



H.E. Mrs. Barbara Woodward
President of the Security Council
United Nations
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Excellency,

In recent months, **Israel has been experiencing a wave of terror attacks perpetrated by Palestinian terrorists affiliated with Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, with the guiding and financing of Iran, alongside the encouragement of the Palestinian Authority.** One of the major hubs of these terror activities and infrastructure is the city of Jenin. The recent attacks stemming from Jenin include shootings, stabbings, car rammings, the infiltration of towns and villages, and the planting of explosives. Over the past year, **52 Israelis were murdered by Palestinian terrorists, many of which were carried out from or within the Jenin area.** Last week, on 26 June, 2023, two rockets were fired from Jenin toward Israel and Israel has also faced the threat of recent mortar attacks from the area.

The Palestinian terrorists operating in Jenin constantly exploit civilian infrastructure, including nearby United Nations schools and facilities, hospitals, and places of worship such as the Al-Nasr Mosque, for their terror operations, putting the surrounding civilian populace directly in harm's way. Throughout the precise counter-terrorism efforts in Jenin, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) located numerous explosives manufacturing facilities, containing hundreds of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along with guidebooks on how to produce explosive devices. Additionally, the IDF discovered a pit used for concealing weapons, a tactical observation and war room, as well as hundreds of different weapons and ammunition. Over the last days, the IDF destroyed the weapons storage pits and shafts leading into terror tunnels used for transferring terrorists and weapons. One such subterranean terror tunnel, approximately 300 meters long, was discovered running underneath Al-Ansar Mosque, with two entry shafts discovered inside the mosque itself.

While the IDF operated in the Jenin Camp with precision by carefully targeting terrorist infrastructure, Palestinian terrorists are targeting Israeli civilians, as was witnessed on Tuesday, July 4th, terror attack in Tel Aviv, in which eight civilians were wounded, with five in critical condition, including a pregnant woman.



The international community and the Security Council must unconditionally condemn the latest Palestinian terror attacks and hold Palestinian leadership accountable. Years of Palestinian Authority incitement and the inaction of the international community have fueled the Palestinians culture of hate, leading to this volatile point.

Not only does the Palestinian Authority take no action against terror, it also allows the emergence of Iranian terror strongholds in areas such as Jenin and Nablus. Hamas and the PIJ, internationally designated terror groups, take advantage of the Palestinian Authority's absence in order to entrench themselves within crowded civilian populaces, using innocent Palestinians as human shields. As they put their own people in danger, the Palestinian terror groups – with Iranian assistance – continue to develop advanced weaponry, including underground missile launchers, IEDs, surface to surface missiles, and explosive attack drones.

Israel will not stand idle while terrorists continue to harm civilians, using Jenin Camp as their hideout. Israel will continue to act resolutely against terror and imminent security threats, and will take any means necessary in order to defend its citizens.

I would be grateful if you have this letter distributed as an official document of the Security Council. I would like to inform you that an identical letter has been sent to H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.





Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'G. Erdan'.

Gilad Erdan
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