



Qatar's Multimillion-Dollar Plan to Influence American Media



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Who Is Canary Mission

Canary Mission documents people and groups that promote hatred of the USA, Israel and Jews. We investigate hatred across the North American political spectrum, including the far-right, far-left and anti-Israel activists.



Executive Summary



This report details the Qatari government’s multimillion-dollar plan to influence American public opinion by training a new generation of journalists who will legitimize antisemitic, anti-Israel and anti-American positions.

To achieve their goal, the Qatari government partnered with one of the United States’ top-ranking schools, Northwestern University, to establish a satellite campus in the Qatari capital, Doha. Northwestern University Qatar (NU-Q) is completely funded by the Qatari government through two state-run organizations, the Qatar Foundation and the [Al Jazeera Media Network](#).

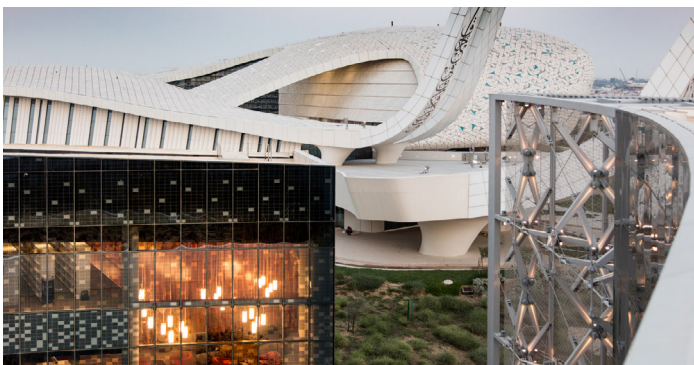
The NU-Q learning experience consists of a fully immersive environment that includes a heavily biased curriculum and a host of lecturers who hold antisemitic, anti-Israel and anti-American views. These lecturers are a combination of in-house professors and Al Jazeera reporters, producers and management.

After three years of study, students join the NU-Q internship program. The program acts as a gateway to future employment opportunities, providing students with access to prestigious media and public relations firms.

This report includes 37 profiles of professors, Al-Jazeera lecturers, administrators, students and graduates.

Key Findings

- NU-Q trains students to legitimize antisemitic, anti-Israel and anti-American narratives in Western media.
- Graduates are afforded legitimacy with a degree from a U.S. university and subsequently qualify for professional media positions and entry into top graduate schools.
- NU-Q, in concert with Al Jazeera, operates an extensive professional networking program, providing students with employment opportunities in U.S. and European media.
- A Memorandum of Understanding signed between NU-Q and Al Jazeera formalized cooperation between the two institutions including faculty advice on the launch of Al Jazeera America (AJAM) in order to influence American public opinion.
- The Qatar Foundation, known for its ties to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, funds NU-Q professors through specialized grants.
- Students are regularly exposed to clerics who preach support for terrorism at the NU-Q mosque.



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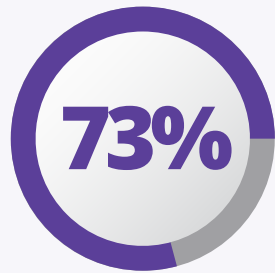


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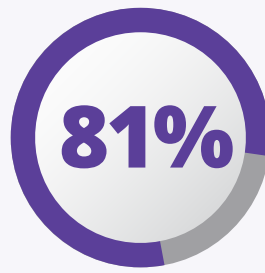


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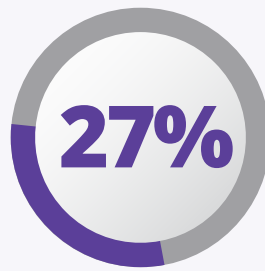
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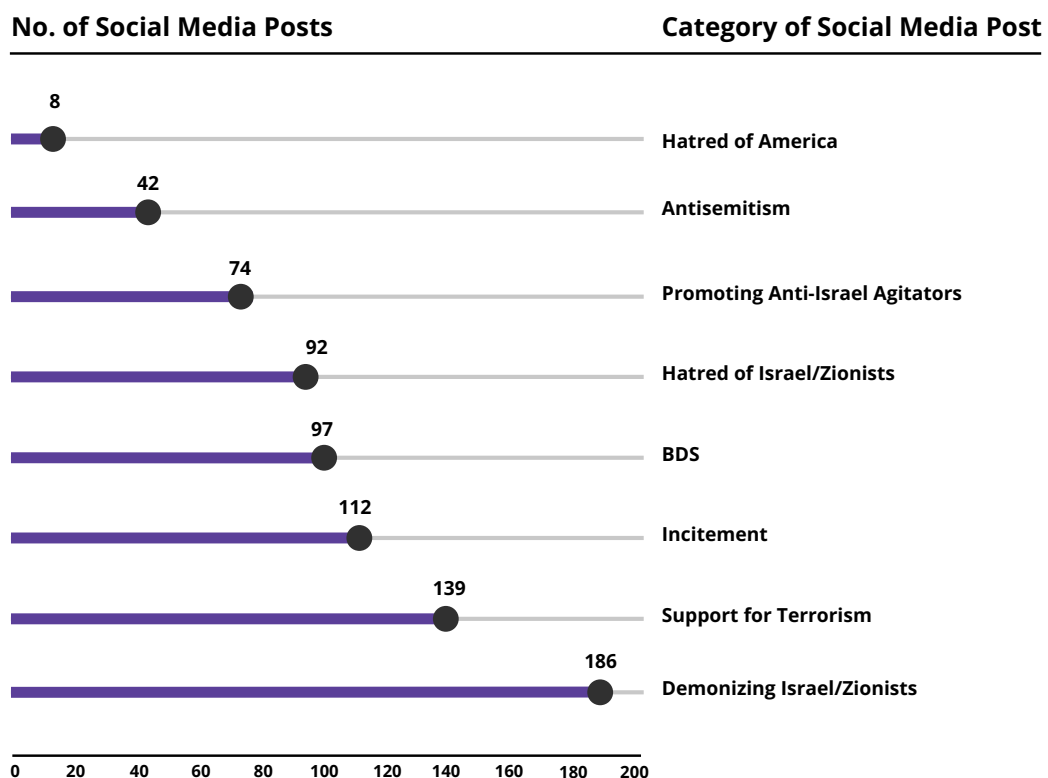
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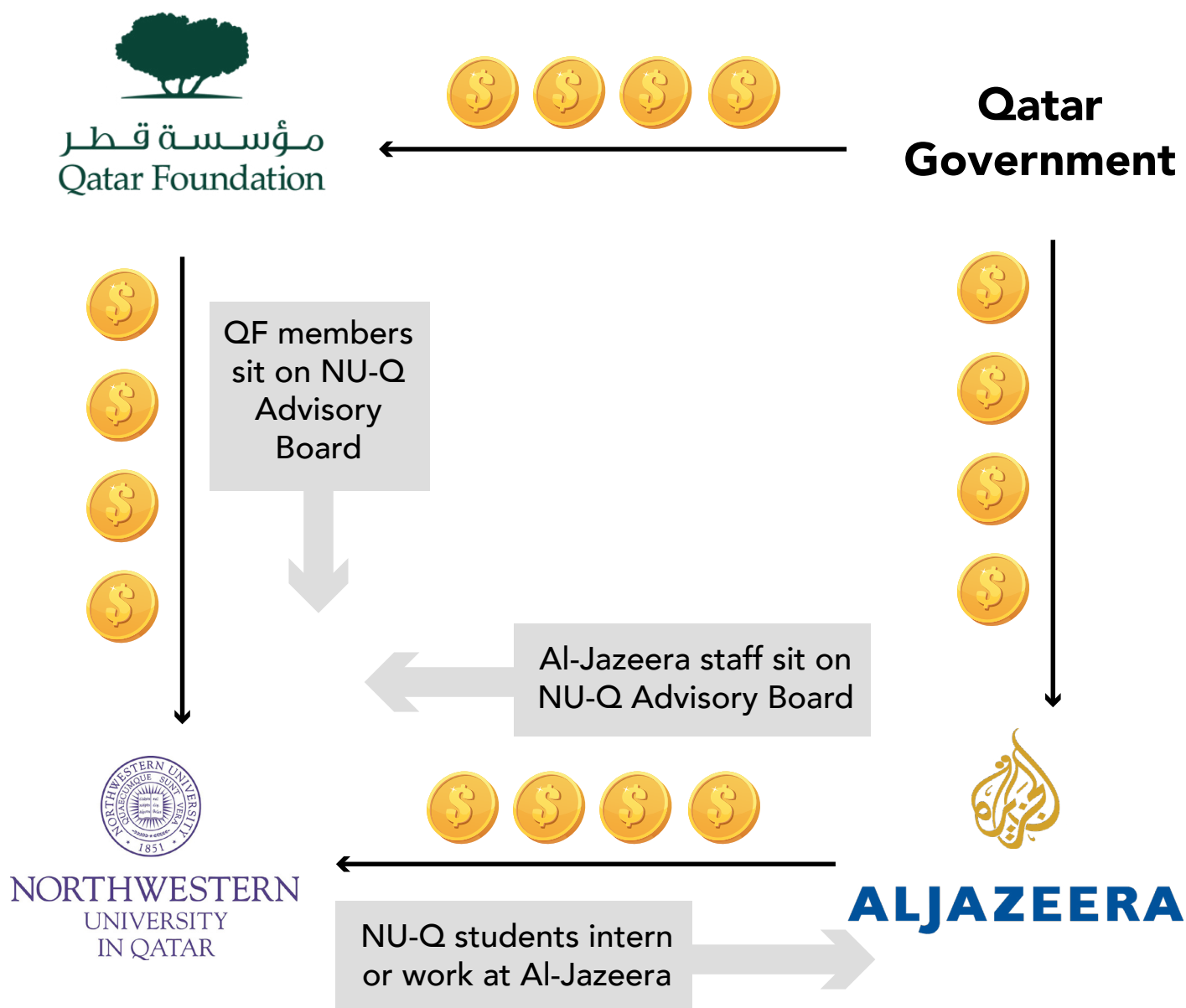
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Antisemitic
Content e.g
Praising Adolf
Hitler



Northwestern's Partnership With the Qatar Foundation and Al Jazeera

Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q) was founded in 2008 after the Qatar Foundation (QF) invited the university to set up a satellite campus in Education City, Qatar.

Northwestern is one of six American universities that opened branches in Education City. The others are Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, Weill Cornell Medical College, Texas A&M University, Carnegie Mellon University and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.



The Qatar Foundation: Paying the Bills

QF is “[paying the bill](#)” for NU-Q’s building, faculty, research and housing. In 2016, NU signed a 10-year extension to this arrangement.

[According](#) to a 2015 report by Stephen F. Eisenman, then president of Northwestern Faculty Senate, Qatari students receive full scholarships from QF to attend NU-Q. Eisenman also reported that “five new endowed professorships at NU were recently funded out of QF money.”

As of November 2019, the Department of Education (DoE) [reported](#) that Qatar has given Northwestern \$323.4 million in contract revenue since January 2013, averaging \$49.6 million per year.

“ **The Qatar Foundation, in the case of Education City, is paying the bill for everything.** ”

Everette E. Dennis

*Dean and CEO of NU-Q, Northwestern University in Qatar
April 5, 2014*



Everette E. Dennis

Who is the Qatar Foundation?

QF is an arm of the Qatari government. It funds the terrorist organization [Hamas](#) via a Qatari initiative called Al Fakhoora. The same year QF founded NU-Q, it established the Al-Qaradawi Center for Islamic Moderation and Renewal. The center is named after Sheikh Yusuf Qaradawi, the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood — a virulent antisemite and supporter of terrorism, including suicide bombings against Israelis.



QF has not moderated or changed its ideology since its founding in 1995. As of February 2020, the dean of QF's College of Islamic Studies (CIS), Emad al-Din Shahin, was [reportedly](#) a member of the Egyptian [Muslim Brotherhood](#). He was considered so significant that Egypt [sentenced](#) him to death in absentia in 2015.

More information on the Qatar Foundation's support for terrorists, see [Appendix 1](#).



Al Jazeera and NU-Q: Training the Next Generation of American Journalists

The focus for students at NU-Q is journalism and communication. Since its founding in 2008, the university has [worked](#) closely with the state-backed [Al Jazeera](#) network.



What is Al Jazeera's Agenda?

Al Jazeera is funded by the Qatari government. Since its founding in 1996, Al Jazeera has grown into a multinational multimedia conglomerate with 10 channels and divisions, including Al Jazeera English and the online news channel [AJ+](#), aimed at American youth and young professionals.

AJ+ is known for publishing antisemitic propaganda, promoting terrorists' social media campaigns and whitewashing terrorists. The channel defends violent protesters, demonizes Israel and [promotes the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement](#).

The network's news operation currently has a total of 70 bureaus around the world, second only to the BBC.

Al Jazeera's reporting, which is [aligned](#) with Qatar's foreign policy, has been [repeatedly](#) accused of promoting the agenda of the Muslim Brotherhood as well as its offshoot, [Hamas](#).

Al Jazeera has also been [accused](#) of hiring and promoting employees according to their Muslim Brotherhood sympathies and affiliations while removing those who criticize the Brotherhood.

Northwestern's Memorandum of Understanding With Al Jazeera

In 2013, NU-Q signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Al Jazeera to “deepen the ties between the two organizations.”

Inroads Into America

- According to NU-Q, the agreement it made with Al Jazeera was to “allow professionals and budding journalists from both sides to benefit from the combined expertise of the two institutions through joint research and strategic studies projects, training workshops, a co-designed lecture series, internships and faculty contributions as well as journalist-exchange programs.”
- In addition, according to the memorandum, “NU-Q agreed to conduct consultations with Al Jazeera leadership based on its faculty research interests and expertise in the American media industry, as the news network moves forward with its planning for Al Jazeera America (AJAM).”

(AJAM was launched in 2013. It closed down in 2016 after becoming [embroiled](#) in lawsuits following accusations of antisemitism, biased coverage, discrimination against women and mistreatment of employees.)
- According to the memorandum, Al Jazeera agreed “to support NU-Q students with scholarships and training opportunities.”
- Since signing the agreement, Al Jazeera has maintained a close partnership with NU-Q, including funding research by NU-Q professors and sending reporters, producers and management to lecture students as part of the Al Jazeera Speaker Series for NU-Q’s journalism and communication courses.
- Between 2013-2019, more than two-thirds of the Al Jazeera staff members that lectured NU-Q students had either expressed support for terrorists, demonized Israel or backed the [Boycott, Divesment, Sanctions \(BDS\)](#) movement.

For more information on Al Jazeera, see [Appendix 2](#).

For more information on Al Jazeera journalists who have lectured NU-Q students and have expressed support for terrorists, broadcasting terrorist propaganda and demonized Jews and Israel, see [Appendix 3](#).

The Joint Advisory Board

Since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, individuals from either the Qatar Foundation, Al Jazeera or the Qatari government have filled more than half of the positions on NU-Q's Joint Advisory Board. Joint Advisory Board members have routinely demonized Jews, legitimized terrorism, justified the "Knife Intifada," spread anti-Israel conspiracy theories and more. Board members include:



Rami Khouri

Rami Khouri has been a [member](#) of NU-Q's Joint Advisory Board since 2012.

Khouri is a journalism [professor](#) at the American University of Beirut and a [senior fellow](#) in the Middle East Initiative at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Khouri has [legitimized](#) terrorism, [justified](#) the "Knife Intifada," [glorified](#) violent protesters and [spread](#) anti-Israel conspiracy theories. He has also [demonized](#) Israel, [as well as](#) supporters of Israel and spread hatred of the Jewish State.

For example, on August 22, 2014, Khouri [published](#) an opinion piece in IPolitics.ca, where he referred to Hamas leadership as "resistance leaders" and wrote against Israel's policy of targeted assassinations of terrorist leaders.

On October 21, 2015, during the "Knife Intifada," which saw young Palestinians throughout Israel [stabbing](#) Jewish civilians, Khouri [published](#) an opinion piece in which he accused Israelis of "criminal and cruel behavior" and justified the "fighting and killing" by Palestinians as a means to achieve "national liberty."

On December 20, 2015, Khouri was [interviewed](#) by BBC Hour in which he characterized the heinous crimes of Palestinian terrorist Samir Kuntar as a "guerilla operation in Israel."

In 1979, Kuntar, a member of the [Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine \(PFLP\)](#) and Hezbollah, [shot to death](#) an Israeli father and killed his four-year-old daughter by smashing her skull against rocks with the butt of his rifle. [More ...](#)



Yaser Bishr

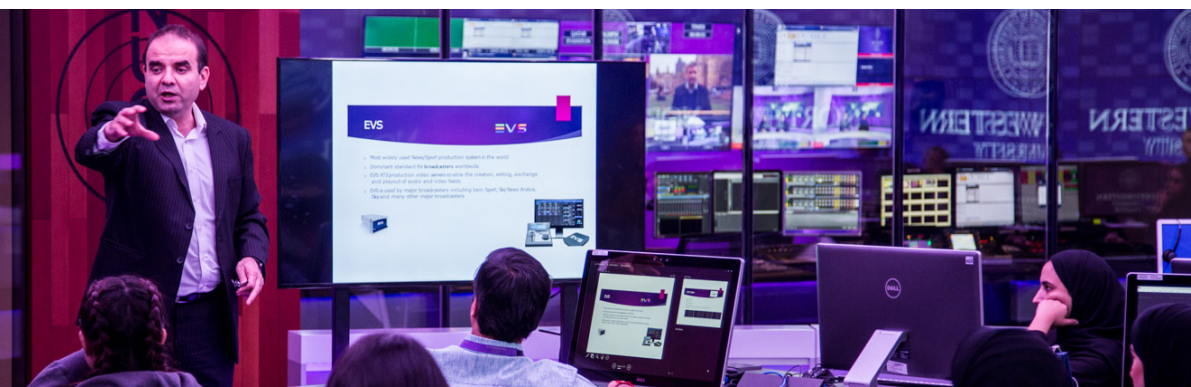
Yaser Bishr has been a [member](#) of the Joint Advisory Board at NU-Q since 2017. He has also been the [global executive director of digital media](#) at Al Jazeera in Doha since 2016. Bishr has [spread](#) incitement and [demonized](#) Israel.

On [May 9, 2021](#) he commented on the clashes at the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, [tweeting](#): “Ethnic [sic] cleansing. No other way to explain this.”

On May 7-10, 2021, violent clashes [broke out](#) between Palestinian worshippers and Israeli police at the Al-Aqsa compound on the Temple Mount, following [claims](#) the Al-Aqsa mosque was in danger. In the days leading up to the clashes, Palestinians [stockpiled](#) stone slabs, rocks and fireworks in the mosque in preparation for an attack on Israeli police.

On [August 3, 2014](#), during Israel’s Operation Protective Edge, in which Israel undertook to stop rocket fire against Israeli civilians, Bishr [tweeted](#): “What do Ebola and Israel have in common? they both kill indiscriminately [sic].”

That same year, Bishr [led](#) the launch of [AJ+](#), the Qatari-funded social media channel known for spreading antisemitism, support for terrorism and misinformation. AJ+ targets American youth and young professionals using its so-called “social justice lens.” [More ...](#)



What Is Being Taught And Why?

Curriculum

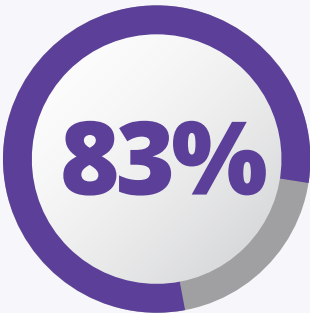
NU-Q [offers](#) bachelors' degrees in journalism and communication. Students can also minor in Middle East Studies, Media & Politics and Africana Studies.

Middle East Studies Minor: In 2017, NU-Q [launched](#) a Middle East Studies minor within their Liberal Arts program. Students pursuing a Middle East Studies minor are [required](#) to attend a speaker series each academic year which is hosted by the Middle East Studies Committee.

Between 2017-2019, four of the seven members of the committee [included](#) professors [Khaled Hroub](#), [Sami Hermez](#), [Justin Martin](#) and [Ibrahim Abusharif](#), all of whom have either supported anti-Israeli terrorist groups, the BDS movement or who have expressed anti-American sentiments.

One course featured in the Middle East Studies Minor [included](#) Sami Hermez's 2019 "Advanced Topics: Violence/Power/Resistance." The course description stated that students would discuss the questions: "When does a freedom fighter become terrorist? What forms of resistance might give hope for social change? And should resistance be violent or non-violent?"

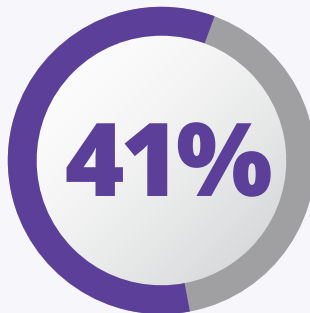
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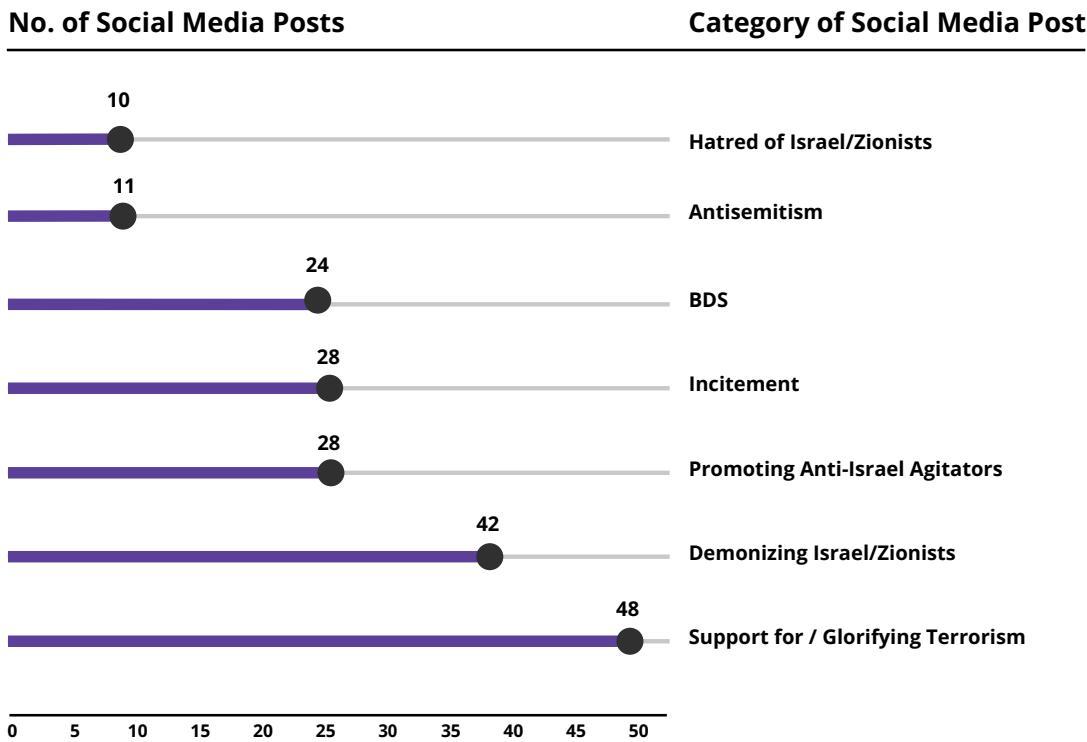
Demonized Israel and Zionists



Posted Support For Terrorism



Al Jazeera Speakers expressed Hatred of Israel and/or Zionists



From 2013-2019, NU-Q hosted 17 Al Jazeera reporters, producers and/or managers as part of the Al Jazeera Speaker Series. Twelve of the speakers have either expressed support for terrorists, demonized Israel or backed the BDS movement. Speakers included:



Dima Khatib

Dima Khatib is the [managing director](#) of AJ+, a digital news service in English, Arabic and Spanish launched by Al Jazeera in San Francisco and aimed at youth and young professionals.

Khatib has [spread](#) antisemitic conspiracy theories, [defended](#) the terror groups Hamas and Hezbollah, [glorified](#) terrorists and [demonized](#) Israel. Khatib also [supports](#) the BDS movement.

Khatib [tweeted](#) that she considers Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah “one of my heroes,” calling him “the only ‘man’ in the Arab World.”

Khatib engages in antisemitic conspiracy theories on social media, [tweeting](#), for example, a link to a screenshot of a [deleted](#) article that accused the Jewish Defense League of firebombing French magazine Charlie Hebdo in order to frame Muslims.

She has also [made](#) a number of claims about the so-called “Jewish lobby” and [denied](#) that Hamas kidnapped and killed three Israeli teenagers in 2014. She has also [claimed](#) “there is no JEWISH PEOPLE.” [More ...](#)



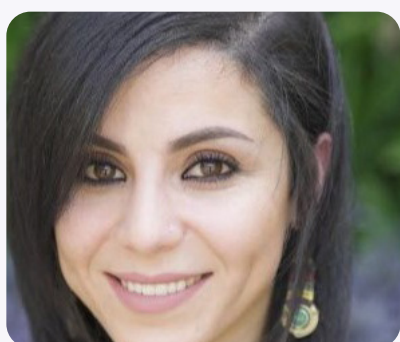
Moeed Ahmad

Moeed Ahmad is [head](#) of AJ+ English in Washington, D.C. He regularly [spreads](#) incitement and [demonizes](#) Israel. He has [promoted](#) anti-Israel agitators and [supports](#) the BDS movement.

In May 2021, Ahmad [retweeted](#) an AJ+ tweet with a video that falsely claimed that Israel was attacking the Al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Ahmad also [retweeted](#) a post calling Israel an “apartheid state” and [retweeted](#) an AJ+ video accusing Israel of building a fence on the Gaza border “to create the world’s largest open air prison.”

Ahmad [shared](#) an article on Facebook promoting the antisemitic Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. He also [retweeted](#) an AJ+ tweet in support of anti-Israel agitator Marc Lamont Hill after Hill was fired from CNN for [calling](#) for a “free Palestine from the river to the sea,” which is a euphemism for the total destruction of Israel and its Jewish citizens. [More ...](#)



Elia Gorbiah

Elia Gorbiah has been a producer for AJ+ in the Palestinian Authority since August 2019 and a producer for [Contrast VR](#), Al Jazeera’s “immersive media arm” that [specializes](#) in the production of 360° video, augmented reality and virtual reality content.

Gorbiah’s antisemitic and anti-Israel activities have ranged from [equating](#) Israel with Nazi Germany, [expressing](#) support for terrorists and [spreading](#) incitement. She has also [demonized](#) Israel, defended violent protesters, [endorsed](#) anti-Israel agitators and is a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement.

During Israel’s 2014 Operation Protective Edge aimed at [stopping](#) Hamas rocket fire from Gaza [targeting](#) Israeli civilians, Gorbiah [tweeted](#) a meme of then Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with text that read: “WE TAKE YOUR LAND, BOMB YOUR FAMILIES, STOP ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES, DETAIN YOU WITHOUT A TRIAL...HOW DARE YOU RETALIATE WITH 1 ROCKET.”

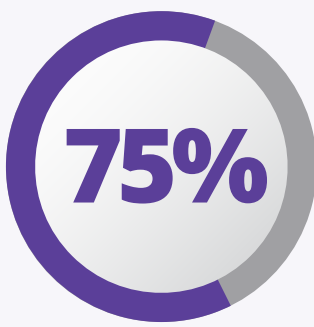
On Instagram in 2016, Gorbiah [described](#) Yassar Arafat, head of the PLO terrorist organization, as a “martyr.” Arafat’s goal was the complete and violent destruction of Israel. [More ...](#)

For more on antisemitic Al Jazeera speakers, see [Appendix 4](#).

NU-Q Professors and Admin



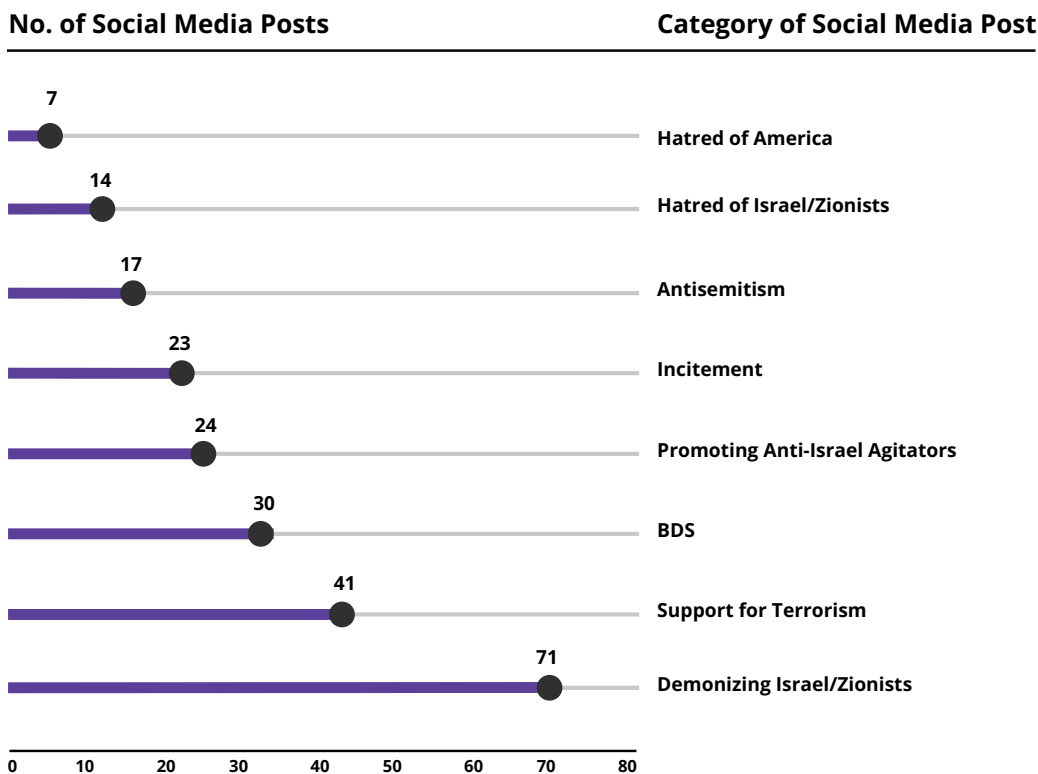
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Showed Hatred for the USA



Professors at NU-Q regularly spread incitement against Jews and Israel and express support for terrorism

These attitudes are so pervasive that on May 14, 2021, for example, then NU-Q professor Justin Martin [tweeted](#), “27 professors from Northwestern University in Qatar issue statement condemning Israel’s system of apartheid and ongoing forced displacement of Palestinians. The signatories, of which I’m one, represent a two-thirds majority of @NUQatar’s full-time faculty.”

The tweet, which included a list of the signatories, said that NU-Q faculty recognizes Israel as perpetrating “crimes against humanity.”

Some of the most antisemitic professors teaching at NU-Q include:



Khaled Hroub

[Khaled Hroub](#) has been a professor of International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies at NU-Q since August 2012. He has [characterized](#) Hamas, a terror group that targets Israeli civilians, as being “good for the Palestinians.”

Hroub has [referred](#) to the group’s suicide bombings against Israeli civilians in cafes and buses as “military operations,” refusing, even when during court testimony, to label them “terrorism.” [More ...](#)



Sami Hermez

[Sami Hermez](#) teaches [anthropology](#) at NU-Q. Hermez has [compared](#) Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of one of the world’s most powerful Islamist terror groups, Hezbollah, to pacifist Mahatma Gandhi.

Nasrallah regularly calls for the genocide of Jews and has [said](#), “If they (Jews) all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.”

Hermez, who is also the academic [program director](#) of NU-Q’s Liberal Arts Program, [advocates](#) for “conscientious people around the world ... to implement comprehensive boycotts against Israel’s apartheid system.”

During the 2018-2019 academic year, Hermez [taught](#) a course titled “Anthropology of Palestine” in which he [assigned](#) readings by eight anti-Israel professors: Diana Allan, Avram Bornstein, Rochelle Davis, Amahl Bishara, Mourid Barghouti, Toufic Haddad, Ilana Feldman and Hala Alyan. All eight are activists or supporters of the BDS movement. [More ...](#)



Ibrahim Abusharif

Ibrahim Abusharif is an [associate professor](#) of journalism at NU-Q. Abusharif was a [founder](#), editor and treasurer of the Quranic Literacy Institute (QLI), an Illinois-based, non-profit organization that ostensibly [worked](#) to translate the Quran and other Islamic texts from Arabic to English via “the “Quran Project.”

During the time Abusharif served as QLI’s treasurer (from 1990-1998), QLI was [revealed](#) to be a “money-laundering clearinghouse” for Hamas, which [resulted](#) in the U.S. government seizing more than \$1 million of QLI’s assets in 1999.

In 2004, QLI was found [guilty](#) of funding Hamas terrorist activities and ordered to pay \$156 million compensation to the family of American teenager David Boim, who was gunned down in 1996 by Hamas terrorists as he stood with friends at a bus stop near Jerusalem. The judgment against QLI was [reaffirmed](#) in 2008 by a U.S. court of appeals.

One of the courses taught by Abusharif at NU-Q was specifically designed to teach students how to skew news coverage. The course was [titled](#) “News Gathering and Assessment,” and its description read, “You will gather and verify information to produce new pieces of reporting as well as adding facts and context to existing reporting as part of ethical aggregation and curation.” [More ...](#)

Spreading the Bias:

Student Internships in Western Media

Third-year NU-Q journalism students [intern](#) for 10 weeks at media or public relations firms off-campus.

In 2012, NU-Q [reported](#) the school was able to offer its students residencies at prestigious media organizations “because of the high-level contacts that NU-Q faculty and staff have in the international media.”

In 2016, NU-Q [stated](#), “Thirty-four percent of alumni from the first four classes have attended graduate schools that range from Oxford, Cambridge and Northwestern to Harvard, Cornell and the London School of Economics, among others.”

In 2019, NU-Q journalism and communication students [reportedly](#) interned for 10 weeks at international communication firms and news outlets in Washington, D.C., New York, London, Berlin, Stockholm and Doha.

News outlets where NU-Q students have interned [include](#): BBC News, TIME Magazine, Forbes, The Washington Post, National Geographic TV and Magazine, The Guardian, NPR, The Boston Globe, USA Today, Vox, Financial Times, Vogue, Sports Illustrated, The Huffington Post, VICE media, ESPN, Vogue, Cosmopolitan magazines, Marie Claire, American Bar Association Journal, WGN-TV, Content That Works, Catalyst magazine, Condé Nast Traveler, Fast Company magazine, Women’s eNews, EuroNews and Her.ie.

Internships at communication firms and institutions have [included](#) Amnesty International, Brookings, Blue Legacy Films, The Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting, Teneo Rubicon Blue, Olgivy & Mather, Grayling, Weber Shandwick, Brown Lloyd James, AOL.com, Grayling, Bloomsbury, The Red Consultancy, Fleishman-Hillard and ExxonMobil.

Education City Mosque and its Antisemitic Preachers

In April 2015, the Qatar Foundation [opened](#) the Education City (EC) Mosque, located in the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies adjacent to Northwestern University's building. QF [said](#) the new building reflected a "strong commitment to ... plurality."

Since the opening of the mosque, QF's newspaper has [encouraged](#) readers to "join the QF community for prayer" at the EC Mosque and to "avail the services of the Education City buses to and from the mosque."

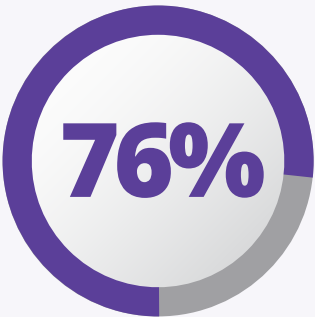
QF's Housing and Residence Life office also [emailed](#) students to inform them that the mosque's Friday sermons would be translated into English "to ensure that everyone is benefiting."

Since its founding, QF has [hosted](#) at least 18 preachers who have spread antisemitism, expressed support for terrorism, mocked the Charlie Hebdo murders and spread antisemitic conspiracy theories. Preachers at the EC mosque

- Salman al-Audah, who [claimed](#) that Jews use "human blood" for Passover [matzah](#).
- Mohammed al-Arefe, who proclaimed that "one's devotion to jihad for the sake of Allah and one's will to shed blood, smash skulls, and chop off body parts ... constitute an honor."
- Tareq al-Hawas, who used the EC pulpit to incite violence, express support for terrorists and call for the destruction of Zionists. About the Jews, Al-Hawas stated, "If only Hitler had finished them off, thus relieving humanity of them."
- Mudassir Ahmed, who preached "Kill the infidels ... Count them in number and do not spare one."
- Khalid Al-Bakr, a Hamas supporter, who called on Allah to "render victorious our brothers the mujahideen ... in every place" and to "guide their shooting."

For more information on Education City mosque preachers, see [Appendix 5](#).

NU-Q Students: Spreading Hatred of Jews and Israel



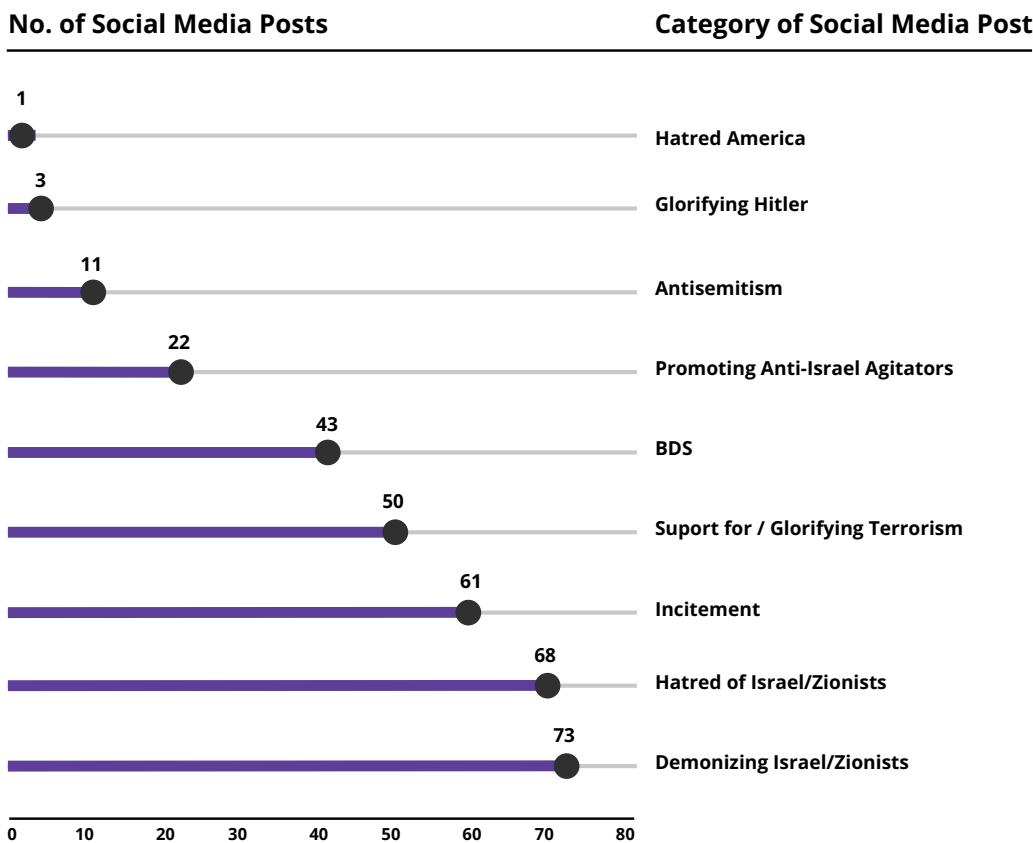
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Support BDS Movement



NU-Q students are active on social media spreading hatred of Jews and Israel



Jihad Al-Hallaq

Jihad Hallaq is studying for a bachelor's degree in communication at NU-Q and slated to graduate in 2023.

The Daily Q, NU-Q's student newspaper, has listed her as a staff journalist since September 2020. Hallaq is also affiliated with the Palestine Student Club at the university.

Hallaq has posted on social media glorifying Palestinian terrorists and violent rioters. Her tweets have also expressed support for Ghassan Kanafani and Leila Khaled, leading members of the the terrorist organization PFLP, as well as a recently released PFLP terrorist Majd Barbar.

She has expressed delight in seeing Israeli citizens forced to flee their homes in the Israeli city of Lod because of violent Arab rioters during the May 2021 Israel-Hamas conflict. When the Palestinian-Dutch fashion model, Bella Hadid, expressed a desire for non-violence on both sides, Hallaq showed her disdain. [More ...](#)





Alaa Lami

Alaa Lami is [studying](#) journalism at NU-Q and is slated to graduate in 2024. Lami has [spread](#) antisemitism and [promoted](#) incitement [and](#) violence online. Lami has also [spread](#) hatred of Israel [and](#) Zionists.

Lami has [called](#) for the violent takeover of Jerusalem, [engaged](#) in antisemitic conspiracy theories and [demonized](#) those she suspects of being Zionists. She is also a supporter of the BDS movement. [More ...](#)



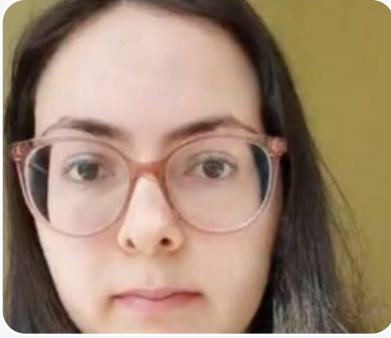
Lujain Assaf

Lujain Assaf is [studying](#) at NU-Q for a bachelor's degree in communication and is slated to graduate in 2022. She was the vice president of NU-Q's [Palestine Student Club](#) from 2020-2021 and the club's social media manager from August 2018 to April 2020.

She has been a part-time [writer](#) for a online teen magazine, [ARMONÍA](#), since February 2021, worked for [The Young Writers Initiative at Juven Press](#) since January 2021 and a fiction editor for teen magazine Wisteria.

Assaf has [called](#) for the destruction of Israel, [glorified](#) violence and [whitewashed](#) terrorism. She has also [spread](#) incitement, [hatred](#) of Israel and Zionists and is a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement. [More ...](#)





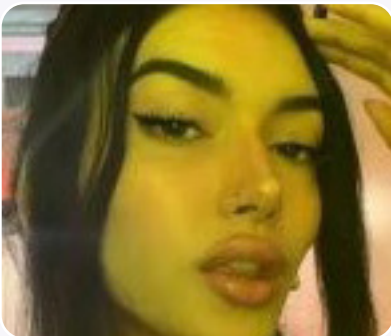
Kayan Khraisheh

Kayan Khraisheh is studying Media Industries and Technology and pursuing a certificate in Strategic Communication. She has been president of NU-Q's Palestine Student Club (PSC) since August 2020.

Khaisheh has spread hatred of Israel, promoted violent protesters and is a supporter of the BDS movement.

Khraisheh retweeted a September 1, 2020 NU-Q PSC Twitter thread that included a tweet that said: "If you're looking for books by Palestinian writers, PSC Recommends..." and attached an image of the book "Men in the Sun" by Ghassan Kanafani.

Kanafani was a leading member and spokesperson for the PFLP during the terrorist organization's early years. Kanafani announced the PFLP's responsibility for the Lod Airport Massacre of May 1972 and was linked to the airport attackers, who killed 26 people and wounded 80 others. [More ...](#)

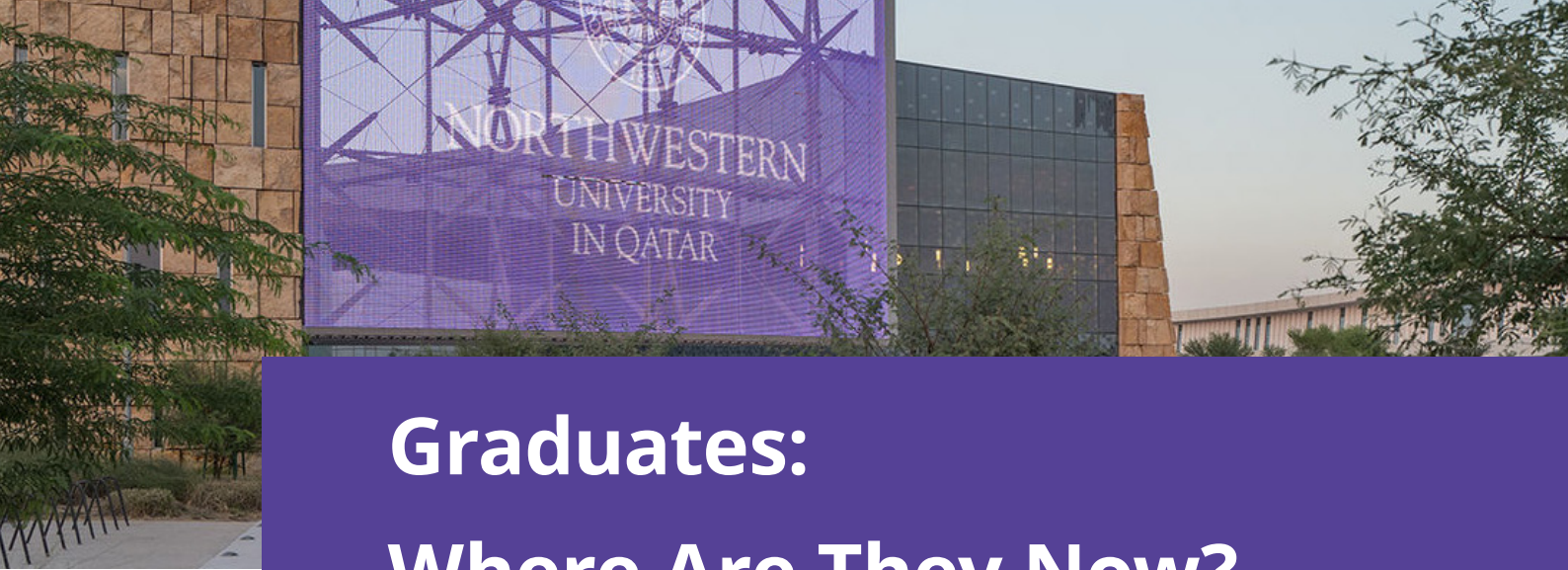


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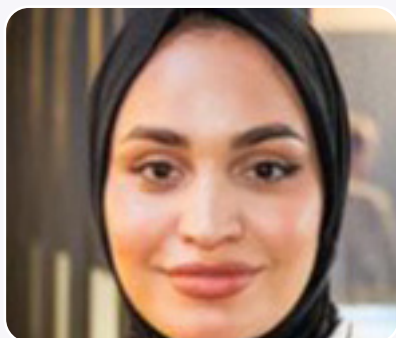
Mayyasah Gaddas studied communication at NU-Q. As of October 2021, she was still a student.

Gaddas has promoted terrorism, demonized Zionism and spread hatred of Israel. [More ...](#)





Graduates: Where Are They Now?



Hazar Al-Kilani

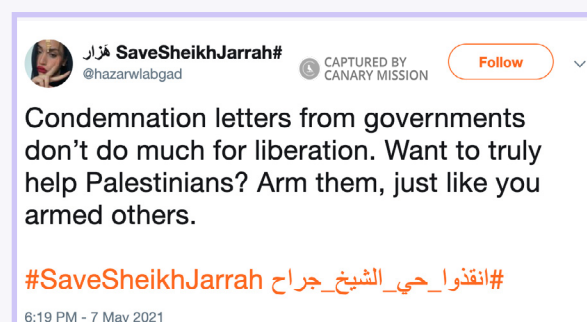
Hazar Al-Kilani received a [bachelor's](#) degree in journalism from NU-Q in 2020.

She has [spread](#) incitement, [celebrated](#) terrorism and [promoted](#) a terrorist. She has also [spread](#) lies and [expressed](#) a violent hatred of Zionists and Israel, [defended](#) violent protestors and is a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement.

While at NU-Q, Al-Kilani was a news [intern](#) at [The Guardian US](#), an editorial intern at [QBS Radio](#) in Qatar, a digital media intern at the Qatar Foundation, a Palestine Representative at the 2019 [UN ECOSOC Youth Forum](#) and a [journalist](#) at The Daily Q, NU-Q's student newspaper.

Al-Kilani was also [active](#) with [Within Our Lifetime \(WOL\)](#) and [Students for Justice in Palestine \(SJP\)](#) at NYU. In 2021, she [was](#) an activist at NU-Q's [Palestine Student Club](#).

As of January 2022, Al-Kilani was a [reporter](#) for [Doha News](#). [More ...](#)





Ayman Al-Rasheed

Ayman Al-Rasheed graduated from NU-Q in May 2021. He has whitewashed terrorists, spread incitement and glorified violent protesters. He also demonized Israel and is a supporter of the BDS movement.

While at NU-Q, Al-Rasheed was a research assistant at Brookings, a journalism contributor at the International Press Institute in Vienna, a translator for Al Jazeera and was affiliated with the Palestine Student Club.

Al-Rasheed was also a multimedia editor and reporter at NU-Q's student newspaper, The Daily Q.

At the time of graduation, he was a blogger at Al Jazeera.

Since graduation, Al-Rasheed has tweeted for Israel's destruction and expressed support for violent protesters chanting for Hamas to drop bombs on Tel Aviv. He has also expressed admiration for PFLP terrorist Leila Khaled. [More...](#)



Ruba Shaath

Ruba Shaath graduated from NU-Q in 2016 and received a master's degree from the University of Manchester in 2017.

Shaath has promoted antisemitic conspiracy theorist and terrorist supporter Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi as well as other anti-Israel agitators. She has also spread hatred of Israel and is a supporter of the BDS movement. While at NU-Q, she interned at HuffPost Live in New York City in 2015.

As of December 2021, Shaath was an assistant producer with Al Jazeera as well as an assistant producer at Al Jazeera English. She was also a producer at Al Jazeera Earthrise.

Since graduation, Shaath has [tweeted](#) in [support](#) of anti-Israel activists Ahed Tamimi and Rachel Corrie. Tamimi, who has a long [history](#) of physically attacking Israeli soldiers, was [detained](#) in 2017 after she was filmed [punching](#) and kicking Israeli soldiers. Corrie, an activist with the [International Solidarity Movement](#), was accidentally killed while interfering with an Israeli military operation in 2003.

She has also [tweeted](#) against former U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. [More ...](#)

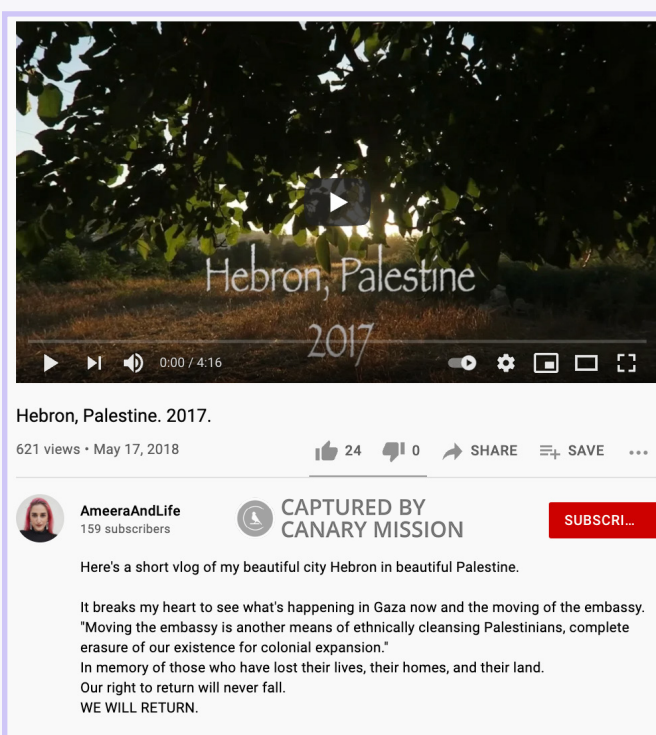


Ameera AlSaid

Ameera AlSaid graduated from NU-Q in [2020](#) with a bachelor's degree in communication.

She has [spread](#) incitement, [demonized](#) Israel and [expressed](#) hatred of Israel [as well as](#) Zionists. She is also a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement.

Since October 2021, AlSaid has been a production [coordinator](#) at The Film House. She was [previously](#) a "content lead" and presenter for [360 Nautica](#), a venture and growth capital platform as well as an [author](#) for Doha News. [More ...](#)





Jassim Kunji

Jassim Kunji graduated from NU-Q in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Kunji has defended terrorism and demonized Israel. As of December 2021, he was a producer at Al Jazeera. [More ...](#)



Shereena Qazi

Shereena Qazi graduated from NU-Q in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and literature.

As of December 2021, Qazi was a senior producer at TRT World, a Turkey-based news site. She was also listed as an online journalist for AJ English. Qazi also worked as a producer for Al Jazeera from 2015-2021.

She has defended terrorism, spread incitement, whitewashed violent protesters and demonized Israel. [More ...](#)





Salwa Sadek

Salwa Sadek was a [journalism student](#) at NU-Q and [graduated](#) in 2020. While at NU-Q, she was [affiliated](#) with the Palestine Student Club. Sadek was an [intern](#) for Al Jazeera, Vox and an event volunteer at TEDx Northwestern when she was at NU-Q.

As of December 2021, Sadek [worked](#) as a community marketing coordinator and social media specialist at the Qatar Foundation. She is also [currently](#) at AJEarthrise.

Sadek has [spread](#) incitement, [glorified](#) a terrorist and [defended](#) terrorism. She also [mocked](#) Israeli civilians under rocket fire, [spread](#) an anti-Israel conspiracy theory and [promoted](#) hatred of Israel.

Sadek has [defended](#) anti-Israel activists and is a [supporter](#) of the [BDS](#) movement. [More ...](#)



Usama Alony Hamed

Usama Alony Hamed graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism in [2017](#). He was a documentary production [teaching assistant](#) at the university and [served](#) as the president of NU-Q's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

As of December 2021, Hamed [worked](#) as a Middle East news editor as well as a producer at Al Jazeera in Doha.

Hamed has [spread](#) incitement, [glorified](#) violent protests and [expressed](#) hatred of Israel. Hamed has also [promoted](#) an anti-Israel agitator while [working](#) at Al Jazeera. [More ...](#)



Asmahan Qarjouli

Asmahan Qarjouli graduated from NU-Q in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Post graduation, she worked as an intern at Al Jazeera in Doha as well as at AJ+ in Washington, D.C.

As of December 2021, Qarjouli worked as a journalist at Doha News in Qatar beginning in September 2020.

Qarjouli has supported for terrorists, spread incitement, demonized Israel and promoted the BDS movement. More ...



Aly Zein Mohammed

Aly Zein Mohammed studied communication at NU-Q from 2018-19.

As of December 2021, Mohammed was the CEO, founder and filmmaker at his company, Pretend Media.

He previously interned and freelanced for Al Jazeera.

Mohammed is a supporter of the BDS movement and has demonized Israel on social media. More ...



Malek Almanaa

Malek Almanaa graduated from NU-Q with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 2020.

As of December 2021, she was studying for a master's

degree in Digital Humanities and Societies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar and slated to graduate in 2022.

Almanaa is the founder and former president of the Palestine Student Club at NU-Q. She was also a media fellow at Amnesty International USA and a summer intern at Al Jazeera.

Almanaa has defended terrorists, demonized Israel and is a supporter of the BDS movement. [More ...](#)



Nawal Aqeel

Nawal Aqeel graduated from NU-Q in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. At a senior's recognition ceremony, she received the NU-Q "Liberal Arts Award."

The year before graduation, Aqeel was a contributor to AJ English and interned at the advertising company Ogilvy UK.

Aqeel has glorified Hitler and demonized Israel on social media. [More ...](#)



Conclusion

The State of Qatar seeks to influence the American public by creating a new generation of journalists who are sympathetic to Qatar's antisemitic, anti-Israel and anti-American views.

Through an enormous outlay of funds channeled via the Qatar Foundation and Al Jazeera, NU-Q is able to employ professors and guest lecturers who provide their students with a heavily biased education skewed toward the agenda of the Qatari government.

Whether students begin with anti-Western views or not, too many emerge with an anti-Israel and anti-American mindset. When they subsequently find positions in mainstream media, they come equipped with both the motivation and ability to influence public opinion.



Appendices

Appendix 1: The Qatar Foundation

The Qatar Foundation (QF), an arm of the Qatari government that also funds Hamas, is “[paying the bill](#)” for Northwestern University Qatar (NU-Q). Representatives from QF feature prominently on NU-Q’s advisory board.

Who Runs the Qatar Foundation?

QF was founded in 1995 by then emir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and his wife Moza bint Nasser, the current chairperson. Their daughter, Hind bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, is currently the vice-chairperson and CEO.

QF is funded by the Qatari government.

Funding Hamas

QF funds the terrorist group Hamas through its Fakhoora initiative, a pro-Palestine initiative based in Education City, Qatar. In 2010, the Qatar Foundation hired the U.S. firm Fenton Communications to develop “a communications action plan” using Fakhoora to delegitimize Israel and generate international support for the Hamas-run Gaza Strip.

Fakhoora’s director Farook Burney [reportedly](#) told students at the Faculty of Islamic Studies at QF that “Fakhoora has launched an advocacy campaign to file legal charges against Israel and change the public perception in the West about its actions.”

In 2015, Fakhoora [transferred](#) \$40 million to the Hamas-run Gaza strip via the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Since then, Qatar has [continued](#) to funnel money to Hamas through Fakhoora.

Qatar Foundation's Ties to Antisemitic, Anti-Israel and Anti-American Terror Leaders



Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi

Yusuf al-Qaradawi is known as the [spiritual leader](#) of the Muslim Brotherhood. Qaradawi, originally from Egypt, has resided in Qatar since 1961, when he faced arrest in Egypt for his affiliation with the Brotherhood.

Qaradawi's writings, speeches and religious rulings have [called](#) for the murder of U.S. civilians and troops in Iraq, Jews and members of the [LGBTQ community](#). He has additionally [expressed](#) support for domestic violence against women.

Qaradawi has been [barred](#) from entering the U.S. since 1999 and the U.K since 2008. In 2004, during the Second Intifada, the BBC [quoted](#) Qaradawi advocating for suicide bombings against Israelis as "an evidence of God's justice."

Qaradawi [served](#) as president of the Doha-based European Council for Fatwa and Research (ECFR) from its founding in 1997 until 2018. In August 2005, The Wall Street Journal [reported](#) that the ECFR used the antisemitic Protocols of the Elders of Zion as a basis for some of its legal/theological deliberations.

In April 2007, during a press conference at the Qatar Foundation's headquarters, Qaradawi [announced](#) the launch of the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS) in Education City. The faculty's structure was to be created by an advisory committee chaired by Qaradawi.

In 2008, the Qatar Foundation [established](#) the Al-Qaradawi Centre for Research in Moderate Thought within the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies in Education City with Qaradawi as the center's "main theorist."

On January 9, 2009, Al Jazeera [broadcasted](#) a sermon by Qaradawi in which he [called](#) on Allah to "take this oppressive, Jewish, Zionist band of people ... and kill them, down to the very last one."

As of December 2019, Qaradawi was also [listed](#) as part of "Our Team" on the Qatar Foundation's [Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics \(CILE\)](#) website.

In a statement that [aired](#) on Al Jazeera on January 30, 2009, Qaradawi said, "Throughout history, Allah has imposed upon the Jews people who would punish them for their corruption ... The last punishment was carried out by Hitler ... This was divine punishment for them ... Allah willing, the next time will be at the hand of the believers." Qaradawi also [declared](#) on Al Jazeera that before he died, he hoped to go to Israel, "the land of jihad," to "shoot Allah's enemies, the Jews."



Dr. Tariq Ramadan

[Tariq Ramadan](#) is the grandson of Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al-Banna. He is also the son of senior Brotherhood operative Said Ramadan and an [alleged](#) terror supporter. He has been [charged](#) with raping five women.

In January 2012, the Qatar Foundation [opened](#) CILE “under the guidance of Director Dr. Tariq Ramadan” within the Qatar [College of Islamic Studies at Hamad bin Khalifa University](#). In 2015, Ramadan was [listed](#) as the CILE director, and, as of February 2016, Ramadan remained active under the CILE auspices.



Mohamed El-Moctar El-Shinqiti

[Mohamed El-Moctar El-Shinqiti](#) is a professor of political ethics at QF’s flagship Hamad bin Khalifa University and was a 2013 featured [lecturer](#) at the Qatar College of Islamic Studies. He has expressed hatred for Jews and repeatedly [called](#) for pressure to be applied on Jews worldwide.

For example, on May 16, 2015, Shinqiti [tweeted](#), “From a strategic point of view, the key to liberate Palestine is two things: making Israel a burden on world Jewry, and making world Jewry a burden on their societies. #Nakba (catastrophe) of Palestine]”

Another [tweet](#) on June 7, 2017 [stated](#), “Jews celebrating the 50th anniversary of occupying #Jerusalem, and Arabs blockading #Qatar and attacking #Hamas! O Allah whoever made the enemies glare upon us humiliate him in this life and the afterlife”



Emad al-Din Shahin

The [dean](#) of the QF’s College of Islamic Studies (CIS) is Emad al-Din Shahin, who is [reportedly](#) a member of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood considered so significant that Egypt sentenced him to death (in absentia) in 2015.

Appendix 2: Al Jazeera

[Al Jazeera Media Network](#) is a multinational, multimedia conglomerate and the parent company of the Qatari state-funded [Al Jazeera](#). The network, whose ideology is aligned with the antisemitic, anti-Israel and anti-American Muslim Brotherhood, provides lectures and employment opportunities to NU-Q students.

Al Jazeera representatives also are featured prominently on NU-Q's advisory board.

Al Jazeera: Agent of the Qatari Government

On November 1, 1996, Al Jazeera Arabic was [launched](#) with a \$150 million grant from the emir of Qatar as a news and current affairs satellite TV channel. Since then, Al Jazeera has expanded into a large network with several outlets and specialty channels. This includes Al Jazeera English and AJ+, an online news channel aimed at youth and young professionals.

The network's news operation has a total of 70 [bureaus](#) around the world, second only to the BBC.

Al Jazeera is [entirely](#) state-owned and chaired by Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer Al Thani, a member of the ruling family of Qatar, who funds the channel through grants and loans.

In 2009, the American State Department [noted](#) that the government of Qatar exercises "editorial and programmatic control of the [Al-Jazeera] channel through funding and selection of the station's management."

[According](#) to [Akhtam Suliman](#), Al Jazeera's former Berlin correspondent, Al Jazeera's "reporting is precisely aligned with Qatari foreign policy,"

Al Jazeera has repeatedly been [accused](#) of slanting news reports to promote the agenda of the Muslim Brotherhood, as well as its offshoot, Hamas. The network has also been accused of hiring and promoting employees [according](#) to their Muslim Brotherhood sympathies and affiliations, while removing those who criticize the Brotherhood.

In 2008, Al Jazeera held and [broadcast](#) a birthday party for Palestinian terrorist Samir Kuntar days after he was released from an Israeli prison. Kuntar was arrested in 1979 after leading a group of Palestine Liberation Front terrorists into Israel from Lebanon.

Kuntar and his group first killed a policeman then kidnapped a 31-year-old Israeli father along with his four-year-old daughter. Kuntar shot the father at close range

and smashed the head of the daughter on beach rocks before crushing her skull with the butt of his rifle.

From 1996-2013, Al Jazeera [aired](#) a weekly show in Arabic called “Sharia and Life” which was hosted by Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, a terror supporter and the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood. The show had an [estimated](#) audience of 60 million worldwide.

In a statement that [aired](#) on Al Jazeera on January 30, 2009, Qaradawi said, “Throughout history, Allah has imposed upon the Jews people who would punish them for their corruption ... The last punishment was carried out by Hitler ... This was divine punishment for them ... Allah willing, the next time will be at the hand of the believers.”

In 2002, the emir of Qatar gave a [promotion to](#) Wadah Khanfar from Al Jazeera’s Iraq bureau chief to managing director. Khanfar, a Palestinian reporter has [close ties](#) to the Brotherhood and is an active member of Hamas.

Three years later, Khanfar was promoted to the position of director general of Al Jazeera, which he held until 2011. [According](#) to Al Jazeera Arabic’s former Washington bureau chief Hafez al-Mirazi, Khanfar used his position to [dismiss](#) secular-minded, liberal and nationalistic journalists and hire “hard-line Islamists.”

Appendix 3: NU-Q's Antisemitic Professors



Sami Hermez

[Sami Hermez](#), anthropology [professor](#) and academic director of NU-Q's Liberal Arts Program, has [spread](#) incitement, [promoted](#) and [whitewashed](#) terrorists and [demonized](#) Israel. [More...](#)



Khaled Hroub

[Khaled Hroub](#), International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies [professor](#) at NU-Q has [spread](#) incitement and [glorified](#) terrorism, [whitewashed](#) the terror group [Hamass](#). He has additionally [called](#) for a massive boycott of American goods by Muslims worldwide, promoted violent rioters and [objected](#) to any normalization with Israel. [More..](#)



Ibrahim Abusharif

[Ibrahim Abusharif](#), associate professor in residence of journalism at NU-Q, has [supported](#) terror financiers and [spread](#) hatred of Israel. [More ..](#)



Ali Mustafa

Ali Mustafa, adjunct professor at NU-Q from 2015-2019, has whitewashed the Hamas terror organization, promoted incitement, glorified violent protestors, demonized and spread hatred of Israel, and promoted an anti-Israel agitator and the BDS movement. [More ...](#)



Omar Chatriwala

Omar Chatriwala, adjunct lecturer at NU-Q from January 2011 to February 2012, is currently an executive producer at AJ+ in the Washington D.C. area.

Chatriwala has spread incitement, whitewashed terrorists, demonized and spread hatred of Israel. He has also promoted an anti-Israel agitator and is a supporter of the BDS movement. [More...](#)





Justin David Martin

Justin David Martin, associate professor of journalism and strategic communication at NU-Q from 2012-2021, has been condemned for trivializing the 9/11 terror attacks. He has also spread hatred of America and Israel, demonized Israel, promoted anti-Israel agitators and is a supporter of the BDS movement. [More ...](#)



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27 professors from Northwestern University in Qatar issue statement condemning Israel's system of apartheid and ongoing forced displacement of Palestinians. The signatories, of which I'm one, represent a two-thirds majority of @NUQatar's full-time faculty

NUQ Students

Members of Northwestern University in Qatar have watched the ongoing displacement of Palestinians in Occupied Jerusalem, Gaza, and other Palestinian cities with support for the Palestinian people who are fighting against their inalienable rights and dignity.

[Watch](#) published an analysis of Israel's regime against the international definition of apartheid. [B'Tselem](#), the most prominent human rights organization, issued a similar report earlier this year, calling out the Israeli state's

Members of Northwestern University in Qatar, in view of recent reports from Palestinian human rights organizations and advocates, recognize that the ongoing displacement of Palestinians is both a crime against humanity in international law. Furthermore, we commit to not engaging in any activities that support or legitimize racism in all its forms, whether anti-Blackness, anti-Asian racism, or other forms of racism.

Please [click here](#).

Members of Northwestern University in Qatar
George Anghelcev
Dana Atrach
Eddy Borges-Rey
Sami Hermez
Kathleen Hewett-Smith
James Hodapp
Rana Kazkaz
Joe F. Khalil
Iman Khamis
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Appendix 4: Antisemitic Al Jazeera Speakers at NU-Q



Dima Khatib

Dima Khatib, is the managing [director](#) of AJ+, a digital news service in English, Arabic and Spanish launched by Al Jazeera in San Francisco aimed at youth and young professionals.

AJ+ is known for [publishing](#) antisemitic propaganda, promoting terrorists' social media campaign and [whitewashing](#) terrorists. The channel has [defended](#) violent protesters, demonized Israel and promoted the BDS movement.

Khatib has personally [spread](#) antisemitic conspiracy theories and [defended](#) the terror groups [Hamas](#) and [Hezbollah](#). She has [glorified](#) terrorists, [demonized](#) Israel and is a [supporter](#) of the [BDS](#) movement.

Khatib [tweeted](#) that she considers Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah "one of my heroes," calling him "the only 'man' in the Arab World."

Khatib disseminates antisemitic conspiracy theories. On November 8, 2011, she [tweeted](#) a link to a ([now deleted](#)) Facebook post accusing the Jewish Defense League of firebombing in 2011 the Paris offices of French magazine Charlie Hebdo in order to frame Muslims.

She has also [made](#) a number of claims about the so-called "Jewish lobby" and [denied](#) that Hamas kidnapped and killed three Israeli teenagers in 2014. She has also [stated](#), "there is no JEWISH PEOPLE." [More ...](#)



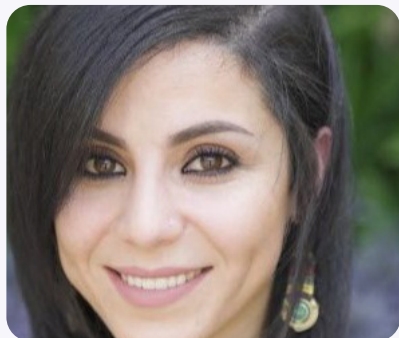
Moeed Ahmad

Moeed Ahmad, head of AJ+ English in Washington, D.C., regularly [spreads](#) incitement and [demonizes](#) Israel. He has [promoted](#) anti-Israel agitators and is a [supporter](#) of the [BDS](#) movement.

In May 2021, Ahmad [retweeted](#) an AJ+ tweet with a video that falsely claimed that Israel was attacking the Al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

On January 31, 2019, he [retweeted](#) a post calling Israel an apartheid state and retweeted an AJ+ video accusing Israel of building a fence on the Gaza border in order "to create the world's largest open air prison."

On March 7, 2019, Ahmad [shared](#) on Facebook an article promoting the antisemitic Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. He also [retweeted](#) an AJ+ tweet in support of Marc Lamont Hill after Hill was fired from CNN for [calling](#) for a “free Palestine from the river to the sea,” a euphemism for the total destruction of Israel and its Jewish citizens. [More ...](#)



Elia Ghorbiah

[Elia Ghorbiah](#) is a producer for “AJ+ in Palestinian Authority” in Doha and [Contrast VR](#), Al Jazeera’s “immersive media arm” that [specializes](#) in the production of 360° video, augmented reality and virtual reality content.

In 2016 on Instagram, Ghorbiah [described](#) Yassar Arafat, head of the PLO terrorist organization until his death from AIDS in 20014, as a “martyr.” [More ...](#)



Mostefa Souag

[Mostefa Souag](#) is the acting [director-general](#) of Al Jazeera and an advisor to [Sheikh Hamad bin Thamer Al-Thani](#), chairman of the board of Al Jazeera. Souag has [defended](#) the broadcast of terrorist propaganda and [spread](#) hatred of Israel.

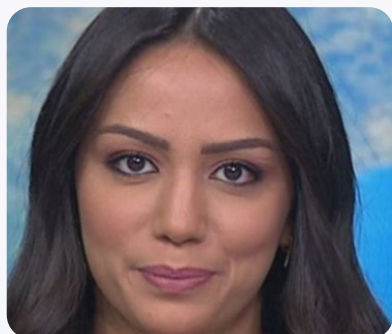
In February 2014, when Souag [spoke](#) at NU-Q, Everette E. Dennis, dean & CEO of NU-Q, [introduced](#) Souag as a “good friend to our school ... in fact, such a good friend that he has hired some of our students...”

On [June 5, 2021](#), in an Al Jazeera article, Souag [referred](#) to the Israeli Defense Forces as the “Israeli occupation forces.”

Souag has repeatedly [denied](#) the U.S. government’s [assertion](#) that Al Jazeera is an [agent](#) of the Qatari government. In a statement on Sept. 14, 2020, it was [reported](#) that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) stated, “Despite assertions of editorial independence and freedom of expression, Al Jazeera Media Network and its affiliates are controlled and funded by the Government of Qatar.”

The DOJ then ordered Al Jazeera to register as a foreign agent under [The Foreign Agents Registration Act \(FARA\)](#). In a [January 27, 2020](#) op-ed for the [Washington Examiner](#), Souag [wrote](#): “Al Jazeera Media Network is a private foundation for public benefit under Qatari law; Qatar does not own it, and its reporting is not

directed or controlled by the Qatari government, nor does it reflect any government viewpoint." [More ...](#)



Rawaa Augé

Rawaa Augé a news [presenter](#) at Al Jazeera since September 2014, has [spread](#) incitement and [demonized](#) Israel. She has also [spread](#) hatred of Israel and [promoted](#) an anti-Israel agitator.

During the May 2021 Israel-Hamas conflict, in which Hamas [fired](#) more than 4,300 missiles at Israel's civilian population, Augé [posted](#) to Instagram a video of a little boy running in the Old City market of Jerusalem.

She commented that Israel was carrying out a *nakba* (catastrophe) and claimed that "in the mother of all battles, the battle of #Jerusalem, the Palestinians stand defenseless, clinging to the right to land whereas the occupation soldiers attack them with gas and weapons..."

On July 31, 2018, Augé [published](#) a blog on AJ Arabic promoting [Ahed Tamimi](#), days after Tamimi's [release](#) from an Israeli prison. Tamimi, who has a long [history](#) of physically attacking Israeli soldiers, was [detained](#) after she was filmed [punching](#) and kicking Israeli soldiers. [More ...](#)



Sana Hamouche

Sana Hamouche, senior presenter and [producer](#) at AJ English, has [promoted](#) incitement, demonized Israel and glorified an anti-Israel agitator.

On [July 21, 2017](#), Hamouche responded to Israel's installation of metal detectors at the entrances to the Temple Mount (where the Al-Aqsa mosque is located) by [tweeting](#) (in Arabic), "Baseness beyond imagination! #be_angry_for_alaqsa #Friday_of_alaqsa #occupied_Jerusalem #palestine #Aljazeera #Qatar."

The metal detectors were installed after two Israeli policemen were [murdered](#) by terrorists just outside the entrance to the Temple Mount. The terrorists fled inside the mount after the attack.

Four days later, following rioting, Israel [removed](#) the metal detectors after which Hamouche [retweeted](#) a post that [read](#), "The joy over the victory of #AlAqsa reveals

that the Arab's situation is so stained with blood that a victory is needed against the first and real enemy #Israel. #Jerusalem_is_winning."

On [July 23, 2014](#), Hamouche [retweeted](#) a tweet [stating](#), "Dr Mads Gilbert did more than 57 Muslim nations put together ... stood shoulder to shoulder with the oppressed ..."

In 2001, following [September 11](#), Gilbert, a Norwegian physician, [expressed](#) his support for Al Qaeda's attack on America, saying terror is a "legitimate response."

Gilbert [worked](#) at a Gaza hospital in 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2014 that [served](#) as a Hamas command center and rocket launching site. During that time he [acted](#) as a propagandist for the Hamas government.

Gilbert was [banned](#) indefinitely from entering Gaza through Israel because of his connections to [Hamas'](#) leadership.

In December of 2009, Gilbert was [accused](#) of faking a resuscitation on a child in Gaza for dramatic effect for a CNN video. [More ...](#)



Juan Carlos van Meek

[Juan Carlos van Meek](#), head of output at AJ English, in 2015 directed reporters to whitewash [terrorism](#).

On January 27, 2015, following an ISIS terror attack in Libya that [killed](#) eight people, van Meek [reportedly](#) sent an email to AJ English reporters asking them to avoid using words like "terrorist," "militant," "Islamists," "extremist" or "jihad" when reporting on terrorist events.

On January 27, 2015, the National Review [published](#) an internal Al Jazeera email in which van Meek wrote, "We manage our words carefully around here." Van Meek reportedly [told](#) Al Jazeera employees to use the terms "fighters" and "militants" instead of "terrorists," because "One person's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter."

Al Jazeera was [criticized](#) for its new policy, which was interpreted by some "as a sign that the Qatari-sponsored Al Jazeera sympathizes with Muslims who commit acts of violence," in the words of media commentator Tom Starnes. [More ...](#)



Giles Trendle

Giles Trendle, managing [director](#) of AJ English, has [whitewashed](#) terrorists and [demonized](#) Israel as well as promoted an anti-Israel agitator and anti-Israel activism.

On [May 11, 2011](#), Trendle [shared](#) to Facebook a link to an AJ English video and article [titled](#) "I knew bin Laden: An insight into Osama bin Laden's life through the eyes of people who knew him and met him." The video [interviewed](#) Bin Laden supporters, who painted Bin Laden as a kind and loving leader.

On [September 1, 2002](#), Trendle [authored](#) an opinion piece on the anti-Israel news site [Electronic Intifada](#) promoting internet-based anti-Israel activism, including support for the [BDS](#) movement. [More ...](#)



Jassim Al Rumaihi

Jassim Al Rumaihi is a senior [producer](#) at Al Jazeera as well as a producer and reporter at the network between 2012-2017. Al Rumaihi is also a [graduate](#) of NU-Q.

Al Rumaihi has spread incitement against as well as [hatred](#) of Israel, promoted an anti-Israel agitator and is a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement.

After terrorists [murdered](#) two Israeli police officers on July 14, 2017 just [outside](#) the entrance to the Al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Al Rumaihi [retweeted](#) a post that [read](#), "After three young men were martyred, the occupation prohibits the establishment of prayer #jum'a Friday [at] Al-Aqsa Mosque for the first time since 1969]."

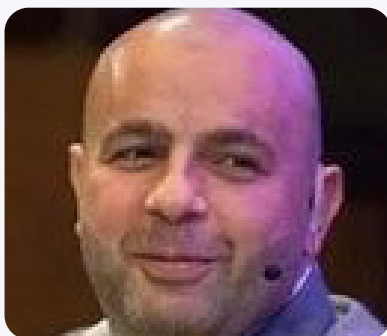
On [December 19, 2017](#), Al Rumaihi also [retweeted](#) a tweet that [read](#): "Ahed ALTamimi... (17 Years Old) was kidnapped from her house last night at 4 AM by the Israeli Occupation Forces, and her family was brutally attacked."

Ahed Tamimi, who has a long [history](#) of physically attacking Israeli soldiers, was [detained](#) after she was filmed [punching](#) and kicking Israeli soldiers.

She is the daughter of Bassem Tamimi, who is [known](#) for exploiting young children as political props in staged confrontations with Israeli soldiers. In 2011, he was [jailed](#) for organizing violent rallies and inciting minors to commit violent crimes such as [rock-throwing](#).

On [July 13, 2014](#), Al Rumaihi [posted](#) on Facebook: “#BoycottIsrael” and included a video [calling](#) on viewers to join the BDS movement.

On [May 6, 2014](#), Al Rumaihi [tweeted](#) a photo of [Neturei Karta](#) protestors holding a sign that read: “Boycott Israel The Satanic State.” [More ...](#)



Awad Joumaa

[Awad Joumaa](#), executive [producer](#) of news at AJ English in Doha, documentary filmmaker at Al Jazeera and a media training consultant at Aljazeera Media Institute has [spread](#) incitement and [whitewashed](#) terrorism [and](#)

violent protests. He has [demonized](#) Israel, [endorsed](#) anti-Israel agitators and is a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement.

During the May 2021 conflict between Israel and Hamas, in which Hamas fired more than 4,300 missiles at Israeli population centers, Joumaa [retweeted](#) a [May 8, 2021](#) tweet that [included](#) a video of Palestinians outside of the Al-Aqsa mosque, [chanting](#),: “Oh dear Hamas bomb bomb Tel Aviv, Oh dear Qassam bomb bomb Tel-Aviv.”

On May 20, 2021, Joumaa posted a video to Facebook of an [interview](#) with Australian journalist [John Pilger](#) on RT, in which Pilger [criticized](#) the media’s “attempt to make Hamas the central issue of the reporting ... as if Hamas is a peculiar demon.” Pilger [continued](#), “Hamas and its military wing are part of a resistance ... the real demon in this is Israel.”

On [May 2, 2019](#), Joumaa [shared](#) an AJ+ video on Facebook which promoted the antisemitic U.S. Congresswoman [Ilhan Omar](#). In February 2019, top Congressional leaders [denounced](#) Omar for tweeting anti-Semitic remarks. Omar has also [demonized](#) Israel and [endorsed](#) BDS, including [introducing](#) a pro-BDS resolution in the U.S. Congress.

On January 6, 2018, Joumaa [promoted](#) Palestinian agitator Ahed Tamimi on Facebook and [included](#) an opinion piece by her father, Bassem Tamimi, who

described Ahdut as “a freedom fighter who, in the coming years, will lead the resistance to Israeli rule.”

Joumaa [reportedly](#) co-organized a December 5, 2004 conference at London University’s School of Oriental and African Studies [titled](#) “Resisting Israeli Apartheid: Strategies and Principles.” The conference program [indicated](#) that sessions would promote the BDS movement and featured BDS movement co-founder [Omar Barghouti](#) and anti-Israel activist [Ilan Pappé](#).

Joumaa’s father, a “known figure” in the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in Lebanon, helped set up a PLO office in 1969. The PLO’s 1968 Charter stated that its goal was the “liberation of Palestine” through “armed struggle.” [More ...](#)



Mohammed Haddad

[Mohammed Haddad](#), senior interactive [producer](#) at Al Jazeera in Qatar since February 2013, has [demonized](#) and [spread](#) hatred of Israel on Twitter. He is a [supporter](#) of the BDS movement.

On [May 18, 2021](#), Haddad [produced](#) a series of infographics and 13 maps of Gaza for AJ English called “Mapping Israeli Occupation.”

Haddad also [described](#) Israel’s security barrier as “one of the most powerful symbols of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land.”

Israel’s security barrier, [97%](#) of which is a low chain-link barrier, was built as a [deterrent](#) to Palestinian [terror attacks](#). The concrete portions of the fence were built [in response](#) to Palestinian [sniper attacks](#).

On [May 15, 2015](#), Haddad [produced](#) an AJ English interactive story titled: “Ethnic cleansing of Palestine.”

On [August 16, 2015](#), Haddad [tweeted](#): “What is life like in the largest open air prison?” Haddad’s tweet included a link to an interactive story [titled](#) “Gaza: A life under Occupation,” which he [co-produced](#).

On June 6, 2021, Haddad [co-wrote](#) an Al Jazeera infographic that promoted the BDS movement and pro-Palestinian activists calling for an international arms embargo on Israel.

On [August 16, 2013](#), Haddad [tweeted](#): “Just like during Apartheid South Africa, why boycotting Israeli goods benefits the Palestinian people. #BDS.” [More ...](#)



Zahra Rasool

Zahra Rasool, has been the “head and editorial lead” since January 2017 in New York City at [AJ Contrast](#), Al Jazeera’s “immersive storytelling and media innovation studio.” She is also on the innovation team at AJ English.

Rasool has [defended](#) violent protestors and [demonized](#) Israel.

On May 14, 2018, Rasool [posted](#) on Facebook, “Come on The New York Times, this is your chance to accurately report the truth and actually get people to read your articles. ‘Israeli forces kill 51 unarmed Palestinians’ is definitely more click-worthy and truthful than ‘Violence on Israel’s Gaza border.’ And Washington Post, ‘setting off clashes from outraged Palestinians,’ seriously?!”

Rasool [continued](#): “Clashes do not occur between a group of unarmed protestors and snipers shooting from a distance. When passport and skin tones are the right color, killing 51 people including children (and injuring over 2000 protestors) is usually called terrorism or mass killing.”

The articles were referring to the May 2018 [violent](#) riots [instigated](#) by [Hamas](#) on the Israeli-Gaza border. During the riots, thousands of agitators [attempted](#) numerous [breaches](#) of Israel’s border fence, with participants [declaring](#) their intention to harm Jews across the border.

On May 16, 2018, a [Hamas](#) senior official, Salah al-Bardawil, [stated](#) that 50 out of 62 protestors killed two days earlier during the Gaza border protest were Hamas operatives.

On July 18, 2014, Rasool [tweeted](#): “Must Read: @OmarBaddar discussing collective punishment, human shields, and the need for media to cover Gaza fairly.” Rasool’s tweet also [included](#) a link to an article that [claimed](#) Israel “implicitly encourages” the use of Palestinians as human shields. [More ...](#)

Appendix 5: Antisemitic, Terror-Supporting Preachers at the Education City Mosque

Since its founding, QF has [hosted](#) the following antisemitic preachers, terror-supporting preachers including:

Mohammed al-Arefe, who has [proclaimed](#) that “one’s devotion to jihad for the sake of Allah and one’s will to shed blood, smash skulls, and chop off body parts ... constitute an honor.”

Tareq al-Hawas, who used the Education City pulpit to incite violence, [express](#) support for terrorists and [call](#) for the destruction of Zionists. About the Jews, Al-Hawas has [stated](#), “If only Hitler had finished them off, thus relieving humanity of them.”

Mudassir Ahmed, who preached three times at EC’s mosque, the last time [saying](#), “Kill the infidels ... Count them in number and do not spare one.”

Khalid Al-Bakr, who is a [Hamas supporter](#) and preached at the EC mosque twice, the last time [calling](#) on Allah to “render victorious our brothers the mujahideen ... in every place” and to “guide their shooting.”

Saleh al-Moghamsy, an influential Saudi cleric and [reportedly](#) the first preacher at EC’S mosque, who [tweeted](#) on August 5, 2014, “Allah doesn’t gather Jews in the land of Palestine except to annihilate them (and if the promise of the end of times arrives we bring you in scores)...”

Omar Abdulkafi, an Egyptian cleric, who [said](#) in a video that the Charlie Hebdo murders in Paris were “the sequel to the comedy film of 9/11. The first part took place in New York, and the sequel is taking place in Paris.” Muslims, he said, “played no part.”

Aidh ibn Abdullah Al-Qarni, who [said](#) during the [2015 Knife Intifada](#) in Israel, “The well-off have knives to slit open the bellies of fruits, but the Palestinians have found for them another meaning and a second glory.”

Salman al-Audah, a Saudi preacher, who [said](#), “The role of the Jews is to wreak destruction, to wage war and to practice deception and extortion.”

Abdulaziz al-Fawzan, who [accused](#) the West of being behind the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, saying, “These criminals want to take control over the world.”

Mohammed Rateb al-Nabulsi, who has “previously [labeled](#) all Jews as combatants.” Al-Nabulsi has also [advocated](#) for executing gay men.

Thabet Bin Saad al-Qahtani, who [tweeted](#), “If the West says: ‘We aren’t enemies of Islam’ either they’re lying, or we aren’t doing the right Islam” and “the Jews and Christians won’t be satisfied with you until you follow their sect.”

Mowafi Azab, who [declared](#) that “the Jews,” as “the enemies of all of humanity,” use pornographic movies to “destroy the world and control it.”

Ahmed Abdul Qader Al Farjabi, who spoke at least 15 times at the Education City mosque, [issued](#) a ruling calling the Jewish people “our enemy.” Al-Farjabialso [suggested](#) that America is one of “the areas of corruption, obscenity and [one of] the countries of unbelief.”

Mohammed al-Hassan al-Dadow, a Mauritanian preacher, who [published](#) a treatise on his website where he claimed, “Jews are the enemies of angels, prophets, and humanity in general.”

Shaqar Jomaa al-Shahwani (also known as Shaqer al-Hajri), who spoke at least 14 times at the Education City mosque, [tweeted](#), “This is how the Jews are cursed in the Quran, and the messenger of Allah fought them after they asked of a Muslim woman to show her face, she refused, so they undressed her private parts. They are behind every immorality and vice, may Allah shame them.”

(Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain [sanctioned](#) al-Shahwani in 2017 for fundraising to support the Al-Nusra Front, the al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria.)

Abdullah al-Na’ama, who preached at least eight times at the Education City mosque, [labeled](#) Israel a “devil.”

Ahmed Al Farjabi, who [said](#), “Every Muslim can help out Al-Aqsa, even by means of prayer or by only revealing our cause to people and to the world because Jews are a nation who got professional in falsification of history. We ought to expose them and to explain to people that their presence in Jerusalem is superficial and a waning presence.”