



Itamar Marcus

HIDING PAY-FOR-SLAY

CONTENTS

01

Overview

The Palestinian Authority's Pay-for-Slay deception

03

Part 1

2021: PA creates hidden Pay-for-Slay for 7,500 released prisoners

10

Part 2

2025: \$315 million a year for 23,500 released prisoners and Martyrs' families

13

Part 3

2026: PA expands Pay-for-Slay – hides 6,000 more terrorists as "pensioners"

16

Part 4

Western funding for salaries and pensions

17

Afterword

Abbas: "Prisoners and Martyrs... are more precious than all of us."

Overview

On Feb. 10, 2025, under intense pressure from Western countries, Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas announced the cancelation of the PA Commission of Prisoners' terror rewards program known as Pay-for-Slay, saying that the payments to terrorist prisoners and so-called Martyrs' families would be moved to the Palestinian National Economic Empowerment Institution (PNEEI) and be based on social welfare criteria.

While many Western leaders have praised the PA for promising to stop paying terrorists in prison, the PA has another huge terror rewards program for released terrorist prisoners with more than 10,000 hidden Pay-for-Slay recipients receiving more than \$230 million a year. And the PA has no intention of disclosing it or stopping it. The PA enlarged this already existing program in 2021, when it took nearly 7,500 released prisoners who were receiving payments and moved them from the PA Commission of Prisoners into other frameworks. In addition, there are more than 13,500 families of Martyrs and injured living outside the PA areas who are receiving over \$86 million a year. (See part 2)

The PA Prisoners and Released Prisoners Law requires the PA to reward terrorists who were imprisoned for more than five years with lifetime salaries. After Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) exposed in 2020 that there were at least 7,500 released prisoners to whom the PA was paying monthly terror reward salaries, the PA was condemned by the donor countries. As the PA explained: "Europe, the US, and Israel" did not accept that the PA paid released terrorists merely because "they killed."

The PA acted quickly. In early 2021, Mahmoud Abbas issued a Presidential Order to "integrate" all the thousands of released terrorists receiving Pay-for-Slay salaries into government and PA Security Forces (PASF) jobs, and he changed PA pension laws to enable thousands of ineligible terrorists to receive PA pensions. The PA set up a special committee to work continuously, "even on vacation days," to hide these recipients. By the end of 2021, all 7,500 recipients of terror salaries were erased from the Commission of Prisoners lists and, although unqualified, were granted jobs and pensions to receive their hidden Pay-for-Slay without Western scrutiny.

These recipients are so well hidden that some Western donor countries, to avoid funding Pay-for-Slay, have been designating their support specifically to pay civil servants or PASF salaries and pensions—the very places that the PA has hidden its terrorists.

With this terror reward program below the West's radar, the PA is not planning to stop these terror payouts to released terrorist prisoners. PMW estimates that with these two programs, at least 23,500 terrorists received hidden Pay-for-Slay payments in 2025, amounting to \$315 in hidden Pay-for-Slay.

Part 3 of the report includes transcribed conversations between recipients of Pay-for-Slay in the first months of 2026, confirming that the PA is expanding its Pay-for-Slay by at least 6,000 recipients. The PA is intentionally lying to the US, the EU, France, and other Western countries, while working continuously to find ways to secretly reward Palestinian terrorists.

Part 1: 2021 – PA Creates Hidden Pay-for-Slay for 7,500 Released Prisoners

International condemnation of terror rewards to released prisoners

In 2020, PMW exposed that 7,000-8,000 released terrorist prisoners were not employed but were receiving Pay-for-Slay salaries. The US, Europe, and Israel condemned the PA for paying released terrorists solely “because they killed,” and the PA immediately recognized the need for a hidden Pay-for-Slay program:

Director of Commission of Prisoners’ and Released Prisoners’ Affairs Qadri Abu Bakr: *“A prisoner is released from prison and receives a released prisoner’s salary, without working and without doing anything. ... We have 7,000-8,000 released prisoners who are receiving a salary like this. This is also being exploited against us in Europe, the US, and Israel – that they receive a salary because they killed and did this and that...”*

TV host: *“They will be absorbed in positions?”*

Abu Bakr: *“In security positions – the Security Forces, or in the governmental ministries, the institutions of the PA, and its authorities.”*

[Facebook page of the PLO Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs, Sept. 7, 2020]

Abbas issues Presidential Order to expand eligibility

In February 2021, Mahmoud Abbas issued a Presidential Order to find PA jobs in security and civil service positions in order to hide all released terrorists who had been imprisoned for 5 years or more and were receiving PA salaries. PA law, which was mostly not being implemented in any case, required the PA to find jobs for prisoners who served more than 10 years. But because they had to hide all Pay-for-Slay recipients, Abbas lowered it to 5 years:

Official PA TV newsreader: *“According to the Presidential Order... the Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs has begun the initial steps to integrate the released prisoners into governmental positions, both security positions and civilian positions...”*

Abu Bakr: *“Every prisoner will fill out a form with the needed information and ask for what he wants, whether in the security or civilian framework.”*

Official PA TV reporter: *“The number of those benefiting from this operation*

*will reach more than 7,000 released prisoners, **from among those who receive permanent salaries and were in the occupation's prisons for five years or more, including the elderly and disabled. They will be employed based on their academic training and the time the prisoner spent in the occupation's prisons.***

[Official PA TV News, Feb. 21, 2021]

Because of the urgency, the PA Committee was “working even on vacation days”

A month after Abbas' Presidential Order, the PA created a committee of 60-64 people “working even on vacation days” to hide the released terrorists as quickly as possible in order to lower the visible Pay-for-Slay budget:

“Regarding dividing the [released] prisoners (i.e., terrorists) among the PA's civil and military institutions ... there is a joint committee comprised of an expert team from the Commission of Prisoners' Affairs, National Security [Forces]... which is working on this issue. Abu Bakr noted that the committee includes more than 60 employees.”

[Sada News, Palestinian news agency, March 6, 2021]

*“A team of 64 employees in the commission and in other institutions **is working even on vacation days to arrange this matter**, which is sacred from our perspective.”*

[alquds.com, website of the paper Al-Quds, March 11, 2021]

Pay-for-Slay pensions to released terrorist prisoners

The PA quickly realized, however, that finding jobs to hide so many terrorists in the Security Forces and the civil service was nearly impossible. It would be much easier to pay them PA pensions. However, released prisoners did not work for the PA and did not qualify for a PA pension. PA law is unambiguous that PA government pensions go only to PA and PLO employees:

1. PA “civil employees and Palestinian security officers, who earn their salaries from the General Budget, Employees of the PLO...” and a few other categories.

Mahmoud Abbas then decided to expand the PA government pension by decree. Abbas first decided that released terrorist prisoners would be eligible to receive PA

government pensions, even though they never worked a day for the PA. The PA would treat their time in prison as civil service employment with full seniority rights to hide Pay-for-Slay as pensions:

*“Approximately 1,500 released prisoners suffering from health problems will not be asked to come to work in the forces (to continue receiving pay - ed.), **while those aged 60 or older will be put on pension.**”*

[alquds.com, March 11, 2021]

However, this still left many thousands of released terrorists under age 60 without jobs and pensions, so two months later, Abbas lowered the age of pensions for released terrorists to age 50:

“President [Abbas] signed on approximately 3,500 released prisoners over the age of 50 on pension, in addition to released prisoners with a medical disability.”

*[Raya, independent Palestinian news network, May 2, 2021,
<https://palwatch.org/page/31224>]*

Abu Bakr announced that the program was underway and progressing:

“Abu Bakr said that 300 released prisoners have been integrated in the Security Forces.”

[Raya, independent Palestinian news network, May 2, 2021]

64% of prisoners receiving Pay-for-Slay are released prisoners

Abu Bakr again stressed the magnitude of the payments to released terrorist prisoners, explaining the need for the scam: **64% of PA Pay-for-Slay salaries were being paid, not to imprisoned terrorists, but to 7,500 released terrorists whose payments could not be claimed to be a social need:**

Director of Commission of Prisoners' and Released Prisoners' Affairs Qadri Abu Bakr: “The number of released prisoners is approximately 7,500, and the number of prisoners in the prisons is 4,200. They are receiving between 48-50 million shekels (about \$15 million) each month (approx. \$180 million a year -ed.), not including the Martyrs and the wounded.”

[Raya, independent Palestinian news network, May 2, 2021]

Yet another problem arose. Released prisoners in government positions could receive the same high terror salaries they had been receiving in prison, but PA government pensions were either 64% of wages for civil service workers or 90% of wages for the security sector.

Table 2: Income standards of employees and Old Age pensioners in 2021, NIS

	Average contributory wage	Average of new old age pensions	Average of all old age pensions	Pension-to-wage ratios (all pensions)
Civil Service (II+I)*	3,850	2,413	2,453	64%
Security Sector (II+III)*	3,615	4,329	3,241	90%
Non-Gov Sector (II)	3,857	2,302	2,310	60%

Source: Authors' compilation based on data from PPA

Notes: * - average for all schemes in the sector

Abbas wanted terrorists to receive their full Pay-for-Slay salaries as pensions, so he made another presidential decision to raise their pensions to 100%:

*“The supreme [PA] Presidential Quintuple Committee appointed to take care of the released prisoners’ affairs explained... **that paying the pension salary of the released prisoners at a rate of 100% was proposed by the quintuple committee and approved by President Mahmoud Abbas.**”*

[Official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, June 11, 2021]

Additionally, as a bonus and incentive for continued terror by the young pensioners, the president’s committee decided that if a released terrorist receiving a pension returned to terror and was again imprisoned and subsequently released, the additional time incarcerated would increase his pension seniority:

“The committee said that any additional period of imprisonment will be added to the released prisoner’s years of pension.”

[Official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, June 11, 2021]

Instead of penalizing repeat terror offenders or taking away their pensions, the PA encouraged and rewarded them with higher pensions.

In one year, PA hides all released prisoners

By October 2021, the PA announced that it had successfully covertly moved all 7,000-8,000 released terrorists who were receiving salaries from the Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs into salaried positions or pensions. The PA repeated that **“the decision to integrate is intended to evade”** scrutiny:

“Director of Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs Qadri Abu Bakr said that ... the [PA] government has completed the process of integrating the prisoners into... government offices and the Security Forces. He also said that a pension salary

*has been achieved for the elderly prisoners. **President Mahmoud Abbas issued a decree on Jan. 19, 2021 determining that every released prisoner with a valid financial record with the Commission of Prisoners' Affairs (i.e., receiving a Pay-for-Slay salary) [would be integrated]... The decision to integrate them is intended to evade the pressures that the occupation (i.e., Israel) is exerting on the PA due to the issue of the prisoners, as the occupation deducts an amount equal to the prisoners' allowances from the tax money every month (i.e., Israel's anti "Pay-for-Slay" law that deducts the amount of PA terror salaries).**"*

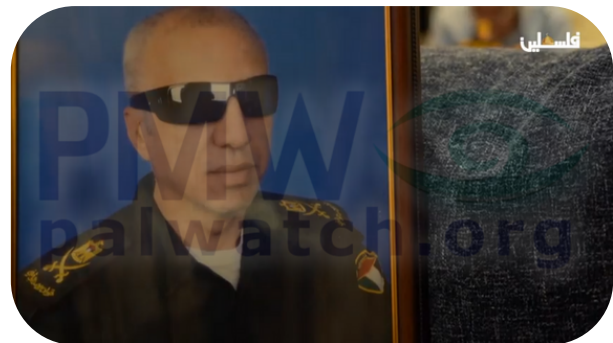
[Safa, independent Palestinian news agency, Oct. 5, 2021]

The expansion of Pay-for-Slay to include full pensions for released terrorist prisoners as young as 50—at 100% of their previous terror salary—demonstrates both the extent to which the PA will go to disguise these payments and how deeply ingrained the PA's policy of rewarding terrorists is. The PA has no program for non-terrorist ex-convicts. A car thief released from prison is left to fend for himself—with no government job, no pension, and no guaranteed income. This entire system is not social welfare, nor is it based on need. It is a deliberate effort to hide Pay-for-Slay from international scrutiny.

Hidden Pay-for-Slay examples

Released terrorist prisoner, Major General Alaa Al-Din Al-Bazian

On February 26, 2025, Palestinian terrorist Alaa Al-Din Al-Bazian, who had been serving a life sentence for murdering Zehava Ben-Ovadia, an Israeli woman, was released from Israeli prison together with 602 other terrorists in exchange for six Israeli hostages. This was his third release from prison.



During his previous release after 30 years in prison, official PA TV broadcast a story about him, showing a photo of him as a major general in the PA Security Forces. Following recent expulsion to Egypt, an Egyptian magazine wrote about him, referring repeatedly to "Major General Al-Bazian" [Rose al-Yusuf, April 13, 2025]. It is still his position today.

Al-Bazian's position as a major general is not based on military service, but is PA law (see table below). Terrorists released after 30 years in prison receive the status and pay of a government minister or a "major general with seniority."

Years in prison	Public servant rank	Military rank
From 5-6 years	Head of department	Lieutenant
From 6-8 years	C class manager	Captain
From 8-10 years	B class manager	Major
From 10-15 years	A class manager	Lieutenant Colonel + seniority
From 15-20 years	Class A4 Director general	Colonel + seniority
From 20-25 years	Class A2 Assistant to Deputy Minister	Brigadier General + seniority
From 25-30 years	Deputy Minister	Major General
30 years or more	Minister	Major General + seniority

[Appendix to Clause 8, sub-clause 1, Government Decision No. 15 of 2013 – Regulation for Ensuring Jobs for Released Prisoners]

Ministers receive \$5,000 a month, as AP reported on June 4, 2019:

“The monthly salaries for [PA] cabinet ministers spiked [in 2017] from \$3,000 to \$5,000, while the prime minister's salary was raised to \$6,000. The raises were kept secret from the public and approved by President Mahmoud Abbas... The pay raise was made retroactive to 2014.”

[<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/austin/ap-top-news/2019/06/04/a-secret-pay-raise-by-cabinet-angers-palestinian-public>]

It was not publicized whether PASF officers received the same secret raise. Either way, Al-Bazian’s Pay-for-Slay salary is between \$3,000-\$5,000 a month. While in jail, he received his prisoner’s Pay-for-Slay salary, and now he is receiving his released prisoner’s hidden Pay-for-Slay.

Released terrorist prisoner, Colonel Naji Arar

Terrorist Naji Arar was a first lieutenant in the PA Security Forces when he was arrested for terrorism in 2007. After his first 12 years in prison, he had already risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel:

*“The sick prisoner: Naji Arar... **Member of the PASF with the rank of lieutenant colonel**”*

[Website of “Rescue Services Connections,” May 22, 2019]



His family published “wishes and congratulations to their son, released prisoner Naji Jamal Arar on his promotion to the rank of colonel in the PA Preventive Security Force.”

[“Arar Family Council,” Facebook page, July 23, 2025]

Integrating unrepentant terrorists into the PA Security Forces, whose purpose is to fight Palestinian terror, is certainly a twisted policy that invites more terror. In addition, the high ranks and PASF salaries are not due to qualifications or military seniority but are a direct reward for terror and a central part of the PA’s hidden Pay-for-Slay.

Part 2: 2025 – \$315 million a year for 23,500 released prisoners and Martyrs’ families

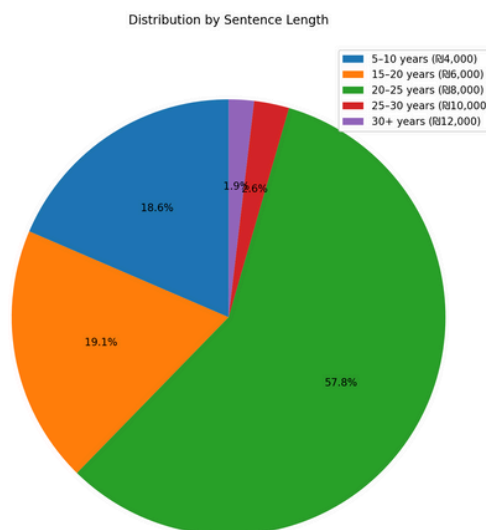
10,000+ released prisoners

The PA conceals the exact number of released terrorists receiving Pay-for-Slay funds in civil service and PASF salaries and pensions. As cited above, nearly 8,000 released terrorist prisoners were integrated into PA institutions during 2021 alone. In addition, many terrorists like Major General Al-Bazian had already been integrated into the PASF and civil service positions before 2020. Since 2021, thousands of additional terrorists have been released from prison. As many as 800 of these terrorists had been serving five years or more and were released in the recent terrorist exchange deals. Many others completed 20-year sentences as a consequence of terrorism they committed during the PA-led 2000-2005 terror campaign (second Intifada). The total of Pay-for-Slay recipients hidden in government positions and pensions now probably exceeds 10,000.

\$315 million a year in hidden Pay-for-Slay

Although the PA hides the cost of its hidden Pay-for-Slay by paying released terrorists in the PASF, the civil services, and pensions, it is possible to calculate a likely minimum figure.

The following chart shows the salaries of the terrorists recently released from prison in exchange for Israeli hostages, based on how long each had been imprisoned:



Abbas decreed that released terrorists would receive 100% of their salaries as pensions.

The 10,000 released terrorists are from all the above categories and have received between 4,000 shekels and 12,000 shekels a month, and 57% were in the 8,000 shekels a month category. Nonetheless, in the interest of being cautious, PMW took the low monthly salary of 6,000 shekels/month as an estimated minimum average of released terrorists' salaries and multiplied it by 10,000 released prisoners. In total, PMW estimates that the PA pays terrorists approximately 60 million shekels a month, 720 million shekels a year, or over \$230 million a year in this one part of hidden Pay-for-Slay. Even if all the released terrorists were receiving only 4,000 shekels a month, which is the lowest plausible payment and which is not a possible scenario, the PA would still be paying over \$150 million a year. Pay-for-Slay continues to be a huge Palestinian Authority terror rewards program.

2025 – 13,500 recipients in “diaspora” receive \$86 million

Another category of hidden payments is to terrorists' families in what the PA calls the Palestinian “diaspora.” In January 2026, families of terrorist “Martyrs” in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt all received their terror reward payments as usual via PLO offices in their countries. Already in 2017, the PA budget listed 13,500 recipients in the “diaspora.”

مشاريع	أهداف ومخرجات البرنامج
هدف 1: تقديم خدمات مالية لأسر الشهداء والجرحى المسيطين لدى المؤسسة مع بداية العام والتأمين سيتم انشطهم خلال العام	مُخرج 1: عدد 13500 أسرة شهيد وجرحى حصلت على منحصات شهرية فور المؤسسة بصرف منحصات شهرية لأسر الشهداء والجرحى من خلال فروع المؤسسة في الخارج
تقدم المؤسسة منحصات مالية لأسر الشهداء والجرحى داخل الوطن وخارجه وتقدم مساعدات أخرى وخدمة التأمين الصحي لهم	مُخرج 2: عدد 11500 أسرة شهيد وجرحى داخل الوطن حصلت على منحصات تقديم منحصات مالية لأسر الشهداء والجرحى داخل الوطن من خلال فروع المؤسسة
	مُخرج 3: عدد 375 أسرة شهيد وجرحى حصلت على مساعدات مالية تقدم المؤسسة مساعدات مالية لأسر الشهداء والجرحى من خلال نظام خاص

The amount that the PA transferred to the PLO in 2025 as “transfer expenses,” which is the term for payments to terrorists and Martyrs' families, was 269,434,600 shekels, or more than \$86 million.

These two programs alone reach approximately \$315 million in hidden Pay-for-Slay a year.

Hidden Pay-for-Slay continues

In early 2025, when Abbas announced that he was ending Pay-for-Slay, he said it would be replaced by a social welfare system called the Palestinian National Economic Empowerment Institution (PNEEI). Recently, a released terrorist and Pay-for-Slay recipient asked whether released prisoners who had been given a military rank in the Security Forces had to register with PNEEI along with current prisoners and “Martyrs” families as part of the PA's declared ending of Pay-for-Slay. This was the response:

“I called the Commission of Prisoners and Released Prisoners about this... they told me that the situation regarding released prisoners has returned to how it was before. According to the old system. That is, what is called the PNEI – is canceled. That's what they told me. I contacted them a little while ago.”

[Telegram, Sept. 20, 2025]

The PA is not voluntarily disclosing that 10,000 terror reward recipients are hidden in the civil service, the PASF, and as 50-year-old PA pensioners.

Part 3: 2026 – PA expands Pay-for-Slay – hides 6,000 more terrorists as “pensioners”

In the first week of February 2026, the Palestinian Authority camouflaged the files of 6,000 Pay-for-Slay recipients. The PA turned some of those terrorists into “pensioners,” and others are now being paid salaries in the civil service for fictitious jobs, so the payments are obscured and impossible to monitor.

Palestinian Media Watch has acquired original copies of the following three conversations held between recipients of Pay-for-Slay.

Conversation #1: PA disguises 6,000 prisoners and injured terrorists as pensioners

“Has anyone received a call from any government office and been asked to provide a bank account number in the last two weeks?”

[There was no response.]

“How many times have we told you: demand, demand, demand [your payments]. And what happened? The whole matter was reduced to only 6,000 cases that were transferred to [government] offices, and now they're verifying their names, calling them, and asking for active bank account numbers to deposit their salaries.”

Member A: “Who told you?”

Member B: “Who is this about?”

Member C: “On what basis did they choose the 6,000?”

Member B: “No one knows.”

“This is the issue: The wounded and prisoners – 6,000 of them [had their files] transferred to pensions in different offices, and they are now registered there, and they are calling them one by one, asking them for bank account numbers to confirm them as pensioners.”

There was great frustration that no one in this group of Pay-for-Slay recipients had been notified that they were among the 6,000 new camouflaged members.



Conversation #2: Released prisoner: I went to the Commission of Prisoners' Affairs and they confirmed that salaries for released prisoners are being paid and “all matters will be resolved”

“I was at the [PLO] Commission [of Prisoners' Affairs], I went to have them sign my insurance and asked them about the salaries. They told me word for word that there are currently salaries for those who served 5 years, meaning for released [prisoners] who served 5 years or more. They are given a salary of 1,500 [Israeli] shekels (\$500 - ed.), and those who served 10 years are given a salary of 3,000 shekels (\$1,000 - ed.), as he told me. I asked him, what about someone who is under 5 years. He told me word for word, come back to us in a month, Allah willing the issues will be resolved. In other words, don't [complain] every day: ‘The salaries, the salaries, the salaries.’ Allah willing, from now on the matters will be resolved.”

[Audio message, can be heard here: <https://palwatch.org/page/41887>]

Conversation #3: All families of Martyrs and wounded will be moved to government offices

Member A: “Good morning. We have learned that the issue with the last payment is being fixed. There will be allowance payments soon, Allah willing. And we have learned that the committee that was established is studying several proposals to handle the matters definitively. When approval and agreement on a procedure [is reached], we will inform you about it... and coordinate the necessary steps with you, with Allah’s help. Explicitly, they are going to divide up [the families of] the Martyrs and the wounded across government offices.”

Member B: “Okay. So we understand from this that there will be a payment soon[?] ... At the same percentage. Will they commit[?]”

Member A: “The old percentage of your salary. The [PA] Labor Ministry took on some of those [Martyrs and wounded] who weren’t paid. Other government offices also took on those about whom there is no [information]. PNEEI is done with; this is the last salary we receive from them. Do you understand? Be well.”

Member B responds to Member A: "That's what I meant."

Member A: "Sure, the [old] percentage of your salary."

Member B: "Okay. The distribution to government offices [will be] under which clause [?]"

Member A: "There will be a payment before Ramadan."

All these authentic conversations among recipients of Pay-for-Slay confirm that the PA is intentionally lying to the US, the EU, France, and other Western countries, claiming to have stopped Pay-for-Slay, while working continuously to find ways to secretly continue rewarding Palestinian terrorists.

As thousands of imprisoned terrorists will be released from prison in the coming years, they will be shuttled into government jobs and early pensions, and the hidden Pay-for-Slay will continue to grow, hidden from international donors.

Jan. 31, 2026 article confirming that PMW's findings in this report are well known to Palestinians

On Jan. 31, 2026, an article in the Hamas-affiliated Shehab news agency confirmed that Palestinians know about the PA's hidden Pay-for-Slay. As a Hamas member, the writer condemns the PA for hiding it, saying the PA should openly pay the terror salaries and "confront" the West, which demands that it stop. In the article, he confirms that Palestinians are all aware of the PA's schemes to hide the salaries documented in this report.

Excerpt of an op-ed by Amin Al-Haj: *"In recent years, intensive work has been done [by the PA] on the issue of the prisoners' salaries to circumvent [the US, Israel, and donors] rather than to confront, and the prisoners have been rebranded. Some of them became employees in various entities, whether governmental institutions or PLO institutions. The rest were included under the pension fund. In both cases, the years in captivity (i.e., prison) were counted as years of experience or as additional benefits. This circumvention [of payments] was thought to protect the base of the [Fatah] Movement from sanctions that the occupation state (i.e., Israel) might impose, behind which are Washington and the international donors. However, this was not politically wise...*

According to information going around, in the future, American pressure will be applied that will be directed against the salaries of the released prisoners who are [hidden as] part of the PA or PLO institutions' staff, or the pensioners who received ranks and allowances just because they were prisoners. This group, of which Fatah members are the vast majority, thought for a long time that it was safe from harm, after the mission was completed perfectly."

[Shehab news agency website (Hamas affiliated), Jan. 31, 2026]

Part 4: Western funding for salaries and pensions

After PMW exposed the PA's Pay-for-Slay terror rewards in 2011, most Western donor countries stopped funding the PA's general budget, which directly fueled Pay-for-Slay. Ironically, most of the donor countries had hoped that by paying salaries directly to civil servants, Security Forces, and PA pensions, they could avoid the Pay-for-Slay trap and not directly fund terror. The US passed the Taylor Force Act, which cut off most funding, excluding that for the PA Security Forces. The following are recent announcements:

EU: "... contributions to the PA through the PEGASE mechanism... including **salaries of public workers... and pensions for civil servants.**"

Germany: pledged \$35 million in direct payment to the PA **to pay the salaries of healthcare and education workers.**

France: directly donates €18 million, **especially for salaries and pensions of civil service workers.**

US: The Wall Street Journal reported on July 13, 2025, that the US State Dept reported that the **US still provides funding to the PA Security Forces.**

Ironically, the Western donors who chose to pay PA salaries and pensions in order to avoid paying salaries to terrorists were funding the very frameworks where the PA was hiding its terror rewards.

Afterword: Abbas: “Prisoners and Martyrs... are more precious than all of us.”

The PA’s greatest depravity is not the hundreds of millions of dollars it spends rewarding terrorists through its Pay-for-Slay programs. The PA’s policy of rewarding terror is merely a symptom, however repugnant, of its deep and fundamental turpitude—its portrayal of terrorism and the killing of Jews as the highest acts, done in the name of Palestinians and Allah. The PA elevates murderers of Israelis to the apex of Palestinian society, presenting them as the ultimate Palestinian heroes, and thus honors and rewards them. That was Abbas’ explicit message when he explained that “the prisoners and Martyrs... must receive everything as it was in the past,” and he added the reason: “They are more precious than all of us” [Feb. 21, 2025].

The West must recognize: The PA will continue to reward terror whenever it believes it can get away with it because the PA has always been, and remains, a terror-supporting organization.