

## **If you're serious ...**

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The Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace (CMIP) has noted with interest the report that PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, during his meeting with ADL Chairman Abe Foxman, (“ADL Poll: US, EU have opposing views of Israel”, 13th July), “raised the issue of incitement” and volunteered “that there are serious issues in textbooks and elsewhere”.

Since the school year 2000-2001, when the PA began to issue new textbooks of its own, gradually replacing the old Jordanian and Egyptian books in use in the Palestinian school system, CMIP has been issuing annual reports on the new books introduced into the school system each year. Up to now five such reports have been published, covering the new textbooks published so far, namely for grades 1-10. These reports may be found on the CMIP website ([www.edume.org](http://www.edume.org)).

If, as reported, the PA chairman is really interested in outside help in dealing with “the serious issues” to which he referred, CMIP is in a position to make pertinent suggestions as to how the new text books can be improved and, more importantly, made to comply with the UNESCO criteria for school textbooks. It would welcome the opportunity to present these to the PA and all other interested parties.

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