

## **Palestinian Football Clubs, Teams, Tournaments and Stadiums that Glorify Terror**

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Note #14 below, Palestinian Football Association (PFA) President, Jibril Rajoub, endorsed the naming of 23 football teams, each for notorious terrorists, including Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) responsible for the murder of two American diplomats and the 1972 Munich Olympic massacre of 11 Israeli athletes. Several are from Hamas, designated a terrorist organization by the European Union, the United States and many other countries

1 -Football tournament named after terrorist Abu Jihad (Khalil AlWazzir) and team named after terrorist Tareq Al-Qato in 2010: Headline: "Shahid (Martyr) Tareq Al-Qato team wins the Shahids (Martyrs) and Prisoners' football tournament title" "Shahid Tareq Al-Qato [team] seized the Shahids and Prisoners and Shahid Abu Jihad tournament trophy, while the Shahid Ayman Al-Jallad team attained second place. This was within the framework of the tournament games held by the Fatah Palestinian National Liberation movement on the playing fields of the Irtah high school, commemorating the memory of the heroic Shahids and the Shahid commander, Abu Jihad. Eighteen youth teams from throughout the [Tulkarem] district participated in the tournament. All of the teams were named after Shahids." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), April 25, 2010]

Tareq Al-Qato – Football player and Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade terrorist sniper.

2 -Football tournament named after terrorist Abu Ali Mustafa in 2010: Report on conclusion of the "Shahid (Martyr) Abu Ali Mustafa football tournament" (poster on the wall in the background). [PA TV (Fatah), April 23, 2010]

3 -Tournament named after terrorist Abdallah Daoud in 2010: Headline: "Results of the Shahid (Martyr) Abdallah Daoud tournament" "As part of the Shahid Abdallah Daoud tournament for [youth] born in 1993 [16-17 year-olds], organized by the Balata Youth Center under the auspices of the Fatah Palestinian National Liberation movement, bastion of the Shahid Yasser Arafat a number of sports competitions were held yesterday for the success of this great tournament, which bears the name of the Shahid of the deportees, Abdallah Daoud. The supervisor of sport at the Balata Youth Center thanked Fatah for its continued support of the center in order to hold competitions and championships." [Nablus TV website, www.nablustv.net, accessed April 10, 2010]

4 -Championship named after terrorist Muhammad Ghassan Liftawi in 2009: Headline: "Ramallah Islamic sports club wins the Shahid (Martyr) Muhammad Ghassan Liftawi championship" "Yesterday, the Lifta charity association yesterday marked the fifth anniversary of the Shahid death of scouts commander Muhammad Ghassan Liftawi by holding a football championship at the city's Islamic [Sports] Club. The championship opened with a speech by educator Dayaa Ma'ala, head of the association who emphasized that our people will persist in its legitimate struggle up until the establishment of our independent state with full sovereignty and the exalted Jerusalem as its capital He congratulated the pure Shahids (Martyrs) and the late President Yasser Arafat and Muhammad Ghassan Liftawi, one of the founders of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in the West Bank, [and a former] scout commander of the Lifta association." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Nov. 22, 2009]

Muhammad Ghassan Liftawi - Was behind suicide bombings and shooting attacks in Israel in which many civilians were killed and injured. He was on Israel's list of most-wanted terrorists

5.-Football tournament named after terrorist Abu Ali Mustafa in 2009: "The Jerusalem Crescent [football] team rose to second place in the Shahid (Martyr) Abu Ali Mustafa Tournament for Outstanding Teams." [Al-Quds, Sept. 15, 2009]

6 -Football tournament named after Dalal Mughrabi in 2008: "The Islami Silwan Club, won the Dalal Mughrabi Championship in football, organized by the Hilal Al-Quds Club, along with five teams from the different [sports] clubs of the region of Jerusalem." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Aug. 5, 2008]

7 - Championship named after terrorist Samir Kuntar in 2008: "The A-Shati Services team won the Samir Kuntar Championship, which was arranged by the Gaza Sports Club, marking the 29th anniversary of his arrest." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), May 5, 2008]

Samir Kuntar - Was a Lebanese terrorist who murdered four Israelis in 1979, including a child whose head he crushed with his rifle after murdering her father in front of her.

8 -Tournament named after terrorist Abu Jihad in 2008: "Fatah movement at the Al-Am'ari refugee camp will hold the Shahid (Martyrs) Abu Jihad tournament. Activities will begin on the new El-Bireh playing field It is expected that several diverse activities will take place, on the day and in the sporting celebration, to begin on Friday, out of honor to the spirit of the Shahid commander Abu Jihad." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), April 11, 2008]

9 -Tournament cup named after terrorist Ziyad Da'as in 2007: Headline: "The team named after the Shahids (Martyrs) of the Southern Quarter wins the tournament cup named after the Shahid (Martyr) Ziyad Da'as." "This tournament commemorates one of the brave people of the Palestinian resistance, whom the Israeli occupation forces assassinated in cold blood The committee that organized the tournament thanked the administration of the school... for hosting the tournament in the school yard and for providing the means for its success... At the end of the tournament, the viewers indicated that the tournament was at a level to suitably commemorate the brave Shahid, the mercy of Allah be upon him, Ziyad Da'as, and that an annual tournament should take place on the anniversary of his death." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Aug. 15, 2007]

Ziyad Da'as - Fatah-Tanzim commander who planned the Bat Mitzvah attack in 2002 in which a terrorist killed six. Also behind the kidnapping and murder of two Israelis in 2001

10 -Football tournament in honor of Saddam Hussein in 2007: "The national association of the families of Shahids (Martyrs) of Palestine and the radio station Voice of the Youth organized a football tournament in honor of the leader, the Shahid (Martyr) Saddam Hussein [called] the Loyalty Cup to the Shahid leader Saddam Hussein." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan. 4, 2007]

Saddam Hussein - President of Iraq, found guilty of crimes against humanity, was executed by a special Iraqi tribunal.

11.-Team named after terrorist Ihab Abu Salim in 2006: "The Al-Aqsa Shahids (Martyrs) team and the Shahid Ihab Abu Salim team reached the finals." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), May 21, 2006]

12 -Teams of football tournament named after terrorists Muhammad Farahat, and Abu Ali Mustafa in 2003: "The Shahids (Martyrs) of Dir Al-Balah Ramadan football tournament [Al-Ayyam, Nov. 6, 2003]

Muhammad Farahat - Was a member of Hamas who killed five students in a terror attack on a school in 2002

13 -Trophy and football tournament named after terrorist Abu Ali Mustafa in 2003: "The Kufr Ein club won the Shahid (Martyr) Abu Ali Mustafa trophy. The student council at the Bashir Barghouti high school for boys organized the Shahid Abu Ali Mustafa football tournament with nine sports teams participating." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Oct. 5, 2003]

14 -Football tournament teams named after terrorists, sponsored by Yasser Arafat, Saeb Erekat and other PA leaders in 2003: Headline: "Under the patronage of the President [Yasser Arafat], the 'Shahids (Martyrs) of the Journey of Struggle' tournament for [Fatah] institutions will commence on Friday [Sept. 26, 2003]" "The games between the groups participating in the 'Shahids of the Journey of the Palestinian National Struggle' tournament will be held on the playing fields in Jericho. The tournament is being organized by the workers' union of the 'Al-Quds' cigarette company, under the patronage of President Yasser Arafat. Twenty-four teams will participate in the tournament. Each team is named after one of the Shahids, as follows: 1. Shahid (Martyr) Abu Ali Iyad, 2. Shahid Abu Ali Mustafa, 3. Shahid Jamal Mansour, 4. Shahid Hassan Salameh, 5. Shahid Khalil Al-Wazir [Abu Jihad], 6. Shahid Dr. Thabet, 7. Shahid Raed Karmi, , 10. Shahid Salah Khalaf, , 13. Shahid Izz ADin Al-Qassam, ..., 22. Shahida Dalal Mughrabi, ... 23. Shahid Yahya Ayyash... The following are the members of the tournament's higher committee: 1. Dr. Saeb Erekat, representative of the President – Chairman, 2. Jibril Rajoub, National Security Advisor to the President, 4. Abd Al-Fattah Hamayel, Minister of Youth and Sports, D, 7. Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, Mufti of the Holy Land." [Al-Ayyam, Sept. 21, 2003]

Jamal Mansour - Leader of Hamas's political wing and was behind numerous terrorist bombings.

Thabet Thabet - A founder of Tanzim (Fatah terror group) responsible for drive-by shooting and many other attacks during the recent terror war (the "second Intifada").

Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad planned the murder of two American diplomats and the 1972 Munich Olympic massacre of 11 Israeli athletes

Yahya Ayyash - First Hamas suicide bomb builder, seen as founder of Palestinian suicide terror. Attacks he launched killed dozens of Israelis, injuring hundreds.

15 -Football tournament teams named after terrorists Jihad Al-Amarin and Ibrahim AlMakadmeh in 2003: "In a show of honor and commemoration of the Shahids (Martyrs) of Palestine and of the Shahid Ihab Jaras, member of the 'Arab Horsemen' Association, the association will be holding a sporting event, in cooperation with the local association for amateur sports, at the Al-Mashtal Sports Club next Friday at 17:30. Ten sports teams will participate, representing institutions, companies, professional unions, and associations The teams will bear the names of Shahids: Shahid Jihad Al-Amarin and Shahid Ibrahim Al-Makadmeh." [Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), July 7, 2003]

Jihad Al-Amarin - Founder of Fatah suicide terror branch, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades. Was responsible for the murder of many Israelis

16 -Football tournament in memory of terrorist Abu Ali Mustafa in 2003: "A football tournament in Ramallah, commemorating the second anniversary of the Martyr death of the Shahid (Martyr) commander Abu Ali Mustafa." [Al-Ayyam, Sept. 14, 2003]

17 -Trophy honoring terrorist Jihad Al-Amarin in 2003: Headline: "Al-Mashtal and Al-Zeytun [teams will compete] for the Shahid (Martyr) Al-Amarin trophy on Wednesday of the festival" "Both teams are preparing for the next game of the union trophy honoring the Shahid hero, Jihad Al-Amarin, commander of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in the Gaza districts The Shahid Jihad Al-Amarin, who was assassinated by the occupation forces by means of an explosion of his car less than a year ago, was considered one of the [prominent] members of the Palestine sports movement prior to the outbreak of the Al-Aqsa Intifada. Three years ago he served as deputy president of the Al-Zeytun club." [Al-Quds, Feb. 11, 2003]

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18 -Football tournament named after terrorist Abd Al-Basset Odeh, and teams named after other terrorists in 2003: "In Tulkarem's Abd Al-Majid Tayeh School football field, under the auspices of Jamal Tarif, director of education; sport supervisor Jamal Odeh; and in the presence of school principal Jamal Ayat; the head of the sports committee, and committee members; the Tulkarem Shahids (Martyrs) Memorial football Championship Tournament of the Shahid (Martyr) Abd Al-Basset Odeh, began with the participation of seven top teams, named after Shahids who gave their lives to redeem the Homeland. Isam, the brother of the Shahid [suicide bomber Abd Al-Basset Odeh], will distribute the trophies. "The teams are: Abd Al-Basset Odeh, Raed Karmi, D, Tareq Abu Safaka, Tareq Al-Qato, Mahmoud Marmash..." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Jan 21, 2003]

Tareq Abu Safaka - Suicide terrorist who murdered three in 2002.

19 -Football championship honoring terrorist Salah Shehadeh in 2002: "Football championship today at the Al-Fatah club, honoring the Shahid (Martyr) Salah Shehadeh." [Al-Quds, Aug. 16, 2002]

Salah Shehadeh - One of the founders and head of the military wing of Hamas in Gaza

20 -Football team named after terrorist Baha Sa'id in 2002: "Two great victories to the Shahid (Martyr) Baha Sa'id team in the Deir Al-Balah Shahid Football Championship." [Al-Ayam, July 26, 2002]

21 -School football championship teams named after terrorists in 2002: Headline: "As part of the Al-Aqsa Shahids' (Martyrs') school football championship – the Shahid Marmash team beat [the Shahid] Al-Jalad [team] with the decisive goals" "At the playing field of the Abd Al-Majid Tayeh school in Tulkarem, the Al-Aqsa Shahids Football Championship has commenced, organized by the school's sports committee, under the auspices of the [Tulkarem] director of education, Jamal Tarif The championship includes eight teams bearing the names of Shahids from the district: D, Mahmoud Marmash, Raed Karmi, Tareq Al-Qato..." [Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Fatah), Feb. 13, 2002]

Mahmoud Marmash - Suicide terrorist who murdered five and injured 74 in 2001.

Raed Karmi - Head of Fatah's suicide bombing wing and a local Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade commander.