

Millionaire Murderers: How the Palestinian Authority Rewards Terror

THE LIE

The Palestinian Authority ended its “pay-for-slay” policy that rewards terrorists for killing Israelis.

THE TRUTH

The PA continues to pay terrorists - even adding bonuses for those freed in the October 2025 hostage deal. Some of these terrorists are now leaving prison as millionaires.

BACKGROUND

- Since 2004, the Palestinian Authority has directly paid terrorists and their families monthly stipends through its “Pay for Slay” program, which operates under the PA’s Prisoners’ Fund and Martyrs’ Fund.
- In 2018, the **Taylor Force Act** blocked U.S. aid to the Palestinian Authority until these payments stopped.
- A **U.S. civil lawsuit** filed in **New York (Oct. 16, 2025)** accuses the PA of continuing terror payments in violation of the **Anti-Terrorism Act** (*Force v. Palestinian Authority, 2025*).

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- In February 2025, the Palestinian Authority claimed it had ended the “Pay for Slay” program. But the October 2025 hostage exchange proved otherwise: hundreds of released terrorists have since been confirmed to receive millions in continued terror stipends.
- As part of the October 2025 ceasefire, Israel released 250 Palestinian terrorists in exchange for Israeli hostages. [JNS, Oct. 19, 2025](#)
- 160 of the released terrorists became millionaires through years of PA stipends – together receiving **229.5 million shekels (\$70 million)**, averaging over **1 million shekels (\$275,000)** each. [JNS, Oct. 19, 2025](#)
- Gideon Sa’ar confirmed the **PA even added “special release grants”** to reward those freed. [Israel MFA, Oct. 20, 2025](#)
- An earlier 2025 exchange freed 316 terrorists, who together received 506 million shekels (\$142 million) – proving the system is ongoing. [FDD, Feb. 7, 2025](#)
- Yet Western media like the Associated Press portrayed these releases as “freedom fighters coming home,” omitting that they were convicted murderers. AP, Oct. 14, 2025 This whitewashes terror and glorifies murder – rewriting reality and erasing Israeli victims. [Associated Press, October 13th](#)

QUOTES

- “The Palestinian Authority ensures that it very much pays to slay.” – *Itamar Marcus, Palestinian Media Watch*
- “They are paying salaries to terrorists and terrorist families. Now they’ve added grants to those we had to release.” – *Gideon Sa’ar, Israeli Cabinet Minister*
- “Hard truth: your country may have helped bankroll their blood money.” – *Isaac Halevi, analyst (Halevi was referring to Western aid that indirectly funds the Palestinian Authority’s payments to terrorists.)*
- “A new civil lawsuit in the U.S. by families of victims seeks plain and simple justice: hold the PA accountable. Stop Pay-For-Slay Now.” – *Israel Foreign Ministry, Oct. 20 2025*

TAKEAWAY

- The hostage deal exposed the truth: the Palestinian Authority turned killers into heroes and millionaires, and Western aid helped pay for it.

Millionaire Murderers: How the Palestinian Authority Rewards Terror

SOURCES

[JNS: "PA paid \\$70 million to terrorists freed in hostage deal," Oct. 19 2025](#); [FDD: "Palestinian Terrorists Released in Ceasefire Deal Leave Israeli Jails as Millionaires," Feb. 7 2025](#); *Force v. Palestinian Authority*, S.D.N.Y., Oct. 16 2025; [Israel Foreign Ministry on X, Oct. 20 2025](#); [AP: "Palestinians celebrate as prisoners are released by Israel under Gaza ceasefire deal," Oct. 14 2025]