

Hanin Zoabi: In Her Own Words

Hanin Zoabi is an Israeli Palestinian-Arab and a member of the Knesset (Israeli parliament), serving in the Balad party, since 2009. Read about who she is in her own words.

On security cooperation between Israel and the PA against Hamas:

"[Abbas]'s military coordination with Israel is a betrayal of the Palestinian people."¹

On the two Hamas members who kidnapped and murdered three Israeli teenagers:

"[They're] not terrorists. They are people that cannot see any way to change their reality, and they are forced to use these means until Israeli society wakes up a bit and sees and feels the suffering of the other."²

Giving advice to Hamas on how to defeat Israel:

"We must declare popular resistance instead of security cooperation, besiege 'Israel' instead of negotiating with it, and unite instead of splinter."³

Opposing Israel's right to exist:

"The national plan of our party, the National Democratic Assembly, consists of a fully sovereign Palestinian state within the 1967 borders, and a non-Zionist 'state of all its citizens' within the 1948 borders. Note this. In Israel they say to us: 'Your solution is more dangerous than the one-state solution, because you want a state and a half.' In Israel they say that we want another Palestinian state."⁴

Despite these and many other anti-Israel, pro-violence statements, Zoabi is still permitted to sit in the democratically-elected Israeli parliament.

¹ "Palestinians divided over Abbas's condemnation" I24 News, Jun. 22, 2014. Available: <http://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy-defense/35047-140622-palestinians-divided-over-abbas-condemnation>

² "Arab MK Hanin Zoabi: Kidnappers are 'Not Terrorists'" The Algemeiner, Jun. 17, 2014. Available: <http://www.algemeiner.com/2014/06/17/arab-israeli-mk-haneen-zoabi-kidnappers-are-%E2%80%99not-terrorists%E2%80%99/>

³ Hanin Zoabi. "The Deadly Palestinian Trinity" PA Net [Arabic], Jul. 12, 2014. Available: <http://www.panet.co.il/article/829208>

⁴ MEMRI TV Clip #2685. Oct. 9, 2010. Available: <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/2685.htm>