

PRESS BULLETIN

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7 Terrorists Involved in Killing Americans are Free in PA territory; 3 are in Detention

(communicated by the Israel Government Press Office)

The United States Senate is due to hold hearings on March 25 on the issue of Palestinian terrorists involved in attacks in which American citizens were killed. Following is an update regarding the status and whereabouts of 10 Palestinian terrorists involved in the murder of American citizens:

Free in Palestinian Authority areas

1. **Ibrahim Ghneimat** - member of the Tzurif terror cell who was involved in numerous terror attacks against Israelis. He took part in the kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldier Sharon Edri and planned the March 21, 1997 bombing at a Tel Aviv café which killed Yael Gilad, Anat Rozen-Winter and Michal Avrahami. He was also involved in the murder of Yaron Ungar, a dual American-Israeli citizen, and his wife Efrat on June 9, 1996 and the murder of Uri, Rachel and Zeev Munk on July 26, 1996. **The PA claims Ghneimat is under arrest. In fact, he sleeps at the prison but the PA allows him to come and go as he pleases during the day.**
2. **Nafez Mahmoud Sabih** - involved in planning the two suicide bombing attacks on Bus 18 in Jerusalem on February 25 and March 2, 1996, and the suicide bombing attack in Ashkelon on February 25, 1996. Dozens of people, including American citizens Matthew Eisenfeld, Sara Duker and Ira Weinstein, were killed in the attacks, for which Hamas claimed responsibility. **Currently serves in the Palestinian security forces.**
3. **Mohammad Dief** - senior Hamas terrorist who planned numerous terror attacks against Israelis, including the October 9, 1994 kidnapping and murder of Nachshon Wachsmann, a dual American-Israeli citizen. **Dief is a free man currently residing in Gaza.**
4. **Nasser Mahmoud Hindawi** - Islamic Jihad terrorist involved in the April 9, 1995 suicide bomb attack near Kfar Darom in which seven Israelis and one American, Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow from New Jersey, were killed. **Hindawi is currently free and is living in PA-controlled areas.**
5. **Hassan Said Hamadan** - Islamic Jihad terrorist involved in the April 9, 1995 suicide bomb attack near Kfar Darom in which seven Israelis and one American, Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow from New Jersey, were killed. **Hamadan is currently free and is living in PA-controlled areas.**
6. **Yusuf Samiri** - Islamic Jihad terrorist involved in the April 9, 1995 suicide bomb attack near Kfar Darom in which seven Israelis and one American, Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow

from New Jersey, were killed. Samiri was responsible for transferring the explosives and delivering them to Adnan al-Ghol (see below), who installed them in the vehicle used in the bombing. He is **currently free and is living in PA-controlled areas.**

7. **Adnan Mahmoud al-Ghol** - Islamic Jihad terrorist involved in the April 9, 1995 suicide bomb attack near Kfar Darom in which seven Israelis and one American, Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow from New Jersey, were killed. Al-Ghol planned the attack, prepared the explosives and installed them in the booby-trapped vehicle used to carry out the bombing. **He was previously detained by the PA but is currently free and is living in PA-controlled areas.**

In Palestinian Authority Detention

1. **Abd al-Majid Dudin** - resident of Dura; Hamas member, trained people to carry out suicide bombings, including the terrorist who attacked Bus 26 in Jerusalem in August 1995. Three people were killed in the attack, including Joan Davenny, a schoolteacher from Connecticut, and 103 others were injured.

2. **Imjad Muhammad Hinawi** - member of Hamas who took part in the murder of 16-year old David Boim, an American-Israeli citizen, in Beit El in May 1996. The PA detained Hinawi but subsequently released him in February 1997 on holiday leave for the Id al-Fitr festival.

3. **Nabil Hassan Salam Sharihi** - Islamic Jihad terrorist involved in the April 9, 1995 suicide bomb attack near Kfar Darom in which seven Israelis and one American, Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow from New Jersey, were killed. Sharihi played a key role in planning the attack, briefing the suicide bomber and supplying him with the car-bomb. On the day of the attack, he issued the "detonation" order to the bomber.

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Arafat Threatens Violence Against Israel

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The October 23, 1998 Wye River memorandum requires the Palestinian Authority (PA) to "take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime and hostilities directed against the Israeli side... and to prevent incitement." Nevertheless, senior PA officials and the official PA media continue to incite violence against Israel, as the following examples from the past three weeks illustrate:

- **"We carried out the longest intifada in history. They [the Israelis] should know that we can start it again if they try to prevent us from exercising our rights... The state will be established with Jerusalem as its capital whether they like it or not. If they don't like it they can drink from the waters of the Dead Sea... We, the Fatah and the PLO, are ready to fight a new battle of Karameh every single day if anyone tries to stop us from exercising our rights, particularly that of proclaiming an independent state."**
 - PA Chairman **Yasser Arafat** in a speech to 3,000 Fatah members in Ramallah marking 31 years since Israeli forces clashed with Jordanian soldiers defending the Palestinian terrorist base in Karameh, Jordan
(*Agence France Presse*, March 19, 1999; *Jordan Times*, March 20, 1999)
- **"The battle for Jerusalem is near. It requires determination and it carries a heavy responsibility for it is the key to war and peace."**
 - PA "Minister" for Jerusalem Affairs **Faisal Husseini** at a conference of the Fatah Youth Organization in Al-Bireh
(official PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda*, March 14, 1999)
- **"Netanyahu continues with his racist policy and his boasting of his imaginary power, which will be removed just as the dictatorial and colonialist Crusader power was removed in the past.... We think that the Jewish danger threatens the Palestinian and Arab lands just as the American danger threatens the Arab and Islamic nation."**
 - article in the official PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda*, March 8, 1999
- **"We are right to believe that the rifle is a means of life and not death."**
 - **Othman Abu Gharbiya**, adviser to Chairman Arafat and head of the PA's National Guidance Directorate, at a ceremony in Gaza
(official PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda*, March 1, 1999)