

Americans Murdered by Palestinian Arab Terrorists in Israel or the Administered Territories Since the Oslo Accords (Sept. 1993)

1. **Yael Botwin**, age 14, a dual American-Israeli citizen from California, was one of 4 people killed in the September 4, 1997 bombing on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem. In addition, 6 American citizens were injured in the attack. Hamas claimed responsibility for the bombing.

The Israeli Government has identified Mahmoud Abu Hanudeh, a resident of Palestinian Authority-controlled territory, as one of the masterminds of the bombing.

2. **David Boim**, age 17, a dual American-Israeli citizen from New York, was killed in a drive-by shooting by Palestinian Arab terrorists near Beit El, on May 13, 1996. Another U.S. citizen, Moshe Greenbaum, age 17, was wounded in the attack.

The Israeli government has identified Islamic Jihad member Imjad Hinawi, a resident of PLO-controlled Jericho, as a prime suspect. According to Israeli media reports in early 1997, Hinawi was briefly imprisoned by the PA, then given a vacation from prison in February 1997, to which he did not return. On September 17, 1997, Israel asked the PA to extradite Hinawi; the PA ignored the request.

In February 1998, Hinawi was re-arrested by the PA, put on trial, and on February 14 was sentenced to 10 years in prison. According to a November 1998 Israeli government report, Hindawi is a free man, residing in PA territory.

3. **Joan Davenny**, age 46, was one of three people killed in the August 21, 1995 bus bombing in Jerusalem, carried out by Hamas.

Mrs. Davenny, a teacher at the Ezra Academy, a Jewish school in New Haven, Connecticut, had come to Israel to spend her sabbatical year at Hebrew University, where she had won a Melton Fellowship for Jewish Studies. Her 18 year-old

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daughter, Maya, had planned to join her mother in Israel at the end of August; instead, she came for her mother's funeral.

The Israeli government has identified Abd al-Majid Dudin, a Hamas member from the village of Dura, as having provided the training for the terrorist to carry out the attack. The Rabin government requested his extradition on March 12, 1996; the PA ignored the request. Dudin was arrested by the PA police in July 1996 and sentenced to 12 years in prison. According to Peace Watch, a non-partisan group that monitors violations of the Oslo accords, "even though Dudin officially remains in prison in Jericho, he actually works as a jailer and is permitted freedom of movement in Jericho."

According to a November 1998 Israeli government report, Dudin is a free man, residing in PA territory.

4. **Dov Dribben**, a 28 year-old American-Israeli farmer, was murdered by Palestinian Arab terrorists near the town of Maon on April 19, 1998. He left behind a wife and four small children. Dribben's family had moved to Israel from New York some years ago.

According to Israeli media reports, the killers have taken refuge in nearby Palestinian Authority territory.

5. **Sara Duker**, 22, a native of Teaneck, New Jersey, and a recent graduate of Barnard College in New York, was killed in the February 25, 1996 bus bombing in Jerusalem, carried out by Hamas. Matthew Eisenfeld, to whom she was to be married, was killed in the same attack (see #6 below).

At the time of her death, Sara was working as a research technician in microbiology at Hebrew University.

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6. **Matthew Eisenfeld**, 25, a second-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, was killed in the February 25, 1996 bus bombing in Jerusalem, carried out by Hamas. Sara Duker, to whom he was to be married, was killed in the same attack (see #5 above).

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7. **Alisa Flatow**, a native of New Jersey and a student at Brandeis University, was one of 7 people killed in an April 9, 1995 bus bombing in Kfar Darom, Gaza Strip, which was carried out by Islamic Jihad.

A report by the U.S. Government Foreign Broadcast Information Service on April 14, 1995 quoted an Israel Radio report, on April 13, 1995, that FBI agents had arrived in Israel to investigate the killing, but added that "Rashid Abu-Shibak, the deputy commander of the Palestinian security services in Gaza, announced that the U.S. investigators will not be allowed to conduct an investigation of their own and that they will have to settle for a report from the joint Israeli-Palestinian coordination committee."

In July 1997, the Israeli government reported that the PA had recently released from prison "Nabil Sharihi, who helped prepare the bomb used in the April 1995 Kfar Darom attack in which 7 Israelis and 1 American [Alisa Flatow] were killed." Sharihi is now reportedly in PA detention, along with another terrorist involved in the same bombing, Adnan al-Ghoul. However, that detention does not relieve the PA of its obligation, in the Oslo accords, to extradite Sharihi and al-Ghoul to Israel for prosecution.

A report by the Israeli Justice Ministry on October 21, 1998, identified three additional Palestinian Arab terrorists who were involved in the bombing that killed Flatow, all three of whom are free men, residing in PA territory: Hassan Hamadan, Nasser Hindawi, and Yousef Samiri.

8. **Leah Stern**, a dual American-Israeli citizen from Passaic, New Jersey, was one of the 15 people killed in the July 30, 1997 bombing of the Mahane Yehuda marketplace in Jerusalem. In addition, a number of American citizens were injured in the attack. Hamas is believed to be responsible for the bombing.

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9. **Yaron Ungar**, 25, an American-Israeli schoolteacher, was killed in a drive-by shooting by Palestinian Arab terrorists near Beit Shemesh, on June 9, 1996. His wife, Efrat, was also killed in the attack. They left behind two young children, Dvir (age 2) and Yishai (age 7 months).

The Israeli government has identified Ibrahim Ghneimat as having taken part in the attack. On September 17, 1997, Israel asked the PA to extradite Ghneimat,

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but the PA ignored the request.

According to an Israeli Justice Ministry report on October 21, 1998, Ghneimat is a free man, residing in PA territory.

10. **Nahshon Wachsmann**, an Israeli soldier with dual American-Israeli citizenship, was kidnapped on October 9, 1994, and murdered by Hamas.

The mastermind of the kidnap-murder, Mohammad Dief, is a resident of PA-controlled Gaza. (*Jerusalem Post*, August 23, 1996)

According to a November 1998 Israeli government report, Dief is a free man.

11. **Ira Weinstein**, an American citizen, was wounded in the February 25, 1996 bus bombing in Jerusalem, carried out by Hamas, and died of his wounds on April 13, 1996. (Sara Duker and Matthew Eisenfeld, also American citizens, were killed in the same attack--see #s 5 and 6 above). An Israeli government report (*Jerusalem Post*, July 3, 1998) has also identified four members of the Palestinian Preventive Security Forces as having assisted in preparations for the attack: Bassam Issa, Kamal Khalifa, Yasser Yusef Mustafa Khasin, and Mahmud Sanwar. On July 7, 1996, Israel asked the PA to extradite Issa; the PA has ignored the request.