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## **Ariel Sharon's birthday wish was that 10 Palestinian children be murdered, says PA TV preacher and Abbas' appointee**

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One hateful and dangerous Palestinian libel is that Israelis murder Palestinians in cold blood, and deliberately target Palestinian children.

This week, PA TV chose to rebroadcast a version of this lie that was first heard on PA TV as part of a religious lesson. PA TV's Islamic educator taught that former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon would celebrate his birthday by asking Israelis to murder 10 Palestinian children, before "the end of the day." Imad Hamato, the preacher who taught in his weekly PA TV lesson on religion that the dead children would bring "joy" to Sharon, is not an insignificant figure: Hamato was [appointed last year by Mahmoud Abbas](#) to be dean of the Al-Azhar institutes, a system of schools that prepare students for studies at the Al-Azhar University in Gaza.



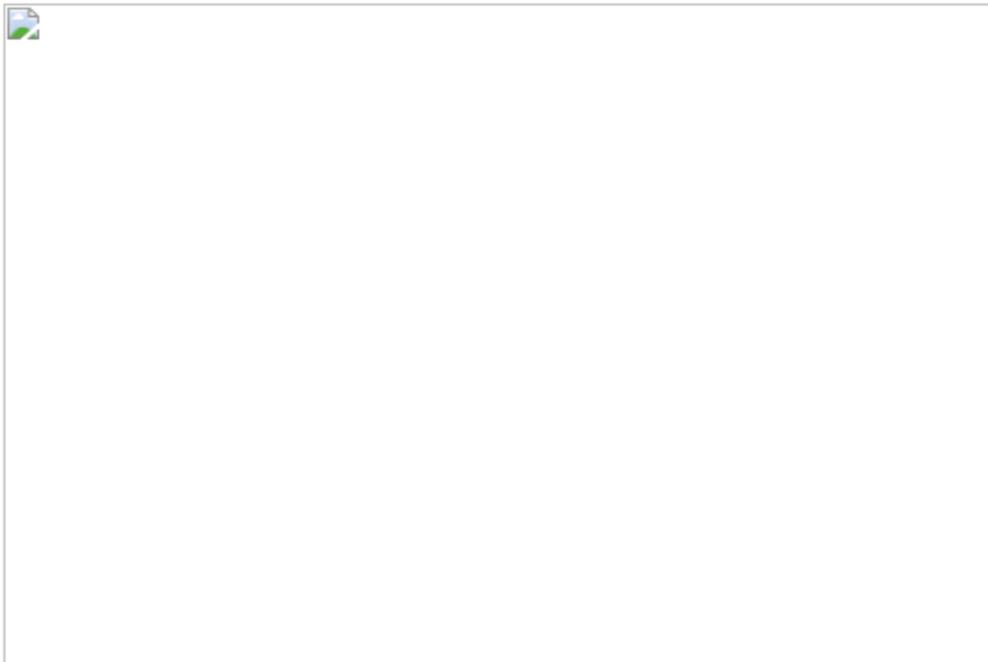
**Imad Hamato:** "Read the memoirs of [Israeli Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon who died. When he wanted to celebrate his birthday, he used to say: 'On my birthday I want 10 candles to be blown out, 10 Palestinian children. I want to hear that at the end of the day, so that I can feel joy.'"

Palestinian children are brought up to hate Israelis who they are told are seeking to murder them. During the Palestinian terror wave in 2015-2016 when young Palestinians attacked Israelis with knives, guns, and in car rammings, the host on PA TV's children's program *The Best Home*, claimed Israelis are "barbarians" and murderers, [warning Palestinian children under 18 and 15 not to go out alone](#) because Israelis were looking for children to kill:

**"The occupation [Israel] targets children everywhere. In their schools, near their homes...** We must be very careful now. We are confronting the occupiers who act in a very barbaric terrorist way. They are trying to kill people everywhere. These are barbarians, my young friends. They try to kill people for no reason, who are just walking on their land. They make various accusations against them. This is called barbarity, my friends. Be very careful all the time. **All children under 18, and children under 15, when you go out, your mom or dad, should accompany you,** I mean that an adult should accompany you."

[Official PA TV, Nov. 13, 2015]

The following is the picture of Mahmoud Abbas meeting with Imad Hamato after he appointed him Dean of the Al-Azhar institutes.



*Dean of the Al-Azhar institutes Imad Hamato and PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas.  
[Wafa, official PA news agency, March 6, 2017]*



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