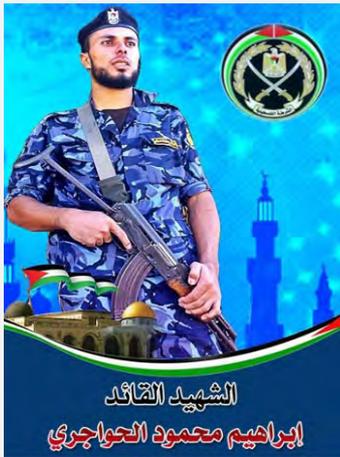




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Members of Hamas' Internal Security Services Who Were Also Operatives in Hamas' Military-Terrorist Wing and Were Killed in Operation Pillar of Defense



Ibrahim Mahmoud Jibril al-Hawajri: terrorist operative with a double identity, killed in Operation Pillar of Defense. Left: In a police uniform. Right: In a Popular Resistance Committees uniform (Hamas forum, November 20, 2012).

Overview

1. An examination of the names of 25 members of the internal security services in the Gaza Strip who were killed in Operation Pillar of Defense¹ shows the great extent of the phenomenon of security service members who have double identities. **The examination showed that 25 security service members killed in Operation Pillar of Defense (about one quarter of all the casualties) were identified as terrorist operatives as well. Twenty-three belonged to Hamas' military-terrorist wing and two to the Popular Resistance Committees.**

¹ According to a statement from the ministry of the interior of the de-facto Hamas administration on November 26, 2012, 25 members of the security services were killed, and the ministry issued a list of the names of 23 of them. We identified two additional operatives, whose names did not appear on the ministry of the interior's list, as also having double identities.

2. The findings, which correspond to the findings of Operation Cast Lead, again show that many terrorist operatives are also employed by the internal security services of the de-facto Hamas administration. In our assessment there are two main reasons: **one is that it provides a means of financing the terrorist operatives in the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades** and the other military-terrorist wings in the Gaza Strip.² The other is that it keeps the security services loyal to Hamas and ensures their effectiveness.



The formal announcement of the Hamas ministry of the interior of the deaths of 25 members of its internal security services in Operation Pillar of Defense.

3. **Fathi Hamad**, the interior minister of the Hamas administration, recently gave a speech at a ceremony for 25 members of the internal security services killed in Operation Pillar of Defense. He called for Israel to be gotten rid of, calling it a "cancer," and praised the strengthening of the security apparatus in the Gaza Strip. He admitted that the internal security services of the Hamas ministry of the interior collaborated with military wings of the various "combat factions" [i.e., the terrorist organizations] (Al-Aqsa TV, December 5, 2012).

4. The operatives with double identities were **actively involved in military-terrorist activities against Israel both before and during Operation Pillar of Defense**. Nevertheless, the human rights organizations customarily relate to them and to the internal security services as civilian in every respect and which provide services to civilians. The terrorist organizations regularly put the names of internal security service members killed by the IDF on their lists of civilian casualties to **inflate the number of non-involved civilians killed**. That was the approach adopted by the Goldstone

² In our assessment, money donated to the de-facto Hamas administration is transferred by the ministry of the interior to the military-terrorist wings of the various organizations for the upkeep of their operatives.

Report which stated that the government of Israel did not provide evidence to contradict the claim that policemen in the Hamas police force were civilians, although the Report was willing to admit that an occasional member of the police force may have had contacts with "Palestinian armed groups."

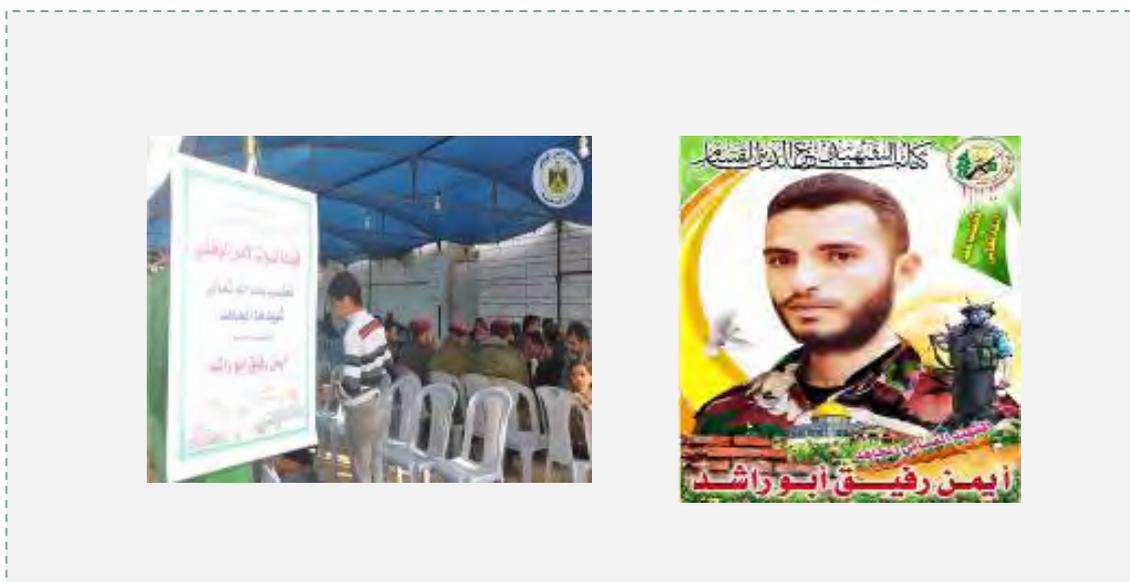
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Appendix I

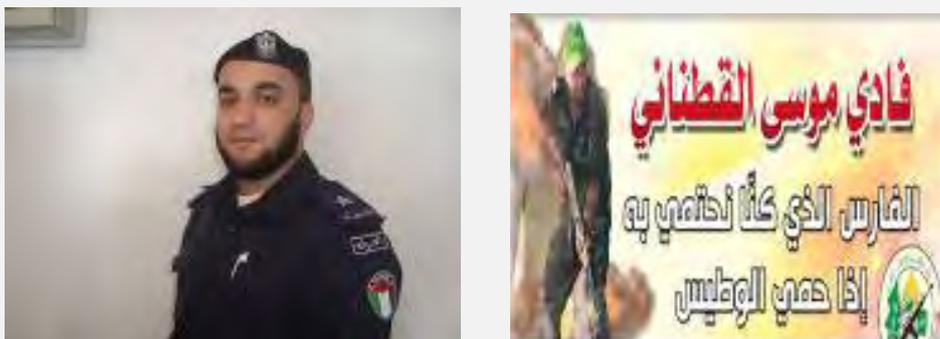
Members of the Security Services Killed in Operation Pillar of Defense, All of Whom Had Double Identities

1. **Ayman Rafiq Muhammad Abu Rashed:** Senior Hamas military-terrorist operative and officer in Hamas' national security service in the northern Gaza Strip (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 23 and 26, 2012).



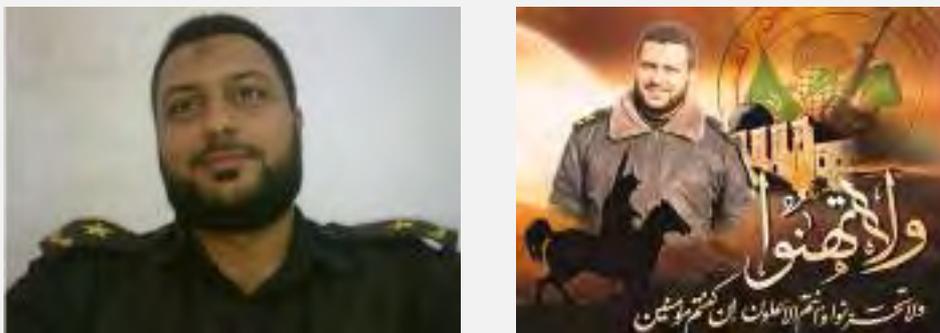
Ayman Rafiq Muhammad Abu Rashed. Senior Hamas military-terrorist operative. Right: Formal Hamas military wing death notice. Left: The formal national security service death notice hung in the family's mourning tent (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 23 and 26, 2012).

2. **Fadi Musa Samir al-Katnani:** Hamas military-terrorist operative and police officer in the northern Gaza Strip (Asoud Ghaza Facebook page, Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 22 and 26, 2012).



Fadi Musa Samir al-Katnani. Left: Al-Katnani in the uniform of a Hamas policeman. Right: The formal Hamas military-terrorist wing announcement of his death (Usoud Ghaza Facebook page, Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 22 and 26, 2012).

3. **Muhammad Jamal Muhammad al-Dalu** (Abu Jamal): Senior commander in the artillery network of Hamas' military-terrorist wing and an officer in the Hamas internal security service (Ayman forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 24 and 26, 2012).



Muhammad Jamal Muhammad al-Dalu. Left: In a Hamas national security service uniform. Right: Official death notice issued by Hamas' military-terrorist wing (Ayman forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 24 and 26, 2012).

4. **Arkan Kharbi Abu Kameil**: Senior military-terrorist in the Popular Resistance Committees and a policeman in the Hamas police in the central Gaza Strip (Hamas forum, November 20, 2012).



Arkan Kharbi Abu Kameil: Left: In a police uniform. Right: Armed and wearing a Popular Resistance Committees uniform (Hamas forum, November 20, 2012).

5. Other terrorist operatives with double identities (without pictures):

1) **Ibrahim Mahmoud Jibril al-Hawajri** (Abu Kharb): Senior military-terrorist commander in the Popular Resistance Committees and a policeman in the Hamas police in the central Gaza Strip (Hamas forum, November 20, 2012).

2) **Muhammad Baker A'aref al-Uf**: Senior commander in the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades' missile unit and an employee of the ministry of the interior's political guidance department (Hamas forum, November 25, 2012).

3) **Khaled Khalil Ali al-Shaer** (Abu al-Bara'): Senior military-terrorist operative in Hamas' rocket launching network and officer in the Hamas police (Hamas forum and website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 25 and 26).

4) **Ahmed A'abed Ibrahim Abu Moor** (Abu Qudama): Terrorist operative in a special Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades unit in Rafah and a policeman in Rafah (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 21 and 26, 2012).

5) **Fares Mansour Ahmed Isbita**: Hamas military-terrorist operative and policeman in the Hamas police (Hamas forum, November 27, 2012).

6) **Mustafa Awad Mustafa Abu Hameidan**: Hamas military-terrorist operative in the artillery unit and an officer in the Hamas internal security services (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 26, 2012).

7) **Ahmed Osama Muhammad al-Atrash**: Hamas military-terrorist operative in the Rafah region and a policeman in the Hamas police in Rafah (Hamas forum

and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 18 and 26, 2012).

8) **Rani Mahmoud Abd al-Rahman Hammad**: Hamas military-terrorist operative and policeman in the northern Gaza Strip (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 15 and 26, 2012).

9) **Saadi Muhammad Maher Saadi Abu Kameil**: Hamas military-terrorist operative in a special military unit named after Adnan al-Ghoul and employee of the financial department of Hamas' national security service network (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 23 and 26, 2012).

10) **Abd al-Rahman Mustafa Abd al-Rahman Hamed** (Abu Hamza): Hamas military-terrorist operative and officer in the organization and administration unit of Hamas' national security service (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior November 23 and 26, 2012).

11) **Mahmoud Rizq Suleiman al-Zahar**: Hamas military-terrorist operative and policeman in Gaza City (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 23 and 26, 2012).

12) **Khaled Mahmoud Muhammad Abu Nasser** (Abu Musa'b): Hamas military-terrorist operative and officer in the security service network of the Hamas administration (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 22 and 26, 2012).

13) **Muhammad Salameh Muhammad Abu Eteivi**: Hamas military-terrorist operative in a special unit and a member of Hamas' civil defense services in the refugee camps in the central Gaza Strip (Facebook page of Ghaza Mubasher and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 23 and 26, 2012).

14) **Rami Abd Rabbo Awad Ubeid (Abu Abd al-Rahman)**: Hamas military-terrorist operative in a special unit and policeman in the central Gaza Strip (Facebook page of Ghaza Mubasher and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 23 and 26, 2012).

15) **Amjad Muhammad Jadu' Abu Jalal** (Abu Omar): Senior Hamas military-terrorist operative in the Al-Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip and officer in the Hamas police (Abrar forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 18 and 26, 2012).

16) **Osama Musa Hassan Abd al-Jawad** (Abu Musa): Senior Hamas military-terrorist operative in the Al-Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip and employee of the Hamas administration's internal security services (Abrar forum, November 18, 2012).

17) **Wa'el Haidar Sayid al-Ghalban** (Abu Haidar): Officer and operative in an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades artillery unit; also served as an officer in the Hamas police in Khan Yunis (Al-Hawajri clan forum and Hamas forum, November 15 and 17, 2012).

18) **Habis Hassan Awad Messmakh** (Abu Malek): Hamas military-terrorist operative from Khan Yunis and an officer in Hamas' crossings administration at the Rafah terminal (Saqour al-Adaal forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 15 and 26, 2012).

19) **Mukhlis Muhammad Abdallah Adwan**: Hamas military-terrorist operative and officer in Hamas' national security network in Rafah (Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 17 and 26, 2012).

20) **Husam al-Hams**: Hamas military-terrorist operative and policeman in Rafah (Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website and the Hamas forum, November 29, 2012).

21) **Salem A'ish Hussein Abu Sitta** (Abu Ahmed): Hamas military-terrorist operative in the village of Al-Zawaida and Hamas security service member in the central Gaza Strip. (YouTube, Hamas forum and the website of the Hamas ministry of the interior, November 22, 24 and 26, 2012).

Appendix II

Examples of Security Service Members with Double Identities Killed in Operation Cast Lead³

Overview

1. Operation Cast Lead exposed the **phenomenon of Hamas policemen and internal security members who had double identities**. That was the result of the institutionalized operational collaboration between the security services and Hamas' military-terrorist wing (the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades). The collaboration included the fighting of internal security service members under Hamas command during Operation Cast Lead.

2. Nevertheless, Hamas and its ministry of the interior counted the policemen and other internal security force service members who were killed in Operation Cast Lead **as civilians and not as combatants**. Hamas falsely claimed its internal security services were by nature civilian in every respect, and were not in any way military-operational networks.

3. **The Goldstone Report adopted Hamas manipulative claim** and accepted the Hamas version, stating that Israel had not presented contradictory evidence to show that the police force in the Gaza Strip was not civilian, while it accepted that there might be occasional policemen who were linked to "Palestinian armed groups." For that reason the Report considered the 264 security service members who were **killed to be civilians and not terrorist operatives**. That was the main reason for **the large discrepancy** between the findings of the examination conducted by Israeli security on the one hand, and the data provided by Hamas and the human rights organizations in the Gaza Strip (which the Goldstone Report was based on) on the other regarding the number of terrorist operatives killed in the fighting. However, reliable intelligence information showed **that Hamas itself made no distinction between operatives of its military-terrorist wing and operatives of its internal security services when it counted the number of operatives killed in Operation Cast Lead**.

³ For further information see the March 2010 bulletin "[Hamas and the Terrorist Threat from the Gaza Strip. The Main Findings of the Goldstone Report Versus the Factual Findings.](#)"

Announcements Issued of the Deaths of Operatives with Double Identities

4. During Operation Cast Lead, and even more so after it, **death announcements appeared for police and members of the internal security services which clearly showed that they had double identities and also belonged to military-terrorist wings.** Some of the announcements, most often issued by the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, depicted operatives who had been killed both unarmed wearing police uniforms and armed wearing Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades uniforms. The announcements referred to them as "shaheeds [martyrs who fell in battle for the sake of Allah]" and "mujahideen [jihad fighters]," both terms routinely used for Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades operatives. In addition, in reporting on the casualties of an Israeli Air Force strike on a police station carried out on December 27, 2008, "shaheed" and "mujahed [jihad fighter]" were written next to the names.

5. After Operation Cast Lead additional death notices of police shaheeds were issued, noting that they were also Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades operatives. Some of the notices were posted on the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website and some of them showed the same operative wearing both police and Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades uniforms.

6. The following are examples of terrorist operatives with double identities who were killed in Operation Cast Lead:

- 1) **Muhammad Yahya Mehana:** The Hamas forum posted two different death notices, one showing him wearing a police uniform and the other as an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades commander (PALDF, December 30, 2008).



Muhammad Yahya Mehana wearing an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades uniform (PALDF, December 30, 2008).



Muhammad Yahya Mehana wearing a police uniform (PALDF, December 30, 2008).

2) **A'adel Abd Awn**: Commander in the police force and commander of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades' north Radwan sniper unit. The Hamas ministry of the interior issued the death notice, which also appeared on the Hamas forum website.



Left: A'adel Abd Awn wearing a police uniform in the Hamas ministry of the interior's notice of his death. Right: A'adel Abd Awn as an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades sniper in the Hamas forum notice (Hamas forum, January 20, 2009).

3) **Shhade Fathi al-Kurd**: Hamas posted two death notices on its forum, one next to the other. The first showed him as a captain in the police force, the second as the commander of an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades artillery unit (Hamas forum, January 19, 2009).



Shhade Fathi al-Kurd, "the Qassam commander shaheed...one of the commanders of an artillery unit in the Yavne battalion"



Shhade Fathi al-Kurd wearing a police uniform but called "the Qassam commander shaheed."

4) **Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Shaer:** Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades terrorist operative killed on January 6, 2009, was both an operative in the rapid intervention force of the Hamas ministry of the interior and an operative in an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades artillery unit (PALDF, January 7, 2009).



Left: Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Shaer, called a "Qassam shaheed," wearing the uniform of the rapid intervention force, one of Hamas' internal security services. Right: Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Shaer's body with a headband inscribed "Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades." According to the Hamas forum, he belonged to an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades' artillery unit (PALDF, January 7, 2009).

5) **Amin Fouad al-Zarbatli:** According to the Hamas forum, he was an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades operative killed in the police facility at the beginning of Operation Cast Lead. The notice also stated that he worked in the permit department of the police force (Hamas forum, January 22, 2009).



Amin Fouad al-Zarbatli: Both policeman and Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades terrorist operative (Hamas forum, January 22, 2009).

6) **Arafat Farjallah Farjallah:** According to his death notice he was both a policeman and an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades operative, killed in the IDF strike on police headquarters in Al-Jawzat on December 27, 2008. He is shown wearing a police uniform (PALDF, September 10, 2009).



Arafat Farjallah Farjallah: Policeman and Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades terrorist operative (PALDF, September 10, 2009).

7) **Haydar Muhammad Hassouna**: According to the April 15, 2009 issue of the Hamas children's magazine "Al-Fateh" Haydar Muhammad Hassouna was killed in a Palestinian police facility at the beginning of Operation Cast Lead. He was both a policeman and an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades terrorist operative.



Haydar Muhammad Hassouna

Appendix III

Additional Examples of Security Service Members with Double Identities Killed in IDF Strikes

1. The deaths of terrorist operatives with double identities in Operation Cast Lead and Operation Pillar of Defense were not exceptional or isolated. Since the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, **IDF strikes have killed many terrorist operatives with double identities**, both in targeted killings and in response to rocket fire into Israeli territory. Some of them were killed by Hamas in internal security operations against its opponents. For example:

- 1) **Maher Shhade Abu Tir**: Died in a targeting killing on October 30, 2007. In his death notice he wears a police uniform, while at the same time he was an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades terrorist operative. The notice calls him a shaheed and a jihad fighter who was in the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (PALDF, February 2, 2009).



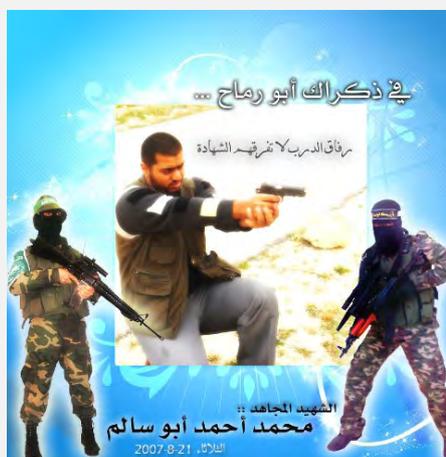
Maher Shhde Abu Tir wearing a police uniform, while the notice calls him a shaheed and jihad fighter who was an operative in the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (PALDF, February 2, 2009).

- 2) **Bilal Ibrahim Abu Awad**: Died in a targeted killing on October 30, 2007. His death notice shows him in a police uniform and calls him an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades jihad fighter (PALDF, February 2, 2012).



Bilal Ibrahim Abu Awad wearing a police uniform, while the notice calls him a shaheed and Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades jihad fighter (PALDF, February 2, 2009).

- 3) **Muhammad Ahmed Abu Salem:** Killed on August 21, 2007. His death notice shows him wearing both police and Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades uniforms (PALDF, January 1, 2008).



Muhammad Ahmed Abu Salem wearing both police and Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades uniforms (PALDF, January 1, 2008).

7. Even after Operation Cast Lead, the phenomenon of double identities continued. For example, on November 14, 2011, the Israeli Air Force struck a Hamas naval police post in northern Gaza City in response to rockets fired into Israel territory the previous day. The Palestinian media reported that the target was a naval police post and **that Muhammad Zaher al-Kilani, a policeman, was killed**, and that four other

Palestinians were wounded (Wafa News Agency, November 14, 2011). **The Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades**, Hamas' military-terrorist wing, **issued a formal announcement of the death of a member of the naval police force** (Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website, November 14, 2011).⁴



Left: Muhammad al-Kilani wearing a naval police uniform (Khtwa.com website). Right: Ahmed al-Jaabari (left), commander of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, next to Ismail Haniya, head of the de-facto Hamas administration, at Muhammad al-Kilani's funeral (Paldf.net website).

8. On October 23, 2012, in response to massive rocket and mortar shell fire, Israeli Air Force aircraft struck a number of terrorist targets in the Gaza Strip. Among the targets were squads of terrorists making final preparations to fire rockets from the region of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. The strikes killed four terrorist operatives, three of them from the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades. Two of them were **Yusef Abu Jalhoum** (Abu Musab), from Beit Lahia, and **Ismail Fathi al-Tili**, from Jabaliya (Filastin al-'Aan and the Ma'an News Agency, October 24, 2012).

9. On October 24 the **Hamas ministry of the interior**, which is responsible for the internal security services, issued formal notices mourning their deaths. According to the notices, Ismail al-Tili was a **policeman in the Hamas police force** and Abu Jalhoum worked in **the administration for the training and rehabilitation of incarcerated prisoners** (Safa News Agency, October 24, 2012).

⁴ For further information see the November 20, 2011 bulletin "[The recent Israeli Air Force strike on a Hamas police coastguard post illustrated the dual nature of the Palestinian security force operatives, many of whom also serve in Hamas' military-terrorist wing. The coastguard apparatus has been involved in anti-IDF military activities unrelated to its naval police functions.](#)"



Left: The formal Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades notice of the death of Yusef Mahmoud Abu Jalhoum (Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website, October 24, 2012). Right: The official ministry of the interior death notice of Abu Jalhoum (Administration for the training and rehabilitation of incarcerated prisoners, October 25, 2012).

10. Operatives with double identities were also killed in internal confrontations in the Gaza Strip:

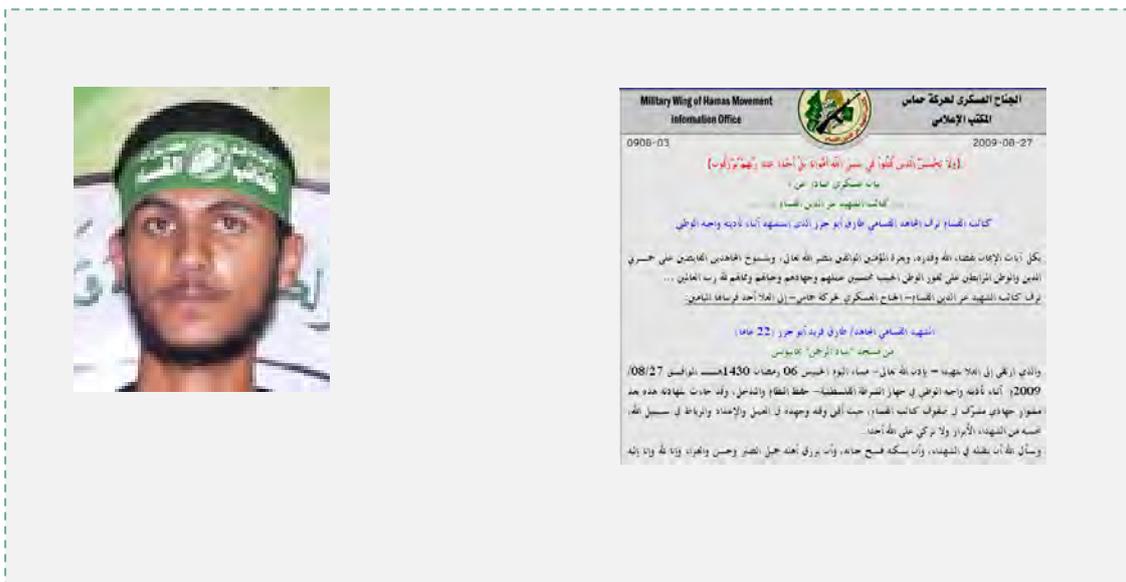
1) On August 14, 2009, **Ayman Khaled Ibrahim Abu Sibleh**, a policeman, was killed in the battle against Junud al-Ansar Allah operatives at the Ibn Taymmiyah mosque in Rafah.⁵ According to his death notice, he was also an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades terrorist operative.



The notice of the death of Ayman Khaled Ibrahim Abu Sibleh, a policeman who also belonged to the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (Picture from the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website).

⁵ For further information see the October 4, 2009 bulletin "[The struggle between Hamas and the jihadi-Salafist networks in the Gaza Strip affiliated with the global jihad.](#)"

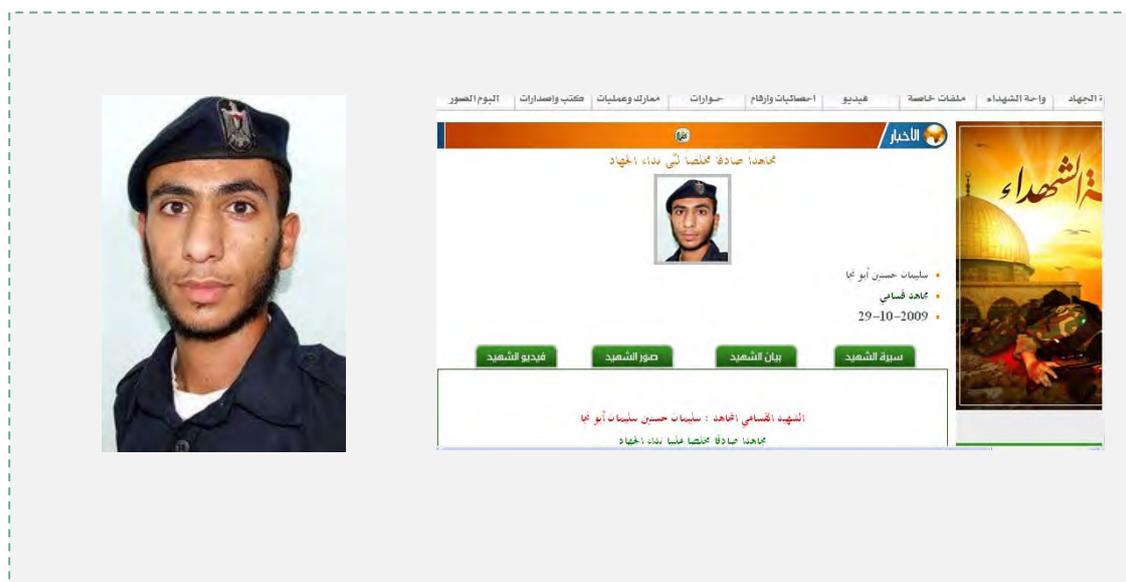
2) On August 27, 2009, **Tareq Farid Abu Jizer** was killed during a police action in Khan Yunis. The formal notice of his death issued by the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades said he died after "an honorable jihad journey" while fulfilling "his national duty" in the Hamas police intervention force and maintaining order.



Tareq Farid Abu Jizer (Picture from the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website)

From the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades notice of Abu Jizer's death.

3) The January 15, 2010 issue of the Hamas children's magazine "Al-Fateh" reported that **Suleiman Hussein Abu Naja** died as a shaheed on October 29, 2009, while on "a special jihad mission." According to the article, he was both a policeman and an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades operative (Sawt Fateh website, October 29, 2009).



Suleiman Hussein Abu Naja. According to the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades website he served in the police force at the same time he was an operative in the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades.