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PMW findings used to confront PA officials n PMW=s information vital for British and Australian politician= challenging the PA

PA Prime Minister defended practice of honoring terrorists

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A delegation of Australian and British politicians visiting Israel and the Palestinian Authority used <= style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;" track="off" shape="rect" href="http://www.palwatch.org" linktype="1" alt="http://www.palwatch.org" target="\_blank">

Palestinian Media Watch's findings to challenge and question PA officials. After confronting the PA officials= Australian MP Glenn Sterle "strongly recommended a briefing from Palestinian Media Watch before any meetings with the PA," The Jerusalem Post reported.

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The Australian and British delegation had heard a presentation by PMW director Itamar Marcus, which, among other things, documented the PA's practice of glorifying terrorists who have killed Israeli civilians

<<http://www.palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=448>> . After the PMW presentation, the delegation met with PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah and PA Minister of Education Sabri Saidam. The British and Australian delegates confronted and questioned the PA officials about the PA practice of naming schools and sporting events

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<[http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc\\_id=16353](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=16353)> and youth to hate Israelis and Jews

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PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah denied that any schools in the West Bank are named after terrorists, despite the fact that PMW has clearly documented <http://www.palwatch.org/STORAGE/special%20reports/PA%20Education%20Report%20for%20Teachers%20Union%20210715.pdf#page=11> this. Hamdallah even "defend[ed] the practice of 'honoring' terrorist-suicide bombers," Australian MP Glenn Sterle said. Hamdallah had further told the delegation to "check their information." [The Jerusalem Post, Dec. 15, 2015]

After the meeting with the Australian-British delegation, the PA Minister of Education Dr. Sabri Saidam said that he "was surprised by the group's 'explosive, blunt and rude' questions about Palestine's education system." "There was a lot of incitement I would say on behalf of the delegation meaning or implying that the Palestinians are the ones terrorizing Israel," Saidam said. He complained that Australian Federal Industry Minister Christopher Pyne had not discussed education with him but instead about "political difficulties." Minister Saidam stated that Minister Pyne "had a list of questions and they were misinformed." [SBS News, Dec. 16, 2015]

Recently, Swedish MP Ekeröth also used PMW documentation [http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc\\_id=16614](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=16614) to show Swedish Parliament that the PA does not seek peace.

PMW has reported on the PA and Fatah's ongoing terror glorification [http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc\\_id=16468](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=16468) and promotion of violence [http://www.palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc\\_id=16156](http://www.palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=16156) during the current wave of terror attacks against Israelis. </span>

The following are the reports on the delegation's use of PMW documentation at the meeting with PA officials in the Jerusalem Post and SBS:

Headline: "Gravine: Between Jerusalem and Berlin"

By Greer Fay Cashman

"PRIOR TO the dinner on Sunday, following a presentation by Itamar Marcus from Palestinian Media Watch, Dialogue participants went to Ramallah to meet with Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah and the PA education minister, who were asked about the naming of a girls high school after a terrorist, Dalal Mughrabi; sporting events named after terrorists; branding anyone who supported peace initiatives through sport as traitors; and the preaching of hatred through the education system. According to the Australian Labor Party's Glenn Sterle, who is the senator for Western Australia in the Parliament of Australia, Australian and UK delegates were at all times respectful and courteous to the prime minister when putting their questions.

The prime minister gave a brief overview of the situation between Israel and the PA. He shared the concerns the PA has with Hamas and the reconstruction effort of the PA in Gaza. He told the group that the Palestinians are willing to commence peace talks toward a two-state solution with Israel, but not until there is a freeze on the expansion of settlements.

The term "occupation" was used numerous times, said Sterle.

When questions from the delegation were put to the prime minister, the responses were varied, Sterle added.

"Firstly, there was complete denial that any schools in the West Bank were named after terrorists. He challenged us to check our information. He reiterated a number of times that our information was incorrect.

But when he was returned to the question by other members of the delegation, he then went into defending the practice of 'honoring' terrorist-suicide bombers."

Sterle noted that Hamdallah was at pains to share with the group the actions of Israeli soldiers who have killed numerous Palestinian youths who have done nothing more than throwing stones at the soldiers. He used the expression "they are not here having a picnic" several times when talking about the soldiers' presence.

His reasoning, said Sterle, was that Israel honors its "terrorists" by naming streets, buildings and airports after them.

Names such as Ben-Gurion, Sharon and Meir - people who, he said, killed Palestinians - were cited. He also mentioned Baruch Goldstein, who killed 29 Muslim worshippers at prayer in Hebron.

At one stage, said =terle, Hamdallah got a little agitated as the group continued to bring him=back to the topic of honoring terrorists through sporting events and the e=ucation system.

The same theme of questioning was put t= the education minister, and the same answers came back to the group. Trim=le opened the session with the process of inclusion between children from =oth sides of the Northern Ireland conflict. The minister appeared not to b= interested in further conversation in this area, though he did say the as=istance of the international community was needed to commence peace talks.=/span> Sterle, for whom this was not the first Dialogue gather=ng, said that it is imperative to have the visit to Ramallah included in a=I Dialogue visits. "It is definitely worthwhile for delegates to meet and =ear from the PA ," he said, and strongly recommended a briefing from Pales=inian Media Watch before any meetings with the PA."

[The Jerusalem Post=/

Headline: Pyne def=nds Palestinian talks approach

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Picture caption: Bronwyn Bishop, Christopher Pyne speaks to <=iv style="text-align: center;" align="center">the Palestinian Educ=ation Minister (@timwilsoncomau) (Twitter)

Sub-headline: "Federal Indu=try Minister Christopher Pyne has defended the approach a delegation took =o discussions with Palestinian authorities in the West Bank"

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=span>Mr Pyne was part of a delegation of British and Australian politician= visiting Israel, before heading for talks with Palestinian authorities in=Ramallah.

The Palestin=an Education Minister Dr Sabri Saidam told SBS News he had expected the di=cussions to focus on education, but was surprised by the group's "explosiv=, blunt and rude" questions about Palestine's education system. He said both Australian and Briti=h MPs asked the offensive questions.

"There was a lot of incitement I would say on behalf of the =legation meaning or implying that the Palestinians are the ones terrorisi=g Israel when we have been subjected to the longest occupation, as I said,=of modern times," he said.

<=pan>Dr Saidam said Mr Pyne sidetracked from his Innovation portfolio to co=centrate on political discussions.

"I had hoped that the Minister of Innovation would spend some =ime talking about Innovation, Industry and Science and I said you are now =elcome, the Ministry of Service that runs schools and manages higher=education entities, that we should be talking education. Instead, we were =iverted to talk about political difficulties and talking about challenges =nd he had a list of questions and they were misinformed."

In response, Mr Pyne's office sent the =ollowing statement:

"M=members of the delegation are responsible for their own comments and behavio=r.

"The Minister perso=ally engaged in constructive discussions centred around understanding Pale=stinian attitudes to the peace project."

Dr Saidam said he gave the group a textbook on education =n Palestine and encouraged members to pose their same questions to the Isr=eli Government."

[SBS, Special Broadcasting Service <<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/12/16/p=ne-defends-palestinian-talks-approach>> (Australian news age=cy), Dec. 16, 2015]

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