



Obama Appoints Hamas Adviser Robert Malley to Senior Director on National Security Council

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President Obama has named Hamas adviser Robert O. Malley the senior director at the National Security Council (NSC). You may recall that Malley was foreign policy adviser to then-presidential candidate Barack Obama in 2007, and was fired from his campaign team in 2008 because of his notorious ties to Hamas, the PLO and other jihadist, anti-Israel groups.

Atlas readers are long familiar with this subversive jihad operative. As early as [2007](#) and [2008](#) (and [repeatedly throughout the campaign](#) and in [my book](#)), I warned Atlas readers of the troubling relationship between Robert O. Malley and Barack Hussein Obama.

Robert Malley [told the NY Times](#) that he had regularly been in contact with Hamas, which is designated a terrorist organization by the State Department.

[2007](#) and [further](#):

[Malley] was part of the American negotiating team that dealt with Yasser Arafat at Camp David. He has presented a revisionist history of those negotiations since then: presenting a view that blames Israel for the failures of the negotiations. His version has been radically at odds with the views of Americans and Israelis (including the views of American Middle East negotiator Dennis Ross-also an adviser to Obama- and President Clinton). He has spent years representing the Palestinian point of view, co-writing a series of anti-Israel articles with Hussein Agha-a former Arafat adviser. Palestinian advocate. These have appeared in the New York Review of Books a publication that has served as a platform for a slew of anti-Israel advocates from Tony Judt to the aforementioned George Soros to the authors of the Israeli Lobby book Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer. Malley has also called settlements "colonies" — implicitly

condemning Israel as a "colonial" state. His writings have been so critical of Israel that the media-monitoring group CAMERA has a "[dossier](#)" on him.

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In a July 2001 op-ed (titled "[Fictions About the Failure at Camp David](#)") which was published in the [New York Times](#), Robert Malley (whose family, as noted above, had close ties to Yasser Arafat) alleged that Israeli — not Palestinian — inflexibility had caused the previous year's Camp David peace talks (brokered by Bill Clinton) to fail. This was one of [several controversial articles](#) Malley has written — some he co-wrote with Hussein Agha, a former adviser to Arafat — blaming Israel and [exonerating Arafat](#) for that failure.



One security official at the time said, "We are noting with concern some of Obama's picks as advisers, particularly Robert Malley who has expressed sympathy to Hamas and

Hezbollah and offered accounts of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations that don't jibe with the facts" ([here](#)).

Because of [the exposure of Malley by the blogs, he was removed](#) from Obama's campaign team. But the mask is off, and Obama has no need to pretend to be something he is not. Malley is back and in charge —

And where is American Jewish lay leadership on this? Too busy working with Islamic supremacist groups banning me from speaking at synagogues and Jewish groups, I am sure.

"Adviser Fired by Obama for Hamas Meeting Gets Top WH Security Job," [Judicial Watch](#), February 19, 2014

A radical foreign policy adviser fired by President Obama years ago for meeting with the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas has been hired by the White House to be the senior director at the [National Security Council](#) (NSC).

How generous of the commander-in-chief to let bygones be bygones when it comes to this extremist, a Middle East "expert" named Robert Malley whose family had close ties to Yasser Arafat, founder of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Fatah movement. Malley was an adviser in Bill Clinton's White House and he consistently exonerates Palestinians and condemns Israel.

Over the years he has published a number of newspaper opinion pieces urging the United States to reach out and negotiate with terrorist enemies like Hamas, Hezbollah and Muqtada al-Sadr. A [website](#) that documents the networks and agendas of the political left offers details about Malley's scary past and provides links to the outrageous articles he's published, including several co-written with Hussein Agha, a former adviser to Arafat.

Malley grew up in France and his Egyptian-born father was a key figure in Egypt's communist party and a close friend of Arafat's. His parents were fervently anti-Israel and huge supporters of several leftist revolutionary liberation movements, especially the Palestinian cause. Malley published a [piece](#) in a mainstream newspaper declaring that Israel was responsible for the failure of Bill Clinton's peace talks with the Palestinians. Malley attended the 2000 event, which was held at Camp David because it was the site of the landmark 1978 Israeli-Egyptian peace accords.

When Obama launched his 2008 presidential campaign, he brought Malley on as a foreign policy adviser focusing on the Middle East. The then-Illinois senator reportedly dumped Malley around May for meeting with and having regular contact with Hamas, which has long been classified as a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department. A London newspaper broke the story about Malley getting the boot for schmoozing it up with terrorists and U.S. media [repeated](#) the line, but Middle Eastern press published a vastly different version.

Shortly after Obama got elected president in early November, Israel's largest news site revealed that the Arabic-language newspaper Al-Hayat reported that [Hamas engaged in talks with Obama](#) for months through his "fired" adviser. The article quotes Ahmad Yousuf, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh's political advisor, saying this: "We were in contact with a number of Obama's aides through the Internet, and later met with some of them in Gaza, but they advised us not to come out with any statements, as they may have a negative effect on his election campaign and be used by Republican candidate John McCain (to attack Obama)."

Now Malley is officially a top dog in the crucial, tremendously influential agency that advises the president on national security and foreign policy matters. The Obama-loving mainstream newspaper that reported Malley's new position this week says his return to the White House reflects a [changing U.S. role in the Middle East](#). "This time he will manage the fraying ties between the United States and its allies in the Persian Gulf, a job that says a lot about how America's role in the Middle East has changed."

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