The Arab Information Center: An independent publishing house operating in Egypt, on behalf of Palestinian radical Islamists and in which members of the Egyptian political opposition are also involved, openly conducts an extensive, ongoing, anti-Israeli, pro-Palestinian propaganda campaign. The Center's crudely anti-Semitic publications, preaching hatred and inciting terrorist acts against Israel, the Jews and the Zionist movement (as well as the United States and Britain). They are written by various (sometimes distinguished) Arab scholars and distributed (usually to subscribers) throughout the Arab and Muslim world, to Muslim communities in the West, to the Palestine Authority (PA)-administered territories and even to Israeli Arabs.

Postcard (also appearing as a sticker) distributed to Arab Information Center subscribers. It shows pictures of shaheeds, all of whom belonged to Hamas, some of them well-known perpetrators of suicide bombing attacks which left scores of Israelis dead (i.e., the attack on the Park Hotel in Netanya on March 27, 2002; the attack on the Maza restaurant in Haifa on March 31, 2002; and the attack at a bus stop on the French Hill in Jerusalem on June 20, 2002).

The address of the Arab Information Center: Egypt, al-Giza, the Pyramid, Tel: 3844222-3833361; Fax 3851751
The Arab Information Center – Overview

- The Arab Information Center (AIC) is an independent publishing house in business since 1991, operating exclusively in Arabic and with only an Arabic Website. It is also a quasi-research institute which monitors social and political issues and publishes its findings. In addition, it is particularly active in the field of propaganda. It initiates seminars on various political issues and publishes a large number of books (including series), periodicals and postcards – including pro-terrorism propaganda – of unusually high technical quality. ¹

¹ Judging by the material quality of the publications, which boast advanced technology and are printed on glossy paper, the Center would appear to enjoy very generous financial backing.

- The AIC would seem to be backed by Islamically-oriented Palestinian intellectuals with connections to Islamist and Nasserist (i.e., radical pan-Arab nationalist) writers in Egypt. The Center often tries to appear academically and scientifically objective; however in practice, many of its publications are biased and deliberately oriented toward radical (or “fundamentalist”) Islam; they are crudely anti-Semitic and venomous with hatred for Israel, the Jewish people and the Western countries. Many of the above deal with the current violent Israeli-Palestinian confrontation and call for the liberation of Jerusalem and the whole of Palestine, preaching the continued use of violence and terrorism against Israel, especially suicide bombing attacks.

- The target audience for the propaganda campaign is, according to the Center, those who form public opinion, propagandists, intellectuals and politicians both in Egypt and the rest of the Arab and Muslim world. Some of their publications are only sent to subscribers, which include public figures and bodies in the PA-administered territories as well as Israel Arabs. On the whole, however, the publications are distributed throughout the Arab and Muslim world, including Arab communities in Western countries.

- Besides books, the AIC publishes the following periodicals:
  - **Al-Quds** (Jerusalem), a monthly journal for subscribers only. It surveys and analyzes local, regional and international reactions to occurrences in the Palestinian arena.
- **Hassad el-Fikr** (Fruit of Thoughts), a monthly magazine aimed at the Arab world. It contains synopses of books written in Arabic (and other languages) about religion, politics, economics, social issues, culture, literature, business and science, as well as articles on various topics of current events. (For an article on anti-Israel)

- **Al-Risalah** (The Mission, or The Message), an intellectual quarterly. It deals with social issues and the da'wah (political-religious Islamic indoctrination, preaching and propaganda). It makes a point of the Islamic nature of the “Palestinian problem” and often preaches jihad (holy war) in the spirit of the radical Islamic terrorist organizations. Its self-described target audience is Islamic preachers, intellectuals and public opinion makers. The Center claims the magazine serves as a forum for academic and other groups prominent in the Islamic world.

- **Al-Zuhur** (The Flowers) and **Al-Fursan** (The Cavalry), magazines for the whole family. Al-Zuhur is aimed at women, Al-Fursan at youngsters.
Following are examples of books and other publications preaching hatred and inciting terrorist acts against Israel issued by the AIC between 2002-2003 and distributed, among others, to the PA-administered territories and Israeli Arabs:

- **Appendix A, Fruits of the Intifada**: The book preaches the continuation of the violent Palestinian insurrection and forcefully presents suicide bombing attacks as the only and most effective option for Palestinian victory over Israel.

- **Appendix B, The Palestinian Problem: Unassailable Facts and Fundamental Principles**: The book calls for the destruction of the Zionist enterprise in Palestine through a jihad waged by the entire Arab and Islamic world.

- **Appendix C, Suicide Bombs [i.e., the suicide bombers] the Balance of Deterrence and the First Signs of Victory**: The book glorifies the suicide bombing attacks and preaches their continuance, regarding them as “a trump card.”

- **Appendix D, The Jewish Plan: Between Kindling Conflicts and Destroying Civilization**: An overtly anti-Semitic book calling upon the Islamic world to prepare itself for a confrontation with Jews and Zionists, who present, it claims, a threat to the existence of Islam and other civilizations.

- **Appendix E, Jerusalem, the al-Aqsa Intifada and the War of Globalization**: The book examines the current intifada in the context of the confrontation between Islam and the United States. It extols the current armed Palestinian insurrection, especially the suicide bombing attacks against Israel, as the path to “the liberation of Palestine” from the river Jordan to the Mediterranean sea.

- **Appendix F, Palestine, Man and Land**: An anti-Semitic booklet written by Sheikh 'Ikrimah Sa'id Sabri, the Mufti of Jerusalem and the PA’s highest religious authority. The booklet transmits the message that the Jews have no right to Eretz Israel (the land of Israel) and completely delegitimizes the State of Israel.

- **Appendix G, Postcards and stickers used as propaganda**: Examples of postcards and stickers distributed to subscribers with the magazines. Some of the postcards and stickers, which seem harmless and intended to raise Islamic religious awareness, are actually distributed by the AIC as part of its incitement to perpetrating acts of terrorism against Israel, encouragement of greater devotion to the mosques on the Temple Mount in the context of the current violent Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the preaching of radical fundamentalist Islamic religious values.

- **Appendix H, Recommendations for anti-Israeli propaganda strategy**: An article from the February 2003 issue of the AIC’s monthly Hasad ul-Fikr. Its main messages are the refusal to recognize the State of Israel and the encouragement of its complete destruction, conclusions based on a working seminar held to discuss the topic of “The role of all Arab information [i.e., propaganda] in supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinians.”
Appendix A

Fruits of the Intifada:
Indoctrination for the continuation of the violent Palestinian insurrection, presenting suicide bombing attacks as the only and most effective option for Palestinian victory over Israel

The front cover of the book shows the hand of a Palestinian holding a rock, an well-known intifada symbol, its fingers extended in a V for victory, placed squarely on a Star of David (Magen David, a symbol of Jews and Zionism) . The AIC logo appears in the upper right-hand corner.

Name: Fruits of the Intifada
Author: Dr. Sami al-Salihi
Published in the series: Jerusalem Treatises (number 8)
Publisher: Arab Information Center, al-Giza, Egypt Year: 2003

General Description
- The book attacks the Palestinian Authority for its failures, inability to control the current intifada, corruption, problems in forming a government, subservience to Israel and surrender to the United States in accepting the George W. Bush administration’s proposed road map for a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The book totally rejects political negotiations as a valid method for reaching a solution to the conflict, asserting rather that violence directed against Israel, particularly the suicide bombing attacks, is the Palestinians' most effective weapon. The attacks, according to the book, have dealt serious blows to Israel's morale and economy, and the intifada in its present aggressive military format must continue, as it is the only option which has proved itself and which promises continued success in the insurrection against Israel.

- Following are excerpts from the publisher's foreword and the author's introduction:
  - “The blessed Palestinian intifada and the suicide bombing attacks [against Israel] (‘amliyyat istishhadiyyah) carried out by young people…have undermined the security of the Zionist entity and harmed its economy; therefore, the intifada has clearly proved itself to be the only option capable of bringing about the liberation of [all] the lands of Palestine from the evil Zionist enemy.” (p. 3)
  - “The political concept to which the intifada stubbornly clings is adherence to the option of active resistance (muqawamah) and jihad, since they are the most effective weapons in the confrontation with the Israeli forces of occupation … This book will make clear that the option of active resistance, armed operations and suicide bombing attacks bears fruit and also contributes to the situation in the Palestinian arena in view of the sudden recent regional changes, such as the [American] invasion of Iraq and increased American hegemony in the area.” (p. 5)
From the back cover: “The option of active resistance and suicide bombing attacks… [is] the most important and in fact the only option capable of liberating [all] the land of occupied Palestine … it is the option which has the support of the majority of the Palestinian people.”

Appendix B

The Palestinian Problem: Unassailable Facts and Fundamental Principles: A call for the destruction of the Zionist enterprise in Palestine through a jihad waged by the entire Arab and Islamic world

Name: The Palestinian Problem: Unassailable Facts and Fundamental Principles
Author: Dr. Muhsen Muhammad Salih, an expert in Palestinian studies and modern Arab history
Published in the series: Jerusalem Treatises (number 4)
Publisher: Arab Information Center, al-Giza, Egypt Year: 2002
The book boasts of bringing the reader the basic facts of “the Palestinian problem” and its specific political and ideological contexts. It was published as one of the AIC’s series called Jerusalem Treatises. “The Palestinian problem,” the theme of this as well as other AIC publications, is depicted as “the most pressing problem for [all] Arabs and Muslims” and as part of the broader issue of dealing with attacks on the Muslim people.

The introduction was written by Dr. Muhammad ‘Amara, a well-known Egyptian Islamic scholar and publisher. He has issued many books about Islam (including radical Islam) and Arab nationalism. Dr. ‘Amara provides a brief survey of Islamic history from a radical Islamist point of view. He describes the founding of “the Zionist authority on the land of Palestine” by imperialists [sic] “a racial cancer, an alien growth” which interrupts the territorial integrity of the [Muslim] Ummah [nation] and threatens any enterprise of regeneration and unity for both Arabs and Muslims…” (p. 6) He describes the “Zionist peril” threatening the Islamic world and states that the Palestinian problem has become a symbol of the broader conflict between Muslims and all the enemies of Islam. (p. 8)

Following are excerpts from the book:

- From the chapter “Palestine Throughout History”: “The Islamic viewpoint presented by the author describes Palestine as “the place from which the dead will rise, the innermost heart of the entire Islamic territory (Dar al-Islam). Whoever lives there views himself as a warrior in the jihad for the sake of Allah…” (p. 11)

- From the chapter “The Jews Have No Right [at All] to the Land of Palestine”: “According to research done by the Jews themselves [sic]… more than 80% of all the Jews alive today have no historical connection with [Muslim-Arab] Palestine…” (p. 13); “The continued existence of the Jewish-Zionist entity is dependent upon the promise of the weakness, schism and backwardness of the Muslim countries bordering it; the opposite equation is that an uprising of the nation [of Islam], its unity and strength, are dependent upon the destruction of the Jewish-Zionist enterprise which eats away at [the nation of Islam’s] heart.” (pp. 15-16)

- From the chapter “Jewish Expansion in the Region”: “The arrogant behavior of the Jews regarding the [Muslim] land [of Palestine] is a fact that no one contends… The Jews invested a great effort in taking over al-Aqsa mosque [in Jerusalem]. They dug four tunnels which pose an immediate threat to the continued stability of the mosque’s structure. They also formed 25 Jewish terrorist organizations aimed at destroying al-Aqsa [mosque] and rebuilding their temple in its place.” (p. 22)

- From the chapter “Palestine, Homeland for Muslims and Christians”: “The enforcement of conditions [by the oppressive victor i.e., Israel] which steals from a weak people (i.e., the Palestinians) may bring about ‘an arrangement’ [quotation marks in the original text], but it will never bring peace. Therefore, the jihad for the liberation of Palestine will continue to be an obligation. The [continued] existence of the Zionist entity in Palestine in the heart of the Muslim world… will be a burning fuse threatening to explode world peace and cause the Third World War… The Muslims will never accept a [foreign] entity in their midst… indeed, they will work to remove it [from the world] just as they did to other [political entities in the past]. Otherwise, let the great powers know that the injustice they caused by inventing that entity will bring death and destruction to all mankind. Therefore, it would be better for that entity to be dismantled before the time of horrors arrives.” (pp. 35-36)

- From the chapter “The Islamic Worldview about the Extent of the Conflict”: “Islam must be the [military] base [al-quaeda in the original text] for the liberation [of Palestine] and the destruction of the Zionist enterprise. That is because Islam… has the greatest ability to mobilize the masses and to concentrate its resources, and because history, whether the conquest of Jerusalem or its liberation from the Crusaders and the Mongols, proves the [final] success of the Islamic solution.” (pp. 36-37)

- From the same chapter, the main features of the Islamic solution to the Palestinian problem are (pp. 37-39):
Islam should be adopted as an ideology through behavior, way of life and political rule in accordance with the precepts of Allah.

A well-trained, proper, qualified Islamic leadership is the only one capable of coping with and destroying the Zionist enterprise.

The conflict with the Jewish-Zionist enemy should be expanded to include the entire Muslim world, and it should not be limited to the Palestinian issue or to Arab nationalism. That is because the liberation of Palestine has become the personal obligation of every Muslim.

The Palestinian people should be supported and given aid and training in every way possible because they are the front line of the Muslim nation. That must be done to enable them to cling to their land and continue their steadfast resistance and jihad against Israel.

An effort to revitalize [Muslim] civilization should be sought... so that all Muslims will be able by themselves to fund both the jihad [against Israel] and the financial burden of the liberation [of all Palestine].

Overcoming the Jewish-Zionist enterprise in Palestine and its collapse are not only possible, but a certain fact ... The Zionist movement which conquered Palestine is the last remnant of traditional west European imperialism which has otherwise disappeared, and it is doomed sooner or later to depart from Palestine [as well]. (pp. 38-39)

Appendix C

Suicide Bombs [i.e., the suicide bombers]: the Balance of Deterrence and the First Signs of Victory: A book glorifying the suicide bombing attacks and preaching their continuance, regarding them as “a trump card”

Name: Suicide Bombs [i.e., suicide bombers]: the Balance of Deterrence and the First Signs of Victory
Author: Dr. Wajdi ‘Abd al-Fatah Sawahil
Published in the series: Book of Jerusalem (number 18)
Publisher: Arab Information Center, al-Giza, Egypt
Year: 2003 (first edition)
The author received a BA degree *summa cum laude* from Tanta University in Egypt in 1987 and a PhD in molecular genetics from the University of Leeds in 1994. From 1996-1998 he did research work at the UN's International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in India. Today he is an associate professor of genetic engineering and biotechnology at the National Research Center in Cairo.

Dr. Sawahil has been honored many times. He won the Egyptian National Research Center's award for the advancement of scientific research in 1995 and an award from the Third World Institute for Science in Italy in 1998. In 1999 he was awarded the Liwa' [Major General] Dr. Ahmad Zahran award for scientific education by the Academy for Scientific and Technological Research in Cairo, as a result of his work in the field of *enrichment and scientific education (for the masses)*, especially for editing the first Arabic encyclopedia of genetic engineering.

Besides the book under review he wrote two other propaganda books for the Book of Jerusalem series: *The Book of Jerusalem – Technological War for the Suppression of the al-Aqsa Intifada*, and *The Intifada of the Internet – From an Armed Jihad to an Electronic Jihad*.

**Overview**

The book, as can be seen from its introduction (pp. 3-11), *claims to present the results of studies done on suicide bombing attacks*. In actual fact, it contains *no* objective information but rather *encourages such attacks* and even regards them as *“a trump card.”* The author makes no attempt to hide his *obvious and enthusiastic support for suicide bombing attacks* which are, in his opinion and as he describes them, the *most effective weapon in the al-Aqsa intifada’s arsenal*.

Following are *excerpts from the introduction* dealing with the contents of the book and the *author's world view*:

- “When the active Palestinian resistance [movement] (muqawamah) decided to exploit the human resources of its fearless men against the Israeli war machine, it turned them into human bombs called *perpetrators of suicide bombing attacks* (istishhadiyyin). That was done to instill fear and terror in the hearts of the Zionists.” (p. 5)  

  2 However, in the eyes of their strong supporters, such as the author, they are considered martyrs who are ready to blow themselves up, sacrificing their lives and dying in battle with “the Zionist enemy” for the sake of Allah and the entire Muslim nation.

- “The suicide bombing attacks (*amliyyat istishhadiyyah*) are considered the most important weapon currently available to the active Palestinian resistance, since they inflict grave damages to the ranks of the Zionist enemy. It [the weapon] is plentiful, its supply is inexhaustible and suicide bombers cannot be thwarted… The [Israeli] army and the entire Zionist security apparatus were and are helpless in the face of the suicide bomber, who suddenly appears before them like a decree of fate, penetrating their fortifications and overcoming their security measures.” (p. 5)

- The book quotes from the Arab writer *Izzat al-Rishq, who says that “the suicide bombing attacks are our trump card, what turned our weakness and poor ability to maneuver into a [great] force*, created conditions of [strategic]
balance which were previously unknown in the conflict with the Zionist enemy and made our people capable of reacting, of deterring [the enemy], of damaging and harming that enemy... Such a weapon gave the Palestinian people the hope...to realize their rights and drive the invaders away in disgrace... The suicide bombers are therefore the Palestinians' most desirable weapon and for that reason they will never yield the source of that power. ” (pp. 6-8)

“ The third part [of the book deals with] the appearance of suicide bombers from 1986 till their proliferation with the outbreak of the al-Aqsa intifada ... we will reveal the criteria for choosing a Palestinian who will perpetrate a suicide bombing attack; how the Fida'iyyin 3 reach their destinations, despite heightened Israeli security measures; how long it takes to prepare for a suicide bombing attack; how much a suicide bombing attack costs; how intelligence about the target is gathered; what the factors are which motivate Palestinians to perpetrate suicide bombing attacks; we will survey the ways Palestinians express their love, estimation and feeling of pride for the brave deed of the shaheed (martyr), the heroic myth which the jihad creates and the might of the [martyrs'] struggle as expressed by the way [the Palestinians] decorate [even] their cellular phones with pictures of the [admired] suicide bombers.” (p. 10)

3 Muslims who are ready to sacrifice their lives in battle for the sake of Allah and the Muslim nation but do not necessarily die in action.

“In summation... it is clear to us that active resistance, and first and foremost suicide bombing attacks... are a strategic deterrent weapon which the Zionist enemy cannot neutralize or overcome. The Israelis view death as loss and finality, whereas Moslems see it as a [new] life [in heaven] better than one of wretchedness and disgrace [in this world]. Therefore, they must be given a chance to liberate the lands of Palestine, just as [a chance] was given to negotiations [i.e., the political process initiated in 1993 with the signing of the Oslo accords] for 10 years and [as a chance was given] to the Security Council and to the United States for more than 50 years [to solve the Palestinian problem], with no results whatsoever.” (p. 11)

Appendix D

The Jewish Plot: Between Kindling Conflicts and Destroying Civilization: An overtly anti-Semitic book calling upon the Islamic world to prepare itself for a confrontation with Jews and Zionists, who present, it claims, a threat to the existence of Islam and other civilizations

‘Abd al-Halim ‘Uwais, author of this overtly anti-Semitic book

Name : The Jewish Plot: Between Kindling Conflicts and Destroying Civilization
Author : ‘Abd al-Halim ‘Uwais
Published in the series : Book of Jerusalem (number 17)
Publisher : Arab Information Center, al-Giza, Egypt
Year : 2003
From the back cover of the book: “The book is a scientific attempt anchored [in sources] to dive into the dark past of the history of the battle now being fought between the weak of the earth and the strong, who are an invisible force directed by Jewish and Zionist fingers. [They] set for themselves [the goal of being] rulers of the world by conspiring to take it over… [with the plots laid out in] The Protocols of the Elders of Zion … and [using] their Satanic powers… [they] flaunt constitutions which complement each other by holding the world by the throat and abusing the greatest empires in modern history. [The book] examines the ideological sources of those forces – the Torah [the first five books of the Old Testament], the Talmud [the collection of Jewish law and tradition], The Protocols of the Elders of Zion and the Freemasons, both seen as secular groups plotting in secret to destroy traditional religion, mainly Islam – as the background for dealing with them by means of worldwide humanitarian and religious forces, by the best [people] who seek light and truth throughout the Muslim world. Thus, we must choose between confrontation and worldwide suicide of all civilization [and the choice is clear]. ”

The connection between Jews and Freemasons is a theme familiar in classic European anti-Semitism and modern Arabic anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist literature.

General description
- **The Jewish Plan** is an anti-Semitic version of Samuel Huntington's well-known book, *The Clash of Civilizations*. Based on the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and various anti-Semitic myths, it claims the Jews are battling all other civilizations to destroy them and take over the world. It calls for the Islamic world to ready itself to fight the Jewish and Zionist conspiracies which, in its opinion, threaten the existence of Islam and all other civilizations.

Following are excerpts from the author's introduction:

"A ferocious international war is now being waged [various] nations, civilizations and religions, and those involved in it are not [fully] aware of the hostile forces [i.e., the Jews] opposing them in the international arena. Those forces continually swallow their flesh and gnaw at their bones… It is the most amazing battle in history, between one side which is known, weak, torn to shreds and overcome[i.e., the Muslims], and another of hidden power manipulated by the fingers of a covert world government. [That government] is composed of three hundred Jewish autocrats who nominated themselves to rule the world, [that is] to take over Europe, which they have already destroyed; to take over the United States, which they are about to destroy; to take over China, Japan and the [entire] Islamic world, besides [other places]." (p. 3)
“Using the old forces which they already control, i.e., Europe and the United States, they [the Jewish autocrats] are now attempting to fight new factors — which are trying not to surrender to them unconditionally, or not to be included in their temporary program and in their learned and organized Protocols – [in their efforts] to take over the world. They are the Satanic forces, Freemasons and Zionists, ruled by devilish ideas and no longer open to dialog or discussion.” (p. 3)

“Theyir greatest deed: to use the Jews and the Freemasons to carry out the decisions of the Torah and the Talmud by implementing the Protocols and through carefully selecting their agents from among those who were bought [by the Jewish autocrats] with money – namely the traitors, those protected by Christianity and Islam: all religions renounce those agents because – and they most probably are aware of it – they strive to destroy [all] those religions, with the exception of Semitic and Jewish nationalism… so let us again make things explicit and examine the sources of the ideas ruling the world today. In addition, let us examine the men who really direct world events, those whom we must fight using international humanitarian and religious bodies and the best researchers. The confrontation cannot be avoided, no matter how powerful the False Messiah is or how devilish their fingers may be, because we have to choose between confrontation and the international suicide of all Eastern and Western civilizations… and it is Allah who will bring [us] victory.” (p. 5)

The following are excerpts from the book:

“That faith, which ruled the Jews in the past and rules and motivates them today, politically, in the modern world, is the faith that has dragged the world into endless tragedies. In fact, the Jews have worked to utterly destroy countries, to wipe out nations and religions, to corrupt régimes in every country by tempting kings and rulers with persecutions of nations and by tempting the people to revolt against the authority of the law. Not only that, in the name of that faith they spread destructive ideas: sometimes they work to spread communism, sometimes capitalism; sometimes they cloak themselves in socialism and even champion the bestowal of freedom in the sense of lawlessness and equality [of the sexes], i.e., anarchism. They destabilize world blocs and goad them into conflicts, they incite the underprivileged against their oppressors, but then quickly fight freedom and equality.” (p. 67)

“Now they are spreading anarchic permissiveness and strive to destroy families and to sever the ties between relatives; they goad individuals to [satisfy their] lusts and incite [moral] degeneration and the abandoning of all human values. In fact, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion show how to exploit human urges and instincts, such as [the desire for] money and women … In addition, The Protocols instruct the Jews to put outstanding individuals in key positions, those who committed crimes and have criminal records no one is aware of, except for the Jews themselves… The Protocols ensure that the Jews currently have power over the news media, publishing houses and the communications media to manipulate world public opinion by allowing only [the information] the Jews are interested in to be disseminated.” (p. 68)

“Money is one of the Jews’ favorite tools not only for bribery but for fomenting sedition. In addition, they urge people, whom they call “the educated elite,” to betray their religions, their countries and their cultures and to form strong bonds with the Jews. They use their questionable societies, such as the Freemasons, Rotary, Lions Clubs and Jehovah’s Witnesses to realize their goals, to destroy the bonds between nations and to penetrate all the sensitive apparatuses in those nations.” (p. 69)

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion and its current “application” by the Zionist movement are discussed at great length in Chapters Four, Five and Six. Chapter Four describes the Protocols, Chapter Five deals with their practical application, and Chapter Six deals with the Zionist organizations which, according to the author, realize the goals of the Protocols [The Hebrew University in Jerusalem is mentioned as a model of Israeli-American universities operating in the service of the Protocols.]

Following are excerpts from the book’s conclusion:

“We have discussed at great length the values of the Jewish sources… i.e., the values the Jews adopted throughout history, with the exception of the present era, and which were publicly demonstrated by their committees, plans and conspiracies… [they] established societies of Freemasons such as the Rotary, the Lions Clubs, Jehovah’s Witnesses,
etc. They founded the State of Israel, took over the communications media and world economy, rode the waves of communism and capitalism, and extended their hands in friendship to their old rivals, the Christians, to allow them to take over the world and thus to realize the dreams of their Torah and Talmud.” (p. 236)

- “They now seem to stand shoulder to shoulder with capitalism and secularism against Islam and [religious] fundamentalism, but the truth is that they are conspiring to strike at both Christianity and Islam, East and West. In fact, as soon as communism collapsed and the first Gulf War ended, they manipulated the international community into declaring war on Islam. Their real purpose is to let wars be waged, to cause civil wars, to put the plots of the Torah into effect, i.e., the collective destruction of humanity, that is, of non-Jews.” (p. 237)

- “[Therefore] nothing can stop them from [trying to realize] their goals: the destruction of noble qualities and of moral and religious values. For the Jews, the ends justify the means, and their record in that area is well-known: they were behind all the great catastrophes of the twentieth century and they will be behind the foreseeable human crises of the twenty-first. In fact, in that context they urged one of their [sic] philosophers, Samuel Huntington, to provide the intellectual outline and strategic program for the next World War, into which reckless Western American civilization will be dragged, along with the Muslims who will confront it once it has been made clear to them that there is no alternative to confrontation.” (pp. 237-238)

**Appendix E**

*Jerusalem, the al-Aqsa Intifada and the War of Globalization* : An examination of the current intifada in the context of the confrontation between Islam and the United States. The book extols the armed Palestinian insurrection, especially the suicide bombing attacks against Israel, as the [best] way to “the liberation of Palestine” from the Jordan river to the Mediterranean sea.

Under the title the map of Greater Palestine (in the colors of the Palestinian Authority flag) appears superimposed on the Mosque of the Dome of the Rock. It is surrounded by a ring of artistic Arabic script reading “Arab Islamic Palestine from the [Jordan] river to the [Mediterranean] sea.”

**Name**: Jerusalem, the al-Aqsa Intifada and the War of Globalization

**Author**: Dr. Ahmed Sidqi al-Dajani

**Published in the series**: Book of Jerusalem (number 13)

**Publisher**: Arab Information Center, al-Giza, Egypt

**Year**: 2002 (second edition)

5 The term war of globalization is used here as a substitute for the expression the American government’s war on terrorism.
Ahmed Sidqi al-Dajani is a professor, philosopher and the doyen of Palestinian scholars. An old Fatah member, his permanent residence is in Egypt. He is a member of the Palestinian National Council and bodies belonging to it, and of the Fatah's High Council for Education, Culture and Science. In 2000 he was head of the Committee for Arab-European Dialog.

General description

The book, according to the author's introduction (p. 4), deals with the current violent Israeli-Palestinian conflict (the al-Aqsa intifada) from the point of view of the American post-9/11 war on terror. The author's outlook is extremely hostile to the United States. He calls the American anti-terrorism efforts a war of globalization waged by "the oppressive, tyrannical forces of globalization led by the American government against those who oppose it." The war, according to the introduction, is being fought in two main arenas: Palestine and Afghanistan [the book was written and published, the second edition included, before the second Gulf War in Iraq started (March 20, 2003)].

The book praises and glorifies the suicide bombing attacks in both the American and Palestinian contexts. It claims that in both arenas in which the United States is fighting, the "death of martyrs for the sake of Allah" (i.e., suicide bombing attacks) has shown itself to be "the most impressive manifestation" of the active resistance against "the force of American oppression," which is perpetrating, according to the book, acts of terrorism covered by diplomatic immunity. The results of the suicide bombing attacks are also praised in the Israeli-Palestinian context where they "cause the colonialist Zionist settler to panic and become helpless." (p. 6)

Throughout, the book supports violent Palestinian activity against Israel with the emphasis on suicide bombing attacks as a way of achieving the Palestinian goals: "The liberation of the Palestinian and Arab territories conquered in 1967 as the first step toward liberating [all] Palestine." (p. 77) Following are excerpts from the book:

"Active resistance is the way to liberation… death as a martyr for the sake of Allah [in this context, perpetrator of a suicide bombing attack] is the highest level resistance activity (muqawamah). In fact, the creator of life and death [Allah] desires the shaheeds in his presence and their names will breathe life into the sons of their people [the Palestinians]." 6(p. 81)

6 It should be noted that one of the most frequently quoted verses of the Qur'an justifying the perpetrators of suicide bombing attacks is similar to this excerpt: "Do not in any way view those who died for the sake of Allah [as though they were] dead; verily, they are alive and are in the presence of their lord [Allah], who sees to their needs" [Surah 3, (Aal Imran), Verse 169]

"The martyr who sacrifices his life for the sake of Allah (istikhadi) [i.e., perpetrates a suicide bombing attack against Israel has resolved to fight the enemy until he is killed and returns his soul to the Creator, and thus will be considered a shaheed who has died for the sake of Allah. Thus it follows that he, the weapon in his possession and all his equipment become one unit fighting the enemy… and that is the situation of the suicide bomber who detonates a car bomb. The car is part of his equipment and the explosive device is his weapon. The same is true of the [Palestinian] who sacrifices his life for the sake of Allah [i.e., the suicide bomber] and turns the explosives he carries on his body for his specific mission into his weapon, and thus blows himself up. He is the same as the warrior who sacrifices his life in a jihad taking all his weaponry with him when he left for battle." (p. 132)

"The communications media of the Zionist enemy, together with the communications media of the hegemony and oppressive countries [i.e., the United States and the West] make it their business to call the one who lets his soul fly [upward] for the sake of Allah (istikhadi) a “suicide” [intihar, someone who commits suicide for emotional or personal reasons]… Heaven forbid that our heroes be labeled “suicides,”… for how great is the difference between intihar [suicide committed for personal reasons] and istishhad [suicide as an act of individual sacrifice or death as a martyr for the sake of Allah]: the first is motivated by despair while the second by faith and hope… and by adherence to truth, justice and the peace expressed by faith… Thus I have noticed that there is almost a complete consensus among the Muslim nation's religious scholars rejecting suicide [intihar] and accepting death as a martyr for the sake of Allah [istikhadd] [through suicide bombing], for which they give proof." (p. 136)
Throughout, the book repeatedly attacks the United States and its ally, Britain, and blames them for adopting strategy hostile to the Arab world with the aim of controlling the Middle East's natural resources (particularly the oil). The book claims that when the Cold War ended and communism no longer posed a threat [to the liberal, democratic West], it was the Islamic civilization which became the United States' main enemy. As a result, the United States began sending aid to the Zionists to attack Islam by labeling it "terrorist," while their true goal was to conduct a [world-wide] smear campaign against Islamic civilization. (p. 172)

Appendix F

Palestine, Man and Land: An anti-Semitic booklet with the message that the Jews have no right to the land of Israel and completely delegitimizing the State of Israel.

Name: Palestine, Man and Land
Author: Sheikh 'Ikirma Sa'id Sabri, the Mufti of Jerusalem and the [whole] Palestinian territory
Publisher: Arab Information Center, al-Giza, Egypt

A portrait of the author

Sheikh 'Ikirma Sa'id 'Abdallah Sabri has been the Mufti of Jerusalem since 1994. He is a senior preacher in Al-Aqsa mosque and the highest religious Islamic authority in the PA-administered territories. He was appointed Mufti by the PA to create a Palestinian presence on the Temple Mount, the third holiest Muslim site (which includes the mosque of the Dome of the Rock, Al-Aqsa mosque and the area between them), a very sensitive place for the Arab and Muslim world.

Sheikh Sabri is known as a talented speaker of extreme opinions, whose sermons in the past have expressed support for a jihad and for violent Palestinian activity against Israel, including suicide bombing attacks, calling them a means for the “liberation” of Jerusalem as well as Palestine from the Jordan river to the Mediterranean sea. He has also included strong anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli sentiments in his sermons along with frequent attacks on the United States and its Western allies, mainly Britain.
General description

Introduction

According to the publisher’s foreword (p. 3), the Arab Information Center is pleased to issue the treatise by Sheikh ‘Ikirma Sa’id Sabri for both the Arab and Muslim reader. Its aim is a short, simple presentation of the “Palestinian problem.” In his own introduction (p. 5), Sabri says he brings his readers a blessing from their Palestinian brothers, who are standing guard over Palestine on their behalf “from the Mediterranean sea in the west to the Jordan river in the east,” adding that according to some religious Muslim scholars the blessing is also relevant for Greater Syria (bilad al-Sham). 7

For many years Palestine was considered (and still is, especially in Syria) as the southern part of Greater Syria, which includes, besides Syria itself, Lebanon, Palestine and Jordan, and for some, even Cyprus.

The Jewish ambitions in Palestine

In a pseudo-historical survey under the heading “The Jewish ambitions in Palestine,” (pp. 9-12) he says:

“It is absolutely clear that for hundreds of years the Jews have coveted Palestine. They convened several strictly secret conferences to plot their strategy for realizing their goals. That was made most apparent at the [Zionist] Congress [in Basel, Switzerland in 1987] where decisions were made according to The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which claim that a Jewish state is to be established in Palestine, and that the Jews must subjugate the rest of the peoples of the world and rule them through corruption and artificial conflicts.” (p. 9)

Page 9: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion as the basis for the decision to establish a Jewish state in Palestine and for the Jews to rule the rest of the world.

“…then world Zionism took the next step: world Jewry joined the camp of the allies in the First World War… and they were awarded their prize [The Balfour Declaration] at someone else’s expense… That declaration was issued ‘by someone who did not own it [i.e., Palestine] to someone who did not have the right [to it].’ For in fact, Balfour did not own Palestine and the Jews had no right to such a declaration [from him, representing a promise or commitment] because they had no presence in Palestine.” (pp. 9-10)

“After the First World War… there was a terrible holocaust [sic] of the Palestinian people, because for some time Britain had been plotting to establish a Zionist entity for the Jews on Palestinian land… the [filaments of the spider] web of the conspiracy stretched from Britain to Palestine. I stress this point so that the generations to come may be aware of the extent of the plot against Palestine, and so that the generations after them do not forget. The conspiracy was too strong for the Palestinian people to deal with properly.” (pp. 10-11)
“In 1948 a strange, foreign entity was established in Palestine and given the name ‘The State of Israel.’ It occupied a considerable portion of Palestinian lands including West Jerusalem, the lands of the Negev and Beersheba… In 1967 the June war broke out… and what was left of Mandatory Palestine fell into Israeli hands… The Israeli occupation government began its arbitrary, aggressive actions against Jerusalem… because it seemed to the Jews that al-Aqsa mosque had been built on the ruins of Solomon's fictitious temple.” (pp. 11-12)

The Jewish Zionist settlement in Palestine

In Palestinian political terminology (including textbooks used in the PA-administered territories) the word settlement (al-istitan) refers not only to Jewish settlement in the PA-administered territories but to all of the territory occupied by the State of Israel, as part of the delegitimization of the Zionist settlement in the land (later the State) of Israel since its beginning.

Following are excerpts dealing with the Jewish Zionist settlement in Palestine:

- “It is perfectly clear that the [Zionist] Jews focused on [carrying out] their plots in two important areas: men and land [also the title of the booklet]. As far as men were concerned, they initiated a mass migration to Palestine from various countries so that their numbers would slowly increase and become greater than the number of the original Palestinian [inhabitants]… When it came to land, they plotted to take over the lands of Palestine through the British Mandatory government… and thus established settlements for themselves – namely “colonies” [musta'marat, quotation marks in the original text].” (p. 14)

- “The most prominent reasons for establishing settlements – or “colonies” -- in Palestine were to encircle Palestine from all sides… [and] to sever it from [the Hashemite emirate, later the kingdom of] Jordan… and by means of a girdle of settlements, from the Arabs of 1948 [the Israeli Arabs]… and to sever the Gaza Strip from the rest of the Palestinian territories, to separate the Palestinian cities from one another.” (p. 22)

The conclusion includes a quotation from the tradition [hadith, the accepted sayings of the prophet Mohammed] very popular in Islamic and Palestinian discourse, which hints at the potential existence of an elite group of Palestinians from Jerusalem and its surroundings. The group represents the Muslims (especially the Palestinians) who are temporarily in distress but they are ready to set out on a jihad to liberate Jerusalem and Palestine (p. 27):

- “There is still a group [chosen from among] our nation which behaves in accordance with the truth [i.e., Islam]; its members manage to subdue their enemies and they are not harmed by those who disagree with them or by any trouble visited upon them -- until the word of Allah [Judgment Day] reaches them when they are in that condition [i.e., behaving in accordance with the true precepts of Islam]; when it is then said: Oh, prophet of Allah [Muhammad], where are they [the members of the chosen group]? And [the prophet] then answers: [they are in action and can be found] in and around Jerusalem.”

Appendix G

Postcards and stickers used as propaganda

The Arab Information Center occasionally sends out blatant propaganda postcards and stickers with its publications. Their contents include incitement to acts of terrorism, increased Islamic religious (i.e., fundamentalist) devotion to the mosques of the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa in the context of the violent Islamic confrontation with Israel over Jerusalem, and also preach devotion to religious values in the spirit of fundamentalist Islam. Following are some examples of postcards and stickers sent to AIC subscribers in the PA-administered territories and to Israeli Arabs along with their periodicals.
Incitement to acts of terrorism against Israel camouflaged as “the liberation of Jerusalem

A poem praising Jerusalem containing the message that it will be liberated (from Israel) by force and with great suffering, including the willingness to make sacrifices to ensure victory.

Pictures of Hamas shaheeds (Muslims who died as martyrs for the sake of Allah)

The Arab Information Center’s logo, address and telephone and fax numbers.

- **Pictures of shaheeds** (those who died as martyrs for the sake of Allah) **appear on the postcards, all of them members of Hamas.** Some of them were well-known operatives who became legends and role models for the Palestinians, among whom are included senior operatives killed in preventive operations by the Israeli security forces (‘Imad ‘Aql, Yehia Ayyash, Mahmud Abu Hunoud); others are shaheeds who died in suicide bombing attacks -- including attacks in which many Israelis died -- during the current violent confrontation (i.e., ‘Abd al-Basit ‘Odeh, who perpetrated the **attack on the Park Hotel in Netanya on the eve of the Passover Seder**, March 27, 2002; Shadi al-Tubasi, who perpetrated the **attack on the Maza restaurant in Haifa** on March 31, 2002; Diya’ Muhammad, who perpetrated the **attack on the French Hill in Jerusalem** on June 20, 2002; Muhammad Fathi Farhat, who **infiltrated the Atzmona settlement** on March 10, 2002; and Ahmad ‘Atiq, who perpetrated the **shooting attack on an Israeli army base**.

**Increasing awareness:** Islamic propaganda aimed at encouraging greater devotion to the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa mosques on the Temple Mount in the context of the current violent Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The seemingly innocent postcards are sent to subscribers along with postcards preaching terrorism and suicide bombing attacks.

The upper inscription (aimed at any devout Muslim) reads: “Do not ignore al-Aqsa [when you pray] the best of your voluntary prayers.” At the bottom of the postcard the address and telephone and fax numbers of the AIC appear along with its logo.
A picture of the mosque of the Dome of the Rock. The uppermost inscription is a voluntary prayer said when leaving the mosque. It contains a request for Allah's mercy and forgiveness for sins committed, and the opening of the gates of mercy (a motto also used during the religious Islamic indoctrination given to potential suicide bombers). The lower inscription reads: “With best wishes from the Arab Information Center” and gives its telephone and fax numbers.

Postcards encouraging the fulfilling of religious Islamic precepts (in the spirit of fundamentalist Islam). The seemingly innocent postcards are sent to subscribers along with AIC publications preaching hatred and terrorism and suicide bombing attacks.

The upper inscription (aimed at devout Muslim women) reads: My head covering [hijab] [is] my dearest honor.” The inscription at the lower left reads: “With best wishes from the Arab Information Center” and gives its telephone and fax numbers.

In Islamic fundamentalist circles, covering the head is not only a sign of religious duty but also of devotion to and strengthened identity with Islam, especially in Muslim communities outside the Middle East. It has led to divisions in some secular Western countries, where such customs are forbidden if performed in public and in non-religious institutions.
**Appendix H**

Recommendations for anti-Israeli Arab propaganda strategy based on a workshop called “The role of Arabic information [i.e., propaganda] in supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinians.” (February 2003 issue of Hassad ul-Fikr, published by the Arab Information Center)

- The February issue of **Hassad ul-Fikr** (Fruit of Thoughts) contained an article by Khaled Yunis about a workshop called “The role of Arabic information [i.e., propaganda] in supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinians” held at the Arab Doctors’ Union House. The article detailed recommendations dealing with the Arab propaganda strategies adopted at the end of the seminar, which was hosted by the Palestinian Committee of the Arab Doctors’ Union.

- Following are the **most significant recommendations**, as read by the workshop’s secretary, Dr. Tarek ‘Abd al-Latif (pp. 101-102):

  - A call to the Arab media not to use the word “Israel” but rather the expression “Zionist entity” or “plundering entity.”
  - The map of Palestine [sic] should be shown as often as possible during newscasts with no mention made of the world Israel, “so that the present and future generations will not be forced to accept it as real.”
  - The expressions “suicide actions” [‘amaliyyat intihariyyah, which has negative connotations] and “acts of revenge” should not be used, but rather, it should be emphasized that they are acts of sacrifice or martyrdom for the sake of Allah during battle with the enemy [‘amaliyyat istishhadiyya] in accordance with the religious ruling of Al-Azhar (the most important and authoritative Suni Muslim religious institution in Cairo) and the Islamic religious scholars. In addition, it should be emphasized that the Palestinians do not carry out such acts because of emotional problems but rather with faith and the desire to liberate their country.
  - The conflict with the Zionists should be presented as a struggle for existence and not a border dispute, and it should be emphasized that the chief motive for the conflict is one of faith and not of territory.
  - A peace settlement based on the 1967 borders should not be mentioned but only one based on the liberation of the Palestinian land occupied in 1948, so that the borders of the Palestinian state will be thought of as being the Mediterranean sea and the Jordan river.
  - Preservation of awareness of “the Zionist enemy’s crimes” by keeping updated files based on archival material of “Zionist acts of slaughter in Palestine” and disseminating the information from time to time, “so that the nation be kept aware of the Zionist enemy’s crimes.”