

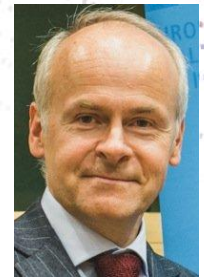


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Dear praying friends in Europe –

Whether Nazi or atheistic socialism, whether gender nonsense or hatred of Jews - the values of a state can be read in its schoolbooks. For there the formation of future citizens begins with the children. Jesus razor-sharp (Luke 17:1.2): There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting! It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin. "Away from what? The universally recognized values of UNESCO are ultimately based on the revealed will of God in the Judeo-Christian scriptures: "He has shown you, O man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6: 8).

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New Palestinian schools curriculum stirs radicalization

The "European Coalition for Israel" (ECI) has hosted a series of high level government consultations in Helsinki, Finland, to present the findings of a critical evaluation of the new Palestinian Authority (PA) curriculum implemented 08/17. According to the Israeli based research institute IMPACT-se, the new Palestinian textbooks do not prepare Palestinian children for reforms but, on the contrary, stir up further radicalization and hatred. **The original report is [here](#).**

The report concludes that radicalization is pervasive throughout this new curriculum. The new textbooks groom young Palestinians to sacrifice themselves to martyrdom. The textbooks are committed to jihad war and present a radical Islamist worldview.

"This curriculum is not only a catastrophe for the Palestinian youth but also for the reputation of the Finnish education system, as the curriculum has been renewed under the clear supervision of Finnish experts and officials", commented ECI Founding Director **Tomas Sandell** at the meeting.

IMPACT-se has now concluded that the new Palestinian curriculum is missing essential UNESCO standards and principles such as peace, tolerance and mutual respect, while promoting martyrdom, sacrifice and war.

During the consultations, concrete examples were presented: In a mathematics book for children in elementary schools, addition is taught by the following example: "If the number of martyrs from the first intifada is X and the number of martyrs from the second intifada is Y, what is the total number of martyrs in both the first and the second intifada?"

Please also pray

- Everywhere in Europe the growing anger and mistrust tends to feed populism and pushes voters further to those parties offering "cheap" solutions.
- After all the Brexit negotiations have overcome the deadlock. Continue to pray for agreeable deal for both sides.

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In a basic physics course, **Newton's** law of gravity is explained by the firing of a slingshot, and is illustrated by a picture of a young Palestinian aiming a slingshot at an Israeli officer.

School textbooks are the key to the future as they represent the values of the official government. Today many countries in the Arab world fortunately are trying to adapt their curriculums to a more pluralistic society.

The ECI has been raising the issue of the Palestinian text books for several years, both at a national level and a European Union level. ECI will continue to monitor the situation both in Helsinki and Brussels as the Finnish and the Belgian governments are co-chairing the EU-coordination group which is responsible for funding and supervising the Palestinian Authority on matters concerning education.

Prayer:

- Please pray that our European governments could promote peace in the Middle East by making its support to the Palestinian Authority conditional on ending the radicalisation of young Palestinians through their school text books.
- Pray that the truth will be revealed about the ongoing incitement to violence against Jews and that both parties can prepare to live in peace and co-existence.
- Pray that believers in Europe would not give in to appeasement and one sided media pressure but support the right of the Jewish people to live and thrive in their ancestral homeland with Jerusalem as their capital.