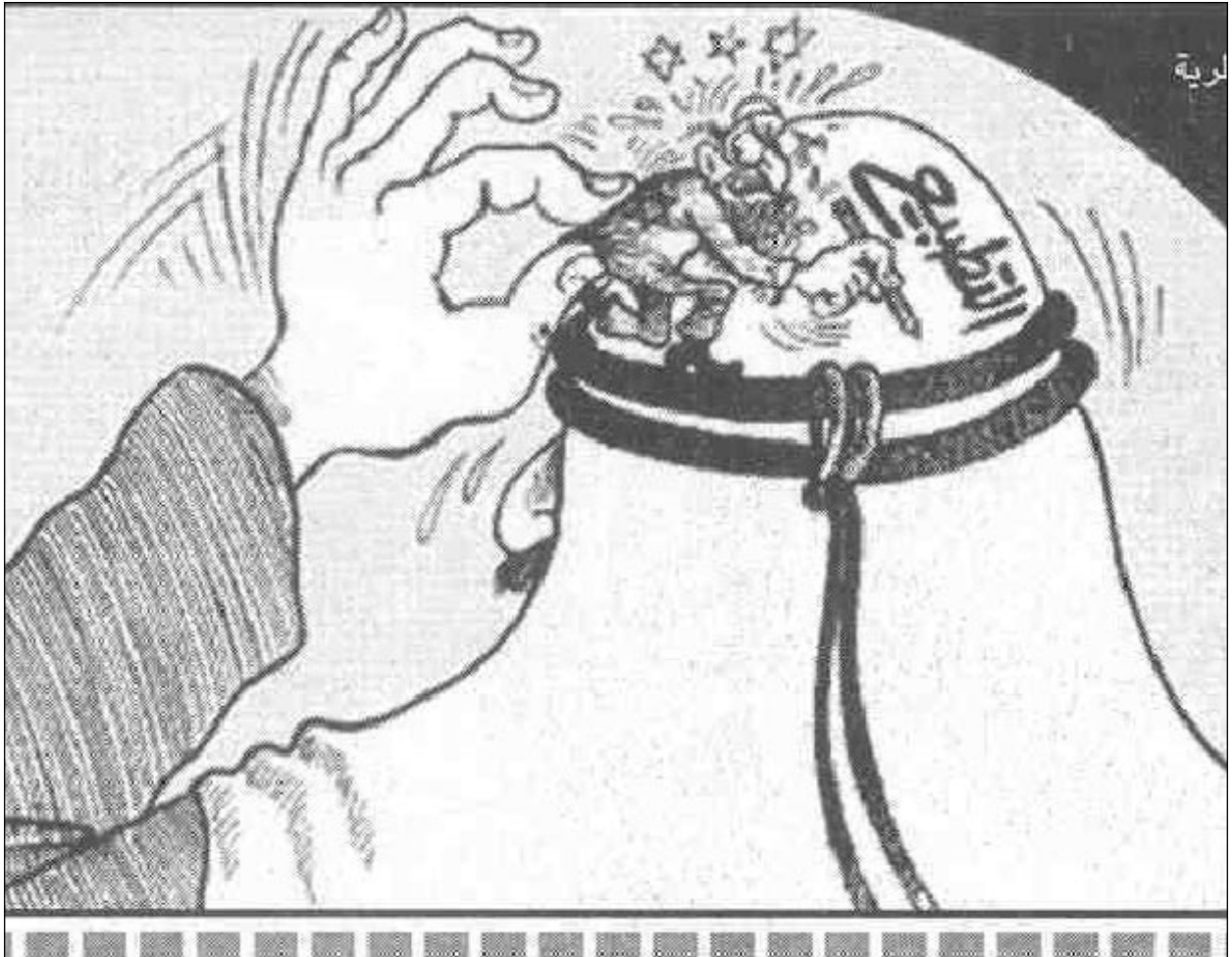
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida May 07, 2000]



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Dec. 17, 2001]

Caricature No. 4

Normal relations with Israel - like lice in the hair

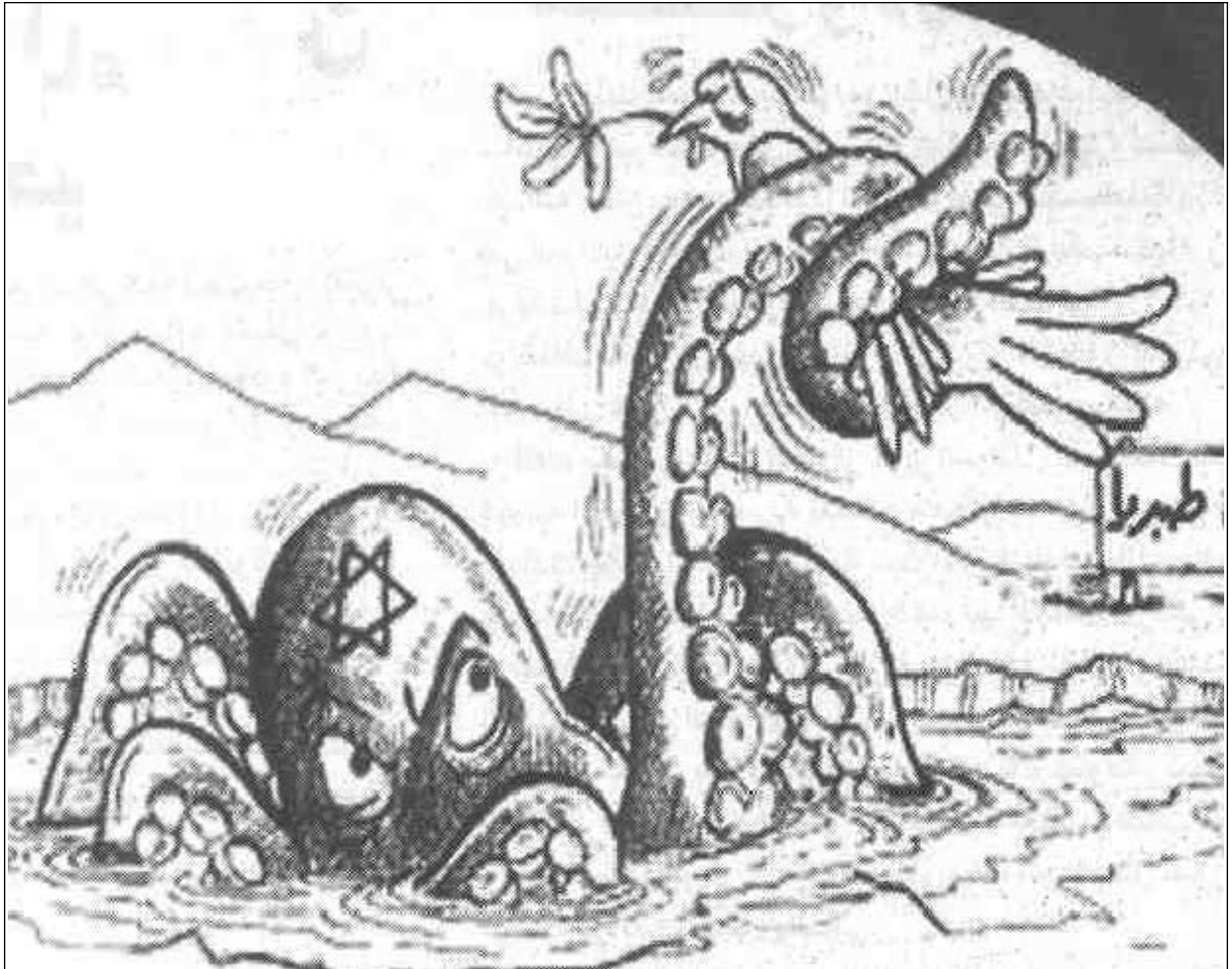


Text: Jew wrote on the Arab's headress "normalization"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida - Al-Watan April 23, 2000]

Caricature No. 5

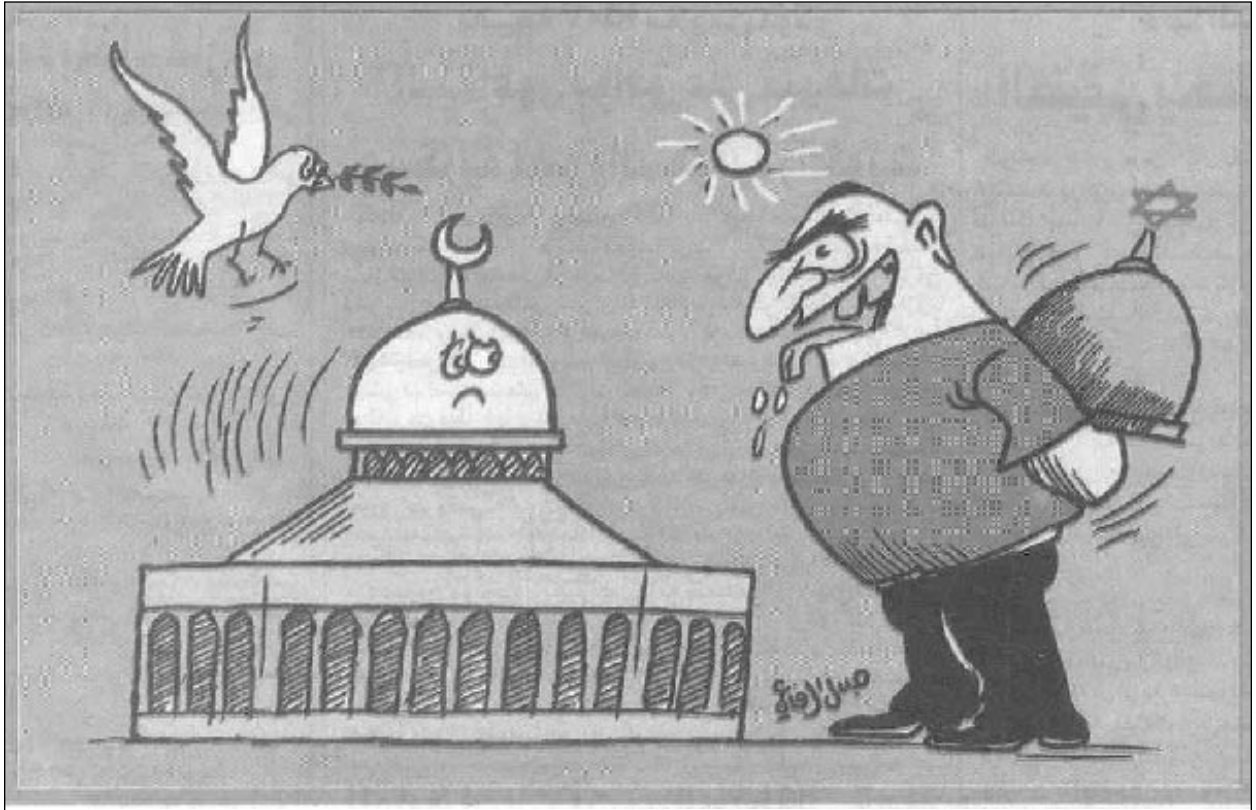
**The Jew: Animalized (octopus) enemy of Peace**



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida April 17, 2000]

Caricature No. 6 and 7

Jews portrayed as schemers against peace and as non-humans (bats), planning to destroy Islam



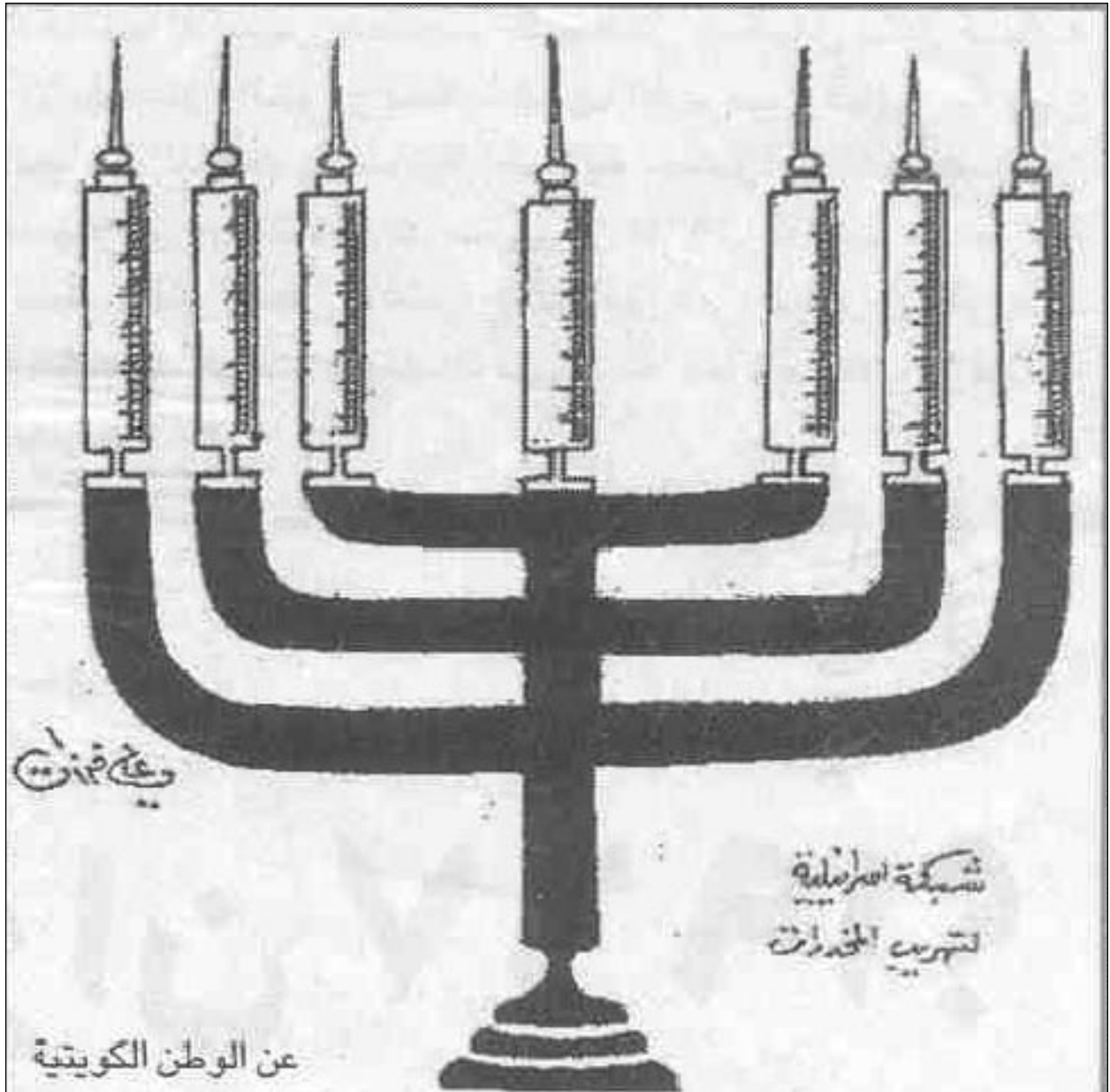
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida July 22, 2000]



[Al-Quds Feb 09, 2000]

Caricature No. 8

Contempt for the Jewish Menorah



Text: "The Israel Drug Smuggling Network"  
[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida April 17, 2000]

"The minister (for Social Affairs) Antazar Alwazir said that her office provides all possible help to those fighting drugs however the Israeli authorities are working hard on bringing drugs into the Palestinian society."  
[PA TV July 23, 2000]

## Caricature No. 9

### Contempt for Jewish religious and national Symbols: Talit and Star of David with donkey and swastika

(See cover of report)



Note Star of David and Nazi Swastika  
on the flag



Note: Star of David and swastika on the snout

Caricature No. 10

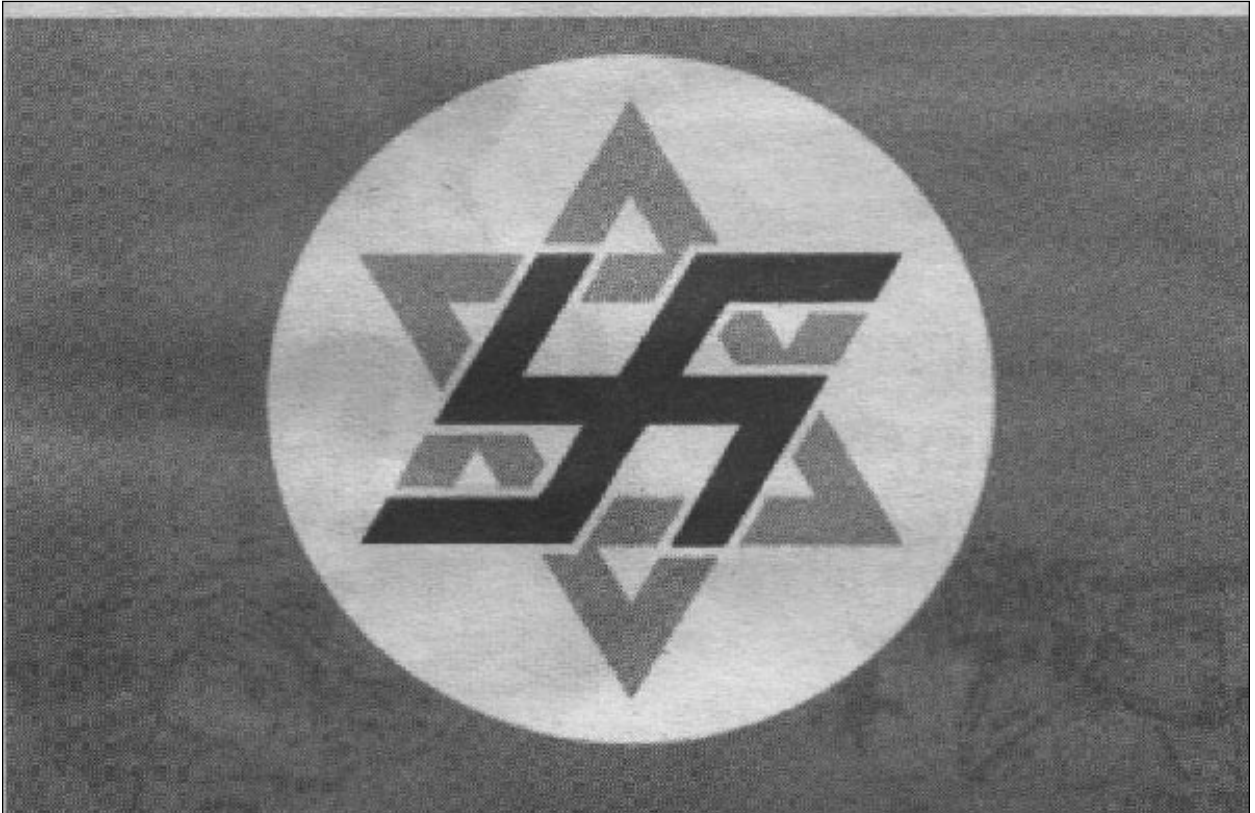
Contempt for Jewish symbols



[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida mar.1, 2000]

Caricature No. 11

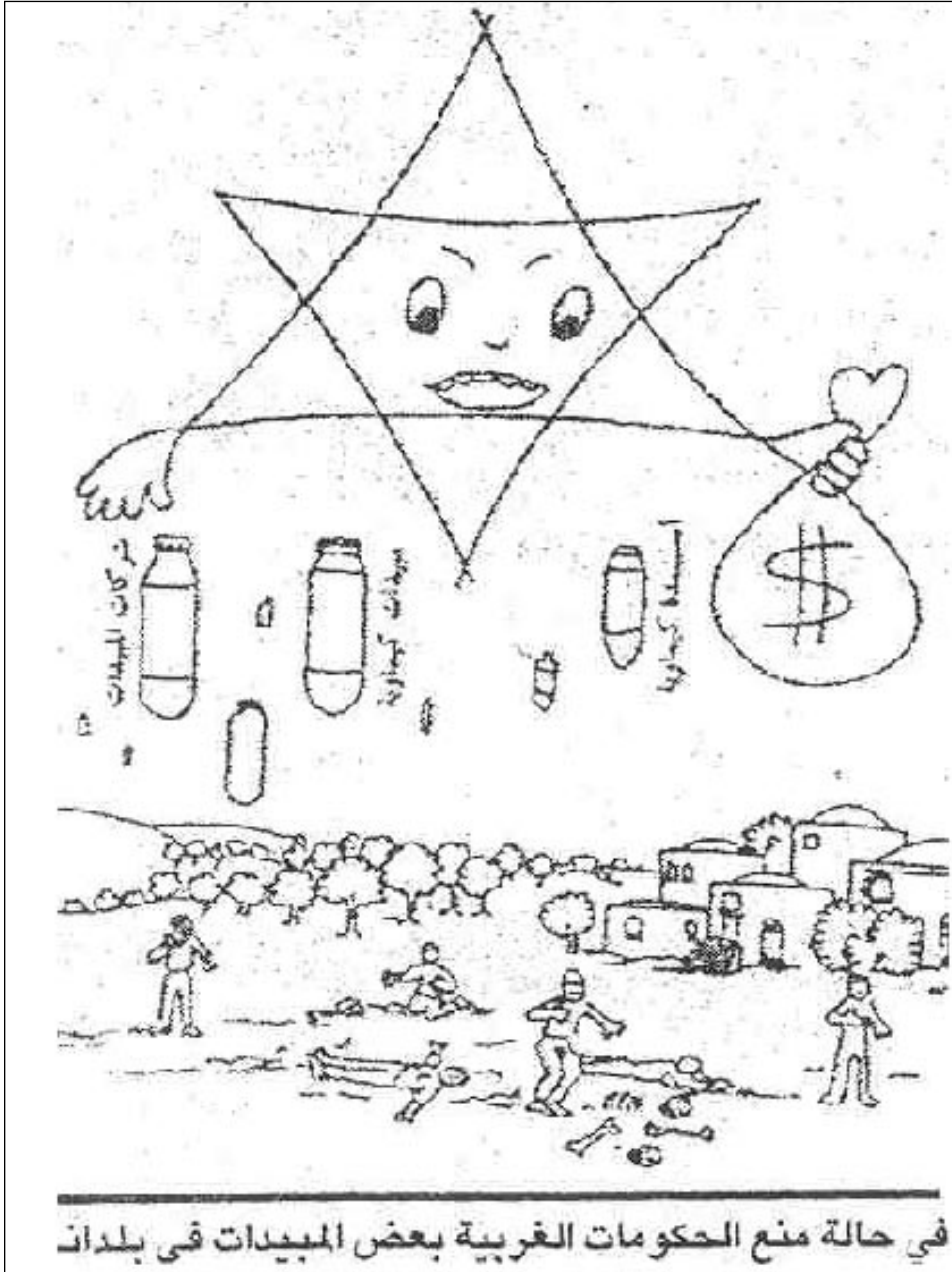
**The Nazi Swastika superimposed on the Star of David  
(Magen David)**



[Intifada, PA newspaper Dec. 13, 2000]

Caricature No. 12

**For money, Jews will kill Palestinians**



Text on bombs: "Pesticide Manufacturers, Chemical Pesticide, Chemical Fertilizer"

Caption:

"When governments in the West prohibit use of pesticides, the manufacturers must export them to developing countries."

[Al-Ayam, Oct. 29, 1999]

Caricature No. 13

Sharon plans a second crucifixion, this time the Pope



Text below: "The Pope visit to the Golan to promote peace"  
P.M. Sharon: "Let's rewrite history"

[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 9, 2000]

Caricature No. 14

**Palestine crucified by US-Israel,  
as stereotyped Jews wait anxiously for blood to flow**

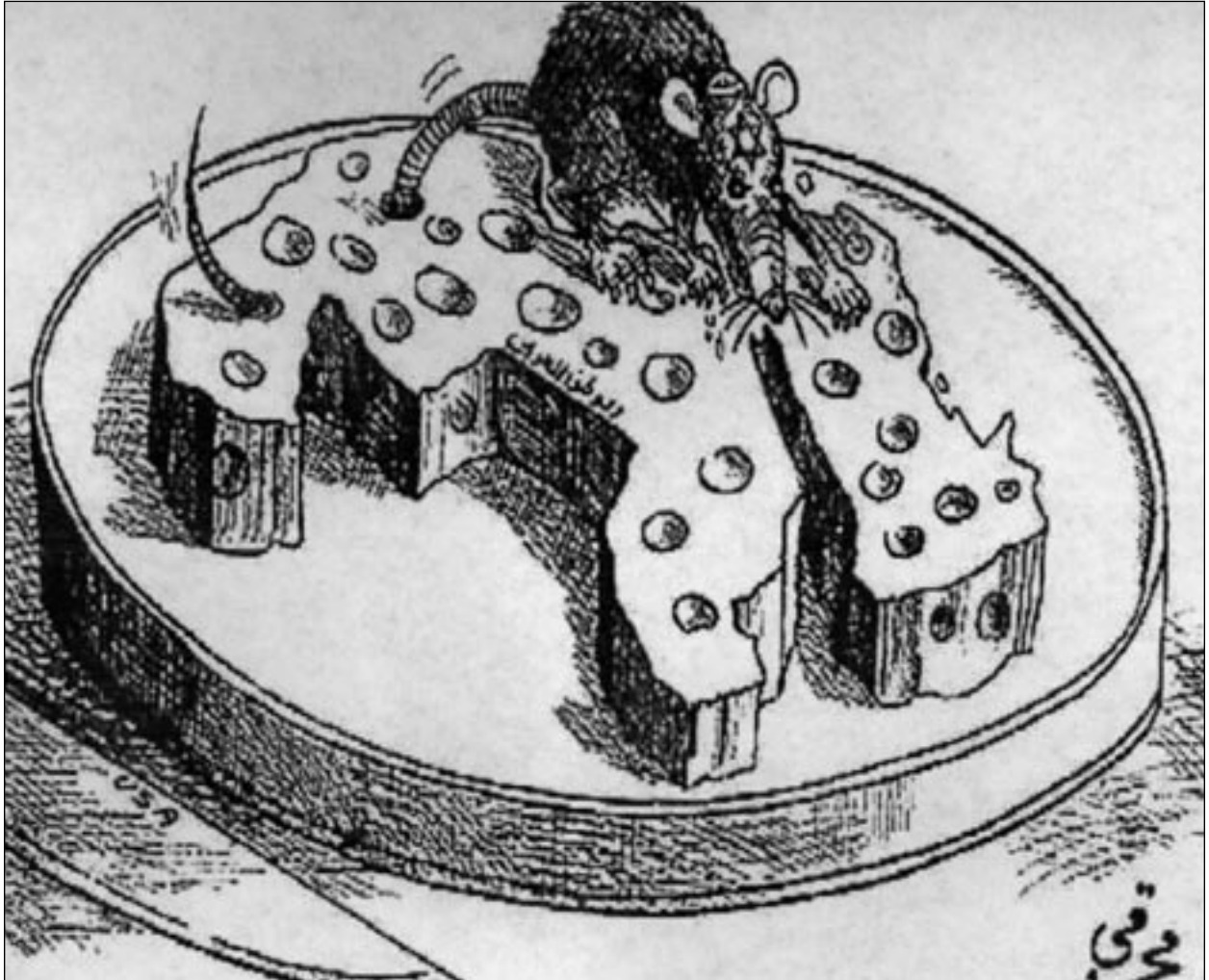


Text over woman: "Palestine"

[Al-Intifada, PA paper, Dec. 11, 2000]

Caricature No. 15

Dehumanized Jews devour Arab Homeland



Note the Star of David and Kippa (skullcap)  
on the rat

Text on the cheese: "Arab Homeland"

Text on the knife: "USA"

[Al - Hayat Al-Jadida Aug. 20, 2001]

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