



UNRWA Reform Initiative

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BACKGROUND MATERIAL: [UNRWA in the News](#)

March, 2018	Briefing: U.S. Congressman Chris Smith, Heritage Foundation, United Nations	During the first week of March, 2018, the Center for Near East Policy Research conducted briefings at the U.S. Congress, the office of the U.N. Secretary General (the second meeting) and the Heritage Foundation. The message: Adopt the " UNRWA Reform Initiative ."
March, 2018	Briefing: Knesset UNRWA Policy Forum	The Knesset Lobby for UNRWA Reform held its 3rd session on March 12, 2018, was hosted by MK Sharren Haskel.
March, 2018	Special Report: Anti-Semitism in UNRWA Education	Since UNRWA uses the PA schoolbooks with no omissions or amendments, it actually becomes full partner of the PA anti-Israeli and, sometimes, anti-Semitic indoctrination. Anti-Semitic expressions in such schoolbooks have existed throughout UNRWA's seven-decade activity, mostly within the context of the conflict, but also in the religious context.
February, 2018	Briefing: Jerusalem Municipality Special Session on Violence Emanating from UNRWA in Jerusalem	The Jerusalem Municipal Commission Against Violence invited CFNEPR to conduct a special session on violence emanating from UNRWA facilities in Jerusalem.



February, 2018	Special Report: Updated Study of PA School books (2018 edition) used by UNRWA	This paper is the final update of two former studies. It reviewed UNRWA's role in perpetuating the Middle East conflict, having used for decades textbooks that delegitimize the State of Israel and the very presence of its Jewish citizens in the country, demonize both Israel and Jews in various contexts and advocate a violent struggle against it instead of peace and coexistence.
February, 2018	Trailer: Inside the UNRWA Refugee Camp in Shuafat, Jerusalem	The official trailer from a new film released in February, 2018 - with an inside look at the Shuafat refugee camp in the capital of Israel, Jerusalem.
January, 2018	UNRWA in Jerusalem	A joint production with correspondent Gal Berger of 'Kan' Israeli TV news, which features interviews with children in the Shuafat refugee camp in Jerusalem.
December, 2017	Special Report: Comprehensive Study of all 2017 Palestinian Authority / UNRWA School books	Our first comprehensive study on all 2017 Palestinian Authority school books used in UNRWA schools published by the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center. This study was partially underwritten by the Simon Wiesenthal Center.
November, 2017	Briefing: Knesset UNRWA Policy Forum	"The Knesset Lobby to Reform UNRWA" held its second session on Monday, Nov. 27, at the Jerusalem Hall in the Knesset, chaired by MK Sharren Haskel, who has taken the leadership to demand full disclosure, accountability and transparency from donor nations who render \$1.2 billion of assistance to UNRWA, an agency which seems to promote "Palestinian refugee life in perpetuity", for the families of Arab refugees from the 1948 war.



September, 2017	Briefing: Office of U.S. Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-CO)	Experts from The Center for Near East Policy Research and The Simon Wiesenthal Center presented a new study to Representative Doug Lamborn (R-CO) on Tuesday blasting UNRWA for allegedly including calls for indoctrination and violence in its curriculum.
September, 2017	Special Report: Hamas continues to operate freely in UNRWA schools in GAZA	Lt. Col. (Ret.) Jonathan D. Halevi submits report to MP Michael Levitt at the Canadian Parliament, to correct the notion that Hamas no longer controls administration and education of UNRWA in Gaza. Reason for submission: Canada withdrew finance from UNRWA general fund in 2010, following CFNEPR report which documented Hamas victory in the UNRWA union elections and Canadian resumption of funding to UNRWA in 2016.
October, 2017	Special Report: UNRWA - A UN Agency Encourages Children to Engage in Acts of War	Academic paper systematic inculcation of violence as a value taught in the UNRWA educational system .
September, 2017	From UNRWA to Al-Aqsa	New context of UNRWA: Religious war to kill Jews in the name of Al-Aqsa, Jerusalem and the 'right of return.'
July, 2017	Launch of the Official Knesset Lobby for UNRWA Policy Reform	The Knesset Lobby for UNRWA Policy Reform, chaired by MK Sharren Haskel (Likud), was formed at its first official meeting on July 20, 2017 at The Knesset.
February, 2017	Short Film: Stop Child Abuse: UNRWA Prepares Child Soldiers for War	Palestinian refugee children, under the auspices of UNRWA, are indoctrinated for war against Israel, in violation of the UN treaties which forbid the use of child soldiers.



March, 2017	Short Film: Legacy of UNRWA (English) (Hebrew)	New hard hitting UNRWA policy film, which consolidates audio-visual research of the past eight years.
January 2017	Briefing: The Knesset - UNRWA Reform Initiative	The Center held a briefing on the latest translation of the PA textbooks used in UNRWA schools. The briefing, entitled 'Indoctrination for War Against the Jews' was hosted by MK Aliza Lavie.
September 2016	Briefing: The Offices of U.S. Senator Risch	Center director, David Bedein, travelled to the U.S. to meet with Senator Risch and his staffers on the subject of the Palestinian textbooks used in PA and UNRWA schools and terror groups operating in UN facilities. The meeting resulted in an unprecedented official request for the U.S. 'General Accounting Office' to conduct an official inquiry into terror groups involvement in UNRWA education.
July 2016	Breifing: The Knesset The UNRWA Reform Initiative	Member of Knesset Yehuda Glick hosted the UNRWA Reform Initiative briefing for journalists and diplomats of those donor nations that fund UNRWA.
May 2016	Special Report: Confronting Human Rights Abuses in the Palestinian Authority	Human Rights expert, Bassem Eid, details the human rights violations in the Palestinian Authority territories. This special report published by the UK's Henry Jackson Society think-tank was presented at their offices in the UK to members of the British Parliament.
May 2016	Documentary Film: UNRWA Road to Terror: Palestinian Classroom Incitement	The Center for Near East Policy Research engaged a team of senior journalists who have produced a new short film on the incitement taking place in UNRWA facilities in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.



January 2016	Special Report: Israel and Jews in the Latest Palestinian Authority Textbooks	This report presents translations and analysis from the latest Palestinian Authority textbooks taught in PA and UNRWA schools. Demonization, delegitimization, advocacy of violent struggle rather than peace and jihad, martyrdom and the 'right of return.'
December 2015	Briefing: First UNRWA Policy Forum at The Knesset (VIDEO)	The first- ever 'UNRWA Policy Forum' at The Knesset features UNRWA experts and testimonials from Dr. Arnon Groiss, Palestinian UNRWA refugee Bassem Eid, Adi Schwartz, David Bedein and was hosted by MK Smotrich.
December 2015	Short Film: Mohammad Assaf: War Song for UNRWA	Examining the latest song by UNRWA Ambassador Mohammad Assaf, which calls for a violent struggle against Israel.
December 2015	Special Report: What do Syrians Learn in their Schools	An evaluation of Syrian school books in relation to Jews and Israel.
November, 2015	Special Report: Required Changes in PA Textbooks to Conform with Peace Policies Advocated by the U.S. and E.U.	Recommendations to the U.S. and E.U. in suggesting how the position of UNRWA can and should comply with U.S. and E.U. standards of 'peace' policies.
October, 2015	Special Report: Israel and Jews in the Palestinian Authority Schoolbooks	Special report and translations of the PA schoolbooks from 2000-2006, outlining the demonization and delegitimization of Israel and the Jewish people.



September 2015	Documentary Film: Iran: Billions for Terror	This film details Iran's direct funding of terrorism to its proxy military operatives, Hezbollah and Hamas. With billions of dollars of unfrozen assets expected to be unfrozen and available to Iran, Iranian leaders have stated that they will continue to fund Hamas. This film includes interviews with boy and girl child soldiers of Hamas, who describe their intention to destroy Israel, with guns, and other weapons. The interviews and video of UNRWA-educated children was filmed in Gaza in the summer of 2015.
July, 2015	Special Report: From Tehran to UNRWA: The New U.S.-UNRWA Accord	Commentary on the latest U.S. - UNRWA accord, the Hamas presence in UNRWA and the UNRWA school curriculum.
March, 2015	Documentary Film: Children's Army of Hamas	This short film shows how Hamas continues to indoctrinate children to engage in acts of terror. Shot on location in Gaza, the film features interviews with leaders of Hamas and students who live in UNRWA facilities and number 17,000 young teens now being recruited and exploited for Hamas' army.
December, 2014	Briefing: Henry Jackson Society Event at the British Parliament	The Henry Jackson Society hosted an event with Bassem Eid, Director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group; Dr. Arnon Groiss, Deputy Director of IBA's Arabic Radio and experienced translator of Arabic schoolbooks; and David Bedein, Director of the Center for Near East Policy Research and Founder of The Israel Resource News Agency. The three speakers brought their personal perspectives to the discussion and called for auditing of the funds allocated to UNRWA, making sure that the UNRWA curriculum stops incorporating principles of martyrdom and "right to return" through use of arms, and dismissing those UNRWA officials who have clear and proven links to Hamas.
December, 2014	Special Report: Proud Palestinians Must Lead the	Special report on UNRWA reform by an UNRWA refugee and Palestinian human rights activist, Bassem Eid.



	Fight to Reform UNRWA	
October, 2014	Briefing: Canadian Parliament	Presenting the latest film, 'UNRWA Goes to War,' for Parliamentarians and the discussing the UNRWA / Hamas cooperation over the 'Protective Edge' war.
October, 2014	Special Report: Anti-Semitism in New PA Schoolbooks used in UNRWA Schools: 2001-2014	Summary of anti-semitic motifs found in PA schoolbooks used in UNRWA schools, since the publication of the latest books introduced by the PA in September, 2000.
September, 2014	Special Report: A Dispassionate Look at UNRWA as a Neutral Source After Examining UNRWA Statements During the Summer War	UNRWA Statements post 'Protective Edge' War.
Summer, 2014	Documentary Film: UNRWA Goes to War	UNRWA has been hijacked by Hamas, as the 'Protective Edge' War revealed rockets stored and fired from UNRWA facilities. Students indoctrinated to wage war and jihad in Hamas-run 'Kutla' (youth) clubs and schools with Hamas-run teachers unions.
August, 2014	Policy Paper for Submission to the UN	UNRWA as a convenient surrogate for terrorist organizations.
May, 2014	Briefing at Capital Hill: UNRWA Reform Initiative	Briefing on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. on May 21, 2014 entitled "Is UNRWA Part of the Problem or Solution?"



May, 2014	Briefing at the United Nations: UNRWA Reform Initiative	Participated in a briefing on May 19, 2014 entitled "UNRWA: Providing Humanitarian Relief or Prolonging the Palestinian Refugee Problem?" Held at the United Nations, organized by the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ).
May, 2014	Special Report: NGO Funders of UNRWA	List of NGO's that currently fund UNRWA.
January, 2014	Special Report: UNRWA's Problematic Educational Role in the Middle East Conflict	Special report presented to donor nations that fund UNRWA, outlining fundamental principles of UNRWA educational policies.
May, 2014	Book: Roadblock to Peace - How the UN Perpetuates the Arab-Israeli Conflict: UNRWA Policies Reconsidered	Authored by David Bedein, outlining UNRWA's policies and how they are perpetuating the Arab-Israeli wars.
March, 2014	Briefing: British Parliament - UNRWA Reform Initiative	MP Blackman hosted this parliamentary event at the House of Commons. Dr. Arnon Groiss and Jonathan HaLevi presented the DFID with UNRWA educational materials and asked if they would conduct an evaluation of UNRWA education, which prepares half a million Palestinian students in UNRWA schools to engage in a war. Camp Jihad was also screened for attendees.
February, 2014	Briefing: The Knesset - The UNRWA Reform Initiative	Hosted by MK Chetboun on the subject of the new Palestinian Authority textbooks. Dr. Arnon Groiss displayed the newest textbooks in use in the UNRWA schools and explained the objective ways to evaluate the new textbooks. Dr. Einat Wilf addressed the subject of reforming UNRWA practices on the path to peace.



June, 2013	Briefing - The Knesset: The UNRWA Reform Initiative	Briefing on the UNRWA curriculum of war and screening of 'Inside the UNRWA Classroom' for international diplomats and NGO's.
2013	Documentary Film: Camp Jihad	Filmed at UNRWA summer camps, interviews with staff and youth showing the promoting of a violent 'right of return' and hatred of Jews.
2013	Documentary Film: Inside the UNRWA Classroom	Inside the UNRWA classrooms, showing the educational programming for violent 'right of return.'
2011-2013	Critiques of the Wexler Commission Study of Middle East School Books	Consolidation of articles and reports on the flawed State Department commissioned 'Wexler' study of Palestinian Authority textbooks used in UNRWA schools.
March, 2012	Briefing at the Canadian Parliament: UNRWA Reform Initiative	March 27, 2012: Presentations by David Bedein, Dr. Arnon Groiss and Jonathan D. Halevi.
March, 2012	Special Report: UNRWA As a Violator of Human Rights	Human rights implications and impact of UNRWA policies and practices.
January, 2012	Briefing at Capitol Hill: UNRWA Reform Initiative	Presentation of UNRWA educational materials and discussion with Rep. Chris Smith (R - N.J.) on the subject of education reform.
2011	Book: Where Has All the Flour Gone	A book on UNRWA authored by David Bedein, featuring the politicized policies of UNRWA and its' role in stalling advancement and reconciliation in the region.



October, 2011	Special Report: UNRWA Schools in Gaza - A Greenhouse for Hamas	Hamas infiltration of UNRWA teachers union and 'Kutla' youth clubs and a profile of several Hamas terrorists that came out of these schools.
September, 2011	Special Report: Teaching the Right of Return on UNRWA's Schools	Translations of text taken directly from Palestinian Authority schoolbooks used in UNRWA schools.
2011	Comparative Chart: UNRWA vs. UNHCR	Outlining the statistical data for UNRWA and the UNHCR.
August, 2011	Special Report: UNRWA's Anti-Israel Bias	Misrepresentation of situation in Gaza, promoting the flotilla, whitewashing of Hamas, new commissioner and his political stance and politicizing UNRWA.
July, 2011	Special Report: UNRWA Association with Hamas	'Right of return' radicalism in UNRWA camps and hamas takeover of UNRWA staff, schools and youth clubs.
2011	Documentary Film: UNRWA Right of Return Summer Camp	Summer camp activities in UNRWA camps, promoting the right of return. Interviews with staff and students.
May, 2011	Special Report: The Case for Reforming UNRWA	UNRWA changing its tactics alluding to reform, activities of John Ging, operating policies and the right of return. Incitement and terror groups embedded in UNRWA, textbooks not recognizing Israel/the 'other,' conclusions.
2011	Documentary Film: Palestinian Refugee Policy: From Despair to Hope	UNRWA educational policies, textbooks, comparing UNRWA to UNHCR, re-settling a Palestinian refugee family in Chile, UNRWA questionable policies, interviews with UNRWA staff and profiles of UNRWA students turned suicide killers. Highlighting the terror groups operating within UNRWA facilities.



2010	Special Report: Official Policy Statements of UNRWA Officials: A Thorough Examination	Statements from UNRWA officials.
December, 2010	Special Report: The Palestinian Refugees on the Day After Independence	Implications of the 'right of return.'
July, 2010	The Incitement Report: Vol. I, Issue 5	Official Palestinian Authority incitement and slander against Israel. Official UNRWA incitement in the case of the flotilla 'Mavi Marmara.'
June, 2010	Briefing at Capitol Hill: UNRWA Reform Initiative	Screening 'For the Sake of Nakba' and a presentation by Arlene Kushner of the subject of Palestinian refugees.
April, 2010	The Incitement Report: Vol. I, Issue 4	Addresses the misrepresentations and incitement routinely found amongst UNRWA representatives.
2010	Documentary Film: For the Sake of Nakba	Exposing the UNRWA policies promoting 'right of return' through armed struggle, a look at UNRWA schools, camps, educational policies and 'Nakba Day' activities. An interview with UNRWA spokesman, Chris Gunness.
August, 2009	Special Report: UNRWA: Its Role in Gaza	UNRWA's position during the 'Cast Lead' war, Hamas connections, public statements by UNRWA, IDF and UNRWA.
March, 2009	Monograph Prepared for the European Parliament: UNRWA in Gaza	Hamas domination of teachers unions in Gaza, UNRWA workers elections, officials support for armed struggle, teachers promote martyrdom, terror takeover of 'Kutla' youth clubs, 'Islamic Jihad' presence in UNRWA schools, and PFLP presence in UNRWA schools.



	& Terror Groups: The Connection	
November, 2008	Special Report: Overview and Policy Critique	UNRWA history, operational data, finances, rolls, mandate, policies and its' effect on refugees, terror, political agenda and questionable practices.
September 2005	Special Report: A Hard Look At An Agency in Trouble	UNRWA inaction, denials, responsibilities and conclusions.
January, 2005	Briefing at Capitol Hill: UNRWA Reform Initiative	Briefing for staffers of the U.S. House International Relations Committee members on the subject of official Palestinian Authority textbooks as the fomenters of violence among youth in the territories.
2004	Film: Hostages of Hatred	Our first short documentary film on UNRWA.
October, 2003	Special Report: UNRWA Links to Terrorism	Overview of UNRWA, terrorism links, evidence, UNRWA attitudes and lack of action, denials and responsibilities, conclusions.
March, 2003	Special Report	Statistical data on UNRWA as of 2002, analysis, UNRWA policies, terror in the camps, conclusions.

