Bereaved Mother to UN: Do Not Reward People Who Kill

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Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon held a special forum Wednesday at the UN on Palestinian Authority payments to terrorists and the families of terrorists. The event was held in cooperation with the pro-Israel education organization StandWithUs.

At the event, Ruth Schwartz, the mother of Ezra Schwartz, an American citizen who was murdered by an Arab terrorist while studying in Israel in November 2015, addressed the participants at the event.

“Ezra’s death broke our family and our world will never be the same. Ezra will never smile again, never bring children to the world. I will never hug him again, or tell him that I love him,” she said.

She slammed the Palestinian Authority for paying salaries to terrorists like he son's murderer and the international community for enabling the PA to make those payments and not condemning them. “The payments by the PA are just another way to glorify and encourage terrorism. Its offensive and wrong."

“Terror knows no boundaries. It can affect anyone. No one is immune. I am here to make a simple request. Please do not kill. Please do not reward people who kill, because that is as if you are doing the killing yourselves,” she concluded.

Speaking at the forum, Ambassador Danon noted that “the reprehensible terrorists who killed Ezra receive more than $3,000 a month from the Palestinian Authority as a reward for killing innocent people.”

Danon added that “foreign aid contributed to the PA by the international community is exploited by the Palestinians and used to support terrorism. We call on the Security Council to act to cease these payments and finally put an end to the Palestinian support for terrorism.”