

Mr. Anders Samuelsen
Foreign Minister
The Kingdom of Denmark

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Jerusalem, Israel

Open letter: Danish funding to organizations that incite to violence, justify terror and have alleged ties to terror organizations

Dear Mr. Samuelsen,

During your official visit to Israel (Wednesday, May 17), Channel 10 journalist Nadav Eyal raised in an interview the issue of Danish funding to Palestinian NGOs. You responded: "...But if any of these organizations crossed a line... if a leader of one of these organizations for example publicly announced that they want to get rid of all Jews, or kill all Jews, anything like that, of course we will immediately close down the support... If you end up in a way where you have an aggressive rhetoric, wanting to kill people or do illegal things, then of course we will immediately close down the support..."

In light of your remarks, we would like to draw your attention to current Danish funding (through the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat [IHL Secretariat]) to the Palestinian organization [Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling](#) (WCLAC – core funding, \$710,000). [WCLAC fieldworker](#) Manal Tamimi [tweeted](#) (August 1, 2015), "I do hate Israel ,i (sic) wish a thrid Intefada (sic) coming soon and people rais (sic) up and kills all these zionist settlers everywhere." In September 2015, on Yom Kippur (a fast day and the holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar), Tamimi [tweeted](#): "Vampire zionist celebrating their Kebore day by drinking Palestinian bloods, yes our blood is pure & delicious but it will kill u at the end."



Far from condemning her actions, WCLAC [filed a complaint](#) to the United Nations over the “Frequent targeting of Palestinian human rights defender: Mrs. Manal Tamimi.”

This is not the only instance of Danish funding to organizations that promote violent and aggressive rhetoric. Palestinian NGO [Addameer](#), which received \$325,000 in IHL Secretariat core funding, is an official “[affiliate](#)” of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), designated a terrorist organization by the [US](#), [EU](#), [Canada](#), and [Israel](#). The PFLP is involved in suicide bombings, hijackings, and assassinations, among other terrorist activities targeting civilians. [Chairperson and co-founder](#) of Addameer, [Abdul-latif Ghaiith](#), was banned by Israel from travelling internationally due to his alleged membership in the PFLP.

During your visit in Ramallah last week you signed on behalf of the Danish government on a new funding cycle to the IHL Secretariat. In light of the above, will these organizations be amongst grantees in the new funding cycle?

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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President



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CC: H.E. Jesper Vahr, Danish Ambassador to Israel