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United States/Jordan: The Palestinian organization called Sons of Martyrs, including its mandate, activities and membership  
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Information on the Sons of Martyrs was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

According to the Website of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations (POMPUN) and the Website of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), the Sons of Martyrs are an institution of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) (PNA n.d.; POMPUN n.d.).

According to Dr. Samir Shihadah, "Secretary-General of the National Institutions in the National Authority Presidency," the purpose of the organization is to "eliminate the suffering of the various national sectors of society" (*Al-Quds* 26 Oct. 1997). Information on the various sectors of society that are supported by the Sons of Martyrs could not be found by the Research Directorate within time constraints.

The Website of the PNA indicates that the Sons of Martyrs "ow[n] several important facilities in the region that take care of the children of the Palestinian martyrs" (PNA n.d.). Information on the regions where the Sons of Martyrs work could not be found by the Research Directorate within time constraints.

Attempts to corroborate information on the mandate, activities and membership of the Sons of Martyrs were unsuccessful.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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**Oral sources:** Amnesty International - Israel/Occupied Territories, Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI), Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group (PHRMG), Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations' Network (PNGONET).

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