

Running Deficits to Fund Hamas?

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While travelling on the connecting flight to Vancouver this morning, my plane hit a patch of what is euphemistically called “turbulence.” We dropped suddenly, “fetched up” abruptly, the plane shuddered violently, and then we continued on our course. I heard a few gasps and low murmurs from my fellow passengers. One fellow passenger however—a young child a few seats ahead of me—was delighted! “That was fun! I want to do it again!” he chortled. Under the circumstances, this was a pleasant and cheerful diversion. The rest of the passengers glanced at each other and smiled. None of the rest of us wanted to “do it again” but we were relieved, for a few moments, to enjoy a child’s perspective. We were also relieved to see that the wings were still attached.

While I appreciated this child’s sense of adventure and enjoyment of the unexpected, I also realized that the reason there was no fear was that there was a profound lack of understanding about possible dangers, the laws of physics, and the definite advantages of a controlled descent back to the planet. That leads me to the topic of the day: Why is our Prime Minister funding a terrorist group?

Like the young lad on the plane, our PM seems to have a similar lack of understanding of the world we live in. He is not only chortling gleefully as he feels the shaking and turbulence of world events, he’s actually tugging at the control levers to see what happens . . . and he seems annoyed that the rest of us passengers should question the wisdom of his decisions.

Yesterday, I learned that our PM has committed \$15 million in funding to UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency). Sounds like fun right? Let’s do that again! Just one problem: UNRWA has been implicated in repeated episodes of helping Hamas, the terrorist Palestinian organization in their rocket launches against Israeli citizens. In fact, according to The Jewish Press.com, “UNRWA is Hamas”¹. They claim the link is so strong that any money given to UNRWA (which they call “the United Nations Rocket Warehousing Agency”) directly supports the terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians. There is a long list of events where Hamas rockets have been fired from schools and hospitals under the cover of UNRWA. This, of course, puts children and others in harm’s way when Israel attempts to take out the rocket launchers. For terrorists, that’s part of the “fun”—keep the world confused about who is the aggressor and create public sentiment against the only democracy in the region—Israel.

How do we help people but not help Hamas?

There are agencies sending in the products needed by the people...not the cash wanted by the militants. Food feeds people. Cash buys guns and rockets. It doesn’t help the average Gazan to give funds to Hamas. It purchases the guns and rockets that rain down on Israel. It is what causes Israel to respond with targeted attacks on rocket launchers to protect its own people. No matter how surgical the strikes, there is always the possibility of civilian casualties and certainly infrastructure damage, which again worsens the suffering in Gaza.

When we give money to terrorist organizations, we don't help those who are suffering. We embolden the terrorists and make it worse for civilians. That's why Canada should not be funding UNRWA with its political agenda re. Hamas.

As the Rebel Media has pointed out², there are other relief agencies to which Canada could contribute—if we had the money. Our Prime Minister seems razor-focused on doing everything he can to please and placate radical Islamist groups and to annoy those of us who believe Canada should be using her influence to support democracies and protect innocent civilians. We hear the chortling from the pilot's seat. We just keep checking to make sure the wings are still attached. Someone may have forgotten to notify our naïve PM that there are real lives at stake and real consequences for careless experiments and political gamesmanship. Besides that, we do have our own economic challenges. Deficits have real consequences too. Accumulated deficits, (also known as the National Debt), cannot, like Hamas rockets, be hidden in UNRWA schools and hospitals.

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Footnotes

¹ www.jewishpress.com/indepth/opinions/the-unrwa-is-hamas/2014/08/07/

² www.therebel.media/stophelpinghamas

³ www.chp.ca/get-involved