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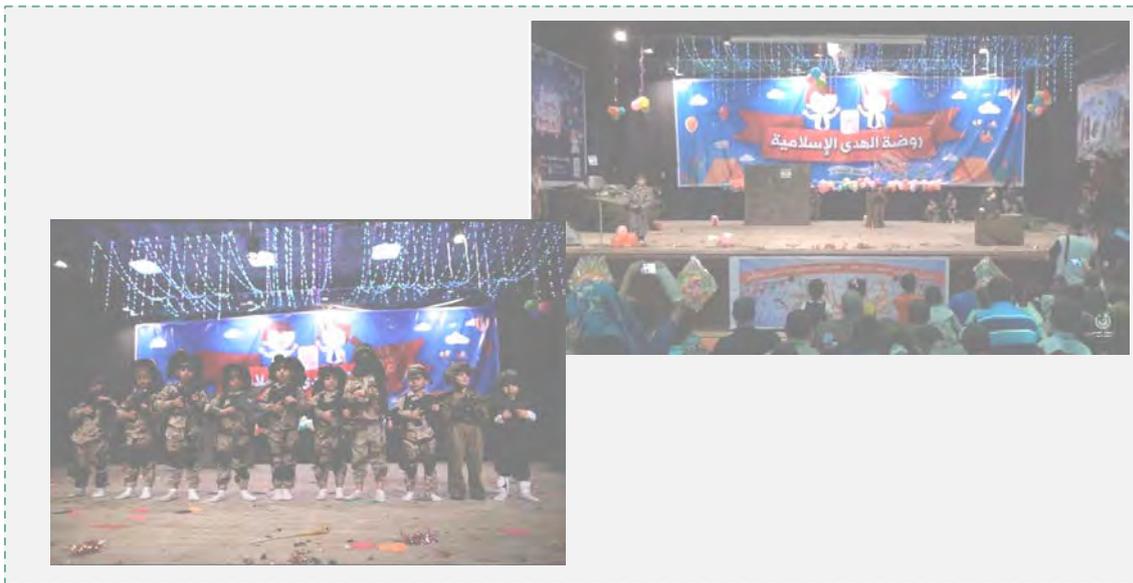
Kindergarten party held by a PIJ-affiliated NGO once again demonstrates the indoctrination of Gazan children with violence and hatred for Israel.



Children at a Dar Al-Huda kindergarten in the Gaza Strip present a show while dressed as terrorist operatives and "abduct an IDF soldier" (YouTube, May 29, 2016).

Overview

1. On **May 26, 2016**, children at the Al-Huda al-Islami kindergarten in the Zeitun neighborhood in Gaza City put on a show for the end-of-the-year party. The kindergarten class was called "the Jerusalem Foj." [*Foj* in Arabic refers to a military unit larger than a battalion.] The kindergarten belongs to the **Dar al-Huda Islamic charitable association and is affiliated with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)**. The association is supported by donations, including donations from abroad, and **operates an independent Islamic educational system in the Gaza Strip which has 12 kindergartens and two schools** (see Appendix B).
2. The end-of-the-year party, similar to others of the same sort, was **another opportunity to indoctrinate kindergarten children with violence and hatred for Israel**. The children put on a well-prepared "military" show. **Wearing "uniforms" of the Jerusalem Battalions (the PIJ's military-terrorist wing), they simulated the conquest of an IDF post**. They simulated military activities, including briefing and training operatives, initiating the operation, and killing and abducting IDF soldiers. They also simulated firing rockets and launching drones, with accompanying fireworks, smoke and sounds of explosions and gunfire (See Appendix A).



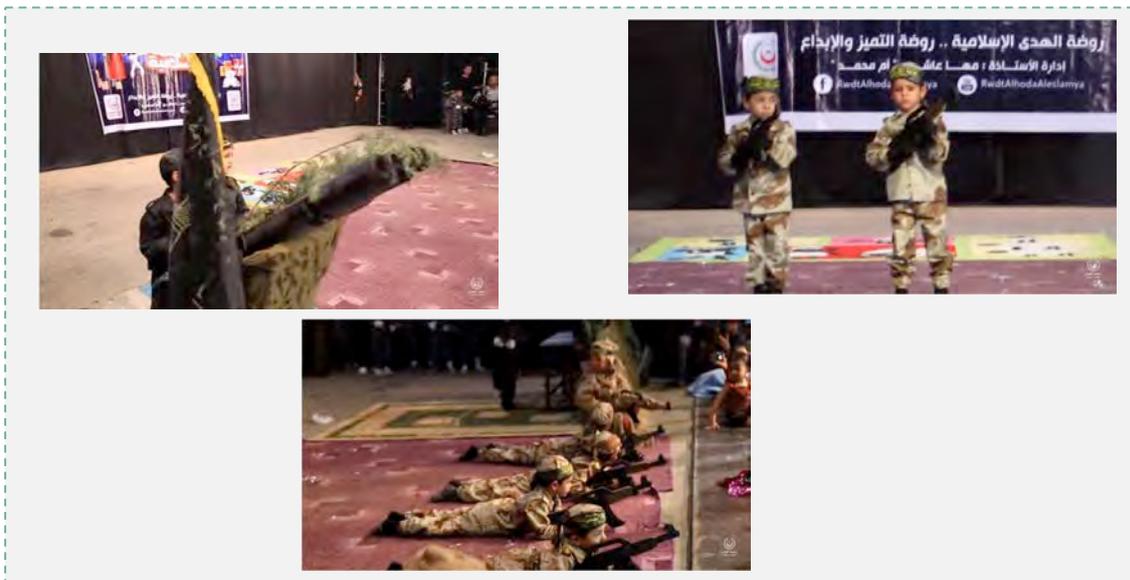
Left: Uniformed Al-Huda kindergarten children armed with wooden rifles on stage. Right: The stage during the show, with a model of an IDF tank, an IDF post and IDF soldiers standing guard (Facebook page of Al-Huda al-Islami, Gaza, May 30, 2016).

3. The end-of-the-year show was attended by parents and **senior PIJ figures** in the Gaza Strip. Among them were **Sheikhs Hader Habib and Omar al-Fura**, chairman of the Dar al-Huda charitable association (Facebook page of the Al-Huda al-Islami kindergarten, May 30, 2016). Sheikh Hader Habib gave a speech praising the children and the kindergarten teachers. He said the show sent a "**message of brotherhood.**" He also attacked the "Zionist enemy," claiming Israel was responsible for everything done to the detriment of the Palestinians and caused them to bear arms to defend themselves. He ended by **calling on Israel to leave the lands of the Palestinians** (YouTube, May 30, 2016).



Senior PIJ figure Sheikh Hader Habib delivers a speech at the Al-Huda kindergarten's show (YouTube, May 29, 2016).

4. Last year the Al-Huda kindergarten also put on a **show encouraging violence and hatred for Israel**. The children wore Jerusalem Battalions uniforms and demonstrated various military maneuvers. On stage was a model of camouflaged rocket launcher (YouTube, June 18, 2015).



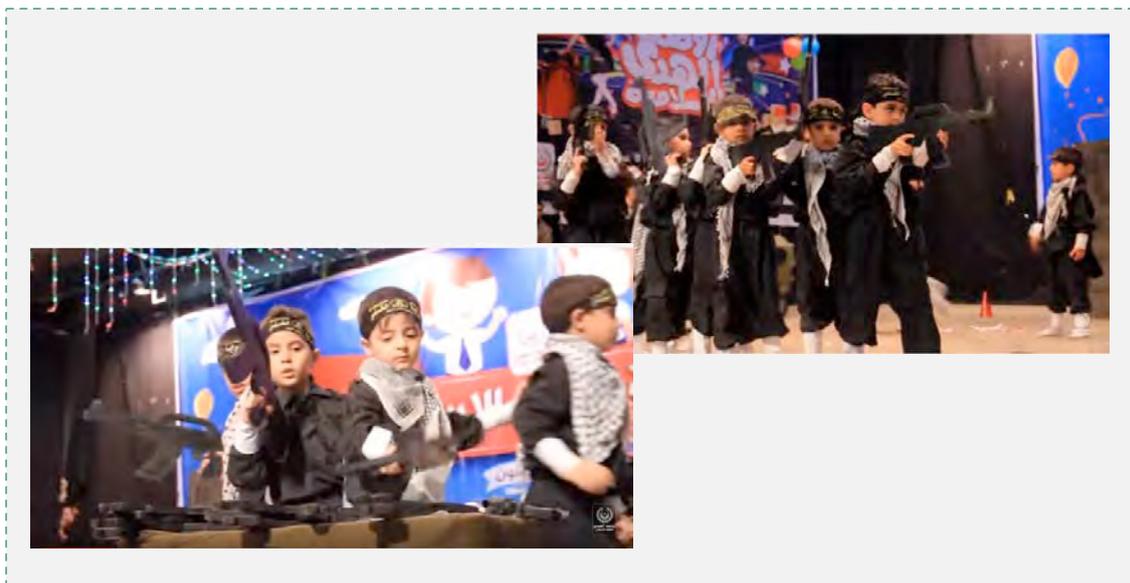
Military-terrorist show put on at the end of the 2015 school year by the children in the Al-Huda kindergarten (YouTube, June 18, 2015).

5. The shows put on by the Al-Huda kindergartens at the end of the year are additional examples of **the indoctrination to violence and hatred for Israel the children in the Gaza Strip receive**, especially in kindergartens affiliated with Hamas and the PIJ. The younger generation is a **particularly important target audience for creating a reservoir of future terrorist operatives. Thus the formal and informal educational systems in the Gaza Strip, from kindergarten to university, teach them violence and hatred for Israel and imbue them with the desire to participate in a violent struggle against it.**

Appendix A

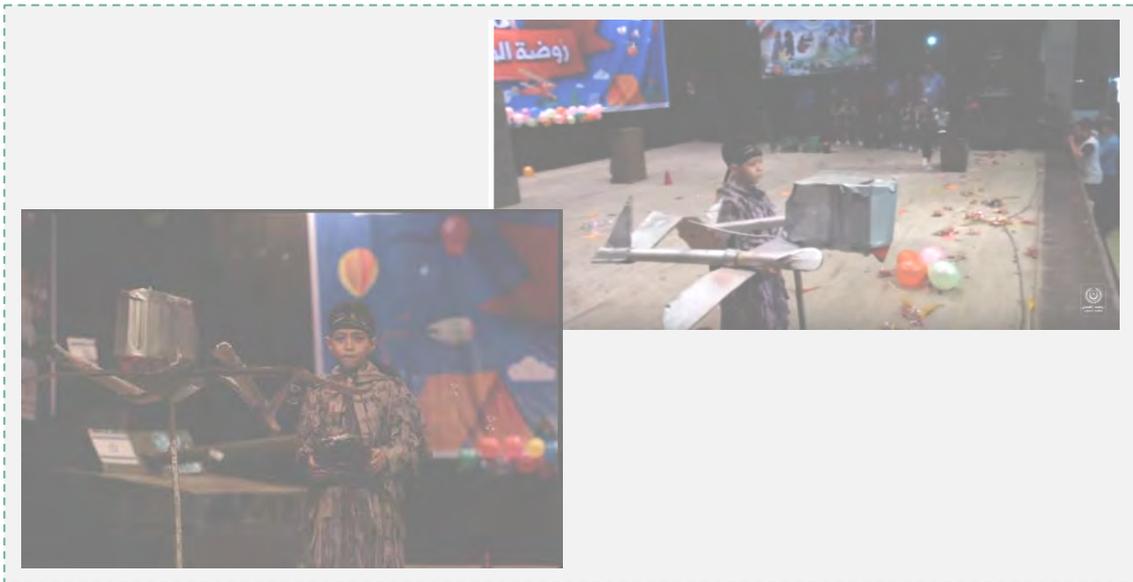
The Show Put on by the Al-Huda Kindergarten Children, 2016

1. The show had three acts. In Act One the children underwent military training, drilled and listened to briefings. They wore Jerusalem Battalions uniforms and headbands, and carried wooden rifles.

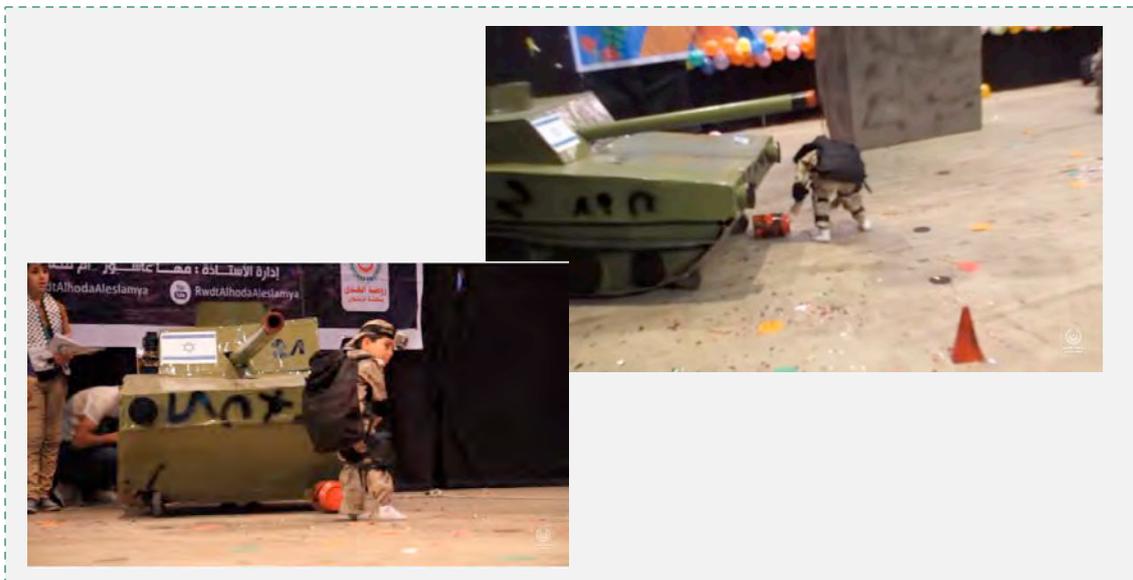


Uniformed Al-Huda kindergarten children armed with wooden rifles (YouTube, May 29, 2016).

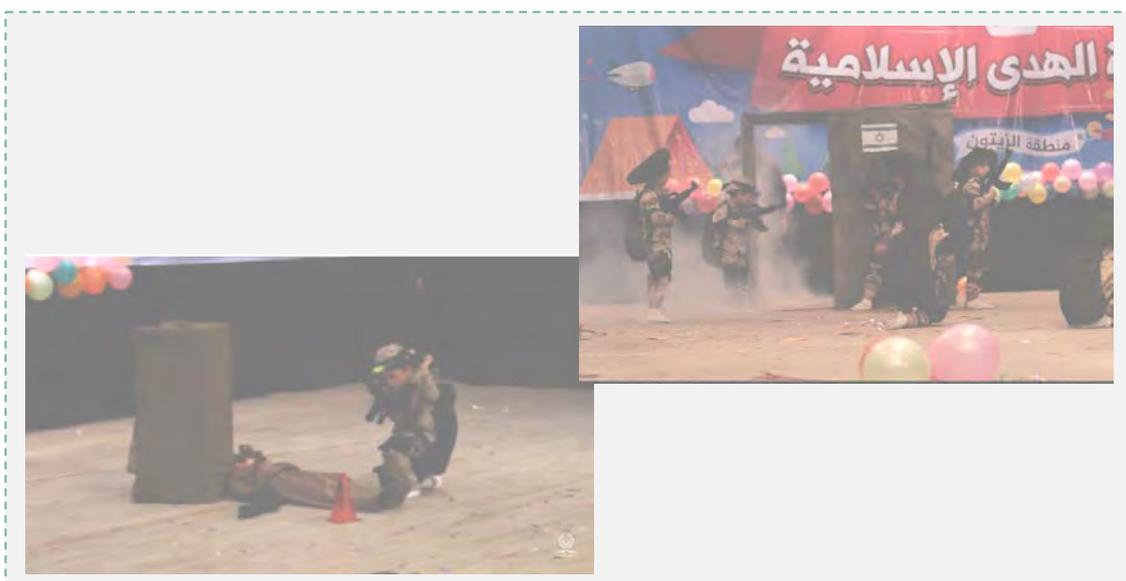
2. In Act Two, after being trained and briefed, they received weapons and **conquered an IDF post erected in the middle of the stage**. First they carried out reconnaissance on the post and an IDF tank with an Israeli flag. One of the children presented a drone to inspect the post. Then they fired mortars. They also planted an IED to be detonated under the tank. After artillery had weakened the soldiers' resistance, they stormed the post and attacked the IDF soldiers (children wearing different uniforms), killing some and taking others captive.



Children wearing camouflage fatigues hold a drone with a remote control to surveille the IDF forces before they attack (YouTube, May 29, 2016).



A child plants an IED under the model of the IDF tank before storming the post (YouTube, May 29, 2016).

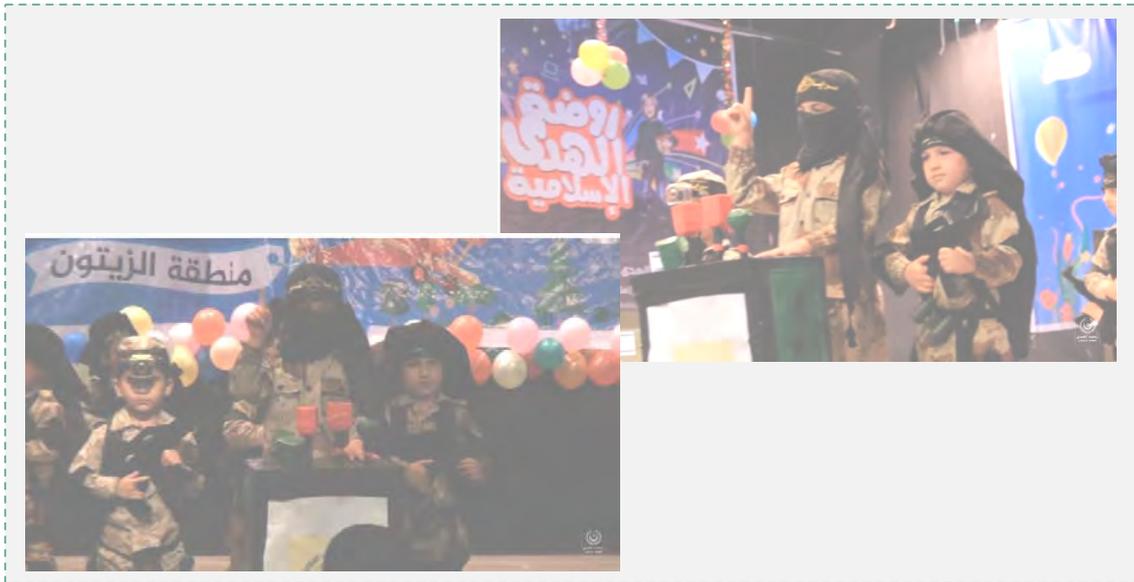


Left: Killing an IDF soldier. Right: The children storm an IDF post (YouTube, May 29, 2016).



Abducting an IDF soldier (YouTube, May 29, 2016).

3. In Act Three, after the conquest of the IDF post, **three children held a "press conference"** where they reported on the "successful operation" carried out. **One child played the part of Abu Hamza, spokesman for the PIJ's Jerusalem Battalions.** All three were masked and armed, and wore uniforms like Abu Hamza himself (YouTube, May 29, 2016).



The "press conference" held by the kindergarten children (YouTube, May 29, 2016).

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2COWoi2wcE>

Appendix B

The Dar Al-Huda Kindergartens in the Gaza Strip



The Dar Al-Huda logo (Association website, May 17, 2016).

The Dar Al-Huda Charitable Association

1. Dar Al-Huda is a charitable association operating in the Gaza Strip **providing care for children and health and welfare services. It has a clear affiliation with the PIJ** which its website tries to obscure. For example, the kindergarten children who appeared in the shows put on at the end of the school year wore PIJ headbands and a speech was given by Sheikh Hader Habib, a senior PIJ figure.
2. Dar Al-Huda was founded in 1993 and legally registered with the Palestinian Authority (PA) in 1995. **It is headed by Sheikh Omar Fura (Aba Osama)**, a public figure affiliated with the PIJ in the Gaza Strip (Sama News, November 27, 2013). Its main offices are in the Zeitun neighborhood of Gaza City. **Dar Al-Huda runs 12 kindergartens in the Gaza Strip and two schools, one in Zeitun and the other in Beit Lahia** (Website of Dal Al-Huda, June 2, 2016).



Left: Children hold pictures of PIJ founder Fathi Shqaqi at an end-of-the-year party in the Gaza Strip. Right: A child with a Jerusalem Battalions headband at an end-of-the-year party in 2012 (Paltoday, June 2012).



Left: Sheikh Hader Habib, a senior PIJ figure in the Gaza Strip, gives a speech to the audience at the end-of-the-year show at a Dar Al-Huda kindergarten in Gaza (YouTube, May 29, 2016). Right: Sheikh Omar Fura, head of Dar Al-Huda, inaugurates the PIJ's Salem Mosque in the Sajaiya neighborhood in the eastern part of Gaza City, March 2011 (Paltoday, March 14, 2011).

Dar Al-Huda's Financing

3. Dar Al-Huda's widespread "educational" and social activities demand extensive financial resources. The association does not publicize reliable information about its financing. However, based on its website, the Facebook page of the Al-Huda kindergarten and the media in the Gaza Strip, it is possible to identify several organizations that support it.

The Turkish IHH

4. The Turkish IHH, which organized the Mavi Marmara flotilla, operates in the Gaza Strip and recruits financial and humanitarian support for various societal associations affiliated with the terrorist organizations. IHH recently helped Dar Al-Huda rebuild five kindergartens destroyed during Operation Protective Edge. The kindergartens, as described above, indoctrinate the children with terrorist organization ideology and violence and hatred for the State of Israel.



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5. On May 16, 2016, the IHH held a ceremony at one of Dar Al-Huda's kindergartens. It was attended by **senior PIJ figures Muhammad al-Hindi and Khader Habib**, and **Dar Al-Huda head Omar Fura**. Also present was **Muhammad Kaya, IHH representative in the Gaza Strip**. Muhammad al-Hindi said that despite the "siege" of the Gaza Strip, the PIJ was investing immense effort to rebuild the kindergartens that were damaged in Operation Protective Edge. **He also said that the real struggle against Israel today was expressed through education, and that [Gazan] mothers were responsible for raising a generation that loved Islam, the homeland and the jihad for the sake of Allah that would expel Israel from the "occupied territories"** (Paltoday, May 16, 2016).

The American NGO ANERA

6. Dar Al-Huda is also supported by an American NGO called **American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)**. It was founded in 1968 to help Palestinian refugees in the

the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria, Jordan and Lebanon. Its headquarters are in Washington, DC. During the past two years its annual budget was between \$40 and \$50 million (ANERA website, June 2, 2016). Its main donors (as of 2014) are the Kuwaiti embassy [in the United States] and USAID¹ (both with donations of \$1,000,000 or above). There are scores of Arab, Islamic and Western donors, including institutions, companies, funds and foundations (For further information, see the ANERA website²).

7. On March 9, 2016, ANERA sent a shipment of children's shoes to the Al-Huda kindergarten in Gaza City. In response, the kindergarten posted a thank-you note to its Facebook page as well as pictures of the distribution of the shoes to the children (Facebook page of the Al-Huda al-Islami kindergarten in Gaza City, March 9, 2016).



The Al-Huda al-Islami kindergarten posts its thanks to ANERA, as well as pictures of the distribution of the shoes to the kindergarten children (Facebook page of the Al-Huda al-Islami kindergarten in Gaza City, March 9, 2016).

Support from Holland

8. One of the Dar Al-Huda kindergartens in the Sajaiya neighborhood damaged during Operation Protective Edge is being rebuilt with help from "the Dutch people." The identity of the group in Holland that allegedly contributed funds is unknown. The reconstruction of the kindergarten is being carried out by the Turkish IHH (Website of the Dar Al-Huda charitable association, June 2, 2016).

¹ United States Agency for International Aid.

² <http://www.anera.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/ANERA-Institutional-Donor-List.pdf>



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