



# HANDBOOK

Of Hamas Palestinian  
Legislative Council Members

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### Handbook of Hamas Palestinian Legislative Council Members

This Handbook is intended to be used as a reference for analysis of the members of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), particularly with regard to tracking their positions on issues relevant to the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. Its contents were derived from open sources and are therefore reliant upon the accuracy of these sources. This notwithstanding, every attempt has been made to verify each entry via secondary sources and thus ensure all data within are as true, accurate, and unbiased as possible. However, The Washington Institute cannot guarantee that in all instances these criteria are met. For this reason, The Institute requests to be notified of any errors or clarifications that would improve the quality of the contents of this Handbook.

Currently, only biographical data and quotations are included in the Handbook. Because, with some exceptions, too little is presently known regarding many of Hamas's PLC members, no attempt has been made to draw conclusions regarding the specific political orientation of each delegate. However, the quotations accompanying each entry are suggestive in this regard.

The data will be updated periodically as more information becomes available. Eventually, additional biographical information regarding the remaining non-Hamas members of the PLC, the entire Hamas cabinet, and the Palestinian Security Services will be included.

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## **Ismail Abdul Salah Ahmed Haniya**

Ismail Haniya, Ismaeel Haniyya, Ismail Haniyya, Ismaeel Haniya

Member of Parliament – National List

#1 on Change and Reform list  
Proposed Prime Minister  
Proposed Minister of Youth and Sport

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1962 in Shati refugee camp

From Gaza

Married with 11 children

Resides in Shati refugee camp

### **Personal History**

1987 Obtained BA in Arabic Literature from Islamic University of Gaza. Member of the Islamic Student Bloc, a precursor to Hamas.

1997 Became a close aide to Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, former Spiritual Leader of Hamas

2005 Helped negotiate truce agreement between Palestinian factions

Prime Minister of Palestinian National Authority.

1989 Incarcerated for 3 years by Israeli authorities without charge

1992 Following his release from Israeli prison, he was deported to Lebanon.

2003 Injured by Israeli air strike



## **Notable Quotations**

"We will not rest until we liberate all Palestinian land, crowned by Jerusalem."

-*The Daily Star*, September 2005

"What we got [from Oslo] are more settlements, more occupation, more roadblocks, more poverty and more repression"

*Al Jazeera News*, February 2006

" Hamas will be active in the resistance as well as in parliament in the political domain. There is no contradiction."

*The Daily Times Pakistan*, January 2006

"[We will deal with differences with Abbas] through dialogue and understanding to preserve the national unity of the Palestinian people and promote their higher interests."

*CBS*, February 2006

"Resistance is a principle and a legitimate right of the Palestinian people that cannot be renounced... Carrying out the resistance on the ground is linked to the higher interests (of the Palestinians) and managing the conflict."

*Al Jazeera News*, January 2006

## **Mohammad Mahmoud Abou Tayr**

Mohamed Mahmud Abu Tair,  
Muhamad Mahmood Abou Tayr  
Member of Parliament – National List  
#2 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1951

From Umm Tuba, Southeast of  
Jerusalem

Resides in Umm Tuba

### **Personal History**

1987 Joined Hamas upon its creation  
after first working with Fatah and then  
the Popular Front for the Liberation of  
Palestine-General Command

Completed primary and preparatory  
education in Sour Bahr School

1971 Completed High School Studies  
in Al Aqsa Legislative School

Currently preaches in local mosques

1998 Imprisoned in Israeli jail for arms  
possession and support to Hamas  
cells in the West Bank; freed in mid-  
2005

### **Notable Quotations**

"We came up with the reform and change project based on deeply rooted constants which we will never cede." – following Hamas Parliamentary victory in January 2006

*-The Palestinian Information Center, February 2006*

"I frankly say Israel does exist. It does exist."

*Ma'bat Newscast , January 2006*



**Jameela Abdallah El-Shanty**

Jamila Abdullah Al Shanti,  
Jamila Abed Allah Al Shantee

Member of Parliament –  
National List  
#3 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1955 in the Jabalia Camp

Lives in Gaza

**Personal History**

Holds an English literature  
degree and has spent 20  
years teaching English around  
the Arab world

Currently heads the Women's  
Activities Division of the  
Palestine Islamic Movement

Lecturer at the Islamic  
University

**Notable Quotations**

"My favorite author is Charles  
Dickens, but my favourite book  
is the Holy Koran."

*The Telegraph*, February 2006

"We are going to lead factories. We are going to lead farmers."

*The New York Times*, February 2006

"We are angry - very, very, very angry. No one can say a bad word about our prophet." – on the Danish Cartoons

*The New York Times*, February 2006

"There are traditions here that say that a woman should take a secondary role - that she should be at the back, but that is not Islam. Hamas will scrap many of these traditions. You will find women going out and participating"

*BBC News*, March 2006

"We will bring back Islamic thought and heritage through the media and through education. These people will come to understand their culture. But we will not seize their freedoms from them."

*BBC News*, March 2006



**Mohammed Numan Ala' Al Deen**

Mohamad Nouman Ala Al Din aka Mohammed Al Natsheh

Member of Parliament – National List

#4 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1959

Lives in Hebron, West Bank

Married, four sons

**Personal History**

Obtained Bachelor degree in Islamic Sharia from the University of Jordan

Teacher at League of University Students.

Member of number of Educational and Charitable Associations including Palestinian Ulama League

One of the founders of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Palestine.

Arrested 8 times by Israeli Occupation forces

1993 deported to Lebanon for 9 months

July 2002 Arrested and sentenced for 8 years, which he is currently serving at Ketziot Prison



## **Yasser Dawood Mansour**

Yasir Daoud Mansur, Yaser Dawud Mansoor, Yassir Dawoud Mansuur

Member of Parliament – National List

#5 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1967

From Nablus, West Bank

### **Personal History**

Businessman, owns a soap factory

Hamas' spokesman for the northern West Bank



### **Notable Quotations**

"There is a right to resistance, and our entry into the parliament will legitimize this right..."

*The Boston Globe*, January 2006

"We are open to Europe and the Arab world and we have no problem sitting with the Israelis to discuss municipal affairs."

*Associated Press*, December 2005

"The trend that Hamas adopted in the first place was to enhance the political partnership's principle as Hamas was very much concerned to have all Palestinian factions, especially Fatah, represented in the next government. Thus we hope that our brethren in Fatah would rethink their stand of boycotting the government."

-*The Palestinian Information Center*, January 2006

**Khalil Mussa Rabbai**

Khaleel Moussa Rabba'I, Kahlil Musa Rabbaii,  
Kahleel Moosa Rabbai

Member of Parliament – National List

#6 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1959

From Hebron, West Bank

**Personal History**

B.A. degree in accounting and administration.

**Notable Quotations**

"This is our reality. How do we know that in a couple of days we all will not be in jail?"

*The Globe & Mail*, February 2006

## **Houda Naim Al Qrenawi**

Hoda Naeem Al Krenawi, Houda Na'im Al Qrenawy,  
Huda Naeem Al Qrenawee, Huda Naim Al Krenawee,  
Houda Naeem Al Kreenawy

Member of Parliament – National List

#7 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1969 in the Brejj camp

From Gaza

Married with four children

### **Personal History**

Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies

Activist in the Muslim women movement

Working with Al-Islah Society providing service

### **Notable Quotations**

"As a woman and an MP, there are areas I want to concentrate on but that does not mean we have forgotten our struggle for our homeland, and preparing our children to die when the homeland calls for it."

*The Guardian*, February 2006

"We need to make men aware of the real importance of women. Women didn't come into life only to be man's servant."

*Gulf Daily News*, February 2006

## **Mahmoud Ahmed Al-Ramahi**

Mahmud Ahmad Al Ramahy, Mahmood Ahmed Al Ramahee

Member of Parliament – National List

#8 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1963

From Ramallah, West Bank

### **Personal History**

Obtained degree in Medicine from Italy.

Anesthetist at Al-Arabia Health Care Hospital.

Elected PLC secretary February 2006. Forcefully seized the office of former PLC Secretary General Ibrahim Khurayshah.

### **Notable Quotations**

"We were forced to do these things in the past because we live under occupation. We will still live under occupation even if we are in the government."

*Arab News*, January 2006

"[Hammas] combines resistance with political action."

*Al Ahram*, March 2005

"If Israel recognizes our rights and puts an end to the occupation, then we can discuss all the issues. But before that, we are not going to."

*The Washington Post*, February 2006

## **Mahmoud Khaled Al Zahar**

Mahmud Khalid Al Zahar

Member of Parliament –  
National List

#9 on Change and Reform  
list

Proposed Foreign Minister

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1945 to Palestinian  
father and Egyptian mother

Four children with his wife  
Summaya, including first  
son, Khaled (born 1974),  
and daughter Rima (born  
1983)

### **Personal History**

1971 - Graduated from  
Cairo University Faculty of  
Medicine, where he was  
influenced by Muslim  
Brotherhood.

At 31 years, obtained  
Masters Degree in General  
Surgery from Ain Shams  
University, Cairo

1987 Helped found Hamas

Personal physician of late  
Sheikh Yassin

1992 Deported to Lebanon

Major spokesperson for  
Hamas in 1990s after  
return from deportation in  
Lebanon.

2004 Succeeded Rantisi  
who was killed by IDF

Lecturer in medicine at the  
Islamic University in Gaza.



Leader of Hamas  
parliamentary majority and  
second most senior Hamas  
leader in Occupied  
Territories

Escaped two Israeli attacks  
on his home during which  
he lost his eldest son  
(September 10, 2003)

Arrested several times and  
spent months in PA jails

### **Notable Quotations**

"Anyone who thinks the calm means giving in is mistaken. The calm is in preparation for a new round of resistance and victory..."

*Ha'aretz*, February 2006

"The Israelis didn't leave this area because of goodwill. It wasn't a gift from Sharon to the Palestinian people. They left because they suffered too much."

*The Guardian*, September 2005

"We are not playing at terrorism or violence. We are under occupation. The Israelis are continuing their aggression against our people, killing, detention, demolition and in order to stop these processes, we run effective self defense by all means, including using guns."

*BBC*, January 2006

"We can accept to establish our independent state in the area occupied in '67 and we can give a long term hudna. If the Israelis are ready to give us the national demand, to withdraw from the area occupied in '67, to release our detainees, to stop their aggression, to make a geographic linkage between Gaza Strip and West Bank, at that time, and with assurance from another side, we are going to accept to establish our independent state... and give up one or two, 10, 15 years' time in order to see what is the real intention of Israel after that."

*CNN International*, January 2006

"Negotiations are a means. If Israel has anything to offer on the issues of halting attacks, withdrawal, releasing prisoners...then one thousand means can be found. Negotiations are not taboo."

*BBC*, January 2006

"If Iraq is attacked... all American targets will be open targets for every Muslim, Arab or Palestinian. Any attack against Iraq will be answered by resistance everywhere and American interests everywhere will be targeted. We say that all American targets will be open targets to every Muslim, Arab, or Palestinian."

*Ha'aretz*, January 2006

"Even if one Israeli dies for every 10 Palestinians, then the three million Palestinians can kill 300,000 Israelis."

*National Post (Canada)*, April 2002

"Palestine means Palestine in its entirety-from the [Mediterranean] Sea to the [Jordan] River, from Ras Al-Naqura to Rafah. We cannot give up a single inch of it. Therefore, we will not recognize the Israeli enemy's [right] to a single inch. That is one thing."

*Al Manar Television*, January 2006

"We will join the Legislative council with our weapons in hand."

*Associated Press*, January 2006

**Abdul Fattah Hasan  
Doukhan**

Abed Al Fatah Hassan Dukhan,  
Abdel Fattah Hasan Dokhan

Member of Parliament –  
National List

#10 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1936

From Der Albalah

Lost his son during first Intifada

Feb 2006 Second son killed by  
Israel

**Personal History**

Head of Al Salah Islamic  
Society

Long-time member of the  
Muslim Brotherhood.

Oldest member of parliament

Considered one of Hamas' main  
leaders

1992 Deported to Lebanon

**Notable Quotations**

"[The truce] is temporary. It's  
not the long-term dream. The  
strategic goal is the liberation of  
Palestine from the occupation,  
within its historic borders."

*New York Times*, August 2005





## **Ibrahim Mohammed Dahbour**

Ibraheem Mohamad Dahboor,  
Ebrahim Muhamad Dahbur,  
Ebraheem Muhamed Dahbour

Member of Parliament – National List

#11 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1968

From Araba, Jenin

Married with four daughters and one son

### **Personal History**

Graduate of University of Jordan with degree in Accounting and Islamic Sharia.

Member of Palestinian Auditors Society

Member of Orabah Municipality Council

Director of Auditing Company

Member of Administrative Committee of Al Bir Wa Al Ihsan Society

### **Notable Quotations**

"Our vision goes in harmony with our Palestinian people's ambitions and aspirations, including getting rid of corruption and favoritism that had plagued the PA for years, and carried negative impact on the daily life of the Palestinian people and its beleaguered economy."

*-The Palestinian Information Center, March 2006*



## **Mariam Mahmoud Saleh**

Maryam Mahmud Salih, Miriam  
Mahmood Saleh

Member of Parliament – National  
List

#12 on Change and Reform list  
Proposed Minister of Women

### **Biographical Information**

1952 born in Deir Amar refugee  
camp

From Ramallah, West Bank

Married to Engineer Nazmi Abdel  
Majid Al Tureifi with seven children

### **Personal History**

Doctorate in Islamic law

Member of Faculty of Quran, Al  
Quds University

Activist in Al Khansa Society

### **Notable Quotations**

"Our message as Muslim women is  
that Islam has come and serves  
everybody, not just Muslims, and  
regardless of their political  
affiliation."

*The Globe & Mail*, February 2006



**Fathi Mohammed Qarawi**

Fathy Muhamad Karawi, Fathi Mohammad Qarawee, Fathi Mohamad Karawee

Member of Parliament – National List

#13 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1958 in West Bank village of Ramin

From Tulkarim, West Bank

Married

**Personal History**

Bachelor Degree in Islamic Sharia from Jordan University

Mosque preacher in Tulkarim

Teacher at Religious Waqf School in Tulkarim

Arrested August 13, 1992 and held in administrative detention for 5 months

1993 One-year deportation to Marj Al Zuhour, Lebanon

Arrested by Israel in 2002 and detained for 8 months in Naqab prison

Arrested by Israel in September 2005, sentenced to 6 months detention in Ketziot Prison

**Notable Quotations**

"The return home for me is like the return of life after our long plight in Marj al-Zuhour."

*Associated Press*, December 1993

## **Anwar Muhammad Al-Zboun**

Anwar Mohamed Al Zuboun, Anwar Mohammed Al Zaboun, Anwar Mohamad Al Zboun, Anwar Muhammed Al Zboun

Member of Parliament – National List

#14 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1968 in Ilar, a village near Bethlehem

From Bethlehem, West Bank

Married with 3 sons and one daughter

### **Personal History**

1997 Graduate with M.A in Physics from Britain

Teacher at Ministry of Education since 1996

Teaches at Al Quds Open University

1992 Arrested for 11 months

2003 Arrested for 4 months

2005 Arrested for one month

### **Notable Quotations**

"It's forbidden to make concessions on our rights, but negotiations and discussions are not sinful."

*The Jerusalem Post*, January 2006

"The fact that people queued without complaining showed the respect that British people have for the rights of others. Our society is chaotic and people do not recognize the rights of others. If we can instill the respect that queuing requires, we can instill a moral basis here." – on his life in Britain

*The Telegraph*, February 2006

**Imad Mahmoud Nawfal**

Emad Mahmud Naufal, Imaad Mahmood Nofal

Member of Parliament – National List

#15 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1970

From Qalqilya, West Bank

**Personal History**

2002 Received M.A. in Islamic Sharia from Al Quds University

Teacher in Al Sadia school until 2006

Also taught at Al Quds Open University

Founder and Deputy of Islamic Club in Qalqilya

Founder of Qalqilya Rehabilitation Society

2000 Arrested for a short period

**Omar Mahmoud Matar (Omar Abdul Razak)**

Umar Mahmood Mattar, Umar Mahmud Matar

Member of Parliament – National List

#16 on Change and Reform list

Proposed Finance Minister

**Biographical Information**

Born 1958

From Salfit, West Bank

**Personal History**

1982 Bachelor's Degree from Coe College  
USA

1986 PhD from Iowa State University, USA

1982-1986 Professor at Iowa State University

1985 Lecturer at Coe College, USA

1986-1993 Assistant Professor in Department  
of Economy at An Najah National University,  
Nablus, West Bank

1991-1993 Head of Department of Economy at  
An Najah National University, Nablus, West  
Bank

2000-2001 Research Coordinator of Economic  
Policies Research Institute, Ramallah, West  
Bank

1993-Present Associate Professor at Economy  
Department in An Najah National University,  
Nablus, West Bank

1996-Present Colleague at Economic Policies  
Research Institute, Ramallah, West Bank

1997 Arrested for 4 months

Arrested December 2005: Released March 16,  
2006 from Mascobiya Prison



**Muna Salem Mansour**

Mona Salim Mansur, Mouna Sallim Mansoor

Member of Parliament – National List

#17 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1961

From Nablus, West Bank

Widow of Jamal Mansour (assassinated 2002)

**Personal History**

Teacher of Physics

**Notable Quotations**

"Women can talk, women can think. We need to find a way to complement her needs and desires with Islam."

*The Washington Times*, December 2005

"Women whose husbands have died have rights. We need to protect them."

*The Washington Times*, December 2005



**Yehia Abdul Aziz El Abadsa**

Yahia Abd El Azeez, Yehya Abed Al Aziz  
Alabadsa

Member of Parliament – National List

#18 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1958

From Khan Younis, Gaza

**Personal History**

BA from the Islamic University

Masters in Education from Sudan

Lecturer at the Islamic University in Education  
College

Joined the Islamic Movement in 1979

Founder of Islamic Salvation Party and several  
other civil society organizations

General Secretary of Islamic Salvation Party

Considered close to Haniyeh, Hassan Youssef  
and Mousa Abu Marzouq

Arrested several times including by the PA

Prevented from leaving town for two years

**Mohammed Maher Youssef  
Bader**

Mohamad Mahir Yusuf Badr, Muhammed  
Maher Yousef Badir

Member of Parliament – National List

#19 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1956

From Hebron, West Bank

**Personal History**

Professor of Sharia at Hebron University

## **Ayman Hussein Daragmeh**

Ayman Husseyn Darajmah, Aymen hussayn Daragmah, Aiman Huseyn Daragmeh

Member of Parliament – National List

#20 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1963

From Tubas, West Bank

Married with 3 daughters

### **Personal History**

High School studies in Tubas

1988 Masters Degree in Chemistry from "Aligar" Islamic University in India

1992 PhD Degree in Chemistry from Delhi University in India

1999 Higher Diploma in General Management from Al Khalil University - Supreme Management Institute in Rome

1983 Joined Islamic Student Union, India

Lecturer in Al Quds Open University and Faculty of Educational Sciences in Ramallah

Member of Tubas Municipality Council

Former Director of Ministry of Health



## **Fathi Ahmad Hammad**

Fathy Ahmed Hamad

Member of Parliament – National List

#21 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1961

From Northern Gaza

### **Personal History**

Director of Al Aqsa TV, official local TV station of Hamas

Leader of Izzidin Al-Qassam Brigade in North Gaza

### **Notable Quotations**

"Hamas will continue develop its armed wings by recruiting more members and making more rockets and bombs (...) Our aim after the elections is to reinforce the Islamic culture and spread it as well as our social and political views."

*People's Daily Online, January 2006*



## **Maryam Muhammed Farhat (Umm Nidal)**

Mariam Mohamad Farhaat, Miriam Muhamad Farhat

Member of Parliament – National List

#22 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1949

From Gaza

Six sons (3 killed in Al Aqsa Intifada)

### **Personal History**

2002 Appeared on TV encouraging 17 year-old son before he attacked Gaza settlement

Electoral platform: continuation of armed struggle, strengthening Islamic culture, scarf for all Palestinian women and fight against poverty

### **Notable Quotations**

"There is no difference [between operations against civilians and soldiers]. This is Islamic religious law. I don't invent anything. I follow Islamic religious law in this"

*'Dream 2' TV, December 2005*

"Because I love my son, I encouraged him to die a martyr's death for the sake of Allah"

*Al Sharq Al Awsat, June 2002*

"What we see every day - massacres, destruction, bombing [of] homes - strengthened, in the souls of my sons...the love of Jihad and martyrdom."

*Al Sharq Al Awsat, June 2002*

"I encouraged all my sons to die a martyr's death, and I wish this even for myself"

*Al Sharq Al Awsat, June 2002*



## **Sayed Salem Abu Musameh**

Sayyid Sallim Abu Msamih, Sayid Salim Abou Mussamih, Sayyed Sallem Abu Msamih

Member of Parliament – National List

#23 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1948

From Rafah, Gaza

### **Personal History**

Bachelor Degree in Sharia from Faculty of Da\_wa

Bachelor Degree in Fundamentals of Religion from Islamic University in Medina

Former editor of Palestinian newspaper Al Watan

Worked at the Islamic University

One of the founders of Hamas.

Considered a moderate and close to Ismaeel Haniyeh and Sheikh Hassan Youssef

1991 Arrested by Israel

1995 Arrested by PA, sentence to 5 years imprisonment for political activities that "undermine the Palestinian Authority"



## **Marwan Mohamad Abu Ras**

Merwan Muhammed Abou Raas

Member of Parliament – National List

#24 on Change and Reform list

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1958

From Gaza City

Married

Son was killed 2005

### **Personal History**

Elementary Education in Salah Eddine School  
in Gaza

Preparatory Education in Al Yarmouk  
Preparatory School

Preparatory School and his Secondary  
Education in Yafa High School

1982 Received Bachelor Degree

1986 Received Masters Degree

1994 Received PhD Degree

Former Professor at Faculty of Da\_wa in  
Islamic University in Gaza

### **Notable Quotations**

"We heard a loud noise, and then everything  
went black, and then red before my eyes."  
Following air strike on his home.

*Al Jazeera News*, September 2003



**Sameera Abdullah Halaykah**

Sameera Abed Allah Halayqa, Samira Abdallah Halayka, Sameera Abd Allah Halayqah

Member of Parliament – National List

#25 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1964

From Hebron, West Bank

**Personal History**

BA in Islamic Studies from Hebron University

Director of the Al-Rassad Office for Journalism and Media

Journalist with Sawt Al-Haq, Al-Risala, both journals affiliated to Hamas

Husband and son are imprisoned by Israel



**Jamal Isqaiq**

Jamaal Iskaik, Jamal Isqayq, Jamal Iskayk

Member of Parliament – National List

#26 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1964

From Gaza

**Personal History**

Building engineer at Faculty of Da\_wa in  
Islamic University in Gaza

Previously worked for Gaza Municipality

**Ali Saleem Romanin**

Ali Salim Rumaneen, Ali Saleem Romaneen

Member of Parliament – National List

#27 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1971

From Jericho, West Bank

Resides in Oja, West Bank

Married with 2 sons and one daughter

**Personal History**

Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia from Al Quds University

Teaches in Saad Sael school in Jericho

Spent 4 years in prison

**Notable Quotations**

"[Taking revenue] for things against Islam, such as gambling and drinking alcohol, is unacceptable."

*The Globe & Mail*, February 2006

**Ahmed Youssef Abou Halabiya**

Ahmad Yusuf Abu Halabiyya, Ahmad Yoosif  
Abou Halabia

Member of Parliament – National List

#28 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1952

From Gaza City

**Personal History**

PhD in Islamic Sharia

Professor at the Islamic University

**Notable Quotations**

"Have no mercy on the Jews, no matter  
where they are, in any country. . . .  
Wherever you are, kill those Jews and  
those Americans who are like them."

*The Boston Globe*, October 2003

**Abdul Jaber Mustapha Fuqaha**

Abed Al Jabir Mustafa Fukaha

Member of Parliament – National List

#29 on Change and Reform list

**Biographical Information**

Born 1966

From Ramallah, West Bank

**Personal History**

Bachelor's Degree in History at Bir Zeit University

Master's Degree in Economics at Bir Zeit University

Trader and shop owner

Previously imprisoned

**Wael Muhammed Abdul  
Rahman**

Wa'el Mohamad Abed Al Rahmaan

Parliamentarian Jerusalem District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1962

From Jerusalem

**Personal History**

Master's Degree in Modern Education

Headmaster of Al Nahda School, Jerusalem

## **Ahmad Mohammad Ahmad Attoun**

Ahmed Muhamad Ahmed Atoon

Parliamentarian Jerusalem District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1968

From Jerusalem

### **Personal History**

Master's Degree in Modern Islamic Studies

Head of Al Muntada Cultural Forum Society

Arrested by Israel 03-08-06 in Jerusalem for illegal political activity. Detained for three hours then released.

### **Notable Quotations**

"We are not entering the parliament with arms. We are entering for reform and change and what concerns us the most is the benefit of the people . . . For us, being part of political life is part of the resistance, so we are going to work in the interests of the people, which is going to be decided at the ballot box."

*The Irish Times*, January 2006

**Mohammad Omran Saleh  
Tawtah**

Muhamed Umran Salih Tawta

Parliamentarian Jerusalem District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1969

From Jerusalem

**Personal History**

Master's in Business Administration

Professor at Al Quds University

## **Ibrahim Said Hasan Abou Salem**

Ebraheem Saeed Hassan Abu Sallim, Ebrahim Said Hassan Abou Salim, Ibraheem Said Hasan Abu Sallem

Parliamentarian Jerusalem District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1948

From Bir Nabala, North of Jerusalem

### **Personal History**

Elementary Education in Ramallah

Preparatory Education in Bir Zeyt

High School Studies in Jerusalem

Former preacher in Ramallah, Bireh, Nablus

1976 – 1980 Former teacher in Ramallah

Former Jordanian resident

Lecturer in Faculty of Dawa and Fundamentals of Religion in Al Quds university

1971 Graduated from the University of Jordan

1981 Acquired Masters Degree from Al Azhar University

Served five months of administrative detention without trial or charges in the Negev desert prison

Recently released from prison

### **Notable Quotations**

"We will succeed because we have no other choice and there is no such thing as failure on our agenda"

*The Palestinian Information Center, March 2006*





## **Khaled Said Yehia**

Khalid Saeed Yahya, Khaled Said Yehya

Parliamentarian Jenin District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1959

From Jenin

Married with 6 sons and one daughter

### **Personal History**

Masters Degree in Arabic Language from  
University of Jordan

Former Professor in Islamic University of Gaza

Professor at Al Quds Open University

Mosque speaker and poet



## **Khaled Suleiman Fayez Abu Hassan**

Khalid Sulayman Fayiz Abu Hasan

Parliamentarian Jenin District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1967

From Yamoun

Married with 6 sons and one daughter

### **Personal History**

Bachelor Degree in Da'wa and Fundamentals of Religion

Masters Degree in Planning and Political Development from An Najah National University

Former Imam of Al Daghi Mosque

Political analyst and writer

### **Notable Quotations**



**Husni Mohammad Bourini Yasin**  
**Aka Hosni Yassin**

Parliamentarian Nablus District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1955 in Aseera Al-Shamalieh, Nablus  
Married with children

**Personal History**

UNRWA clerk

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

**Da'oud Kamal Da'oud Abu Sair  
Aka Dawoud Seir**

Parliamentarian Nablus District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1955  
Resides in Nablus  
Married with children

**Personal History**

Soap factory worker  
Owner of a dry cleaning shop

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

**Da'oud Kamal Da'oud Abu  
Sair**

**Notable Quotations**

"Islam is the solution. We will bring the nation back to the right path, to Islam. Elections are a civilized thing. We believe in pluralism, and democracy. We don't want to exclude the other and we won't accept that anyone excludes us. We call on you to support Islam because we are the trusted ones on the land of sanctuaries."

-*The Associated Press*, January 18, 2006

"We will serve every Palestinian citizen. We will never selectively deal with our people. We have a declared program and we will carry it out with all the energy we have. We will give the economy top priority in our agenda, among other crucial priorities, to free it from the Israeli grip."

-*The Daily News*, February 16, 2006

**Riyad Ali Mustafa Amli**  
**Aka Riyad Ali**

Parliamentarian Nablus District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1961

**Personal History**

1995 - Former Head of Qabalan municipality

**Ahmad Ali Ahmad  
Ahmad  
Aka Ahmed Hajj Ali**

Parliamentarian Nablus  
District

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1940 in the  
destroyed village of  
Qaisariyyah near Haifa  
1948 - Family fled to the  
West Bank to the Ain Beit  
Al-Ma' Refugee Camp in  
Nablus  
Married with children

**Personal History**

1974 - BA in Islamic law  
from Damascus University

1994 - MA in Islamic  
Sharia from Al-Najah  
University

Former school principal

Member of the Hamas'  
Shura Council



**Ahmad Ali Ahmad Ahmad**

November 1, 1992 - Arrested by Israel and held in Ketziot prison for 6 months under  
administrative detention until deportation

1993 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

September 2005 - Detained by Israel and held for 5 months under administrative detention in  
Ansar III prison with no charges. Released February 15, 2006

**Notable Quotations**

" Hamas will become fiercer because of this war of starvation. A cat will turn into a lion if it is jailed.  
We will not surrender."

-*Wafa Amr*, February 22, 2006

"I want to tell the world that Israel is an apartheid and racist state, it is a state where the justice  
system is subservient to the military establishment and the secret police. If you are non-Jewish  
you can't expect justice from an inherently unjust system."

-*Al-Khalil*, February 16, 2006

**Nasir Abdullah Odeh Abdel Jawad**  
**Aka Nasser Abdel Jawad**  
**Aka Abu Oais**

Parliamentarian Salfit District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1965

### **Personal History**

Completed PhD in Islamic Sharia while in prison in the Negev with a thesis titled "The Islamic tolerance with Non-Muslims residing in the Islamic State"

Imprisoned for 12 years

**Nasir Abdullah Odeh Abdel  
Jawad**

### **Notable Quotations**

"We want to tell the world that Hamas is coming to defend the resistance to rebuild Palestine."  
-*The Jerusalem Post*, January 8, 2006

Jawad rejected international call for Hamas to honor agreements and concludes he will only support a near term truce if Israel withdraws to '67 borders. - "Hamas has not reached a decision regarding historical Palestine and will not give up its claim for historical Palestine. But for an immediate truce Hamas wants Israel to return all land stolen since 1967."  
-*National Public Radio*, February 18, 2006

"The military wing is connected to the occupation. If there is occupation, the military wing will work. If the occupation is ended, it is easy for the military wing to be in security forces."  
-*The Baltimore Sun*, February 19, 2006

"They (Israel and the U.S.) should deal with the new reality. It's not for them to obstruct the democratic choice of the Palestinian people."  
-*The New York Times*, February 19, 2006

"Hamas rejects negotiations with the occupation under the current circumstances. Hamas will retire its military wing when Israel no longer attacks us."  
-*Margarate Coker*, February 19, 2006

**Ahmad Abdel Aziz Saleh Mubarak  
Aka Abu Malik**

Parliamentarian Ramallah District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1962 in the Deir Ammar refugee camp  
Resides in Jilazun  
Married with 6 children

**Personal History**

Completed elementary and intermediate studies in Al-Zalzoun Preparatory School for Boys

Attended secondary school at Ramallah High School

Continued higher studies at the University of Jerusalem in the faculty of Dawa and the Fundamentals of Religion

Former Head of Legislative Court Diwan in Ramallah

1984 - 1987 - Member of Administrative Committee in Youth Cultural Center in Al-Jalzon

Chief administrator of Ramallah's religious court

Member of Administrative Committee and Vice President of the Beit Nabala Charity

Founding Member of Palestinian Scientists League

Member of Popular Committee for the resistance of Normalization

1996- Member of Administrative Committee Islamic Charity Society

1978 - Detained by the Israelis multiple times

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

1995 - Detained by the Israelis

2004 - Arrested by the Israelis

**Ahmad Abdel Aziz Saleh Mubarak**



**Fadel Mohammad Saleh Hamdan  
Aka Abu Salam**

Parliamentarian Ramallah District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1953 in Ramallah

Resides in Al-Bireh

Married with 6 children

**Personal History**

Attended secondary school at Ramallah High School

1976 - Graduated from the University of Jordan with a degree in Islamic Sharia

Former lecturer in Dar Al-Muallimeen in Ramallah

Worked in Legislative Education for four years  
1976-1980 - Worked in Ministry of Endowments  
Member of the Ramallah Zakat Committee  
Imam

August 1992 - Arrested by the Israelis and held in Ketziot prison until deportation

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

December 2003 - Detained by the Israelis and later released

**Notable Quotations**

According to the FBI, Fadel Muhammad Salah Hamdan was "directly connected with the planning of [Hamas] suicide attacks and the spiritual preparation of those about to commit suicide attacks."

**Fadel Mohammad Saleh Hamdan**

**Mahmoud Ibrahim Mahmoud Musleh  
Aka Mohammad**

Parliamentarian Ramallah District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1941 in Haifa

Married with 6 girls and 3 boys

**Personal History**

Completed elementary studies in Orabah and Toubas schools in Jenin

Finished his secondary studies at Al-Salhia School in Nablus

Graduate of Faculty of Arts, Birzeit University

**Mahmoud Ibrahim Mahmoud  
Musleh**

Head of Hamas' information department during the first Intifada

Director of Islamic Charitable Society in Al-Bireh for 11 years

Founded the Safa Sports Club

Teacher in Toubas and Birzeit and Ramallah Educational Zones

1971 -1982 - Football Coach

1978 - 1979 - One of the Founding Members of Islamic Party in Birzeit University

1995 - 1996 - Official Hamas Spokesman

Acting Member of Beit Al-Maqdass League for Literature

Acting Member of Islamic Charity Society

Acting Head of the Zakat Committee in Ramallah

Educational Supervisor for Physical Education in Department of Teaching and Education in Ramallah

Lecturer in Faculty of Educational Sciences in Ramallah

1990 - Detained in Israelis prisons for 2 years

September 1997 - October 1998 - Detained in PA prisons

According to Amnesty International, "After the Palestinian High Court ordered the immediate release, on grounds of unlawful detention, of Shaikh Mahmud Musleh, a Hamas activist, in December 1997 he was taken for a short walk and then brought back to prison. He was told that he had been rearrested. That makes a mockery of the law,"

Has twice served time in Israeli jails due to his connections to Hamas

**Notable Quotations**

"Western people say we must recognize Israel, but who recognizes our rights as an occupied people? The strong will not be strong forever. The weak will not be weak forever. Our ideals are our ideals, but we are ready to search for solutions."

-*The Gazette*, January 22, 2006

**Hasan Youssef Daoud Dar Khalil**

Aka Hassan Yousef Dawoud Dar Khalil  
Aka Abu Mos'ab

Parliamentarian Ramallah District

**Biographical Information**

Born in Betuniya  
Married with 8 children

**Personal History**

Completed elementary Studies in Kafar Nihmeh  
the Secondary Studies in Al-Aqsa Legal School  
in Occupied Gaza  
Continued his studies in Faculty of Islamic  
Sharia in University of Jerusalem  
Obtained a MA in Islamic Studies  
Joined the Muslim Brotherhood at the University  
in Jordan

**Hasan Youssef Daoud Dar Khalil**

1978 - Participated in the establishment of Hamas  
Former Secretary General of Marj Al-Zuhour Return Camp  
1995 - Member of the Dialogue Committee in Cairo between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas

1971 - Detained by the Israelis  
October 1992 - Arrested by the Israelis and held in 3 month administrative detention until his  
deportation  
1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour  
1996 - Detained in Palestinian prison  
September 2005 - Present - Detained in Israeli prison

Subjected to many assassination attempts

Protected the Al-Aqsa mosque against the radical Jewish Rafafa group

**Khaled Ibrahim Tafish  
Thouaib  
Aka Khaled Tafesh  
Dweib**

Parliamentarian Bethlehem  
District

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1964 in Bethlehem  
Resides in Za'tarah  
Married with 6 boys and a girl

**Personal History**

Finished his secondary  
studies in the scientific  
branch  
BA from Al-Quds University  
in Islamic Sharia  
Former Imam in the  
Department of Endowments



**Khaled Ibrahim Tafish Thouaib**

1988 - Detained by Israel  
1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour  
2002 - Arrested during Israel's Operation Defensive Shield and sentenced to 4 1/2 years.  
Currently held in Ketziot prison (ID Number: 984560672)  
Expected release - Mid 2006

**Notable Quotations**

Israeli army spokesman asserted, "He (Dweib) was among those directing the Hamas attack policy in Bethlehem with responsibility for approving individual attacks." Hamas sources said Dweib was a political activist in charge of Bethlehem's Omar bin al-Khattab mosque and had nothing to do with the Izz el-Deen al-Qassam brigades  
-*The Sunday Observer*, April 21, 2002

## **Mahmoud Daoud Mahmoud Al-Khatib**

Parliamentarian Bethlehem District

### **Biographical Information**

Born in 1972

Father imprisoned by Israel for more than 21 years

### **Personal History**

MA degree in Islamic Sharia

June 2005 - Participated in a shooting at a sports club in the Balata refugee camp when Ahmed Qureia was visiting

**Mahmoud Daoud Mahmoud Al-Khatib**

### **Notable Quotations**

"Officials live in luxury and we, the ones who gave so much to Palestine, have got nothing. I reached a point where I'm willing to kill so I can take back my rights, my father's rights, and the rights of all those like us."

-*TimesOnline*, June 22, 2005

**Mohammad Ismail Al-Tal**

Parliamentarian Hebron District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1965

From the Aldahrieh village

**Personal History**

BA degree in medical laboratory

**Mohammad Ismail Al-Tal**

**Hatem Rabah Kafeesheh**  
**Aka Hatem Qefeisha**  
**Aka Hadj Hatem Abu Aned**

Parliamentarian District Hebron

**Biographical Information**

Born 1960  
Married with 4 children

**Personal History**

Studied contemporary Middle Eastern politics and Islamic studies until he was detained

Member of Civil Authority for the Defense of Intifadat Al-Aqsa in Al-Khalil

Member of Palestinian Football League

Deputy President of Muslim Youths Association

Owner of a travel agency in Hebron which facilitates the Hajj pilgrimage

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

1995 - Arrested by the Israelis for 27 months

2005 - Arrested by the Israelis and currently held in 6 months administrative detention in Ketziot prison (ID Number: 958187866)

1994 - Survived the Hebron massacre

Acted as the leading figure in the "Intifada of the Administrative Detainees" - a hunger strike for prisoner rights conducted in Megiddo, Damoun, and Telmond prisons in the mid-1990s

**Azzam Numan Rahman Salhab**  
**Aka Azzam No'man Abdel Rahman Salhab Tamimi**

Parliamentarian Hebron District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1956

Married with 5 children

**Personal History**

PhD in Islamic Sharia from Medina, Saudi Arabia

Lecturer at Islamic Law College

Arrested a total of 8 times by Israel and the PA including:

October 1992 - Arrested and held in administrative detention until deportation

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

2005 - Imprisoned by the Israelis and currently held under 6 month administration detention in Ketziot prison (ID Number: 916288538) Charged with incitement against Israel



**Basim Ahmad Zaareer**  
**Aka Abu Ahmad**

Parliamentarian Hebron District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1962

**Personal History**

Head of Al-Samo' municipality

**Sameer Saleh Al-Qadi**

Parliamentarian Hebron District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1956

From Soreef village

Resides in Surif, Hebron

Married with 3 children

**Personal History**

Graduated in Russia

Doctor

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

## **Nizar Abd-Al-Aziz Ramadan**

Parliamentarian District Hebron

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1960

Resides in Hebron

Married with 4 boys and 4 girls

### **Personal History**

BA in Islamic studies from the Sharia College in Hebron

Masters in contemporary Islamic studies and law from Al-Quds University, Abu Dis

Former reporter for Al-Islam Al-Yaum Website

Treasurer and Member of Al-Ihsan Handicaped Charity for 15 years

Elected three time president of the Islamic Cultural Center

Reporter for Al-Sabil Jordanian newspaper for two years

Reporter for Jerusalem Press Agency

Reporter for Al Wifaq Iranian Newspaper for two years Worked as a correspondent for a series of print and web-based news sources including al-Sharq al-Awsat (Qatar, 7 years), al-Jazeera Net (responsible for coverage of its Israeli news file), Islamonline.com, Al-Uusra [Holland], Al-Wifaq [Iran], and Al-Quds Press

1994- 2005-Treasurer and Secretary General of Al Khalil Cultural Forum

Acting Member of the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate,

Reports for Al-Sharq Al-Qotriyah Newspaper since 7 years

Owner and Manager of Al-Mustaqbal Establishment for Studies and Publishing

Editor in Chief of Al-Mustaqbal Magazine

Editor in Chief of Al-Murabitoun Magazine

Acting Member of International Journalists League

April 2004 - Hours before his assassination former Hamas leader, Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi wrote out answers to a list of questions Ramadan had faxed to him

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

September 25, 2005 - Arrested by Israel and currently held for 6 month administrative detention in Ketziot prison (ID Number: 963275342)

March 29, 2006 - Expected date of release

### **Notable Quotations**

"When the Goldstein massacre occurred, Hamas promised to respond with 10 attacks. The response was delayed for 58 days, and then they did more than 10 attacks. 'Hamas has won public support on two main counts. The Palestinian people think Hamas has fought Israel honestly, not as a political maneuver, and it has founded organizations that help people.'

-*The Boston Globe*, April 25, 2004

"Hamas is the one and only in the Palestinian sphere that refuses to sacrifice its stance and is intent to operate on two parallel levels: the military level and the political level. Thus the movement is delaying the call to disarm."

-*International Policy Institute for Counter Terrorism*, January 7, 2006



**Mohammad Mutlaq Abu Jhesheh**  
**Aka Mohammed Abu Jeheisha**

Parliamentarian Hebron District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1955 in Izna, Hebron

Married with 13 children

**Personal History**

Master degree in Islamic Sharia from Islamic University in Mecca

PhD candidate in applied sciences at the University of Yemen

Employed as an official mediator for judicial courts

Played a leading role in an assortment of committees and grassroots activities (including membership in the local Tribal Council) in the Hebron district

Director of New Ethna Electricity Company

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

2005 - Arrested by Israel and currently held under 6 month administrative detention in Ketziot prison

(ID Number: 982032534)

## **Naif Mahmud Rajoub**

Parliamentarian Hebron District  
Proposed Religious Affairs Minister

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1958 in Dura, West Bank  
Married with children

Has 12 siblings including brother Jibril Rajoub, a former PA security chief in the West Bank. Jibril ran against Naif as a representative of Fatah

### **Personal History**

MA degree in Islamic Sharia

Imam

Teaches Islamic law at Hebron University

Arrested four times by Israel

1996 - Arrested by the Palestinians and held for one day

Enjoys keeping bees

### **Notable Quotations**

January 2006 - "The Palestinian-Israeli negotiations in last 10 years were very tragic, indeed a gigantic fiasco. They did not bring any good for the Palestinian people."

-*Julie Stahl*, January 25, 2006

"Mass starvation is mass genocide. It is a silent holocaust."

-*Al-Ahram*, February 23, 2006

"Have you forgotten that Israel is the occupying power here? Do I need to remind you of an occupying power's obligations under international law? Besides, how come you people always ask us to recognize Israel but never ask Israel to recognize Palestine; are you all one-eyed when it comes to Israel?"

-*Al-Ahram*, February 23, 2006

"The resistance itself is not a strategy. It is a means to end this evil occupation and oppression. If the international community gives us credible assurances that the occupation will end soon, then we will observe calm."

-*Iran News*, February 25, 2006

**Aziz Salem Mustada  
Dwaik  
Aka Abu Hisham**

Parliamentarian Hebron  
District  
Elected Palestinian Legislative  
Council Speaker

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1948 in Al-Khalil, Hebron  
Resides in Hebron

Married with 7 children

**Personal History**

Masters Degree in Urban  
Planning  
Masters Degree in Education  
Masters Degree in City  
Planning  
PhD in Regional Planning  
from University of  
Pennsylvania

Actively worked the U.S.  
lecture circuit to raise funds for  
the Holy Land Foundation for  
Relief and Development

Spokesman for the deportees to Marj Al-Zuhour  
Member of Scientific Research Committee in An-Najah National University  
Founder and Head of Geography Department in An-Najah National University  
Secretary of Workers Syndicate in An-Najah National University  
Member of Faculty of Arts Council in An-Najah National University  
Current lecturer in An-Najah National University  
Director of Public Relations in Friends of the Sick Society in Nablus  
Published books including, "The Palestinian Society"

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour  
Arrested 5 times by the Israelis

Former confidant of Abdel Aziz Al-Rantissi

**Notable Quotations**

"Please stop asking us to recognize the occupier and not the needs of our own lives. This is slavery, slavery of a kind that did not even happen in Africa or in any other country! The Jews suffered the Holocaust, but it only happened for a short period of time. The Palestinians have been living a whole century in a holocaust.... The Israelis in this city have to move somewhere else. They have to acknowledge the facts on the ground. The future is ours."

-*The New Yorker Magazine*, February 19, 2006

"The Palestinian people will be our leaders and we will want to follow the path of the great Palestinian people who have showed us how to resist. Our main guide will be the teachings of God and of Mohammed."

-*Middle East Online*, March 6, 2006



**Aziz Salem Mustada Dwaik**





**Yousef Awad Al-Shrafi**  
**Aka Abu Mohammad**

Parliamentarian Northern Gaza District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1963

Married with 8 children

**Personal History**

BA from the Islamic University  
Masters from Jordan University  
PhD in Islamic Sharia from Sudan

1987 - 1988 - Worked in Yemen  
Speaker in a mosque  
Employee at the Ministry of Religious Affairs  
Teacher at Islamic University in Gaza

1990 - Began collaborating and became a member of the Muslim Brotherhood



**Yousef Awad Al-Shrafi**

**Atef Ibrahim Adwan**  
**Aka Atef Ibrahim Mohammad Idwan**

Parliamentarian Northern Gaza District  
Proposed Minister of State

**Biographical Information**

Born 1952  
Married with 7 children

**Personal History**

Higher Diploma in Political Sciences from Lebanon  
1978 - Bachelor Degree in economy and administration from Egypt  
1983 -1987 - Masters and PhD Degrees in history and political science from the United Kingdom

1987 - 1992 - Dean of Students Affairs in Islamic University  
1995 - 1999 - Dean of Faculty of Commerce in Islamic University  
2001 - 2003 - Dean of Scientific Research in Islamic University  
Acting Chairman of Islamic Society in Beit Hanoun  
Preaches weekly at the Omar Abed Al-Aziz mosque  
Published 18 books on political science and many research papers

Arrested several times by the Israelis  
1971 - Arrested by the Israelis and served 3 years  
1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

**Notable Quotations**

Atef Adwan said that if there were a peace proposal similar to that proposed at the last set of talks, in Taba in 2001 (two states living side by side, a return by Israel of almost all the land occupied in 1967, a shared status for Jerusalem and an agreed solution for Palestinian refugees), " Hamas would think seriously about the offer". He is also softer on doctrine: Sharia would be desirable as the main source of Palestinian law, he says, "but you can't have a stream that goes against the world".

-*The Economist*, February 2, 2006

Accepting Iranian money would make " Hamas a tool of [Iranian] policy and this is not good for Hamas and not good for the region."

-*The Jerusalem Post*, February 22, 2006

"The US is doing its best to close all windows and doors, so Hamas will do its best to find other open doors."

-*Ben Lynfield*, February 23, 2006

**Ismail Abdallatif Al-Alashqar**  
**Aka Abu Ashraf**

Parliamentarian Northern Gaza District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1962

Married with 6 daughters and 1 son

**Personal History**

Bachelor Degree in Engineering

Engineer

Former Chief Executive Officer of Al-Nour  
Center for Research and Studies

1989-1996 - Member of Administrative Office of  
Hamas

Member of Engineers Syndicate

Member of the Board of the Islamic Society in  
Jabalia Camp

Founding Member of Islamic Reformation  
Committee in Gaza

Founding Member and acting Deputy Secretary  
General of Al-Khalas National Islamic Party

Member of Supreme Follow Up Committee of  
the National Islamic Forces

Chairman of the Board of Al-Risala Weekly  
Magazine

Founder and President of Arabic Center for  
Research and Studies

Member of HUSSAM Society

Published several articles about the Intifada

Detained for 5 years in Israeli prisons

1996 - Detained in Palestinian prisons

2004 - Brother was killed during the Jabalia invasion

**Mohamed Abed Hadi Rahman  
Shehab  
Aka Abu al-Abed**

Parliamentarian Northern Gaza District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1956

Married with 8 sons

**Personal History**

1980 - PhD in Pharmacology from Cairo  
University



**Mohamed Abed Hadi Rahman  
Shehab**

Head of the Islamic Society in Northern Gaza

Islamic leader in the Jabalia refugee camp

Founder member and head of the Shura Council for the Islamic Khalas party

Director of Al-Quds Pharmacy

Secretary for Al-Wafa medical warehouse

1984 - 1987 - Detained by the Israelis

2002 - Arrested by the Palestinian police

**Moshir Omar Elhabel**  
**Aka Moshir el-Masri**  
**Aka Abu Baker**

Parliamentarian Northern Gaza District  
Hamis spokesman in Gaza

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1978  
Married with 3 children

### **Personal History**

Deputy of the student union during his  
undergraduate studies

1999 - Masters in political science from Islamic  
University

Teacher at Islamic University

Arrested several times

Brother, Faris, killed



**Ahmed Mohamed Bahar**  
**Aka Abu Akram**

Parliamentarian Gaza District  
First Deputy to the President of The Palestinian Legislative Council

**Biographical Information**

Born 1949 in Gaza  
Married with 13 children

**Personal History**

PhD in English  
Language



**Ahmed Mohamed Bahar**

Former Head of Preparatory Committee of Imam Ahmad Yassin Conference  
Founding Member of Dar Al-Qoran in Gaza

1971 - 1974 - Teacher in Legislative High School in Al-Khalil, Hebron

1972 - 1976 - Preacher in Beit Amer Mosque in Al-Khalil, Hebron

1984 - Vice President of Employees Syndicate in Islamic University

1985 - 2004 - Secretary General of Islamic Society in Gaza

2002 - 2003 - Vice Dean of Faculty of Arts at Islamic University

Lecturer in Arabic Language Department in Faculty of Arts in Islamic University

Deputy to the Dean of Literature College in the Islamic University

Writer for Al-Risala journal

Author of several published articles and books including, "The Elements of Victory"

1989 - Detained in Israeli jail for 2 years

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour

**Notable Quotations**

"All indications show that since its establishment, Israel has never been in such a state of retreat and weakness as it is today following more than four years of the intifada. Hamas's heroic attacks exposed the weakness and volatility of the impotent Zionist security establishment. The withdrawal marks the end of the Zionist dream and is a sign of the moral and psychological decline of the Jewish state. We believe that the resistance is the only way to pressure the Jews."

-*The Jerusalem Post*, March 24, 2005

"Doesn't America want democracy? Then why can't they accept democracy for the Palestinians?"

-*The Baltimore Sun*, January 22, 2006

**Mohammad Faraj Mahmood Elghoul  
Aka Abu Ahmed**

Parliamentarian Gaza District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1957

**Personal History**

Khail Al-Hayih lawyer's union treasurer

Lawyer

Director of the Gaza-based organization House of Right and Law

1995 - Held under Israeli administrative detention

**Jamal Talab Mohammad Saleh  
Nasser**  
**Aka Jamal Talab Saleh**  
**Aka Abu Mohammed**

Parliamentarian Gaza District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1958 in Gaza

Married with 6 children

**Personal History**

BA in commerce from Egypt

Former President of Palestinian Accounting Association

Director of an Accounting and Auditing Office

2000 - Present - Head of the Islamic Al-Khalas party

1992 - 1994 - Vice President of Palestinian Accounting Association

1994 - 2004 - Member of Legal Committee in Palestinian Accounting Association

1997 - 2000 - Secretary of Childrens Mabarrat Al-Rahmah

Treasurer of Al-Aqsa Information Establishment

1996 - 1998 - Deputy Secretary General of Al-Khalas Islamic Party

2000 - Present - Member of the Board of Childrens Mabarrat Al-Rahmah

1988 - 1994 - Arrested 7 times by the Israelis

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour



**Said Mohammad  
Seyam  
Aka Saeed  
Mohammad Siyam  
Aka Abu Mos'ab**

Parliamentarian Gaza  
District  
Proposed Interior and Civil  
Affairs Minister

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1959  
Resides in Sheikh Radwan  
neighborhood in Gaza  
Married with children

**Personal History**

PhD in Islamic Sharia

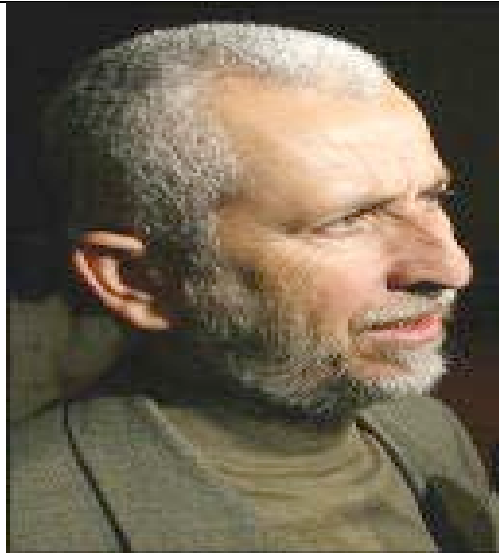
Former teacher at UNRWA  
school

Teaches at Islamic University in Gaza

**Notable Quotations**

"Martyrdom operations is one of our tools. It is not the only means that we have."  
-*Al-Jazeera*, December 18, 2005

Siyam asserted that the individuals or groups who damaged the greenhouses in Gaza acted irresponsibly and that they will be brought to justice.  
-*Chris Cowperthwaite*, January 2, 2006



**Said Mohammad Seyam**

**Khalil Esmaeel Elhyya**  
**Aka Abu Osama**

Parliamentarian Gaza District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1960

Married with 7 children

**Personal History**

BA in Islamic Sharia from Islamic University

MA from Jordan University

1997 - PhD in Suna Nabawieh from Sudan

2001 - 2003 - Dean of student affairs at Islamic University

Lecturer at Islamic University

Head of employee association at Islamic University

Member of the Islamic Scientific League

Arrested by Israel 3 times including

1991 - Arrested by Israel and held for 3 years

## **Salem Ahmad Abdel Hadi Salameh**

Parliamentarian Deir Al-Balah District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1951 in Al-Maghazi

Has two wives and ten children

### **Personal History**

1980 - BA in Dawa and Fundamentals of Religion from King Abdel Aziz University in Saudi Arabia

1983 - MA in Sunna from Umm Al-Qora University in Saudi Arabia

1987 - PhD in Noble Hadith from Umm Al-Qora University

1987 - 1990 - Deputy Dean of Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion in Islamic University in Gaza

1987 - Present - Assistant Professor in Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion from Islamic University in Gaza

1990 - 1992 - Deputy Vice Dean for Academic Affairs in Islamic University in Gaza

1992 - Deputy President of Islamic University

2002 - Present - Associate Professor in Department of Noble Hadith

2003 - 2005 - Dean of Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion in Islamic University in Gaza

Friday speaker in the Al-Dawa mosque in Al-Maghazi camp

Published many times on the subject of Islamic studies

Head of the Islamic Scientific League in Gaza

Head of the Shura Council for the Al-Khalas party.

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour for 9 months

**Abdel Al-Rahman Yusef Al-Jamal  
Aka Abu al-Bara'**

Parliamentarian Deir Al-Balah District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1961 in Nuseirat

**Personal History**

1987 - BA in Dawa and Fundamentals of Religion from Saudi Arabia

1992 - MA in Islamic Sharia from Jordan University

1994 - PhD from Saudi Arabia



**Abdel Al-Rahman Yusef Al-Jamal**

1987 - 1989 - Professor in the Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion

1994 - 2003 - Founder and Chairman of Science and Culture Center

1994 - 2003 - Vice President of Dar Al-Quran Al-Karim

1994 - 2005 - Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion

2001 - Dean of the Faculty of the Fundamentals of Religion

2003 - Present - President of Dar Al-Quran Al-Karim

2003 - Present - Assistant to the deputy of Student Affairs

Founder of the Center for Science and Culture and head of its board

## **Khamis Jawdat Khamis Najjar**

Parliamentarian Khan Younis District  
Previously a member of Fatah

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1949 in Khan Younis

### **Personal History**

1973 - Bachelor Degree in Medicine from Al-Azhar University

PhD in Internal Medicine from Egypt



**Khamis Jawdat Khamis Najjar**

1984 - 1993 - Head of Blood Diseases Division in Al-Shifa Hospital

1986 - 1991 - Director of Gaza Laboratories

Medical professional

Head of Nasser Hospital

General Director at the Ministry of Health

## **Salah Mohammad El Bardawil**

Parliamentarian Khan Younis  
District  
Hamas Speaker

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1959 in Khan Younis  
Married with 3 boys and 4 girls

### **Personal History**

Completed elementary and  
secondary studies in Khan Younis  
1982 - BA in Arabic language  
from Dal Al-Uloum Faculty, the  
University of Cairo  
1987 - MA in Palestinian  
Literature from the Arabic  
Research and Studies Institute in  
Cairo  
2001 - PhD in Palestinian literature



**Salah Mohammad El Bardawil**

Editor in Chief of Al-Risala Weekly Magazine  
Member of Political Bureau and Information Department in Al-Khalas National Islamic Party  
Founding Member of Al-Khalas National Islamic Party  
Professor in Faculty of Arts at the Islamic University in Gaza  
Current columnist in Al-Risala Weekly Magazine  
Acting Member of Palestinian Writers Union in Gaza  
Chairman of National Grouping for Thought and Culture

1993 - Detained by Israel

### **Notable Quotations**

"The majority of the Cabinet members will be from outside parliament, and some independents and technocrats."

-*Haaretz*, March 16, 2006

**Younis Mohe-eldeen  
Fayez El-Astal**

Parliamentarian Khan  
Younis District

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1956 in Khan Younis

**Personal History**

1979 - Bachelor Degree from  
Islamic University in Saudi  
Arabia

1986 - Masters Degree in  
Fiqh from University of  
Jordan

1996 - PhD in Fiqh from  
University of Jordan

PhD in Sharia from Sudan



**Younis Mohe-eldeen Fayez El-Astal**

Legal Counselor in Palestinian Islamic Bank for three years  
1997 - 1999 - Dean of Faculty of Sharia in Islamic University

1999 - 2001 - Head of Fatwa Committee in Islamic University  
1980 - Present - Lecturer in Islamic University in Gaza

**Notable Quotations**

"May God bless those who touch weapons."  
-*The Times*, August 16, 2005

"This (the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza) is only the first step to liberating all of Palestine including  
Jerusalem east and west and every inch of Palestinian land from the sea to the river."  
-*China Daily*, August 16, 2005

## **Abdel Rahman Fahmi Rahman Zeidan**

Parliamentarian Tulkarem District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1960

### **Personal History**

Studied engineering in Alabama, USA

Engineer

Spent 6 years in Israeli prisons

### **Notable Quotations**

"A person who is in prison suffering is dignified among Palestinians. People respect the ones who are suffering and represent their nation, and feel their pain."

-*The Washington Times*, February 24, 2006

"Compromise with Israel? This is not our big concern. Haniyeh can speak with the world the language that we want to reveal. It's a matter of how the world can see us. Maybe it's because of his nice smile."

-*The Jewish Week*, March 3, 2006



**Riyad Mahmoud Sa'eed Radad**  
**Aka Riyad Radad Al-Sedawi**

Parliamentarian Tulkarem District

### **Biographical Information**

Born 1960

### **Personal History**

Imam in Tulkarem mosque

### **Notable Quotations**

"Families of Palestinian martyrs, wounded, and prisoners as well as poor and needy families must be accorded full respect and care so as not to turn them into beggars."

-*The Daily News*, January 8, 2006

**Khalid Hamad Hamid Abu Qous**  
**Aka Abou Toos**  
**Aka Abu Tous**  
**Aka Abu Toas**

Parliamentarian Tubas District

**Biographical Information**

Born 1949 in Tulkarem  
Married with 4 girls and a boy

**Personal History**

1975 - Diploma in mathematics

Teacher



**Khalid Hamad Hamid Abu Qous**

**Hamid Sulieman  
Jabir Khudair  
Aka Hamid Al-Bitawi  
Aka Abu Hatem**

Parliamentarian District  
Nablus

**Biographical  
Information**

Born 1944 in Bita village  
Resides in the Al-Dahyeh,  
Nablus  
Married with 6 boys and a  
girl. Supports his  
grandmother

**Personal History**



**Hamid Sulieman Jabir Khudair**

Director of the Higher Committee for Islamic Law in the West Bank  
Head of the Legal Court of Appeals  
Conducts prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque  
Head of the Palestinian Intellectuals Committee  
Vice President of the Zakat Committee in Nablus  
Head of Palestinian Scientific League

1992 - Deported to Marj Al-Zuhour  
October 1998 - After holding an interview with Al-Jazeera, he was arrested by Palestinian  
Intelligence

**Notable Quotations**

"I have good news for you. There is a suicide operation in Tel Aviv. This is the only language the  
occupiers understand, the language of martyrdom."  
-CNN, March 21, 1997

"We have no choice but to talk to the Israelis about many things so, yes, if we are ministers, we  
will have relations with them. There are many forms of resistance -- not only bang, bang. Israel  
teaches Zionism, America, capitalism and Russia used to teach communism. Why should we not  
teach Islam?"

-Al-Ahram, January 19, 2006