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Israeli soldiers have uncovered more than a dozen UNRWA schools, clinics and operations buildings—including UNRWA's Gaza headquarters—where Hamas hid weapons, a massive server farm and an attack-drone factory (above). UNRWA denies any link to Hamas activities.

## Media promote bogus UN report claiming Hamas has no ties to UNRWA

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

NPR recently broadcast an article asserting the lie that Israel has been “spreading false information about UNRWA,” referencing the UN agency responsible for Palestinian “refugees.” Yet, Israel has presented voluminous evidence that UNRWA is a front for the Hamas terror group.

In fact, it's the UN that's lying about UNRWA, and now its lies are being covered up by NPR and other mainstream media.

Indeed, back in April, the *New York Times* parroted the bogus claims of an “independent” review that exonerated UNRWA of having ties to Hamas, with the headline, “Israel Hasn't Offered Evidence Tying Many U.N. Workers to Hamas, Review Says.” *Wrong.*

The State of Israel has presented extensive lists of terrorists connected to UNRWA, as well as examples of overlapping funding, governance and facilities, indicating that UNRWA has been thoroughly infiltrated by Hamas operatives and loyalists. While this evidence was presented to UNRWA's High Commissioner, Phillipe Lazzarini, he and the review panel simply ignored it.

The review cited by both NPR and the *Times* is highly suspect, since it was commissioned by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who is operationally responsible for UNRWA activities. Guterres called UNRWA a “lifeline of hope and dignity”—lofty praise for an organization that has utterly failed for 75 years to help Palestinians rise above their dependent refugee status. To the contrary, the agency has cynically fostered and perpetuated Palestinian victimhood.

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**Stop Terrorism on Campus**  
Attacks on Israel and Jews on scores of American universities have exploded into a jihadi-fueled, violent revolution against American freedoms and values

While protesters violate school rules, state and federal laws—waging and destroying campus property, refusing access to Jewish students and physically attacking those who disagree with their terrorist ideology—provocative college administrators have failed to stop the insanity!

**What are the facts?**  
Anti-Semitic acts on U.S. college campuses have skyrocketed by 70% since Hamas' October 7 massacre in Israel—and they've become more violent. Jewish students have been harassed, harmed from afar, and physically attacked by pro-Hamas demonstrators, reminiscent of Nazi behavior in 1930s Germany. Schoolwide while schools (often) have speech against Black, Muslim and LGBTQ+ students, they refuse to protect Jewish and pro-Israel students.

Massive campus administrations—and faculty—have become so embroiled, they no longer take their own lives in the United States, by tearing down American flags and replacing them with those of non-existent “Palestine.” Truth, they speak out and threaten as freedom of speech, routinely seize and destroy school property and deny our free institutions are open to all Americans!

**Anti-American and genocidal goals inspired by Islamist terror:** No wonder pro-Hamas protesters paint the walls of Jewish hall spaces, from “Death to America/Death to Israel!” No surprise, either, that campus protesters chanted such massive threats and drove attacks on Israel recently. Their stated goal is to “globalize the intifada.” Millions support this pro-Hamas mission to create an Islamist caliphate, as well as the terrorist group's slaughter of some 1,200 innocent Israeli. Finally, the media shout “Free the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” a demand the U.S. House of Representatives recently declared to be antisemitic—a call for genocide of seven million Israeli Jews.

**A revolution of hate that opposes civil liberties and academic freedom:** This violent revolutionary movement is rooted in neo-Marxism, which divides the world into oppressor and oppressed. The ideology, which holds dominant American university culture, has inspired both critical race theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policies. It classifies people, organizations and nations into categories of good and evil according to their biasness on the oppressor-oppressed scale. Oppressors are judged to defend “no one means necessary”—a slogan seen at many anti-Israel protests. Campus revolutionaries and their faculty members consider Jews, Israel and the U.S. to be “white” oppressors and therefore subject to violent “resistance”—such as breaking into and looting buildings, attacking Jewish students, and preventing “diverse” students' access to their own campus.

**College administrators have scandalously failed to do**

**their jobs:** Their two foremost responsibilities are to protect students' safety and academic freedom. That means no violence, harassment or intimidation of Jewish or any students. It means honoring the search for truth and free expression—and forbidding “cancel culture.” Finally, administrators must apply policies fairly. If hate speech or calls for genocide against any ethnic group on campus is not permitted, college administrators cannot allow anti-Semitism or calls for Israeli destruction.

**Four ways Americans can shut down terror on campus:** If college administrators who fail to speak violence and hate speech—and/or fail to protect students' freedom—should be removed. Students who violate school policies on hate speech, harassment, flag desecration, or trespassing should be suspended or expelled. Faculty who do the same—over those with knowledge should be fired for cause.

**Their behavior is hateful, harmful and often unlawful!**  
If Congress must increase penalties related to antisemitic and unlawful behavior on campus, on schools and revocation of visas for foreign students who participate in antisemitic or unlawful activities.

including violence. These should include harsh financial sanctions on schools and revocation of visas for foreign students who participate in antisemitic or unlawful activities.

If colleges should face dire legal consequences for failing to stamp out anti-Semitism. Already Columbia University faces a lawsuit that alleges “wreck the school” harassment of Jewish students, who have been punched, shoved, spit on, blocked from attending classes and moving freely about campus. Dozens of other U.S. colleges face similar federal lawsuits.

If donors should withhold gifts from colleges that refuse to act against anti-Semitism. Many donors have already caused their giving, including Robert Koch, CEO of the New England Patriots, who pulled his support from Columbia University due to unacknowledged Jew-hatred.

The current behavior of “pro-Palestinian” activists at American colleges and universities is hateful, harmful and too often unlawful—on campuses. If your outrage against Jew-hatred and violence were directed against any other ethnic or “harmful” group on campus, it would not be a national firestorm, it would raise eyebrows and cause. Time to shut down the insanity.

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Most egregiously, the panel that conducted the probe on behalf of the UN's Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) lacked the mandate to investigate the presence of Hamas among its staff—which should have been the very subject of the investigation. In fact, by the UN's own admission, the review was only designed to ease the concerns of donors. These two facts were somehow omitted by NPR, the *Times* and other media.

Furthermore, the probe was led by a former French foreign minister, Catherine Colonna, presenting another major conflict of interest, since Colonna approved French support of millions of euros for UNRWA. Also participating in the probe were three organizations whose executives have expressed extreme animosity towards Israel, accusing it of “genocide” and “apartheid.”

Despite these major flaws, following publication of the OIOS findings, the media were quick to absolve UNRWA and turn the tables by attacking Israel. Major media ran headlines such as “Report says Israel has not provided evidence of widespread militancy among UNRWA staff” (*Washington Post*), and “Israel has yet to provide evidence of Unrwa (sic) staff terrorist links, Colonna report says,” (*Guardian*).

In truth, UNRWA and Hamas are virtually indistinguishable. No wonder Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Oren Marmorstein said that “Hamas has infiltrated UNRWA so deeply that it is no longer possible to determine where UNRWA ends and where Hamas begins.”

**Guterres's “probe” hides the complicity of UNRWA with Hamas.** According to UN spokesperson Chris Gunness, the investigation's real purpose was to “provide the donors with *further cover* if that's what they need within their own internal constituencies to resume funding for UNRWA.” Indeed, Colonna, who headed the OIOS panel, said the purpose of the review was to “enable donors” to “regain confidence . . . in the way UNRWA operates.” In other words, the panel's goal was to prove UNRWA's innocence. So much for revealing the truth about terrorist infiltration.

**Israel presented overwhelming evidence of UNRWA's corruption and integration with Hamas.** This evidence included a list of 100 terror operatives employed by the agency, as well as intelligence indicating that over 10% of senior UNRWA educators in Gaza were members of Hamas or Islamic Jihad.

Israel also revealed proof that over 30 UNRWA facilities contained terrorist infrastructure, such as tunnel shafts powered by UNRWA electricity. Hamas even operated a high-end server farm directly under—and connected to—UNRWA's Gaza headquarters. UNRWA's High Commissioner, Philip Lazzarini—and the media *and* the panel *and* donor countries—had this information, but all chose to supress it.

**The OIOS probe was fundamentally flawed from the outset.** It was designed to avoid exposing UNRWA's corruption and staffed by those likely to support the collaboration of UNRWA and Hamas. For starters, the investigation was led by former French minister Colonna, who herself helped establish France as UNRWA's 4<sup>th</sup> largest donor, also a founding board member of the UN agency.

The review also included organizations whose executives expressed extreme anti-Israel bias—the Michelsen Institute, whose senior staff and board members have accused Israel of “genocide” and “apartheid,” as well as the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, whose Executive Director also accused Israel of apartheid, and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, whose Communications Director accused Israel of “illegally occupying” Palestine for 70 years.

**The media lied and covered up the Hamas-UNRWA marriage.** The *Washington Post*, Reuters, the *Guardian*, NPR and the *New York Times* all joined the effort to hide UNRWA corruption. Their headlines claimed Israel provided no evidence of UNRWA's ties to Hamas, when in fact the Israeli government provided massive evidence—and reporters were able to see much of it on the ground. In parroting the OIOS report's false claims, these media again demonstrated despicable journalistic practices and outright bias against Israel.

The *Post* said UNRWA “has mechanisms in place to prevent its facilities from being misused for political or military purposes.” Really? Then why are UNRWA facilities being used as terrorist bases? The Associated Press even asserted that “Israel did not express concern about (UNRWA) staff.” Seriously? In fact, for years Israel has expressed outrage about Hamas's infiltration of UNRWA's ranks, but the media have refused to cover it.

Indeed, the media have every interest in hiding the reality that Hamas and UNRWA are virtually inseparable. This truth would destroy their newsrooms' false narrative that the agency is a benevolent humanitarian organization, doing its best to serve desperate, needy Palestinian victims of Israel's aggression.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that both the UN and the media are disguising the truth that Hamas and UNRWA are inextricably intertwined. They simply don't want donor nations—and the public—to know the shameful truth. If citizens of donor countries—like the U.S.—were to see proof that their tax dollars are funding barbaric terrorism, they would surely insist on slashing UNRWA's funding.

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline at no charge.

Best regards,

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P.S. The riots, vandalism and illegal trespassing on American college campuses have sharpened the knives of the Israel haters. It's become clear that the "pro-Palestinian" protesters are purely anti-Israel and support the genocide of Jews "between the river and the sea." Scandalously, we've also seen hard evidence that university administrators are willing to ignore or openly support the antisemitic hate speech and harassment of Jewish students—though they would never permit such behavior against other minorities. I hope you'll agree that we supporters of Jewish students and hate-free campuses need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—"Stop Terrorism on Campus"—calls for four actions to eliminate campus outlaws and to restore rights to all students. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME recently published in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *Denver Post* and *Mercury News*. 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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