

The Second Intifada (2000 - 2005)

Intifada (انتفاضة) is an Arabic word that translates into "shaking off," referring to the **five-year attempt to eradicate the Jewish people**. This term is used in Palestinian-Arab communities and **describes the terror Palestinian Authority (PA) and Hamas terrorists inflicted on Israeli civilians**. Many people translate the term to mean "resistance" or "rebellion," but this is inaccurate.

The Palestinian-Arabs involved in the Intifada intentionally murdered civilians, thus acting as terrorists.

- The Second Intifada was a period of intensified murder and violence towards Israeli civilians. It was the second Palestinian-Arab violent uprising of its kind.
- **Palestinian-Arab terrorists murdered hundreds of Israeli civilians in suicide bombings, mass shootings, and rocket attacks.** They carried out these attacks on public buses, restaurants, shopping centers, and more.
 - Here are just a few examples of attacks:
 - A Hamas suicide bomber **murdered 21 civilians (mostly youths)** and injured 120 more outside a nightclub in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001.ⁱ
 - A suicide bomber (from Hamas and Islamic Jihad) **murdered 15 civilians** on the evening of August 9, 2001 at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.ⁱⁱ
 - A Palestinian bus attacker (carried out by Khalil Mohammed Abu Alba) **killed eight young adults** on February 14, 2001 outside Tel Aviv.ⁱⁱⁱ
- The PA (under its leader Mahmoud Abbas) carried out roughly 25 percent of all suicide bombings during the Intifada.^{iv}
 - The international community recognized the PA as a legitimate "peace partner" just seven years prior to this.

These same aggressors also killed Palestinian-Arab civilians by **using them as human shields** and shooting those suspected of collaborating with Israelis.

- During the Intifada, PA and Hamas gunmen committed the war crime of using children as human shields by surrounding themselves with children while shooting at IDF forces.^v
 - Even the NGO B'Tselem, which often sympathizes with Palestinian-Arab violence, reported that through April of 2008, Palestinian-Arab terrorists murdered 577 Arabs. Of those, 120 were "Palestinians killed by Palestinians for suspected collaboration with Israel."
- Palestinian-Arab terrorists also committed the war crime of hiding in ambulances, schools, hospitals, and more while fighting the IDF.^{vi}

In the few years leading up to the Intifada, Palestinian-Arab leaders encouraged their people to commit acts of terror and murder civilians.

- *"Corruption is in the nature of the Jews all over the world, to the point where only rarely do you find corruption that Jews are not behind."* -Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (Newspaper), July 11, 1998
- *"Oh, Allah, destroy America as it is controlled by Zionist Jews... Allah will avenge, in the name of his Prophet, the colonialist settlers who are the descendants of apes and pigs..."* -Ikrima Sabri, Head of the [Palestinian] Organization of Clerics and Disseminators of Islam and former Mufti of Jerusalem, in sermon, Radio Voice of Palestine (Fatah), July 11, 1997

While fighting this terrorism, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) went out of its way to avoid civilian casualties.

- The IDF used covert operations and targeted air strikes to cause as little collateral damage as possible while addressing terrorist threats.
- Instead of indiscriminately bombing villages with suspected terrorists and risking the killing of civilians, the IDF risked its own troops' lives by sending them door-to-door so they could distinguish between civilians and combatants.

Palestinian-Arab leaders had planned this wave of terror for a long time leading up to the violence.

- Leading up to the Intifada, the Palestinian-Arab government increased its militant broadcasts, established Palestinian military training camps, extended Palestinian armed forces beyond their signed agreements in the Oslo Accords, failed to confiscate illegal weapons, and permitted frequent releases of terrorist detainees from Palestinian prisons.^{vii}
 - *"Arafat didn't lack fighters. In the Intifada, when Arafat wanted something, he asked his security services, 40 percent of which were either killed, Shahids (Martyrs), or prisoners."* - PA TV September 28, 2010

Numerous Palestinian-Arab leaders admitted that Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat planned this wave of terror.^{viii}

- ***"He had already decided to carry out an Intifada after the Oslo Accords and the failure of Camp David."* -Arafat's wife, Suha Arafat, July 2000**
- *"Whoever thinks that the Intifada started because of the hated Sharon's visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque (Temple Mount) is mistaken... This Intifada was already planned since [Arafat] the President returned from the recent talks at Camp David (July 2000)."* - Arafat's PA Minister of Communications Imad Faluji, December 2000
- *"If we want to be truthful and open, history will reveal one day - that it (the Intifada) and all its directives belong to the President and Supreme Commander Yasser Arafat."* - Deputy Director of the PA's Political and National Education Authority, Mazen Izz Al-Din, May 2002
- ***"We [the PLO and PA security services] are the ones who started it."* - PA TV September 28, 2010**

ⁱ *The Telegraph*, Suicide Bomb kills 17 at Tel Aviv Nightclub, June 2, 2001

ⁱⁱ *kerenmalki.org*, The Massacre at the Sbarro restaurant,

ⁱⁱⁱ *CNN.com*, Israelis killed in bus attack, February 14, 2001

^{iv} *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Human Capital and the Productivity of Suicide Bombers pdf Volume 21, Number 3,

^v *europe.mediamonitors.net*, Palestinian Children and the Second Intifada, January 27, 2004

^{vi} *Jewish Virtual Library*, Palestinian War- Al Aqsa Intifada

^{vii} *My Jewish Learning*, *The Second Intifada Begins: In September 2000, A New Wave of Violence Erupted*

^{viii} *Palestinian Media Watch*, *Arafat planned and led the Intifada: Testimonies from PA leaders and others*, November 28, 2011.