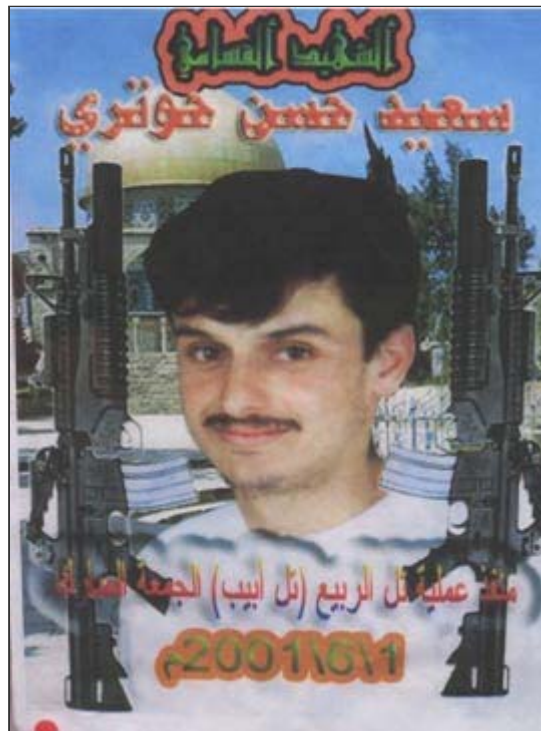




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**The Palestinian Authority's support of Hamas' suicide terrorism:
Documents seized during Operation Defensive Shield reveal that the
Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs granted a sum of \$2,000
to the father of the terrorist who had perpetrated the suicide bombing attack at
Tel-Aviv's Dolphinarium (killing 21 Israeli civilians, most of whom teenagers)**



A poster commemorating Sa'id Hasan Houtari, the Hamas suicide bomber who perpetrated the suicide bombing attack at Tel-Aviv's Dolphinarium, one of the most murderous acts of terrorism perpetrated in the course of the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In spite of Yasser Arafat's public condemnation of the attack, the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Social Affairs granted the terrorist's father, who issued a public statement in support of the terrorist act, a sum of \$2,000 about two weeks after the suicide bombing attack.

General characteristics

1. On June 1, 2001, Sa'id Hasan Houtari, a Hamas suicide bomber, perpetrated a suicide bombing attack outside a discotheque at Tel-Aviv's Dolphinarium. 21 Israeli civilians —mostly teenagers —were killed, and 83 were wounded in the attack. The suicide bomber was sent to perpetrate the suicide bombing attack by Abd al-Rahman Hamad, head of the Hamas operative infrastructure in Qalqilya, who was killed by IDF forces six months later.
2. Among the materials seized in the course of Operation Defensive Shield were two documents issued by the Martyrs' Families and Injured Care Establishment, which falls under the authority of the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Social Affairs. The documents address the transfer of a grant in the sum of \$2,000 to the father of the suicide bomber, who was living in Jordan at that time (June 18, 2001) (see Appendices A, B). The transfer was made in spite of the suicide bomber's Hamas affiliation, in spite of the father's public support of the suicide bombing attack (see Appendix G), and in spite of Yasser Arafat's public condemnation of the suicide bombing attack (see Appendix E).

3. The transfer of the grant—one more cog in the terror-supportive mechanism—is yet another testimony of the [hands-on support provided by Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Authority and its institutions to suicide terrorism, in complete contradiction of Yasser Arafat's public statements given whenever a murderous terrorist attack occurs.](#)
4. In light of the above, it is worth mentioning that several days after the grant was issued, a German television channel reported that [Yasser Arafat](#) had sent the suicide terrorist's father, through the Palestinian Authority ambassador in Jordan, a letter commending his son's act and stating that it was a “wonderful model of heroism, manhood and willingness for self-sacrifice” (see [Appendix I](#)). Yasser Arafat's office [denied](#) the truthfulness of the report and claimed the letter was forged; however, the transfer documents and a similar letter written by Yasser Arafat found among seized documents¹ in the past [serve to complement the credibility](#) of the German television station's report.

1. The report on the letter is reminiscent of a similar affair: Among documents seized in the past was a letter of condolence addressed by Yasser Arafat to the family of [Amer Mansour al-Khudeiri, a Hamas](#) operative from Tulkarm who was involved in preparations for suicide bombing attacks, including the first stages of preparations for the Park hotel suicide bombing attack in Netanya in March 2002. In his letter of condolence, Yasser Arafat uses Islamic terminology, also used by Hamas, encouraging and justifying suicide bombing attacks [the story was analyzed in an information bulletin published by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center in November 2003, English edition].

5. It should be noted that the transfer of the support grant to [Jordan \(where the father of the suicide bomber was staying\)](#) was carried out through the [Arab Bank](#) branch in Al-Bireh. The bank is well-known for being a [preferred channel](#) used by the terrorist organizations and the Palestinian Authority for transferring funds for [terrorist supportive activities](#) (payments to families of killed, wounded, imprisoned and wanted terrorists). Given the far-reaching resonance of the Dolphinarium suicide bombing, it can be assumed that the managers of the Arab Bank branch in Al-Bireh were well aware of the purpose and destination of the grant transferred by their bank.

Appendix A

\$2,000 transferred to the father of the Dolphinarium suicide bomber by the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Social Affairs

In the name of Allah the compassionate and the merciful

The Palestinian National Authority
Ministry of Social Affairs
Martyrs' Families and Injured Care Establishment
[Emblem of the Palestinian Authority]
Date: June 17, 2001

The esteemed directors of the Arab Bank—Al-Bireh²
Greetings,

Kindly transfer a sum of two thousand [in words and in numbers] US dollars to the following beneficiary:

Hasan Hussein Hasan Houtari [the father of the suicide bomber³]

The Arab Bank [branch]— Al-Russeifa / Jordan

Account no.: 600/21697-6

Please charge our account no. 510/625658

Thank you for your kind cooperation

Dr. Yousef Ahmad Jobran [Note: In charge of the Martyrs' Families and Injured Care Establishment, which falls under the authority of the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs, headed by Intisar al-Wazir, aka Umm Jihad].

(handwritten signature)

Ramallah Telefax: 02-2986268

2. At that time, the Dolphinarium suicide bombing attack gained wide exposure across Palestinian and international media. It can be assumed, therefore, that the directors of the Arab Bank in Al-Bireh knew who was to receive the transfer made by their bank.

3. Born in Qalqilya in 1940, stayed abroad (in Jordan, probably) in the years 2000-2003.

Appendix B

\$2,000 transferred to the father of the Dolphinarium suicide bomber by the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Social Affairs—original document

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Palestinian National Authority
Ministry of Social Affairs
M's F. & I.C.E.



السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية
وزارة الشؤون الاجتماعية
مؤسسة رعاية أسر الشهداء و الجرحى

التاريخ: ٥٠١ هـ / ٨ / ٢٠٠١ .

السادة البنك العربي - البيرة المحترمين
تحية واحتراماً

يرجى تحويل مبلغ ألفي دولار أمريكي الى العنوان التالي :-
2000 \$

مستفيد: حسن محمد حوتري
البنك العربي / الأردن
حساب رقم ٦ - ٩٦٦٩٧ / ٦٠٠
وذلك خصماً من حسابنا لديكم رقم 9-625658 / 510 .

شاكرين حسن تعاونكم

د. يوسف احمد جبران



Ramallah - Tel / Fax :02-2986268

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Appendix C

Transfer of \$2,000 from Ramallah to Jordan through the Arab Bank's Al-Bireh office—annotated

Arab Bank LIAL / 0001

From: Arab Bank

Palestine —Ramallah

To: Arab Bank PLC,

Jordan branches center Amman— Jordan

Date: 2001/06/17

Msg no:

Please pay:

Test key:

Transfer reference no: 030TR003107PO1

Value date : 2001/06/18

Currency, amount: USD 2,000

Order cust / bank: Dr. Yousef Ahmad Jobran

Account with bank: ARABJOAX105 ARAB BANK PLC (Russeifa branch) Russeifa

Beneficiary: Hasan Hussein Hasan Houtari [the father of the suicide bomber]

A/C 21697-6/600

Details of chgs: BEN

Notice:

Applicant: Dr. Yousef Ahmad Jobran [in charge of the Martyrs' Families and Injured Care Establishment]

We carried out your instructions by debting your account 9030-625658-9-510

Paying currency: US dollar

Equivalent amount: 2,000.00

Commission: 2.82

Date: 2001/06/17

Postage/ swift: 7.06

Transfer amount: USD 2,000.00

Total: USD 2,009.88

Arab Bank

Al-Beirah branch

Appendix D

Transfer of \$2,000 from Ramallah to Jordan through the Arab Bank's Al-Bireh office—original document

ARAB BANK plc
البنك العربي

LIAL/0001

FROM : ARAB BANK
PALESTINE - RAMALLAH
TO : ARAB BANK PLC,
JORDAN BRANCHES CENTER
AMMAN - JORDAN
DATE : 2001/06/17
MSG NO:
PLEASE PAY
TEST KEY :
TRAN REF NO. : 030TR003107P01
VALUE DATE : 2001/06/18
CCY ; AMOUNT : USD2,000.00
ORD CUST/BANK : DR. YOUSEF AHMAD JOBRAN
ACCT WITH BNK: ARABJOAX105
ARAB BANK PLC
(RUSSEIFA BRANCH)
RUSSEIFA
BENEFICIARY : HASAN HUSSEIN HASAN HOUTARI
A/C 21697-6/600
DETAILS OF CHGS: BEN

** S W I F T * S W I F T * S W I F T **

NOTICE
APPLICANT : DR. YOUSEF AHMAD JOBRAN

WE CARRIED OUT YR INSTRUCTIONS
BY DEBITING YR ACC 9030-625658-9-510

PAYING CURRENCY	US DOLLAR
EQUIVALENT AMNT	2,000.00
COMMISSION	2.82
POSTAGE / SWIFT	7.06
TOTAL	USD*2,009.88

ARAB BANK
ALBEIRAH - BRANCH

DATE 2001/06/17
SERIAL NO. 3107
TRANSFER AMOUNT USD*2,000.00
US DOLLAR

Appendix E

Yasser Arafat's public condemnation: Yasser Arafat's declaration at a press conference attended by German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer and the personal delegate of UN Secretary General, Terje Larsen, held one day after the Dolphinarium suicide bombing attack. Arafat pledged to make the utmost effort to put an end to the bloodbath [as reported on Radio Palestine, June 2, 2001, 16:17]

From an article by Rashid Hilal:

Yasser Arafat held a press conference at the presidential compound in Ramallah, attended by German Foreign Minister [Joschka Fischer](#) and the personal delegate of the UN Secretary General, [Terje Larsen](#). At the beginning of the press conference, Yasser Arafat thanked the German government for assisting the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people and for its efforts to protect the peace process.

What follows is the translation of a relevant fragment of [Arafat's speech](#) :

“On July 2, 2001, at 02:30 in the morning, we issued an official statement on behalf of the leadership. However, I personally stress the [following] message: we have condemned, in an official statement, the act of explosion that occurred in Tel-Aviv on the night of June 1, 2001. I hereby reiterate our condemnation of the unfortunate act that occurred in Tel-Aviv against civilians and of any act that leads to the deaths of Israeli or Palestinian civilians.

We have exerted and we are willing to [exert every possible effort](#) in order to put an end to the bloodbath of our people and the Israeli people and do whatever it takes to achieve an immediate, immediate, immediate and unconditional ceasefire, [in a way that is both genuine and effective, in a way that is both genuine and effective](#). This must be achieved through a concerted effort so that we can return to the negotiation table and implement the recommendations of the [Mitchell Committee](#) and the Egyptian-Jordanian initiative.

We have asked for immediate international effort to guide us in that direction, in order to ensure the future of our children and theirs⁴, and protect the peace process, the peace of the brave, between the peoples, the Israeli and the Palestinian, and in all the Arab and other venues in the region...”

4. In practice, the Palestinian Authority and Hamas turned the figures of the mastermind behind the Dolphinarium suicide bombing attack and the suicide bomber himself into [role models](#) for the young generation of Palestinians (see Appendix F).

Appendix F

The suicide martyrdom culture: The sender of the Dolphinarium suicide bomber and the suicide bomber himself turn into role models in the Palestinian Authority administered territories



Terrorists as role models: A Hamas poster commemorating shahids, mainly the shahid [Abd al-Rahman Hamad](#) (center), head of Hamas' operative infrastructure in Qalqilya, [who dispatched the suicide bomber to the Dolphinarium suicide bombing attack](#).



Terrorists as role models: A large photograph of [Abd al-Rahman Hamad](#) (center), the [mastermind](#) behind the Dolphinarium suicide bombing attack. On the left—[Sa'id Hasan Houtari](#), the [suicide bomber](#). The photograph, accompanied by memorial stones, was placed [at the entrance of the Palestine elementary school in Qalqilya](#) (the photograph was taken by IDF in January 2003).

Appendix G

Hasan Hussein Houtari, the father of suicide bomber Sa'id Houtari, praises his son's act on Hamas' official website (early June 2002)

1. Immediately following the Dolphinarium suicide bombing attack, the Hamas website published a statement by Hasan Hussein Houtari, the father of the suicide bomber (who received a grant of \$2,000 from the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs approximately two weeks after the attack).
2. The father's main statements:
 - a. [He claims he was overjoyed](#) when he received the news of his son's death in the act of suicide martyrdom (*istishhad*) in Tel-Aviv.
 - b. [He wishes that his remaining four sons become martyrs as well](#), die for the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and cause heavy casualties among the enemy, as their brother did.
 - c. He praises Allah that [the act was a success](#), and notes his [feeling of pride](#) of his son for carrying out the [highest-casualty act of suicide martyrdom in five years](#).

Hasan Hussein Houtari (who received the \$2,000 grant), the father of suicide bomber Sa'id Houtari, praises his son's act on Hamas' official website (early June 2002)—original document

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حركة المقاومة الإسلامية "حماس" عودة

ملف خاص عن الشهيد البطل سعيد حسن حسين الحوتري
بطل عملية تل أبيب الاستشهادية



والد الاستشهادي حسن الحوتري

كفور بما قام به ابني وأتمنى لو أنك شجاعته و مستعد لتقديم أولادي من أجل فلسطين

صان - وكالات



نقلت مصادر صحفية عن والد الاستشهادي حسن الحوتري قوله انه كفور بما قام به ابنه، ويتمنى لو كان يملك شجاعته لتفدي ما قام به* مضيقاً ان الصهاينة يقومون الفلسطينيين نحو تجرير أنفسهم لطرده الاحتلال عبر سياساتهم الإجرامية و قتل الأطفال و انتهاك المقدسات .

و كانت كتائب القسام الجناح العسكري لحركة المقاومة الإسلامية حماس قد أعلنت ان ملفاً عملية تل أبيب التي وقعت حتى الآن 20 قتيلاً صهيونياً و نحو 120 جريحاً هو سعيد حسن الحوتري البالغ من العمر 22 عاماً، من سكان العاصمة الأردنية عمان.

و الشهيد الحوتري من سكان مدينة قلقيلية بالضفة الغربية ومن سكان الأردن وهو من المؤيدين لحركة المقاومة الإسلامية حماس ومن أعضاء جناحها العسكري كتائب الشهيد

<http://www.palestine-info.info/arabic/hamas/shuhda/alhotri/alhotri.htm>

07/09/2004

عز الدين القسام.

وقلت مسائر فلسطينية ان سعيد يعمل كبرياتنا ويقطن في قلقيلية مع شقيقه وقد غاب عن الأنظار منذ يومين وأخبرت ان عائلة الشهيد فتحت بيت عزاء للشهيد الذي أمه آلاف الفلسطينيين و رفعت الرايات الاسلامية و شعارات حماس .

وأوضحت المصادر ان الشهيد صديق حميم للشهيد فادي عطا الله منذ عملية نيسان /ابريل الماضي .

وقد أعرب "حسن حسين الحوتري" والد الشهيد "سعيد" منذ عملية تل أبيب عن سعادته الكبيرة بنيا استشهاد ابنه الذي نفذ عملية تل أبيب وقال: إنني أتمنى تقديم أبائنا الأربعة شهداء للأقصى المبارك، وأن يكفوا العدو خسائر فادحة مثل أخيهام الذي بثت عملية الرعب في نفوس الأعداء.

وقال لشبكة "إسلام أون لاين" من عمان حيث يقم وعائلته: "الحمد لله أن العملية نجحت، ولي الفخر أن وادي (سعيد) نفذ أكبر عملية استشهادية منذ خمس سنوات".

وأعلن والد الشهيد أن الإثنين 2001/6/4 الذي يتوافق مع ذكرى مولد الرسول عليه الصلاة والسلام سوف يكون أول يوم لاستقبال التهنئي في قلقيلية" الشدة التي ينتمي إليها والد الشهيد قبل لجوئه إلى الأردن وحصوله على جنسيتها.

وأضاف والد الشهيد أنه لا يريد أن ينتظر من الولايات المتحدة والدول العربية إعادة حقوق الفلسطينيين، وأشار إلى أنه يتعين على الفلسطينيين أنفسهم أن يختاروا طريقهم، وأضاف الأب أن عائلته من فلسطين أصلاً.

و تقم أسرة الشهيد في منطقة عوجان (35 كم من عمان) وقد استقبلت الأسرة نيا استشهاد ابنها بتوزيع الحلوى على أبناء الحي الذين حضروا للتهنئة.

يعيش الحي حالة من الفرح لم يشهدها من قبل، ويشعر الزائر أو المقيم بأن أمرا غير عادي في الحي، وقال أحد المترسرين من أبناء الحي: إنه لم يذهب إلى عمله اليوم للمشاركة في هذه الاحتفالات الضخمة بالحي، ولمتابعة هذا الحدث غير العادي.

وقال بعض جيران الشهيد سعيد: إنه ينتمي إلى عائلة متدينة ، وإنه كان محافظا على صلاة الفجر بالمسجد منذ صغره، ويحمل إلى جانب الجنسية الأردنية هوية تمكنه من دخول فلسطين.

وصية الشهيد سعيد حسن الحوتري منذ عملية تل أبيب الاستشهادية

ترك الشهيد سعيد الحوتري منذ عملية تل أبيب الاستشهادية والتي أودت بأكثر من 21 صهيونيا ومائة وخمسين جرحياً وصية لنشرها هنا كما هي بالنص الحرفي:

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

(قاتلوهم بعذبهم الله بأيديكم ويخزهم وينصركم عليهم ويشف صدور قوم مؤمنين)

الحمد لله رب العالمين، ولا عدوان إلا على المحتلين الغزاة الفاسقين، والصلاة والسلام على قائد جند المجاهدين وعلى آله وأصحابه الغر الميامين... إخواني أحبائي يا كل شعبي الفلسطيني المجاهد... أيها الأحرار المسلمون في كل العالم :

تحية من قلب تعلق بحبل الله المين، تحية من نفس توافقة للقاء الأبية محمد وصحبه، تحية من شهيد مؤمن حي ينتظره من سبقوا من الشهداء وعلى رأسهم أسناني الكبير يحيى عياش.

فأنا العبد الفقير إلى الله سعيد حسن حسين حوتري من مدينة قلقيلية -22 عاماً- قائم

إيكم... نعم.. قادم لأجتمع معك يا رسول الله -صلى الله عليه وسلم- على العوض..
قادم إليك يا قائد الاستشهائين أيها المخلص يا أيها البراء، لعلنا شفيت يا أيها البراء
عقل أمك المحرومة وثارت لشعبك وأفصاك ونشرنا أنا على دربك ساترون.

لقد علمنا يا أيها البراء يا بطل الأبطال أن الأبطال الحقيقيون هم الذين يخطون بدمائهم
تاريخ أمتهم. ويبذلون بأجسادهم أمجاد عزتنا الشامخة ويشيدون بجماعتهم حصولنا
المنومة وأقول للعالم الذي يعادي شعبنا ويدعم الصهاينة بالمال والسلاح ما سطره الشهيد
من قلبه عبد الله عزام : (إن كان الإعداد إرهابيا فنحن إرهابيون، وإن كان الدفاع عن
الأعراض تطرفا فنحن متطرفون، وإن كان الجهاد ضد الأعداء أصولية فنحن
أصوليون).

أيها الأسرى.. أيها الجرحى.. أيها الشهداء.. أيها الأمل:

باسمكم جميعا أقدم روحي في سبيل الله عز وجل ولنقم لأهاتكم وأنتكم وجراحتكم...
سأجعل من جسدي شظايا وقنايل تطارد بني صهيون وتسفهم وتحرق بقاياهم.. (ويشف
صندوق قوم ملامين).. وأريد أن لا أنسى أهلي وأمي وأبي وإخوتي فأوصيكم بأوصيكم
بتقوى الله عز وجل وأن تسيروا ولا تبتكروا عليّ فأنا ما جئت من الأردن إلى فلسطين
إلا لأتقى ربي على أحسن وجه. وما هو اعظم من الاستشهاد على أرض فلسطين في
سبيل الله تعالى؟؟ فأزغدي يا أماء، ووزع الطوى يا أي.. يا إخوتي.. فابتكم ينتظر
عرسا وجورا في عطين (في مقعد صدق عند مليك مقتدر).

الشهيد الحي سعيد حسن حسين حوتري
كاتب عز الدين القسام حركة المقاومة الإسلامية حماس
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Appendix I

A German TV channel reports having a letter in which Yasser Arafat praises the Dolphinarium suicide bomber. Arafat's office previously claimed that the letter was forged (as reported on Radio Beirut, June 23, 2001)

1. A German TV station reported that they had a letter in which Yasser Arafat praised the act of *istishhad* [suicide bombing] carried out on June 1, 2001 near a discotheque in Tel-Aviv, which led to the deaths of 21 Zionists. The [German] station reported that in his letter, Arafat praised the person who carried out the act, saying he was a **wonderful model of heroism, manhood, and willingness for self-sacrifice since he had turned his body into a bomb.**
2. Yasser Arafat's office in Ramallah stated that it was perfectly clear that the **letter was forged.** The report went on to say that it was the Palestinian embassy in Amman that formulated the letter according to Arafat's instructions. Apparently, the embassy signed the letter with Arafat's name and sent it to the house of the perpetrator of the suicide bombing attack, Sa'id al-Houtari, in Jordan.
3. **Note:** The report was aired by **Weltspiegel**, a German TV (ARD/channel 1) documentary series on foreign affairs, by its reporter in Amman, Joerg Ambrester. The report stated that among the newspaper clippings found in the possession of the Dolphinarium suicide bomber's sister, there was a **letter signed by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.** The letter, written by the Palestinian ambassador in Jordan in Arafat's name, stated that the act of the suicide bomber was a model of heroism and sacrifice. Arafat's office denied the existence of the letter and claimed it was forged.