



HAIRNOISIM

Moshe Dayan

1915–1981

Commander in Chief of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), Defense Minister and Foreign Minister

Quote

I don't know anything that is more exciting than war, not that I recommend to make war just to get excited, but really when you think about life, or when I think about life, what could be more exciting?

Hair

Dayan has little facial hair. His hair is thin and is brushed close to his head, receding at the sides. He has a large bald patch at the crown, starting above the forehead. Dayan wears an eyepatch on his left eye.

Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook

1951

Deputy Chairman of the Hamas Political Bureau

Quote

We are sending a message, we will not surrender. We have to fight the Israelis and we will win this battle. We know we are going to lose a lot of people from our side, but we are going to win, inshallah.

Hair

Abu Marzook has a bald patch at the top of his head, a neatly cut beard and moustache, and pronounced eyebrows. His hair has receded at the front and sides of his head, except for a small, thin patch of hair above his forehead.

Avigdor Lieberman

1958

Israel Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister

Quote

In response to a question by a journalist about the Israeli Secret Services – I think you have seen too many James Bond movies, and I would prefer you to see more serious movies.

Hair

Lieberman's hair is thinning and flecked with grey, receding at the forehead; he has a side parting and combs his hair from left to right across the top of his head. His moustache and beard are neatly trimmed. His eyebrows are rounded, with a large distance between them.

Yasser Arafat / Ringo Starr

1929–2004/1940

Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), President of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), and leader of the Fatah political party/ English musician and actor, and a drummer for the Beatles

The internet has many pictures of Ringo Starr next to Yasser Arafat, highlighting their apparent outward similarities including their hairstyles. There are further connections between the Beatles and political events in the region. In 2008, the Israeli government apologised to the remaining two members of the Beatles for banning them from performing in Israel in 1964 for fear of corrupting the minds of young Israelis, and invited them to perform as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations of the State of Israel. The invitation was met with Palestinian appeals to the remaining Beatles to respect the cultural boycott on Israel. Only Paul McCartney performed, Starr declined.

Quote from the Israeli Committee in 1964

The Beatles have an insufficient artistic level and cannot add to the spiritual and cultural life of the youth in Israel.

Hair

Starr and Arafat have unkempt beards and moustaches. The beards extend down their throats. Starr has receding hair that forms a widow's peak above his forehead. Apart from in photographs taken in his youth, Arafat's hair is generally covered by a keffiyeh. In later life Starr wears three earrings in his left ear.