

UNRWA: A 'Neutral' Front for Islamic Terror

THE LIE

UNRWA is a neutral UN agency that provides humanitarian aid to "Palestinian refugees."

THE TRUTH

UNRWA is a front for Islamic terror groups that target Israel. Its staff participate in terror attacks, provide cover for Hamas, and groom children for terrorism.

BACKGROUND

- The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is a UN agency that claims to support the relief and human development of so-called "Palestinian refugees."
- Founded in 1949 — the year after Israel's independence — UNRWA operates with an annual budget of over \$1 billion, funded largely by European governments, international NGOs, and, until President Donald Trump, the United States. ([Washington Institute](#))
- UNRWA employs roughly 32,000 people and provides year-round aid to Arab "refugees" across the Levant and Europe, most of whom are not refugees in any conventional sense of the term.
- The agency claims to be a neutral humanitarian body. ([UNRWA](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **UNRWA knows its staff includes terrorists and is fine with it.** In 2004, UNRWA's own Commissioner-General Peter Hansen publicly acknowledged that many Hamas members were on the agency's payroll and said he had no problem with it. ([Washington Institute](#))
- **At least 1,500 UNRWA employees have documented ties to Hamas.** A U.S. government investigation found that at least 1,500 UNRWA staff members have connections to Hamas. ([Washington Institute](#))
- **Over 100 UNRWA employees participated in the October 7th massacre.** On June 7, 2026, the USAID Inspector General referred 101 UNRWA staff members for suspension or permanent banning based on their direct involvement in the October 7th attack in which Hamas terrorists and ordinary Gazans murdered 1,200 Israeli civilians. ([Washington Free Beacon](#)), ([New York Post](#))
- **UNRWA schools teach children to hate Jews.** UNRWA schools teach antisemitism, Holocaust denial, glorification of terror, and Islamic supremacy as part of their standard curriculum. ([X](#)), ([UN Watch](#)), ([UN Watch](#))
- **UNRWA schools have been used to recruit children for terrorism.** In documented cases, UNRWA school facilities were used to groom children for ISIS. ([Fox News](#))
- **UNRWA buildings hide Hamas tunnels and weapons caches.** The IDF found Hamas command centers, weapons storage facilities, and tunnel networks built directly beneath UNRWA schools and headquarters. One tunnel was connected to UNRWA's own electrical grid. ([UN Watch](#)), ([Congress](#))
- **UNRWA aid bags were found in a Hamas leader's hideout.** UNRWA supplies were recovered from the hideout of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar — the mastermind of October 7 — where they had been repurposed to conceal weapons. ([Congress](#))
- **Every dollar UNRWA spends in Gaza frees up money for Hamas terrorism.** Hamas governs Gaza, which means Hamas would normally be responsible for funding schools, hospitals, and basic services for the population. UNRWA takes over those functions entirely — which means Hamas need not spend its own money on governance. Every dollar of Western aid that flows through UNRWA is a dollar Hamas can redirect toward rockets, tunnels, and terrorism. ([Congress](#))

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QUOTES

"Oh, I am sure that there are Hamas members on the UNRWA payroll, and I don't see that as a crime." – Former UNRWA Commissioner-General Peter Hansen

"We sit here, pretending to be shocked to learn that UNRWA is fully complicit in the Hamas terror infrastructure in Gaza... It's a horror movie, decades in the making, co-produced by the U.S. taxpayer." – Foundation for Defense of Democracies Senior Advisor Richard Goldberg

TAKEAWAY

UNRWA exists to wage endless war on the Jewish state by laundering legitimacy and money for Islamic terror groups. Israeli and Western intelligence confirm hundreds of its Gaza staff – including teachers and principals – are active Hamas or PIJ terrorists. Its schools and facilities house Hamas tunnels, command centers, and weapons. Its staff include terrorists who murdered, raped, and burned Israelis on October 7. Every dollar donated buys less "relief" and more bandwidth for jihad, as UNRWA salaries free up Hamas cash for rockets and tunnels.

Calling it a "neutral humanitarian organization" is an insult to language. It is one of the longest-running, most expensive terror fronts in history.