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Spotlight on a Hamas da'wah institution in the West Bank: A file of Palestinian Preventive Security documents identified the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society as Hamas-affiliated. The file also contained reports of funds for the Society and Hamas coming from various external sources, including Interpal in Britain and the Islamic Movement in Israel.



The emblem of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society: Despite its humanitarian image, the Society raises funds used, among other things, to finance Hamas and its terrorism-supporting apparatus.

Synopsis

During Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002) a file of documents dealing with the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society was found in Palestinian Preventive Security (PPS) headquarters in Bethlehem. They show that the Society was closely monitored by Palestinian intelligence. Although the Society claims to work to further humanitarian goals, PPS found it was run by Hamas activists in order to further the movement's goals. PPS had completely infiltrated the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society and its intelligence sources reported that Hamas activists raised funds from various funds and foundations. Among them were Interpal in Britain (a Hamas-affiliated organization designated by American Executive Order 13224 as supporting terrorism) and the Islamic Movement, headed by sheikh Ra'ed Salah from Umm el-Fahm in Israel.

Overview of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society

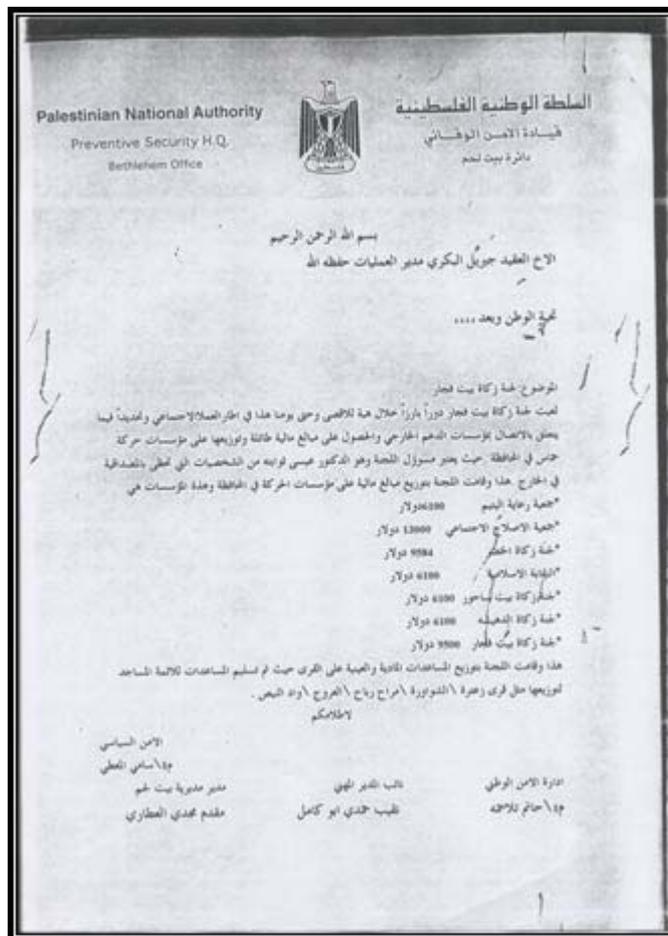


- The Orphan Care Society is a Hamas institution in Bethlehem, founded in 1997. Its headquarters are located together with a library and print shop on Al-Saf Street within the precinct of the Salah Edeen mosque (Salah Edeen Street) in Bethlehem.
- In addition to its broad program of humanitarian activities, it also participates in Hamas' terrorism-supporting apparatus, and raises money for both. All the Society's chief functionaries are known Hamas activists and the Society itself works in conjunction with other Hamas institutions in the West Bank, such as the Islamic Charitable Society of Hebron. Because of its ties to Hamas it was outlawed by Israel in 2002.
- A Palestinian Preventive Security document found during Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002) surveys Hamas institutions in the Bethlehem region (See below for a picture of the document). In it PPS head for the Bethlehem district, Lieut.- Col. Majdi al-'Atari, noted that "the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society" takes care of **orphans, the children of Hamas shaheeds and Hamas imprisoned members**. The Society's administration, according to the document, is composed entirely of Bethlehem Hamas activists, among them the Director, **Dr. Ghassan Harmass, considered Hamas' political leader in the Bethlehem area**.
- **Dr. Ghassan 'Issa Mahmoud Harmass** (Abu Tayib) is the director of the Orphan Care Society and a **high-ranking Hamas figure in Bethlehem**. He was born in 1956, resides in Bethlehem and has an academic degree in Islamic law, in which he lectures. **Spotlight on a Hamas da'wah institution in the West Bank: A file of Palestinian Preventive Security documents identified the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society as Hamas-affiliated. The file also contained reports of funds for the Society and Hamas coming from various external sources, including Interpal in Britain and the Islamic Movement in Israel.**
- Updated documents found in the Society's offices in March and May 2004 confirmed the PPS reports issued during the late 1990s and showed that not all the Society's activities were completely humanitarian and altruistic. They showed, among other things, that the Society financially supported the **children of Hamas terrorist-operatives** who had died during the ongoing violent Palestinian-Israeli confrontation. **The "aid to orphans," sons of Hamas terrorists, is another element in Hamas' terrorism-supporting apparatus which provides aid, sometimes indirectly, to the families of shaheeds, mainly Hamas members. This support network is an extremely important factor in motivating suicide bomber terrorists. They know that if they die, are wounded or are captured, their families are assured ongoing financial support.**
- **The Bethlehem Orphan Care Society is generously funded by extremist Islamic groups and by many organizations abroad designated by American Executive Order 13224 as supporting terrorism**, and is considered the most well-established charitable society in Bethlehem. According to documents found in its offices (written in 2002 and 2004), the Society is supported by the **Union of Good**¹ and its Hamas-affiliated organizations, among them **Interpal in Britain** and the **Al-Aqsa Fund in Holland and Belgium** (all of them outlawed by Israel), and from **radical Islamic organizations** such as the **World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY)** in Saudi Arabia and the **Islamic Movement** in Israel (See below).



1. An umbrella organization for Hamas in the West and for Islamic funds and foundations all over the world, which was established in 2000 after the outbreak of the ongoing violent Palestinian-Israeli confrontation. It is headed by an extremist Islamic preacher from Qatar named **Yussuf al-Qardawi**.

- Documents found in the offices of the PPS in Bethlehem revealed past conflicts (2001) over the distribution of contributions from abroad. **Dr. Ghassan Harmass**, head of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, determined that "the receipt of contributions [for the Society] was a matter to be dealt with **exclusively by the Hamas directorate in Bethlehem**, and that any intervention in the matter was out of the question" (a reference to 'Issa Thawabtah, also a senior **Hamas** member in Bethlehem (See Appendix P).



A Palestinian Preventive Security report found during Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002) relating to the transfer of funds from abroad for [Hamas institutions](#) in the Bethlehem area, among them the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society (first name on the list).

The Palestinian Preventive Security file containing documents relating to the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society

- During Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002) a file with intelligence reports belonging to the Bethlehem directorate of the PPS was found, relating to the activities of the [Bethlehem Orphan Care Society](#) between 1997-1999. The Society was monitored as part of a comprehensive PPS intelligence investigation of Hamas' civilian infrastructure (*da'wah*) in the PA-administered territories; the infrastructure was perceived as a hostile factor challenging the PA's authority. According to the documents, despite the Society's stated humanitarian objectives, the PPS definitely found it was a [Hamas-affiliated established institution operated by the movement to further its own goals and interests](#).
- Some of the material in the files, based on PPS intelligence sources, relates to the Society's Hamas affiliation, its activity and staff. Some of the documents deal with its stated objectives as a charitable society (theoretically) under the jurisdiction of the PA and working to further humanitarian issues. Some of them specifically relate to fundraising by Hamas activists for the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society and [show that some of the funds are leaked to Hamas movement itself](#). The contributors are also noted, among them [Interpal](#) (Britain), [WAMY](#) (Saudi Arabia) and the [Islamic Movement](#) (Israel).
- The following documents (translations and originals) come from the PPS files found in Bethlehem (Appendices A-P):
 - **Appendix A** : Intelligence report dealing with [funds raised by Hamas activists in Israel with the aid of sheikh Ra'ed Salah](#) for the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society and the [Hamas movement](#) in Bethlehem. The report notes a meeting between two Hamas heads in Bethlehem with the sheikh, who was then mayor of Umm el-Fahm, to ask for his aid in collecting contributions [1999].

- **Appendix B** : Intelligence report dealing with funds raised by the treasurer of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, a known Hamas activist, among members of the Islamic Movement in Umm el-Fahm and other locations in Israel, and transferred to Hamas in Bethlehem [1998].
- **Appendix C** : A report dealing with contacts between Hamas activists, representatives of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society and of the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron, and organizations abroad for the purpose of raising funds. The report mentions the Hamas-affiliated designated funds **Interpal** in Britain and **WAMY** in Saudi Arabia [1999].
- **Appendix D** : A PPS document (addressed to Jibril Rajoub, former PPS head for the West Bank) about the structure, objectives and sources of funding of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society [undated].
- **Appendix E** : A PPS report with additional information about the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society [1998].
- **Appendix F** : A report dealing with the distribution of “offerings” [portions of meat] to **Hamasmembers** in the Bethlehem area for Eid al-Adha (the feast of the sacrifice). The meat was donated to the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society by funds and foundations outside the PA-administered territories, among them **Interpal** in **London** [1999].
- **Appendix G** : Memorandum from **Interpal** regarding the donation of “offerings” [portions of meat for] Eid al-Adha to the Bethlehem Charitable Society through the **Hamas-affiliated** Islamic Charitable Society of Hebron [1999].
- **Appendix H** : A report dealing with the transfer of \$35,000 from Saudi Arabia for the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society without its informing the PA Ministry of Religious Endowments [1999].
- **Appendix I** : PPS report about the distribution of “offerings” [portions of meat] by the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society to **Hamas supporters** instead of to the poor and needy [1998].'
- **Appendix J** : Report about activities organized by the **Women’s Hope League**, a branch of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, including the participation of **female students** belonging to **Hamas** [undated].
- **Appendix K** : A report about the activity of Hamas’ Women’s Hope League [1999].
- **Appendix L** : Another report about the activity of Hamas’ Women’s Hope League [1999].
- **Appendix M** : Personal information about Ahmad al-Sharuf, Hamas activist and assistant director of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society [1997].
- **Appendix N** : Bethlehem Orphan Care Society assistant director **Ahmad Muhammad ‘Abdallah al-Sharuf’s** personal file, according to which both he and his sons are **Hamas** members [2000].
- **Appendix O** : PPS report about Hamas activity in Bethlehem, mentioning the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society [1999].
- **Appendix P** : Two PPS reports from **one file** found in their offices in Bethlehem.² The reports deal with conflicts with Hamas in Bethlehem regarding contributions received from supporting institutions abroad.

2. Documents found during Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002).

Appendix A

Intelligence report dealing with funds raised by Hamas activists in Israel with the aid of sheikh Ra'ed Salah for the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society and the Hamas movement in Bethlehem.

Translation

The Palestinian National Authority
Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters
Bethlehem Directorate

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

To: Brother [Lieut.-Col Abu Bashir](#) [Majed 'Ali Muhammad Faraj, PPS commander in Bethlehem], may Allah preserve him,

Blessing of the homeland, and to the matter at hand

In re: [Hamas activity](#)¹

[My] sources have informed me that two Hamas members, [Ghassan Harmass](#) [head of the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society and a senior member of Hamas leadership in Bethlehem] and [Khaled Tafesh Duweib](#)² [senior Hamas activist in Bethlehem, arrested by Israel] initiated contacts with [Umm el-Fahm mayor sheikh Ra'ed Salah](#). Their aim was to aid in the collection of contributions from Umm el-Fahm, Shefaram, Kafar Kara and Kafar Manda (Nazareth district)³for the [Orphan Care Society in the city \[of Bethlehem\]](#).

[As a result of the meeting with the mayor of Umm el-Fahm] two groups went out [to collect money]. One [went] to [Haifa](#), to the Great Mosque, and collected about a [hundred thousand \[Israeli\] shekels](#) [about \$24,5000] last week. The other [group] went to the [remaining areas](#) and I don't know how much in contributions [was collected].

[Regarding the same matter], a convention of mosque believers was held in [Area] 48 [the pre-1967 Six Day War Israeli borders] to help and to influence citizens to contribute according to their ability. The money is being collected, they say, as additional [support] for the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society. To that end they bought a plot of land of 25 dunams [approximately 6.25 acres] from the Islamic Endowment Authority in the Al-T'amrah district [near Bethlehem] to establish an orphans' village as support for the children of [shaheeds](#) ["martyrs" for the sake of Allah], prisoners and the poor.⁴

[The collection of contributions for] the project of building the [orphans'] village will be conducted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. I [also] witnessed another action in the [Bethlehem] district, [collecting money] in a locked box [for] collecting contributions for the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society's bank account. There are 450 such boxes which were distributed in the [Bethlehem] district, decorated with the picture of a small child stretching out his hand to receive a shekel.

For your information and perusal

Your brother Captain A-J⁵

January 7, 1999

Sector M [Bethlehem]

[Stamp and signature:] Headquarters of Preventive Security / Bethlehem Directorate / For continued follow-up

[Khaled,](#)

[Report to brother Abu Rami \[Jibril Rajoub, who at the time was in charge of the PPS in the West Bank\]](#)

1. This is an intelligence report written by a lieutenant in the Palestinian Preventive Security relying on intelligence sources and meant for his commanding officer. The notes in the margin show that the Preventive Security considered the report important because it was recommended that it be passed along to [Jibril Rajoub](#), former

Preventive Security head in the West Bank.

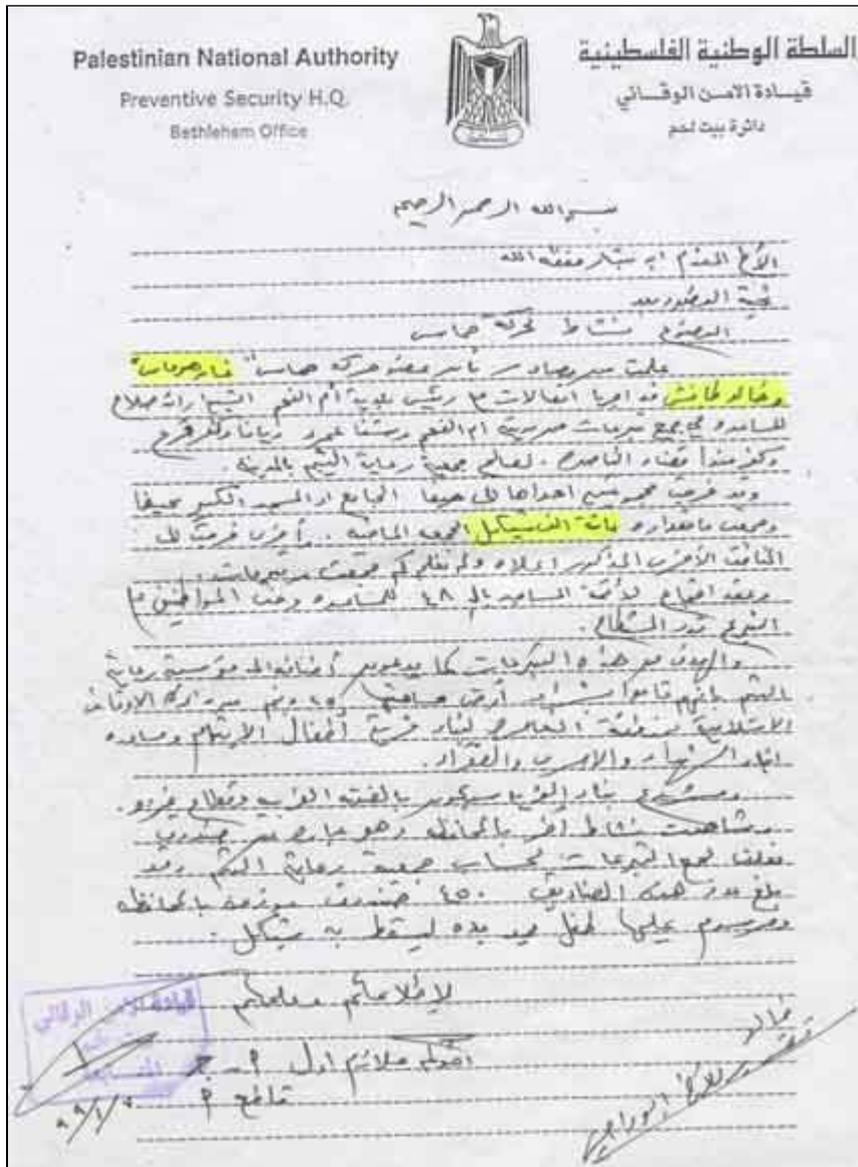
2. **Khaled Ibrahim Tafesh Duweib**, senior **Hamas** activist in Bethlehem, served as imam of the Omar mosque where he customarily delivered sermons preaching terrorism. One of them supported the car bomb attack in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market the previous day, November 2, 2000 (two Israeli citizens killed, 11 wounded). Duweib maintained contacts with Hamas operatives.

3. Four large Arab Israeli cities.

4. The Orphans' Village is a large, nine-story structure called the Omar bin Khutab building and is the Society's flagship. It was planned to house 1,000 orphans, a school, clinic, kindergartens, clubhouses, libraries are recreational areas. The orphans can be expected to receive an education rich in terrorism and hatred based on the tenets of Hamas and **will probably serve as a new generation of shaheeds** . The building has already been constructed but as yet is only partially inhabited (January 2005).

5. Perhaps Amjad Jaber, the Bethlehem Palestinian Preventive Security officer referred to below.

Original Document



Appendix B

Funds raised by the treasurer of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society among members of the Islamic Movement in Umm el-Fahm and other locations in Israel, and transferred to Hamas in Bethlehem [1998]

Translation

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security Headquarters
Bethlehem Directorate

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

To: Brother Major [Ra'ed] Ibrahim [Muhammad Mahmoud] Ramadan [high-ranking PPS officer in Bethlehem], may Allah preserve him Blessings of the homeland, and to the matter at hand,

In re: Meetings between Hamas activists within Area 48¹ for the sake of raising contributions

Information passed along to us from one of [our] sources in the Hamas movement regarding ways of raising money for the movement in Bethlehem:

Ahmad Muhammad 'Abdallah al-Sharuf² [known as a Hamas activist], a Bethlehem resident at Umm al-Ji'ah, is the owner of Al-Nubani furniture store. He does business in the following manner: he customarily goes from place to place, especially in Area 48 [i.e., Israel] and especially to Umm el-Fahm. At Umm el-Fahm he usually meets Al-Haj 'Abd al-Latif, in charge of the Islamic Movement there and head of the Orphan and Prisoner Association.³

[Note: At the lower edge of the first page "Sector M" is written, referring to the Bethlehem sector, and the name of [Captain] Hamdi Abu Kamal.]

He usually meets him in Umm el-Fahm. Afterwards, al-Nubani [the furniture salesman], the treasurer of the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society, turns the money over to the Hamas movement.

Al-Nubani maintains close contact with sheikh Ghassan Harmass [head of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society], one of Hamas' most prominent activists [in Bethlehem] . The two organize visits for relatives of Hamas prisoners and aid them. Al-Nubani organizes meetings of high-ranking [members of Hamas] at his home in Bethlehem.

As is known, the process of registering the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society at the [Palestinian Authority] Ministry of the Interior has not yet been completed as of July 21, 1998.

Note : Usually contributions for [organizations] like the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society are not collected.

For your perusal,
[Signature]
Lieutenant Amjad [Hashem] Jaber [PPS officer in Bethlehem]

Preventive Security Headquarters / Bethlehem [Directorate] / For continued follow-up

[Hand-written addition in the margin of the first page:]
Bethlehem Sector (?)

Lieutenant Hamdi [Muhammad Mahmoud] Abu Kamal [PPS officer in Bethlehem, today (January 2005) in charge of

Preventive Security in Bethlehem].

1. **Area 48**: a designation for pre-1967 Israeli territory.
2. **Ahmad Mahmoud 'Abdallah al-Sharuf** is a Hamas activist and assistant director of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society (second in command after Dr. Ghassan Harmass). At least two of his sons are known **Hamas terrorist-operatives**.
3. Possibly a reference to an activist in the Orphan and Prisoner Association in Umm el-Fahm which was closed by Israel in 1996.

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الشيخ الراحل ابراهيم رمضان حفظه الله
رحمة الوكيل وبعد
المختبر - لقاءات مسبوقة في داخل منطقة ٤٨ المحج تبرعات
في تلك المعلومات تم السؤال لها عن طلبه اهد العلاء
في مرة حاس حول كيفية جمع اموال رفقها للقرية
بينكم فقد تبين لنا ما يلي :-
انه الحمد لله شرارة المشروع من سكان بيتكم من باب الجمعية
وصدوا هذه ولادة النواحي المفيدة حيث سيقول الله
الشفقة من كان له امر رفاهية في منطقة ٤٨ رفاهية
ام نعم حيث يوم بالانجاز مع الحاج عبدالمعطي
يوزم نعم مسؤلة القرية الاسلامية هناك وسفول
جمعية رعاية اليتيم والسجين
حيث يلتقي مع بين فترة وآخرى يوم نعم

تاليف
محمد ابو نائل

Hamas activist in Hebron and chairman of the Islamic Charitable Society there] of the [Hamasmovement](#), who often travels abroad. [[Ghassan Harmass also contacted](#)] sheikh 'Azzam N'aman [['Abd al-Rahman](#)] [Salhoub](#) of Hebron, head of the Islamic Law department at the University of Hebron, who was appointed to that post by the University administration a month ago [June 1999]. [Salhoub is a known senior [Hamas](#) activist in Hebron and one of the founders of the Islamic Charitable Society. He has been in [Israeli custody](#) since 2002.] Sheikh [Younes \[al-'Assa\] al-'Ubeidi](#) [senior Hamas member in Bethlehem] [also] contacts 'Azzam N'aman Salhoub. Their conversations focus on the situation of their organizations and [necessary] material aid.

It should be noted that the [Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron](#) receives support from [Interpal](#) in London, where 'Essam Yussuf, who lives in London, is its head.

[The London address of Interpal, the Palestinian Relief and Development Fund, is :](#)

P.O. Box 333
London : 0181²- 4508002
Fax: 0181-458004

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1. The meaning of the " 2" is unclear, and may possibly mean this is the second document dealing with the topic.
 2. 0181 is the old area code for a district outside London or for its suburbs.

In addition, there is a charity [institution] located in [Saudi Arabia / Riyadh, the World Assembly of Muslim Youth \[known by its acronym, WAMY³\]](#), which [materially] supports Hamas members. [That is done] through the [Shari'a] school in Hebron, which belongs to the Islamic Charitable Society, represented by sheikh 'Adel al-Juneidi and located in Hebron al-Khaduz (?).

It should be noted that the [World Assembly of Muslim Youth \[materially\] aids and supports the poor, orphans, widows and the families of *shaheds* and the imprisoned who belong to the Hamas movement .](#)

[[Note](#): On the right margin "M" is written along with an unclear character, possibly referring to the intelligence source.]

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3. An extremist Islamic foundation in Saudi Arabia, oriented towards [Hamas](#). Outlawed by Israel in 2002.

Appendix D

A Palestinian Preventive Security document about the structure, objectives and sources of funding of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society

Translation

[Handwritten additions:

1. Sent (or, "should be sent) to Jericho.
2. [This document] is to be put into the Society's file

[i.e., the file on the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society]

Palestinian National Authority	[PA emblem]	
Preventive Security Headquarters		
The Bethlehem Office		

[Handwritten additions:

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15.10]

[Note: the document is undated]

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

[To:] [The honorable brother, Col. Jibril al-Rajoub](#) [at that time head of PPS for the West Bank], may Allah preserve him
Blessings of the homeland

To the matter at hand,

In re: [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#)

- [Founded](#) : 1997.
- [Type of activity or service the institution offers](#) : Sponsorship of orphans. [Type of activity or service the institution offers](#) : Sponsorship of orphans.
- [Type of public profiting from services](#): widows, orphans and families of imprisoned Hamas movement members .
- [Name of senior individual responsible for the institution and job description](#) : Nasri Mousa 'Issa 'Abadah, Society directory
- [Telephone and fax numbers of the institution](#) : Bethlehem, 2742580.
- [Institution's address](#) : Bethlehem, Salah al-Din mosque.
- [Dues \[paid\] for services](#) : Orphans exempt, nominal dues for non-orphan members registering at Al-Mal center for cultural activities.
- [Institution's objective](#) : Charity
- [Registration date](#) : 1.1.1997
- [Body issuing registration](#) : The Ministry of Social Affairs / Charitable Society department.
- [Names of \[members of\] institution's administrative authority who also work there](#) :

Full name	Formal education	Role	Residence	Affiliation
Nasri Mousa 'Issa 'Abadah	11 years	Director	Bethlehem	Hamas
Ahmad Muhammad 'Abdallah al-Sharuf	8 years	Asst. Director		
Yussuf Sa'id 'Assad al-Natsheh	BA in biology	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Khasr Yussuf Muhammad Juma'	MA in English	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Ismail 'Oud 'Awidah 'Abbiyat	None	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Salah Yussuf Muhammad Jubran	11 years	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Khalil 'Ali Rashed Dar Rashed	9 years	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Sh'aban Muhammad Salem Abu al-Tin	Diploma in mechanics	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Hussein Ahmad Hussein Mousa	BA in geology	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Muhammad N'aman Yussuf Qaraq	BA in Arabic	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas
Ahmad 'Issa Muhammad Jawarish	Diploma as X-ray technician	Member	Bethlehem	Hamas

- **Institution's structural organization** : Orphans' wing; Al- Mal Center wing, where educational, cultural, professional and entertainment activities are held. Payment of 30 [Jordanian] dinars [about \$42] per student paid [by those] who are not orphans. Exempt from payment: orphans registered with the Society. Third wing: new hearse, 1997 model, for transporting bodies.
- **Objectives of the institution**: To care for orphans and the children of Hamas members who are imprisoned and *shaheeds* .
- **Institution's bank account numbers**: The Society does not have a specific bank account number. A thorough investigation revealed that some of the Society's **employees have accounts at various banks in the district, e.g.:** Ahmad al-Sharuf, Yussuf al-Natsheh, Hussein Mousa, Muhammad Qaraq and Khalil Rashed.
- **The institution's sources of finances** : This institution finances itself by collecting donations **where it can**, general charity donations, contributions [given as] charity on the occasion of [Eid] al-Fitr [the end of the holy Muslim month of Ramadan] and [contributions given to fund the purchase of] meat rations for the Feast of the Sacrifice for the Society.
- **Aspects of allotments** : [The allotment is given] to orphans and the children of prisoners [who are members of] Hamas.

Note : The amount of money in the Society's possession is [currently] unknown. At a later date we will provide you with [details about] the sums [of its deposits in accounts] in the various banks.

For your information and perusal

Yours sincerely,

The Political Security Department, Bethlehem Directorate

[Signature] Lieut.-Col. Majed Faraj [Commander of the PPS, Bethlehem]



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الموضوع :جمعية رعاية اليتيم

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 * نوع الجمهور المستفيد من الخدمة :الارامل واليتام و أسر المعتقلين من حركة حماس .
 * اسم المسؤول الاول عن المؤسسة ووصفه الوظيفي :مخرج موسى عيسى عابده مدير الجمعية .
 * ارقام هواتف المؤسسة ورقم الفاكس :بيت لحم ٣٧٤٢٥٨٠
 * عنوان المؤسسة :بيت لحم مسجد صفا الدين .
 * حجم الرسوم مقابل الخدمة : بدون رسوم لاليتام ورسوم زهيدة مقابل التسجيل فتح مركز العمل الثقافي لغير اليتام .
 * هدف المؤسسة :مخرج .
 * تاريخ الرخصة : ١٩٩٧/١/١
 * الجهة المرخصة :وزارة الشؤون الاجتماعية دائرة الجمعيات الخيرية .
 * اسماء : اللجنة المديره للمؤسسة وهم ايضاً العاملين بها

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شعبان محمد سالم ابو الدين	معلوم موظف الخدمه	//	//	//
حسن احمد حسن موسى	ر-موظف	//	//	//
محمد شعبان يوسف قراقم	ر- لفتة عريضة	//	//	//
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دائرة بيت لحم

*اقسام المؤسسة: قسم للايتام والقسم الثاني مركز الامل وهو يتفهم فعاليات تربويه , ثقافيه
معلميه ترفيهيه وهو يرسوم لغير الايتام مقدارها ٣٠ دينار للطلاب ومجانا للايتام المسجلين في
الجمعية , القسم الثالث: سيارة حديثه موديل ١٩٩٨ لنقل الموتى .
*اهداف المؤسسة : رعاية اليتيم وابناء الاسرى والشهداء - من حركة حماس .
*ارقام حسابات المؤسسة :
*هذه المؤسسة لا يوجد لها رقم حساب خاص في البنوك وبعد البحث والتحرير اتضح ان العاملين في
المؤسسة لهم حسابات متفرقة في بنوك المحافظه امثال احمد الشروف ويوسف النشئه ومسين
موسى ومحمد تراقم وخليل راشد .
*مصادر تمويل المؤسسة : تقوم هذه المؤسسة بالتمويل الذاتي من خلال جمع التبرعات من الداخل
والخارج , وجمع الزكاة وصدقة الفطر والاشاحح لحساب المؤسسة .
*وجه الصرف : على الايتام وابناء المعتقلين من حركة حماس .
ملاحظه : الرصيد المالي للمؤسسة غير معروف حيث سنوافيكم بارصدة المسؤولين عن الجمعيه
المتفرقة في البنوك لاحقا .

للعلم والاطلاع

ودمتم

مدير مديرية بيت لحم

مقدم ماجد خروح

دائرة الامن السياسي

Appendix E

A Palestinian Preventive Security report with additional information about the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society [1998].

Translation

Palestinian National Authority	[PA emblem]	
Preventive Security Headquarters		Date: 22.10.98
Bethlehem Office		

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

[To:] Brother Col. **Abu Osama al-Jabarini** {Muhammad Mustafa Muhammad al-Jabarini, high-ranking member of the Preventive Security HQ in the West Bank}, may Allah preserve him

Blessings of the homeland

To the matter at hand,

In re: [More information about the \[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#)

Began operations: 1.1.97

Mr. Nasri 'Abadah [the Society's director] placed a request for a permit on: July 28, 1997.

A formal permit letter from the Ministry of the Interior, including a [n official] list of the Society's employees, was published on September 4, 1997.

[The aforementioned] lodged a request to buy a tax-exempt hearse on March 23, 1998; the request was granted. The official permit to establish the Society was given by [the Office of] Institution Security on December 29, 1998.

[The aforementioned] has now lodged a request with the Ministry of the Interior regarding a project [for establishing] a bakery for the Society.

The Society enlisted many contributions from within the district and from outside. There would clearly seem to be a great willingness among the citizens to [materially] support the institution because of the humanitarian slogans it both utters and applies: care for orphans and needy families and the financing of various humanitarian actions.

[What follows is emphasized in the original:]

Enclosed for your honor is the Society's charter.

[The same is true for] a copy of its registration certificate.

[The same is also true for] a table showing the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society's general budget for 1997, with appendices.

[End of original emphasis.]

For your perusal and information

Political Security Department		Bethlehem Directorate
Lieut.-Col. Majed Faraj		[No stamp or signature]
		Palestinian National Authority
		Preventive Security HQ
		Bethlehem Branch
		[Signature]

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office
التاريخ: ١٠/٢٢/١٩٩٨

السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
قيادة الامن الوقائي
دائرة بيت لحم

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الأخ المقيد أبو أسامة الجبريني حفظه الله
تحية الوطن وبعد.....

الموضوع: - استكمال بحصول جمعية رعاية اليتيم

• بدأت العمل ١٩٩٧/١/١ .

• تقدم السيد نصري موسى عابده بطلب الترخيص بتاريخ: - ١٩٩٧/٧/٢٨ .

• صدر كتاب اعتماد رسمي من وزارة الداخلية بقائمة العاملين بالجمعية بتاريخ ١٩٩٧/٩/٤ .

• تقدموا بطلب شراء سيارة لنقل الموتى معفاة من الجمرات بتاريخ ١٩٩٨/٣/٣٢ تم الموافقة على شراء السيارة.

• تم الموافقة على تأسيس الجمعية بالشكل الرسمي من خلال أمن المؤسسات بتاريخ ١٩٩٨/١٢/٢٩ .

• تقدموا الى وزارة الداخلية حاليا بطلب مشروع قرن للجمعية .

• قامت الجمعية بجمع تبرعات ضخمة من المحافظة وخارج المحافظة ويظهر هناك اقبال واضح وكبير لدى المواطنين لدعم المؤسسة ضمن الشعارات الانسانية التي ترفعها وتقوم بتطبيقها من رعاية الايتام والأسر المحتاجة وغيرها من أوجه الصرف الانسانية .

* مرفق لسيادتكم نموذج نظام أساسي للجمعية .

* صورة عن شهادة التسجيل .

* كشف الميزانية العمومية لسنة ١٩٩٧ وملحقاتها الخاصة لجمعية رعاية اليتيم

للعلم والاطلاع

مدير مديوية بيت لحم
مقدم/ ماجد فخر
السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
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دائرة بيت لحم

دائرة الامن السياسي

Appendix F

A report dealing with the distribution of “offerings”¹ [portions of meat] to Hamas members in the Bethlehem area for Eid al-Adha (the feast of the sacrifice). The meat was donated to the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society by funds and foundations outside the PA-administered territories, among them Interpal in London [1999].

1. “Offerings” in this context refers to prepared portions of meat for the collective meals customary among most Muslims, almost certainly to celebrate the Feast of the Sacrifice (*Eid al-Adha*). It is the most important feast of the Muslim calendar. It concludes the Pilgrimage to Mecca and lasts for three days, commemorating Ibrahim's (Abraham) willingness to obey God by sacrificing his son. Muslims believe the son to be Ishmael rather than Isaac, as recounted in the Old Testament.

Palestinian National Authority	[PA emblem]	
Preventive Security Headquarters		September 6, 1999
Bethlehem Directorate		

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

[To:] Lieut.-Col. [Abu Bashar](#) [Commander of the PPS in Bethlehem], may Allah preserve him

Blessing of the homeland,

To the matter at hand,

In re: The [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society

To complete the topic of the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society, we received [information] from our source according to which the Society received 200 additional offerings [portions of meat] from the [Hamis-affiliated] [Islamic Charitable Society of Hebron](#) on July 11, 1999. The portions were distributed as follows:

1. 35 to the Deheishe refugee camp.
2. 30 to Kafar al-Khidhr.
3. 15 to Beit Sahour.
4. 70 to [Al-Islah Society](#) [a large Hamas society which operates a number of branches in the West Bank. Outlawed by Israel in 2002.] and Wadi M'ali.

They were distributed to members and those connected to the Hamas movement in the area of Al-Saf, Wadi M'ali and Jabal Hundazah (?). The remaining portions were put into refrigerators at the Society, under [almost certainly not "under" but, as was revealed by a different document, "on the ground floor of"] the Salah al-Din mosque, for [personal purposes](#).

Sources of the offerings: London – Interpal, [United States] Holy Land Foundation [Hamis-affiliated organization, outlawed by Israel in 1997 and designated by American Executive Order 13224 as supporting terrorism], the second part donated by the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (Saudi Arabia) [parentheses in the original].

1,000 school bags were distributed to those entitled – as well as office supplies – when the school year began.

1,000 notebooks were sent from the paper-products factory in Hebron to the [Bethlehem Orphan Care] Society for distribution.

The Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, which deals with distribution in the district, received only 20 offerings.

		Report: Amjad Hashem
		Kut'aa Center
Follow-up administration		Deputy/Nasser al-Siqa
[Illegible signature and faded stamp]		
September 6, 1999		

[Note: Date written in same handwriting as signature]

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office
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السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
قيادة الأمن الوقائي
مديرية بيت لحم

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

إلى المقدم أبو بشار حفظه الله
تحية الوطن وبعد

الموضوع : جمعية رعاية اليتيم

استكمالاً لوضع جمعية رعاية اليتيم فقد ورد لنا من مصدرنا بأنه قد وصل إلى الجمعية ٢٠٠ ذبيحة
إضافي بواسطة الجمعية الخيرية الإسلامية / الخليل بتاريخ ٩٩/٧/١١ وتم توزيعها على الشكل
التالي :

١- ٣٥ ذبيحة لخيم الذهبية .

٢- ٣٠ ذبيحة لقربة الخضري .

٣- ١٥ ذبيحة لبيت ساحور .

٤- ٧٠ ذبيحة إلى جمعية الإصلاح وواد معالي وتم توزيعها على المراد واعضاء حركة حماس في
منطقة الصف ووادي معالي وجبل هندازة وقد تم وضع ما تبقى من اللحوم في التلاجات التابعة لقر
الجمعية تحت مسجد صلاح الدين للاغراض الشخصية .

- الذبائح معدتها من لندن الانتزيمال جمعية الأرض المقدسة والقسم الثاني من الذبوة العاليه
للشباب المسلم المنطقة الشرقية (السعوديه) .

- تم توزيع ١٠٠٠ حقيب مدرسيه عند فتح المدارس ومواد قرطاسيه على العناصر التي تخصهم .

- تم بعث ١٠٠٠ دفتر من مصنع المنتجات الورقيه / الخليل للجمعية لتوزيعها .

- تم تسليم لجنة زكاة محافظة بيت لحم والتي تعنى بمسألة التوزيع في المحافظة توزيع ٢٠
ذبيحه فقط على المحافظة .

تقرير : امجد هاشم

مركز التواضع

١٦/ ناصر السقا

مدير التواضع



Appendix G

Memorandum from Interpal regarding the donation of “offerings” [portions of meat for] Eid al-Adha to the Bethlehem Charitable Society through the Hamas-affiliated Islamic Charitable Society of Hebron [1999].

Translation ¹

1. Since this document was found in a file in the offices of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, it can be assumed that it received some of the portions of meat contributed by Interpal from the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron.

[Handwritten addition:] July 1, 1999		
Interpal		PO Box 3333
The Palestinian Fund for		London NW6 1RW
Relief and Development		Tel: 0181-450-8002
		Fax: 0181-450-8004

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

Monday, June 28, 1999

[To:] The honorable [Omar al-Haroub](#), may Allah preserve and shelter you

[Bethlehem Orphan Care Society](#) [Handwritten addition:] Khaled

In re: [The distribution of meat for the Feast of the Sacrifice](#)

May peace be upon you, and the mercy of Allah and his blessings,

[We,] at the Palestinian Fund for Welfare and Development are happy to express our great thanks to all the Muslim brothers who work for you, for the services you provide for the poor and needy in your district. We pray to the omnipotent Allah that your deeds may be taken into account and that he consider them when he comes to judge you on Resurrection Day.

To the matter at hand,

This is to inform you that 20 [portions of] sheep have been allotted to you for the Feast of the Sacrifice, frozen meat for the Feast of the Sacrifice for your committee of venerable individuals. You can receive them from the [Islamic Charitable Society of Hebron](#) and distribute them to those entitled in your district.

For your information, the portions were donated by the following bodies:

	Name of institution	Number [of portions] allotted for the Feast of the Sacrifice
1	INTERPAL	10
2	World Assembly of Muslim Youth -- Riyadh	10

Here we would like to note the absolute necessity of sending reports which will relate to the following topics:

- The reports must be detailed and clarify the number of the project's beneficiaries.
- Pictures showing the actual distribution must be included in the reports.
- The report must be sent in such a way that it conforms to the attached program.

- The number [of portions of meat] for the Feast of the Sacrifice given by the donors must be included, and not their cost.
- The reports must be sent as soon as possible, and the aforementioned conditions must be fulfilled.

May Allah repay you as you deserve, and guide you along your straight path of benevolence.

Note : Please advise of the receipt of this letter, and for additional details please contact the [telephone and fax] number of **Interpal** as noted above.

Yours sincerely [blurred]

'Essam Yussuf²

The Palestinian Fund

2. 'Essam Salah Mustafa Yussuf for formerly head of Interpal in Britain. Today he is the vice-chairman of its board of directors and managing trustee, continuing as the fund's most dominant personality. He is also operational director of the Union of Good (See Footnote 1).

Original Document

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 **INTERPAL**
 المرکز الفلسطيني للتطوير والتنمية
 P.O. Box 333
 London, NW6 1RW
 Tel: 0181 450 8002
 Fax: 0181 450 5044

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الأثنين ٢٨/٦/٩٩

السيد الفاضل /عمر الحروب
 لجنة زكاة بيت لحم

حفظكم الله ورعاكم.

الموضوع : توزيع لدموم الأضاحي المجعدة .

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.
 يسعدنا في الصندوق أن نلقى بالشار الجزيل إلى جميع الأخوة العاملين بطريقكم لدموم من خدمات الفقراء والمحتاجين في مناطقكم . نسأل الله العظيم أن يجعل أعمالكم في ميزان حسناتكم يوم القيامة . أما بعد

لقد إحتلناكم أنه تم تخصيص 20 أضحية مجعدة للجنةكم الموقرة ، يمكنكم استلامها من الجمعية الخيرية الإسلامية - جنين ، وتوزيعها إلى مستفيحيها في مناطقكم.

علما بأن الأضاحي مقدمة من الجهات التالية:

عدد الأضاحي المقدمة	اسم المؤسسة	
10	INTERPAL	1
10	الندوة العالمية للشباب الإسلامي - الرياض	2

وتود هنا التأكيد على ضرورة إرسال تقارير تراعى فيها الأمور التالية:

- أن تكون التقارير مفصلة توضح عدد المستفيدين من المشروع.
- أن تدعم بالصور الفوتوغرافية التي توضح عملية التوزيع.
- يرسل تقارير مفصلة باسم كل مؤسسة من المؤسسات المذكورة أعلاه كل على حدة.
- أن يرسل تقرير حسب النموذج المرفق.
- يذكر في التقرير عدد الأضاحي المستلمة من الجهات المتبرعة وليس التكاليف.
- ترسل التقارير في أقرب فرصة ممكنة مستوفية للشروط أعلاه.

جزاكم الله خيرا، وسدد على ذروب الخير خطاكم.

ملاحظة: الرجاء اعلامنا باستلامكم لهذا الخطاب، وللاستفسار الرجاء الاتصال برقم ال INTERPAL المبين أعلاه.

وتعدشوا بقول فاتح الإنشاد والتقدير

عصام يوسف

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Appendix H

A report dealing with the transfer of \$35,000 from Saudi Arabia for the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society without its informing the PA Ministry of Religious Endowments [1999].

Translation

Palestinian National Authority

Preventive Security Headquarters

January 17, 1999

[To:] Warrior brother Majed Faraj, head of the department [Preventive Security], Bethlehem, may Allah preserve him
Blessings of the homeland, and to the matter at hand,

In re: The Bethlehem Orphan Care Society

Your letter of January 10, 1999, dealing with the activities of the charitable societies on the [West] Bank, it has been brought to our attention the fact that the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society received the sum of \$35,000 from Saudi Arabia without informing the [Palestinian] Ministry of [Religious] Endowments.

We request that you thoroughly investigate the information and supply us with your results as soon as possible, since the matter is extremely important.

Yours sincerely,

Political Security/General Directorate

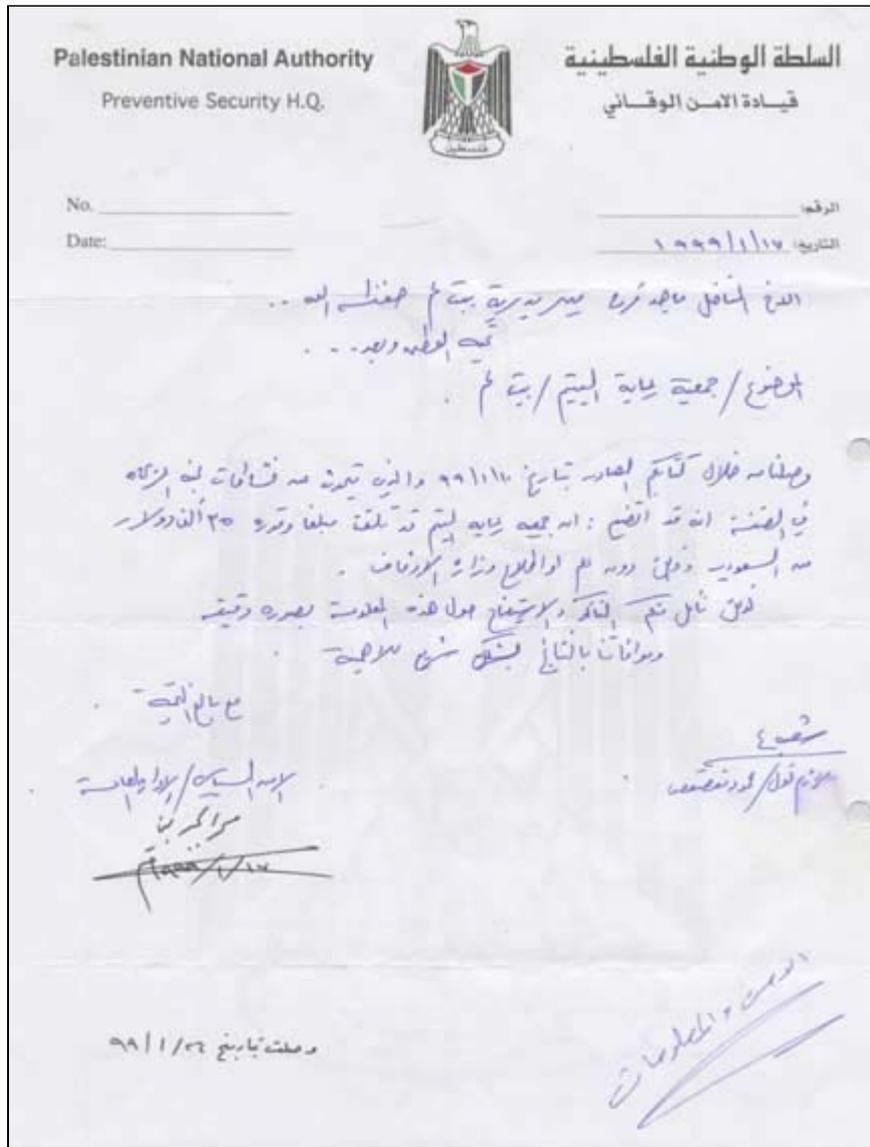
Muhammad [Mustafa Muhammad] al-Jubrin [high-ranking member of the PPS in the West Bank]

Received January 26, 1999

Department 4 / Lieutenant Muhammad [?]

Notes :

1. This document provides additional proof that Saudi Arabia transfers financial support directly to Hamas *da'wah* institutions in the PA-administered territories, bypassing the PA itself. It also proves that Hamas regards those institutions, among them the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, as its own, despite the fact that officially some of its humanitarian institutions are under the jurisdiction of the PA Ministry of Religious Endowments.
2. Among documents found during Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002) was the correspondence between the PA and the Saudi Arabians during the first months of the ongoing violent Palestinian-Israeli confrontation (December 2000-January 2001). In one of the documents Arafat complained bitterly that Saudi Arabian financial aid was not being channeled through the PA but was transferred directly to Hamas and extremist Islamic elements connected to it in the PA-administered territories, thus weakening the Palestinian Authority. Those documents also dealt with deliberations held in Riyadh between PA representatives and the Saudi Arabians to put an end to the practice; nothing, however, came of them.



Appendix I

Palestinian Preventive Security report about the distribution of “offerings” [portions of meat] by the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society to Hamas supporters instead of to the poor and needy [1998].

Translation

Palestinian National Authority [Handwritten] 521
Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters
Bethlehem
Date: September 8, 1998

[To:] Brother Lieut.-Col. Abu Bashar [Commander of Preventive Security, Bethlehem], May Allah preserve him

In re: The distribution of offerings by the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society

Hamas activists distributed offerings for the Feast of the Sacrifice which had been in refrigerators . [The offerings] were removed by the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society. They were distributed to Hamas members and supporters in Hundazeh, Al-Saf Street and the Deheishe [refugee] camp. They were [also] distributed to sheikh ‘Abd al-Majid¹[Hamas activist] and his

supporters, so that the meat did not reach the poor and unfortunate. The imams of the mosques were supported to have given [the meat] to the needy, however that is not what happened.

After an appeal to the Society lodged by the [intelligence] source [of the PPS] who works in [the Ministry of Religious] Endowments relating to the action [of the Society] which was contrary to the rules, a response was received from sheikh **Muhammad al-Z'atri** [Hamis activist, director of the Ministry of Religious Endowments in Bethlehem] on behalf of the Society. According to his response, the imams of the mosques are infidels and followers [of others, e.g., those whose religious fidelity is in question], and therefore are not entitled to this thing [the meat distributed by the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society].

Lieutenant M. J.

Qata 2

Hamdi Abu Kamal [PPS officer in Bethlehem]

September 8, 1998

[Stamp of PPS, Bethlehem]

1. **Sheikh 'Abd al-Majid Amarnah**, high-ranking Hamas member in the Bethlehem region, head of the Hamas-affiliated Deheishe "charitable society."

Original Document





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Appendix J

Report about activities organized by the Women's Hope League, a branch of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society, including the participation of female students belonging to Hamas

Translation

Palestinian National Authority

Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

To brother [Colonel Jibril Rajoub](#) [at that time head of PPS for the West Bank], may Allah preserve him
Blessings of the revolution

In re: [The Women's Hope League](#)¹

This organization has increased its activities among women and female high school and university students and holds regular religious and political meetings every Monday and Wednesday at the Salah al-Din mosque [where the headquarters of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society are located].

A report about the activity of Hamas' Women's Hope League

Translation

Palestinian National Authority

Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

In the name of Allah the all-merciful

To: Brother [Lieut.-Col Abu Bashar](#) [PPS commander in Bethlehem], may Allah preserve him,

Blessings of the homeland, and to the matter at hand

In re: [The activity of the Women's Hope League](#)

Last night, October 4, 1999, after evening prayers, the [Women's Hope League](#), which belongs to the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society, held open religious instruction for a number of [women Hamas supporters](#). The instruction was given on the third floor of the Salah al-Din al-Aiyoubi mosque.

For your information and instructions,

Hamdi Abu Kamal [PPS officer in Bethlehem]

Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

Political Security

[Handwritten:] What was done about the matter?

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office



المنطقة الوطنية الفلسطينية
قيادة الأمن الوقائي
مديرية بيت لحم

No. : _____
Date : _____

الرقم : _____
التاريخ : ١٧/١٠/٢٠١٤

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم .

سيادة الكونغرس التقدمي الديمقراطي

قمة الدولة وبيده .

المترشح : نشاء مجيدة الطول الشويخ .

أمامه جميع الأدلة التي تثبت انشطة جبهة رفاقه التي انشأت في ١٩/١٠/٢٠١٤
بعد صدور القرار رقم ١٠١٤/٢٠١٤ بتاريخ ١٠/١٠/٢٠١٤ من مجلس أمنة بيت لحم
الذي يجرى .

حيث صدرت من قبل المحكمة في القضية رقم ١٠١٤/٢٠١٤
التي يجرى .

لخدمتكم
رفيقاً لهم

ماز تفضل يا بلقيس

قيادة الأمن الوقائي
بيت لحم
الأمن السياسي

Another report about the activity of Hamas' Women's Hope League

Translation

Palestinian National Authority		[Handwritten addition:]
Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters		Report [to be sent] to HQ [?]
Bethlehem		

In the name of Allah the all-merciful
Brother Majed Faraj

Blessings of the homeland, and to the matter at hand
In re: The activities of the Women's Hope League

The Women's Hope League, which branched off from the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society, held a "fun day" at Al-Quds Center for charity purposes which was attended by most of the wives of Hamas members, including imprisoned Hamas members.

The activity was supervised by Sajida ['Abd al-Salam Mousa] 'Abidin [Hamas activist], wife of sheikh Fathi [Muhammad Ahmad] al-Ramlawi [Hamas activist].

For your information, this organization has succeeded in attracting a large number of women and young girls using slogans in support of orphans (the competition or festivity ["fun day"] took place on June 14, 1999).

As a matter of information
Hamdi Abu Kamal
June 16, 1999

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office



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تقرير للمراقب

الشيخ ماهر فرج / تحية الرولة
الموضوع :- فضيحة الأمل

أقامت جمعية الأمل النسوية المنبثقة من جمعية رمانة اليتيم
حيث إن كانت يوم قامة الله يوم الطيبة الخيرية شريفة
في غالبية مشاركا في حركة حماس وكذلك
تدريبات المتفانية في الحركة
حيث أشرنا على هذا العمل بجملة عايد بن زويج

الشيخ فخر الهداية

علاوة على ذلك الجمعية قد نجحت في فتح عدد كبير من المشاركين
والفتيات تحت شعار دعم اليتيم
المنبثقة من الأمل أنا يوم ٢٠١٦/٦/١٦

لأظهركم

م. م. أبو بكر

٢٠١٦/٦/١٦

Appendix M

Personal information about Ahmad al-Sharuf, Hamas activist and assistant director of the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society

Translation

Palestinian National Authority

Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

Date: July 2, 1997

To Major Abu Osama al-Jubrini [high-ranking officer in PPS headquarters in the West Bank], may Allah preserve him

Blessings of the homeland, and to the matter at hand

In re: [Personal information about] Ahmad Muhammad 'Abdallah al-Sharuf [Hamas activist, Bethlehem Orphan Care Society assistant director]

[He lives in] Bethlehem, Al-Saf Street, he is approximately 50 years of age. Married, financially very well-off. Owns furniture stores. Sources report that he received 1.5 million [Jordanian] dinars [about \$2,120,000] from the Islamic Bank. [Other] sources report that he bought land in Nuba or Kharas for members of his family. He is politically oriented toward Hamas and considered a very respected individual in the Al-Saf region.

His stores are [located] on the Hebron-Jerusalem road. He has stores on Al-Fawaghda Street and used to work there with his children. The place was very small. Suddenly, about a year ago, he built two buildings on Al-Saf Street, not counting the building he lives in, for the sum of about half a million dinars. He opened about 20 storerooms in the building he built. All his children belong to Hamas. He is a member of the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society which was recently established.

For your information and examination,

Palestinian National Authority

Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem Branch

[Signature and handwritten date: July 3]

Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

Political Security

[Stamp]

[Signature of which the word "Salahat" can be read and the date, July 3, 1997]

أرسلت ٢٠/٤

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office



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قيادة الامن الوقائي
دائرة بيت لحم

No. _____

الرقم

Date: _____

التاريخ ٩٧/٥/٢

اللخ الراشد أبو بكامة الجبريني حفظه الله
تحية ولهنديه وبعد //
الموضوع - أحمد محمد عبدالله الشروف /

بيت لحم شارع الصنف ٥٠ سند تقريباً ، متزوج ، وعضو
المادني حيد جداً ، صاهف محلات مفروشات ، مصادر تفيد أنه حصل
على مليون دينار ونصف من البنك الاسلامي ، وأخرى تفيد أنه باع أرضه له في نوبل وخراس
الأتقاربه ، وإنتداب السجين حماس ، ويعتبر من جهاد منظمة الصنف .
سكانه على خط الخليل القدس ، له محلات في شارع الفولخدة وكان
يعمل فيه هو وأولاده ، وللعلم فإن محله كان صغيراً جداً وبعده
قبل حوالي سنة ، بنا عمارتين في شارع الصنف ، غير العارة التي
يكن فيها حوالي نصف مليون دينار ، وفتح حوالي ٥٠ مخزن في
العمارة التي بناها ، جميع أرباحه إنتقلهم مما سدا ،
مضو في جمعية رعاية السجين التي تأسست حديثاً .

السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
قيادة الامن الوقائي
دائرة بيت لحم ٢٠٢٠

الإطلاع
ووقع

قيادة الامن الوقائي
بيت لحم
الامن السياسي
٩٧/٥/٢

Appendix N

Bethlehem Orphan Care Society assistant director Ahmad Muhammad 'Abdallah al-Sharuf's personal file (one of the appendices to a Palestinian Preventive Security report concerning the founding committee of the Society). According to the file both he and his sons are Hamas members

Translation

Palestinian National Authority

Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

Date: April 11, 2000

Tuesday

First name: Ahmad

Father's name: Muhammad

Grandfather's name: 'Abdallah

Last name: al-Sharuf

Gender: male

Place of birth: Country – Palestine, city – Bethlehem, village – Nuba/Hebron

Date of birth: 18.10.47

Address: City – Bethlehem, quarter – Al-Saf Street

Exact address: Bethlehem, Al-Saf Street

Telephone: 2744864

Former address: Nuba/Hebron

Marital status: Married

Number of children: 11

Current employment: Furniture dealer

Address at work: Al-Saf Street

Height: 170 cm. (about 5'6")

Color of hair: Gray

Color of skin: Brown

Color of eyes: Honey-brown

Health: Good

Religion: Muslim

Party affiliation: Hamas

The individual belongs to the Hamas movement and owns furniture stores, is a respected person in the Al-Saf region, built two buildings on Al-Saf Street. All of his children are Hamas members. He is a member of the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society and there is nothing new [about him] that is notable.

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Bethlehem Office

السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
قيادة الأمن الوقائي
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التاريخ: ٢٠٠٠ / ١ / ١١ اليوم: الثلاثاء

رقم الهوية: رقم جواز السفر

الاسم الاول: محمد اسم الاب: محمد اسم الجد: محمد اسم العائلة: الشوبك
الجنس: ذكر

اسم الام: اسم الشهرة: ابو محمد

مكان الولادة: الدولة: فلسطين المدينة: بيت لحم القرية: نمرات/الجنين تاريخ الميلاد: ١٥/١١/٢٠٠٥

العنوان: المدينة: بيت لحم القرية: العري شارع: شارع القدس

الموقع بالتحديد: بيت لحم

تلفون: العنوان السابق: نمرات/الجنين

الحالة الاجتماعية: متزوج اسم الزوجة: نعيمه الشوبك عدد الاولاد: ٤

العمل الحالي: مدير نمرات/الجنين عنوان العمل: شارع القدس

العمل السابق: عنوان العمل: شارع القدس

الطول: لون الشعر: لون البشرة: لون العينين: جميع

فوارق خاصة: الانتساب/الحزب: جميع

المؤسسات: الموضوع: الذي ظهر فيه الامر كما ذكره في ١٢/١٠/٢٠٠٠ من قبل نمرات/الجنين

مقتضى العمل قام بنقله من مكانه في شارع القدس حيث توجد بيت لحم

ما ذكره في ملفه في قضية رابعة، ويتم ولا يوجد امر ضابط لذلك

Appendix O

Palestinian Preventive Security report about Hamas activity in Bethlehem, mentioning the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society

Translation

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security Headquarters
Bethlehem Office
In the name of Allah the all-merciful

To Brother Jibril Rajoub [at that time head of PPS for the West Bank]

May Allah preserve him

Blessings of the homeland

[Handwritten note:] A copy should be kept in each [of the aforementioned's] file and [in the file of] the Society [Bethlehem

In re: Hamas activities [in the Bethlehem district] as of 27.8.99

Various activities of the Hamas movement have recently been revealed, after an absence of activity for a number of days. The activities are regular and routine and so far none has been identified as a reaction to the current political situation, so that [it may be said] that the activity of Hamas activists is fading and frozen.

Hamas activity in a number of areas was monitored, and the results were as follows:

1. Document found in the Bethlehem Orphan Care Society file because it is also mentioned in the general Bethlehem-area Hamas file.

- The most important activists in the Al-Ta'mra area, Hassan 'Oud 'Asaqir and Mustafa 'Issa 'Aruj were monitored. During most of the time they did not leave their homes and moved about only a little. The general movement [of the Hamas activists] in the area is normal and so far no movement was noticed that could be described as out of the ordinary.
- In the Marah Rabah area the movements of one of local Hamas' commanders, Taha Mousa al-Sheikh, however no suspicious movement has been observed lately.
- In 'Abidiya the movements of the most important Hamas activist, Mahmoud 'Abdallah Awadallah were monitored. His activity focused on inspecting the building of the Riyadh Al-Aqsa school; to that end he met there with members of the movement after every prayer.
- Regarding the activity of Hamas members in Al-Duha region, there was a meeting between Muhammad Khalil al-Subani and Yussuf Ahmad Khamis across from Al-Khulafa al-Rashidin mosque after the prayer. In the past they have established a development committee and a charity committee for the poor of Al-Duha region.
- Hamas activity in Kafar al-Khadr seems routine, although recently two men who do not belong to the district visited Hamas members. The job of discovering their identity is still in progress.

There have been various activities of Hamas in the area, as follows:

- A soccer [tournament] was organized in the Beit Sahour region by the Islamic Revival club.
- A number of [offerings for the Feast of the Sacrifice] arrived from Saudi Arabia for the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society.
- A procession was organized on Saturday, 29.8.89 to demonstrate solidarity with Sudan and Afghanistan.

For your information

[Signature]

Head of the Bethlehem department, Lieut.-Col. Majed Faraj

Palestinian National Authority

Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem Branch

[Copy to:] Political/Party Security Department



Appendix P

Two Palestinian Preventive Security reports from one file found in their offices in Bethlehem. The reports deal with conflicts with Hamas in Bethlehem about contributions received from support institutions abroad.¹

1. From documents found during Operation Defensive Shield (April 2002), although both were found in a Palestinian Preventive Security file **separate** from the documents in the previous Appendices, all of which were together in the same file.

Document No. 1

Translation

Palestinian National Authority

Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters

Bethlehem

Date: February 22, 2001

To brother Colonel **Jibril al-Bakri**, head of operations and districts [in PPS headquarters], may Allah shelter him

Salutations,

In re: Recently a dispute arose between Dr. 'Issa **Thawabtah**² [senior Hamas activist in Bethlehem], head of the [Hamas-affiliated] charitable society in Beit Fajar, and **Ghassan Harmass**, head of the [Bethlehem] Orphan Care Society, because of the support institutions' connection with institutions abroad. Ghassan Harmass is of the opinion that the issue [i.e., of the distribution of contributions from institutions abroad] is exclusively the business of the Hamas directorate in Bethlehem, and that no one is entitled to intervene.

As a result, **Dr. Issa Thawabtah** opened an office of the Beit Fajar Charitable Society on the third floor of Al-Kamal Building, Al-Madbasa, Bethlehem, Telefax 2767723. He also appointed **Salah 'Issa Mousa Qassem** to run the office, a senior official

[belonging to] the Hamas leadership in Bethlehem, who in the past headed Hamas' Al Islah Charitable Society. Sheikh Anwar Zaboun replaced him and is currently head of Al-Islah [February 2001].

It can be deduced that an office of the Beit Fajar Charitable Society in Bethlehem was opened as a result of intense pressure exerted by Dr. 'Issa Thawabtah and because Dr. 'Issa Thawabtah plays a central role in bringing [i.e., transferring] support funds to Hamas institutions in Bethlehem.

The subject is being pursued. We will update you about new developments.

Political Security

Report written by Lieutenant Sami al-M'uti

For your perusal

Head of the Bethlehem [PPS] directorate

Lieut.-Col. Majdi al-'Atari

2. Dr. 'Issa Muhammad Khalil Thawabtah, senior Hamas activist in Bethlehem and head of the Hamas-affiliated Beit Fajar "charitable society." He was arrested by the PA and in 2002 by Israeli security forces; later released.

Document No. 1

Original

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office
التاريخ: 2001/2/22

السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
الاخ العقيد جبريل الكري مدير ادارة العمليات والمخالفات حفظه الله
تحية الوطن وبعد.
الموضوع: تابع للخلاف بين كوادر حركة حماس /بيت لحم .
على اثر الخلاف الذي حدث بين الدكتور عيسى ثوابته (رئيس لجنة زكاة بيت فجار)
وغسان هرماس (ممسؤول جمعية رعاية اليتيم)والذي كان على خلفية الاتصال بمؤسسات الدعم
الخارجي حيث اعتبر غسان هرماس هذا الموضوع مقتصرًا على حماس المركز /بيت لحم .
ولا يجوز لاي احد التدخل في ذلك .
وبناءً على ما تقدم قام الدكتور عيسى ثوابته بفتح مكتب للجنة زكاة بيت فجار في مدينة بيت
لحم /المدسة عمارة الكامل .الطابق الثالث .تلفاكس 2767723 وعين مديراً للمكتب وهو صلاح
عيسى موسى قاسم (قيادي في حماس /بيت لحم)وكان في السابق مسؤول جمعية الاصلاح
الاجتماعي التابعة لحركة حماس وبذلك اصبح الشيخ النور زبون مسؤول جمعية الاصلاح في
الوقت الحالي وقد جاء فتح مكتب لجنة بيت فجار في مدينة بيت لحم نظراً للضغوطات التي تمارس
على الدكتور عيسى ثوابته .
ونظراً لما يلعبه الدكتور عيسى من دور كبير في ادخال اموال الدعم لمؤسسات حركة حماس في
بيت لحم .
الموضوع قيد المتابعة وسنوافيكم بكل جديد
الأمن السياسي
مسؤول الاجراءات: سامي العطي

لاطلاعكم

مدير مديرية بيت لحم
مقدم مجدي العطاري

Document No. 2

Translation

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security Headquarters
Bethlehem Department
[Stamp]
Outgoing mail
Reference: 942
Date: 19.3.2001

To brother Colonel [Jibril al-Bakri](#), head of operations and districts [in PPS headquarters], may Allah shelter him

Greetings,

In re: Continuation of the [internal] Hamas dispute

As a result of the dispute between [Ghassan Harmass](#) and Dr. 'Issa Thawabtah over the question of connections with the supporting institutions abroad, Hamas in Bethlehem contacted those institutions and recommended that the matter be taken care of officially by Ghassan Harmass, head of the [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#). After that Dr. 'Issa Thawabtah contacted the same [institutions] abroad. However, they informed him that the movement [Hamas] in Bethlehem had decided that the authorities in matters relating to support were the [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#) and its head, Ghassan Harmass, and [Al-Islah Charitable Society and its director, Anwar al-Zaboun](#).³ Therefore, the matter [the receipt and distribution of donations] will be dealt with [only] through [those two societies](#).

As a result, Dr. 'Issa Thawabtah appealed to the [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#) [and requested] to speak to Ghassan Harmass about the support the Society authorized for the Beit Fajar Charitable Society, of which Dr. 'Issa Thawabtah considers himself director. However, Ghassan Harmass refused to cooperate with him and said: "I distribute the money as I see fit."

The matter which aggravated the dispute between them was the [way in which] meat for the Feast of the Sacrifice was distributed. Ghassan Harmass allotted Beit Fajar [i.e., the Hamas-affiliated Beit Fajar Charitable Society] 12 offerings, however, the Beit Fajar Charitable Society viewed that as less than what it deserved. It should be noted that during the holiday the [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#) distributed 360 offerings.

In response, Dr. 'Issa [Thawabtah] is going to speak to the members of the Beit Fajar Charitable Society and request that they no longer cooperate in any way with the [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society](#) and to act instead through the charitable society, with the exception of donations received from the stone masons (?).

It should be noted that the [\[Bethlehem Orphan Care\] Society](#) is currently constructing a 10-story building, considered a very important achievement, in addition to the [\[Bethlehem\] Orphan Care Society's](#) library, which is supervised by Walid al-Bastanji, a close associate of Ghassan Harmass at the Society.

The issue is being monitored. We will update you about new developments.

Political Security
Report written by Lieutenant Sami al-M'uti
For your information and perusal
[Signature]
Head of the Bethlehem [PPS] directorate Lieut.-Col. Majdi al-'Atari

[Stamp]

Palestinian National Authority

Preventive Security Headquarters

Head of the Bethlehem District Directorate

3. Al-Islah Charitable Society in Bethlehem was founded in 1998 and affiliated with Hamas. It is headed by **Anwar Muhammad 'Abd al-Rahman al-Zaboun**, a senior Hamas official from Beit Sahour.

Document No. 2

Original

Palestinian National Authority
Preventive Security H.Q.
Bethlehem Office

المسلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
قيادة الامن الوقائي
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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الاخ العقيد جبريل الكري مدير ادارة العمليات والحفاظات حفظة الله.
تحية الوطن وبعد.

الموضوع: تابع للخلاف داخل حركة حماس.

على خلفية الخلاف الدائر بين غسان هرماس والدكتور عيسى لوانسه حول قضية الاتصال بمؤسسات الدعم الخارجي فقد قام تنظيم حركة حماس /بيت لحم بالاتصال بهذه المؤسسات ورفع توصيه على ان يتم التعامل بشكل رسمي في هذا الموضوع مع غسان هرماس مسؤول جمعية رعاية اليتيم وعليه فقد قام الدكتور عيسى لوانسه بالاتصال في الخارج وابلغوه بان هناك مرجعه للمساعدات تم تحديدها من قبل التنظيم في بيت لحم . وهما جمعية رعاية اليتيم ومسؤولها /غسان هرماس / وجمعية الاصلاح الاجتماعي ومسؤولها نور الزبون وعليه فانه سيتم التعامل من خلال هاتين الجمعيتين. وقد توجه الدكتور عيسى الى جمعية رعاية اليتيم للتحديث مع غسان هرماس وذلك للتحديث معه في المساعدات التي ارفقها الجمعيه الى لجنة زكاة بيت فجار والتي يعسر الدكتور عيسى مسؤولها. الا ان غسان هرماس رفض التعامل معه وقال لسه ساقوم بتوزيع الاموال حسب ما اراه مناسباً.

والامر الذي زاد من حدة الخلاف بينهما هو توزيع لحوم الاضاحي حيث خصص غسان هرماس 12 اضحيه الى بيت فجار الامر الذي اعتبرته لجنة زكاة بيت فجار انتقاصاً من حقوقها علماً انه تم توزيع 300 اضحيه من قبل جمعية رعاية اليتيم في بيت لحم خلال فترة العيد.

ورداً على ذلك فان الدكتور عيسى سيقوم بالتحديث مع لجنة الزكاة في بيت فجار ويطلب منهم عدم التعامل في اي موضوع مع جمعية رعاية اليتيم الا من خلال لجنة الزكاة وتحديدًا في موضوع التبرعات التي يقدمها اصحاب مناشير الحجر للجمعيه حيث ان الجمعيه تقوم في هذا الوقت ببناء بنايه مكونه من عشرة طوابق التي تعتبر من

Palestinian National Authority

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Bethlehem Office



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اهم انجازات الجمعية بالاضافة الى مكتبة جمعية رعاية اليتيم التي يشرف عليها وليد

البيستجي احد اذرع غسان هرماس في الجمعية.

*الموضوع قيد المتابعة اذا ما جد اي جديد للعلم ولاطلاع

مدير مديرية بيت لحم

مقدم مجدي العطاري



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