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On October 7, 2023, UNRWA employee and Hamas commander Mohammed Abu Atawi led a terrorist attack on a bomb shelter, killing 16 Nova music festival attendees. Israel identified Atawi to UNRWA, which ignored the tip. The IDF recently killed Atawi in an UNRWA vehicle.

Israel Banishes UN “Terror Organization” from Operating on Its Soil—Western Nations Melt Down

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Last week, Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, overwhelmingly passed two laws that ban the UN’s Palestinian aid agency, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), from operating in the Jewish state. UNRWA serves as an incubator of terrorism and a key infrastructure agency under Gaza’s Hamas rulers, thus prolonging the subjugation of millions of Palestinians and impeding prospects for peace with Israel.

Indeed, Israel’s decision to ban UNRWA is a major step towards dismantling the agency—which will reduce Hamas’s threat to the Jewish state and help to liberate Palestinians from Hamas’s brutal authoritarian rule.

In truth, UNRWA is fundamentally a terrorist organization itself, whose staff and facilities are inextricably bound to Hamas and which operates under Hamas’s control. Millions of dollars of UNRWA funding support the terror group’s priorities. No wonder an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman once quipped that “Hamas has infiltrated UNRWA so deeply that it is no longer possible to determine where UNRWA ends and where Hamas begins.”

Many UNRWA employees are members of Hamas. Some of these employees directly participated in the October 7th massacre, while others supported it wholeheartedly. UNRWA facilities are frequently used by Hamas and other terrorist groups as bases from which to attack Israel. The agency’s schools indoctrinate Palestinian children to embrace Hamas’s goal of hating and killing Jews. Hamas oversees UNRWA’s social welfare programs.

UNRWA also perpetuates the Palestinian 75-year-old refugee crisis, nurturing the myth that one day Palestinians will destroy Israel and return to their “native homeland”—territory few Palestinians have

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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—suing 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, burned, threatened and physically attacked by pro-Hamas demonstrators, endorsement of Nazi behavior in 1930s Germany. Socialists, while schools (often) have speech against Black, Muslim and LGBTQ+ students, they refuse to protect Jewish and pro-Israel students.

Massive campus administrators—and faculty—have become so emboldened, they no longer hide their work in the United States, including down American flags and replacing them with those of non-existent “Palestine.” Finally, they reject such civil liberties as freedom of speech, routinely seize and destroy student property and deny exit-of-facilities when they demand the Jewish/Israeli.

Anti-American and genocidal goals inspired by Islamist terror: No wonder pro-Hamas protesters paint the walls of Jewish (and Jewish) lives: “Death to America! Death to Israel!” No surprise, either, that campus protesters cheered such massive trouble and drove attack on Israel recently. Their stated goal is to “globalize the intifada.” Militants support pro-Hamas terrorism to create an Islamist caliphate, as well as the terrorist group’s slaughter of some 1,200 innocent Israeli. Finally, the radicals advocate “Free the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” a demand the U.S. House of Representatives recently declared to be untenable—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 divides people, organizations and nations into a struggle of good and evil according to their bearing on the oppressed/oppressed axis. Oppressors are defined to defeat “to any means necessary”—a slogan seen at many anti-Israel protests. Campus revolutionaries and their faculty members threaten to violent “resistance” such as breaking into and setting buildings, attacking Jewish students, and preventing “ Zionist” students’ access to their own campuses.

College administrators have scandalously failed to do their jobs: Their two foremost responsibilities are to protect students’ safety and academic freedom. That means zero tolerance for 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:
1) College administrators who fail to punish violence and hate speech—and/or fail to protect academic freedom—should be removed. Students who violate school policies on their speech, harassment, illegal assembly, or organizing should be suspended or expelled. Faculty who do the same—over those with lower-level academic and/or related activities, including violence. These should include harsh financial sanctions on schools and revocation of visas for foreign students who participate in antisemitic or related activities.
2) 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 related activities.
3) Colleges should face dire legal consequences for failing to stamp out antisemitism. Already Columbia University faces a lawsuit that alleges “wreck the school.” Treatment of Jewish students, who have been punished, shamed, spat on, blocked from attending classes and getting books about campus. Dozens of other U.S. colleges face similar federal lawsuits.
4) Dozens should withhold gifts from colleges that refuse to act against antisemitism. Many donors have already caused their giving, including Robert Koch, CEO of the New England Patriots, who pulled his support from Columbia University that so violated law-hated.

The current behavior of “pro-Palestinian” activists at American colleges and universities is hateful, harmful and too often unlawful—all terrorism on campus. If recent outrage ignited by Jewish college students were directed against any other ethnic or “marginalized” group on campus, it would not be a national firestorm, at least, most events and acts. Time to shut down the insanity.

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Rather than condemn Israel for banning UNRWA, the world's nations could more wisely help the Palestinians by praising Israel's actions. Better yet, UN sponsors should themselves follow Israel's example and ban the corrupt UN agency. Surely, no nation would allow a terrorist organization that undermines the security of its host country to operate on its soil.

Many UNRWA employees are also members of Hamas or other terrorist groups. Israeli intelligence indicates that about 10% of UNRWA's Gaza employees have ties to Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other terrorist groups. Many UNRWA employees enthusiastically supported the October 7th massacre. Indeed, UN Watch uncovered a Telegram group of 3,000 UNRWA staffers who [celebrated the atrocity](#).

UNRWA staffers joined in the October 7th massacre and many serve as Hamas commandos. At least 12 UN staffers participated in the massacre. Some took hostages. One hostage released in the November ceasefire reported he was held captive [by an UNRWA teacher](#). Just a few weeks ago, the IDF killed Fatah Sharif, a top Hamas commander who was also an UNRWA employee.

UNRWA facilities frequently house terrorists and their weapons. Israel has revealed over 30 UNRWA facilities containing terrorist infrastructure, such as tunnel shafts supplied by UNRWA electricity and stocked with UNRWA food aid. Hamas even operated a computer server farm directly under—and connected to—UNRWA's Gaza headquarters. Israel passed this information on to UNRWA's Commissioner, Philip Lazzarini, the media and donor countries, but all have chosen to [deny or ignore it](#).

UNRWA teaches Palestinian children to hate and murder Jews. UNRWA schools use textbooks, which—according to numerous studies and findings of the U.S. and EU—are steeped in antisemitism and support for terrorism. Children are taught to kill Jews and violently destroy Israel. They are assured that dying as a martyr for this cause is the highest possible honor. How can Israel—or any nation—sponsor an organization with such a curriculum?

UNRWA maintains Palestinians as perpetual welfare recipients. UNRWA defines refugees—*not just* Palestinians who left Israel during the 1948-49 war—but also their descendants-without-end. UNRWA convinces them their only hope of salvation is a mythical “right of return” to Palestine, once Israel is destroyed. Thus, unlike the UN High Commission for Refugees, which helps millions of other refugees worldwide find new homes and overcome their refugee status, UNRWA offers Palestinians [no realistic chance](#) of overcoming their welfare status.

Part of Palestinians' dependency springs from the fact that 80% of UNRWA's 30,000 employees are Palestinians themselves—a veritable gravy train. While the agency prioritizes direct benefits like food and education, it neglects job training—UNRWA itself is the career goal for many. Moreover, the agency's huge staff of 30,000 assists only 6 million Palestinians, while the UNHCR with only 20,000 staff has assisted [122.6 million refugees](#) globally.

UNRWA is notoriously ineffective as an aid organization. Israel's decision to ban UNRWA has been condemned by Western countries, including the U.S., and UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine Francesca Albanese has suggested that Israel be suspended from the UN. These critics argue that Gaza is utterly dependent on bloated UNRWA services, which no other organization can provide. Nonsense. Inefficient UNRWA convoys leave thousands of tons of food supplies [rotting in the sun](#) and virtually assist Hamas in hijacking their trucks.

Some thirteen other aid agencies work in the Gaza Strip, and 23 agencies in Judea and Samaria (aka, the West Bank) support the Palestinians. They are fully capable of [replacing UNRWA's services](#). In Gaza, for example, UNRWA today handles only 13% of the humanitarian aid that enters the coastal enclave.

UNRWA undermines any attempt to achieve a two-state solution. Countries whose mantra is “two states for two peoples” should cheer Israel's efforts to shut down UNRWA. The UN agency does not cultivate peace with Israel, but rather promotes endless warfare *against* Israel, serving the futile fantasy that Palestinians will someday [conquer the Jewish state](#). Indeed, it's supremely hypocritical to support *both* two states *and* the UN agency that effectively sabotages this solution.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that if the international community, and particularly Western countries, really want a peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, they should [shut UNRWA down](#). Put a stop to the corruption, promotion of murderous martyrdom and destruction of the Jewish state.

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,
James Sinkinson, President



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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