



The Gaza Strip-based Generosity Without Limit Association, affiliated with the Popular Resistance Committees terrorist organization, is supported by charitable organizations abroad. Some of the funds apparently find their way to the Popular Resistance Committees

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Overview

- ▶ Since 2007 a charitable organization has been operating in the Gaza Strip called the **Generosity Without Limit Association (henceforth "Generosity Association")**. It defines itself as a social-cultural association. An examination of the names of its senior activists clearly **links it to the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC), a Gaza Strip-based terrorist organization**.
- ▶ Some of the funds donated to the Generosity Association for humanitarian purposes apparently find their way to the PRC and support its military-terrorist wing (a system used by other terrorist organizations supported by Islamic charitable associations, especially Hamas). In at least one instance (May 2019) it was found that the same **packages of food for Ramadan distributed by the Generosity Association were also distributed by the PRC to the families of its shaheeds and wounded terrorist operatives**.
- ▶ The Generosity Association is supported in its projects by **charitable and humanitarian organizations abroad in the United States, France, Britain and Turkey**, and also in Israel. It is unclear whether the humanitarian organizations abroad are aware of the close connection between the Association and the PRC. However, an Internet search may reveal the connection and alert donors to the possibility that funds earmarked for charity are also used for supporting terrorism.
- ▶ **The PRC organization, which changed its name to the Resistance Committees in Palestine, is the third largest terrorist organization in the Gaza Strip and operates closely with Hamas**. Its most prominent terrorist attack was in 2011. It was a combined attack on a number of Israeli targets, including civilian vehicles, north of Eilat, Israel's southernmost city (eight Israel civilians were killed and about twenty were wounded). The organization was also involved in detonating a powerful IED to attack IDF soldiers near the Gaza Strip border (four injured, 2018). In the rounds of escalation during the past year the organization was involved in firing rockets and mortar shells at Israel. PRC operatives recently participated in launching incendiary and IED balloons into Israel as part of the violence of the weekly return marches.

The PRC and its military-terrorist wing were declared a terrorist organization by Israel on September 3, 2006.

The Generosity Without Limit Association's affiliation with the Popular Resistance Committees

► The Generosity Association is closely affiliated with the PRC. An ITIC examination found that **at least some of the members of the Generosity Association's board of directors are either PRC operatives or have a connection to the PRC. For example:**

- ◆ **Rami al-Nairab (Abu Khalil) is the Generosity Association's general manager** (Rami al-Nairab's Facebook page). In the past he was chairman of its board of directors (Sawt al-Aqsa Radio website, January 20, 2015). In addition, since February 2018 he has been chairman of the **Bloc of the Bunyan [i.e., "building"] Institutions for Charitable Activity, a framework of charitable organizations affiliated with the Generosity Association and the PRC** (Rami al-Nairab's Facebook page). **In addition to his role in the Generosity Association, he is also a senior PRC operative in Rafah** (PRC's qaweim.com website, April 7, 2019). According to one report, he was represented as being **responsible for the PRC's Bloc Institutions (i.e., the framework of the charitable associations affiliated with the PRC, see below)** (website the PRC's military-terrorist wing, November 12, 2017).



Right: Rami al-Nairab with Muhammad al-, chairman of Generosity Association's board of trustees (Muhammad al-Arkan's Facebook page, April 29, 2019). Left: Rami al-Nairab, left (Generosity Association Facebook page, July 15, 2018).



Rami al-Nairab (left) and Muhammad Abu Nusaira (Abu Radwan), a member of the PRC's central leadership, at the funeral of a return march participant (PRC Facebook page, December 22, 2018).

- ◆ **Muhammad Hilmi al-Arkan is chairman of the Generosity Association's board of directors.** According to reports, on February 21, 2019, he reportedly participated in a PRC delegation that visited the Khadmat Sports Club in Rafah (Sports Club Facebook page, February 21, 2019).



Right: Muhammad al-Arkan in his office at the Generosity Association (Muhammad al-Arkan's Facebook page, April 29, 2019). Left: Muhammad al-Arkan (left) member of a PRC delegation that visited the Khadmat Sports Club in Rafah (Club Facebook page, February 21, 2019).

- ◆ **Nihad al-Dahoudi (Abu Adnan) is deputy chairman of the Generosity Association's board of directors** (Association Facebook page, May 2, 2019). **An Internet search showed that he often participated in official PRC ceremonies.** For example, in November 2018 he attended a memorial service in Khan Yunis organized by the PRC's military wing. The service was held for an operative killed in a clash with an IDF special force that entered the Gaza Strip (November 11, 2018). He is seen wearing a PRC scarf at the memorial (PRC Facebook page, April 2019).



Right: Nihad al-Dahoudi (black shirt) at a PRC military wing memorial service in Khan Yunis. Al-Dahoudi is wearing a scarf bearing the inscription, "the Resistance Committees," (right) and "the Salah al-Din Brigades" (left) (PRC Facebook page, November 15, 2018). Left: Nihad al-Dahoudi (second from left) at a PRC da'wah¹ committee conference in Rafah (PRC in Rafah Facebook page, April 24, 2019).

- ◆ **Munzir Shaqliya (Abu Muhammad) is a member of the Generosity Association's board of directors and its secretary** (Generosity Association Facebook page, July 15, 2019). According to reports in the past he was a senior PRC figure (Filastin al-A'an, May 3, 2012). No updated information was available regarding his current PRC activities.



Munzir Shaqliya (second from right) holds a plaque (Generosity Association Facebook page, July 15, 2018).

- ◆ **Jibril Awda al-Soufi (Abu Muhammad)** was responsible for the Generosity Association's public relations as of 2017 (website of the ministry of welfare in the Gaza Strip, January 10, 2017; website of Muhammad al-Suwair, January 3, 2017). According to the Internet he is a senior member of the PRC in Rafah (qaweim.com, June 8, 2018). In February 2019 he was part of a delegation of the PRC leadership in Rafah that paid a visit to **Abu Yasser al-Sheshniyah, PRC secretary general**.

¹ **Da'wah** means preaching, a call to belief in Allah. Da'wah activity is carried out by Islamic organizations, including Islamist terrorist organizations, in the fields of charity, social support and education. It is part of the battle for hearts and minds to gain support for the organization. Hamas and other Islamist terrorist organizations use da'wah institutions as social platforms for supporting their military-terrorist wings.



Jibril al-Soufi (center) stands next to PRC secretary general Abu Yasser al-Sheshniyah (second from right) (PRC in Rafah Facebook page, February 2, 2019).

- ◆ **Muhammad Abu Firas is a senior figure in the Generosity Association** (Association Facebook page, April 29, 2019). He was also a member of the PRC in Rafah delegation that visited PRC secretary general Abu Yasser al-Sheshniyah.



Right: Muhammad Abu Firas (left) (Generosity Association Facebook page, April 29, 2019). Left: Muhammad Abu Firas (right) at a PRC Rafah leadership visit to the secretary general Abu Yasser al-Sheshniyah (PRC in Rafah Facebook page, February 2, 2019).

Humanitarian aid from the Generosity Association finds its way to the PRC

An example of how humanitarian aid from the Generosity Association finds its way to the PRC is the distribution of food packages to needy families in the Gaza Strip for Ramadan. On May 16, 2019, the Generosity Association's Facebook page posed a picture of food packages the Association distributed in the Rafah district. The same day the PRC's Facebook page posted a picture of food packages the organization's welfare committee distributed to the families of shaheeds and the wounded for Ramadan. **Both websites posted the same picture, apparently an indication that the Generosity Association also transferred packages to the PRC distributed to the families of its wounded and shaheeds.**



Right: Distribution of food packages as documented on the Generosity Association Facebook page (Generosity Association Facebook page, May 16, 2019). Left: Distribution of food packages as documented on the PRC Facebook page (PRC Facebook page, May 16, 2019). Both pictures are identical.



The distribution of packages of dates and bottles of fruit juice. All are marked with the PRC logo (PRC in Rafah Facebook page, May 16, 2019). It can be assumed that the Generosity Association was the source of both the dates and juice.

That is an illustration of how **humanitarian aid funds donated to a charitable organization with ties to a terrorist organization support the terrorist organization's military wing.**

Food supplies and money donated for humanitarian purposes do not reach only the needy civilian population for which they are intended, but also find their way to a terrorist organization and support its wounded operatives and the families of shaheeds..

The Support of Charitable Associations Abroad for the Generosity Association

Overview

The Generosity Association is supported by charitable and humanitarian associations abroad on various projects it organizes. That includes organizations in the **United States, France, Britain and Turkey, and organizations in Israel as well.** (Note: The names of the organizations abroad are taken from the Generosity Association Facebook page). It serves as a conduit for the transfer of funds and aid to the needy in the Gaza Strip. Generally speaking, the organizations abroad operate around the globe and aid to the Gaza Strip is only part of their activity. It is not entirely clear whether they are aware of the close ties between the Generosity Association and the PRC, although a search of the Internet may reveal the connections.

Baitulmaal (United States)

► The **Baitulmaal** is an American Muslim organization that provides humanitarian aid around the globe. It was established in 2004 and its headquarters are in Irving, Texas (Baitulmaal Facebook page; meforum.org, October 24, 2018). The organization was founded by **Hassan Haj Mohammad**. On April 3, 2006, while visiting Judea and Samaria, he was detained by Israel on charges of funding a Hamas charitable association in Jenin (myplainview.com; Jerusalem Post, June 30, 2006, quoting an AP article). Between 2001 and 2017 **Suleiman al-Ghanem** was the organization's secretary general. Today he is the CEO of United Hands Relief (UHR). Baitulmaal's executive director is currently **Mazen Mokhtar**, who was previously the executive director of the Muslim American Society (MAS). **In 2015 he called suicide bombing attacks "an effective method of attacking the enemy and continuing jihad"** (investors.com, February 13, 2015).



Notice bearing the name of Baitulmaal, United States, part of a Generosity Association operation to distribute winter clothing to needy children in the Gaza Strip (Generosity Association Facebook page, December 5, 2016).

Life for Relief and Development (United States)

► **Life for Relief and Development** is an American Muslim charitable association providing humanitarian aid around the globe. It was established in 1992 following the humanitarian crisis in Iraq after the First Gulf War. The organization's headquarters are in Southfield, Michigan (organization website; linkedin). According to its website the organization operates in many countries. Its CEO and board member is **Dr. Hany Saqr** (website of the American Human Rights Council, October 31, 2017). **Reportedly, during the 1990s he was in frequent contact with senior Hamas figure Musa Abu Marzouq, before he was arrested in the United States** (meforum.org, January 23, 2018). Before him, the organization's executive director was a Palestinian named **Khalid al-Turaani** (meforum.com, January 23, 2018). Khalid Turaani was also executive director of the now-defunct American Muslims for Jerusalem (AMJ), which was active between 1999 and 2005 (discoverethenetworks.org).



Senior Generosity Association activists stand near packages of food, apparently for distribution during Ramadan. The Life for Relief and Development logo appears on the packages (Generosity Association Facebook page, May 30 2019).



Sign bearing the name and logo of Life for Relief and Development at a Generosity Association project for the distribution of meat for the Eid al-Adha holiday (Generosity Association Facebook page, September 2, 2017).

Bait al-Khair (United Hands Relief (UHR))

► The **UHR** is an American Muslim charitable association providing humanitarian aid around the globe. It was founded in 2018 and its headquarters are in Arlington, Texas. The organization's president and CEO is **Suleiman al-Ghanem**, who comes from Jordan, and moved to the United States in 1982. He was the executive director of Baitulmaal between 2007 and 2017 (UHR website; meforum.org, October 24, 2018). The organizations director of communications and public relations is **Nayef Doleh**, of Palestinian origin. Between 2003 and 2017 he worked for Bailulmaal. In 2018 he joined the UHR (UHR website). Among the projects he worked on in the Gaza Strip were supplying food during Ramadan, providing drinking water, supplying sacks of flour to Palestinian refugees, and also organizing Ramadan fast-breaking meals in al-Aqsa mosque.



A container of drinking water bearing the UHR logo and activists wearing vests with the same logo. The pictures were taken during a Generosity Association project to bring drinking water to outlying areas in Rafah (Generosity Association Facebook page, March 13, 2019).

Association des Palestiniens de France (Secours Palestinien) (France)

► The **Association des Palestiniens de France** was established in Mulhouse, France, in 2015, by Palestinians born in the refugee camps in Lebanon. The organization provides humanitarian aid to refugee camps and the Gaza Strip. Its his headed by Hussein Fahroud, who was born in the Ain al-Hilweh refugee camp in south Lebanon and considers himself a Palestinian refugee from the Gaza Strip (organization website).



The logo of the French humanitarian association on a sign announcing a meal for breaking the Ramadan fast, held by the Generosity Association for needy families in the Rafah district, and on a sign thanking it for its donation (Generosity Association Facebook page, May 27, 2018).

Barakacity (France)

► **Barakacity** is a French Muslim charitable association providing humanitarian aid around the globe. It was founded in Courcouronnes, a suburb of Paris, in 2010 (Barakacity Facebook page; aljazeera.net, September 1, 2014). The association's name appeared on the Generosity Association Facebook page (Generosity Association Facebook page, October 7, 2014).

Muslims In Need (Britain)

► **Muslims In Need** is a charitable association founded in Derby, Britain, in 2013, and operates in conflict zones throughout the world, such as the Gaza Strip, Myanmar, Syria and Somalia (Muslims In Need Facebook page; Middle East Eye, August 6, 2018).



The logo of Muslims In Need on packages containing winter blankets, distributed by the Generosity Association to needy families in the Rafah district (Generosity Association website, October 30, 2016).

Muslim Hands (Britain)

► **Muslim Hands** provides humanitarian aid around the globe. It was founded in 1993 in Nottingham, Britain (organization website).



Mobile Muslim Hands dental clinic, brought by the Generosity Association to treat the children of Rafah (Generosity Association Facebook page, July 25, 2016).



Sign thanking the Generosity Association and Muslim Hands for aid distributed during Ramadan (Generosity Association Facebook page, June 22, 2016), along with sacks of food bearing the organization's name (Generosity Association Facebook page, June 19, 2016).

IHH (Turkey)

► **IHH** is radical Turkish Islamist anti-Israeli organization, and close in ideology to the Muslim Brotherhood. The organization played a central role in the *Mavi Marmara* flotilla to the Gaza

Strip. It carries out humanitarian activity in crisis areas. IHH also supports the Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip and its charitable institutions. IHH was outlawed in Israel because of the part it plays in raising funds for Hamas institutions.



Right: Generosity Association notice about a mass Ramadan fast-breaking meal donated by the IHH (IHH logo in the upper left hand corner) (Generosity Association Facebook page, June 18, 2017). Left: Sign about the distribution of aid to poor families by the Generosity Association, funded by the IHH (Generosity Association Facebook page, February 5, 2013).

Yardimeli (Turkey)

- Yardimeli is a Turkish organization founded in 2007 (organization website). Its name appeared on the Generosity Association website (October 7, 2014)

The Islamic Relief Association (al-Jamiya al-Islamiya) or Orphans and the Poor in Kafr Qasim (Israel)

- **The Islamic Relief Association** is an NGO that supports orphans and the needy, founded by activists of the Islamic Movement in Israel. The association's name appeared on the Generosity Association's Facebook page (September 27, 2015).

The Popular Resistance Committees (PRC)

The PRC was founded in the Gaza Strip by **Jamal Abu Samhadana**² at the end of 2001, at the beginning of the second intifada. Hamas has been the PRC's sponsor, and in the past it served as a Hamas subcontractor or partner in terrorist attacks. The PRC is the third largest terrorist organization in the Gaza Strip, after Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). **The organization changed its name and today is called the Resistance Committees in Palestine or the Resistance Committees.** It has a chain of charitable associations which support its military wing (see below). In the past PRC had ties to Hezbollah but today the relation is unclear. There is, however, similarity between the logos of the PRC and Hezbollah, which seems to have served as its inspiration.



The similarity between the logos of the PRC (right) and Hezbollah (left).

- **The most prominent attack carried out by the PRC was the combined terrorist attack north of Eilat (August 18, 2011).** It targeted a number of objectives, including civilian vehicles. The main objective was to kill Israel civilians and security forces, and possibly also to carry out an abduction. **Eight Israeli civilians were killed and about 20 were wounded,** most of them not seriously. Between five and seven of the terrorists who carried out the attack were killed. **Also killed were five members of the Egyptian security forces,** one of them an officer, and several were wounded. **Israel blamed the PRC for the attack.**
- Following the terrorist attack north of Eilat there was another serious round of escalation between Israel and the terrorist operatives in the Gaza Strip. In response to the attack the IDF attacked a house in Rafah used as a PRC headquarters at a time when senior figures of the

² **Jamal Abu Samhadana** was killed by the IDF on June 8, 2006.

organization were present. Kamal al-Nairab, a senior commander in the organization, and four other senior figure were killed.



Right: Israeli bus damaged by terrorist fire. The attack injured at least 14 people (Reuters, photo by Lior Grundman, August 18, 2011). Left: Vehicle used by the terrorist operatives (Israeli ministry of defense, photo by Ariel Hermoni, August 19, 2011).



Right: Picture from a video documenting Palestinian rioters crossing the security fence. On the fence are a picture of former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi and a PRC flag (Facebook page of photographer Hazem Muzeid, June 21, 2019). Left: The Units of the Descendants of al-Nasser send a threat to Israel: "We will turn your nights into day." The picture shows IEDs and Molotov cocktails with fuses in preparation for being attached to balloons and launched into Israel (PAL Hadath Twitter account, June 23, 2019).

- On February 17, 2018, an IDF force operating near the border security fence in the southern Gaza Strip (east of Khan Yunis) tried to remove a flag Palestinian rioters had hung on the fence. **When the soldiers approached the fence a powerful IED attached to the flag was detonated by remote control.** Four soldiers were wounded, two critically and two seriously. It was the most serious incident since Operation Protective Edge (July-August 2014). **The PRC claimed responsibility for the attack.**

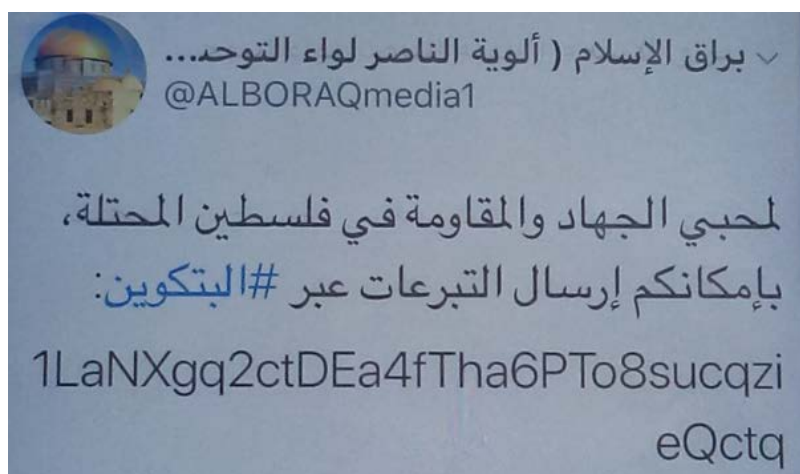


Formal PRC claim of responsibility for an attack on IDF soldiers (Sawt al-Muqawama Facebook page, February 17, 2018).

- This past year the PRC fired rockets and mortar shells into Israel during the rounds of escalation. Recently, PRC operatives were apparently party to launching balloons into Israel territory and also joined the activities of the Night Harassment Units. In addition, they formed their own balloon-launching unit called the Unit of the Descendants of al-Nasser.

Fund raising

- The PRC's military-terrorist wing recently tried to raise funds by **appealing to the public to donate Bitcoins**.³ The notice included a link to a Twitter account with the name Boraq al-Islam, the Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades, the al-Tawhid Brigade (Twitter account of Boraq al-Islam, the Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades, the al-Tawhid Brigade, January 29, 2019). The PRC also published links to private Telegram accounts for creating a link for anyone who needed technical support.



Twitter account used by the PRC. The tweet is accompanied by the address of a virtual wallet operated by Blocchain (Twitter account of Boraq al-Islam, the Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades, the al-Tawhid Brigade, January 29, 2019).

³ For further information, see the February 3, 2019 bulletin, "Hamas and the Popular Resistance Committees called on their supporters to donate money using the virtual currency Bitcoin."

Other charitable associations affiliated with the PRC

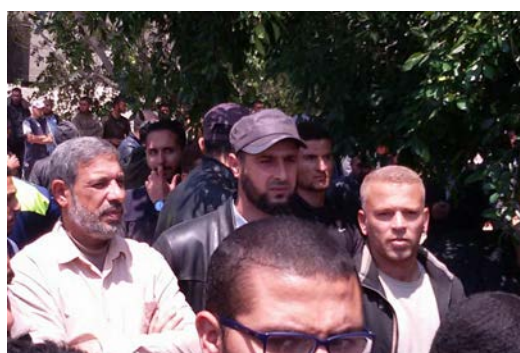
The PRC has a chain of charitable associations called the **Bloc of the Bunyan ("building" in Arabic) Institutions for Charitable Activity**. The chain is headed by Rami al-Nairab (Abu Khalil), who is also general manager of the Generosity Association.

► The Facebook page of the Bloc of the Bunyan Institutions, indicates that in addition to the Generosity Association, **at least two other charitable associations are affiliated with the PRC:**

- ◆ **The al-Watan Benevolent Society:** As of 2016, its secretary general was Abdallah al-Hamayda. According to the Internet, al-Hamayda is apparently also a PRC activist.



Abdallah al-Hamayda (right) sits next to Rami al-Nairab and Jibril al-Soufi, two senior figures in the Generosity Association at a ceremony organized by the ministry of education in Rafah (Watan Charitable Association Facebook page, April 21, 2016).



Abdallah al-Hamayda with other PRC senior figures at the funeral of a terrorist operative held in Rafah (PRC Facebook page, April 23, 2018)

- ◆ **The al-Bureij Association for the Rehabilitation of the Handicapped (BARH):** As of 2016 its chairman was **Ali al-Sheshniyah (Abu Hassan)** (Dunia al-Watan, January 3, 2016). According to the Internet, Ali al-Sheshniyah is responsible for the PRC's public activities (qaweim.net, July 28, 2018).



Right: Ali al-Sheshniyah (second from right) in the office of the al-Bureij Association for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (Abu Ziyad Mansour's Facebook page, April 7, 2016). Left: Ali al-Sheshniyah (left) standing next to PRC secretary general Abu Yasser al-Sheshniyah (PRC Facebook page, November 18, 2018).

Note: The picture of Ali al- Sheshniyah standing next to PRC secretary general Abu Yasser al-Sheshniyah was taken when they visited the family of **Bahaa al-Din Salame Sayid. Sheshniyah**. He was one of the founders of the PRC and its military wing, the Salah al-Din Brigades. **He was also the organization's first shaheed, killed while infiltrating the greenhouses of the Israeli community of Kfar Darom** during the second intifada (November 17, 2000) (qaweim.com, November 18, 2018). Ali al-Sheshniyah visited the family secretary general of the PRC to mark the 18th anniversary of Bahaa's death. In the upper right corner there is a picture of Bahaa al-Din Sayid. At the left is a picture of Bahaa al-Din Sayid and Jamal Abu Samhadana, the founder of the PRC.