



The Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF)

Originally incorporated as the Occupied Land Fund in 1988, HLF was a charity operating in the United States and is accused of raising funds for HAMAS. According to the indictment, HLF sent over \$36.2 million overseas to organizations with links to HAMAS. Along with its main office in Richardson, TX, a suburb of Dallas, HLF maintained branch offices in New Jersey, California, Illinois, Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



**Shukri Abu Baker
AKA
Abu Mohamed**

Throughout the history of HLF, Shukri Abu Baker served as President, Secretary, and CEO. Abu Baker was an attendee of the 1993 Philadelphia Conference in which approximately two dozen HAMAS activists and sympathizers formulated a strategy for the continual success of HAMAS in the United States following the signing of the Oslo Accords. According to an FBI source, Abu Baker said that the mission of HLF was to support the families of martyrs.



**Mohammad El Mezain
AKA
Abu Ibrahim**

El Mezain served as Chairman of HLF, until 1999 when he became Director of Endowments, and traveled throughout the country raising funds for the organization. He was supposed to attend the above mentioned Philadelphia Conference but could not because he was hospitalized. El Mezain is a cousin of Mousa Abu Marzook.



Ghassan Elashi

Elashi is currently serving an almost seven year prison term for his role in Infocom, a Richardson TX based computer company which laundered money for Mousa Abu Marzook and violated sanctions against state sponsors of terrorism, specifically Libya and Syria. Elashi was Treasurer of HLF until 1999 when he became Chairman. He is related by marriage to Abu Marzook and attended the 1993 Philadelphia Conference. Elashi also served as Chairman of the Texas branch of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). CAIR was an unindicted co-conspirator in the case of HLF.



Haitham Maghawri

Haitham Maghawri was the Executive Director of HLF and as such, was sent abroad many times to distribute money on behalf of HLF. In 1992, Maghawri was sent by HLF to Lebanon to distribute money and goods to the almost 400 HAMAS activists and leaders who were living in a refugee camp in Marj al-Zahour, southern Lebanon, following their deportation from the West Bank and Gaza. Maghawri was an attendee of the 1993 Philadelphia Conference. Maghawri fled the United States and currently resides in Lebanon.

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Akram Mishaal

Akram Mishaal was the Projects and Grants Director for HLF. He is also a cousin of HAMAS Political Bureau Chief Khalid Mishaal. Akram Mishaal fled the US less than six months before the indictment and is considered along with Maghawri to be a fugitive from justice.



Mufid Abdulqader

Mufid Abdulqader, a half-brother of Khalid Mishaal was a top fundraiser for HLF and a singer in Al-Sakrah, a band that performed at conventions of the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP) and at HLF fundraisers throughout the United States. The singing troupe performed skits and sang songs glorifying HAMAS and the killing of Jews. Before he was indicted, Abdulqader was employed as a civil engineer for the city of Dallas.



Abdulrahman Odeh

Abdulrahman Odeh served as the head of HLF's branch office in Paterson, New Jersey. Odeh raised money for HLF for over ten years. A July 11, 2000 article in Salon.com quoted Odeh as saying that "some of the orphans that we are supporting are the children of HAMAS martyrs."