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FLAME is the only organization that defends Israel with paid editorial hasbarah messages

messages against Jews and Israel—whether through the media, religion, literature, songs, theater, cinema and the public space. Nowhere does this hate permeate Palestinian society more than in its indoctrination of Palestinian children and youth.

Recently, the European Parliament passed three resolutions that condemn the Palestinian Authority (PA) for continuing to teach hate and violence in its school textbooks and that oppose European Union aid to the PA being used for this purpose. German MEP Niclas Herbst of the European People's Party stressed that "Paying teachers to teach Antisemitism and incitement to violence through Palestinian schoolbooks should never be subsidized by EU-money."

Despite a report attached to the EU resolutions laying out numerous examples of how their education system glorifies terror—claiming that Jews are deceptive and dangerous, as well as using the term "Zionist occupation" instead of Israel—the Palestinian Authority remains unrepentant. "Everything mentioned in our school textbooks is an accurate and honest description," said Palestinian Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh.

However, the most egregious indoctrination to violence occurs at summer terrorist camps for Palestinian children. There youngsters are indoctrinated and prepared in the ways of bloodshed. Already, according to *Jerusalem Post* Palestinian-Israel correspondent Khaled Abu Toameh, 50,000 children have registered for child soldier camps run by Hamas. The "training camps" are named after the "sword of al-Quds battle"—the name Hamas gave to its recent war against Israel.

These summer camps provide a convenient pulpit from which Hamas can preach its radical Islamic ideology. Among the topics studied are the "themes" of "the liberation of Palestine" and the destruction of the State of Israel, adherence to the path of jihad ("the culture of the resistance"), and the cult of shaheeds (martyrs).

Not only does this vile practice use and abuse children, but it also answers those who during the recent conflict claimed that any person who was killed under the age of 18 in Gaza was automatically a civilian and an innocent. A report published by the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center found that at least one of the 66 children on the list of those who were killed during last month's fighting, was a 17-year-old member of a terror group. He was sadly just another example of Hamas' cynical use of child soldiers, who are recruited chiefly in their summer camps. Such recruitment of children as soldiers is a violation of international humanitarian law in Rule 136.

The images of little children learning to shoot guns dressed in army fatigues and jumping through hoops of fire and attack tunnels are a sad indictment on Palestinian society. Rather than create a better future for Palestinian children, this training dooms them—and Israeli children—to a cycle of violence fueled by hatred and incitement.

Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs puts it best: "Peace can never reign between Israel and the Palestinians as long as generation-after-generation of Palestinians are being fed a never-ending diet of anti-Israel incitement."

There is a direct correlation between education, violence and terrorism. Whether in Palestinian Authority or Hamas schools, and sadly, even in schools run by the United Nations Refugee and Welfare Agency (UNRWA), the State of Israel is

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portrayed as an enemy that has to be destroyed. These “lessons” often descend into open anti-Semitism.

Rather than criticizing Israel for defending itself from terrorism, the Biden administration would be more effective in promoting peace if it were to reverse its decision to start re-funding the Palestinian Authority (with no preconditions) and UNRWA, whose goal is to prolong the conflict.

I hope you will point out to friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives that this conflict will *not end* when negotiations are complete, and a document is signed. True peace cannot be achieved solely through signatures on a piece of paper. It must also exist in the hearts and minds of the Palestinian people. Just as Israel has educated its society for peace throughout its history, so too must the Palestinians embrace this process.

The U.S. and international community must understand that its obsessive focus on side issues like settlements, Jerusalem and demolition of terrorists’ houses allows and incentivizes violent Palestinian rejectionism. Only when our leaders and the media level their indignation at the issue of *childhood incitement*—toward ethnic hate and the cult of death—can we hope to see an end to the conflict.

I hope you’ll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME’s lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME’s new *hasbarah* campaign—which exposes “The Ugly Truth About Hamas” and those who support the terrorist group.

Best regards,

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P.S. During the war between Hamas and Israel last May, many mainstream media, as well as leftists and a few progressive politicians, opposed Israel’s defensive actions against unprovoked missile attacks by the Palestinian terrorist group. Some even actively supported Hamas’s aggression. This despite the fact that Hamas is one of the world’s most oppressive and warlike ruling parties. To dispel the myth that Hamas is an “underdog” representing legitimate Palestinian interests, FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “[The Ugly Truth about Hamas.](#)” I hope you’ll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which will run on July 4 in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and other media nationwide. It spells out specifically Hamas’s avowed mission to kill Jews and destroy the State of Israel. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel’s behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME’s powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel—comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you’ll consider giving a donation now, as you’re able—with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To donate online, just go to [donate](#) now. Now, more than ever, we need your support to ensure that the American people, the

U.S. Congress and President Biden stay committed to realistic policies in relation to Hamas, Iran, Israel and the entire Middle East.

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