

Palestinian Authority Violations of the Oslo Accords

The Oslo Accords is a multi-part bilateral agreement between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority (PA) intended as a step towards peace and security in the region. However, soon after the agreements were signed, the Palestinian Authority violated the conditions, encouraging and incentivizing terror against innocent Israelis.

The Oslo I and Oslo II Accords were negotiated in the hopes of achieving a coalition between the Israeli government and the PA to combat terrorism while allowing for the growth of Palestinian self-determination.

- After meeting privately in Oslo, Norway, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PA President Yasser Arafat were able to compromise on key territorial and security issues, leading to the signing of the Oslo Accords on September 13th, 1993.¹
 - Israel acknowledged the PA as the representative of the Palestinian Arab people and Arafat recognized Israel's right to exist.²
 - Israel agreed to withdraw almost entirely from Gaza and Judea and Samaria ("The West Bank"). Arafat agreed to denounce Palestinian Arab terrorism and amend the PA charter, which calls for the destruction of Israel.³
 - Arafat also agreed to pursue a peaceful resolution to the conflict with Israel while also refraining from encouraging terrorism in the Palestinian Arabs.⁴
- On September 28th, 1995, Oslo II was signed, which further determined Palestinian self-autonomy and cooperation amongst Israelis and Palestinians.⁵
 - Oslo II called for democratic elections to be held within the PA once Israel withdrew from Judea and Samaria.⁶
 - Most importantly, it established a Palestinian security force aimed to prevent terrorist attacks and violence.⁷

In reality, the PA, under both Arafat's and Abbas' leadership, has violated the terms of the Oslo Accords by continuously incentivizing terrorism against Israel and refusing to amend its charter, which calls for the destruction of the Jewish State.

¹"Shattered Dreams of Peace." PBS. Accessed July 26, 2017.

²"Oslo Accords." Knesset.gov.il. 2008. Accessed July 26, 2017.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

⁵"The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement Main Points." Mfa.gov.il. September 28, 1995. Accessed July 26, 2017.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Ibid.

- Although promising to do so in the Oslo Accords, the PA and PLO refused to amend the Palestinian National Covenant, which calls for the destruction of the state of Israel.⁸
 - Rather than campaigning for peace, Arafat called for jihad (holy war) against Israel, praised terrorists and even encouraged acts of violence against Israelis.⁹
 - Arafat claimed that the “PA has taken steps to actively struggle against the Israeli Judaization scheme...the PA is ready to **restart the intifada** in order to stop the assault on the Arab character of Jerusalem.”¹⁰
- The number and types of arms that were brought into Palestinian territories were significantly greater than the limit established by Oslo (8,000 guns in Judea and Samaria and 7,000 guns in Gaza¹¹), which led to the suspicion that Arafat was taking advantage of Israel’s goodwill and creating an offensive army instead of a police force.¹²
 - In fact, the PA is required to submit a list of all potential recruits to its police force to Israel, but consistently fails to do so. This is most likely due to the fact that the PA recruits known terrorists into the force.¹³
- Moreover, the PA refuses to condemn terrorist attacks, disarm terrorist militias, ban terrorist organizations from operating, or even arrest terrorists.¹⁴
 - The PA stated that they “couldn’t be expected to be collaborators and fight against their own people,” even though they specifically signed an agreement in which they committed themselves to combatting terrorism.¹⁵
- Not only does the PA encourage terrorism from their own people, they also pay the perpetrators and their families a hefty compensation as a reward for the violent acts.¹⁶
 - The PA gives over **\$300 million a year to families of terrorists**,¹⁷ incentivizing Palestinian Arabs to commit heinous acts of violence against Israelis.
 - This money allotted for terrorists and their families comes from a “Martyr’s Fund,” and they are paid more than what most Palestinian Arabs earn from working ordinary, non-violent jobs.¹⁸

⁸ "MAJOR PLO VIOLATIONS OF THE OSLO ACCORDS." Mfa.gov.il. October 25, 1996. Accessed July 26, 2017.

⁹ "MAJOR PLO VIOLATIONS OF THE OSLO ACCORDS." Mfa.gov.il. October 25, 1996. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹⁰ "Obligation and violations of the Oslo Accords." A despicable truce. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹¹"Protocol Concerning Redeployment and Security Agents." The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip: Annex I. Accessed July 27, 2017.

¹² Hellman, Ziv. "Why the Oslo Accords Failed." My Jewish Learning. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹³ "MAJOR PLO VIOLATIONS OF THE OSLO ACCORDS." Mfa.gov.il. October 25, 1996. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹⁴ Hellman, Ziv. "Why the Oslo Accords Failed." My Jewish Learning. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶Lake, Eli. "The Palestinian Incentive Program for Killing Jews." Bloomberg.com. July 01, 2016. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹⁷McKay, Hollie. "How a controversial Palestinian leader justifies paying aid money to families of terrorists." Fox News. April 12, 2017. Accessed July 26, 2017.

¹⁸Lake, Eli. "The Palestinian Incentive Program for Killing Jews." Bloomberg.com. July 01, 2016. Accessed July 26, 2017.