



## IMPACT - SE

Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural  
Tolerance in School Education

### **IMPACT-SE *Al-Fateh* European Tour: May 2009**



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## Introduction

IMPACT-SE set out in May 2009 to present its findings on *Al-Fateh*, the Hamas Web Magazine for Children ([http://www.impact-se.org/docs/reports/PA/Al-Fateh\\_Report\\_2009\\_final.pdf](http://www.impact-se.org/docs/reports/PA/Al-Fateh_Report_2009_final.pdf)), in Belgium, France and Spain. The object of the tour was to help stem the growing trend in Europe calling for dialog and engagement with Hamas, by raising awareness and demonstrating to European parliamentarians and policymakers the true nature of Hamas and its anti-Western, anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic ideology, so that they take it into account when considering changing official Quartet policy of non-recognition and non-engagement vis-à-vis Hamas.

In terms of its goals, the tour was a resounding success, at all levels: those of national parliaments, European Union officials, civil society and the media. In its 9 day tour, the IMPACT-SE team presented its findings at the Belgian Parliament, the French National Assembly and the Spanish Congreso de los Diputados, met and established ties with parliamentarians, officials from the European Commission and the Council of the European Union, and representatives of numerous NGOs, and received extremely positive press coverage both in print and TV media. Professor Muhammad Dajani Daoudi of the moderate Palestinian Islamic movement 'Wasatia,' who was invited by IMPACT-SE to join its team as co-presenter at the events in France and Spain, contributed greatly to the success of the events and the interest shown in them by policymakers and the press. Following is a brief description of the tour, country by country.

## Belgium (May 7-10)

The tour began with a presentation at the Belgian Parliament, hosted by IMPACT-SE International Advisory Board Member and Chairman of the Senate Committee on External relations and Defense, Senator François Roelants du Vivier, Federal Deputy Dennis Ducarme, and Brussels Regional Parliament Member Vivian Teitelbaum. IMPACT-SE's team included Chairman Dr. Yohanan Manor, Director of Communications David Oman and Research Assistant Ido Mizrahi, who was instrumental in compiling the final *Al-Fateh* report.

Dr. Yohanan Manor presented the findings and the French version of the report was distributed to the 25-30 attendees, many of whom participated in a lively question and answer session which followed the presentation, and stayed to discuss the report and its implications with the IMPACT-SE team. [Click here for coverage of the event.](#)



*From left to right:  
Dr. Manor, Deputy Vivian  
Teitelbaum and Senator  
du Vivier.*



### **Al-Fateh: Le Magazine Web du HAMAS**

**Endoctrinement à la haine au djihad et au martyre ?**



**مجلة الفاتح**  
Parlement Belge

21, rue de Louvain, 1000 Bruxelles  
Jeudi 7 mai 2009 10.00 – 11.30  
Salle européenne

**Denis Ducarme, Député, François Roelants du Vivier,  
Sénateur, Viviane Teitelbaum, Députée régionale**

#### **Intervenants**

**Dr. Yohanan Manor** a fondé IMPACT-SE en 1999. Depuis 2005, il en est le Président. Diplômé de l'École Nationale d'Administration (E.N.A.) et Docteur de la Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, il a été conférencier à l'Université Hébraïque de Jérusalem au département des Sciences Politiques (1970-1984). Il est l'auteur de plusieurs livres et revues académiques.

**David Oman** est le Directeur de la communication pour IMPACT-SE. Il est diplômé de l'Université Hébraïque (BA) de Jérusalem en Relations Internationales et en Etudes sur l'Amérique Latine. Il rédige actuellement sa thèse (MA) au Centre de recherche Suisse pour la résolution des conflits à l'Université de Jérusalem. Il a travaillé comme Professeur de langues, traducteur et a également été journaliste de la presse écrite et audiovisuelle.

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A number of important meetings were held in Brussels during the following day. The first took place at the Belgian Parliament with Federal Deputy Georges Dallemagne, Vice President of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Deputy Dallamagne showed a deep and sincere interest in the activities of IMPACT-SE and agreed to help open doors to other Parliamentarians from both sides of the Belgian political spectrum. In addition, he offered to promote a resolution in Parliament supporting education for peace and tolerance, which would serve to bolster IMPACT's vision of a worldwide network of NGOs and research institutes complimenting UNESCO's monitoring of its principles of education for peace and tolerance, and could serve as a model for other such resolutions in other parliaments.

The IMPACT-SE team met with the Desk Officers of Israel and Palestine in the Near East Unit of the External Relations Directorate General of the European Commission, who were updated on the tour and expressed interest in the *Al-Fateh* report and IMPACT-SE activities in general, and encouraged the team to submit future joint projects with Wasatia to European Commission and European Union grant programs. A joint project intended to research the Israeli and Palestinian curricula and raise awareness in both nations of the necessity for education for peace and tolerance has already been submitted to the European Commission's Partnership for Peace Program.

An extremely interesting and fruitful meeting was held at the Council of the European Union with an advisor to the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process Mark Otte, representatives of the Council's General Secretariat and its Policy Unit, and a member of the Council's Counter Terrorism Unit. The participants expressed deep interest and concern over the findings of the report, and pointed IMPACT-SE toward a number of organizations that can both collaborate and provide funding in the fields of countering cyber-indoctrination and promoting moderate Islamic education and joint projects with Wasatia.



*From left to right: Ido Mizrahi, David Oman, Deputy Dallemagne and Dr. Manor*

## France (May 11-13)

On May 12, Dr. Manor presented the findings on *Al-Fateh* at the French National Assembly at an event organized by [Elnet - European Leadership Network](#) and [Med Bridge](#) and entitled: ' Hamas: Ostracized Terrorist Organization or Inevitable Partner for Peace? The Educational Approach of Hamas and the Wasatia Alternative.' Dr. Manor's presentation was followed by that of Prof. Dajani, who presented the principles of Wasatia and its educational alternative to some 60 attendees, including over 10 parliamentarians and representatives of a number of press outlets including French Parliament TV, L'Arche, France 24, [Huitieme Tribune](#) ([http://www.huitieme Tribune.fr/Un-rapport-choc-sur-le-contenu-du-magazine-en-ligne-du-Hamas-destine-a-la-jeunesse,-Al-Fateh\\_a36.html](http://www.huitieme Tribune.fr/Un-rapport-choc-sur-le-contenu-du-magazine-en-ligne-du-Hamas-destine-a-la-jeunesse,-Al-Fateh_a36.html) ) and Al Jazeera. The successful event included a question and answer session in which journalists and various members of civil society participated and provided the speakers with an opportunity to answer the question posed in the title of the event with the decisive answer that Hamas will not be a partner for peace until it changes its ideology and educational approach to conform to international standards on education for peace and tolerance – a change that can only possibly be achieved through continued non-engagement and application of pressure by the international community.



*From left to right: Prof. Dajani, Med Bridge Secretary General Simone Rodan, Dr. Manor*



IMPACT-SE and Wasatia held a joint breakfast briefing at the Paris Press Club at an event organized by the Jean Jacques Rousseau Institute. Dr. Manor, David Oman and Prof. Dajani delivered successful presentations to an audience of civil society activists and journalists from diverse media including the most popular [French TV network TF1](http://tf1.lci.fr/infos/monde/moyen-orient/0,,4410829,00-des-manuels-scolaires-du-amas-appellent-a-la-haine-.html) (<http://tf1.lci.fr/infos/monde/moyen-orient/0,,4410829,00-des-manuels-scolaires-du-amas-appellent-a-la-haine-.html>), Ivory Coast magazine L’Afrique Aujourd’hui and Palestinian journalist Sufyan Ramahi of the Association de la Presse Etrange.



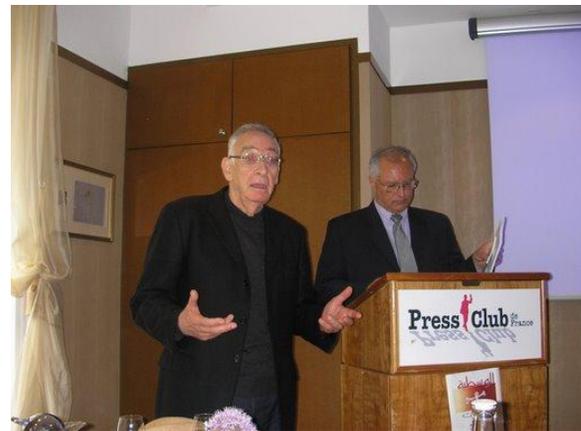
*Michel Gurfinkiel of JJRI and Prof. Dajani*



*David Oman*



*Prof. Dajani, Ido Mizrahi, Shirli Sitbon of France 24, David Oman*



*Dr. Manor and Prof. Dajani*

## Spain

David Oman and Prof. Dajani delivered successful presentations at an event in Madrid at the Spanish Congreso de los Diputados (Congress) on May 13. The event, organized by Elnet, Dialogo Europeo and the Israel-Spain Solidarity Association (ASEI), was presided over by Member of Congress Gustavo de Arístegui of the (rightist) Popular Party, one of two PP potential candidates for the Foreign Ministry, and Socialist Party Congressman and Dialogo Europeo president Jesus Cuadrado. The audience of some 80 people was comprised of numerous journalists, a number of parliamentarians including the Secretary of the Defense Committee and the Ambassador for Human Rights, and civil society activists.

The presentation at Congress was followed by two presentations on May 14. The first, organized by Elnet, ASEI and the Spanish Atlantic Association (member of the Atlantic Treaty Association), was given at the exclusive Club Financiero Genova and attended by a representative of the office of the Prime Minister, the INCIPE think tank and the Spanish General Military Academy, journalists and diplomats from the Algerian, Italian and European Union embassies. The second presentation was held at [FAES](#), the influential research institute headed by former Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, and conducted in a very friendly atmosphere. FAES staff expressed great interest and support in the report and in IMPACT-SE and Wasatia's activities, including IMPACT-SE research into Israeli schoolbooks.



*MP Jesus Cuadrado and Prof. Dajani*

Press coverage in Madrid was extensive and extremely positive, and both David Oman and Prof. Dajani gave a number of interviews to TV and print media. Following are links to various media coverage, please note such headlines as “The Rockets launched from Gaza gave Israel no Alternative but to attack” (Libertad Digital), “The Truth about Hamas has reached Congress” (Libertad Digital), “Hamas teaches Palestinian Youths to die softly in Suicide Attacks” (El Imparcial), etc.

[http://www.elpais.com/articulo/internacional/conferencia/explica/caras/sociedad/palestina/elpepuintori/20090515elpepuint\\_13/Tes](http://www.elpais.com/articulo/internacional/conferencia/explica/caras/sociedad/palestina/elpepuintori/20090515elpepuint_13/Tes)

<http://www.libertaddigital.com/mundo/la-verdad-de-hamas-llega-al-congreso-de-los-diputados-1276359198/>

<http://www.libertaddigital.com/mundo/el-lanzamiento-de-cohetes-desde-gaza-no-ha-dejado-otra-alternativa-a-israel-que-atacar-1276359651/>

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<http://exteriores.libertaddigital.com/hamas-apunta-a-espana-1276231199.html>\*

<http://www.radiosefarad.com/Buscador.php?sTipo=A&Accion=B&Orden=+feFechaDesde+&Direccion=ASC&chTexto=hamas&idSeccionNoticia=&feFechaBuscar=&RegXPag=30> (at the bottom of the page, in the English Corner, entitled: 'The True Nature of Hamas')

<http://www.elimparcial.es/mundo/hamas-ensena-a-los-jovenes-palestinos-a-morir-dulcemente-en-atentados-sucidas-39710.html>

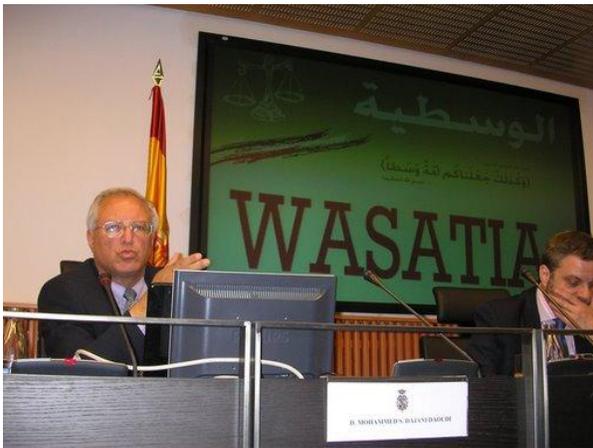
\*This article, written in 2006, shows the attitude of *Al-Fateh* to Spain.



*David Oman and MP Gustavo de Arístegui*



*Congreso de los Diputados*



*Prof. Dajani and MP Gustavo de Arístegui*

*Presentation at Club Financiero Genova*



*Presentation at FAES*

