

***Child Soldiers: Political advocacy, contradictory evidence and
unverifiable claims***

Analysis of submissions from Defence for Children International – Palestine section
(DCI/PS) and the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers

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Appendix: Sources and Quotes

Written material:

- "New Animated Film on Hamas TV Focuses on Child Martyrdom," [MEMRI special dispatch series no. 1742](#), October 16, 2007:

[Excerpt:] *"Amjad: 'These are children who were martyred during the blessed Al-Aqsa Intifada. I and a group of friends have cleaned this cave to make it fitting for the Intifada's child martyrs. Here, we honor the memory of the martyrs in our own way. All these children sacrificed (their lives) for the sake of Allah, in order to liberate their country. The homes of some were toppled on top of them when they were asleep, and others were martyred when they faced tanks with stones. Each martyr has a story of his own.'"*

- ["EX-MOUSE OF EVIL"](#), New York Post, July 3, 2007.

[Excerpt:]

"Last week, the lovable Palestinian Mickey-Mouse doppelganger was beaten to death by an 'Israeli' official in the final episode of his Hamas-TV children's program."

"No disgruntled, closure-seeking fans here. In fact, Farfour's diapered devotees seemed to get the message quite well:"

"'We don't like the Jews because they are dogs! We will fight them! They killed Farfour!' exclaimed 3-year-old Shaimaa', whose call was broadcast on the show."

- [Disney's daughter slams Hamas' Mickey](#). Ynet, September 5, 2008.

[Excerpt:] *"Diane Disney says Palestinian group is 'pure evil' for using character to incite children to violence"*

- [Blaming Israel for child bombers?](#) National Post [Canada], April 08, 2004: Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook, Palestinian Media Watch:

[Excerpt:] *"But even the most loyal Palestinian sympathizers have had trouble with the Palestinians' recent exploitation of minors, such as planting remote-controlled explosives on an unwitting 11-year-old in Gaza, or duping a naive 16-year-old in Nablus into becoming a suicide terrorist for 100 shekels (about \$22 U.S.) and a date with 72 virgins in Paradise. Both attempts were foiled by the Israeli army before the youths could kill or be killed."*

- "[The overlooked consequences of Hamas's actions](#)," Jeffrey Goldberg, *The New Yorker*, September 11, 2006:

[Excerpt:] One day in Beit Hanoun, I went to the apartment of Abu Hussein, a leader of the Qassam Brigades in Gaza. ...We sat in his living room, which was decorated with posters of various Hamas leaders who had been assassinated. ...As we sat in Abu Hussein's living room, he pulled his son, Hussein, close to him. Hussein is a spirited ninth grader [15 years old] whose passion, he told me, is drawing. I want him to finish his studies, but if he happens to die I don't have a problem, his father said, so long as he dies as a martyr, and on the condition that he takes Jews with him when he dies. I will be happy if he dies this way.

Hussein ran out of the room, and came back with a photograph of himself. This is my martyr picture, he said, handing it to me. In the photograph, he wore khaki shirt and pants and held an AK-47. If I die, this is the photo that will appear on the martyr posters in Gaza. All of his schoolmates have a martyr photo, he said, so when we get killed we'll have the best posters.

Islam is winning, his father said. The second intifada was stronger than the first intifada, and the next one will be stronger than this one. We'll keep improving our weapons and rockets, and we're not afraid of martyrdom. We're happy to sacrifice our families to win this battle.

Hussein said, I'm his only son, and he wants me to die! Then he laughed, and put his arm around his father.

- MEMRI: *Inquiry and Analysis Series - No. 393 - Palestinian Authority - October 5, 2007* [Hamis Children's Magazine Al-Fateh Encourages Terrorism, Glorifies Martyrdom](#) By C. Jacob

[Excerpt:]

"The Hamas children's magazine Al-Fateh is published biweekly in London, and is also posted online at www.al-fateh.net. It began publication in September 2002, and its 108th issue was released in mid-September 2007."

"The magazine, which features stories, poems, riddles, puzzles, etc., includes incitement to jihad and martyrdom and glorification of terrorist operations and of their planners and perpetrators, as well as characterizations of Jews as "murderers of the prophets" and laudatory descriptions of parents who encourage their sons to kill Jews. In each issue, a regular feature titled "The Story of a Martyr" presents the "heroic deeds" of a mujahid from one of the organizations who died in a suicide operation (including operations against civilians) or who was killed by the IDF."

- MEMRI: *Special Dispatch Series - No. 1841 - Palestinian Authority - February 13, 2008*

[Hamas Children TV Bunny 'Assud' Replaces 'Martyred' Brother 'Nahoul the Bee,' Vows to Liberate Al-Aqsa, 'Eat Jews'](#)

[Excerpt:] *"Girl: 'How come you are called Assud, even though you look like a rabbit?'"*

"Assud: 'Because a rabbit is not good. He's a coward. But I, Assud, will get rid of the Jews, Allah willing, and I will eat them up, Allah willing, right?'"

"Saraa Barhoum: 'Allah willing.'"

Videos:

- Clip from Palestinian Media Watch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-FGfUTRO2s> Aqsa TV (Hamas): Child puppet kills George Bush puppet. March 30, 2008.
- Four-year-old girl vows to be suicide terrorist in Hamas TV dramatization. Video clip from Palestinian Media Watch. March 21, 2007: http://www.pmw.org.il/asx/PMW_mamareem2007.asx
- Hamas video promotes terrorism among children. Video clip from the Palestinian Media Watch, March 25, 2007, http://www.pmw.org.il/asx/PMW_AhmadYassinClipKids.asx.
- PA Child: "Daddy bought me a machine gun and a rifle", http://www.pmw.org.il/asx/PMW_kidPoem.asx, Palestinian Media Watch, from PA TV, February 26, 2006.

[Palestinian minors killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Territories, Compiled by B'Tselem:](#)

This 31 Palestinian youths, whose deaths are documented below, were involved in violent attacks. This list is based on statistics compiled by the B'tselem, an Israeli NGO which generally relies on Palestinian sources, and whose claims are not subject to independent verification. Since both the Palestinian sources and B'tselem would tend to understate Palestinian involvement in terror and acts of violence against Israel, this list, which covers the period from December 2006 through March 2008, should be considered to be a lower limit, and does not include Palestinian youths involved in terrorism who were detained, injured, and not killed.

[Palestinian minors killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Territories](#)

Event date Date of death Name Age Gender Citizenship Place of residence Event location Killed while fighting Source of Injury Source of fire Ammunition Object of targeted killing Targeted killing Notes

28/03/2008 28/03/2008 Bilal 'Abd Rabo Mussa al-Astal 16 M Palestinian al-Qarara, Rafah in al-Qarara, Rafah district Yes Gunfire No No Killed when moving about with other armed men near the perimeter fence.

28/03/2008 28/03/2008 Tammer Ra'id Mahmoud Dawas 16 M Palestinian Jabalya,

North Gaza in Beit Lahiya, North Gaza district Yes Gunfire No No
Killed during an exchange of gunfire with soldiers near the perimeter fence.

02/03/2008 02/03/2008 Mahmoud Muhammad Ahmad Masalmeh 15 M Palestinian
Beit 'Awwa, Hebron in Beit 'Awwa, Hebron district No Gunfire No No Killed in a
confrontation between soldiers and stone throwers who tried to cut the separation
fence.

02/03/2008 02/03/2008 'Abd a-Rahim Muhammad 'Abd al-Fatah Saleh 16 M
Palestinian Jabalya Refugee Camp, North Gaza in Jabalya, North Gaza district Yes
Gunfire Tank Shell No No
Killed when he operated a charge during an incursion into the area.

01/03/2008 01/03/2008 Mahmoud Na'im Ahmad al-'Attar 17 M Palestinian Jabalya,
North Gaza in Jabalya, North Gaza district Yes Gunfire Helicopter Missile No No
Killed when moving about with other armed men during the army's incursion into the
area.

28/01/2008 28/01/2008 Qusai Suliman al-Afandi 17 M Palestinian a-Duheisheh
Refugee Camp, Bethlehem in Bethlehem No Gunfire No No Killed when throwing
stones at soldiers who came to arrest wanted persons.

07/01/2008 07/01/2008 Fawaz 'Awani Fawaz Frihat 17 M Palestinian al-Yamun,
Jenin , Jenin district Yes Gunfire No No Killed in an exchange of gunfire with
soldiers.

07/01/2008 07/01/2008 Fawaz 'Awani Fawaz Frihat 17 M Palestinian al-Yamun,
Jenin in al-Yamun, Jenin district Yes Gunfire No No Killed when he and other armed
men fired at soldiers at a checkpoint.

06/01/2008 06/01/2008 Ziad Isma'il Hassan Abu Rakbah 16 M Palestinian a-Nuseirat
Camp, Deir al-Balah in al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah district No Gunfire No
No Killed when he escorted young men who approached a cirtus grove that soldiers
had encircled during the incursion into the area.

06/01/2008 06/01/2008 Mahmoud Rabah Muhammad A'bed 17 M Palestinian Gaza
city in al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah district Yes Gunfire Tank Shell No No
Killed in an exchange of gunfire with soldiers when the army made an incursion into
the area.

02/01/2008 02/01/2008 Mus'ab Walid 'Omar Jendiyeh 17 M Palestinian Gaza city in
Gaza city Yes Gunfire No No
Killed in an exchange of gunfire with soldiers when the army entered the a-Sheja'iyeh
neighborhood.

04/12/2007 04/12/2007 Samir 'Ali Ahmad a-Daqrان 17 M Palestinian Deir al-Balah in
Deir al-Balah Yes Gunfire Helicopter Missile No No Killed while attending a training
center belonging to the Hamas.

09/11/2007 09/11/2007 Jihad 'Alian Muhammad a-Nabahin 17 M Palestinian al-

Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah in al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah district No Gunfire No No

Killed when he and his friend tried to cross the perimeter fence and enter Israel.

09/11/2007 09/11/2007 Bilal Ahmad 'Alian a-Nabahin 14 M Palestinian al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah in al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah district No Gunfire No No

Killed when he and his friend tried to cross the perimeter fence and enter Israel.

24/10/2007 24/10/2007 Muhammad 'Atiyyah Hassan Klub 16 M Palestinian Beit Lahiya, North Gaza in Beit Lahiya, North Gaza district No Gunfire Missile No No
Killed while standing next to rocket launchers that had fired Qassams at Israel.

24/10/2007 24/10/2007 'Abd al-Fatah Fawzi 'Abd al-Fatah 'Askar 14 M Palestinian Beit Lahiya, North Gaza in Beit Lahiya, North Gaza district No Gunfire Missile No No

Killed while standing next to rocket launchers that had fired Qassams at Israel.

18/09/2007 18/09/2007 Muhammad Rida Mahmoud Khaled 16 M Palestinian 'Ein Beit al-Maa Refugee Camp, Nablus in 'Ein Beit al-Maa Refugee Camp, Nablus district Yes Gunfire No No

Killed while throwing a petrol bomb at an army jeep.

06/09/2007 10/09/2007 Wadi'a Khalil Mustafa Samarah 15 M Palestinian Jenin in Jenin No Gunfire No No

Killed while throwing stones at soldiers during an operation to arrest wanted persons.

24/08/2007 24/08/2007 Mustafa 'Adnan Sa'id Nasser 17 M Palestinian Jabalya, North Gaza next to Karni Checkpoint, Gaza district Yes Gunfire No No

Killed during an exchange of gunfire with soldiers.

24/08/2007 24/08/2007 Hamam Ahmad 'Abd al-Qader Nasser 15 M Palestinian Jabalya, North Gaza next to Karni Checkpoint, Gaza district Yes Gunfire No No

Killed during an exchange of gunfire with soldiers.

17/08/2007 17/08/2007 Nur Ibrahim Yusef Mar'i 15 M Palestinian Kfar Dan, Jenin in Kfar Dan, Jenin district No Gunfire No No

Killed while trying to help an injured armed person after he fired at soldiers.

20/06/2007 20/06/2007 Suliman Ibrahim Suliman Abu Khashan 17 M Palestinian Khan Yunis in Khan Yunis Yes Gunfire No No

Killed during an exchange of gunfire with soldiers near Kissufim crossing while looking for wanted persons.

19/05/2007 19/05/2007 Maher Hamad 'Abed Abu Hashish 15 M Palestinian al-Qaraya al-Badwiya Maslakh, North Gaza in Beit Hanun, North Gaza district No Gunfire Helicopter Missile No No

Killed while attempting to collect Qassam rocket launchers with two friends.

19/05/2007 19/05/2007 Muhammad 'Abd al-Fatah Ahmad Abu Mutee' 16 M

Palestinian Beit Lahiya, North Gaza in Beit Hanun, North Gaza district No Gunfire
Helicopter Missile No No
Killed while attempting to collect Qassam rocket launchers with two friends.

19/05/2007 19/05/2007 Hatem Mahdi Muhammad Hamid 17 M Palestinian Jabalya
Refugee Camp, North Gaza in Jabalya Refugee Camp, North Gaza district No Gunfire
Helicopter Missile No No
Killed while attempting to collect Qassam rocket launchers.

29/03/2007 29/03/2007 Ahmad Ibrahim Suleiman 'Assa'sah 16 M Palestinian Jenin in
Jenin No Gunfire No No
Killed while throwing stones at an army jeep during an arrest operation.

28/03/2007 29/03/2007 Sa'id Saber Ahmad Abu Wardeh 16 M Palestinian Jabalya,
North Gaza in Beit Lahiya, North Gaza district No Gunfire Helicopter Missile No No
Killed when he and his friends were near a car in which armed men were riding, at
which the gunfire was aimed.

21/03/2007 21/03/2007 Muhammad Ibrahim 'Abd al-'Aziz Salemah (Barghuti) 17 M
Palestinian A'bud, Ramallah and al-Bira in A'bud, Ramallah and al-Bira district Yes
Gunfire No No
Killed near the main road when, the army contends, he was preparing to throw petrol
bombs.

09/03/2007 09/03/2007 Muhammad Ahmad Muhammad al-Ghalban 17 M Palestinian
Khan Yunis next to the Perimeter Fence, Gaza district Yes Gunfire No No
Killed on his way to carry out an attack against soldiers.

25/01/2007 25/01/2007 Fadel Mutlaq Daji Balawaneh 17 M Palestinian Tulkarm in
Tulkarm No Gunfire No No Wanted by Israel.
Killed while tried to escape from undercover unit who came to arrest him.

13/12/2006 13/12/2006 'Alaa Ahmad Muhammad Makawi 17 M Palestinian Gaza city
next to Karni Checkpoint, Gaza district Yes Gunfire No No
Killed while trying to infiltrate into Israel through the Gaza perimeter fence to carry
out an attack.