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The Palestinian Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip Continues Inculcating Kindergarten Children with Support for Terrorism and Hatred of Israel



Display put on by pupils on their last day at a PIJ-affiliated kindergarten in the Gaza Strip (PALDF website, June 11, 2012)

Overview

1. The website of the Jerusalem Brigades, the military-terrorist wing of the **Palestinian Islamic Jihad**, recently posted pictures from the end-of-the-year party held at one of its affiliated kindergartens in the Gaza Strip. The children put on a display in which they pretended to be armed Palestinian terrorist operatives, Palestinian prisoners and Israelis.
2. The pictures were taken by a **correspondent working for the Jerusalem Brigades "combat information."** He interviewed the kindergarten teacher, who **emphasized the need to teach the children the ideas of "resistance" and jihad [i.e., anti-Israeli terrorism].** The correspondent also interviewed one of the children, who expressed his **determination to join the PIJ and die as a shaheed. ... "When I grow up," he said, "I want to get on a bus with lots of Zionists and blow myself up in a suicide bombing attack and kill them..."** (Jerusalem Brigades website and Hamas' PALDF forum. In the meantime, the PALDF website removed the pictures.)

3. Such **ceremonies at kindergartens in the Gaza Strip have been customarily held for years by Hamas, the PIJ and other terrorist organizations**. They all regard young children as an important target audience for inculcating the ideology of the "resistance culture" and jihad [i.e., terrorism], and customarily exploit kindergarten end-of-the-year parties for putting on displays whose **central themes are terrorism and hatred for Israel**.¹

4. According to the website of the Jerusalem Brigades, the Israeli media had reported on the ceremony,² indicating that Israel feared the so-called "resistance culture" [i.e., the culture of brainwashing Palestinian society with an ideology of terrorism, violence and hatred for Israel] (Jerusalem Brigades website, June 13, 2012) .

5. For a selection of pictures and comments, see the Appendix.

¹ For further information see the date bulletin "The hate industry: Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) continue to inculcate the values of hate and support of terrorism in Palestinian children, viewed by those terrorist organizations as a highly important target audience."

² A reference to an item posted on the Ynet website, June 13, 2012.

Appendix

Roles Played by Kindergarten Children

6. Pictures of kindergarten children playing roles from the world of "resistance" and jihad:

- 1) **The children wear miniature "uniforms" and headbands of the PIJ's Jerusalem Brigade.** They are "armed" with wooden rifles bearing the inscription "There is no God but Allah."





2) The children pretend to be Israeli soldiers and settlers, some of them wearing skull caps. One child, dressed as an Israeli soldier, pushes the head of a "Palestinian" into a pail of water.





3) Children pretend to be Palestinian prisoners, "behind bars" and with their hands bound.



4) Children in "battle fatigues" hold training exercises.



5) Girls in traditional Palestinian dress. The girl on the left holds a picture of Fathi Shqaqi, PIJ founder.



Interviews with Participants

7. The pictures were taken by a correspondent from the Jerusalem Brigades' "information wing" (referred to as "combat information"). After the party he interviewed the kindergarten teacher and one of the children.

8. The teacher said that "it is our duty as kindergarten teachers to raise children [with an ideology] whose cornerstone is **love of the resistance, Palestine and Jerusalem**, and for them to know the essence of Palestine, what their future roles are and who the enemy is...**We focus [on that] every year** at our end-of-the-year party so that [in the future] **the children will join the resistance and be jihad fighters**. They will grow and flourish in the path of **love of the resistance** and play a prominent role in the service of the Palestinian cause and **the path of jihad to become jihad commanders and fighters who will defend the land of Palestine and Jerusalem...**"

9. Hamza, one of the children who participated in the show **wearing a "uniform" and a PIJ headband** said that "when I grow up I will join the **Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Jerusalem Brigades** and resist the **Zionist enemy**. I will fire rockets at him until I die as a shaheed as join my father in paradise...When I grow up I want to get on a bus with lots of **Zionists** and blow myself up in a **suicide bombing attack** and kill them..."