

UNRWA schools in Gaza - a greenhouse for Hamas and anti Israeli radicalism

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Hamas maintains control over UNRWA Staff Union

The "Professional List" headed by senior Hamas activist, Suhail al-Hindi, won a landslide victory in the elections to the UNRWA Staff Union held in September 2012. With a high turnout of approximately 11,500 UNRWA employees who cast their ballot, the "Professional List", affiliated with Hamas, won all 11 seats of the teachers sector, 6 out of 7 seats of the workers sector and 8 out of 9 seats of the services sector.

The "Karameh [dignity] List", affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, took part in the elections.

Fatah, on the other hand, boycotted the elections arguing that Hamas controls UNRWA Staff Union and restricts the activity of its members. ¹

Al-Kutla al-Islamiya activities in UNRWA's schools

Al-Kutla al-Islamiya (a.k.a al-Kutla), literally the Islamic block, is Hamas' official arm operating in all educational institutions in the Gaza Strip, from elementary schools to colleges and universities, including the educational institutions run by UNRWA. The Kutla's strategy in elementary and middle school is focused on attracting students to its variety of activities, that are intended to strengthen the bonds with the students as well as their belief in Islam, and gradually exposing them to Hamas ideology in order to make them active members of the Islamic movement.

In each school, including those run by UNRWA, Hamas appointed a student to head the al-Kutla local branch. He operates as point of contact for Hamas and responsible for recruiting students to the Kutla and organizing activities inside school and after-school.²

Media reports documented in recent years a fraction of al-Kutla's activities in the premises of UNRWA's middle schools or al-Kutla's activities in which students of middle schools run by UNRWA participated. Here are some examples:

November 2008 – Al-Kutla held an event honouring students memorizing the Koran in Ahmad Abd al-Aziz middle school run by UNRWA. Al-Kutla's representatives reviewed their activities in school that included strengthening the bonds between students and teachers, disseminating al-Kutla leaflets, posters and magazines to students, organizing a soccer tournament, supplying eye glasses with great discount for students and teachers and conducting a cleaning campaign in school with the

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cooperation of Khan Yunis municipality. Imad Abdin, the school's principle, attended the event and gave a speech to the students.³

July 18, 2009 – Al-Kutla held an event honoring close to 400 outstanding students of elementary, middle and high schools, including of schools run by UNRWA. Hamas senior officials attended the event. MP (Hamas) Ahmad Bahr, deputy speaker of the Palestinian parliament, praised the students saying: "the great excellence of the students of the Gaza Strip is the best proof and most appropriate response to the Zionist enemy, and a message that the Palestinian people grew and will grow scholars who will be able to liberate the holy land from the uncleanliness of the Zionists." Wael Rashid, head of al-Kutla al-Islamiya in Palestine, expressed his wish that the "land of Palestine will be liberated from the Zionist occupation."

January 1, 2010 – Al-Kutla organized a soccer tournament in Rafah commemorating Mohammad al-Sharif, an operative of al-Qassam Brigades, killed on December 12, 2007. Teams from 18 middle schools in Rafah participated in the tournament, including those run by UNRWA. Rafah middle school G (UNRWA) won the finals, defeating al-Omaria middle school (UNRWA). The event took place in the football field of the Services Club founded by UNRWA.

March 15, 2010 – Al-Kutla organized a knowledge competition between 16 middle schools in the northern district of the Gaza Strip, including schools run by UNRWA. Beit Hanoun middle school (UNRWA) and Saad bin Abi Waqas middle school won the competition.⁸



Knowledge competition for students at UNRWA middle schools

October 24, 2010 – Al-Kutla organized a table tennis tournament in Ain al-Hilwa school with the participation of 12 student teams from middle schools in the central district of the Gaza Strip, including middle schools run by UNRWA. In the finals the team representing al-Maghazi middle school A (UNRWA) defeated the students team of al-Maghazi middle school B (UNRWA).

November 6, 2010 – Al-Kutla concluded a soccer tournament in al-Ahali sport club in Gaza with the participation of 14 middle schools, including those run by UNRWA (Gaza al-Jadida and al-Rimal B middle schools). 10

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⁴ http://64.57.218.25/~paldf/forum/showthread.php?t=449291

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⁶ http://www.rafahnews.ps/ar/?action=showdetail&seid=451

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¹⁰ http://www.panet.co.il/online/articles/110/111/S-346857,110,111.html



Al-Kutla tournament in al-Ahali sport club with students from UNRWA's schools

December 5, 2010 – Al-Kutla activists repainted the facilities of al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school, run by UNRWA. 11

February 24, 2011 – Al-Kutla held a series of events honoring outstanding students representing 30 schools. The last event took place in al-Qarara middle School (UNRWA). Mohamad al-Huli, the school's principle, thanked al-Kutla for its efforts to make the event successful. Al-Kutla's representative, Mustafa al-Astal, praised the cooperation with the school's management and the Education Directorate. ¹²

March 3, 2011 – Al-Kutla organized a table tennis tournament in al-Ribat sport club, with the participation of 40 students representing middle schools in central Gaza, including schools run by UNRWA. Students of al-Bureij middle school B (UNRWA) defeated the students of al-Nuserat middle school G (UNRWA). Tareq Tabaza, organizer of the tournament on behalf of al-Kutla, said that it was only one of al-Kutla's diverse activities the in schools of central Gaza. ¹³

March 7, 2011 – Al-Kutla held an event in al-Qarara middle school honouring the outstanding students. Al-Qarara middle school is run by UNRWA. Hamad al-Ruqab, Hamas senior official, and two al-Kutla senior activists, Mohammad Ta'a and Mustafa al-Astal, as well as the school's principle, participated in the event. ¹⁴

Al-Kutla and Hamas officials honouring outstanding students at UNRWA's al-Qarara middle school



March 8, 2011 – Al-Kutla al-Islamiya held the "al-Quds soccer tournament" in Rafah with the participation of students' teams representing 18 middle schools, including those run by UNRWA, and 7 high schools. The team of middle school A (UNRWA) won the tournament. 15

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Soccer tournament in Rafah

March 30, 2011 – Al-Kutla organized in al- Qa'aqa' Mosque a knowledge competition between students representing 4 schools in eastern Gaza, to commemorate the seventh anniversary of Sheik Yassin's death in an Israeli air strike. 16

April 1, 2011 – Al-Kutla held an event honoring 800 female students memorizing the Koran. The honorees were students representing 19 middle and high schools, including schools run by UNRWA.¹⁷

April 27, 2011 – Al-Kutla organized a knowledge competition between Khan Yunis' middle schools, including schools run by UNRWA (al-Qarara and al-Ma'ari middle schools). Al-Ma'ari middle school (UNRWA) won the competition, which was held in commemoration of Hamas former leader Dr. Abd al-Aziz al-Rantisi. 18



Al-Kutla commemorating Rantisi by knowledge competition in middle schools including UNRWA's

July 2, 2011 – Al-Kutla organized in Khan Yunis an event - "the Regiment of Unit and Return" - honoring outstanding students, including those who studied in middle schools run by UNRWA. ¹⁹ Similar events were held in July in Shujaiya and the city of Gaza²¹.

March 25, 2013 - Al-Kutla held a series of "cultural evening events" called "Breezes of Love" and designated for UNRWA middle class students in the central districts of the Gaza Strip. Muaz al-Sharif explained on behalf of al-Kutla that the event in al-Bureij refugee camp was organized to commemorate the martyrdom in the path of Allah of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder and leader of Hamas. The guest speaker, Hassan Maqadma, an ex-prisoner in the Israeli jail and senior Hamas

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operative, ²² praised Sheikh Yassin for his activity in the fields of dawah, politics, military, philosophy and culture, emphasizing that he was "a torch illuminating the way towards the victory and liberation". ²³





UNRWA middle school students in Maghazi refugee camp commemorating Sheikh Ahmed Yassin (March 2013)

August 2013 - Activists of al-Kutla in New B middle school (UNRWA) welcomed students at the beginning of the school year. The al-Kutla's banner was hung alongside the sign of the school.²⁴

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September 26, 2013 - Al-Kutla in al-Nuserat middle school B held a "cultural meeting", called "Reading - when, how and why?" with Mohammad Abu Ros, and a "cultural contest" for students, called "be educated." 25

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November 7, 2013 - Al-Kutla organized a table tennis tournament in middle schools, including the New B School.



December 1, 2013 - Al-Kutla celebrated the victory in Sigil Stone War (November 2012) against Israel at Yabna middle school in Rafah (students are seen trampling an Israeli flag). ²⁶ Al-Kutla's activists also organized a cleaning campaign in B middle school in Rafah. ²⁷



Pictures documenting the anti-Israeli celebration at Yabna middle school in Rafah (the school received financial funding from USAID).



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Al-Kutla's poster featuring former chief commander of al-Qassam Brigades and a Hamas armed operative preparing himself to launch an anti-tank rocket. Beneath al-Kutla's appears the following caption: "Sigil Stone [war] - Victory and Empowerment."



February 26, 2014 – Al-Kutla held in Gaza al-Jadida middle school (UNRWA) and Sultan Suliman school a workshop titled "the mechanism to develop the activities of al-Kutla al-Islamiya in middle schools." Abd al-Latif Zaghra, head of al-Kutla in west Gaza area, attended the workshop. ²⁸

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Islamic Jihad activity in UNRWA schools

The Islamic Jihad through its representatives in the Staff Union and its students' organization al-Rabita al-Islmaiya (a.k.a al-Rabita) is also active in schools run by UNRWA in the Gaza Strip.

November 12, 2013 – Senior members of al-Rabita visited Abasan middle school in east Khan Yunis for the purpose of having a discussion on student issues with the principal, Nabil Sarafandi. Mundhir Abu Drar, al-Rabita's coordinator in east Khan Yunis office, Wisam abu Khater, coordinator of schools issues in the districts of east Khan Yunis and members of the public outreach wing of the Islamic Jihad were in attendance. The principle, Nabil Sarafandi, said that al-Rabita activists regularly visited his school and held activities inside its premises in order to follow-up on students' issues.²⁹



Awad Al-Qiq



Awad Al-Qiq was a science teacher and headmaster at an UNRWA school in Rafah, Gaza Strip. He taught in Rafah Prep Boys School, run by the UNRWA. By night, Awad Al-Qiq was a Palestinian militant - he built rockets for the Islamic Jihad and was a senior commander in the "engineering unit".

On April 30, 2008, Awad Al-Qiqwas was killed by an Israeli air strike on a workshop for the manufacture of weapons in Rafah.

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Awad Al-Qiq was born in the Jabaliya refugee camp in 1975. He studied at the UNRWA school and excelled in chemistry and physics. After he got his degree from Al-Azhar University, in Cairo, Egypt, Awad Al-Qiq began teaching in UNRWA schools and was rapidly promoted. At a relatively early age he was appointed principal of the Ibn Sina elementary school, and after that chosen by UNRWA as principal of a junior high school in Rafah, a post he held until he was killed by the Israeli Air Force.

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As a high school student Awad Al-Qiq joined the Islamic Jihad and was active in its student organization. After graduation he joined the PIJ's military-terrorist wing, the Al-Quds Battalions, where his technological training was fully exploited. He was one of the senior operatives responsible for developing and manufacturing rockets for the PIJ, and prepared bombs and other weapons for them, as well as training new generations of "engineers".

In the summer of 2006 Awad Al-Qiq visited China, where he became interested in light aircraft, possibly either to buy one or manufacture one to carry out terrorist attacks against Israel. His involvement in terrorism was exposed in September 2007 when he escaped an Israel attempt to kill him. Nevertheless, he continued teaching and running an UNRWA school, and indoctrinating children and adolescents in summer camps. It is unclear why, after this terrorist activities were exposed, UNRWA did not fire him.³⁰

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Senior terrorist was employed as a teacher at UNRWA schools

Zuheir al-Qaisi, former leader of the Palestinian terrorist organization, the Popular Resistance Committees, graduated from UNRWA schools and was employed as a teacher by UNRWA.³¹

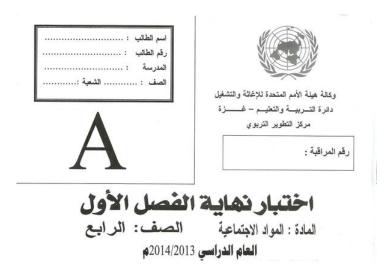


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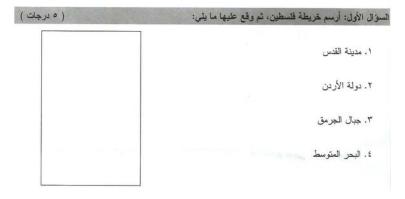
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Implicit message of denying the existence of Israel

UNRWA – First Semester Test (2013/2014)



أولاً/ التربية الوطنية:



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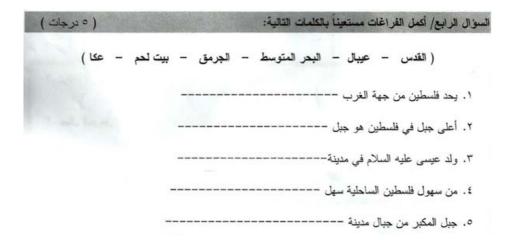
Question No. 1: Draw a map of Palestine and mark on it the following:

The City of al-Quds

The State of Jordan

Jarmak [Hermon] mountains

The Mediterranean Sea



Question No. 4: Fill in the blanks using the following words:

- 1. On the west Palestine borders [Correct answer: the Mediterranean Sea]
- 4. One of the coastal plains of Palestine is the plain of [Correct answer: Acre]

UNRWA – First Semester Test for 2013/2014

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Subject: National Education and Civic Education, Grade 3

Question No. 5: What is your opinion regarding the following actions:

B. The Jews prevent our people from praying in al-Aqsa Mosque?

UNRWA - First Semester Test



Subject: Social Studies

Grade: 6

School Year 2013/2014



Question No. 9: Fill in the blanks in the following sentences:

2. Palestine fell under occupation...... the year 1948.

UNRWA – First Semester Test



Subject: Social Studies

Grade: 9

School Year 2013/2014

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Explain:

1. Israel's failure to judaize the City of Acre

The reason......

Direct path between activity in al-Kutla at UNRWA's schools and recruiting to al-Qassam Brigades

The activities of al-Kutla al-Islamiya are a powerful vehicle for Hamas to indoctrinate the youth in both governmental and UNRWA schools in the Gaza Strip and to pave the way for their future recruitment to al-Qassam Brigades.

Reviewing the bio sketches of al-Qassam Brigades' fatalities in the Gaza Strip reveals a repeated pattern. Many of al-Qassam operatives were in their youth activists of al-Kutla al-Islamiya in UNRWA's schools, who joined Hamas and later its military wing al-Qassam Brigades. All were involved in terrorist attacks against Israel or in combat against IDF forces.

Ahmad Mohammad Ghorab



Ahmad Mohammad Ghorab was born in 1980 in Gaza. He graduated from Abu Asi elementary school, Gaza al-Jadida middle school (UNRWA) and Salah Khalaf high school. During middle and high schools Ghorab served as the leader of al-Kutala al-Islamiya.

After dropping out of the Islamic University of Gaza he graduated the Community College of Applied Science and Technology (CCAST) and later worked as a secretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Interior.

Since a young age he used to frequent Ahmad Yassin Mosque and after few years he moved to Ibad al-Rahman Mosque, where he was appointed to the mosque's manager and was responsible for arranging Daawa activities.

In 2000 Ghorab joined the Popular Army, founded by Hamas, and in the following year he was recruited to al-Qassam Brigades by Ismail Lubad, the commander of al-Shati battalion of al-Qassam Brigades.

In the Brigades he underwent military training and then was positioned at al-Shati battalion and assigned for special jihadist operations and patrolling the borders. Later he joined the unit of suicide attackers, and appointed to a commander of Artillery unit. He participated in combat against IDF forces and launched mortar shells and rockets at Israeli communities.

Ghorab was killed in an Israeli Air Force strike on April 4, 2011 while he and a fellow al-Qassam operative were launching mortar shells.³²

Haitham Abd al-Hafez Abd al-Aal



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Abd al-Aal graduated from the al-Fallah elementary and middle school (UNRWA) and al-Nil high school. He was an activist with al-Kutla al-Islamiya during middle school. Abd al-Aal frequented al-Mujama al-Islami Mosque, where he was recruited by Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood.

In 2003, he joined the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades and later participated in combat against IDF forces (including firing RPG rockets). At the same time Abd al-Aal served in the Palestinian Police. On January 15, 2009 he was targeted while making preparations to attack IDF forces in the Tel al-Islam (Tel al-Hawa) neighbourhood west of Gaza city. ³³

Imad Maher Farwaneh



Imad Farwaneh graduated from UNRWA schools and Khalil al-Wazir high school. He became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya as early as middle school and used to frequent al-Barra bin 'Azeb Mosque in the al-Sabra neighborhood, where he was recruited by Hamas. Later, he joined the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades. Farwaneh was killed in the Tel al-Islam neighborhood while attempting to ambush IDF forces.³⁴

Mohammad Zuheir al-Alul

Al-'Aalul graduated al-Fallah elementary and middle school (UNRWA), al-Nil high school and the Islamic University in Gaza. He was an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya, beginning in middle school. Al-'Aalul used to frequent al-Mujama al-Islami Mosque where he was recruited by Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2002, he joined the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigade, underwent military training, was posted in forward positions and participated in combat against IDF forces. ³⁵

Riyad Mohammad al-Ra'i

A-Ra'i graduated from Safad elementary school (UNRWA), al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school (UNRWA), Abd al-Fattah Hamud high school and the Islamic University of Gaza. In middle school he joined al-Kutla al-Islamiya, and in 2001 he was recruited by Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and was involved in Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity. A year later he joined the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, underwent military training (including artillery and infantry), participated in combat against IDF forces in the al-Zaytoun neighborhood, launched rockets and mortar shells at Israeli targets and served as a commander. He was killed (January 2009) in an Israeli Air Force strike near the al-Farouq Mosque in Gaza. ³⁶

Ibrahim Rafiq Abu al-Kheir



Abu al-Kheir graduated from Safad elementary school (UNRWA), al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school (UNRWA), Jamal abd al-Nasser high school and al-Azhar University in Gaza. At school he was an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. From an early age he used to frequent Musab bin Omair Mosque and through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activities he was recruited to Hamas in 1998 and four years later also to the Muslim Brotherhood.

In 2002 he joined the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, underwent basic and advanced military training, participated in combat against IDF forces in the al-Zaytoun neighborhood, took part in detonating an IED aimed at an IDF bulldozer and launched rockets and mortar shells at Israeli communities. He was killed during Operation Cast Lead.³⁷

Mohammad Osama Aqilan



Aqilan was born in Saudi Arabia and at age of 8 returned with his family to Gaza. He graduated from Gaza al-Jadida elementary school (UNRWA), Salah al-Din middle school (UNRWA), Shuhada al-Shati high school and studied at the University College of Applied Sciences (UCAS). In middle school he served as the head of al-Kutala al-Islamiya and was a prominent member of al-Kutala during high school.

He used to frequent Abu Bakr al-Sadiq and Hudhaifa bin al-Yaman mosques. In 2005 he joined Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and, two years later, the al-Qassam Brigades. Aqilan underwent military training, posted in forward positions, participated in jihadist missions, placed explosives charges and documented in video the launching of rockets aimed at Israeli communities for the public relations unit of al-Qassam Brigades. He was killed on January 13, 2009 during an exchange of fire with IDF forces north west of Gaza. 38

Mahmoud Ahmad Juha



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Juha was born in 1992 in Gaza and graduated from al-Fallah elementary and middle school (UNRWA). During middle school he was an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. In 2002 Juha was officially recruited to Hamas and later joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. He underwent military training (including anti-tank warfare and sharpshooting). Juha was killed in January 2009 while participating in combat against IDF forces in the al-Zaytoun neighborhood.³⁹

Khaled Hassan al-'Abed



Al-'Abed graduated from Abu Asi elementary school, Gaza al-Jadida niddle school (UNRWA), Abu Dhir al-Ghufari high school and studied at the Islamic University of Gaza. He used to frequent al-Taqwa Mosque and through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity he was recruited to Hamas (2004) and the Muslim Brotherhood (2005). During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya.

In 2005 at age 17 he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades and was posted in mid 2007 in the special unit of al-Radwan Brigade. An expert in explosives he was assigned to booby trap houses located along the border line with Israel. Al-'Abed was killed In January 2009 while participating in combat in al-Atatra area. 40

Osama Ayyub al-Sifi

A-Sifi graduated from al-Fallah elementary and middle school (UNRWA), al-Zaytoun high school and was a student at Gaza's Ummah University. In middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. From an early age, a-Sifi used to frequent al-Farouq Mosque in the al-Zaytoun neighborhood, where he was recruited to Hamas.

In 2005, he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. A-Sifi also served in the Palestinian Police Special Forces and later transferred to the Public Order and Intervention Forces. At the beginning of Operation Cast Lead he was assigned to carry out a suicide attack against IDF forces. He was killed in battle in January 2009. 41

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Saad Mohammad Hassan



Hassan graduated from al-Hurriya elementary school, al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school [UNRWA] and Shouhada al-Zaytoun high school. In middle school, he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. From an early age he used to frequent al-Imam al-Shafi'i Mosque, where he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood (2004). In 2007 he joined al-Qassam Brigades, underwent military training, was posted to the anti aircraft unit and participated in combat against IDF forces. Hassan was killed in battle in January 2009.

Ibrahim Mahmoud Washah



Washah graduated from UNRWA schools in Nuserat refugee camp (elementary and middle schools) and Khaled bin al-Walid high school. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. From an early age he used to frequent al-Jam'iya al-Islamiya Mosque in Nuserat and the Salah Shehadeh Mosque. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activities in the Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and later joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades (2000). He also served in the Marine Unit of the Police. Washah was killed in battle in January 2009.

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Amru Mohammad Nassar



Nassar graduated from UNRWA schools in the Nuserat refugee camp (elementary and middle schools), Shouhada al-Aqsa high school and was a student at al-Aqsa University in Gaza. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya and was also a member of the Muslim scouts. Nassar used to frequent Hassan al-Bana Mosque and through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity he was recruited in 2007 to Hamas and a year later joined the ranks of its military wing, al-Qassam Brigades, underwent military training and was posted in forward positions. He was killed in battle in January 2009. 44

Azmi Mohammad Diab

Diab graduated from al-Imam al-Shafi'i elementary school, al-Fallah middle school (UNRWA), abd al-Fattah Hamoud high school and al-Azhar University in Gaza and was an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. From an early age he used to frequent 'Aliyeen Mosque where he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and in 2003 he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. In the Brigades he underwent extensive military training (including suicide attacker training), launched mortar shells and rockets (Qassam and RPG) at Israeli targets, and took part in combat against IDF forces. He was killed in battle in January 2009.

Radwan Fayez al-Daya

A-Dayah graduated from Safad elementary school (UNRWA), al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school (UNRWA) and Tunis high school. A member of al-Kutla al-Islamiya since middle school, he attended the Hassan al-Bana Mosque and there he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2006, he joined al-Qassam Brigades, underwent military training , was posted to forward positions, participated in combat against the IDF in the northern district, prepared and placed IEDs, and participated in digging and outfitting tunnels for operational use. Al-Daya was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 46

Khaled Mohammad Abu Askar

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Abu 'Askar graduated from Ibn Rushd elementary school, Jabalya middle school (UNRWA) and Abu Obaeida al-Jarah high school. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. At that time he contacted operatives of al-Qassam Brigades asking them to help him join the organization. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity in Abu Bakr al-Sadiq Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood (2004) and at age 16 also to al-Qassam Brigades. Several times he offered himself as a volunteer to carry out a suicide attack against Israeli targets. Abu 'Askar was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 47

Salah Naim Sheldan

Sheldan graduated from Safad elementary school (UNRWA), al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school (UNRWA) and Tunis high school. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity in Ali bin Abi Taleb Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood (2006) and later the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades.. In the Brigades he underwent military training and was posted in the the Izz al-Din al-Qassam's engineering corps. Sheldan was killed during Operation Cast Lead 48

Bilal Mohammad Omar

Omar graduated from al-Shati elementary school (UNRWA), al-Rimal middle school (UNRWA) and Shouhada al-Shati high school. Since middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity in White Mosque in Shati refugee camp he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. Omar served in Hamas' security apparatus and in 2007, he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. In the Brigades he underwent military training, was posted to forward positions, and was assigned to guard the house of the chief police commissioner. Omar was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 49

Nahez Salim Abu Namus

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Abu Namus graduated from al-Rimal elementary school (UNRWA), al-Zaytoun middle school (UNRWA) and Zueir al-Alami high school. In the ninth grade, he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at al-Fallah Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood (2005). On April 20, 2007 he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. He also served in the Cavalry Unit of the Palestinian Police. In the Brigades he underwent military training and was posted in an infantry unit and later transferred to the artillery unit. Abu Namus was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 50

Saed Mohammad Islim



Islim graduated from al-Imam al-Shafi'i elementary and middle school (UNRWA), and Khaled bin al-Walid high school, and studied for a year at the al-Quds Open University in Beit Lahiya. During the various stages of his studies at school he was an activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at al-Nur Mosque and later Abdallah Azzam Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2000 he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades, underwent military training, launched rockets at Sderot, fired mortar shells at IDF positions, served in the anti-aircraft unit and as a commander in an infantry unit. Islim also served in the Public Order and Intervention Forces and held the rank of Inspector. The night before his death he was posted to a forward position. Islim was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 51

Baha Ziad Al-Gharabli

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Al-Gharabli graduated from an elementary school in Shuja'iya, Muaz bin Jabal middle school and Jamal Abd al-Nasser high school. During middle school he became an activist in al-Kutla al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at al-Islah Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2006 he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades, and also served as a Constable in the Palestinian Police. In the Brigades he underwent advanced military training, served in the anti-aircraft unit, and was posted in forward positions. Al-Gharaabli was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 52

Mohammad Tawfiq al-Nimrah

Al-Nimrah graduated from the al-Fallah elementary and middle school (UNRWA), Zuheir al-Alami high school and was a student at the University College of Applied Sciences (UNRWA). During the various stages of his studies at school he was an activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya. Though his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activities he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood (2003) and three years later he joined the joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. Al-Nimrah was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 53

Mohammad Nabil Barghouth



Barghouth graduated from Safad elementary and middle school (UNRWA) and was a student at Shouhada al-Zaytoun school. He was an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya during the various stages of his studies at school and through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at al-Shafi'i Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and in 2000 he joined the ranks of al-Qassam Brigades. He also served in the Security and Protection Forces. In the Brigades he participated in combat against IDF forces in the al-Zaytoun area, launched rockets and mortar shells at Israeli communities and served as the second in command of the al-Zaytoun Brigade's artillery unit. Barghouth was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 54

Rami Suliman Abu al-Sheikh

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Abu a-Sheikh was born in Jordan in 1982. He graduated from elementary school in Jordan, UNRWA's middle school in al-Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza and al-Azhar University in Gaza. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. He joined Hamas, the Muslim Brotherhood and the al-Qassam Brigades (2003) and also served as an officer in the Palestinian Police (anti drug unit) and held the rank of Sub-Inspector. In the Brigades he underwent military training (basic and artillery), served as a commander, participated in combat against IDF forces in the area of al-Maghazi, fired RPG rockets at IDF vehicles and launched rockets at Israeli communities. Abu a-Sheikh was killed during Operation Cast Lead.⁵⁵

Mohammad Ismail Al-Ghumari



Al-Ghumari graduated from UNRWA's elementary and middle school in al-Maghazi refugee camp, al-Manfaluti high school and was a student at the al-Quds Open University. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at Ahmad Yassin Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. In 2007 he joined the al-Qassam Brigades andunderwent military training. Al-Ghumari also served in the Police. He was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 56

Alaa al-Din al-Qatrawi



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Al-Qatrawi graduated from UNRWA's elementary and middle schools in Nuserat refugee camp, Khaled bin al-Walid high school and was a student at the Islamic University of Gaza. During middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at Obeida bin al-Jarah Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood (2002). In the Brigades he underwent military training (including sharp shooting), was posted to forward positions in the Nuserat area, participated in combat against IDF forces, placed IEDs, and participated in digging and outfitting tunnels for operational use. He also served in the Hamas Interior Ministry's Executive Force and later worked as a criminal investigator in the Palestinian Police. He was killed during Operation Cast Lead.⁵⁷

Sharaf Mohammad Abu Shamaleh



Abu Shamaleh graduated from UNRWA's elementary and middle schools in Khan Yunis, Harun al-Rashid high school and the University College of Applied Sciences (UNRWA). During the various stages of his studies at school he was an activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at al-Imam al-Shafi'i Mosque he was recruited to Hamas and later to al-Qassam Brigades (2006). Abu Shamaleh served in the al-Zaytoun and North Gaza Brigades, volunteered to carry out a suicide mission, underwent military training, was posted in forward positions, participated in military operations, placed IEDs, carried out observations of IDF forces in the area of Khuzaa, Abassan and East al-Zaytoun and participated in digging and outfitting tunnels for operational use. He also served in the Hamas Interior Ministry's Security and Protection Unit. He was killed during Operation Cast Lead. 58

Wisam Abd al-Majid al-Qoqa

Al-Qoqa graduated from al-Shati elementary school (UNRWA), Gaza al-Jadida middle school (UNRWA), an unknown high school and was a student at the Islamic University of Gaza. In middle school he became an activist of al-Kutla al-Islamiya and headed the its branch at Gaza al-Jadida school. Through his Dawa (Islamic outreach) activity at al-Shati al-Kabir Mosque he was recruited in 2002 to Hamas, the Muslim Brotherhood and al-Qassam Brigades. He also served as an Advanced Staff Sergeant Major in the Military Police. In the Brigades he underwent advanced military training, was posted to forward positions, launched rockets and mortar shells at Israeli communities, participated in combat against IDF forces and served as a bodyguard for senior Hamas leaders. He was killed during Operation Cast Lead. ⁵⁹

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Issa Abd al-Hadi al-Batran



Al-Batran was born in 1973 in al-Bureij refugee camp in Gaza. He graduated from UNRWA's elementary and middle schools in al-Bureij, Khaled al-Hassan high school, Gaza Traing Center (UNRWA) and al-Quds Open University. For years al-Batran was employed as a teacher in UNRWA's schools the central district of the Gaza Strip.

In 1989 he joined Hamas and soon afterwards the Muslim Brotherhood. At the beginning of the 90s he was recruited to al-Qassam Brigades and served during the years 1994-6 under the command of Yasser Taha. In the Brigades he participated in combat against IDF forces, placed explosive charges, participated in digging tunnels for the use al-Qassam Brigades and was posted in forward positions. Being a blacksmith he was chosen to join the military manufacturing unit al-Qassam, in which he took part in manufacturing explosive charges, bombs, rockets and other military equipment. He also founded the media office of al-Qassam Brigades in al-Bureij refugee camp.

According al-Qassam Brigades, the IDF carried out four unsuccessful attempts to assassinate al-Batran and the latest was during Operation Cast Lead (January 2009). After the war al-Batran, a teacher in UNRWA's al-Bureij school, was severely injured in a "jihadist mission" and his palm was amputated. He was killed in an Israeli air strike on July 31, 2010. 60

John Ging, UNRWA Director of Operations in Gaza, was notified as early as December 2008, that Issa al-Batran is an active operative of al-Qassam Brigades. No action was taken by UNRWA against al-Batran including after he was targeted four timed by the IDF and his terrorist activity was exposed. ⁶¹ During that time, al-Batran continued to work as a teacher in a school run by UNRWA in al-Bureij refugee camp, and was fired by UNRWA months after Operation Cast Lead following his injury.

Muhammad Isam al-Qassas

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Age: 23

Date of Death: November 1, 2013

UNRWA: Ahmad Abd al-Aziz Middle School

Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Saleh Yusuf al-Bashiti



Age: 23

Date of Death: October 27, 2013

UNRWA: Al-Omriya Elementary and Middle School

Activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Ahmad Bashir al-Rimlawi



Age: 22

Date of Death: October 13, 2013 UNRWA: Salah a-Din Middle School Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Muhammad Lutfi Abed



Age: 25

Date of death: September 5, 2013

UNRWA: Shujaiya Elementary and Middle School

Activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Mueen Hamad Hamada

Age: 46

Date of death: June 23, 2013

UNRWA: Al-Imam al-Shafi'i elementary school and al-Fallah Middle school

Activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya Operative of al-Qassam Brigades



Age: 20

Date of Death: June 30, 2013

UNRWA: Elementary and middle school in Sheikh Radwan

Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Muhammad Faisal Ashtiwi



Age: 24

Date of Death: May 31, 2013

UNRWA: Al-Hashimiya elementary school, Shujaiya middle school

Activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Muhammad Ahmad al-Sarhi



Age: 22

Date of Death: March 28, 2013

UNRWA: Al-Imam al-Shafi'i middle school Activist of al-Kutala al-Islamiya Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Ahmad Ismail Abu Musamih



Age: 29

Date of Death: November 23, 2012

UNRWA: Marazi Elementary and middle school

Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Saadi Muhammad Abu Kamil

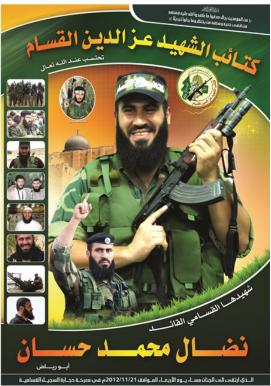


Age: 26

Date of Death: November 21, 2012

UNRWA: Nuserat elementary and middle schools

Operative of al-Qassam Brigades



Age: 32

Date of Death: November 21, 2012

UNRWA: Nuserat elementary and middle schools

Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

Muhammad Salamah Abu Atiwi



Date of Death: November 21, 2012

UNRWA: Nuserat elementary and middle schools

Operative of al-Qassam Brigades

UNRWA insists on hiring senior Hamas official

UNRWA's management has been fully aware for at least the last 9 years that Suhail al-Hindi, head of the teaching sector on behalf of UNRWA, is a senior Hamas activist who condones the jihad against Israel and the suicide attacks carried out by Hamas. UNRWA spokesperson, Chris Gunness, acknowledged his awareness to this information in an article he published on Ynet (January 27, 2009)⁶² referring to an article blaming UNRWA schools of being a hub for Hamas activities.⁶³ To this day (March 2014), Suhail al-Hindi is still being employed by UNRWA⁶⁴, ignoring repeated open source reports on his overt activities as a senior official of Hamas.⁶⁵

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⁶³ http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-3657863,00.html

http://www.maannews.net/arb/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=365824

http://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2014/02/02/491107.html

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UNRWA school instills in students a commitment to the Right of Return and hatred to Israel

Gaza Strip

Source: www.sef.ps/vb/multka279578

Shujaiya elementary school B (UNRWA) commemorated on May 15, 2011 the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba. A tent was erected in school, resembling the plight of the Palestinian refugees. Banners that hung on the tent read: "We will return to Jaffa" and "Sooner or later we will return." Students are seen holding self-made paintings of an old key, a well known Palestinian symbol of the commitment to implement the so-called "right of return".







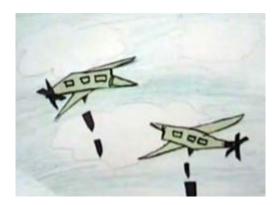
Exhibition at school: "We will not forget our land, our cities, our villages."

Source: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE6vQM0DjJc

Date of uploading: May 16, 2011

School: Maghazi middle school A (UNRWA)

Content: Basma Society for Culture and Arts, with cooperation of Maghazi middle school, taught and trained students in making animation films. One of these films shows Israeli fighter planes bombing and indiscriminately killing Palestinian civilians including children.



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 $Source: \ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO8gNNDgWbA$

School: Mustafa Hafez elementary school for boys in Khan Yunis

Date of uploading: June 28, 2011

Content: Animation film showing IDF indiscriminately killing Palestinian civilians including children.



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Source: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2o8waAuMW4

School: Mustafa Hafez elementary school for boys in Khan Yunis

Date of uploading: May 18, 2011

Content: Nakba ceremony 2011. Students holding banners with Arabic names of Israeli cities, such as Asdood (Ashdod), Tel al-Rabi' (Tel Aviv) and Askelan (Askelon) and later chanting repeatedly: "we'll sacrifice our soul and blood for the sake of you, the martyr". One of the speakers called Israel the "Zionist enemy" and stressed that the Palestinians will return to Palestine. Another speaker described Israel as the "enemy" and asked the students to join him in chanting "the return [to Palestine] is [an obvious] right just as the sun." A student, holding a small wooden map of historic Palestine, led hundreds of students in out loudly chanting together the slogan: "the [Palestinian] people wants to liberate Palestine."



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Source: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUzcfreb_4M

School: Mustafa Hafez elementary school for boys in Khan Yunis

Date of uploading: April 21, 2011

Date of event: January 16, 2011

Content: A man, most probably a teacher, introduced to the students Sheik Jamil Mutawi', salafi imam of Ibn Taymiya Mosque, as their guest speaker, and said: "the army of Palestine will liberate al-Quds."



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Source: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwqpoSrDs9E

School: Dir al-Balah middle school B

Date of uploading: February 22, 2011

Content: sport tournament named "the refugees' right of return"



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Source: www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1eH14h8nHI

School: Beit Hanoun middle school B

Date of uploading: May 16, 2011

Content: Nakba commemoration ceremony at school. Students are seen holding banners with the Arabic names of Israeli cities such as Afula and Acre.



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West Bank

Source: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUzcfreb_4M

School: UNRWA's school in Tulkarem refugee camp

Date of uploading: April 24, 2011

Date of event: April 24, 2011

Content: Sael Khalil, senior operative of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), in a lecture to the students in memory of 63 years to the Nakba, emphasized the Palestinian commitment to "Historic Palestine" and argued that the state of Israel was founded on the lies of the Torah. Ala Saruji, coordinator of al-Awda center in Tulkarem refugee camp, said that al-Awda center organized a special program for 300 students of UNRWA's school in Tulkarem refugee camp in order to raise the awareness to the Palestinian problem and to strengthen the students' historical bonds to the Palestinian cities and villages in Israel.



Source: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUzcfreb_4M

School: UNRWA's school in Tulkarem refugge camp

Date of uploading: May 5, 2010

Date of event: May 2010

Content: Honouring ceremony of outstanding students. Banner: "No Peace Without Return to Our Homes". Faysal Salameh, UNRWA's services manager in Tulkarem refugee camp, said that the students will raise the flag of Palestine in al-Quds and will return to the villages from which the Palestinians were deported in 1948.

