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Professor Peter Margulies on New York trial to determine whether PLO and Palestinian Authority should pay up to $1 billion to victims of Israeli terror attacks.

From Reuters: “PLO faces U.S. civil trial over terror attacks in Israel” by Jonathan Stempel

More than a decade after a series of shootings and bombings in the Jerusalem area, a trial is slated this week in New York to determine whether the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian Authority should pay up to $1 billion to victims.

[...] Last month, Judge Daniels rejected the PLO’s bid to throw out the lawsuit seeking $1 billion - a sum the plaintiffs want tripled - on the ground that he lacked jurisdiction. [...]

Peter Margulies, a professor at Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island, said Daniels may have been "too hasty," given that higher courts might ultimately extend the Daimler reasoning to organizations such as the PLO.

"You don't want everyone in the world to be hauled into court when the contacts may be thin," he said. "That's a plausible reading of what the Supreme Court said."

[...] The case is Sokolow v. Palestine Liberation Organization et al, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, No. 04-00397.
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