

**UN Human Rights Council “Commission of Inquiry” on Israel**

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**Organization** (*optional*):

**United States citizen, father of Taylor Allen Force who was murdered in stabbing attack by a 22-year old Palestinian, Bashar Masalha, on March 8, 2016, in Jaffa, Israel.**

**Issue(s) to which your submission applies** (*Mandatory; choose one or more by highlighting or repeating at the top of your submission*):

- (1) “Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict in and between the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [*sic*], and Israel; as well as systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity;”
- (2) “Facts and circumstances regarding alleged violations of international humanitarian law and alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021;”
- (3) “Identification of those responsible;”
- (4) “Recommendations on accountability measures, with a view to avoiding and ending impunity and ensuring legal accountability, including individual criminal and command responsibility;”
- (5) “Recommendations on measures to be taken by third States to ensure respect for international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [*sic*].”

**Submission:** *(insert below the caveat)*

*This submission in itself should not be understood as an endorsement of the "Commission of Inquiry," including its mandate.*

*On March 8, 2016, my son, Taylor Allen Force, was fatally stabbed in the back, neck, and lungs by a 22-year-old Palestinian, Bashar Masalha of the West Bank village of Hajjah. Eleven other innocents walking on the boardwalk in Jaffa, Israel that evening were also injured. Masalha was smuggled into Israel in a taxi whose driver is serving an 8 year sentence for his part in facilitating the terrorism..*

*The Palestinian Authority, Hamas and the other terrorist organizations based in the West Bank and Gaza have for decades promoted hatred of Jews, Israelis, and Americans through their social media platforms and public statements. Led by President Mahmoud Abbas, the PA has incited and incentivized terrorist acts, promising martyrdom and financial reward for attacks on innocent Israelis. On a Youtube video released worldwide on the evening of Taylor's murder, Abbas announces that Masalha is a "martyr of Palestinian Youth". The financial incentives, referred to as "Pay for Slay", is codified in Palestinian Law and provides a graduated monthly stipend to Palestinian terrorists based on the severity of the crime that they commit.*

*To respond to the individual issues:*

*1. One of the root causes of the "recurrent tension, instability and protraction of conflict" is the incitement of the Palestinian populace by statements and official policy emanating from the PA demonizing Israelis and the Jewish faith. Another cause for heightened tension is the prospect of monetary reward to the terrorist or the "martyr's" family should he or she be killed during the criminal act.*

*2. I have recounted the facts of the murder of my son. Additional substantiation is available through reports by the media.*

*3. I have provided the names of the principals directly involved in commission and incitement to commit this terrorist act: Bashar Masalha, the perpetrator; and Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian Authority, the instigators.*

*4. See 3. Above. Additionally, hold the PA, Abbas, and all terrorist organizations financially liable until the "Pay for Slay" policy is removed from PA law and renounced unequivocally.*

*5. I recommend that all foreign assistance from third States be withheld until it can be unquestionably demonstrated that no funds whatsoever can be used to continue this horrific policy of rewarding those who injure and kill innocent civilians.*

*On the subject of the innocent being injured or killed, I would recommend that ammunition storage and missile launch platforms be removed from civilian-occupied locations in the West Bank by Hamas and the other terror organizations. When the Israeli Defense Forces respond in attempts to neutralize these offensive sites in order to prevent further attacks and to defend the Israeli State, this relocation of offensive weapons would diminish the possibility of civilian casualties, unless for propaganda purposes, civilian casualties are a desired outcome by Hamas.*

