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good and to the point.

The Channel 2 TV report gave the alleged quotes in Hebrew. Its reporter, Udi Segal, posted some of the alleged wording in English on Twitter.

Speaking alongside Abbas after their meeting in Bethlehem, which came on the second day of Trump's trip to Israel and the territories, the US president seemed to criticize Palestinian support for terror, but praised Abbas's commitment to peace, saying the PA president had committed to taking firm but necessary steps to fight terrorism and confront its hateful ideology.

I am committed to trying to achieve a peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and I intend to do everything I can to help them achieve that goal, Trump said. President Abbas assures me he is ready to work toward that goal in good faith, and Prime Minister Netanyahu has promised the same. I look forward to working with these leaders toward a lasting peace.

Speaking before Trump, Abbas said that the Palestinians' fundamental problem is with occupation and settlements and the failure of Israel to recognize the state of Palestine as we recognize it, and not with Judaism.

On May 3 in Washington, at the first meeting between the two, Trump urged Abbas to stop incitement, crack down on terrorism, and resolve his government's policy of paying stipends to terrorists and their families.

President Donald Trump meets with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, May 3, 2017. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Abbas, for his part, told Trump in their joint White House press conference that that we are raising our youth, our children, our grandchildren on a culture of peace.

In the wake of that claim, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu slammed Abbas for the remark, saying it was unfortunately not true. The PA, Netanyahu charged, names their schools after mass murderers of Israelis and pay terrorists.

Israel has accused the Palestinians, including Abbas's Fatah party, of fanning hatred on social media and calling for violence against Israelis.

Palestinian officials have generally countered the claim by arguing that draconian Israeli measures and decades of occupation, not incitement, instill hatred and inspire terrorism.

A report released last month from the Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se) group found that PA textbooks for first to fourth grades were demonizing Israel and glorifying martyrdom. The document cited an alarming deterioration in content since the previous study.

The issue of has taken on increasing significance of late, as members of Congress have threatened to decrease US aid to Palestinians if PA-sponsored incitement is not curbed.

At Trump's final appearance in Israel, at the Israel Museum on Tuesday afternoon, the president declared that Abbas and the Palestinians are ready to reach for peace. Departing from his prepared text, he added: I know you've heard it before. I am telling you. That's what I do. They are ready to reach for peace.

Netanyahu, at the same event, by contrast, noted that if the previous evening's Manchester terrorist attack had been carried out by a Palestinian suicide bomber and had killed Israelis, then Abbas, far from condemning it alongside Trump in Bethlehem, would have been making payments to the terrorist's family. Said Netanyahu: If the attacker had been Palestinian and the victims had been Israeli children, the suicide bomber's family would have received a stipend from the Palestinian

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Authority. That's Palestinian law. That law must be changed.