Danon to UNSG: Terrorists Are Using Your Words

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In reference to last week’s terror attack in Jerusalem in which policewoman Hadar Cohen was murdered by terrorists, a spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas’s Fatah movement used language identical to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s statements justifying Palestinian terrorism.  Raafat Alian, Fatah’s Jerusalem spokesman, said that Israel’s actions against the Palestinian people “cannot go unanswered without natural reaction.”  The Secretary General had said it was “human nature” to react with terrorism to Israel’s co-called occupation.

Israel’s Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon sent an official letter to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon demanding that he retract his statements legitimizing terror in Israel.

“The Palestinian leadership has now begun to use your statements to justify deplorable acts of terror,” Ambassador Danon wrote.  “Your words have created two categories of terrorism – one for attacks against Israelis and another for the rest of the world,” the Ambassador continued.

In his letter to the Secretary General, the Ambassador also noted that it was only due to the bravery of a young Israeli policewoman, Hadar Cohen who sadly paid with her life, that a greater tragedy was avoided in Jerusalem this week.

“At what point has the UN assumed the role of rationalizing the actions of Palestinian terror? At what point did the U.N start to differentiate between Israeli and non-Israeli victims of terror?” Ambassador Danon wrote.  “I call upon you to withdraw your previous statement and unequivocally state that there is no justification for the bloodshed of innocent Israelis.”