

Hajj Amin al-Husseini: Founding Father of the Palestinian-Arab National Movement

Overview and Facts

Who was Hajj Amin al-Husseini?

- Hajj Amin al-Husseini is considered the founding father of the Palestinian-Arab national movement. He led the movement in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s.
- **He worked closely with Hitler to exterminate Jews in Europe and incited massacres of Jews throughout the Middle East.**
- Al-Husseini played an active role in establishing the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which is now Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority (PA).
- Current PA President Mahmoud Abbas refers to al-Husseini as a "hero."
 - The PA is the internationally recognized governing body of the Palestinian-Arabs.

Examples of al-Husseini's violence and anti-Semitism:

- Al-Husseini was responsible for organizing *fedayeen* (suicide groups) that terrorized the Jews of Palestine in 1919.ⁱ
- Al-Husseini organized the 1929 Western Wall Riots, which included riots in both Hebron and Safed, that resulted in the **massacre of 133 Jews** (comprised of rabbis, students, and other civilians)ⁱⁱ and the **end of thousands of years of Jewish presence in Hebron.**
- With support from Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Hassan al-Banna (founder of Muslim Brotherhood), al-Husseini orchestrated the Arab riots of 1936-1939 that **murdered 415 Jews in British Mandate Palestine.**ⁱⁱⁱ
- Al-Husseini traveled to Nazi Germany in 1941 and met with Hitler to gain assistance with his plan to **annihilate the Jewish population of the Middle East.**^{iv}
- Al-Husseini **recruited Bosnian-Muslim troops for service in the Waffen SS.**^v These troops went on to exterminate Jews in Croatia and Hungary.
- As millions were slaughtered during the Holocaust, al-Husseini declared himself to be the **"Führer of the Middle East."**
- Al-Husseini **denied the Holocaust:** "The figure of 6 million Jews killed during the Holocaust is exaggerated and is used by the Israelis to gain international support."
- Al-Husseini organized Palestinian forces that attacked Israel after the UN voted to partition Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state.
- During preparation for the 1948 war, **al-Husseini adopted a young Yasser Arafat (founder of the PLO - now the PA) as his protégé.**^{vi} This PLO governs the Palestinian-Arabs today.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas calls Hajj Amin al-Huseinni a hero and spreads al-Huseinni's messages throughout the Palestinian Authority. The US, EU, and other world powers have tried negotiating with Abbas, but is it possible to make peace with a leader who holds these values?

ⁱ *Jewish Virtual Library*, Arab Riots of 1929, No Date

ⁱⁱ *Front Page Magazine*, Voices of Palestine: Haj Amin al-Husseini, November 8, 2011

ⁱⁱⁱ *Jewish Virtual Library*, Pre-State Israel: The 1936 Arab Revolts (no date)

^{iv} *IsraPundit*, The Nazis and the Palestinian Movement, July 30, 2013

^v *Eretz Yisroel*, The Arab/Muslim Nazi Connection Bosnian Moslems recruited the Nazi SS by Yasser Arafat's 'Uncle', No Date

^{vi} *IsraPundit*, The Nazis and the Palestinian Movement, July 30, 2013