

# UNMASKING HATE



The Hind Rajab  
Foundation

## THE REAL FACE OF THE HIND RAJAB FOUNDATION



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# 01 | General

The Hind Rajab Foundation (HRF) is an organization registered in Belgium in September 2024 (and is a part of the 30 march movement).<sup>1</sup> Named after a six-year-old Palestinian girl killed in Gaza, HRF focuses on legal and advocacy efforts against alleged war crimes by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).<sup>2</sup>



» The foundation is headed by two Middle Eastern activists, Dyab Abou Jahjah and Karim Hassoun that expresses support for terrorism on social media.<sup>3</sup>



Dyab Abou Jahjah ✓  
@Aboujahjah



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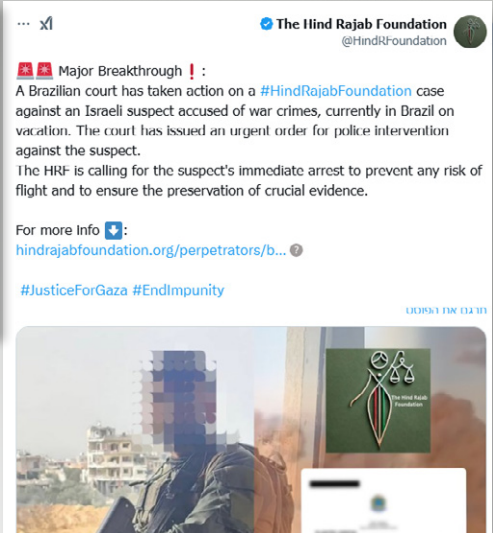
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2 <https://hgo-monitor.org/reports/hind-rajab-foundation/>

3 <https://bizzy.org/nl/be/1013306540/the-hind-rajab-foundation>



From left to right: Screenshot from Telegram group "Israel Genocide Tracker"; Screenshot from the Hind Rajab Foundation's X account; Screenshot from Telegram group "Israel Genocide Tracker"



- » The Hind Rajab Foundation actively gathers open-source information on IDF soldiers, including details regarding their participation in military operations, with the objective of pursuing legal action against them in foreign jurisdictions.
- » **To date, the foundation has filed complaints against at least 28 soldiers across eight different countries.**<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, the organization has submitted reports to the International Criminal Court (ICC) alleging "war crimes" committed by over a thousand soldiers and officers during operations in Gaza and Lebanon. The foundation also disseminates information about IDF soldiers located abroad, aiming to undermine their security.
- » In addition, the foundation filed a complaint against Maccabi Tel Aviv (soccer team) supporters who were victims of an antisemitic attack in the Netherlands (5.11.2024), asserting that the supporters "attacked pro-Palestinian protestors and were documented "chanting slogans inciting violence against Palestinians and Arabs".<sup>5</sup>

4 <https://www.thenation.com/article/world/israel-war-crimes-charges-hind-rajab-foundation/>  
5 <https://www.hindrajabfoundation.org/inciters/hind-rajab-foundation-files-complaint-against-maccabi-tel-aviv-supporters-in-amsterdam>

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- » **The foundation is actively seeking to engage a law firm in Thailand with expertise in the laws of armed conflict and international humanitarian law to pursue cases involving IDF soldiers present in the country.**<sup>6</sup> Notably, the organization filed a complaint against an IDF soldier residing in Thailand, alleging the commission of “war crimes”.<sup>7</sup> **This effort complements the foundation’s existing collaborations with law firms globally.**<sup>8</sup>
- » At this time, no financial information regarding the foundation is available, nor is there confirmation of additional officeholders.<sup>9</sup> However, it is plausible that former officials from the March 30 Movement are involved in the foundation’s activities and funding. **We assess that the foundation is likely to intensify its operations in the near future by forging partnerships with local law firms across the globe.**



**Pursued legal action against dual-national IDF soldiers in their respective countries.**

6 <https://x.com/HindRFoundation/status/1868683860655083636>

7 <https://www.newarab.com/news/ngo-calls-thailand-arrest-israeli-gaza-war-crimes>

8 <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/12/26/advocates-launch-legal-push-for-argentina-chile-to-arrest-israeli-soldier>

9 <https://kbopub.economie.fgov.be/kbopub/toonondernemingsps.html?ondernemingsnummer=1013306540>



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# 02 | Leading Figures

## Dyab Abou Jahjah

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- » **Born in southern Lebanon and a former Hezbollah activist**, is known by the alias Malcolm X and regularly publishes opinion pieces in Al-Akhbar, a Lebanese newspaper affiliated with Hezbollah.<sup>10</sup> **In 2002, he was accused by Belgian authorities of involvement in violent incidents.**<sup>11</sup>
- » Jahjah has referred to historical connections with Hezbollah and expressed support for figures associated with terrorist organizations.<sup>12 13 14 15</sup>
- » **Dyab Abou Jahjah frequently expresses support for terrorism on social media. He referred to the September 11 attacks as “sweet revenge”.**<sup>16</sup> **During the Iron Swords War, he openly supported Hamas and Hezbollah. To mark the beginning of 2024, Abou Jahjah wished for “a new year of resistance, justice, and glory for Palestine”.**<sup>17</sup>
- » Dyab Abou Jahjah holds Belgian citizenship and is active in local politics. He founded the Arab-European League (AEL), an organization operating in Belgium and the Netherlands with the stated aim of “facilitating the integration of Muslims in Europe”.<sup>18</sup>
- » In 2010, a Dutch court fined the Arab-European League for publishing an antisemitic cartoon alleging that the “Holocaust was fabricated by Jews”.<sup>19</sup>
- » Dyab Abou Jahjah has been involved in legal proceedings against Israel in Belgium. In 2002, he participated in a lawsuit filed in a Belgian court against late Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, accusing him of “war crimes” for his involvement in the Sabra and Shatila events.<sup>20</sup>

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10 <https://al-akhbar.com/Author/3495>

11 <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2002/nov/30/20021130-102644-4460r/>

12 <https://x.com/Aboujahjah/status/1837117025346322544>

13 <https://x.com/Aboujahjah/status/1724222653769109835>

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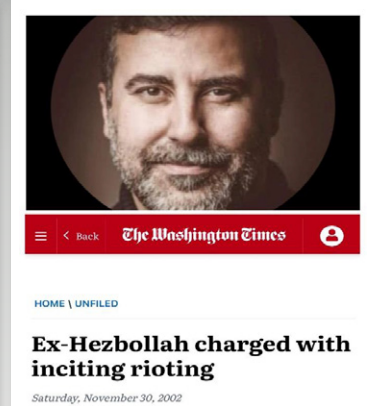
16 <https://www.hpdetijd.nl/cultuur-media/media/38793/terugkijken-de-6-hoogtepunt-en-van-zomergast-dyab-abou-jahjah>

17 <https://twitter.com/Aboujahjah/status/1741590928265970088?t=iziUEOUiYNxds600Esb-heg&s=08>

18 <https://did.li/i7V5q>

19 <https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE67I3ZT/>

20 <https://web.archive.org/web/20141105201154/http://weekly.ahram.org.eg/2001/542/fo2.htm>



## Timeline of Dyab Abou Jahjah's Activities



» In 2017, Abou Jahjah was dismissed from writing columns for the Belgian newspaper De Standard after praising a terrorist attack in Jerusalem that killed four IDF soldiers, stating, **“By any means necessary, Free Palestine” actively supporting terrorism.**<sup>21</sup> In a 2004 interview with a Flemish newspaper regarding NATO’s involvement in Iraq, he remarked,

**“I consider every death of an American, British or Dutch soldier as a victory.”<sup>22</sup>”**

21 <https://did.li/a7V5q>

22 <https://did.li/BJ2Nf>

# 02 | Leading Figures

» During the Iron Swords War, Dyab Abou Jahjah initiated legal proceedings in the Netherlands against Jonathan Ben Hamou, an IDF soldier holding Dutch citizenship, along with other soldiers, accusing them of “war crimes and violations of Dutch law through attacks on civilians in Gaza”.<sup>23</sup> In an interview with La Libre (27.12.2023) he announced plans to pursue legal action against Israeli soldiers with Belgian citizenship in local courts.<sup>24</sup> Abou Jahjah has also called on his social media followers to identify IDF soldiers of Dutch or European origin to facilitate legal action against them.<sup>25</sup>



» Due to his extremist activities, British authorities barred Dyab Abou Jahjah from entering the United Kingdom in 2003. In 2009, British media raised concerns over a photograph of Abou Jahjah with Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn. Corbyn denied any link with Abou Jahjah.<sup>26</sup>

## Karim Hassoun

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» Currently residing in Belgium. In October 2024, Karim Hassoun was elected as a representative to the Willebroek City Council. Hassoun is an active member of the local Muslim community and previously served as the head of the Arab European League (AEL).<sup>27</sup>

» During his leadership of the AEL, the organization was convicted by a Dutch court for disseminating Holocaust denial content. Additionally, at a protest organized by the league in Antwerp, chants calling for the murder of Jews were heard.<sup>28</sup>

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23 <https://x.com/Aboujahjah/status/1739422150329590164?s=20>

24 <https://did.li/xholw>

25 <https://x.com/Aboujahjah/status/1741574736054804910?s=20>

26 <https://did.li/sholw>

27 <http://www.indymedia.be/index.html%3Fq=node%252F32963.html>

28 <https://joodsactueel.be/2024/10/21/hezbollah-willebroek/>



- » Due to Hassoun's support for terrorism and antisemitism, local politicians in Belgium have called for his exclusion from any coalition. In an attached article, Hassoun is depicted wearing a Hezbollah hat, and evidence is presented indicating his support for the Lebanese terrorist organization. He also praised Samir Kuntar, who murdered the Haran family in Nahariya in 1979.<sup>29</sup>
- » In 2009, Hassoun signed a petition urging candidates for the European Parliament to remove Hamas and "all other Palestinian liberation organizations from the list of proscribed terrorist organizations" and "recognize Hamas as a legitimate voice for the Palestinian people's aspirations for national liberation".<sup>30</sup>
- » Hassoun's social media accounts consistently feature incitement and support for terrorism. On 12.9.2023, he wrote, "I condemn Hamas for not having taken 500 or 1000 hostages instead of just 200".<sup>31</sup> In another post on 15.9.2023, he criticized the Islamic Fatwa Council for issuing a statement against Hamas' human rights violations, stating, "There is nothing 'Islamic' about this IFC. Everything about them is zionised, serving Israeli, American and the West's interests while being nothing but a bunch cheerleader for Islamic regimes... And we don't care whether Hamas is Islamic or not, as long as they are resisted, we stand by them, support them and pray for them".<sup>32</sup> It is worth noting that Facebook has repeatedly suspended Hassoun's account.<sup>33</sup>



29 <https://x.com/MichaelFreilich/status/1863262905107354109>

30 <https://www.antiimperialista.org/en/2009-02-28-appeal-for-the-removal-of-hamas-from-the-terror-list/>

31 <https://www.facebook.com/karim.hassoun.9/posts/pfbid0mkkwixPJtk6bGCvVEzkdGovWx-2VtEPkrQ9J8y2VRTf47LtUtYMM57jyEQtQThE8Bl>

32 <https://www.facebook.com/karim.hassoun.9/posts/pfbid02hz1WVnkZwMQNxQvYnkV4HwTt-sAyZ39SaqCwpqEFXbD3E5YLVEBEMaZcGe1a8r4AI>

33 <https://www.facebook.com/aboujahjah/posts/pfbid0G78r5kL2nVfo3qgsBMWTZxN-q2ykEw5VRP67Z8eQ2sNL6LDJMr2xJCvdXG66FHZSTI>

# 03 | Links to Other Organizations

## Hezbollah and Hamas



Public statements by HRF's leadership suggest ideological alignment with these organizations. Jahjah has referred to historical connections with Hezbollah and expressed support for figures associated with terrorist organizations.<sup>34 35 36 37</sup>

**Dyab Abou Jahjah** @Aboujahjah

When I say Hezbollah will never abandon Palestine no matter what the cost or the prize are, I know what I am talking about first hand. In 2009, as director of the International Union of Parliamentarians for Palestine, I organized visits for Hezbollah's political leadership to several European countries, including the UK.

**Dyab Abou Jahjah** @Aboujahjah

Rabbi Shmuley, @RabbiShmuley

Your post is a malicious web of lies built upon more lies, designed to defame and endanger me. Let me make this clear: while I have openly expressed my respect for Hezbollah and its legitimate right to resist occupation under international law, your attempt to use this as a weapon to label me a "terrorist" is not only false but also slanderous.

**Dyab Abou Jahjah** @Aboujahjah

No, they are not. @piersmorgan. This is my response for Jeremy. Hamas is a resistance movement. While one might disagree with their ideology—I certainly do—they still fit the definition of a resistance group. It's true that resistance groups, like armies, can commit war crimes, yet they retain their fundamental nature. The reason they are seen as a resistance group is because they focus their actions against the occupying force, its population, and collaborators. This is typical behavior for a resistance movement, as they operate solely within their occupied nation. In their case it's historical Palestine. Such characteristics define a resistance group. Throw at this whatever you want. Rhetoric, Israeli Hasbara, terrorist designation lists in Europe or the U.S., and media censorship cannot alter this definition. This is what Jeremy perhaps intended to say but didn't. So, I am saying it on his behalf and for many others, including myself.

## March 30 Movement



The March 30 Movement is an organization that emerged in response to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, particularly focusing on the events in Gaza during 2023 and 2024. The movement is named after "Land Day," which commemorates the Palestinian protests of March 30, 1976, against the alleged land confiscations by the Israeli government.<sup>38</sup> The Hind Rajab Foundation is a branch of the March 30 Movement, established as a registered non-profit under Belgian law.<sup>39</sup>

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37 <https://x.com/Aboujahjah/status/1838974772429848932>

38 <https://30-31.org/>

39 [https://www.hindrajabfoundation.org/about-us.html?utm\\_source=](https://www.hindrajabfoundation.org/about-us.html?utm_source=)



# Arab European League (AEL)



The Arab European League (AEL) is a Pan-Arabist political organization founded in 2000 by Dyab Abou Jahjah, a Lebanese-born Shi'a Muslim. Active in Belgium and the Netherlands, the AEL promotes Arab nationalism, Nasserism, and anti-Zionism. It has participated in Belgian elections without success and has faced criticism for its support of Islamist factions in Iraq and allegations of anti-Semitism, which it denies.<sup>40 41</sup>

Indymedia - [Interview] The world according to Dyab Abou Jahjah (taken from the archive)

Taken by Han and Marc-Antoon, October 16, 2008 – 4:45 PM

On Monday, the verdict will be delivered in the trial against Dyab Abou Jahjah and Ahmed Azzou of the Arab European League. They are accused of being responsible for the riots after the murder of Mohammed Achrak in Borgerhout at the end of 2002 and risk one year in prison. Indymedia.be looks back on that extremely turbulent period once more with Dyab Abou Jahjah. But we also open up the conversation: what is the connection between assimilation and imperialism? What is wrong with the 'European Islam' of people like Tariq Ramadan? And why is there no Chavez in the Arab world?

AEL chairman Karim Hassoun: "A new generation is ready"

Marc-Antoon, Mohamed@EPC | May 5, 2016 – 2:08 PM

ANTWERP - We meet Karim Hassoun (20) in the Mastrabryna, a coffee house on the Sint-Hovensebaan. Hassoun has been chairman of the Arabi European League (AEL) since 2005. How did he end up at that organization? Isn't the AEL, on its deathbed anyway? And where do their striking positions on integration and Israel come from?



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Dyab Abou Jahjah, the founder of the AEL, serves as the chairman of the Hind Rajab Foundation<sup>42 43 44</sup>, and Karim Hassoun, who has been associated with the AEL, holds the position of secretary within the foundation.<sup>45</sup>

40 <https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2010/08/24/arab-european-league-fined-for-holocaust-denial-cartoon>

41 [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/233204124\\_Arab\\_European\\_League\\_AEL\\_The\\_Rapid\\_Rise\\_of\\_a\\_Radical\\_Immigrant\\_Movement](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/233204124_Arab_European_League_AEL_The_Rapid_Rise_of_a_Radical_Immigrant_Movement)

42 [https://ngo-monitor.org/reports/hind-rajab-foundation/?utm\\_source=](https://ngo-monitor.org/reports/hind-rajab-foundation/?utm_source=)

43 <https://www.npdata.nl/be/BuG/292-Hemel/Interview-About-Jahjah-Indymedia-16-10-2008.htm>

44 <https://x.com/Aboujahjah/status/1307938342651203586>

45 <http://www.indymedia.be/index.html%3Fq=node%252F32963.html>



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