



HAMAS Targets Spain

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Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos' efforts earlier this year to remove HAMAS from the European Union's terrorist list, have done little to change HAMAS' agenda. It is not only Palestine that children in the West Bank and Gaza are asked to liberate; now they are asked to liberate Seville. The HAMAS children's magazine, [Al-Fateh](#), in a recent issue, (No. 66), tells the children about the city called Asbilia (Seville) and calls on them to free it, together with the whole country, from the infidels and to reinstate Muslim rule.

This is how the magazine has the city Asbilia (Seville) telling its story to Hamas' children: "Salaam Aleykum my dear beloved. I would like to introduce myself: I am the city Asbilia, the bride of the country Andalus (Spain). In the past I was the Capital of the Kingdom of Asbilia... the Arab Muslims, led by the hero-commander Musa bin Nusair, conquered me in 713, after a siege, which lasted one month.

"In the year 97 of the Muslim calendar, the ruler of Andalus, Ayoub bin Habib al-Lahimi moved the Capital to my sister city, Cordoba... in the year 646 of the Muslim calendar, Ferdinand III besieged me and conquered me after a siege which lasted one year and five months, and that was due to the strength of my fortifications and my walls. This is when the Golden Age of the Muslims ended, and Asbilia (Seville) was lost by the Muslims."

And the story goes on: "However, Muslim cultural expression and symbols still remain witness to the superior Muslim culture on my soil...I yearn that you, my beloved, *will call me to return, together with the rest of the lost cities of the lost orchard [Andalus] to the hands of the Muslims* so that joy and happiness will fill my land, and you will visit me because I am the bride of the country of Andalus." (emphasis added)

This telling story comes at a time when Hamas, in English, states that its inter-

est is “to liberate occupied Palestine.” However, this story to liberate Spain, in Arabic, in a form that children can easily relate to, describes the Fatwa issued by Yusuf Qaradawi on December 2, 2002.

The Egyptian-born Yusuf Qaradawi, an al Azhar University-educated member of the Muslim Brotherhood, who resides in Qatar, is one of the most influential Sunni clerics. The [Fatwa](#), which the children’s story reiterates, follows the Muslim Brotherhood’s [teachings](#) - which also serve as the basis of HAMAS’ [Charter](#).

Qaradawi, calls on Muslims to conquer Europe, saying: “Islam will return to Europe as a conqueror and a victor after being expelled from it twice - once from the south, from Andalusia, and a second time, from the east, when it knocked several times on the doors of Athens.” Qaradawi ruled that Muslims should re-conquer “former Islamic colonies' in Andalus (Spain), southern Italy, Sicily, the Balkans and the Mediterranean islands.”

Indeed, the activities of Radical Islamist movements in Spain are nothing new. Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas was [sentenced](#) last September in Madrid, to 27 years in prison for aiding the 9/11 attacks from Spain, and 16 of his co-conspirators were convicted for belonging to al Qaeda. On December 20, 2005, [16 additional](#) al-Qaeda operatives on

Spain were arrested for allegedly sending volunteers to wage Jihad in Iraq. These arrests are only the most recent since the [March 11, 2004](#) train bombing in Madrid.

In a series of speeches about the importance of confronting al Qaeda terrorists in Iraq, President George W. Bush acknowledged that their aim is to “establish a totalitarian Islamic empire that reaches from [Spain](#) to Indonesia.”

However, this ideology is clearly not limited to al Qaeda’s terrorists. HAMAS’ children magazine, Al Fateh’s call to return Seville “to the hands of the Muslims” is no different than that of al-Qaeda’s call to establish the Caliphate. Evidently, HAMAS’ interests also extend to the liberation and Islamization of all occupied former Muslim territories, according to the dogma of the Muslim Brotherhood from which HAMAS originated.

Apparently encouraged by successful Jihad against Israel, HAMAS is now raising the ante, going international. Just as they have indoctrinated a generation of Palestinian children to commit suicide attacks against Israelis, they are now expanding their targets to include the rest of the Caliphate - beginning with Spain. It is only a matter of time, before today’s Palestinian children, and others exposed to HAMAS’ publications start offering themselves up for the next stage of Jihad in Spain..

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