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Palestinian puppeteer, Mahmoud Abbas, and his new puppet government. Joe Biden believes by persuading the Palestinian Authority to “revitalize” itself, he can salvage his two-state solution. But if recent cosmetic changes to the PA are indicative, Congress and Americans won’t buy it.

## Can Biden fool anybody by putting lipstick on the Palestinian Authority?

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

The Biden Administration, hoping to spur support for its tattered dream of a two-state solution, has exhorted the corrupt, antisemitic Palestinian Authority to “revitalize” itself.

Quick quiz: After reading the following words, how convinced are you that the Palestinians have cleaned up their act and want peace with Israel?

“O servants of Allah, be the ones through which Allah will afflict the Jews with the worst torment.”

This prayer was uttered by Muhammad Mustafa Najem, incoming Minister of Religious Affairs in the recently “revitalized” Palestinian Authority.

Unfortunately, Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas has just named all 26 members of his new government and announced new policies—which make Biden’s hopes look like a far-fetched fantasy.

But Team Biden’s entire strategy to reform the Palestinian Authority (PA)—polish up its corrupt image, boost its credentials to run the Gaza Strip after Israel destroys Hamas, and

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**YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH... Israel's Enemies Tell Five Big Lies**  
Following the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, antisemites mount a series of vicious attacks, threats and malicious lies against Jews and Israel

**What are the facts?**  
The world for Jews and Israel will never be the same. Holyday Kolida makes several official messages wrong. (Zionism is the usual Jewish solution) are not welcome in school doors. Hamas official Chahar Israel, in a TV news, seems Israel will repeat October 7 and Israel is annihilated. West Bank Palestinian activist Abed Yamin says "What Hitler did to you was a joke—we will drink your blood and eat your flesh."

**Why Hamas October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their positions, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from Israeli enemies.** Tens of thousands of demonstrators demanded not two states living in peace, but rather, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free... the only option necessary"—meaning, clearly, slaughter of civilians.

**Power of Big Lies:** Though Israel was the victim of a mass murder of innocent Jews, its enemies blame the Jewish state not only for the Hamas massacre, but also for responding in defense. The masses must blame Israel for the atrocity are based on five Big Lies. Big Lies were used by Nazi leader Goebbels, who noted that if he told an outrageous lie often enough, people would begin to believe it. Alternatively, if you use truth as a basis for your judgments, you may find these facts useful.

**Lie #1: Israel is a colonial state that stole Palestinian land.** A colonizer is a foreign nation that conquers and exploits another nation. First, the Palestinians have never asked any land in Palestine. They were also never stolen. Nothing was stolen. Second, Jews are the indigenous people of the land of Israel. They have lived there continuously for 3,000 years and had two consecutive dynasties for over 1,000 years. They are not foreigners. **No colonial state.**

**Lie #2: Israel commits genocide.** Genocide is the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members. Israel does not, nor has ever, targeted innocent Palestinian civilians for attack—on mass murder, no pogroms. All Palestinian civilian deaths have occurred as collateral damage while fighting terrorists who held its residential or other public areas. (Highly, the Palestinian population is and around Israel has diminished since Israeli founding by 1948—from about 700,000 to seven million today. **No genocide.**)

**Lie #3: Israel practices apartheid.** Apartheid is a system of institutionalized racial segregation in which one racial group is deprived of political and civil rights. Israel has no laws or policies

**They condone savagery based on utter lies**  
Lies #4: Israel oppresses the Palestinians. Oppression is the malicious exercise of power to discriminate against some groups. Because Israel completely ended Gaza in 2005, it has no power over the daily lives of Gazans. However, because of Hamas's continuous terror, especially efforts to kill Jews and destroy the Jewish state, Israel and Egypt blockaded Gaza to prevent terror attacks. Likewise, under the Oslo Accords, Israel and the Palestinian Authority share governance of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), and Israel plays virtually no role governing Palestinians daily lives. It treats Palestinians controlled areas only when terrorists do so and take its from. **No Israeli oppression.**

Above all, Israel and the US have made numerous offers of land for an independent Palestinian state. Through the Palestinians have turned down five offers of land for peace since 1948, three since year 2000. Apparently their desire of conquering Israel "from the land to the sea" has greater importance.

The brutality of the October 7 massacre shocked us... including, incitement, rape, torture, mutilation, rape, Israeli kidnappings. Even worse, the gates have opened to unbridled Jew-hatred on American streets and campuses... based on utter lies about the Jewish state. But Hamas and the Arabs should know that "Never Again" means fighting and defeating evil forever.

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eventually form a Palestinian state—was futile from the beginning. Their plan outlined no specific policy or leadership criteria for a renewed PA, let alone that its 88-year-old dictator Mahmoud Abbas resign.

Indeed, if the latest rotation is indicative, little will change. By all appearances, the new PA cabinet is purely cosmetic and still accountable exclusively to Mr. Abbas, now in the 19<sup>th</sup> disastrous year of his four-year term. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the PA's cabinet reshuffling as nothing more than "musical chairs."

The new cabinet contains mostly "technocrats" who have obediently served Abbas in the past, as well as several members with a history of support for terrorism and outright antisemitism. In addition, despite some new window dressing, it appears the PA's notorious pay-for-slay policy, which rewards terrorists, will remain intact.

Perhaps most damning, the PA totally lacks legitimacy in the eyes of Palestinians. The majority of Palestinians want the infamously corrupt PA dissolved and even more want Abbas to resign. Moreover, the Palestinian Authority security forces are demonstrably incapable of maintaining order in Judea and Samaria—aka the "West Bank"—let alone the chaos of Gaza.

The Biden administration's attempt to make-over the execrable Palestinian Authority is no doubt a ploy to convince Congress to resume funding to it. It also seeks to fortify sagging credibility among Americans and European nations sufficient to relaunch its hapless two-state-solution campaign.

Suffice it to say, this transparent effort to put lipstick on a pig is unlikely to convince any of those constituencies—the Palestinian people, Congress, American voters, European leaders, and certainly not Israelis, who have directly suffered Abbas's duplicitous terror mongering for nearly two decades.

**Team Biden praises a cabinet reshuffle with the same puppeteer and some unsavory new puppets.** Although most of the new cabinet members are technocrats, all were approved by Abbas. The new prime minister, Mohammad Mustafa, is a former advisor to Abbas and a long-time insider. Abbas himself stressed that the government is accountable to the PLO and its political platform—which he controls. "All of the indications are that this government is completely under Abu Mazen's thumb," said Ghaith al-Omari, a former adviser to Abbas, using Abbas's nickname. He added, "There's nothing to show that there will be a change of policy."

Moreover, inasmuch as a technocratic government may sound better than a political one, it is actually just a way of giving legitimacy to a body that still supports terrorism. The "technocrat" label gives a thin cover to members of Congress who were too embarrassed to continue funding the Abbas thugocracy.

Those Senators and Representatives will no doubt be distressed to learn the new cabinet still contains confirmed antisemites and terror supporters. One new member is Minister of Religious Affairs, Muhammad Mustafa Najem, who asserts Jews are "characterized by conceit, pride, arrogance, rioting, disloyalty, and treachery," adding "Allah turned them into apes and pigs."

Another new cabinet member, Minister of Women's Affairs, Muna Al-Khalili, praised an attack in 1978, in which Palestinian terrorists hijacked a bus and murdered 37 people, including 12 children, as a "quality resistance operation." She also justified the October 7<sup>th</sup> massacre by saying that Palestinians had the right to "resist"—a euphemism for jihadist terror.

**The "revitalized" Palestinian Authority looks to continue paying terrorists for evil deeds.**

Rather than abandon its despicable pay-for-slay policy, the PA is looking for ways to hide it using a bureaucratic shell game, while satisfying Team Biden's call for reforms. Proposed schemes include awarding prisoners with points for social security payments through the PA's welfare system or giving terrorists a grant to establish a business, then transferring the terrorist stipends through a phony non-profit. Basically, pay-for-slay will continue with some logistical slights-of-hand.

Let's also note that the PA has dramatically enlarged the pay-for-slay program by adding 3,550 terrorists who have been imprisoned in Israel since the since October 7<sup>th</sup> massacre.

**Regular Palestinians still don't trust their new, improved government.** The PA has held no elections since 2006. While Abbas has announced new elections, he hasn't specified a date.

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We've heard such "plans" before from Abbas, only to have him cancel them. According to a poll conducted by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research late last year, 60% of Palestinians want the PA dissolved and 92% want Abbas to resign.

Palestinians also have little trust in the PA's security forces, which also answer to Abbas. Due to incompetence, their control over wide swaths of their territory in Judea and Samaria (aka, the West Bank) is shaky, allowing terrorist militias to rampage freely in major cities like Nablus and Jenin. How can the U.S.—let alone the Palestinian people—expect the PA to enforce rule of law amidst the mayhem in Gaza?

**Revitalization of the Palestinian Authority must start at the top—not with new make-up.**

Regardless of superficial cabinet shuffles by the doddering dictator Abbas, he will still control all the levers of power. The Israeli government understands this, which is why they have repeatedly declared that the PA will not be allowed to govern Gaza "the day after."

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that the Biden Administration is deluding itself—though *probably not* fooling Congress and the American people—if it thinks the PA, with its current leadership and unshaken commitment to Israel's destruction, can be "revitalized."

Best regards,

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P.S. The events of October 7 have changed our world forever—and especially the world for Israel and the Jewish people. Likewise, the words "Never Again" will never be the same for us. October 7 has shown us that despite all promises of equity and commitments against hate on campus and on our streets, we can never depend on it. We will likely never be free of the scourge of antisemitism, fueled by the most outrageous slanders. I hope you'll agree that we opponents of Hamas and its savage massacre—and of all who support Hamas, against all humanitarian values—need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message —"**Enemies of Israel Tell Five Big Lies**"—refutes today's most vicious lies against Israel and the Jewish people. I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME published in the *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*. 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** with a donation.



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