

Mahmoud Abbas and Ibrahim Alloush On the 'Fantastic Lie' of the Holocaust

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Holocaust Denial is a favorite sport and a pastime among a certain group of Muslims who cannot allow themselves to admit that there had ever been a Holocaust in which six million Jews were murdered, for recognition of that truth might increase sympathy for the Jews, and thus for the Zionists, and that would never do. In France some Muslim students have refused to study the Holocaust, which is part of the national history curriculum, for that very reason: they don't want to hear about it, they don't want to think about it, they don't want anyone else to learn about it.

The best known of the Arab Holocaust deniers is none other than Mahmoud Abbas, President-for-Life of the Palestinian Authority, now in the 15th year of his four-year term. In 1984 he earned his doctorate at Patrice Lumumba University with a thesis entitled *The Other Side: the Secret Relationship*

Between Nazism and Zionism. According to Abbas, the Zionists were in cahoots with the Nazis: those wicked Zionists figured that if the Nazis persecuted Jews in Europe, more of them would flee to Palestine. And for the Zionists, that was all that mattered.

In his thesis Abbas said the “so-called” Holocaust had been exaggerated and Zionists had created the “myth of the six million dead,” which was, according to Abbas, a “fantastic lie.”

Here is a key paragraph in Abbas’ dissertation:

It seems that the interest of the Zionist movement, however, is to inflate this figure [of Holocaust deaths] so that their gains will be greater. This led them to emphasize this figure [six million] in order to gain the solidarity of international public opinion with Zionism. Many scholars have debated the figure of six million and reached stunning conclusions – fixing the number of Jewish victims at only a few hundred thousand.”

Elsewhere in his work, Abbas says that perhaps a somewhat greater number of Jews, possibly as many as 800,000, died. But he was sure of one thing –the total was nowhere near six million; that claim has to have been a deliberate fabrication.

In May 2018, in a televised address to the Palestinian Parliament, Abbas blamed European Jews’ “social function” – specifically “usury and banking and such” – as the basis for the animosity toward them that led to their mass murder (“only 800,000” still qualifies as mass murder). Abbas claimed his views are backed by Jewish authors, whose books conclude “that animosity toward Jews was not because of their religion but because of their social activities.”

I was reminded of Abbas – whom so many seem to have forgotten,

or perhaps never knew, is a Holocaust denier – when I read at MEMRI.org about another, very recent, example of the same dreary type, one Dr Ibrahim Alloush. Dr. Alloush is a Jordanian-Palestinian academic, who was interviewed on the television program Palestine Today on December 17, where he went beyond Abbas's minimizing of the Holocaust to denying it altogether. The MEMRI.org report on Alloush, who spent 14 years in the U.S. and received his doctorate from Oklahoma State in economics, is [Jihad Watch](#).