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## **Fatah's Facebook: Glorifying terror, inciting hatred, and erasing Israel**

### **Fatah's heroes: Saddam Hussein, Dalal Mughrabi and the rifle**

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January 1st is the date Fatah celebrates as the anniversary of its first terror attack, which it calls "Launch Day." [Palestinian Media Watch](#) has examined how Fatah used its Facebook page to mark its 48th anniversary.

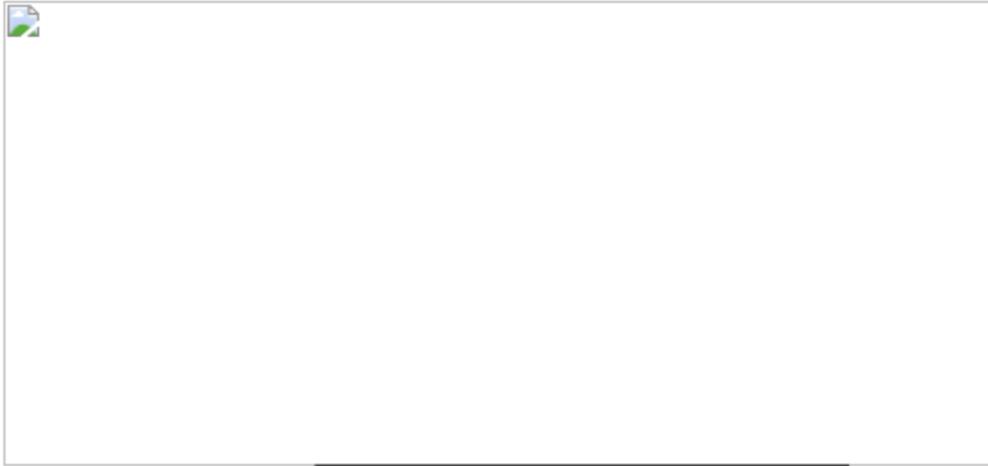
The page glorifies violence and terror as acts of heroism, and depicts a world without Israel. The Facebook page is filled with pictures of automatic rifles and slogans venerating arms. In some pictures, young children are shown carrying rifles.

Other pictures show maps of "Palestine" that include the PA areas as well as all of Israel. Fatah's page glorifies Saddam Hussein and memorializes terrorist Dalal Mughrabi, who led the most lethal terror attack in Israel's history: a bus hijacking attack that killed 37 civilians.

In addition to his position as PA Chairman, Mahmoud Abbas is also Chairman of Fatah.

As part of its celebrations, Fatah posted two pictures showing young children holding automatic rifles that are almost as large as the children. One picture has the words:

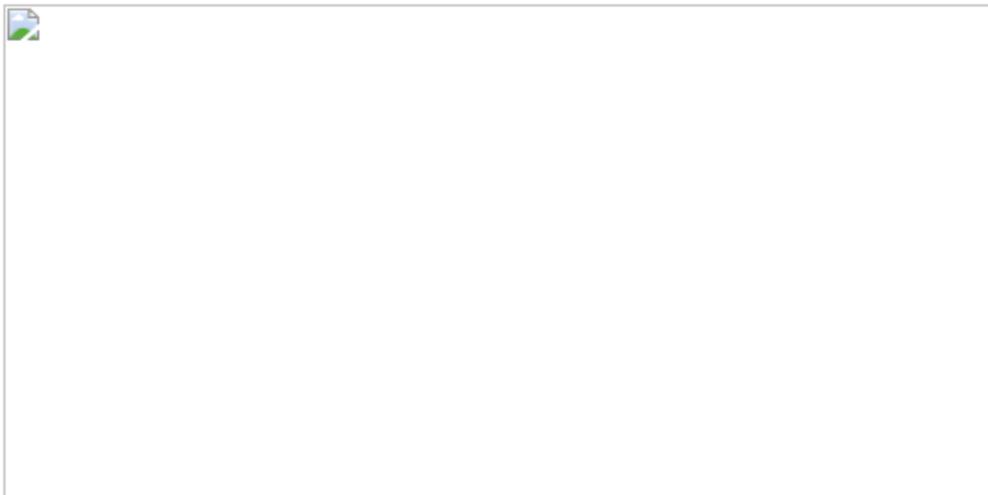
"The 48th anniversary of the Launch of the Palestinian revolution"  
My mother gave birth to me to fight,  
and Fatah gave me the gun."



[REDACTED], Dec. 20, 2012]

Another picture shows a young girl marching with a rifle, and Fatah's Facebook administrator chose to caption it as follows:

"This is Fatah, spark of the Palestinian revolution, the revolution that turned refugees into fighters and turned fighters into an army to build the state. This picture shows columns of refugees who Yasser Arafat turned into fighters by virtue of his keffiyeh (i.e., headscarf) and his revolution."



[REDACTED], Dec. 28, 2012]

For several days, the cover picture on Fatah's Facebook page showed a masked man holding an automatic rifle, and three Palestinian flags flying over the Temple Mount. The picture was titled "48 [years] since the Launch of Fatah."

The name of the page is "the Palestinian National Liberation Movement - Fatah/ The Central Page." The description says that the page is administered by the Enlistment and Organization Commission of Fatah, with a link to the Commission's website: [www.fatehorg.ps](http://www.fatehorg.ps)

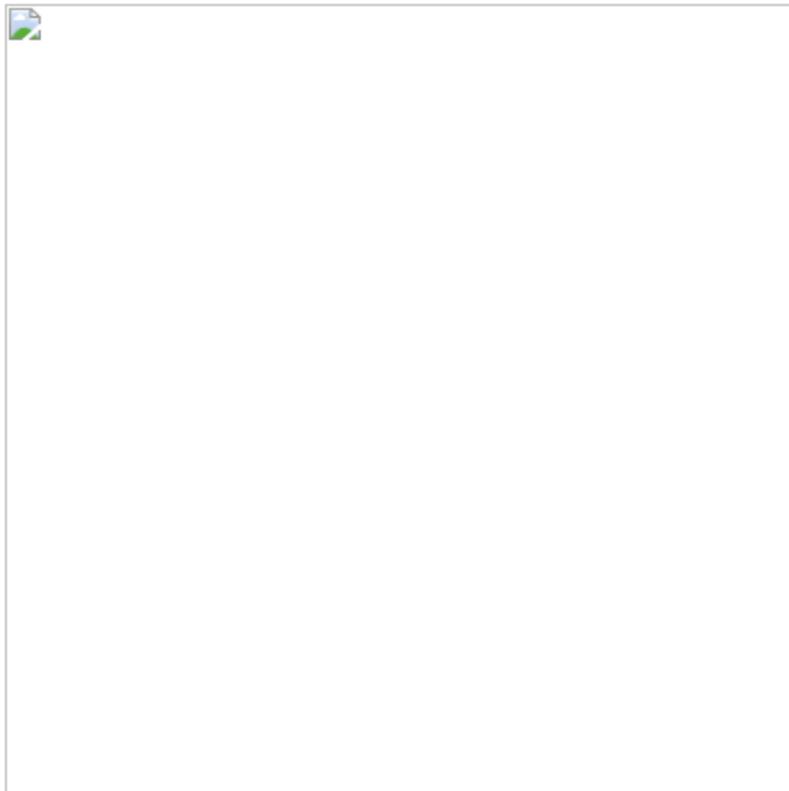


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### **Saddam Hussein and Dalal Mughrabi as role models**

The page administrator posted two pictures of Saddam Hussein. One shows him laughing with the following text below the picture:

"He smiled to deny the enemy the pleasure of victory. May Allah have mercy on you, Saddam Hussein. "



[REDACTED], Dec. 20, 2012]

In the second picture, Saddam Hussein is shown in uniform, holding a rifle, with the following text glorifying him:

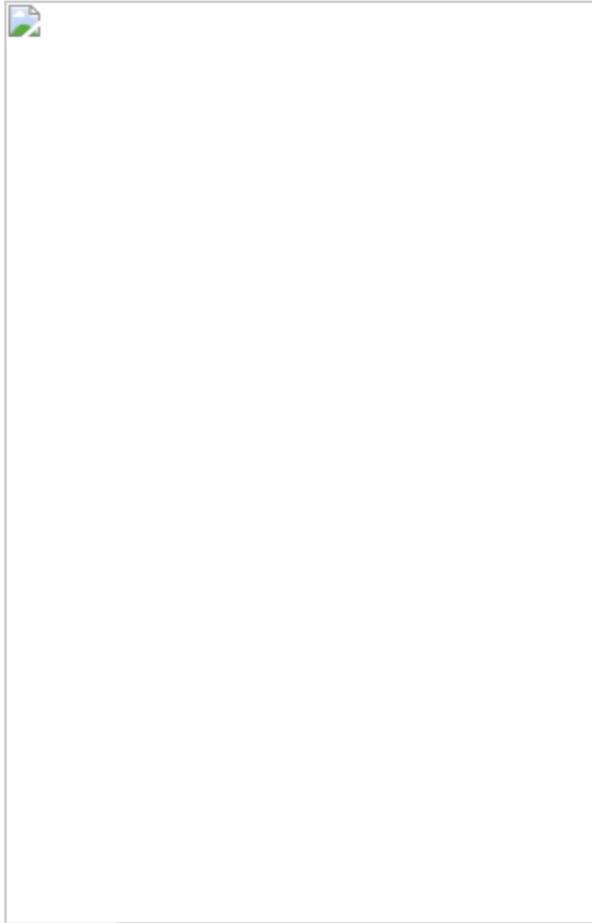
"Today, December 30, 2012, is the sixth anniversary of the death of the hawk of the Arabs and the lion of the Tigris and Euphrates: As we walked we knew that the gallows were in fact the ladder of faith for the glorified Field Marshal Martyr (*Shahid*) President Saddam Hussein."



[REDACTED], Dec. 30, 2012]

Female terrorist Dalal Mughrabi, who led the Coastal Road terror attack in 1978 in which terrorists hijacked a bus and murdered 37 civilians, is also glorified with her picture and the words: "On this day in 1959 Martyr (*Shahida*) Dalal Mughrabi was born, hero of the 'Martyr Kamal Adwan' mission, bride of Jaffa and the gentle energizing force of Fatah."

The picture itself is inscribed with the words: "All songs call to you, Dalal... the path to the homeland."

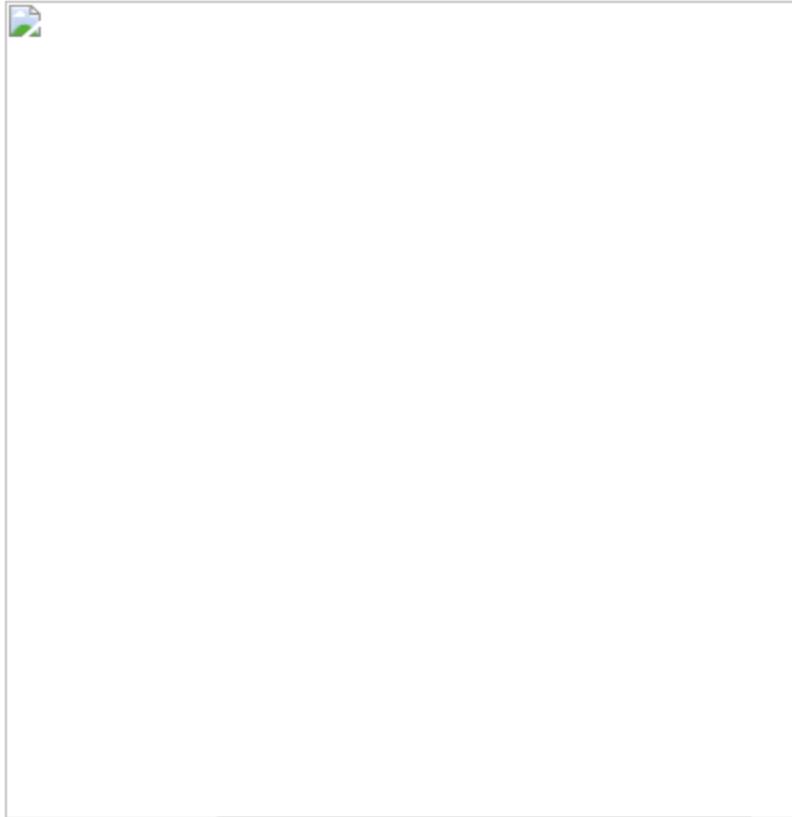


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### **Maps denying Israel's existence**

Many pictures added by the page administrator show a map of "Palestine" that erases and replaces all of Israel:

In this picture the Palestinian flag flies over the entire area of the State of Israel symbolizing political sovereignty. The letter "h" in the word "Fatah" is wrapped around the map of "Palestine."

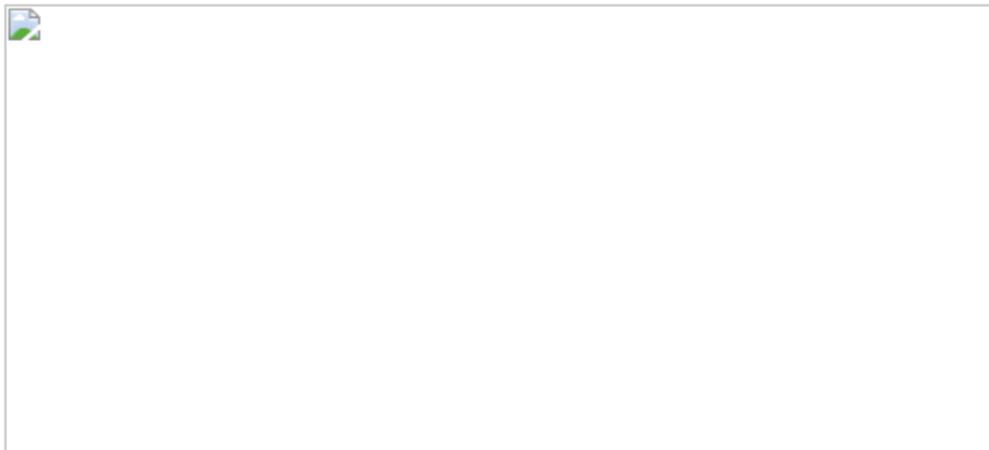


[REDACTED], Dec. 21, 2012]

In the next picture, a map painted in the colors of the Palestinian flag can be seen on the right. The map includes not only Palestinian cities, but also Israeli cities like Safed, Acre, Tiberias, Haifa, Beit Shean, Nazareth, Jaffa, Ramle, Be'er Sheva, and Jerusalem. In the upper left corner, there is a picture of terrorist Dalal Mughrabi. The next picture shows Arafat with Abu Jihad, one of the founders of Fatah who was responsible for many terrorist attacks, among them the Coastal Road attack that Dalal Mughrabi led.

The Fatah logo, which includes a grenade and crossed rifles over the map of "Palestine" that erases Israel, appears in the center of the picture and the text reads:

"Committed to the promise of... the Launch."



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The rifle is drawn in the word "Fatah" and is also depicted on the map:

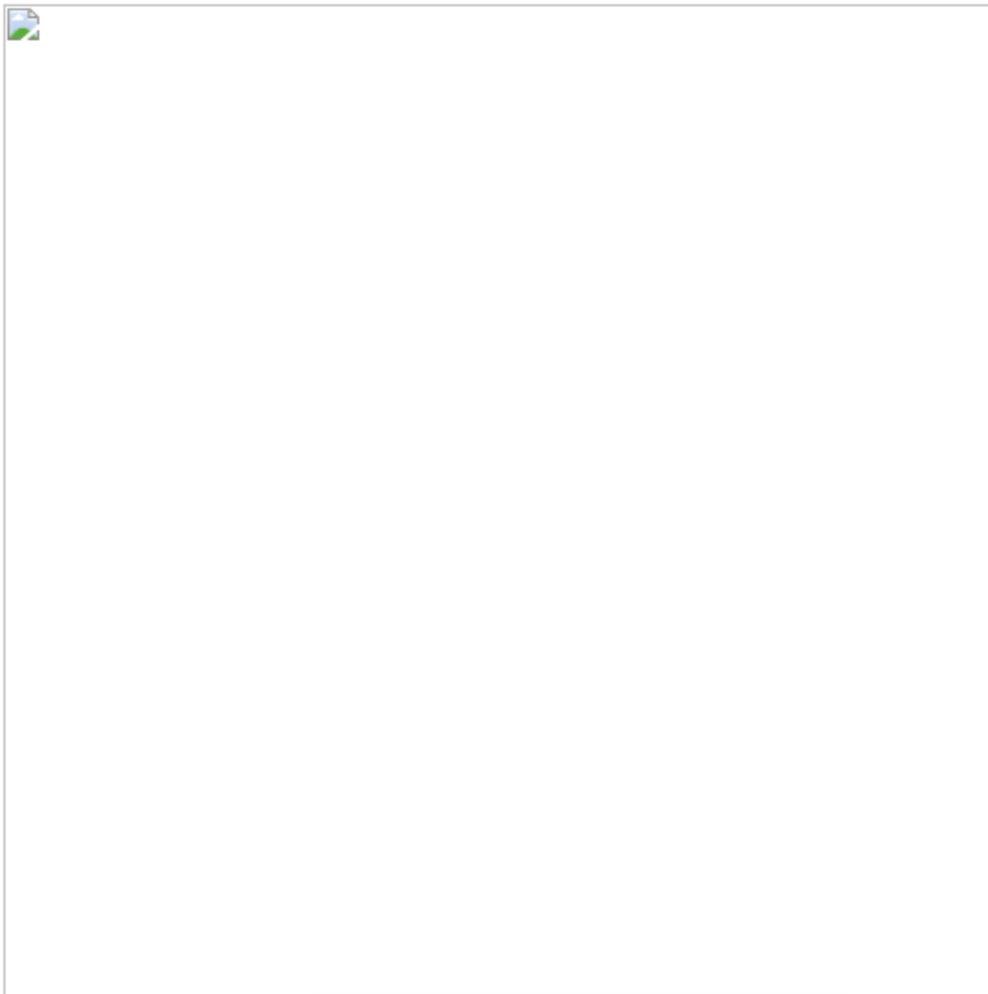


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Arafat waves a rifle next to a map of "Palestine," which is part of the number 48.

The text above the picture says:

"1/1/1965 - we are a nation that loves liberty and our will is strong. Fools, enemies and international resolutions will not daunt our determination."



[REDACTED], Dec. 22, 2012]

Fatah's logo and below it: "Al-Asifa (name of military unit) will continue to be the

torch of the armed struggle."



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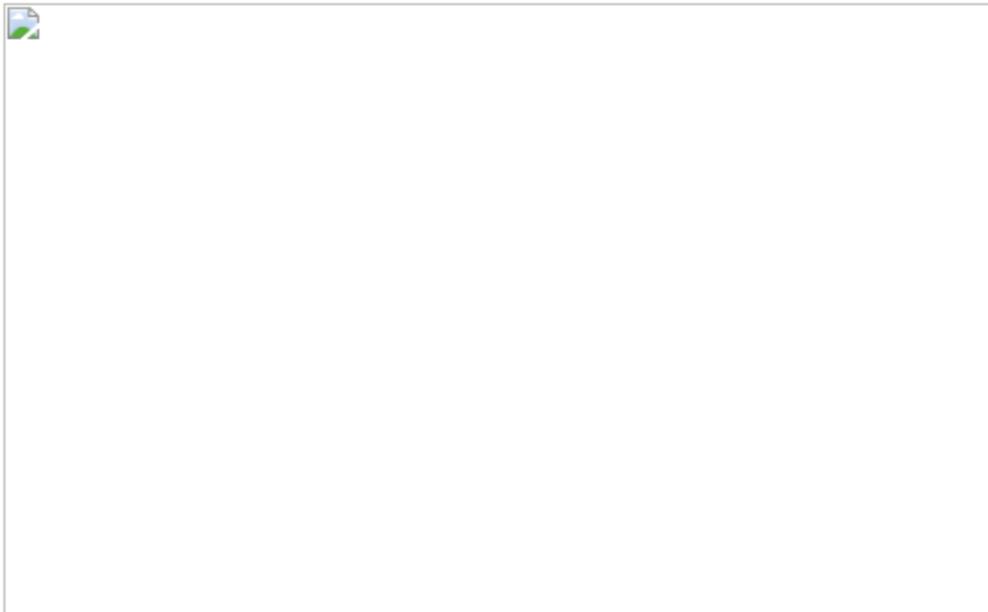
The next picture shows Yasser Arafat, Abu Jihad and other senior Fatah officials with a map of "Palestine" in the background.

The text of the picture opens with a verse from the Quran lauding death in battle:  
"In the name of Allah the All-merciful, 'of the believers are men who are true to that which they covenanted with Allah. Some of them have paid their vow by death (in battle), and some of them still are waiting; and they have not altered in the least' [Quran, Sura 33:23, Pickthall translation]  
Fatah is the eternal revolution and Al-Asifa is the torch of the armed struggle... Fatah... a journey of sacrifice and giving."



[REDACTED], Dec. 28, 2012]

The next picture includes a rifle and a key next to the same map that includes all of Israel. The key symbolizes Palestinian claims of ownership to the land of the State of Israel and the claim of a "right" for residents of refugee camps to "return."



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### **Glorification of violence and terror**

The text accompanying a picture of a pen dripping blood says:

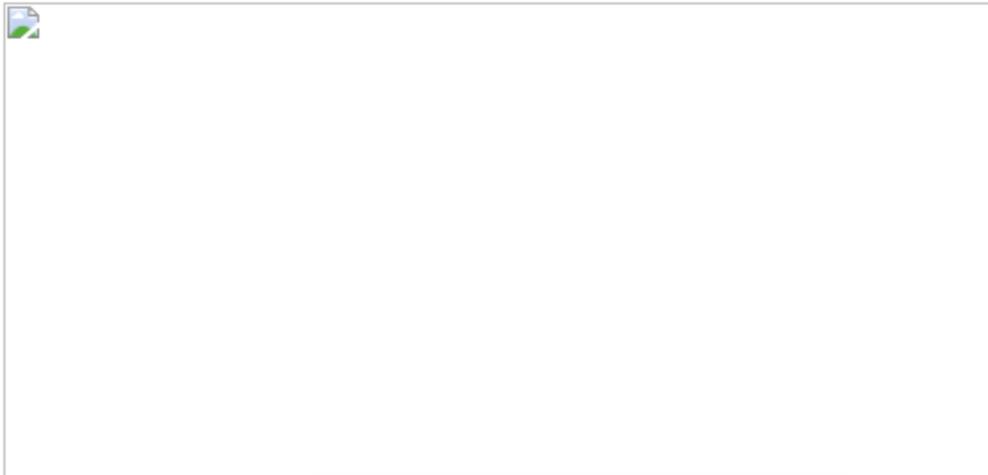
"Fatah, the Al-Asifa forces, the letter-bombs (autumn 1972): 40 letter-bombs were sent to Israeli and American diplomats, and one of them killed Ami Shchori, Israel's agricultural attaché in London.

These were the most successful operations, and they taught the Mossad a lesson in military activity."



[REDACTED], Dec. 29, 2012]

Rifle bullets spell out the words "Fatah 48." Next to the picture appear the words:  
"All hail the 48 anniversary of the [Fatah] launch"



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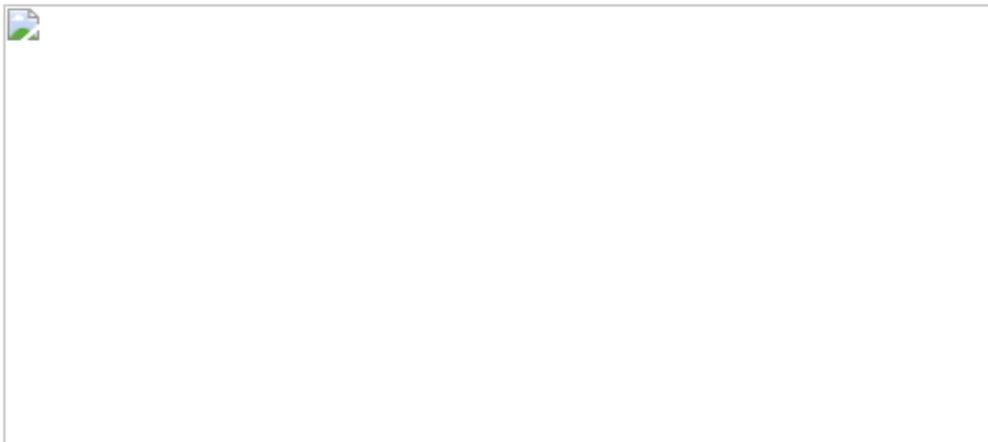
Another picture glorifies violence:  
"48th anniversary of the Launch of the Fatah rebel."



[REDACTED], Dec. 21, 2012]

In the following picture, Fatah glorifies rocket launches against Israel. The caption reads:

"Aqsa 107 [mm], range: 30 km... Fatah ... we were away for a long time... the state and the victory... the Launch [of Fatah]."



[REDACTED], Dec. 29, 2012]

The next image again has the verse from the Quran glorifying death in battle:

"Fatah - the first bullet and the first rock... Hail to the Launch of the Fatah rebel

[Quran:] 'Of the believers are men who are true to that which they covenanted with Allah. Some of them have paid their vow by death (in battle), and some of them still are waiting; and they have not altered in the least - Surah Al-Azhab, 23' [Quran, Sura 33:23, Pickthall translation]

"The Martyrs of the leaders of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in the Al-Aqsa Intifada"



[REDACTED], Dec. 20, 2012]

Next to the picture, the page administrator mentions a number of facts about Fatah that present murderous terror attacks as gloriously heroic. Here are a few of them:

"Did you know?

The Al-Aqsa Brigades were the first to successfully attack the Israeli Ministry of Defense. It was done by Martyrdom-seeker Ali Al-Julani."

*Note: This refers to a shooting that took place in 2001 at an intersection near the Israeli Defense Headquarters in Tel Aviv. There were ten casualties, eight of whom were soldiers.*

"Did you know?

The first retaliation for the assassination of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin was done by Martyrdom-seeker Fadi Al-Amudi of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades."

*Note: This refers to a suicide bombing at the Erez crossing point in 2004 that killed an Israeli soldier and wounded three.*

"Did you know?

The first explosive belt Martyrdom-seeking operation in the history of the Palestinian revolution was carried out by the first Martyrdom-seeker at the battle of Karameh, Martyr Abd Al-Mutalleb Al-Dmeik, known as "Phosphorous," one of the most outstanding activists of Fatah."

"Did you know?

The first Martyrdom-seeking operation against the Zionist nuclear arsenal was carried out by Fatah. It was commanded by the Martyr commander Kahlil Al-Wazir (Abu Jihad)."

*Note: This refers to an attack on a bus carrying workers to the nuclear research facility in Dimona in 1988, in which three people were killed.*

"Did you know?

The first mission at sea in the history of the Palestinian revolution was carried out by Fatah heroes under the command of the hero Dalal Mughrabi."

*Note: In 1978 female terrorist Dalal Mughrabi led the most deadly attack against Israel when she and other terrorists landed on the Israeli coast, hijacked a bus, and murdered 37 civilians, 12 of whom were children.*

"Did you know?

The first female Martyrdom-seeker to carry out a military operation in the Palestinian Intifada functioned under the command of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade. It was carried out by Wafa Idris, who was the first girl Martyrdom-seeker of the Al-Aqsa Intifada."

*Note: Wafa Idris carried out a suicide-bombing in Jerusalem in 2002, and thus became the first female suicide terrorist of the Al-Aqsa Intifada. One was killed and 150 were wounded in her attack. Idris worked for the Palestinian Red Crescent in Ramallah. She crossed the check post into Israel wearing a Red Crescent uniform and carrying the bomb with her in the ambulance.*

"Did you know?

The first mission against an Israeli target outside the occupied or Arab territory was the Munich operation carried out by Fatah under the command of Martyr Commander Salah Khalaf Abu Iyad, one of the outstanding Fatah commanders. It was carried out to sustain a Palestinian presence and representation in international forums."

*Note: 11 Israeli athletes were murdered at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich by members of the Palestinian Black September organization.*

"Did you know?

The first to change the Al-Aqsa Intifada into a military escalation were Fatah fighters who escalated the sniper operations against settlers in the West Bank and fired at settlements in [the] Gaza [Strip]..."

"Did you know?

The first Martyrdom-seeking operation in the Gaza Strip was carried out by Martyrdom-seeker Bahaa Al-Din Said, of the preventive security forces and a Fatah hero in the central district. This was a turning point in the struggle for Palestinian territory in the Gaza Strip."

*Note: This refers to an infiltration into the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom in 2000, when a soldier was killed.*

"Did you know?

The first to launch a rocket from the Gaza Strip at the Zionist enemy were the heroes of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, Commanders Jihad Al-Amarin and Majdi Al-Khatib, to be exact."

"Did you know?

The mission with the most casualties was Fatah's. Martyrs Abd Al-Rahman and Samer Imad carried it out in January 2003. It killed 30 and wounded more than 200."

*Note: This refers to a double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv's central bus station that killed 23 people (not 30 as written).*

This is not the first time that Fatah has glorified terrorists and terror attacks via

Facebook. Palestinian Media Watch documented that Fatah's Facebook page featured a picture of the [eight terrorists](#) who attacked the Savoy Hotel in 1975, and the Facebook page for the Lebanese branch of Fatah showed a picture of a woman dressing [her son in a suicide belt](#).

Nor is it the first time that Fatah has glorified Dalal Mughrabi on its Facebook page. Palestinian Media Watch exposed a [poem praising Dalal](#) that appeared on the page:

"This is Dalal, my eternal love:  
I loved the struggle with passion,  
from the eyes of the young woman  
I loved Palestine,  
from the rifle of the young woman  
I wished for Martyrdom,  
along with the young woman  
Dalal, my mysterious young woman  
My revolutionary Jihadi inspiration  
I loved her but knew only her name  
Dalal Mughrabi  
The legend of Mughrabi grew  
spread within me, unparalleled  
like the trees, she became a young woman  
I learned in prison that the earth drew back  
before Dalal, the sea raged and could not bear  
that a self-sacrificing [Dalal] Mughrabi would arise from it  
[She] remained days at sea, Allah's eye  
guards and protects the rifle."

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