

How AP Whitewashes a Terrorist

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The AP recently carried a story, designed to tug at our heart-strings, about a Palestinian woman who, imprisoned, was not let out by her Israeli jailers to attend her daughter's funeral. The story is here: "Associated Press Transforms Convicted Terrorist Into 'Palestinian Lawmaker,'" by Gidon Ben-zvi, [the AP article](#) thus:

Her 30-year-old daughter Suha... worked on issues related to gender and climate change for the Al-Haq human rights group.

Sounds good, doesn't it – she worked on "issues related to gender and climate change."

But was that all? After all, Al-Haq is an "organization with

ties to the US-designated terrorist group Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), of which her mother was a member.” Why not mention that? AP should explain that Al-Haq is an organization with ties to the PFLP, a terrorist group. Al-Haq has claimed that terrorists – murderers – deserve to receive those “Pay-For-Slay” subsidies from the PA that both reward past, and incentivize future, acts of terrorism.

The AP’s distortions were reprinted by influential outlets such as [The Washington Post](#), [ABC News](#), [Yahoo](#), and [CBS News](#).

Note the vagueness of the Associated Press headline: [Israel bars jailed Palestinian from daughter’s funeral](#). While the AP thereafter refers to her as a “Palestinian lawmaker,” it fails to note Jarrar’s history of using her status as a former legislator to cover up her [involvement in various illegal activities](#).

Moreover, it is simply bizarre for the AP to open its coverage of Jarrar by referring to her as a ‘lawmaker.’ After all, the Palestinian Legislative Council in which she served has essentially [been defunct since 2007](#) – after the [Jihad Watch](#).