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The Rt. Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

As you know, last week British citizen Hannah Bladon was brutally murdered in Jerusalem by a Palestinian terrorist.

Her assailant, Jamil Tamimi, was immediately arrested by Israeli police. According to Palestinian Authority law, every terrorist arrested by Israel is automatically entitled to receive a Palestinian Authority salary "from the day of his arrest."

Mahmoud Abbas is the person responsible for overseeing the Commission of Prisoners' Affairs, which pays the salaries. It is unthinkable that the PA will reward the murderer of a British citizen with a monthly salary, particularly in light of the generous aid provided by Britain to it.

I am writing, therefore, to request that the British government seeks the following immediate steps from President Abbas:

First, that he publicly condemn this brutal murder in Arabic on official PA TV.

Second, that he publicly announces that the murderer will not be receiving a PA salary.

If President Abbas fails to take these actions, I would request that you instruct the Department for International Development to sanction the PA financially and divert any withheld funding to a suitable coexistence project which brings Israelis and Palestinians together and thus contributes to the British government's goal of promoting a two-state solution, peace and reconciliation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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