

Mickey Mouse-clone appears on Gaza TV

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GAZA - The Hamas television outlet is using a Mickey Mouse-like cartoon character to instruct Palestinian children in the group's politics.

An Israeli monitoring group, Palestinian Media Watch, says the character, Farfur, first appeared on Al-Aqsa TV last month on the new show "Tomorrow's Pioneers." Like Mickey Mouse, Farfur has big ears, a squeaky voice and white gloves.

"We will win, Bush!" Farfur sang on one show. "We will win, Condoleezza. We will win, Olmert. We will win, Sharon!"

He finished by joking, "Ah, Sharon is dead." Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has been in a coma for months.

Farfur reminds children to drink milk and to pray daily. But he also suggests that they have more difficult religious duties.

"I remind you that Al-Aqsa and the prisoners are a responsibility on our shoulders, and Allah will ask us on Resurrection Day what we gave for their sake," he said, referring to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and Palestinian prisoners in Israel.

Farfur's sidekick, a little girl named Saraa, also instructs children in their religious and political duty, the group said. Children call in to recite poems, like one girl named Rafah who concluded, "We who do not know fear, we are the predators of the forest."

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