

# Resource Sheet: Decoding Hamas

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# Common Q&A's

## What exactly is Hamas?

An Islamist militant (terrorist) political group.

## What are its aims?

To conquer all the world, starting with “Palestine,” for Islam; a necessary first step is to destroy Israel.

## What is it primarily known for?

Rejecting the Oslo Accords via suicide bombings in the 1990s and 2000s, winning a Palestinian parliamentary election in 2006 then taking over Gaza via a violent coup in 2007, then firing rockets at Israel and starting five wars over the subsequent 16 years.

## Key Takeaways

- ☑ Hamas is not actually a national liberation movement but a global Islamist movement aiming to establish a global caliphate by means of global jihad.
- ☑ It believes it must exterminate all the Jews in the world as part of this plan.
- ☑ It rejects negotiation and compromise.
- ☑ If Israel is to defend itself from this genocidal program, then, it can only be by the elimination of Hamas.
- ☑ Since Hamas gets stronger with each interval, there is no longer any reasonable option but to eliminate Hamas—now.
- ☑ If the State of Israel is to protect its citizens, then, it has the moral obligation of eliminating Hamas. Unpleasant as that may seem, that means no ceasefire until victory.

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