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Amid Terror Wave In Israel, Palestinian Authority Daily Publishes Poem Encouraging Young Palestinians Who Take Up Arms

Amid the wave of Palestinian terror attacks against Israeli civilians, the latest of which was the February 10, 2023 vehicular terror attack in Jerusalem, in which three Israelis were killed and four were wounded, the Palestinian Authority (PA) daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida published a poem by Abu Muhammad Al-Haifawi encouraging the young Palestinians with "brave hearts" and "a will of iron" who take up arms against the Israeli occupation.[\[1\]](#)

The following is a translation of the poem, titled "Abu Muhammad":[\[2\]](#)

"Oh Abu Muhammad Al-Haifawi [i.e., from Haifa]

Where did you disappear to, old man?

I am right here, guys.

What I see is driving me crazy

A lot of worthless talk

I went to see the family [i.e., the Palestinians]

I met my grandchildren, who have grown big

What they say is even greater

They carry weapons and laurel leaves

Wherever you go [you encounter] a will of iron

Brave hearts of young people and children

Begone, occupier!

You are a rapist, oh traitor!"

أبو محمد

أبو محمد يا الحيفاوي
وين هالغيبة يا ختیار
أنا موجود يا جماعة
من اللي بشوفه عقلي طار
حكي كثير ما منه فائدة
رحت أشوف أهل الدار
لقيت أحفادي صاروا كبار
بيقولوا كلام اكبر منهم
حاملين سلاح وشجر الغار
وين ما تروح إرادة صلبة
قلوب قوية شباب وصغار
لازم ترحل يا محتل
ننت غاصب، يا غدار

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The poem on Al-Hayat Al-Jadida

[1] On another poem by Al-Haifawi published in the PA daily, see MEMRI Special Dispatch No. 9872, Poem In Palestinian Authority Daily: 'America – A Biography Of Defeats' – April 4, 2022.

[2] Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (PA), February 12, 2023.