## 'We captured female hostages': UN teachers who attacked Israel are named

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An UNWRA teacher celebrated infiltrating Israeli territory during a phone call to family members, saying, "I'm inside! I'm with the Jews."

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Two teachers hired by the United Nations agency responsible for Palestinian refugees participated in Hamas' massacre across southern Israel on Oct. 7, according to new research published by an Israeli watchdog group.

The Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se) on Wednesday unveiled transcriptions of recordings confirming the roles of Yusef Zidan Sliman Al-Hawajri and Mamdouh Hussein Ahmad Al-Qek in the Hamas atrocities. Both teachers worked for the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) — the global organization's agency dedicated solely to the refugees and descendants of Palestinians who fled during Israel's 1948 War of Independence.

"We have female hostages, I captured one," Al-Hawarji, who is both an Arabic teacher at the UNRWA-funded Deir al-Balah Boys' Elementary School and a member of the Hamas Central Campus Brigade, can be heard saying in recordings obtained by IMPACT-se. "We will enter Al-Aqsa Mosque ... they did actions for liberations [sic], God willing."

Al-Hawarji also specifically alluded to kidnapping a "sabaya," a term jihadists use to describe sex slaves.

In a separate recording quoted by the watchdog group, Al-Qek — another UNRWA elementary school teacher and a member of Palestinian Islamic Jihad's (PIJ) Rafah Brigade — celebrated infiltrating Israeli territory during a phone call to family members, saying, "I'm inside! I'm with the Jews." Get Notifications

PIJ, like Hamas, is an Islamist terrorist group based in Gaza committed to the destruction Israel and the death of Jews. Its fighters participated in the Hamas-led Oct. 7 massacre, ir which 1,200 people were murdered across southern Israel and about 240 others were kidnapped as hostages.

Both UNRWA teachers used their classrooms as platforms for promoting antisemitism and terrorism, according to Impact-se.

"This comes as no surprise, given that they worked in schools which routinely glorify jihad and incite violence," Impact-se CEO Marcus Sheff said in a statement. "That Al-Hawarji and Al-Qek were employed by UNWRA, supported by international community funds, underscores the imperative that UNRWA is beyond salvation and can play no further role in Palestinian education."

The new findings came after Impact-se released a separate report in November revealing that at least 14 teachers at UNRWA-run schools had praised the Oct. 7 pogrom carried out in southern Israel.

Complaints that UNRWA is promoting antisemitism and terrorism are not new.

Antisemitic and violent themes taught in Palestinian schools administered by UNRWA, as well as their employment of teachers linked to terrorist organizations, helped to inspire the extremism which resulted in Hamas' Oct. 7 massacre, experts told a US congressional subcommittee in January.

During the hearing, Sheff noted that "at least" 100 members of Hamas who have perpetrated previous acts of terrorism were schooled in UNRWA operated facilities and estimated that a majority of Hamas terrorists who participated in the Oct. 7 massacre were as well.

Antisemitic incitement and violence in Palestinian curricula has persisted despite years of outrage and international pressure to change the teaching materials. Study cards for 11th graders accusing Jews of being "in control of global events through financial power," seventh graders instructed to describe Israeli soldiers as "Satan's aides" in a textbook chapter imploring Muslims to "liberate" the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and children gathered to listen to a

poem with the following line: "Give me a Kalashnikov, an [M-] 14, an axe and a knife" are just some of the examples of the themes to which Palestinian students have been exposed, according to numerous Impact-se reports.

In November, the US House of Representatives passed legislation that would require the US secretary of state to report annually on whether teaching materials provided to Palestinian students is promoting antisemitism and hatred of Israel. The bill now awaits consideration the US Senate.

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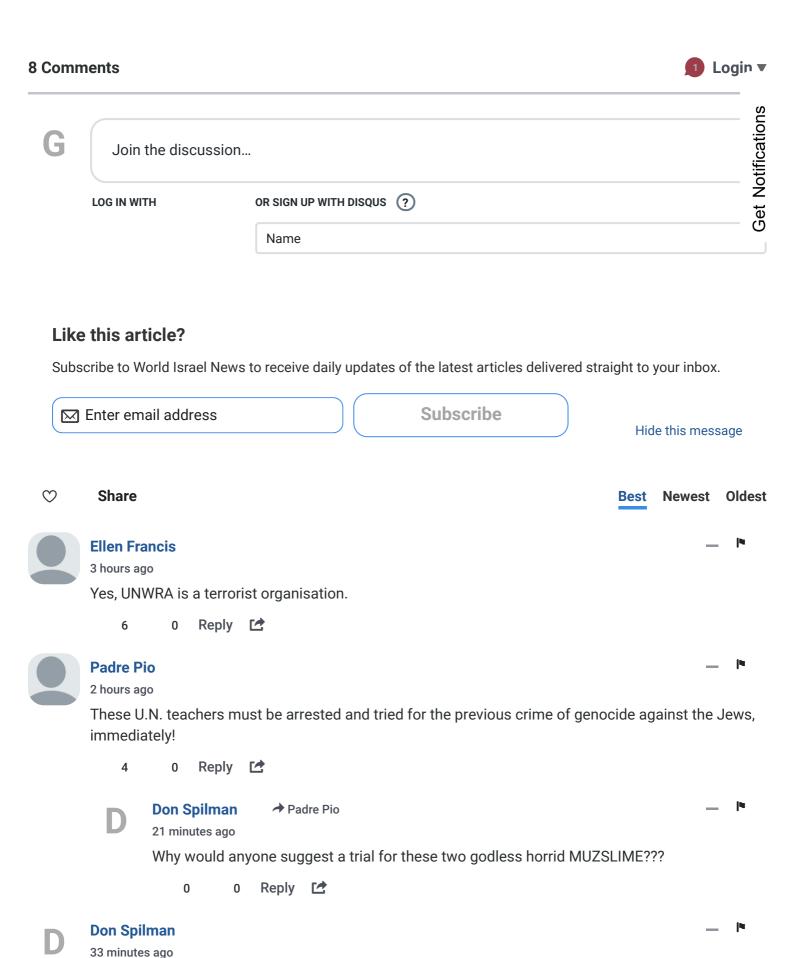
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