

28 June, 2020

Dear Minister Maas,
Dear Minister Dr. Müller,

We write to you regarding evidence that we have uncovered, showing that German government grantees are linked to a terrorist organization. Similar concerns are being discussed intensively and urgently across Europe. For example, on May 19, Commissioner for Neighborhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi stated during a meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), that he had [instructed](#) the heads of EU delegations to Israel and West Bank/ Gaza to “look deep” in to the allegations that some EU funds go to terror-linked or -supporting NGOs, declaring that such funding “will not be tolerated.”

In the German context, different ministries and their respective agencies are funding projects (more details in the attached document) that involve at least four NGOs – the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC), Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), Al-Haq and Addameer – with [reported](#) ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), an [EU-designated](#) terror organization. Senior officials of two or more of these (UAWC and Addameer) [were arrested](#) as part a 50-person terror cell operating in the West Bank allegedly responsible for a bomb attack that murdered a teenager in August 2019.

- **Samer Arbid**, UAWC [accountant](#) and previously UAWC “[financial officer](#)” (formerly Addameer’s [accountant](#)). Arbid is on trial for [commanding the PFLP terror cell that carried out the bombing](#). According to the indictment against him (on file), Arbid prepared and detonated the explosive device.
- **Abdel Razeq Farraj**, UAWC “[Finance and Administration Director](#).” According to his indictment (on file), Razeq Farraj held a senior PFLP post and authorized the August 2019 bombing. He is currently standing trial.
- **Khalida Jarrar**: Addameer’s [vice-chairperson](#) until 2017, Jarrar was arrested in October 2019 on suspicions of “[involvement in terror activity](#).” On December 18, 2019, it was revealed that Jarrar had “**emerged as the head of the PFLP in the West Bank and responsible for all the organization’s activities**” (emphasis added). According her indictment (on file), she headed the PFLP in the West Bank since June 2016.
- **Raji Sourani**, [founder and](#) director of PCHR, was “[prohibited](#) from leaving Palestine (sic) from 1977 to 1990.” According to [media reports](#), Raji Sourani served “a three-year sentence [1979-1982] imposed by an Israeli court which convicted him of membership in the illegal Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine...” In February 2014, the PFLP organized a [ceremony](#) in Gaza honoring Sourani for winning the “Alternative Noble Prize.”
- **Jaber Wishah**, [PCHR Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors until 2017](#), in 1985 served as “[the head of the military wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Gaza](#).” A [September 1999 article](#) in Arabic language media similarly states that he was responsible for the PFLP’s military apparatus. [Wishah was convicted](#) by Israel of “holding a leading position in a terrorist organization of which he was a member, intentionally attempting to

kill an Israeli Staff Sergeant in Gaza, configuring a bomb and planting a bomb, possession of firearms and conspiring to commit murder.”

- **Shawan Jabarin**, Al-Haq General director, has been denied exit visas by Israel and Jordan. In 2007, the Israeli High Court referred to Jabarin as a “Doctor Jekyll and Mister Hyde, acting some of the time as the CEO of a human rights organization, and at other times as an activist in a terror organization” ([NGO Monitor’s unofficial translation of the ruling by the Israeli High Court of Justice](#) – June 20, 2007).

Our research, publicly available at www.ngo-monitor.org, shows numerous direct connections between individuals employed by or serving on the board of these NGOs and the PFLP terror organization.

We urge Germany to take necessary measures and, like the EU, launch an investigation in order to prevent the abuse of development funds by those involved in or supporting terror organizations.

Sincerely,

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