



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטנים יהודים (ע"ר)  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS (R.A.)

October 13, 2015

Ambassador Lars Faaborg-Andersen  
European Union  
Paz Tower, 5-7 Shoham Street  
Ramat Gan, Israel

Dear Ambassador Faaborg-Andersen,

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists UN-accredited NGO, was founded in 1969 to combat anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial, and racism, and to promote human rights worldwide. As such I write to you regarding the October 10<sup>th</sup> announcement by the Palestinian Bar Association to award an honorary law degree to a Palestinian law student, Muhannad Al-Halabi, killed after stabbing two Israelis to death in Jerusalem's Old City on October 4, 2015.

The Palestinian Bar Association announced this award on its [Arabic website](#), though its English website contains no mention of this. The matter was made public by the Middle East Media Research Institute in its Special Dispatch No.6182, October 11, 2015: [Palestinian Bar Association Awards Honorary Law Degree To Killer Of Two Israelis In Jerusalem](#).

The Palestinian Bar Association's announcement also referred to Al-Halabi as a "martyr", stated that its next bar swearing-in ceremony will be dedicated to him, and that the head of its association and members of its board visited Al-Halabi's family to convey their condolences and notify them of these decisions.

We understand that the Palestinian Bar Association receives funding from the European Union.

The Palestinian terrorist attacks that have taken place nearly every day this past week makes it even more imperative that all possible measures be taken by any entity that can do so, and especially a legal body such as the Palestinian Bar Association. We note the involvement and influence of the EU in Palestinian affairs, ostensibly intended, to bring peace to the region, and oppose terror in general and especially as a means to resolving the conflict. Giving an award posthumously to such a terrorist during this most difficult period of violence for all the inhabitants of the region can only be seen as encouraging others to follow in his footsteps.

I call upon the EU to review its policy of supporting such an organization.

Sincerely,

Irit Kohn, Adv.  
President