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His Royal Highness Abdullah II bin al-Hussein  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Amman, Jordan

Your Royal Highness,

We hope that this letter finds you and your family in good health. We are contacting you directly about a grievous incident that has taken place at the al-Aqsa Mosque on the holy Temple Mount that requires the immediate intervention of the caretakers of this holy site.

Recently, Sheikh Khaled al-Maghribi, who delivers a sermon every Tuesday at Al Aqsa Mosque, repeated the horrific canard that Jews bake Matzoths with blood of children. This despicable medieval lie was first concocted by Christians in Europe to wreak death and destruction among their Jewish neighbors. That lie is now being promoted by a prominent Muslim religious figure. To make matters even worse Sheikh Khaled al-Maghribi the Sheikh, charges that this canard "explains" the Nazi Holocaust. (Please watch his sermon. These despicable comments begin at minute 33) <http://youtu.be/uqPRCbk-6xl>

Until now, Sheikh Khaled al-Maghribi, delivers a sermon every Tuesday at Al Aqsa. (<http://www.al-msjd-alaqsa.com/>)

Your Majesty, we learned first-hand from our good friend, your late father HRH King Hussein of the special relationship and connection he maintained throughout his life with the world's holiest location. We especially recall his multimillion-dollar investment in crowning the Dome of the Rock with gold, a gesture that enhances every visitor's experience in the Old City of Jerusalem. Your father's legacy and the hopes of moderates of all faiths have been desecrated and threatened by a spiritual leader who invokes a horrific lie to justify the Nazi genocide and the mass murder of millions of innocent Jews. Left unchallenged, it will only spawn more hatred and violence.

We note the outrage expressed by Muslim leaders and many others who felt that Islam was defamed when the Prophet Mohammad was depicted in cartoons. But where is the outrage, when a religious leader on the payroll of the Waqf, defames Judaism?

Your Majesty, the Simon Wiesenthal Center urges you to denounce this hateful speech and to join us in urging the Waqf to permanently ban Sheikh Khaled al-Maghribi from ever using the grounds holy to our faiths to spread his deceitful and dangerous lies.

Sincerely,

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Associate Dean



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President Mahmoud Abbas  
Palestinian Authority  
Ramallah

Dear President Abbas:

We are contacting you directly about a grievous incident that has taken place at the al-Aqsa Mosque on the holy Temple Mount that requires the immediate intervention of the caretakers of this holy site.

Recently, Sheikh Khaled al-Maghribi, who is on the payroll of the Waqf and who delivers a weekly sermon at Al Aqsa Mosque, repeated the horrific canard that Jews bake Matzoths with blood of children. This despicable medieval lie was first concocted by Christians in Europe to wreak death and destruction among their Jewish neighbors. That lie is now being promoted by a prominent Palestinian Muslim religious figure who goes on to assert that this canard "explains" the Nazi Holocaust. (Please watch his sermon. These despicable comments begin at minute 33)

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The Temple Mount is a site of ultimate religious importance to Judaism and revered also by both Christianity and Islam. It should be an area that promotes peace, tolerance, and mutual understanding. However, the Al Aqsa Mosque has now been used to repeat horrific lies and legitimize genocide. Left unchallenged, the Sheik's 'sermon' will only spawn more hatred and violence.

We note the outrage expressed by Muslim leaders and many others who felt that Islam was defamed when the Prophet Mohammad was depicted in cartoons. But where is the outrage, when a religious leader on the payroll of the Waqf, defames Judaism?

President Abbas, the Simon Wiesenthal Center urges you to denounce this hateful speech and to join us in urging the Waqf to remove the Sheik from its payroll and to permanently ban Sheikh Khaled al-Maghribi from ever using the grounds holy to our faiths to spread his deceitful and dangerous lies.

We await your prompt attention to this matter.

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