Panama City Muslim Protest¹

So the Panama City Muslim community recently staged a pro-Palestinian demonstration on 23rd Street. The News-Herald (6/6/10) quoted a Ms. Mohamed as saying their desire was to "*educate the community about the blockade and the 'underlying tones' of the conflict ...the event wasn't about religion...or politics; it was about basic human rights.*" The article continued, "*Supporters carried signs that read 'Peace for all,' 'Stop hate' and 'Honk for human rights.*" A woman named Ayesha Albibi appeared in a photo shouting into a bull horn, American flags in the background and girls wearing "Palestinian" banners.

I suggest our Muslim friends educate *themselves* first before screaming on street-corners, waving hypocritical signs, and abusing our American flag by using it as "cover" while trying to further their Muslim agenda.

They might also try following their own advice and contact their friends and relatives in the Middle East and get *them* to "*stop the hate!*" It continually pours forth in mosques, on Muslim-controlled radio & television stations, and at "*summer camps*" which are nothing more than paramilitary training centers. No surprise there, since the Qur'an commands Muslims to kill the Jews & their friends e.g. Sura 3:85; 5:51; 9:14, 29, 41, 123; 5:33-36; 4: 74-77, 89; 47:4; 2:190-191; 61:4, 10-12; 8:39; etc.

And how about "*Hamas*," a real "*Peace for all…human rights*" group if I've ever seen one! They have the annihilation of Israel written *right into their charter*! Not forgetting Iran's leaders who regularly call for the extermination of Israel—and are doing everything in their power to make that goal become a reality! "*Stop the Hate*", Ms. Albibi? *Surely you jest*!

However, I too am for "*educating the community about the blockade and the 'underlying tones' of the conflict.*" Why *has* Israel (& Egypt!) been conducting a blockade of Gaza? It might have something to do with the thousands of rockets that have for decades rained down on people located in Jewish towns along the border of Gaza, compliments of the "*peace-loving*" Palestinians. Forget your slogan of "*Hugs not bullets*." I'd recommend you change it to "*Hugs not Rockets*!"

While you're at it you could also chant "Sugar, not Chemicals" in reference to the truckloads of bomb-making materials Palestinians tried to smuggle into Gaza in big sacks stamped: "European Union - Sugar." Were they going to "Honk for Human Rights" after the bombs went off?

The "doctored" photos just released by Reuters with the hand of a knife-wielding Palestinian supporter standing over a stabbed Israeli soldier (on that supposedly "unarmed" ship) which was conveniently "*cropped out*", was another classic. Not forgetting the time a Palestinian Authority ambulance raced up to the Israeli border insisting the woman inside desperately required immediate medical attention in one of Israel's hospitals. It turned out to be an ambulance full of explosives. "*Peace for All*"? Yeah, right.

What would happen if those of us living in Panama City, Parker, Lynn Haven, etc., had rockets landing on our heads day and night, fired by the people of Panama City Beach—who verbally and in writing continually called for our total destruction? I have a sneaking feeling it wouldn't be too long before we'd send some people out there to clean them out of the beach once and for all—particularly if they were constantly smuggling in guns, rockets & bomb-making materials via tunnels and ships from the Gulf of Mexico (cf. the Palestinians who tried that with the "*Karina A*", a ship laden with tons of such "*humanitarian*" cargo a while back).

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But this *is* a good time to "*educate*" people, as the Muslim community has suggested. Here are a few facts that may surprise:

• Myth: The "Palestinian" people are a distinct people group. Reality: There's no such thing as a "Palestinian" people! "...In Jerusalem in 1946, the distinguished Arab historian Professor Philip Hitti testified, 'There is no such thing as Palestinian (Arab) history, absolutely not.'... The use of the term Palestinian in reference to the Arab population west of the Jordan River cannot be found in any dictionary, encyclopedia, or history book until after the creation of the State of Israel in 1948...The term Palestine does not appear with reference to Arab nationalist goals until the formation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1963."² There was never talk of a "Palestinian State" until the Arabs lost the 1948 war, talk which greatly intensified after another Arab loss in 1967. Prior to that, the term Palestinian was ordinarily used in reference to the Jews who lived in the land!³ e.g. "The Palestinian Orchestra" was composed entirely of Jews. "The Palestinian Brigade" was made up entirely of Jews. "The Palestine Post" newspaper? ...a Jewish newspaper! The people who are today called "Palestinians" (with the exception of some Turks) are actually Arabs by birth, ethnicity, religion, history and heritage!

Furthermore, Jordan (formerly *Trans-Jordan*) already *is* a "Palestinian" state! King Hussein admitted that in 1968 shortly after the "Six Day War": "*Jordan is Palestine and Palestine is Jordan.*'...Yasser Arafat, as late as 1974, was saying the same thing: '*What you call Jordan is actually Palestine.*'"⁴ An even bigger surprise: **Arafat**, the most famous Palestinian advocate of them all...*was an Egyptian!* (the nephew of Haj Amin al-Husseini, the mufti who pursued the '*Final Solution*' for the Jewish people in Palestine, in conjunction with the Nazi's)."

Carasso observes: "Most people now believe there is something called '*Palestinian*' people, a total fabrication, complete with a phony history and a phony culture. There is only one truth here, that there are 1.75 million people, a hodgepodge of Arabs and Turks, intentionally or maybe unwittingly, masquerading as a '*people*' and made into a '*people*' by the PLO and many in the world community..."⁵ This is proven by neighboring Arab countries themselves: "During the 19 years that Jordan and Egypt were in possession of the '*West Bank*' and the '*Gaza Strip*,' it didn't occur to them or to anybody else that the Palestinians should have a state or even that they were a distinct nationality. The claim for that did not arise until after the Six Day War."⁶

In light of the above facts, it would seem that the Muslim community of Panama City like the Muslims of the Middle East are devout practitioners of the adage, "*If you repeat a lie long enough and loud enough, people will actually believe you!*" Their ultimate goal: The total destruction of Israel!

² Dr. Randall Price, "*Fast Facts on the Middle East Conflict*", p. 58 [Hitti quote originally cited by Avner Yaniv, August, 1974]

³ Ibid, p. 59

⁴ Ibid, p. 60. Arafat quote given while speaking to Orina Fallacei and quoted in *The New Republic, The Jerusalem Post* International Edition (Friday, September 11, 1992)

⁵ Price, citing Roger Carasso, op cit., p. 62. See "Palestinians" (Western Palestinian Arabs), 1994 at www.carasso.com/roger/Israel/palestine.html..

⁶ FLAME (Facts & Logic About the Middle East), "*The Big Lie-I*", <u>www.factsandlogic.org</u>