PA to Give ICC Video of Police Shouting at Teen Terror Suspect

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The Palestinian Authority’s foreign ministry will take footage of an Israeli police interrogation of a 13-year-old Palestinian suspected terrorist to the International Criminal Court, the official Wafa news agency reported Wednesday.

Footage from the interrogation of Ahmed Manasra aired on Palestinian television Monday, showing officers shouting at the boy accused of taking part in the stabbing of two Israelis in Jerusalem last month.

Manasra was seriously injured when he was hit by a car while trying to flee the scene of the attack in Jerusalem’s Pisgat Ze’ev neighborhood on October 12, and his accomplice-cousin Hassan Manasra, 15, was shot dead by security forces after charging at police with a knife.

The pair allegedly stabbed two Israelis — a 13-year-old who was critically injured and a 25-year-old who was moderately injured. Both have since recovered and have been released from the hospital.

Manasra was treated in Jerusalem’s Hadassah Hospital and arrested upon his release last week.

He at first admitted carrying out the attack, but then walked back his confession.

In the video, Manasra can be seen being grilled by officers who repeatedly call him a liar as they urge him to cop to the charges of attempting to murder the two victims.

Manasra denies the allegations, saying he doesn’t remember the incident, even when he’s shown security camera footage of himself and his cousin, Hassan Manasra, chasing one of the victims with drawn knives. By the end of the videotaped interrogation, the boy is in tears.

The footage ignited a firestorm of anger on Palestinian social media and led to calls for Palestinian leaders to act.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas’s spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said Wednesday that the video showed Israeli interrogators’ “barbarism” and “sadism,” and proved Israel violated international law in its interrogations of minors.

He promised to take the case to the ICC and other international forums.

Following the leak of the video, the official news agency Wafa carried multiple stories focusing on allegations of Israeli mistreatment of Palestinian minors.

The Palestinian Prisoner’s Club said in a Wednesday report on Wafa that some 62 Palestinian minors are being held in Ramle’s Givon prison, and were being mistreated and physically abused.

The report cites an attorney with the club, Fawwaz Shaloudi, claiming the minors had experienced what Wafa called “brutal physical and verbal abuse at the hands of Israeli investigators.”

Prisoners, he claimed, are shackled to their beds and face regular attacks by guards and stiff fines.

A Monday report, meanwhile, quoted a Commission of Prisoners’ Affairs attorney, Heba Masalha, claiming that a detained 18-year-old from Tulkarem was brutally tortured during interrogation, with investigators alleged burning holes in his skin with cigarettes in an effort to force his confession.