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Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah general secretary, publicly admits his organization provides funds for Palestinian terrorist organizations



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✿ On April 27, the Lebanese newspaper **Al-Safir** printed an in-depth interview with Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah general secretary, focusing on internal Lebanese and Middle East issues. One of the questions was whether Hezbollah was supplying weapons to “Palestinian elements” (i.e., the Palestinian terrorist organizations).

✿ By way of answer, Nasrallah stated that at the beginning of the current Palestinian-Israeli confrontation Hezbollah provided the Palestinian organizations with weapons. However, he added, the Jordanians exposed an attempt to smuggle them through Jordan and caused political problems, so the Palestinians asked Hezbollah “**to send them money**, and they would take care of things by themselves.” He said that the Palestinians could both purchase and manufacture weapons, including rockets, “**but they need financial, political and media [propaganda] support. We do not deny that we give it to them.**”

✿ During the current Palestinian-Israeli confrontation, Iran-backed Hezbollah seems to be **a central factor in directing and financing the Palestinian terrorist organizations’ actions, especially the various Fatah factions in Samaria**. The funds sent to the terrorist organizations by Hezbollah are used to **encourage terrorist attacks and influence the kinds of attacks carried out** (i.e., to encourage suicide bombing attacks). It should be remembered that in the German *Welt am Sonntag* interview on March 6, 2006, Zakaria Zubeidi, Fatah/Al-Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades commander, said that Hezbollah was supporting his organization with money, arms and training. He added that “**without the fraternal help we receive from Hezbollah we could not continue our struggle...**”¹

✿ It should be noted that Hezbollah is on the terrorist organization list recently published by the US State Department (“Country Reports on Terrorism 2005,” April 2006). The section relating to support Hezbollah gives the Palestinian terrorist organizations can be found on page 197 of the report, and reads as follows:

“Hizballah supports a variety of violent anti-Western groups, including Palestinian terrorist organizations. This support includes the covert provision of weapons, explosives, training, funding and guidance, as well as overt political support.”²

¹ For further information see our Information Bulletin “In an unusual public statement, Zakaria Zubeidi, chief of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in Jenin, admits that his organization receives operative assistance from Hezbollah ,” at

http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/zakaria_zubeidi_e.pdf.

² United States Department of State Publication 11324. Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism. Released April 2006.