



## Muslims Harm Palestinian Christian Arabs

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The supposedly independent Palestine News Network did not report the Muslim rampage that desecrated 70 Christian graves just after the Pope advocated statehood for the Palestinian Authority (P.A.). Instead it reported a Muslim-Christian meeting on tolerance between Muslims and Christians. Divert attention from actual intolerance to theoretical tolerance.

The Territories had much better economies from the time Israel took them over relinquishing them to the P.A.. The P.A.. Reuters and other foreign news agencies blame Israel for the Territories' poor economy and Christian emigration.

Persecution prompts emigration. "Two months ago, a fire caused damage to a Coptic Christian church near Ramallah..." Arson suspected. "P.A. terrorists in Kalkilya three years ago set fire to the YMCA headquarters. The previous year, a Muslim mob armed with clubs beat Christians in a Christian Arab village near Ramallah, looting their houses and burning cars and houses." In Hamas-run Gaza, Christian book stores and churches are bombed.

Muslim threats have intimidated Christians into appeasing the Muslims by blaming Israel for their hardships. P.A. Christians often accuse Israel of barring them from entering Jerusalem to visit holy sites, although it was Israel that in 1967 opened to Christians the sites from which the Muslims had barred them. When Jordan controlled the Old City during the prior 18 years, it barred Christians and Jews from holy places.

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