

ACTION ALERT from Greater Philadelphia ZOA: Demand Extradition of Murderer/Terrorist

ALERT:

Ahlam Tamimi, who was involved in the planning and execution of one of the more notorious mass-casualty terrorist attacks in Israel – the 2001 bombing of the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem - is living in freedom and has celebrity status in the kingdom of Jordan, which refuses to extradite her to the United States. The Biden administration, like the Trump administration before it, has not pressured the kingdom of Jordan to extradite Tamimi. Two American citizens were murdered in the attack – Judith Greenbaum, a pregnant 31-year-old school teacher from Passaic, N.J., and Malka Chana Roth, a 15-year-old who was an American citizen because her parents are Americans.

A total of 15 were murdered and an additional 122 (including four more Americans) were injured in the homicide bombing.

Tamimi surveilled locations in Jerusalem for Hamas to find a target for the attack where there would be the most Jewish casualties, she has admitted. She then drove the homicide bomber to commit the mass murder. She was convicted and sentenced to 16 life sentences by an Israeli court (one of the victims was pregnant) but she was among the terrorists and other Palestinian-Arab prisoners whom Israel released in exchange for hostage Gilad Shalit.

In addition, the international criminal police organization Interpol has dropped Tamimi from its “Red Notice” list, which includes “fugitives wanted either for prosecution or to serve a sentence. A Red Notice is a request to law enforcement worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action.”

ACTION:

Please see the detailed BACKGROUND information below. Then:

Call the White House Switchboard: 202-456-1414 to ask that the Biden administration pressure King Abdullah of Jordan to extradite Tamimi to the United States. She has been indicted by the U.S. Justice Department and remains on the FBI’s “Most Wanted Terrorists” list. (See BACKGROUND). You can also **email** to: comments@whitehouse.gov

Call Secretary of State Antony Blinken to ask that he use all diplomatic measures to cause Jordan to extradite Tamimi. Phone: 202-647-5291/Fax: 202-647-2282/Email Form: <http://contact-us.state.gov/app/ask>

Call your House member and both of your senators – particularly important for New Jersey residents since one of the Americans who was murdered is from the Garden State. See contact information for lawmakers from our region at: <https://philly.zoa.org/join-zoa-philly/contacting-lawmakers/>

Contact local and national media – try to interest them in an article or a report about this miscarriage of justice – again, especially relevant for New Jersey media outlets. See contact

information for local and national media outlets at: <https://philly.zoa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2021/03/MEDIA-ACTION-GUIDE-February-2021.pdf>

Contact Interpol at: <https://www.interpol.int/en/Contacts/Contact-INTERPOL>

Demand that they re-instate Tamimi to its “Red Notice” list. The secretary general of Interpol is Jürgen Stock.

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Background:

Tamimi, the failure to press for her extradition and the Interpol situation are the subject of a new op-ed by ZOA National President **Morton Klein** and ZOA Center for Law and Justice Director **Susan Tuchman**.

The op-ed reads in part: “Tolerance of Jordan’s refusal to extradite Ahlam Tamimi, the mastermind of the 2001 Sbarro pizzeria suicide bombing in Jerusalem, sends a terrible message—that terrorists who massacre innocent people can and will get away with it.” “Interpol’s actions make a mockery of its commitment to work with the United States and its 193 other member countries “to make the world a safer place.” The actions are also the latest affront to the American terror victims and their families, who for all these years have had to live with the fact that an unremorseful terrorist has not been punished for her crimes under U.S. law.”

“The victims included six Americans. Fifteen-year-old year-old Malki Roth and Judith Hayman Greenbaum, who was pregnant with her first child, were killed. The Americans wounded were 21-year-old David Danzig, 25-year-old Matthew P. Gordon, 2-year-old Sara Shifra Nachenberg and Joanne (Chana) Nachenberg”

“There are other concerns that make Tamimi’s extradition an imperative. U.S. tolerance of Jordan’s refusal to extradite her sends a horrible message to the Jordanian people—that Jordanian terrorists who massacre innocent Americans can and will get away with it. It also sends an unacceptable and unforgivable message to the American terror victims and their families, and to all Americans: that the United States will not do everything possible to secure justice for its citizens when they or their family members are murdered by terrorists overseas.”

Read the full op-ed at: <https://www.ins.org/opinion/president-biden-secure-justice-for-american-victims-of-tamimis-terrorism/>

The FBI still lists Tamimi on its “Most Wanted Terrorists” list, and the State Department continues to offer up to a \$5 million reward for information leading to Tamimi’s arrest and conviction. In 2013, the Justice Department indicted Tamimi. Read the details of the indictment at: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/individual-charged-connection-2001-terrorist-attack-jerusalem-resulted-death-americans>

Regarding the reward, see: https://rewardsforjustice.net/english/ahlam_al_tamimi.html

The Sbarro attack was not Tamimi’s first attempt to murder Jews. “Tamimi placed an explosive device at a grocery store in Jerusalem in July 2001, which exploded, but did not cause damage” reported Ha’aretz.

Tamimi has said that she has no remorse for the massacre and has gleefully recounted her role and the aftermath.

"I admit that I was a bit disappointed, because I had hoped for a larger toll. Yet when they said "three dead," I said: 'Allah be praised'...Two minutes later, they said on the radio that the number had increased to five. I wanted to hide my smile, but I just couldn't. Allah be praised, it was great. As the number of dead kept increasing, the passengers were applauding."

"I do not regret what happened. Absolutely not. This is the path. I dedicated myself to Jihad for the sake of Allah, and Allah granted me success. You know how many casualties there were [in the 2001 attack on the Sbarro pizzeria]. This was made possible by Allah. Do you want me to denounce what I did? That's out of the question. I would do it again today, and in the same manner."

See videos with translations courtesy of MEMRI at: <https://www.memri.org/tv/released-amas-terrorist-ahlam-tamimi-palestinian-publics-delight-suicide-bombings>

And: <https://www.memri.org/reports/memri-tv-archives-ahlam-tamimi-recently-designated-fbi-most-wanted-terrorist-recounts-her>

Tamimi has boasted that she cannot be extradited. See:

<https://www.memri.org/reports/released-palestinian-terrorist-ahlam-tamimi-who-fbi-most-wanted-list-being-jordan-gives-me>

Regarding the Interpol situation, according to a published letter said to be from Interpol's Secretariat, "The General Secretariat of the International Criminal Police Organization - Interpol ratified a decision to lift the application against the freed Jordanian prisoner, Ahlam Al-Tamimi." The letter was dated March 8, 2021, according to a media report. Interpol said that under this decision, Tamimi, born on October 20, 1980, was not subject to notice or publication

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