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'Desperate plight' of their own making

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For all its good intentions, this editorial misses an inconvenient but nonetheless critical truth: the Palestinian Authority, beginning with Yasser Arafat, has a well-known reputation for corruption and misappropriation of aid money. Hundreds of millions of dollars embezzled by Arafat remain unaccounted for. In fact, it was because of the overt corruption of the Palestinian Authority that Hamas was elected in Gaza; the intention was to take a stand against a dishonest government that used aid money for personal gain and teach it a lesson (it didn't work: the Islamic terror group Hamas was unexpectedly voted into power instead).

The UN and governments around the world continue to channel millions of dollars to the Palestinian Authority, ignoring its continued campaign of hate against Israel — including the well-publicized naming of parks and schools for terrorists.

If the world truly hopes to see a viable Palestinian state, it must hold it to account for the use of the funds it receives and the values it promotes.

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