



PRESS RELEASE

Recent allegations against one of our member organisations

02 September 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: The World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) strongly condemns any acts of terrorism and all actions which seek to support them. WOSM also condemns any attempts which seek to link our members with any such actions.

We have investigated the recent allegations against one of our members and we are able to confirm that the group concerned is not a member of the Palestinian Scout Association or recognised by WOSM. We are extremely disappointed that the good name of both organisations has been abused in this way.

WOSM is the world's largest youth movement with a strong commitment to peace and we will always take the strongest action to uphold these values.

UPDATE as of 08 September 2016:

The website on which the original article was published belongs to a group which calls itself "The Palestinian Scout and Guide Association" which is not recognised by WOSM. This is the Arabic heading used on the website. The recognised group in Palestine is the "Palestinian Scout Association"

This situation has occurred because when we were considering membership of WOSM we were concerned that this group did not subscribe to the values of Scouting and therefore were not recognised. However, they continue to run this website and hold the domain name.

Our recognised group has not been able to secure a domain name in Palestine and therefore does not have a website, which adds to the confusion.

Anything published on this website is not an official communication of the Palestine Scout Association or WOSM.

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About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

Scouting is one of the world's leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens to create positive changes in the communities they live in. Since 1907! Founded by Lord Baden-Powell, WOSM is a confederation of 161 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million members, including some 7 million volunteers. As it has been doing for more than a century – creating a better world – it will continue to do so, and even better with the many Messengers of Peace across the globe.

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