CAIR's Extremism and Anti-Semitism

• CAIR national spokesman Ibrahim Hooper supports Saudi financial assistance to the families of "martyrs."

In April 2002, United Press International reported on \$33 million dollars that Saudi Arabia had paid to the families of Palestinians killed or injured during the Intifada. The Saudis had also set aside an additional \$50 million for these payments, which went to, among others, the families of suicide bombers:¹

> According to Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Washington-based Council on American Islamic Relations, the Islamic faith enjoins Muslims to take care of widows and especially orphans. The families of suicide bombers are just as needy as those killed by military attacks, he said.

> "They want to make it sound like... [all the money is for] the families of suicide bombers," Hooper told *United Press* International.²

Hooper is further quoted in the UPI story challenging critics "to find a list of Palestinian" orphans who shouldn't be fed. Give us a list of Palestinian widows and orphans so Muslims can comply with dictates of not feeding the wrong people. Are you supposed to penalize some child, some widow, because of what their father did or did not do?"³

Criticism of the Saudi financial support "plays very well [in the United States] when you have this hysteria fed by the far right," Hooper said.

• Director of CAIR-Southern California Hussam Ayloush has used the term "zionazi" to describe Israeli Jews.

In e-mail correspondence, Ayloush has compared Israelis to Nazis, writing: "Indeed, the zionazis are a bunch of nice people; just like their nazi brethren! It is just that the world keeps making up lies about them! It is so unfair."5

CAIR has claimed that Jews control U.S. policy.

CAIR officials routinely turn criticism of American foreign policy into canards about Jewish control over the American government. For example, Awad told a Georgetown University Muslim Students Association audience in 1998 that the Jewish origin of many Clinton administration officials helps drive U.S. policy.

Among Clinton advisors, he asked, "Who is opposing the latest agreement with Iraq? Look at their names. Look at their ethnic, their ethnic or religious or racial background. You will see that these are the same groups that belong to the same interest groups in the Administration," Awad said. "These are the same people who are pushing the United

¹ Pamela Hess, "Saudi Arabia Sets Aside \$50M for 'Martyrs'," United Press International, April 9, 2002.

² Pamela Hess, "Saudi Arabia Sets Aside \$50M for 'Martyrs'," *United Press International*, April 9, 2002.

³ Pamela Hess, "Saudi Arabia Sets Aside \$50M for 'Martyrs'," *United Press International*, April 9, 2002. ⁴ Pamela Hess, "Saudi Arabia Sets Aside \$50M for 'Martyrs'," *United Press International*, April 9, 2002.

⁵ Email from CAIR SCA@cair-california.org, dated Monday, March 18, 2002 11:25 AM.

States to go to war on behalf of a third party, and they are the same people who are opposing the peace process..."⁶

Following President George W. Bush's election, CAIR made nearly the identical claim about his administration. CAIR officers sent the new president a letter warning him to beware of penetration of Zionist voices in U.S. decision-making, *Al-Arab al-Yawm* reported Jan. 29, 2001.⁷

At CAIR's "Meet Your Congressman" event two months later, Omar Ahmad told the audience that "Muslims in the U.S. are willing to be a catalyst to unite the Muslim world with Washington. It is the Israeli lobby that is demonizing Islam."

Similarly, *Al-Lewa'a* newspaper reported on August 30, 2000 that Awad said, "The Jews plan to distort Islam's image and have succeeded in their plans. This Jewish plan had borne hostility towards Islam and deforming its image."

On Aug. 8, 2001, CAIR-NY circulated a letter to the editor of the *New York Daily News* complaining about "Zionists' Attempts to Intimidate Muslims or Block their Political Rights in America":

All of the 1.3 billion Muslims of the world, 7 million of whom are American citizens, and all fair-minded people, oppose the Israeli brutal apartheid policies and support the right of the expelled Palestinians to return to their own homes under international law. We also categorically reject any attempt by the ADL or extremist Zionists like Dov Hikind to impose a pro-Israel "litmus test" on Americans exercising their political rights in the election process.¹⁰

A week later, on August 15, CAIR-NY circulated an open letter addressed to President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell calling on them to condemn Israel's "ongoing campaign of political assassination." The document stated, "Political intimidation by the domestic Zionist and pro-Israeli lobbying groups should never prevent the U.S., a 'superpower,' from upholding the basic standards of international law and human rights." ¹¹

When votes approached in May 2002 on congressional resolutions supporting Israeli actions against terrorist strongholds in the West Bank, CAIR issued a press release

Pat Twair and Samir Twair, "ADC's Khalil Jahshan Urges Bush Administration to Set Parameters,

⁶ Shaun Tandon, "Muslim group sponsors controversial speaker; Jews Control U.S. Policy, Awad Says," *The Georgetown Voice*, March 5, 1998. Evan Kohlmann, "A few minutes of research," *The Georgetown Voice*, April 2, 1998

⁷ Al-Arab Al-Yawm, January 29, 2001.

Reassess Mideast Policy," *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, May/June 2001, 61.

⁹ *Al-Lewa'a*, August 30, 2000.

¹⁰ "Zionists' Attempts to Intimidate Muslims or Block their Political Rights in America," CAIR-NY

Petition, http://web.archive.org/web/20011218024308/www.cair-ny.com/PETITIONS/net-20010806a.r

Petition, http://web.archive.org/web/20011218024308/www.cair-ny.com/PETITIONS/pet-20010806a.pdf (accessed July 16, 2004).

¹¹ "The US Must Condemn Israel Assassination Campaign," CAIR-NY Petition, http://web.archive.org/web/20011218024302/www.cair-ny.com/PETITIONS/pet-20010814a.pdf (accessed July 16, 2004).

stating that the move "amounted to American elected officials 'pledging allegiance' to a foreign government." ¹²

Awad added, "It is truly disturbing to see American elected officials falling over themselves in an unseemly attempt to 'pledge allegiance' to a foreign government and its domestic lobby. Perhaps these same politicians should be reminded that they were elected by American, not Israeli voters." ¹³

Following the April 2004 assassination of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a CAIR press release, which referred to Rantisi merely as a "Palestinian political leader," stated, "Until our leaders act in America's interests, and not just those of a foreign state or its domestic lobby, we will continue to be viewed worldwide as a party to oppression, not as a force for freedom or justice." ¹⁴

In a July 9, 2004 press release, CAIR asked, "How long will America's international image and interests be held hostage by a domestic lobby for a foreign government?" ¹⁵

• CAIR-Chicago executive director's college web page defends Holocaust denial, asserts Jews control the media

As a DePaul University graduate student in the mid 1990s, Ahmed Rehab published a web page. It featured personal information such as his interests in music and film, his favorite athletes and entertainers and even his pet peeve: "Having to repeat what I just said." ¹⁶

It also served as an outlet for his essays. In one, entitled "Double Standardism: The Case of the Two Books," Rehab challenges Holocaust history, calling it "the established opinions of the able Jewish historians regarding the details of the holocaust." It was written just after a May 1996 Charlie Rose show that featured a debate about St. Martin's Press' withdrawal from a contract to publish a biography of Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels. Rehab, now CAIR-Chicago's executive director, contrasted western reaction to David Irving's book to that of Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses."

In doing so, Rehab rewrote history to cut the Nazi death toll of Jews in half.

http://web.archive.org/web/20021113210413/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/interests.html

¹² "US politicians "pledge allegiance" to Israel say Muslims," CAIR Press Release, May 2, 2002, http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=797&page=NR (accessed July 11, 2004).

^{13 &}quot;US politicians "pledge allegiance" to Israel say Muslims," CAIR Press Release, May 2, 2002, http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=797&page=NR (accessed July 11, 2004).

http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=797&page=NR (accessed July 11, 2004).

14 "Muslims will see Bush 'Green Light' for Assassination," CAIR Press Release, April 17, 2004,
http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=1066&page=NR (accessed July 7, 2004).

¹⁵ "Muslims Applaud Court's Condemnation of Israeli Wall," CAIR Press Release, July 9, 2004, http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=1105&page=NR (accessed July 16, 2004).

¹⁶ "Interests and Favorites," Ahmed Rehab Personal Home Page,

¹⁷ "'Double Standardism': The Case of the Two Books," Ahmed Rehab Personal Home Page, http://web.archive.org/web/20060215092446/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/rose.html

¹⁸ Christopher Hitchens on Charlie Rose 08-May-96 (Part 1), http://youtube.com/watch?v=QMxleCC5VVg http://www.cairchicago.org/staff.php

²⁰ Ahmed Rehab, "'Double Standardism': The Case of the Two Books," May 1996. http://web.archive.org/web/20060215092446/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/rose.html

"Rushdie targeted a world-wide religion, 1300 years of history, and one billion people," Rehab wrote. "Irving targeted a historical event, 2 years of history and three million people."

Rehab distanced his views from the fatwa calling for Rushdie's death, but said the book never should have been published. But he defended Irving's book as merely presenting an alternative – and perhaps more sober - viewpoint.

"If the Jewish historians have the right to research the history of the Holocaust and dictate it for schools and Universities, why can't other historians do the same even if their findings are different? aren't they less likely to be biased and non-objectively sympathetic?" ²²

Rose stayed mostly out of the fray as guests Christopher Hitchens and Eric Breindel debated St. Martin's decision. But at the end, he asked Hitchens whether he was persuaded by Irving's conclusions about the Holocaust. Hitchens said he wasn't.²³

"By that," Rehab wrote, "Rose confirmed the Jewish control over the media."²⁴

• CAIR has invited neo-Nazi William Baker to speak at several conferences, and attacked those who pointed out Baker's history.

CAIR invited the Rev. William Baker to speak at multiple events, including a Sept. 7, 2002 CAIR New York event at which he was the keynoter²⁵, a CAIR-Florida meeting on Aug. 12, 2003, ²⁶ a November 29, 2003 dinner in Northern Virginia, and an Oct. 18, 2003 CAIR New Jersey conference. ²⁸

Baker was chairman of the "Populist Party" -- founded by neo-Nazi Willis Carto in 1984, and organized its national convention that year. ²⁹ Carto, a founder of the American Nazi party, also started the Southern California-based Institute for Historical Review, a group whose central purpose is to deny the Holocaust. ³⁰

Baker has attempted to reinvent himself, seeking to jettison his past as a member of a neo-Nazi party and become known as a pro-Palestinian Middle East expert. He authored Theft *of a Nation*, a stridently pro-Arab, anti-Israel and anti-Jewish book, published in

²¹Ibid., http://web.archive.org/web/20060215092446/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/rose.html

²² Ibid., http://web.archive.org/web/20060215092446/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/rose.html

²³ Christopher Hitchens on Charlie Rose 08-May-96 (Part 2) http://youtube.com/watch?v=yMAAiS5Ljsw
²⁴ Ahmed Rehab, "Double Standardism": The Case of the Two Books," May 1996.
http://web.archive.org/web/20060215092446/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/rose.html

http://web.archive.org/web/20060215092446/http://arehab.tripod.com/ahmed/rose.html ²⁵ Daniel Pipes, CAIR Promotes and Hosts William W. Baker, Neo-Nazi, March 9, 2004, http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/195 (accessed November 13, 2007).

²⁶ Palestine Chronicle Column on Weekly Events, Monday August 4, 2003, http://www.palestinechronicle.com/story.php?sid=2003080518061564 (accessed November 13, 2007).

²⁷ CAIR's Ninth Annual Fundraising Banquet; "Muslims in America: A Defining Moment," Sheraton

Premiere at Tysons Corner; Saturday, November 29, 2003.

²⁸ Daniel Pipes, "CAIR Promotes and Hosts William W. Baker, Neo-Nazi," March 9, 2004, http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/195 (accessed November 13, 2007).

²⁹ Stan Brin, "Das Boot!; Crystal Cathedral Evicts preacher with neo-Nazi ties," *O.C. Weekly*, May 17-23, 2002, http://www.ocweekly.com/ink/02/37/news-brin.php (accessed April 19, 2002).

³⁰ Stan Brin, "Hour of White Power; Reverend Robert H. Schuller relies on a man with ties to Neo-Nazis to build religious understanding," *O.C. Weekly*, February 15-21, 2002, http://www.ocweekly.com/ink/02/24/cover-brin.php (accessed April 19, 2005).

1982.³¹ Baker has written that achievement of "true justice and real conciliation" in the Middle East requires that "all Jews who entered Palestine during the British Mandate from 1917 to 1948 and after the establishment of the state of Israel should return to the various countries of their origin" and also that the "Zionist state of Israel . . . should be dismantled and eventually eliminated."³²

After the Anti-Defamation League wrote letters complaining of CAIR's association with Baker, CAIR countered with a press release attacking the ADL for "attempts to defame Muslims." ³³

• CAIR has repeatedly defended Muslim Brotherhood leader Yusuf al-Oaradawi.

Qaradawi is a prominent and vehemently anti-Semitic leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Qatar. The Muslim Brotherhood is the ideological underpinning for all modern Islamic terrorist groups, including Hamas and Al Qaeda.³⁴

In response to the critically acclaimed 1994 PBS documentary, *Jihad in America*, which showed Qaradawi at a 1989 conference in Kansas City predicting "On the hour of judgment, Muslims will fight the Jews and kill them," CAIR claimed that he actually had "often spoken out against religious extremism." In fact, however -- as documented below -- Qaradawi defends suicide bombings, is hostile to Jews, and has called for attacks on U.S. civilians in Iraq.

In January 1998, the *Associated Press* quoted Qaradawi as writing, "There should be no dialogue with these people [Israelis] except with swords." And in April 2001, commenting on suicide bombings, he said, "They are not suicide operations... These are heroic martyrdom operations." 37

And yet, at the 2002 Orange County CAIR fundraiser, Hussam Ayloush referred to Oaradawi as a "scholar:"

Several people were asking about the eligibility claim for CAIR. And according to many scholars including Yusuf Qaradawi, basically this is one of the venues of Zakat for your money as vis a vis basically educating about Islam in America and the West.³⁸

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³¹ Stan Brin, "Hour of White Power; Reverend Robert H. Schuller relies on a man with ties to Neo-Nazis to build religious understanding," *O.C. Weekly*, February 15-21, 2002, http://www.ocweekly.com/ink/02/24/cover-brin.php (accessed April 19, 2005)

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³³ CAIR News Release, "ADL Attempts To Defame Florida Muslims," August 19, 2003, http://www.cair-net.org/?Page=articleView&id=1021&theType=NR (accessed April 19, 2005).

³⁴ Richard Clarke, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, October 22, 2003.

³⁵ CAIR Press Release, "Jihad in America' Not Worthy of PBS Sponsorship," November 22, 1994.

³⁶ "Leading Muslim Cleric Under Fire for Meeting Israeli Chief Rabbi," *AP Worldstream*, January 7, 1998, quoting a January 6, 1998, article by Qaradawi in the Arab newspaper *Al-Shaab*.

³⁷ Al Raya, April 2001, quoted in Michael Slackman, "Islamic Debate Surrounds Mideast Suicide Bombers," *The Los Angeles Times*, May 27, 2001.

³⁸ CAIR Fundraiser, Orange County, California, October 19, 2002.

On July 26, 2005, in an interview on MSNBC,³⁹ CAIR's legal director Arsalan Iftikhar said:

For example, if you look at Sheik Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, the - one of the most famous Muslim scholars in Cairo, Egypt, he has said unequivocally that people who commit suicide bombings and -- and acts of terror are completely outside the bounds of Islam.

In September 2004, Qaradawi ruled it a religious duty for Muslims to fight Americans in Iraq, including U.S. civilians.⁴⁰

• CAIR officials have expressed their ultimate desire for an Islamic government in the United States.

In the April 4, 1993 *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, Hooper is quoted as saying, "I wouldn't want to create the impression that I wouldn't like the government of the United States to be Islamic sometime in the future." ⁴¹

CAIR Chairman Ahmad was bolder during a July 1998 gathering of California Muslims. "Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant," Ahmad said, according to the *San Ramon Valley Herald*. "The Quran . . . should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on earth." Although CAIR denied that Ahmad made the remark and claimed that it was seeking a retraction, ⁴³ the paper was never contacted and the reporter sticks by her story. ⁴⁴

Current CAIR board member Ihsan Bagby was quoted in Steve A. Johnson's "Political Activities of Muslims in America" as saying, "Ultimately we can never be full citizens of this country...because there is no way we can be fully committed to the institutions and ideologies of this country."

• CAIR undertakes free distribution of a Saudi-approved version of Quran that has been banned for blatant anti-Semitism.

After subsequently discredited reporting by *Newsweek* had sparked riots in Afghanistan, ⁴⁶ CAIR offered to distribute free Qurans to anyone who requested a copy, "as a response to those who would defame and desecrate the holy book of Muslims without full knowledge

⁴⁰ "Prominent Muslim Cleric Says Fighting American Civilians In Iraq Is A Duty For Muslims," *Associated Press*, September 2, 2004.

⁴⁴ Art Moore, "Should Muslim Quran be USA's Top Authority?" WorldNetDaily.com, May 1, 2003.

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³⁹ MSNBC, "The Situation with Tucker Carlson," July 26, 2005, transcript. http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8728122/ (accessed July 27, 2005).

⁴¹ Lou Gelfand, "Reader Says Use of 'Fundamentalist' Hurting Muslims," *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, April 4 1993

⁴² Lisa Gardiner, "American Muslim Leader Urges Faithful to Spread Islam's Message," *San Ramon Valley Herald*, July 4, 1998.

⁴³ "Readers of Right-Wing Web Site Threaten Muslims," CAIR Action Alert, April 29, 2003, http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=1010&page=NR (accessed October 21, 2004).

⁴⁵ Steve A. Johnson, "Political Activities of Muslims in America," in *The Muslims of America*, ed. Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), 115.

⁴⁶ Howard Kurtz, "Newsweek Retracts Guantanamo Story; Item on Koran Sparked Deadly Protests," Washington Post, May 17, 2005, http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05/16/AR2005051601262.html (accessed November 13, 2007).

of its teachings."⁴⁷ CAIR's website further stated, "False and uninformed accusations have been leveled against the Qur'an for some time. But now, this initiative places the sacred text directly in the hands of the American people and encourages all people of conscience to discover the truth about Islam."

However, the version of the Quran (*The Meaning of the Holy Quran*) being distributed by CAIR was one that has been banned by the Los Angeles School district, which deemed it to be anti-Semitic.⁴⁸

This version's commentary and index shows that the Quran sometimes describes Jews as "apes" and "pigs." An assistant professor of religious studies at San Diego State University, Khaleel Mohammed, says the Saudi-approved edition was first published by Abdullah Yusuf Ali in 1934 at "a time both of growing Arab animosity toward Zionism and in a milieu that condoned anti-Semitism." According to the professor, Ali designed this version of the Quran as a "polemic against Jews." And despite various revisions since its initial publication in 1934, Mohammed stated that the footnoted commentary about Jews "remained so egregious" that in April 2002 the Los Angeles school district banned its use at local schools. ⁴⁹

CAIR continued its use of the same version in its free Quran distribution project.⁵⁰

• CAIR chairman supports "blasphemy laws."

At a CAIR-sponsored event at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., titled "Religious and Political Perspectives on the Cartoon Controversy," CAIR Chairman Ahmed called for the U.S. government, and those around the world, to adopt "blasphemy" laws to ensure that cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed like those originally published by the Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*, could not be published again.

At the event, Ahmed stated:

I think the next steps would be to broaden the scope of antihate laws and even contemplate about passing blasphemy laws, because blasphemy with such sacred icons, like the Prophet Muhammad, like the Quran, or the cross, or other religious symbols ... So governments, legislatures, international bodies ... must contemplate about what are the ways in which an anti-blasphemy law can be passed that can protect the right to exercise freedom of religion. ⁵¹

• CAIR Florida official spreads misinformation about stoning in Iran.

⁴⁷ "Explore the Quran," CAIR web page, http://www.cair.com/explorethequran/default.asp (accessed November 13, 2007)

⁴⁸ Art Moore, "CAIR Distributes Quran Banned as Anti-Semitic," World Net Daily, June 2, 2005, http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44543 (accessed June 3, 2005).

⁴⁹ Art Moore, "CAIR Distributes Quran Banned as Anti-Semitic," World Net Daily, June 2, 2005, http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44543 (accessed June 3, 2005).

⁵⁰ "Explore the Quran," CAIR Website, https://www.cair-net.org/explorethequran/request.asp (accessed July 12, 2006).

⁵¹ Parvez Ahmed, "Religious and Political Perspectives on the Cartoon Controversy," National Press Club, February 16, 2006.

Ahmed Bedier, executive director of CAIR's Tampa chapter, appeared on a local public television forum in August 2007 to rebut the findings of the documentary "Islam vs. Islamists," which chronicled the efforts of moderate Muslims to minimize the influence of radicals over their faith.⁵²

Part of the discussion focused on video the documentary included of a veiled woman apparently being stoned to death. The panelists, including Bedier, criticized the documentary for not providing specific information about where and when the video was shot. Bedier then portrayed stoning as a part of all monotheistic traditions. It is nearly impossible to have stoning as a punishment for adultery, he said, because four eyewitnesses to the act are required.

"So you have to be like a porn star to get convicted," he said.⁵³

Asked whether he, as a Muslim, would sanction stoning or lashing someone, Bedier evaded the question. "It's definitely not government sanctioned," he said, "that punishment is not carried out these days. You never hear about it."54

In fact, an Iranian woman was reported stoned to death a month earlier. 55 Amnesty International routinely monitors nations that sentence people to punishments of stoning. In October 2005, the human rights group issued a statement expressing its horror that Iran continues to pass sentences of stoning "despite having announced a moratorium on such executions."56

In September 2006, the organization identified seven Iranian women it said were "at risk of execution by stoning."⁵⁷ In addition, the organization said a man and a woman had been stoned to death in May 2006.⁵⁸

CAIR's rejection of an Arab-Israeli peace

CAIR is vehemently opposed to both the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and to the normalization of relations between Israel and the Palestinians. For example, in a 1999 interview, Omar Ahmad rejected the peace process as "a security arrangement in which the stronger party (Israel), backed by the U.S., is getting the most and the weaker party

⁵² Panel Discussion, WEDU-TV in Tampa, August 23, 2007.

⁵³ Ibid.

⁵⁴ Ibid.

^{55 &}quot;Amnesty International outraged at reported stoning to death and fears for victim's co-accused," Amnesty International, July 9, 2007.

⁵⁶ "Iran: Death Sentences of juvenile offenders and stoning sentences continue to be passed," Amnesty International, October 20, 2005,

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/MDE13/063/2005/en/EBtxz mXMUYJ

⁵⁷ "Iran: Death Penalty/Stoning" report, Amnesty International, Sept. 28, 2006. http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/MDE13/113/2006/en/uIccG0DDaV4J 58 Ibid.

(Palestinians) are forced to accept whatever is thrown at them."⁵⁹ And in a statement given to the London-based *Al-Awsat* newspaper, Nihad Awad said that a bias in favor of countries like Israel "has brought the United States nothing but losses, an absence of a sense of justice, and an erosion in its international credibility."⁶⁰

Despite claims to the contrary, CAIR officials have rejected a two-state solution and justified violence as a means to a legitimate end.

In the July 2001 Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, Awad said, "Our preference is peaceful negotiation...but if the peace process is flawed, then resistance is necessary." 61

At a "Right of Return" rally in front of the White House on September 16, 2000, Awad rejected coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians, stating, "they [the Jews] have been saying 'next year to Jerusalem,' we say 'next year to all Palestine." "62

The U.S. and Israel are the true terrorists, he said at an Oct. 7, 2000 rally outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.:

Israel receives more than \$6.3 billion every year (from the United States)...more than \$50 billion have financed terrorism against the Palestinians...more than \$50 billion have been given to soldiers acting in the name of Israel but in reality they were acting in the name of the United States... who is the real terrorist? Isn't it the Israelis? The Israelis have been maiming children, have been killing innocent people, have been bombing cities, no objection by the United States...all these things are happening, are happening in the name of the United States.

During the rally, spectators chanted, "Khaibar, Khaibar, Ya Yahud, Jaysh Muhammed Safayood" ("Khaibar, Khaibar, O Jews, the Army of Mohammed is coming for you"), as well as the Hamas slogans, "With our blood and soul we will liberate Palestine," and "with our blood and soul we will sacrifice our life on your behalf, martyr." 64

And, as noted earlier, CAIR founders Omar Ahmad and Nihad Awad participated in a 1993 meeting called by Hamas members and sympathizers to discuss ways to "derail" the Oslo Accords. The group's conversation emphasized that a successful peace deal could boost the secular Palestine Liberation Organization and marginalize the Islamist movement. In addition, Ahmad and others acknowledged that their objective was the "48 territories," meaning all of what is now Israel.⁶⁵

⁵⁹ Cited in Riad Abdelkarim, "Why American Muslims Don't Jump Onto the Peace Train," *MSA NEWS*, November 30, 1999.

⁶⁰ Muhammad al-Shafi'i, "UK Islamist Group Addresses 'Warning Message' to US Embassies, Bases," *Al-Sharq al-Awsat*, October 14, 2000.

⁶¹ Ziad Homayra, "Muslim Leaders Hold State Department Sit-In," Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, July 2001.

⁶² Palestinian Right of Return Rally, Washington, D.C., September 16, 2000.

⁶³ Palestinian rally, Washington DC, October 7, 2000

⁶⁴ Ibid.

⁶⁵ US v. Holy Land Foundation, 3:04-CR-240-G, Government Exhibit 16-71.